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## Garland:

*Excellence Made Here!*

It's often said that Garland is the best kept secret in north Texas and that the City should do more to tell this community's story. That's why in 2014, each issue of the Garland City Press will shine a spotlight on what Garland does best—the innovations and the accolades that demonstrate that Garland is a place of excellence!

In this issue, the focus is on the programs and partnerships that helped Garland achieve a coveted public safety ranking as well as Firewheel Golf Park, a publicly-owned facility that continues to grow its reputation throughout the region and beyond. See pages 8 and 9 for more details.

## Garland Responds to Winter Storm

An early-December winter storm closed roads and schools, delayed holiday events and activities, and brought down tree branches and power lines. But when the going got tough, teams of City workers and other agencies pulled together to restore power and order for the community. For an overview of Garland's winter storm response, see page 10.

Firewheel Golf Park



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# Message

*from the Mayor*

Our greatest priority is to Grow Garland. While much of our focus is to grow the fiscal value of the city through new and revitalized development, it also means growing our understanding of our history, growing our appreciation of our neighborhoods, supporting our civic organizations that serve our community, being innovative as we tackle our challenges, and more.

One such challenge is the decades-old zoning and development regulations that can be a roadblock to new opportunities and investment. Please attend and be involved with the review of our new Garland Development Code through the community meetings being conducted. Check the schedule that appears on page 7. The new code will be the foundation for the quality and type of future growth that we see for the next decades.

As many citizens have expressed to me directly and as confirmed in the November elections, the condition of our streets is an increasing concern. When voters were asked if they would support a property tax increase of two cents if the funds were entirely dedicated to the refurbishment of existing streets, they said yes by a 2-1 margin.

Those concerns will be addressed, but I hope we can do it without raising taxes. The council had little time to thoroughly investigate possible options before we had to meet the filing deadline to place the question on the ballot. If there is a related tax increase, it wouldn't be until the fall. We have time to continue that review and more thoroughly research the issue. To facilitate the effort, I will be appointing a citizen task force to look at best practices, alternative financing options, and ideas to assure that funds go to streets now and in the future.

I am very proud of Garland and all that we as a community accomplish. We all have a role to play, so let's continue to Grow Garland!



Mayor Douglas Athas  
972-205-2400  
mayor@GarlandTx.gov

### Mayor's Evening In

5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 29  
Mayor's Office  
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.

### Mayor's Evening In

5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 27  
Walnut Creek Branch Library  
3319 Edgewood

To reserve a time,  
call 972-205-2400  
or email

Mayor@GarlandTx.gov

## CGTV Listings

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 7 and 21, Feb. 4 and 18
- 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 – 6 p.m. Jan. 6 and 21, Feb. 3 and 17
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and 24
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

*Meeting dates and times subject to change.*

### Garland Spotlight

- Daily – 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### Crimewatch

- Daily – 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Garland in Focus

- Daily – 8 a.m.
- Tuesday to Sunday – 6 p.m.

### Arts in Action

- Daily – 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday-Sunday – 6:30 p.m.

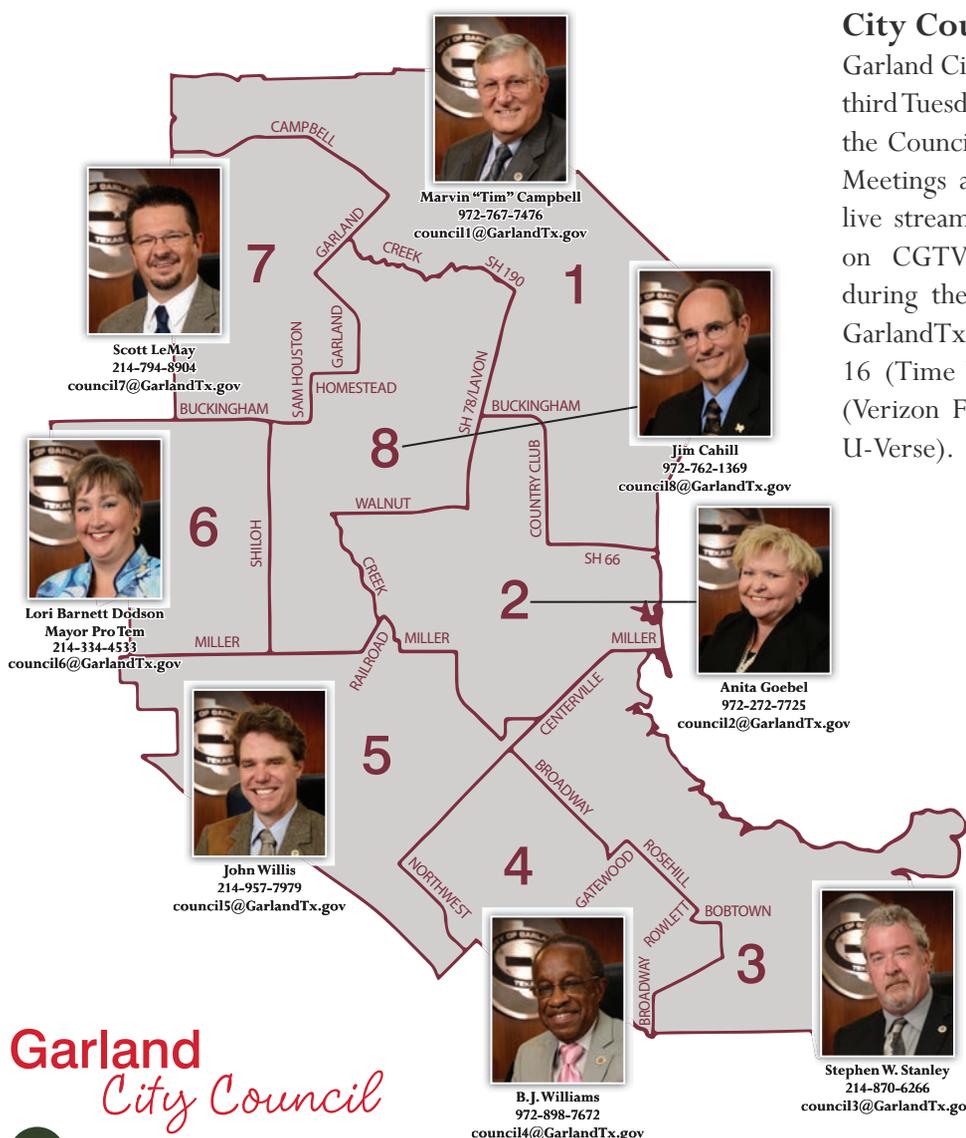
### Firewatch

- Daily – 3:30 p.m.

## District 4 Quarterly Conversation with Councilman B.J. Williams

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Jan. 29  
South Garland Branch Library  
4845 Broadway Blvd.

Topics will include the City's recycling and solid waste collection program.



### City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast online through live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting. Visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable), Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse).

## 2013 City of Garland

### *United Way Campaign*

The City of Garland raised nearly \$64,000 for its 2013 United Way Campaign. City employees also participated in a Day of Impact to serve Garland residents. Several departments organized work days to assist qualified residents with bringing their yards and/or homes into compliance with Code requirements. The City of Garland United Way Steering Committee will schedule a check presentation of the employee donations to a United Way representative at a City Council meeting in January.



## Storm Spotter

### *Training Program*

Severe weather is inevitable in Texas.

Learn how to recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado. As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth will present its SKYWARN severe weather program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. The program will be held in partnership with Garland's Office of Emergency Management.

The 2014 program will discuss thunderstorm formation, ingredients, and features associated with severe storms. The presentation also will review tornado formation and behavior, and will give some insight as to why some storms produce tornadoes and some do not. Also learn what you can do to keep you and others safe when thunderstorms threaten, and discuss spotter operations and recommended reporting procedures. The two-hour presentation will be in multimedia format, and will feature numerous new pictures of storms, as well as new video from the 2013 severe storm season.

The program is free and open to the public. No advanced registration is necessary. For more information on severe weather, visit [Weather.gov/FortWorth](http://www.weather.gov/FortWorth), on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.FortWorth> and on Twitter: @NWSFortWorth.

## Animal Services News

Recently, Garland Animal Services has received a rash of wildlife calls. Many residents have expressed concern after observing coyotes, bobcats or other native wildlife in Garland. While the sighting of native wildlife may be unsettling, Garland Animal Services only intervenes when wildlife creates a nuisance or property damage, or acts in a threatening manner. Most wildlife sightings are simply that, sightings. The mere presence of wildlife is not a threat to people, pets or property. On rare occasions, Garland Animal Services must intervene when wild animals lose their natural fear of humans. If you observe wild animals exhibiting unusual behavior or creating a nuisance, contact Animal Services immediately at 972-205-3570.

The key to preventing wildlife problems is to eliminate manmade food sources. Residents should only feed pets portions of food that will be eaten immediately. Constantly leaving pet food out will invariably attract feral animals or nuisance wildlife. To protect pets, maintain adequate fencing to prevent pets from running at-large and always keep dogs on a leash when not within a fenced enclosure. A little prevention goes a long way when dealing with wildlife nuisances. For more information, visit the "coyote information" link on the Garland Animal Services webpage.



Another common complaint is nuisance noise from neighboring pets. Barking dogs are the most common source of nuisance and owners should take measures to prevent their dogs from constantly barking. Alert barking (barking that only lasts a few seconds in response to a stimulus) is permissible, but nuisance barking is an ordinance violation and can create unnecessary stress for neighbors.

Keep the wellbeing of your pets in mind during the winter months by ensuring that outdoor pets are regularly fed and have access to water and shelter.

Recent notable donations are as follows:

- Charlotte Boyd – \$80
- Cynthia Dibetta – \$160
- Stephen Flatt – \$80
- Angela Huddy – \$80
- Robert Lilley – \$100
- George Mulkey – \$115
- Jerrilyn Oaks – \$1,000
- Domenico Piscioneri – \$100
- Rick Williams – \$80



*Happy faces as Garland Animal Shelter pets are adopted by area families.*

## "My-Waste" Mobile App

*Puts Solid Waste Collection Information  
at Residents' Fingertips*



Add the "My-Waste" app to your New Year's resolution list. The free "My-Waste" mobile app makes it more convenient for residents to find information about Environmental Waste Services (EWS) trash, recycling and brush and bulky goods collection services. The app lets smartphone or tablet users download the full range of information that is on the EWS website.

The "Report a Problem" feature allows residents to report collection problems and send pictures to EWS Customer Service for quick response. Residents also may use the app to set calendar reminders, find contact information quickly and use the "What Goes Where?" feature to find information on specific items you might need to have recycled or disposed. The app also tracks the schedule for any holiday collection changes.

A grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality provided funds for EWS to customize the "My-Waste" app for Garland residents. Download the "My-Waste" app at <http://My-Waste.Mobi/TX-Garland> or scan the QR code.



Help the City of Garland prevent costly sewer stoppages. Avoid pouring fats, oil and grease down the kitchen sink. Garland recently partnered with Dallas Water Utilities and encourages residents to continue participating in the Cease the Grease program. Help recycle used cooking oil by bringing it to Garland's Cease the Grease station at the Drop-Off Recycling Center, 1426 Commerce St.

### *Tips:*

- Wipe excess oil/grease off pans with a paper towel before washing.
- Grease, solid when cooled, should be thrown away with regular trash.
- Running hot water after oils and grease is not enough to keep it from solidifying in sewer lines.

Garland's Stormwater Management, Water Utilities and Industrial Pretreatment appreciate your grease-abatement efforts!

## GP&L's EnergySaver Program Supports Solar Panel Installation

Garland Power & Light customers interested in installing solar photovoltaic panels should check out the new Solar Program offered through the EnergySaver Program. Customers whose solar projects meet program requirements will receive a bill credit to help offset their investment in this renewable power source.

"We've had some customers express an interest in installing solar panels, and we hope that this program makes it more affordable for them to do so," said GP&L Commercial Accounts Administrator David Koliba.

GP&L's EnergySaver Program also provides incentives for customers to make their homes and businesses more energy efficient. Home weatherization upgrades such as more ceiling insulation, Energy Star® windows or doors, and new ductwork can help reduce energy use, especially when you are trying to keep your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

To learn more about the EnergySaver Program, visit [GarlandPower-Light.org/energysaver.html](http://GarlandPower-Light.org/energysaver.html) or call 972-205-2929.



**gp&l**  
**EnergySaver**  
**PROGRAM**

### *Winter Energy Conservation Tips*

- Set thermostats at 68°. Each degree warmer increases energy use 6-8%.
- Clean or replace heating system filters once a month.
- Make sure you have adequate attic insulation.
- Keep flue dampers closed when the fireplace is not in use.

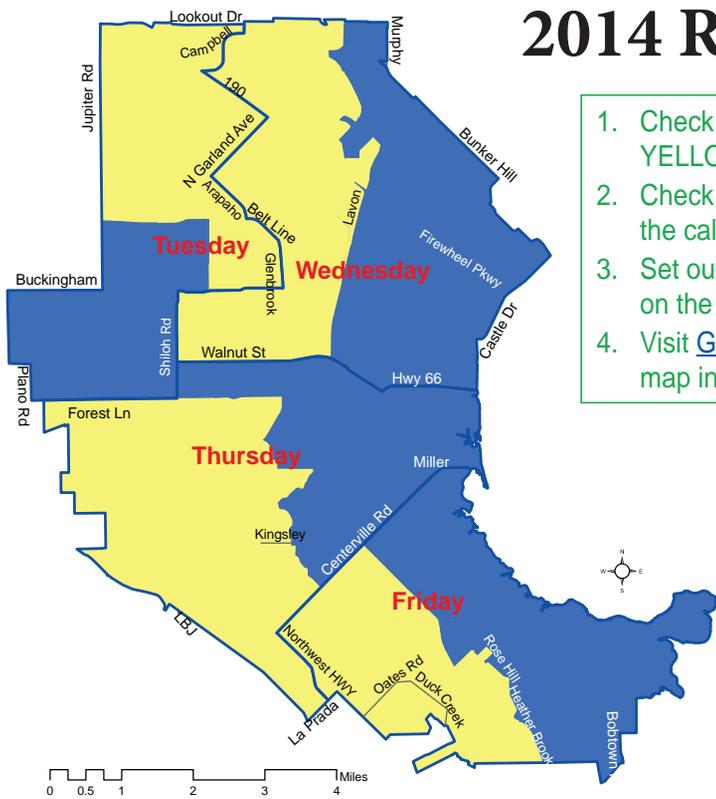
More energy efficiency tips can be found at [GarlandPower-Light.org/utilconstips.html](http://GarlandPower-Light.org/utilconstips.html).

## Sign Up for E-Bill

Sign up for E-Bill to receive your City of Garland utility bill online and save paper. E-Bill customers receive a monthly billing statement through email, rather than in the mail. To enroll, existing customers may visit [GarlandUtilities.org](http://GarlandUtilities.org) and use the Account Management feature, or call Customer Service at 972-205-2671. New Customers can request E-Bill when applying for utility service.



# 2014 Recycling Schedule



1. Check the map at left to see if you live in a YELLOW or BLUE area.
2. Check the YELLOW and BLUE recycling weeks on the calendar.
3. Set out recycling on your YELLOW or BLUE weeks on the same day as you set out your trash.
4. Visit [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com) for detailed map information and complete list of recyclables.



**GARLAND**  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
WASTE SERVICES

**972-205-3500**

[EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov)  
Customer Service

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## Streetlight Repairs

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

**972-205-3483**

[info@garlandpower-light.org](mailto: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



**@GoGreenGarland**

*Start the new year "green" by following these simple household cleaner recipes.*

All-purpose cleaner – 1 tsp of liquid soap, 1 tsp of borax, and ¼ cup of vinegar in 1 quart of warm water.

Ceramic tile cleaner – ¼ cup baking soda, ½ cup white vinegar and 1 cup of ammonia. Mix in a bucket; add a gallon of warm water and stir until baking soda dissolves.

Deodorizers – baking soda, sprinkled on carpet and vacuumed.

Furniture polish – 2 parts olive oil and 1 part lemon juice. Apply and polish with a soft cloth.

Glass cleaner – 1 part water, 1 part vinegar.

Shower curtain cleaner – Pour full strength vinegar to remove soap film and mildew.

## P.A.I.D. Program Seeks Donations

Have you ever thought, "What could I do to help someone else in Garland?" If so, consider contributing to the P.A.I.D. (Provide Aid in Dollars) Program, which helps economically challenged families pay for their City of Garland utility services. Donating to the P.A.I.D. program is easy. You can round your monthly utility payment up to the nearest whole dollar. If you wish to donate more, you can write in the amount in the P.A.I.D. Program Contribution box on your utility bill payment stub. All contributions are tax deductible.

P.A.I.D. Program Contribution (Optional)	Total Amount Enclosed
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The Salvation Army of Garland qualifies families in need, and determines distribution of funds from the P.A.I.D. Program on a case-by-case basis. Application for assistance can be made with the Salvation Army at 451 W. Avenue D or call 972-272-4531.

## D.I.Y. Garland

The City of Garland announces the launch of its D.I.Y. Garland program, which is designed to bring residents and community partners together to improve neighborhoods. D.I.Y. Garland provides guidance and support for homeowners seeking to complete home improvements to existing homes to enhance curb appeal in neighborhoods.

The program was developed by the City with expertise provided by community partners Habitat for Humanity of Greater Garland and Home Depot. D.I.Y. Garland supports the implementation of the Envision Garland 2030 Plan by organizing existing programs and resources supporting citywide housing and neighborhood goals, and developing new resources to advance neighborhood vitality in the community.



D.I.Y. Garland focuses on education, partnerships, home improvement and neighborhood vitality. It provides educational programs through the Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) to share basic home improvement information for all—from the novice to the expert. Participants who sign up for spring classes will learn about home maintenance and home improvement planning with focus on curb appeal improvements including paint, landscaping and minor repairs. Participants joining partnership activities can promote home improvement in their own neighborhoods through sweat equity projects that allow them to expand their home improvement knowledge and improve their neighborhoods in partnership with their neighbors.

To get started, sign up for D.I.Y. Garland classes beginning in February. To learn more, send an email to [neighborhoods@garlandtx.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@garlandtx.gov) or call the Planning & Community Development Department at 972-205-2445.

## 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 visit:

[GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov)  
(select City Government/Tax/  
Revenue Recovery/Abatement Liens)

972-205-2696

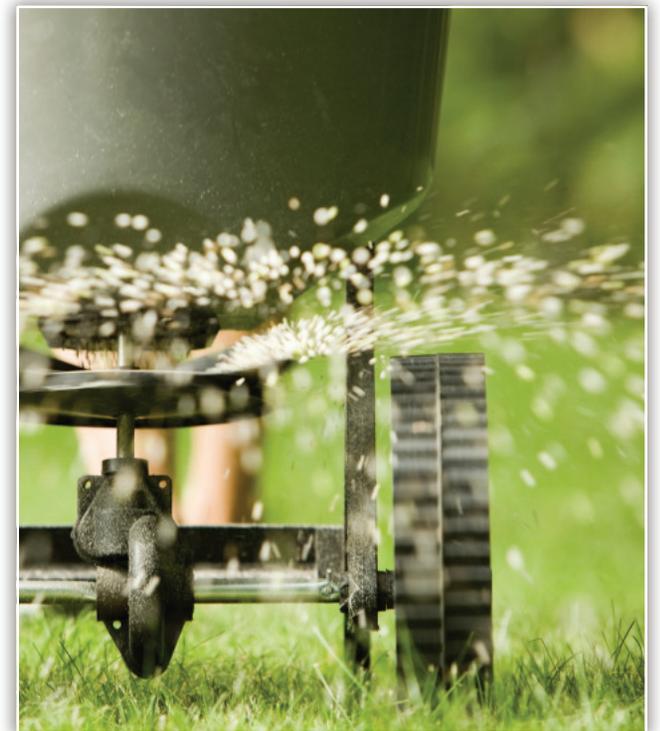
Property status also may be checked by visiting the Dallas County Clerk's Office at [RoamDallasPropertyRecords.com](http://RoamDallasPropertyRecords.com).

## LAWN CARE ASSISTANCE

The City of Garland Code Compliance Department is accepting applications for the Lawn Care Assistance Program, which will provide summer mowing for seniors (60 years of age and older) and disabled Garland homeowners who are physically and/or financially unable to maintain their yards to comply with City codes and have no other assistance available.

