Garland is home to six recreation centers, two senior centers, four park pavilions, three swimming pools, and a wave pool, along with more than 3,800 acres of parks and open spaces. Each facility offers a variety of programs and services that are enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. Miles of hiking and bike trails, nature preserves, playgrounds, fishing piers and a disc golf course provide the environment for exhilaration and fun.

**Innovations & Best Practices**

- **Recreation Centers** – 1,199,720
- **Learn to Swim program** – 3,486
- **Senior Centers** – 152,057
- **Pools** – 107,937

Garland Summer Musicals, 42nd issue, 2010

**Granville Arts Center**

The Granville Arts Center complex includes two proscenium theatres, the Atrium banquet facility, and the art-deco Plaza Theatre. More than 170,000 patrons attend performances, events and art shows at the Granville Arts Center each year.

**Awards**

- **Best Website in 2014 from Texas Recreation and Park Society**
- **Recognized Best Website in 2014 from Texas Recreation and Park Society**
- **Recertified Gold level International Aquatic Safety Standard since 1999**

2013 Statistics

- **Use of online resources increased 17%**
- **Use of the library’s WiFi network increased 121%**
- **1.6 million items checked out in person or online**
- **820,000 people visited a Garland library**

**Impact**

The Granville Arts Center performs 600+ shows and events each year to benefit everyone from babies to adults.

**Honors**

- **2014 Texas Library Association PR Branding Iron Award for Print Media Advertising**
- **Texas Municipal League’s Library Director’s Association “Achievement of Excellence Award” – 9 consecutive years**

**Summer Nutrition Program Recognition**

The Garland Summer Nutrition Program was recognized by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in February for "Innovate Collaboration and Site Enrichment" in the provision of summer meals to children. The "innovative collaboration" recognizes the Summer Nutrition video production, which captures the program in action at various sites throughout the city. Produced by the Public & Media Relations Department, the video highlights meals and activities and the City’s role in the community program. The “site enrichment” effort recognizes the partnerships with those who make the Garland Summer Nutrition Program possible, including Saturn Road Church of Christ and its Care, Play and Read program. Each year, more than 100 to 250 kids and their parents receive daily meals at Saturn Road Church of Christ, located at 8030 Saturn Road. The Garland Fair Housing Services Department, which administers the Summer Nutrition Program, was honored to receive the recognition. Staff members Pamela Harris, Summer Nutrition coordinator, and Deborah Garza, Summer Nutrition assistant, received the recognition at the 2014 TDA Summer Food Service Conference in Austin.

**The Atrium Wins Couples' Choice Award**

WeldingWire, the nation's leading online welding marketplace, named The Atrium as a winner of its WeldingWire Couples' Choice Awards 2014 for welding vendors in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The WeldingWire Couples' Choice Award 2014 recognizes the top five percent of welding professionals in the WeldingWire Network who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism.