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City to Install New Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City of Garland will soon begin installation of the new outdoor warning sirens approved by the Garland City Council in the 2012 Capital Improvement Program. The existing siren system was taken offline in 2011 due to lack of reliability with aged equipment.

The new system will consist of 15 sirens strategically located to warn those in public outdoor gathering spots throughout Garland. The sirens will feature the latest technology including flashing LED lights that will alert persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing that they need to seek shelter and additional information.

In December, the Siren Site Selection Team worked with City departments and GIS to determine the placement of the sirens. The team staked out each site with signage that informed residents of the impending siren, and provided them with contact information for additional questions or concerns. The final site map was taken to the Parks and Recreation Board for approval in January prior to installation.

To reduce costs and traffic disruptions, City officials have arranged for the old sirens to be removed when the new sirens are being installed. Construction is set to begin in February, and it is expected the system will be fully functioning by April.

During this system upgrade, the Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor severe weather conditions and provide warnings via CodeRED, Weather Warn and Twitter. Remember that outdoor warning sirens are not intended to be heard indoors and emergency officials urge residents to remain alert to changing weather conditions and to have multiple means of receiving emergency warnings.



Outdoor Warning Sirens

Sirens are designed to serve as a warning for people outside of a residence or business. If sirens are heard, seek sturdy shelter immediately. Go to an interior room, away from windows and exterior walls, and turn on a radio or television to a local station for more information.

Sirens will be activated for:

- A tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
- Tornado or funnel cloud reported by a reliable source
- Sustained winds in excess of 60 mph
- Reports of hail larger than one inch
- Chemical spill emergency
- State or national emergency declared by the governor or president
- Other emergencies as appropriate

Garland Youth Council to Host Drive Alive Dash on April 6

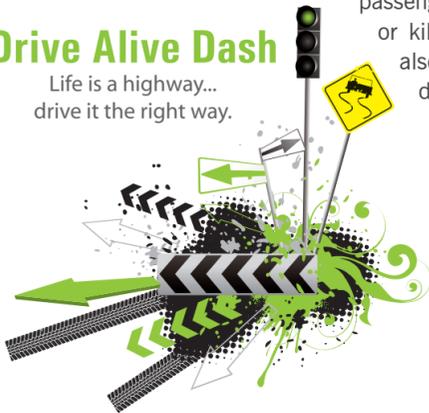
The Garland Youth Council will host a family fun run to raise awareness about teens driving safely and responsibly. The Drive Alive Dash is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 at Firewheel Town Center, 245 Cedar Sage Drive. The theme for this awareness event is *Life is a Highway, Drive it the Right Way*.

The Drive Alive Dash will kick off with a two-mile family fun run/walk, which will start in the park area at Firewheel Town Center. Teens and their families are invited to participate in the fun run. Online registration is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students under the age of 18. Go to GarlandYouthCouncil.org to register. The first 200 registrants will receive a free event T-shirt. On-site registration also will be available at the full price of \$15 for all ages.

The first 200 people to finish the fun run will receive a free gift bag filled with special offers and discounts from Firewheel Town Center merchants, as well as other giveaways. After the run, join the Garland Youth Council and Teens in the Driver Seat teams from various Garland area high schools to learn more about safe driving for teens. Learn about the top five behaviors that put teen drivers and their passengers at a higher risk for being injured or killed in a car crash. Parents and teens also can take a pledge not to text and drive, and record a video message urging others to do the same. Activities also will include entertainment featuring musical performances by Garland area teens and the opportunity to vote for your favorite performer.

Drive Alive Dash

Life is a highway... drive it the right way.



Visit GarlandYouthCouncil.org, search for Garland Youth Council on Facebook, or call 972-205-2879 for more information about the Drive Alive Dash.

Focus on the Road; No Cell Phones in School Zones

Motorists may notice some new signage as they approach school zones in Garland. In December, the City Council authorized the installation of appropriate signage warning drivers that the use of cell phones is prohibited in school zones.

State law allows for enforcement of such a ban, provided the appropriate warning signage is posted. The Garland Police Department will begin enforcing the state law once the required signage is installed.

Transportation crews began installing the signs in January and expect to complete the process by March. Garland has 106 school zones.



Libraries to Offer New Online Request Capability

If the Nicholson Memorial Library System does not own a book you would like to check out, you may ask the library to borrow it from another library. The request may be placed through the library's website, day or night. This method of resource sharing between libraries, known as interlibrary loan, is a long-standing custom and most public libraries in Texas participate.

Online software provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission now allows Garland cardholders to search for items they need and initiate requests directly. Lending libraries set their own policies, so very new titles or special items may not be available for borrowing. Participants should allow a minimum of two weeks for items to arrive at their local library. For more information about interlibrary loan services, call 972-205-2502.

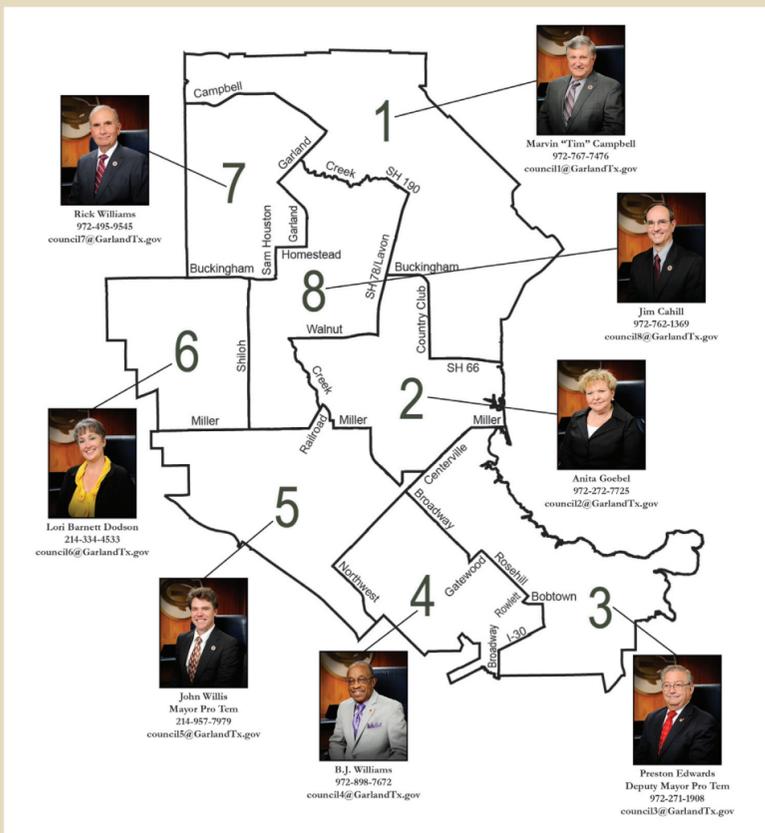


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City Council District Map



City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 200 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast live online and on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week at 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable) or Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS).