Applications may be picked up at the Code Compliance Office, 210 Carver Street, Suite 101. Residents who are unable to pick up an application may call 972-485-6400 and request that an application be mailed.

Submit applications to: Code Compliance-Lawn Care Assistance Program, 210 Carver St., Suite 101, Garland, Texas, 75040. Application packets must be filled out and returned to Code Compliance along with required documents by March 14. All applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be complete and all documentation required must be provided at time of submission. The list of required documents will be in the application packet. Please note, prior participation does not automatically reinstate assistance; you must resubmit applications annually for consideration. Space is limited based upon available funding and need. These funds are made available through a Federal grant program. For more Information, call 972-485-6400.



## Garland Health Officials

### *Elected to Lead Statewide Organizations*



Environmental Health Manager Cindy Corley was elected President by the membership of the Texas Environmental Health Association (TEHA). TEHA is one of the oldest and largest environmental health associations in the nation; it was founded in 1956 and has more than 1,000 members. TEHA is a non-profit professional and educational organization for people who work to abate environmental hazards for the betterment of human health and well-being.

Richard Briley, Managing Director of Health & Code Compliance was elected President of the Texas Association of Municipal Health Officials (TAMHO), that represents city funded and operated health departments. TAMHO,

a Texas Municipal League affiliate, works for and against legislation that affects municipal health services.

Corley has served Garland in the Health Department since 1998. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Bioenvironmental Science from Texas A & M University and her Masters of Public Health Degree from the University of North Texas. Ms. Corley is licensed as a Professional Registered Sanitarian and is an adjunct professor at Cedar Valley College.

Briley is beginning his 30th year in public health. He has served in his current position since 2006. He received both of his Bachelor and Masters of Science Degrees in Biological Science from Texas A & M University-Commerce.



## Garland Development Code Review Under Way

Community and stakeholder meetings to review the draft Garland Development Code (GDC) will continue in January. The City is creating the GDC to consolidate development-related regulations into a cohesive and well-organized document that will help the City respond to changing demographic, market and development trends, while providing more flexible and user friendly regulations and processes.



Two community meetings were held in December to introduce the GDC to Garland residents; the remaining community meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Jan. 7, 6 to 8 p.m.**, Northeast Church, 318 N. Shiloh Road
- **Jan. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.**, Central Library, 625 Austin St.

Garland residents are urged to attend one of the community meetings to learn more about the proposed GDC, ask questions, and provide City staff with feedback. After meeting with the community and with other stakeholders in the development process, work sessions and public hearings will be held by the Plan Commission and City Council in February and March to consider adoption of the new Code. Check the GDC website ([www.GarlandDevCode.org](http://www.GarlandDevCode.org)) for information regarding future meeting dates. The GDC website also provides links to the draft document, recent presentations and related summary materials. A dedicated GDC email address ([GDC@garlandtx.gov](mailto:GDC@garlandtx.gov)) also has been created to facilitate the exchange of information.



The City of Garland uses development-related regulations to achieve attractive, quality development, which enhances the quality of life for residents and businesses. Such regulations include zoning requirements, subdivision regulations, and other design and development standards governing signs, screening and landscaping, tree preservation, glare and lighting, parking and loading, fencing and building design. For more information, call 972-205-2445.

## How Do I...

### **Obtain a garage sale permit?**

To request a garage sale permit, call 972-485-6400 or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://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](mailto:joepippinauctioneers.com) or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:purchasing@GarlandTx.gov) or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).





## Garland Makes the “Top 10 Safest Cities” List

The City of Garland received national recognition when Law Street released its annual ranking of the top 10 safest cities. According to the Law Street news release, Garland is ranked ninth in the “Top 10 Safest Cities Over 200,000” in the United States.

Law Street’s crime team used the FBI’s four major violent crime categories – murders, aggravated assaults, robberies, and forcible rapes – to create a standard measure of violent-crimes-per-100,000. This allows year-to-year and city-to-city comparisons.

Law Street attributes the City of Garland’s public safety success to a “variety of community programs, including Neighborhood Crime Watch and Crime Stoppers.” Law Street further states, “It is primarily the community-oriented population that helps keep the city (of Garland) safe for its residents.”

While 24 hour police patrols continue to be the safety backbone for Garland, the community-based efforts of the Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) program provide an added protective element.

The Police Department divided the city into 26 police districts, each with its own NPO. These officers are the primary points of contact for Crime Watch groups, neighborhood organizations, apartment managers, business owners and other community groups within

a neighborhood. The NPOs coordinate with other divisions of the Police Department as well as other city departments to identify specific crime trends within each police district and to develop a strategy to address those trends to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

In 2013, the Police Department also added a Community Relations Officer to design and implement community programs to address crime prevention, personal safety and neighborhood protection. The Community Relations Officer also coordinates the Citizen Police Academy, special outreach activities and other public education functions.



### Community Programs with the Garland Police Department:

- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Citizens on Patrol
- Citizen Police Academy
- Garland Crime Stoppers
- Lock, Take, Hide Program
- Lockbox Program
- UNIDOS
- Gang Graffiti Hotline
- Bicycle Program
- Skywatch Deployment
- Volunteer Handicap Parking Enforcement
- Vacation Watch

Visit [GarlandPolice.com](http://GarlandPolice.com) for more information.



### Citizen Police Academy

Each spring and fall, the Garland Police Department hosts the Citizen Police Academy. The Academy educates citizens about the department’s values and operations, as well as the citizen’s role in public safety. Class participants are encouraged to share this realistic view of the department with other citizens to improve the efficiency of law enforcement in their neighborhoods through shared responsibilities and resources.

For additional information please contact:

**Mike Hatfield**  
 Community Relations Officer  
 972-485-4830  
[hatfieldm@garlandtx.gov](mailto:hatfieldm@garlandtx.gov)

## Firewheel Golf Scores High Rankings

The City of Garland is home to one of the finest municipally-owned golf facilities in the nation. Firewheel Golf Park offers 63 holes of championship caliber golf, along with clubhouse, restaurant and tournament facilities.

Firewheel Golf Park continues to grow its reputation throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Recently, *AvidGolfer* magazine recognized Firewheel's Bridge's Course as the 2nd best course in the region in the high competitive mid-priced category. Reviewers said Firewheel has "the best bent grass greens for the money." The latest ranking moves the Bridges Course up 7 places in the best public golf course rankings in the DFW area, demonstrating the value of recent years' efforts to upgrade and improve Firewheel's courses and facilities. The Old Course/Lakes Course was lauded as having "the best short game areas at this level."

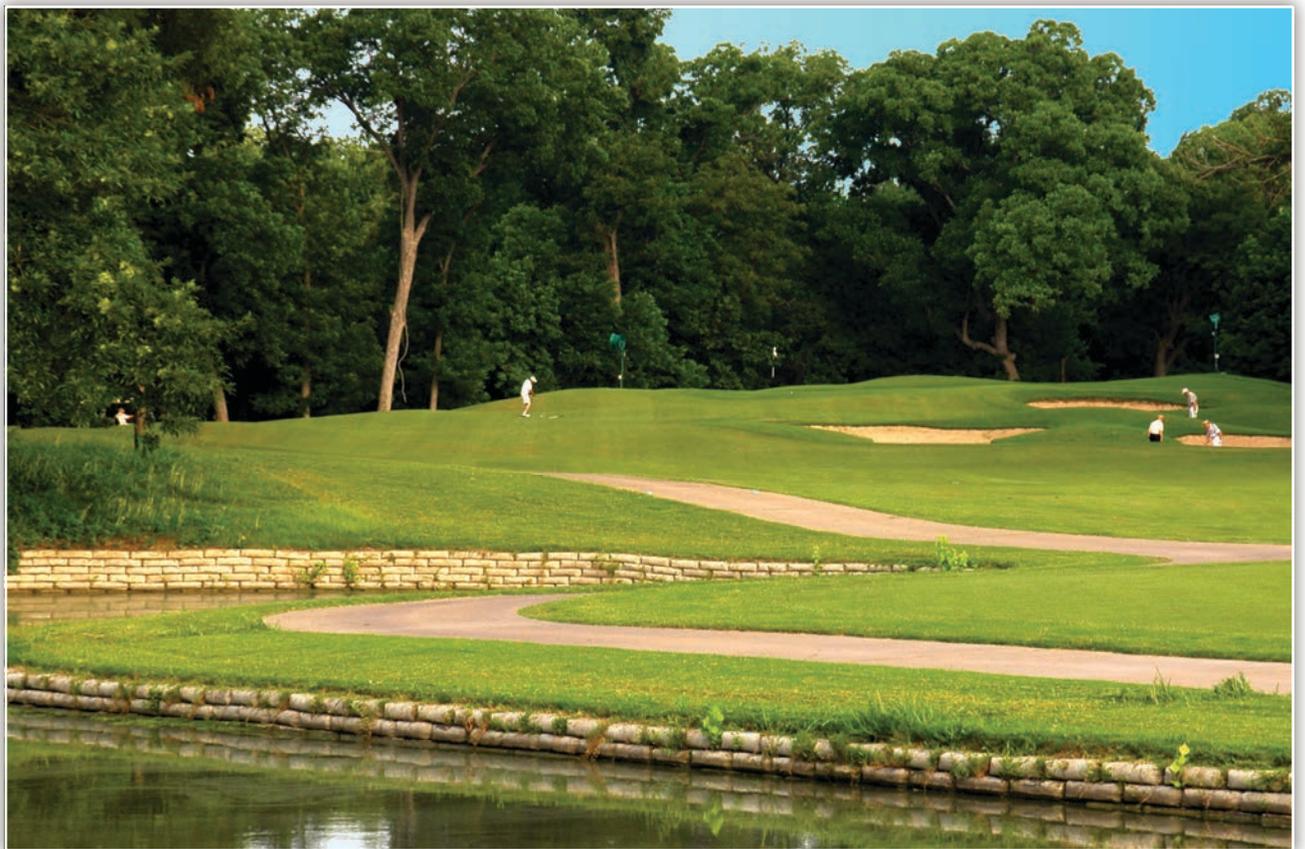
Firewheel's Director of Golf, Don Kennedy, is proud to see recognition of the City's dedication to creating a top quality golfing experience for its patrons. During the last several years, Firewheel has renovated its deep bunkers on the Lakes and Bridges courses and made numerous aesthetic and technical improvements to the Traditions Course.

In 2014, the Old Course will receive a variety of upgrades such as replacement of fairway turf, leveled tee boxes, enlarged greens, irrigation system upgrades, and improved chipping and putting practice areas.

In addition to the prestigious rankings, Firewheel Golf Park's excellence is validated by its favor as a qualifying and tournament site for the U.S. Golf Association (USGA). Firewheel has hosted many events in the past few years, including the USGA Public Links men's and women's qualifying events, Adams Pro Series Tourney, NTPGA Junior Tournaments, and the USGA U.S. Open Qualifier.

"USGA officials have high standards for the courses that host their tournaments," said Kennedy. "To be selected as a frequent host is a major indicator that Firewheel is a top-quality facility. That's a reputation we want to continue to grow. Of course, our most important reviews come from the golfers who play Firewheel daily. They are excited to see all of these improvements."

For more information about Firewheel Golf Park, visit [GolfFirewheel.com](http://GolfFirewheel.com) or call 972-205-2795.



# City of Garland's Winter Storm Response Recap

North Texas shivered through an Arctic blast in early December, which brought icy roads, downed tree limbs, power outages and other difficulties. Although some aspects of the recovery from that ice storm are ongoing, the bulk of the storm-related activity in Garland took place beginning Dec. 5 and ran into the early part of the following week.

Crews from many City of Garland departments went above and beyond their normal job duties and worked around the clock in sub-freezing temperatures to pitch in and help meet the community's needs. Here are just a few highlights of City activities for Dec. 4-11:

## Environmental Waste Services

- On Dec. 5, EWS suspended trash, recycling, and brush and bulky goods collection services. Twelve employees and three supervisors assisted Streets crews to cut down brush blocking streets and alleys. The next day, EWS began picking up clean brush with 18 equipment operators, six boom trucks and 6 long trucks.
- EWS began running Friday's trash and recycling routes on Dec. 9. They began normal collections Tuesday–Friday for trash and recycling. Brush collections continued to run behind schedule due to large amounts of storm debris.
- Through Dec. 11, brush crews picked up 1,092 tons of clean brush that will be ground into mulch.

## Fire Department

- Responded to a total of 361 calls for service, 67 of which were power line issues. Six of the calls were for structure fires where damage was mitigated.
- Pre-incident property value is estimated at \$2.4 million. It can be estimated more than \$2.2 million dollars' worth of property was saved during the operational period.

## Garland Power & Light, Utility Customer Service

- Total supporting power restoration (including linemen, engineers, administrative, safety personnel, tree-trimming crews, and systems operations) – GP&L + contractors = 168
- Crews began responding to initial outage reports just before midnight (11:47 p.m.) on Dec. 5. Power was substantially restored to GP&L customers by Tuesday morning, Dec. 10.
- The outage peak was between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Dec. 6. More than 4,000 customers experienced outages during this time, but most were brought back on within an hour or so.

- The most time consuming restoration was with individual service line drops, each of which had to be addressed by a lineman crew. Linemen worked 17-18 hour shifts around the clock.
- Customer Service Call Center representatives took outage calls after hours and over the weekend. They answered more than 700 calls from GP&L's outage reporting line between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 6-9.
- At GP&L's Olinger Plant, Production employees executed their weatherization plan to eliminate freeze risks to critical equipment and worked around the clock to ensure the generating units were ready to run when called upon.