Message from the Mayor



I have a few public safety issues on my mind these days; here are my thoughts.

Cell phones in school zones. On page one of the *Garland City Press* is a story announcing that Garland will begin enforcing a ban on cell phone usage in school zones. I believe this move sends an important message about our community's commitment to making our streets safer for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. But I also remind you about the importance of focusing on the road when you are traveling our roadways and walkways. Cell phones are frequently cited as a distraction for drivers; however, let's not become complacent about other distractions like visiting with other passengers, eating a snack, or trying to do anything else besides drive. I encourage us all to consider the enormous responsibility we take on when we drive for the safety of anyone who happens be in our path.

Teen drivers. Also on the front page is an announcement about a very important event to be hosted by the Garland Youth Council (GYC). Since its inception in 2005, the GYC has promoted the importance of teaching teens to be safe, responsible drivers. I want to encourage every family in Garland to participate in the GYC's Drive Alive Dash activities on April 6 at Firewheel Town Center. As adults, we should be role models for safe, responsible driving for younger drivers. As youth, we should insist that our peers drive responsibly so that we lessen the chance that we might lose a beloved friend to a tragic, preventable car crash. Let's all work together to make Garland roadways safer and friendlier in 2013 and beyond.

Mayor's Evening Out
5 to 7 p.m.
Feb. 28
Location
TBD

Mayor's Evening In
5 to 7 p.m.
March 28
Mayor's Office, City Hall
200 N. Fifth St.

To reserve a time, call
972-205-2471 or email
edattomo@garlandtx.gov.

State of the City
11:30 a.m. Feb. 25 | The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.
For tickets, contact the Garland Chamber of Commerce at 972-272-7551.
Broadcast on CGTV at 7 p.m. Feb. 26.

Garland Public Health Department Raises Pertussis Awareness

Still have that hacking cough after several weeks? Does the coughing come in spells that leave you gagging? Do you occasionally hear a whooping sound when you try to catch your breath while coughing?

Pertussis—whooping cough—is making a comeback nationwide, and even adults can get it. Early symptoms usually include a runny nose, low-grade fever, and mild, occasional cough. Because the early symptoms are usually fairly mild, infected people may not see a doctor or be diagnosed with pertussis until the more severe symptoms appear. However, during this time they can still spread the disease by coughing or sneezing when in close contact with others.

After one or two weeks, the cough gets worse and occurs in strong coughing "fits" that may be followed by a "whooping" sound. After coughing, a person may vomit, have difficulty catching his/her breath, or become blue in the face. This type of coughing can last for more than six weeks. In fact, in some countries pertussis is known as the "100 day cough."

Healthcare providers may diagnose pertussis by doing an examination and a lab test called a PCR (polymerase chain reaction). Several antibiotics are available to treat pertussis. Treatment also can help prevent spreading the disease to close contacts (people who have spent a lot of time around the infected person) and is necessary for stopping the spread of pertussis. Children with pertussis should be kept out of school or childcare until they have completed five days of antibiotics.

Pertussis can be dangerous, especially for babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated. Because 75% of the babies who get pertussis contract it from a family member, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that adolescents and adults who have or anticipate having close contact with an infant should be vaccinated with Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine. In fact, these family members and/or caregivers should receive Tdap at least two weeks before beginning close contact with the infant. The ACIP also now recommends that all pregnant women be immunized with Tdap during pregnancy.

During the past 20 years, pertussis has occurred in waves, and in 2012 was present again in Garland. Immunity can wane over time putting those who were previously vaccinated at risk. The best way to protect the very young and others who are at high risk for complications is to make sure your vaccination is up-to-date. Ask your healthcare provider about the pertussis vaccine or call Garland's Public Health Clinic at 972-205-3370.



2012 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards

Garland's Health Department announces the winners of its 2012 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. The following scored in the top five percent of their class on unannounced food service inspections made between Oct. 1, 2011 and Sept. 30, 2012.

Full Service Restaurants

- Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 96.5
- Buffalo Wild Wings #194, 5125 President George Bush Turnpike, 93.5
- Red Robin, 5031 N. Garland Ave., 93.5
- China Café, 906 E. Interstate Highway 30, 92
- Remington College - Dallas Campus, 1810 Eastgate Drive, 90
- Plaza Del Sol, 3125 First St., 89.5
- Marshall's BBQ, 510 Walnut Circle, 89

Fast Food Restaurants

- Sam's Club Store #4783 Café, 5150 N. Garland Ave., 97
- Taco Casa, 6118 Broadway Blvd., 97

- J Donuts, 5501 Broadway Blvd., 96.7
- Sweet Cream Donuts, 1546 Rowlett Road, 95.7
- Bon Ton Donuts, 1225 Belt Line Road, 95.5
- Chipotle Mexican Grill, 4170 Lavon Drive, 95.5
- Donut Time, 3231 Forest Lane, 95.5
- Mr. Jim's Pizza #146, 565 Oates Road, 95.5
- Panda Express #1025, 5345 N. Garland Ave., 95.5
- Donut Palace, 6024 Broadway Blvd., 95.3
- Walmart Super Center #1055 Bakery, 5302 N. Garland Ave., 95
- Another Southern Maid, 301 E. Buckingham Road, 94
- Long John Silvers, 5621 Broadway Blvd., 94
- Pizza Hut, 2218 Kingsley Road, 94
- Sonic Drive-In, 6130 N. Jupiter Road, 94

Delis & Light Food Menus

- Curtis Culwell Center #1, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 98.5
- Curtis Culwell Center #4, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 98.5
- D'vine Wine, 426 Town Center Blvd., 98
- Curtis Culwell Center #2, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 97.5
- Curtis Culwell Center #5, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd., 97.5
- Best Western Lakeview Inn, 1635 W. Interstate Highway 30, 97
- Starbuck's Coffee, 5301 N. Garland Ave., 97
- Starbuck's Coffee #6379, 2645 Arapaho Road, 97

Convenience Stores

- Family Dollar Store #5500, 1501 First St., 99

- CVS Pharmacy #7481, 1372 Belt Line Road, 98
- Dollar General Store, 3338 Broadway Blvd., 98
- Family Dollar Store #6424, 1446 Belt Line Road, 98
- Preet Dollar & More, 3548 W. Walnut Street, 98

Supermarkets & Meat Markets

- Target Store T-1489, 5301 N. Garland Ave., 94
- Walmart Super Center #3224, 555 W. Interstate Highway 30, 94

Food Processors

- Gladden Water, 100 N. Shiloh Road, 96

Licensed Day Care Centers

- Kids Green Acre School, 675 Oates Road, 99.5
- Centerville Learning Center, 407 Centerville Road, 99

Public School Cafeterias

- Lyles Middle School, 4655 Country Club Drive, 100
- Bussey Middle School, 1204 Travis St., 99.5
- Cisneros Pre-K, 2826 Fifth St., 99.5

Food Warehouses

- Dawn Foods Inc, 3353 Miller Park Drive, 100
- Jenny Craig, 3121 President George Bush Turnpike, 100

Assisted Living Facilities

- Abba Care Assisted Living, 1207 High Grove Drive, 97

Hospital/Nursing Facilities

- Winters Park, 3737 Garland Ave., 94.5



How Do I...

Obtain a garage sale permit?

To request a garage sale permit, call 972-485-6400 or visit GarlandTx.gov and click on Citizen's Request Center.

Report fraud, waste and abuse?

Anonymously report fraud, waste and abuse of City resources 24 hours a day at 972-205-2739.

Bid on an impounded vehicle?

Auctions for Police impounded vehicles are scheduled for the third Friday of each month at the City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce St. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. and auctions begin at 9:30 a.m. Vehicles must be removed from the lot by noon the following Monday. All vehicles will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered "as is." Auctions may be cancelled without notice. For more information, call 972-205-2415, email joepippinauctioneers.com or visit GarlandTx.gov.

Rent space at the Garland Women's Activities Building?

Room rentals for club meetings, banquets, reunions, showers, wedding and receptions are available by contacting Karla Pajot at 972-272-5024 or email gwab@verizon.net.

Bid for City business as a Minority- and Women-Owned Business?

The goal of Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program is to include minority- and women-owned suppliers to be considered for and awarded City business. For details, call the Purchasing Department at 972-205-2415, email purchasing@GarlandTx.gov or visit GarlandTx.gov.



Important Dates: May 11 General Election

The uniform election date for City Officers will be held May 11. Qualified residents may run for the office of Mayor. Qualified residents living in the following districts may run for Council member: District 3, District 6, District 7 and District 8.

- **March 1** – Last day to file for a place on the ballot
- **March 12** – First day to apply for a ballot by mail
- **April 11** – Last day to register to vote
- **April 29** – First day of early voting by personal appearance
- **May 3** – Last day to apply for a ballot by mail
- **May 7** – Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- **May 11** – Election Day and last day to receive a ballot by mail

Those interested in running may call 972-205-2404 to make an appointment with City Secretary Lisa Palomba. The City Secretary's Office is located at 200 N. Fifth St.



When it Comes to Water Leaks...Do you Have a Clue?



LEAK DETECTIVE

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks. That is enough water to wash nearly 10 months of laundry. Across the country, easy-to-fix leaks can add up to more than 1 trillion gallons of water lost every year. Garland Water Utilities encourages customers to participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) annual Fix A Leak Week, March 18-24. This WaterSense® program reminds homeowners to check for water leaks in and outside the home on an annual basis, and provides easy steps to help save water. Fixing household leaks will not only save water, but can reduce your water bill by more than 10%. Start saving today with these three simple steps: Check—Twist—Replace.

Check – Check your home for leaks. First, examine your winter water use. According to the EPA, if your water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, you may have leaks. Walk around your home with eyes and ears open to find leaks, and don't forget to check pipes and outdoor spigots. Toilet leaks are a silent, common water-wasting culprit. You can easily determine if yours is leaking by adding a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank and waiting 10 minutes. If any color appears in the bowl during that time, your toilet has a leak. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak for do-it-yourself repair tips or contact a plumbing professional.

Twist – Give your leaking faucet or showerhead a firm twist with a wrench. If this doesn't fix the problem, seal plumbing connections by applying pipe tape or contact a plumbing professional. For additional savings, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator onto your faucets to save water without noticing a difference in flow. Faucet aerators are inexpensive and can save a household more than 500 gallons of water each year.

Replace – If you can't nip that drip, replace the fixture with a WaterSense labeled model, which uses 20% less water and are certified to perform as well or better than other standard plumbing fixtures. Replacing an old and showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model could save your annual water usage by 2,300 gallons, while still letting you shower with power.

To be a Leak Detective and lead your HOA or neighbors in a friendly Fix A Leak Week challenge, contact Bonny Patrick at bpatrick@GarlandTx.gov. For more information and tips on how to save water, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak or GarlandWater.com.



City of Garland Welcomes New Transportation Director



Garland has named Paul Luedtke as the new Director of Transportation for the City. His span of responsibilities will include establishing and recommending traffic control regulations and devices, maintaining and operating the City's traffic signal system, traffic control signs and pavement markings. The Transportation Department also oversees the School Crossing Guard program, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, and development reviews and coordination with regional transportation agencies.