## Parks & Recreation

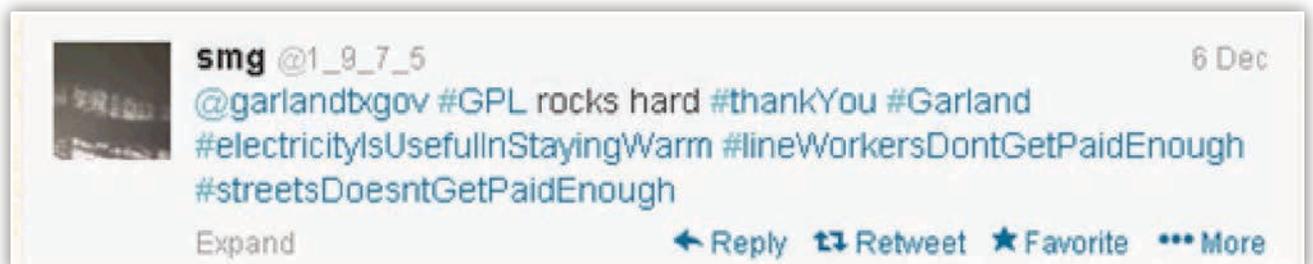
- On Dec. 6-7, Parks employees cleared ice from walkways and applied ice melt at City Hall, the Granville Arts Center, the Duckworth Building, libraries, recreation centers, senior activity centers and more.
- Parks employees assisted the Street Department's efforts to clear trees from roads and alleys.
- All City recreation centers remained open for normal business hours.

## Police Department

- Responded to 82 traffic accidents (44 minor, 10 major), 83 traffic hazard calls, 122 alarm calls, and 48 "concern for welfare" calls.

## Street Department

- Sanded streets, bridges and intersections – 60 locations were maintained by Streets crews throughout the event. Many of these areas were sanded multiple times due to re-freezing or additional precipitation falling.
- Removed more than 385 downed trees from rights of way to allow for access by residents and emergency crews.



## Health Department Scores

The City of Garland Health Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. These winners scored in the top five percent of their class on unannounced food service inspections during the previous year. In addition to receiving an award certificate to display for one year, each establishment will have its annual permit fee (from \$200 to \$400) waived for 2014.

The awards are based on scores (100 being perfect) from unannounced inspections made between October 1 and September 30. Eleven classes were established to ensure fair competition among diverse establishments. The 2012-2013 winners and scores are:

### Full Service Restaurants

Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Boulevard	98
Red Robin, 5031 N. Garland Avenue	91.5
Bleacher's Sports Grill, 3402 Arapaho Road	90.3
IHOP #3014, 5175 George Bush Freeway	89.5
Scotty P's Hamburgers, 4280 Lavon Drive Suite 200	89.5
Soprano's Pizza, Subs, and More, 5148 N. Jupiter Road	88.7
TGI Friday's #409, 220 Coneflower Drive	88.5

### Fast Food Restaurants

Wild Over Wings, 5335 Broadway Boulevard Suite 211	98
Main Street Deli, 608 Main Street	97.3
J Donuts, 5501 Broadway Boulevard	96
Long John Silvers, 5621 Broadway Boulevard	96
Bon Ton Donuts, 1225 Beltline Road Suite 14	95
Pizza Hut, 1449 Buckingham Road	95
Pizza Hut, 2218 W. Kingsley Road	95
Sam's Club Store #4783 Bakery, 5150 N. Garland Avenue	95
In-N-Out Burger #169, 150 Town Center Boulevard	94.5
Morning Donuts, 3443 Campbell Road Suite 478	93
Sam's Club Store #4783 Deli, 5150 N. Garland Avenue	93
Pizza Hut #744122, 5335 Broadway Boulevard Suite 215	92.7
A Dash In Grocery, 2445 Goldfinch Lane	92.3
Domino's Pizza, 149 W. Kingsley Road Suite 202	92.3
Taco Bell #23748, 3178 Lavon Drive	92.3

### Delis & Light Food Menus

Curtis Culwell Center #5, 4999 Naaman Forest Boulevard	100
Edible Arrangements, 4430 Lavon Drive Suite 322	99
Salud Es Riqueza, 2915 Beltline Road	97.5
Curtis Culwell Center #1, 4999 Naaman Forest Boulevard	97
Best Western - Lakeview Inn, 1635 Interstate 30	96
Hollywood USA Movies 15, 4040 S. Shiloh Road	96

### Convenience Stores

Nutrishop Garland, 4430 Lavon Drive Suite 306	99.5
Family Dollar Store #5500, 1501 S. First Street	98
Walgreens #07586, 5950 Broadway Boulevard	98
Walgreens #4267, 1902 N. Jupiter Road	98
Big Lots #1949, 3178 Lavon Drive	97
Dallas Spice Market, 700 Main Street	97
Family Dollar Store #2853, 149 W. Kingsley Road	97
Northern Tool & Equipment, 584 Interstate 30	97
Preer Dollar & More, 3548 W. Walnut Street	97
Walgreens #4340, 2614 Lavon Drive	97

### Supermarkets & Meat Markets

David's Meat Market, 4010 N. Jupiter Road	95.5
Target Store T-1489, 5301 N. Garland Avenue	93.5

### Food Processors

Lakewood Brewery, 2302 Executive Drive	98.5
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### Licensed Day Care Centers

Imagination Station, 1966 Arapaho Road	99.5
Kids Green Acre School, 675 Oates Road	99

### Public School Cafeterias

Cisneros Pre-K, 2826 Fifth Street	99.5
Couch Elementary, 4349 Waterhouse Boulevard	99
Lyles Middle School, 4655 Country Club Drive	99

### Food Warehouses

Water Provisions To Go, 842 Beltline Road	99
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### Assisted Living Facilities

Abba Care Assisted Living, 1201 High Grove Drive	96.5
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### Hospital/Nursing Facilities

Baylor Medical Center at Garland, 2300 Marie Curie Drive	95.7
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Weather delayed the City of Garland's annual holiday event, but that didn't dampen the fun for all who joined the festivities on Dec. 12. More than 3,000 people came to Downtown Garland for Christmas on the Square. Mayor Douglas Athas and the Garland City Council welcomed everyone, then WFAA's Colleen Coyle joined Santa Claus to officially light the City's Christmas tree. Santa spent the rest of the evening visiting with children during his Downtown Garland stopover.

The crowds were entertained by singer Ruben Lael Griffin, the Routh Roach Elementary School choir, and the Lake Cities Chorale. Christmas on the Square offered free activities for kids of all ages. Two snow tubing hills kept kids and some adults busy all evening, while a trackless train and an entire row of kids crafts and games provided hours of entertainment for the entire family.

Spectators were fascinated to watch an ice-carving take shape on one Downtown street corner, while festivalgoers shopped the Christmas Bazaar, visited with members of the Garland Fire Department and the Dallas Stars, and feasted on yummy festival food.

The City of Garland is grateful to the many volunteers and Downtown Garland businesses who supported the event, including the Garland Youth Council who provided "elf-power" and special characters. A special thanks to WFAA for selecting Christmas on the Square as a "Family First" event this year.