Luedtke served as the City's Transportation Operations director from 2001-08. In that role, Luedtke functioned as a liaison to such agencies as the Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas County, the North Texas Tollway Authority, and the North

Central Texas Council of Governments. He directed the planning and design for many major projects including upgrades to the traffic signal system and neighborhood traffic management programs. Luedtke has spent the past five years in a private sector engineering firm, where he successfully created a new traffic business group in North Texas.

"Paul's familiarity with Garland and his success in the private sector make him an excellent fit to lead our Transportation Department," said City Manager William E. Dollar. "His expertise and ability to apply private sector efficiencies to public sector operations will be a tremendous benefit to our city."

Luedtke is a member of the Texas chapters of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. He has served on the boards of both organizations and has presented many projects and innovations to his peers across the state and nation. Luedtke holds a master's degree in Transportation Engineering and a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University.

What to Do: Abatement Liens

Abatement liens are filed when a property owner fails to pay for work the City provided to take care of his/her property according to the City of Garland Code of Ordinances. This includes failure to mow, trim, clean, remove debris, repair, and other miscellaneous work. These properties may be subject to further action.

For a listing of property owners with open abatement liens:

GarlandTx.gov
(select Online Services)

972-205-2696

Property status also may be checked by visiting the Dallas County Clerk's Office at RoamDallasPropertyRecords.com.

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 and 19, March 5 and 19
- Rebroadcast following the meeting

Wednesday – 9 a.m.,
Friday – 7 p.m.,
Saturday and Sunday
– 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.
Feb. 4 and 18,
March 4 and 18
- Rebroadcast

following the meeting
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Garland in Focus

- Daily – 5:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m., Feb. 11 and 25,
March 11 and 25
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Billboard

- Daily schedule posted at GarlandTx.gov
Meeting dates and times subject to change.



Streetlight Repairs

To report a streetlight that is out or damaged, contact Garland Power & Light at:

972-205-3483
info@garlandpower-light.org

Be sure to provide the following details:

- Exact location of the light or a pole number
- Name
- Address
- Daytime telephone number

Ways to Stay Informed

City Website (GarlandTx.gov)

Bookmark the City's official website and visit regularly for the latest up-to-date information on City news and events. Enjoy the convenience of online services including utility payments, mapping features and video on demand.



Garland E-News

Receive news releases about important City information and events by subscribing to Garland E-News. Visit GarlandTx.gov and select the link on the home page.

Video on Demand

View live broadcasts and repeats of City Council meetings, Work Sessions, Plan Commission meetings, and special programming at GarlandTx.gov. Select CGTV under "City Services."

Twitter

Follow the City of Garland on Twitter to receive instant updates on city happenings. Visit www.Twitter.com/GarlandTxGov.

YouTube

Watch the latest City programming through YouTube at www.YouTube.com/GarlandTxGov.

CodeRED

Sign up for CodeRED—in the case of an emergency or urgent notification, the City of Garland can notify residents via telephone, email and text message. To register, visit GarlandTx.gov and click on the CodeRED icon and follow the prompts.

Be Ready: Storm Spotter Training Program Scheduled for Feb. 16



Seventeen tornadoes occurred in North Texas during one afternoon in April 2012. More than five million people were under a tornado warning at some point on April 3. There were no fatalities and very few injuries. Trained weather spotters were one of the reasons that effective warnings were given to those in the paths of the dangerous storms. The 2013 severe weather season is fast approaching. Are you ready?

Can you recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado is possible? Do you want to become part of the severe weather warning system in your county? As part of its areawide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth will answer these and many other questions at the SKYWARN severe weather program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. The program is sponsored by the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management.

The 2013 program will discuss thunderstorm formation, ingredients, and features associated with severe storms. The presentation will review tornado formation and behavior, and will provide insight as to why some storms produce tornadoes and some do not. Additionally, the program will discuss non-threatening clues that may be mistaken for significant features and what can be done to ensure safety when thunderstorms threaten. The program also will discuss spotter operations and recommended reporting procedures. The two-hour presentation will be in multimedia format, featuring numerous new pictures of storms, as well as new video from the 2012 severe storm season.

"We have quite a bit of new material for this year's

spotter training program," said Mark Fox, warning coordination meteorologist at the Fort Worth National Weather Service Office. "We will show data from the severe weather events of 2012, plus emphasize how your storm observations help to save lives."

The fundamental purpose of the spotter training—and of the storm spotter network as a whole—remains unchanged. "Weather Radar is a great tool, but it only tells part of a storm's story. Spotter observations are fundamental to the protection of life" said Tom Bradshaw, meteorologist-in-charge of the Fort Worth Office. "The combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them."

The program is free and open to the public. No advanced registration is necessary. "By coming to this program, you will learn a lot about thunderstorms" Fox said. "Even if you don't become an active storm spotter, you will learn about how storms work and the visual clues you can identify when storms are in your area. This will better prepare you and your family for the threats that storms pose."

The Dallas County severe weather program is one of more than 60 training sessions that the Fort Worth NWS Office will conduct between January and March. The National Weather Service in Fort Worth provides forecasts, warnings and weather services for 46 counties in north and north-central Texas. For more information on severe weather, visit <http://www.weather.gov/fortworth>, on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.FortWorth.gov> and on Twitter @NWSFortWorth.

Garland Health Department Prepares for 2013 West Nile Virus Season

The City of Garland had an unprecedented year in 2012 concerning West Nile Virus (WNV) activity. Garland reported 41 positive cases of human WNV cases and 44 positive mosquito samples for the summer of 2012. Spring is just around the corner and the Garland Health Department has been actively conducting surveillance during the winter months for mosquito activity in preparation for the upcoming season. In addition, Health Department staff members treat standing water locations to kill developing mosquitoes where potential breeding has been documented.

The Garland Health Department's mosquito hotline at 972-205-3720 is available to receive phone calls and

provide information regarding the virus. The phone line is for residents to report mosquito problems; stagnant, standing water; and to notify the Health Department of dead birds. Birds will not be tested this year, but residents are still urged to report when and where they have seen dead crows and/or blue jays to help pinpoint potential problem areas of virus activity. Residents must help protect themselves and their families by doing the following:

- Eliminate any standing water around your property to reduce the number of mosquitoes, (report to the hotline any standing water that cannot be eliminated);

- Make sure doors and windows are screened properly;
- Avoid the outdoors when mosquitoes are most active (in the evening and early morning), and;
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET, according to label directions.



Current information including trap and spray locations, as well as where positive WNV samples have been determined is available at <http://www.GarlandTx.gov/gov/hk/health/mosquito.asp>.

Animal Services News

PetSmart Charities Grant

Garland Animal Services recently received a grant in the amount of \$83,100 to provide free sterilizations for Garland dog owners living in the 75041 zip code. The grant is provided by PetSmart Charities and is intended to help reduce the number of unwanted animals in the target area through sterilizations. Funding will provide approximately 1,100 sterilizations (dogs only) over two years through a contract with Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP). For more information, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org. Thank you PetSmart Charities!

Low Cost Sterilizations

Garland residents living outside of the 75041 zip code may take advantage of low cost sterilizations through a partnership between TCAP and Garland Pawsibilities—a nonprofit volunteer group committed to finding homes for unwanted animals and to reducing the number of unwanted animals through sterilizations. In addition to the grant-funded sterilizations, TCAP will continue to offer low cost spay/neuter services four times per month at Pawsibilities' offsite adoption center located at 3136 S. Shiloh Road in Garland. Visit GarlandPaws.org for more information on low cost sterilizations or

to find out how to volunteer money or donate time to the cause.

Resident Reminders

Spring is quickly approaching and longer days with warmer weather means that your pets will likely be more active. Be sure to check your fence enclosure and make certain that it is capable of holding your pets. Remember that pets always need access to water and shelter and, most importantly, pets need to be currently registered with the City of Garland. Registration is a lost pet's ticket home.

Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special thank you to the residents and organizations that have made recent donations. All donations are used to sponsor animals for adoption or to provide care and comfort for animals. Notable donations include:

- Dawn Bobloz – \$160
- Linda Bulman – \$80
- Peggy Dyer – \$80
- Laura Fine – \$80
- Charles Hinton – \$80
- Janice Hoff – \$80
- Kathleen Horner – \$500

- Domenico Piscioneri – \$100
- Eleen Sembe – \$100
- Kathy Serrago – \$100
- Jan Skinner – \$80
- Karen Slocum – \$80
- Dustin Smith – \$80
- Andrew Whitlock – \$120





Household Hazardous Waste Not Accepted at Drop-Off Recycling Center

When household chemicals are disposed of improperly, they can pollute the air, water, harm wildlife, plant life and food supplies. Improper disposal includes putting household hazardous waste (HHW) in the trash, dumping down the drain or flowing chemicals onto the ground. Improper disposal also includes dropping HHW off at the Drop-Off Recycling Center, operated by the Environmental Waste Services Department, at 1426 Commerce St.

"While HHW is not accepted at the Drop-Off Recycling Center," said EWS Programs Manager Glenna Brown, "Garland residents have a convenient option to take HHW to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center (DCHCCC) for safe and proper disposal at no charge with proof of residency, including driver's license and water bill or other utility bill."

The DCHCCC, located at 11234 Plano Road in Dallas, accepts oil-based paint, stains, varnishes, pesticides/insecticides/herbicides, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, oven cleaners, wood sealers, and glues and cements, among other common chemicals used around the house. The DCHCCC also accepts computer equipment, including CPUs, monitors and keyboards. The DCHCCC does not accept HHW or computer equipment from businesses. For more information, call the DCHCCC at 214-553-1765 or visit DallasCounty.org.

Garland residents are reminded that motor oil, transmission fluid, oil filters and automotive and truck batteries are accepted at the Drop-Off Recycling Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Electronics Collection, Paper Shredding Event Set for April 20



Celebrate Earth Day and bring old or surplus electronics, computer equipment and documents that need to be shredded from 9 a.m. to noon April 20 at the Homer Johnson Stadium, 1029 E. Centerville Road.

Drop off computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, printer cartridges, scanners, radios, televisions, DVD players, VCRs, cell phones, land phones and other electronic equipment. Residents can also drop off eyeglasses for donation to the Lion's Club and all types of household batteries. Electronics collection and paper shredding are provided at no cost to Garland residents.

Secure document shredding will be done onsite, and all shredded paper is recycled. A limit of four boxes per vehicle will be accepted for the shredding service.

Volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic and help unload vehicles quickly and conveniently. For more information about the event visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com or call 972-205-3500.

Utility Bill Payment Options

Although paying by mail is still the most popular way of paying utility bills, City of Garland utility customers can utilize a variety of other bill payment options. These include:

- **PC Banking** – Make payments from your bank's website.
- **Automatic Bank Draft** – Pay bills automatically and on time each month by signing up for this service.
- **Authorized Payment Locations** – In addition to paying in-person at the Duckworth Utility Services building at 217 N. Fifth Street, you may pay at an Authorized Payment Location near where you live and work.
- **Credit or Debit card via Phone or Online** – Make credit (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa) or pin-less debit card payments 24 hours a day. Pay by phone at 972-205-2671 or online at GarlandUtilities.org.
- **Drive Thru Service** – Use the four-lane Garland Utility Payment Drive Thru located at 717 W. State Street.
- **Drop Box** – Drop off after-hours payments in the drop box in the far left lane of the Drive Thru.

For more information on these options, visit GarlandUtilities.org or call 972-205-2671.

Students, Staff Win Big with Poster Contest

Stormwater Management invited all third through fifth grade students in Garland ISD to participate in its annual stormwater contest. Students create posters using the theme *From the Streets to the Creeks*. There were a total of 1,088 entries with 115 teachers participating in 37 schools across Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. First place students received \$200 each, second place received \$150 and third place received \$100. The teacher of each winning student received \$150 to purchase classroom supplies. New this year, additional runner-ups were named in each grade level and were given a \$50 award along with their teacher. Cooper Elementary had the highest student participation with a total of 112 entries. Fifth grade had the most entries with a total of 445 throughout the school district. For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180 or visit GarlandStormwater.org.