# Christmas on the Square Garland, Texas



## Performing Arts

### Shows & Events

**At the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.**  
*The Masterpiece* | 7 p.m. Jan. 12,  
 2 p.m. Dec. 7-8. The Masterpiece is a must see gospel play for the family. Based on the true story of a gifted young girl who loses her faith when she encounters fortune and fame. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For details, call 214-694-4496.

*Alice in Wonderland (Boogie Wonderland)*

**ALICE  
 IN  
 WONDERLAND**  
**DRAMAPALOOZA  
 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

2 p.m. Jan. 26.

Dramapalooza is a theatre program created for special needs adults sponsored by Garland Parks and Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation Department, Holford

Recreation Center and the Granville Arts Center. This production will be the group's 10th anniversary musical. Admission is free. For details, visit [TheDramaQueens.com](http://TheDramaQueens.com).

**Columns Awards Gala** | 7 p.m. Jan. 24. The Column Awards is the only awards organization that honors excellence in theater (both equity and non-equity) throughout the Metroplex. This year's special guest star will be Broadway superstar Rachel York. A cocktail reception will be held at 7 p.m. with the awards ceremony set to begin at 8 p.m. For more information, visit [TheColumnAwards.org](http://TheColumnAwards.org). For tickets visit [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or call 972-205-2790.



**At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.**

*David Allen's Elvis Experience* | 7:30 p.m. Jan 11

David Allen tries to recreate Elvis as accurately as possible. In David Allen's shows, he performs Elvis in four eras of his career: the 1950s, the movie years, the black leather '68 Come Back Special and the Las Vegas years. For tickets, call 817-251-1316 or visit [YourElvis.com](http://YourElvis.com).



**Jim Paul Miller Memorial Bluegrass Show**  
 6 p.m. Jan, 18. Join the Garland Square Pickers at the Plaza Theatre for the 7th Annual Jim Paul Miller Memorial Bluegrass Show. Enjoy a fabulous evening of fun, entertainment, pickin' and grinnin'. Of course, there will be jammin' in the lobby and on the sidewalk if it isn't snowing. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, call 972-571-3942.

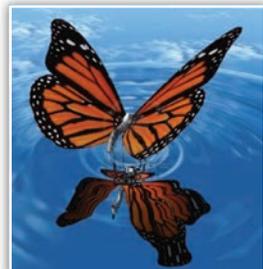
*The Samurai Maiden* | 7:30 a.m. Feb. 7.



Join the millermuller ballet for its annual production of *The Samurai Maiden* presented by the Heritage School of Classical Ballet. For ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12. For tickets or more information, call 214-861-7221.

*Much Ado About Nothing* | 8 p.m. Feb. 13-15 & 2 p.m. Feb. 16. Join the Company of Rowlett Performers for this classic Shakespeare tale where young lovers, virtue, villainy and charming naiveté abound. Tickets are \$10 (group tickets available and daycare prices available.) Call 972-977-7710 for reservations.

*I Never Saw Another Butterfly* | 7 p.m. Feb 20-21, 2 p.m. Feb. 22. More than 15,000 Jewish children passed through Terezin, a concentration camp that was located in the Czech Republic, and only about a hundred were still alive when Terezin was liberated. Austin Academy Theatre will present the story of one of those survivors, Raja. Tickets will be available at the door and for \$7 for adults and \$6 for students 18 years and younger. For details, contact [dsragsda@GarlandISD.net](mailto:dsragsda@GarlandISD.net).



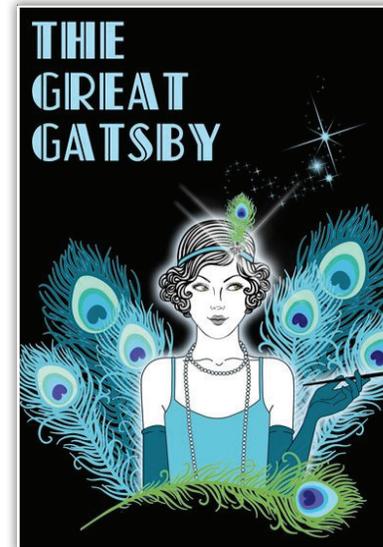
## Garland Civic Theatre

Jan. 16-Feb. 8



In razzle-dazzle, roaring '20s Chicago, married chorus girl Roxie Hart murders an unfaithful lover. Roxie and another murderess on death row, Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines. Both hope that the publicity surrounding their cases will catapult them to fame, freedom, and successful stage careers. This sharp-edged tale of murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, and treachery features a dazzling music score. Tickets are \$20-27.

Feb. 27-Mar. 22



Jay Gatsby, a self-made millionaire, passionately pursues the elusive Daisy Buchanan. Nick Carraway, a young newcomer to Long Island, is drawn into their world of obsession, greed and danger. The breathtaking glamour and decadent excess of the Jazz Age come to the stage full of power, passion, and persuasion in F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, and in Simon Levy's adaptation, approved by the Fitzgerald Estate. Tickets are \$15-22

Tickets are available at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or by calling 972-205-2790. For more information, visit [GarlandCivicTheatre.org](http://GarlandCivicTheatre.org).

## Garland Symphony Orchestra

Many great composers have done their finest work when inspired by the beauty of dance. Some, like Stravinsky with *Petrushka*, Delibes with *Coppelia*, or Copland with *Rodeo*, have written full-length ballets intended for virtuoso dancers. Other compositions, like Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*, Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances*, or Bartok's *Dance Suite*, use the compelling rhythms of dance in works intended for concert performance.

**Jan. 17** – Pianist Stephen Beus performing Liszt's *Totentanz*. The GSO also will perform Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* and Borodin's *Polovetsian Dances*.



**Feb. 14** – The GSO will feature one of its own, violinist Stephen Page performing Saint-Saëns' *Havanaise*. Also in this performance will be Stravinsky's *Petrushka* and Ravel's *La Valse*.

All performances are held at 8 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. To purchase tickets, call 972-205-2790 or visit [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com). For more information, visit [GarlandSymphony.org](http://GarlandSymphony.org).

## Art Exhibit

**Garland ISD Faculty Art Show Through Jan. 15, Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.**

Garland ISD art faculty will exhibit their personal artworks in the Gallery at the Granville Arts Center through Jan. 15. This allows the art faculty to showcase their own artistic talents and the public is invited to vote on their favorite artwork as a "People's Choice."

**Photography Exhibit, Jan. 20-Feb. 28**

The North Texas Asian Photographers' Association (NTAPA) will present a photo exhibit called *Unchained Beauty*. NTAPA members explore the beauty from nature, surroundings and people. The show will present artworks from members' photography works during the past year.



The exhibits will be on display in the gallery of the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and during all performances.