Poster contest winners:

First Place

3rd grade, Kaitlyn Anderson, Rowlett Elementary
4th grade, Joseph Nuñez, Walnut Glen Academy
5th grade, Jocelyn Calderon, Walnut Glen Academy

Second Place

3rd grade, Scott Marshall, Carver Elementary
4th grade, Vivian Thai, Hillside Academy
5th grade, Christina Doolittle, Cooper Elementary

Third Place

3rd grade, Luis Roman, Herfurth Elementary
4th grade, Juan Cazares, Cooper Elementary
5th grade, Daphne Gomez, Hillside Academy

Honorable Mention Winners: 3rd grade

Annette Lazo, Ethridge Elementary
Elizabeth Ortiz, Cooper Elementary
Jennifer Salgado, Cooper Elementary
Madeline Watkins, Dorsey Elementary

Volunteers Needed: Trash-Off Event

It's time for Garland residents to roll up their sleeves and get down and dirty with Keep Garland Beautiful (KGB) from 8:30 to 11 a.m. April 13 for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off.

"KGB sponsors the annual spring citywide cleanup to pick up litter on roadways, waterways, vacant lots, parks and neighborhoods," said Betty Roberts, president of the KGB board of directors. "We are looking for individuals, church and scouts groups, school and civic organizations, and homeowner teams to collect litter around the city and attend the volunteer picnic. Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual item collected and most litter collected by a group."

Register at KeepGarlandBeautiful.org. KGB will furnish trash bags, gloves and litter tongs for volunteers. The volunteer recognition picnic will begin at 11 a.m. at Granger Recreation Center Annex, 1310 W. Ave. F.

Sponsors of the 2013 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off are Keep Garland Beautiful, Garland Environmental Waste Services, Garland Stormwater Management and Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup.



SmartScape Month

Celebrate SmartScape month in March! SmartScape plants are native and adapted to the North Texas area, and need less water and fertilizers to thrive. This helps with water conservation as well as with stormwater pollution. Texas SmartScape® can help with the following:

- Compost
- Mulching
- Yard waste usage
- Stormwater run-off
- Drought tolerant plants
- Water efficiency
- Reduction of fertilizers
- Plant placement
- Soil improvement
- Pest control

Visit TxSmartScape.com for information on this program. For questions or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.



Garland Symphony Orchestra



The sensuous rhythms and exotic melodies of Spain will highlight the 24th concert season of the Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO), which will run through May 10. Titled *Viva España*, the 2012-13 season will feature native Iberian composers such as Albéniz, Granados and Turina, as well as many composers from other nations.

Upcoming Performances

- Feb. 15, 8 p.m.** – The GSO will present a concert highlighted by the theme of love! The orchestra will perform such pieces as Wagner's *Prelude to Parsifal* and Strauss' *Don Juan*. The concert will feature violinist Curt Thompson performing Sarasate's *Carmen Fantasy!*
- March 15, 8 p.m.** – The GSO will present the Eighth Annual Movie Scores Quiz for an evening of challenge and enjoyment! The GSO will perform selections from soundtracks of famous films about Spain. A prize will be awarded to the audience member who correctly identifies the most film titles and composers. This performance also will feature cellist Laura Ospina.

All performances will be held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. For more information, visit GarlandSymphony.org or call 972-926-0611.

Performing Arts Shows and Events

Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street

The Garland Opry • 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 and March 2. *CB Luce and The Garland Opry Band* will present a night of Texas Country and Rock n' Roll music. Visit TheGarlandOpry.com or call 972-495-3835 to purchase tickets. Cost is \$10 for general admission and \$8 for seniors. Children age 12 and younger are free.



The Levee Singers • 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9. The Garland Summer Musicals Guild will present *The Levee Singers* as they celebrate more than 50 years of entertaining. The group was one of Dallas' best-known entertainment groups in the early 1960's. For reservations call 972-205-2790. Tickets are \$22 each.

The Outsiders • 7 p.m. Feb. 14-16. Join Austin Academy of Excellence's Theatre Department for its production of *The Outsiders* adapted by Christopher

Sergel from the book by S.E. Hinton. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, contact Deborah Ragsdale at DSRagsda@Garlandisd.net.

David Allen Elvis Tribute Show • 7:30 p.m. March 9.

David Allen will perform Elvis's four eras: the 1950s, the movie years, the black leather '68 Come Back Special and the Las Vegas years. Tickets are \$25 VIP and \$20 general admission. Visit YourElvis.com.



A Night of Amazing Christian Music • 7 p.m. March 23.

Enjoy a live performance by musicians Bethany Dillon, Barry and Michelle Patterson, and Crystal Yates. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Visit ChristainMusicDFW.com.

Visit GarlandArts.com to stay up-to-date on arts in Garland. Email theatre rental inquiries to Arts@GarlandTx.gov.

Free Movies at the Plaza Theatre

Upcoming free movies at the Plaza Theatre presented by the City of Garland include:

Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. – Captain Ron. Starring Kurt Russel and Martin Short, *Captain Ron* is the story of a family that inherits the yacht formerly owned by Clark Gable. They sail and their lives will never be the same again. Popcorn, soda and candy are available for \$2 each.



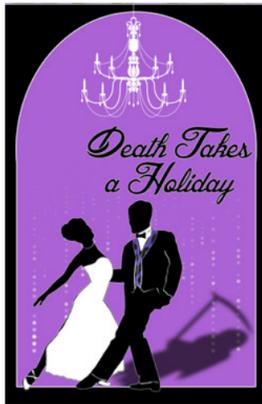
March 30 at 7 p.m. – Gone with the Wind. Winner of 10 Academy Awards, this classic film narrates the love between Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler during the American Civil War. It's the history of a selfish woman who doesn't want to admit her feelings about the man she loves.

Upcoming Performances by the Garland Civic Theatre



Under the Yum-Yum Tree – Garland Civic Theatre will present this comedy with style, pace and a dash of satire. It tells the story of a sneaky and pushy landlord who seeks true love and romance from the tenants of his rentals—all beautiful, newly divorced women in need of consoling. Another fun and spirited comedy written in the style of last season's favorite—*Pillow Talk*. Tickets are \$22 with group rates available. Performances will be held through Feb. 9.

Death Takes A Holiday – Based on the poetic conception of "Death" suspending all activities for three days, during which period he falls in love with a beautiful girl, and through her realizes why mortals fear him. Enjoy a wonderful evening of theatre full of comedy, suspense, mystery and pathos—a beautiful love story that is as



simple as it is appealing. Performances will be held Feb. 28-March 23. Tickets are \$17-\$22 with group rates available.

To purchase tickets, visit or call the Granville Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fair Housing Workshops

Tenant's Rights and Responsibilities Workshop
6 p.m. Feb. 27
232 Carver Drive

Learn strategies to properly request maintenance; perform a walk through inspection; request reasonable accommodations; understand your lease agreement; and avoid or resolve landlord/tenant disputes at this free workshop hosted by the City of Garland.

Did you know that Garland is one of only five cities in Texas that has a Fair Housing Assistance Program? A Fair Housing Assistance Program is a state or local agency that enforces a fair housing law that is substantially equivalent to the Fair Housing Act.

Garland Fair Housing Services is the enforcement mechanism that helps protect Garland residents who believe they have been victims of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status in the sale, rental, or financing of housing.

Garland Fair Housing services are free and include discrimination complaint intake, complaint processing, resolution of landlord/tenant issues and education and outreach including housing related referrals. For more information, call 972-205-3300.



City of Garland Awards and Recognition



Garland's government access cable channel, CGTV, collected two awards from the Texas Association of Telecommunication Officers and Advisors (TATOA) 2012 competition.

Garland was awarded first place in the Magazine Format Series division for *Inside Animal Services*. CGTV producer Jim Harmon has been working with Garland Animal Services management to highlight some of the day-to-day operations of the dedicated officers and support staff at Garland's Animal Shelter. The program featured Animal Services officers in the

community rescuing animals and educating residents about responsible pet ownership.

Garland also was awarded third place in the Student/Intern division for a public service announcement produced by the Garland Youth Council (GYC). *Be a Responsible Pet Owner* featured tips from GYC members about what it means to be a responsible pet owner and encouraged people in search of a pet to consider adopting from the Garland Animal Shelter.

CGTV staff is proud of these awards and looks forward to providing more programming to illustrate the many outstanding services the City of Garland provides for its residents.

In addition, Rusty Maxwell, Senior Center supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department received the Recreation Professional of the Year award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society Region 3 for her outstanding work and dedication.

Garland Summer Nutrition Program

This summer will mark the 18th consecutive year the City of Garland will sponsor the Summer Nutrition Program. The program provides free nutritious meals to children ages 1-18 and young adults with disabilities when school is out for the summer. There is a desperate need for additional site hosts, especially in the South Garland area. If you have a facility such as a church or apartment and would like to provide a safe environment for children to be fed and have fun during the summer months, please contact Pamela Harris at 972-205-3382 or pharris@GarlandTx.gov for more information. All participating sites must be confirmed no later than March 1.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, nearly 2.3 million children receive free or reduced, nutritionally balanced lunches at school each day under the National School Lunch Program, but only about 12% of these children have access to the Summer Food Service Programs during the summer.



Senior Center Events

Talk Tuesday

Come down to the Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A, where the experts can provide you with everything you need to know about topics such as fall prevention, home safety, feng shui, care of aging skin, internet security, diet and exercise. Meetings begin at 1 p.m. in March, and refreshments and door prizes will be available at every meeting. For upcoming meeting topics, call 972-205-2769.

- **March 12** – Falling and Recovery from the Floor, Sponsored by Family Care Services
- **March 26** – Brain Health, Sponsored by Autumn Leaves Richardson Garland

Walking Food Tour of Dallas

Come hungry and eat your way through Uptown Dallas at the Walking Food Tour of Dallas on March 27. The tour will include generous food and beverage tastings, local and historical attractions (including Victorian homes), gratuity and transportation. Cost is \$58. Participants will depart from the Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A, at 10:20 a.m. For details, call 972-205-2769.

20th Annual Trout Lily Tour to be Held Feb. 23 at Spring Creek Forest Preserve

The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest will host the 20th Annual Trout Lily Tour on Feb. 23. Tours will begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tours are free to the public and begin in the park pavilion at the Spring Creek Forest Preserve, 1770 Holford Road.

The Trout Lily is one of the first wildflowers to begin flowering each year. Its natural habitat is found in hardwood bottomland forests that have had very little impact from the built environment. The flowering period is only 2 to 4 weeks long and the entire plant cycle is complete in about 10 weeks.

The tour is designed for both novice and advanced naturalist, and is an excellent way to learn more about our local environment. The tour will be held rain or shine, so come prepared for the weather.

The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest meets the first Tuesday of each month at the North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. To learn more about the Society for the Preservation of Spring Creek Forest or about this event, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-205-2750 or visit SpringCreekForest.org.



Library Programs and Events

Children & Youth Programs

Spring Storytimes Schedule • Storytimes will be held through April 27 at the following library locations:

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

- Toddler Storytime, Mondays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Mondays, 11 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

- Wee Read, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime, Fridays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Fridays, 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

- Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
- Family Storytime, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive

- Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Tween Scene • This new program, for youth ages 8-12, consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes. The program takes place twice a month at various library locations on Thursday afternoons and evenings.

February: Master the Art of Origami

- **Feb. 7** – 6:30 p.m., South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.
- **Feb. 14** – 4 p.m., North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

March: Sensational Sibling Books

- **March 7** – 6:30 p.m., South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.
- **March 21** – 4 p.m., North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.



Valentine's Day Origami • 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 14, Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive. Participants will learn how to make origami

hearts, flowers, and 3-D cards. Paper supplies will be provided. Free and open to teens and preteens ages 10-18.



Family Movie Time • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 14, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Bring a blanket and attend a free movie with your family! The film will be a recently released, full-length animated children's movie. Seating will be limited. Free popcorn and water will be available while supplies last. Call 972-205-3933.

Manga Hour • 1 to 2 p.m. March 9, Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive. Teens can express their love for manga through a variety of activities including video games, a manga drawing station, and board and card games. Free and open to teens ages 12-18.

Technology Petting Zoo • 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 16, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Teens can learn about the latest technology gadgets at this come-and-go event, which will feature demonstrations of gadgets such as the Amazon Kindle, Barnes & Noble Nook devices and tablets. Library staff will be available to answer questions about each device. Free and open to patrons ages 13-18. Adults attending the program must be accompanied by a teen. Call 972-205-3933.

Candy Land • 3 to 5 p.m. March 23, North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave. Players of all ages will play on a full-scale game board, and make a candy-themed craft after the game. Call 972-205-2804.

Ask a Lawyer • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 9, North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave. Lawyers with the Dallas Area Young Lawyers, the Dallas Asian American Bar Association and the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program will provide quick answers to basic legal questions. Topics addressed may include family law, estate planning, tenancy, and criminal law. Attorneys will not be soliciting or accepting clients. Registration at the door is required and will end at 12:30 p.m.

Senior Social Hour @ the Library • 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. The Nicholson Memorial Library System offers this free program series for senior citizens 55 years of age or older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Donations of gently used items for the Friends of the Library book sale are accepted during the programs. Call 972-205-2502. Upcoming performances include:

- **Feb. 7** – Get ready for the 85th Annual Academy Awards with professional film critic Larry Ratliff. He will revisit award-winning movies of the past—just in time for this year's ceremony on Feb. 24.

- **March 14** – Experience the magic of American song legend Patsy Cline as tribute artist Sherrill Douglas presents Crazy 'Bout Patsy.



Book Discussion Group • 7 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. The Nicholson Memorial Library System's book discussion group, The Page Turners, meets one Thursday a month at 7 p.m. Come to participate or just to listen. Walk-ins are welcome. Call 972-205-2502 for more information. Upcoming discussions include:

- **Feb. 28** – *One Summer* by David Baldacci
- **March 28** – *Bossypants* by Tina Fey

Technology Programs Available at the Library

The following workshops and classes are part of the library's Tech-Know How program series, which offers educational technology events each month.

Facebook 101

7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 11

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

This class will introduce participants to Facebook, explain the process of setting up an account and creating a profile, cover privacy settings, and demonstrate how to find friends. Seating is limited and registration is required. Registration begins two weeks before the class date. Participants must possess basic computer skills and have their own email address. Call 972-205-2501.

Game On for Adults

2 to 3:30 p.m. March 23

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

Learn about the Kinect gaming system, the latest trend in gaming, and let your body become the controller. All skill levels are welcome to attend. The event is free and open to adults ages 18 and older.

I Plugged It In, Now What?

Getting Started with Computers

10 a.m. Feb. 16 and 7 p.m. March 21

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and desktop navigation. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-3931.

Up and Running: Getting on the Internet

7 p.m. Feb. 28

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

Discover the ins and outs of getting online, identify website components and practice basic Internet searches. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-3931.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered: An Intro to Email

7 p.m. March 7

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

Learn the basic functions and uses of email, discover how to detect junk email, and sign up for an email account. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-2501.

Catch the Trains! Model Railroad Exhibit

The Nicholson Memorial Library System will host a free Model Train Exhibit at the Central Library, 625 Austin St., at the following dates and times:

- Feb. 21 – 4 to 8 p.m.
- Feb. 22 – 1 to 5 p.m.
- Feb. 23 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The exhibit, provided by The Spring Creek Model Railroad Club, will feature an HO_n3 narrow-gauge line and is 16 feet wide by 20 feet long with mountainous scenery. The Model Railroad Club is a frequent exhibitor of model trains, and has previously showcased them at the South Garland Branch Library. For more information, call 972-205-2502.



Recreation Center Programs and Events

Yogalates • Feb. 4-27, Mondays, 6:30 to 7:40 p.m., Wednesdays, 6 to 7:10 p.m., ages 16 and up, \$52 per person, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Combine Pilates and Yoga to work your core and challenge your strength, endurance and flexibility without stress on the joints. Contact 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.



Boot Camp • Feb. 4-27, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., ages 16-60, \$42 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Get up and get outside for an invigorating workout including fitness instruction, motivational training and energizing activities. Contact 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.

Lil' Tots Soccer • Feb. 6-27, Wednesdays, 4 to 4:40 p.m., ages 3-6, \$26 per child, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Learn the beginner skills of the sport including stopping the ball with the foot, dribbling, passing and kicking. Contact 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.

Heartsaver First Aid/CPR • First Aid – March 21, 1 to 3:30 p.m.; CPR – March 28, 1 to 4:30 p.m., ages 16 and up, \$30 per course, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn how to properly administer First Aid, CPR, use and AED, and relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. Contact 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Volleyball Camp • March 11-13, Monday-Wednesday, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., ages 8 to 14, \$20 per child, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Develop fundamental ball handling abilities including passing, serving, setting, blocking, spiking and defense. Contact 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.



T-Ball & Softball Skills • March 6-27, Wednesdays, 10 to 10:50 a.m. for ages 3-5, 4 to 4:50 p.m. for ages 6-9, \$27 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Various techniques and drills teach the fundamentals of hitting, catching and throwing. Contact 972-205-2721 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.



Special Events

Egg Hunt • March 28, 6 p.m. (weather permitting), children up to 10 years of age, free, Central Park, 1310 W. Avenue F. Hop into spring EGG-citement! Hunt for colorful candy and toy-filled eggs. Bounce around in a jump house, go through the obstacle course, and load up on recreation activity information. Popcorn, sodas and Pucker Powder will be available for purchase. Keep the memory by having your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a small fee! For more information, contact Granger Recreation Center at 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Branding Iron Restaurant

Come visit the Branding Iron restaurant at 1535 E. Brand Road—now offering new diner menu items.

New hours: Tuesday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Enjoy Sunday brunch: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$10.95

Items include breakfast buffet, omelet and waffle station, salad bar and various lunch items.

Let Firewheel Golf Park and the Branding Iron host/cater your next event or meeting. Contact Shannon McCormick at 972-205-3917 or shannonm@GolfFirewheel.com.

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