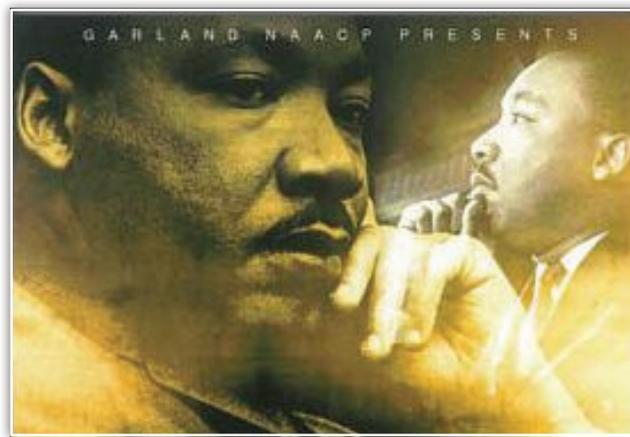
## MLK Events

**Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade 10 a.m. Jan. 18, Granville Arts Center**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Garland will host its 25th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and march. The parade will begin near Embree Park on Dairy Road and will end at the Granville Arts Center in Downtown Garland. The 2014 theme is *Preparing Our Youth for Success in the 21st Century*. Grand marshals for the quarter-century celebration in Garland will be attorney Gary Bledsoe, Texas State NAACP president; and Linda Lydia, Texas State NAACP secretary. The celebration will continue with an MLK Commemorative Program at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., immediately following the parade and march. Garland's MLK Communitywide Youth Choir and the St. Luke AME Puppet Ministry will both perform. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [GarlandTxNAACP.org](http://GarlandTxNAACP.org).

**MLK Youth Extravaganza | 4 p.m. Jan. 19**

Youth groups from area churches will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance, step routines and military style drills. Admission is free and the Garland MLK youth extravaganza is open to the public. For more information, contact the NAACP Garland unit at 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or visit the NAACP Garland unit's website at [GarlandTxNAACP.org](http://GarlandTxNAACP.org).



## Free Movies at the Plaza

**Alfred Hitchcock's Notorious | 7 p.m. Feb. 8., Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.**

*Notorious* is one of Hitchcock's best films. Cary Grant is in love with Ingrid Bergman, and is caught in a triangle of love, deceit and lies. They both shine as the super stars they are in this meticulously filmed masterpiece. Presented by the City of Garland, this film is free and open to the public. Popcorn, candy and soda will be available for \$2. All proceeds from concessions will go to the Garland Good Samaritans.

## Where the Rubber Hits the Road

Congressman Pete Sessions visited Garland in late December to discuss the area's transportation projects and priorities.



Congressman Sessions and Mayor Douglas Athas toured I-635, I-30, SH-78, and other transportation projects. Then he joined the Garland City Council for a special meeting to explore the projects in depth.

Among the priorities on the agenda was the need to increase access to Garland from I-635 by enhancing frontage roads and exits, future improvements for the I-30 corridor, and redevelopment of SH 78 to improve north-south access through the city. Garland is the eighth largest manufacturing center in Texas and such industry depends on accessible transportation routes for product shipping and overall economic success.

Congressman Sessions expressed his desire to assist Garland in our efforts to achieve our long-term transportation objectives.



**GARLAND**  
**GARLAND YOUTH COUNCIL**

The City of Garland wants to hear what teens have to say!

Save the date for:  
**Garland Teen Talk**  
**Saturday, Mar. 29, 2014**  
**@ Garland City Hall**

Find out more at  
[GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org) or the  
Garland Youth Council Facebook page.

# Library

## Programs & Events

All libraries will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day and Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Children/Youth Programs

**Spring Storytimes Schedule** | Jan. 6 – April 26, 2014

#### Central Library

625 Austin Street, 972-205-2517

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Mondays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Mondays, 11 a.m.

#### North Garland Branch Library

3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

Wee Read (birth to 18 mos.) Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Fridays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Fridays, 11 a.m.

#### South Garland Branch Library

4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
Family Storytime Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

#### Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585

Family Storytime Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**Mock Bluebonnet Election Jan. 2-31** • Children in third through sixth grades are invited to participate in the library's Texas Bluebonnet Award Mock Election. The Texas Bluebonnet Award is a unique program that encourages reading for pleasure. This year, the library will hold its own mock election for the award. Starting Jan. 2, children enrolled in the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth grade may pick up a ballot at any Garland library location. Once they have read a minimum of five books from the list of nominees, participants can return their ballots with their favorites selected. All votes must be submitted by Jan. 31. Although ballots entered in the mock election do not count toward the official Bluebonnet Award voting, the winner of the library's election will be compared to the state winner announced in February.

**Books and Beyond, 2 p.m. Feb. 22** • A free program for children ages 6 to 12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. The program takes place once a month at the Central Library. February's theme is Exploring Science.

### Tween Scene

A program specially designed for ages 10 to 13 that 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 Do-It-Yourself Diaries

- **6:30 p.m. Feb. 6**, South Garland Branch Library
- **4 p.m. Feb. 13**, North Garland Branch Library

### Adult Programs

**Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library** • A free program series for senior citizens sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events are held at 2 p.m. and are open to anyone 55 years of age or older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502.

- **Jan. 23**, Bill Raley • Raley, a storyteller and the manager of the South Garland Branch Library, will draw on his collections of original and traditional tales to demonstrate how the stories we tell take on universal meanings.
- **Feb. 13**, 2tone • This pair presents classic popular songs performed and arranged in the jazz style.



**Library Book Discussion Open to All, 7 p.m., Central Library** • Join the library's book discussion group, which meets one Thursday a month. No registration is required. Call 972-205-2502. Upcoming discussions include:

- **Jan. 23**, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
- **Feb. 27**, *Roses* by Leila Meacham

**Storyteller Decee Cornish, 2 p.m. Feb. 15, Central Library** • In recognition of Black History Month, Cornish will present tales of Black History. Cornish is a Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Artist and a member of the Tejas Storytelling Association. The event is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. No reservation is required.



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www.nmls.lib.tx.us

*Elizabeth, Scott, and Kylie of the Garland Youth Council,  
Millennial Library Cardholders*



## Garland Parks, Recreation Cultural Arts Department Receives Two Regional Awards

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department came away with two awards at the Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) North Region conference held in Irving in November.

### Lone Star Programming Award

The Lone Star Programming Award was presented to the Garland Senior Activity Center for the Landlubbers Nautical Adventure program. This award pays tribute to an innovative, first-time recreation program. The primary goal of the Landlubbers Nautical Adventure is to provide a cruise-like experience for the non-traditional senior traveler.

### Recreation Professional of the Year

Keith Reagan was recognized as the Recreation Professional of the Year. This award honors an individual who has proven exemplary advancement and contributions to the recreation and parks profession in the region. Reagan began his career with Garland in 1992 as the department budget manager. His technical skills and energy quickly outgrew his position and Reagan began assisting IT department staff by providing support for software and hardware issues.

Reagan regularly assists with citywide projects, was the team leader for the development and use of social media by the department, and played the lead in incorporation of the online ticketing system for the department's cultural arts division. Outside of Garland, Reagan has assisted his fellow parks and recreation professionals by being a key volunteer at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Regional track meet and has led training programs at area conferences.



## Recreation Center

### Programs & Events

#### Jazzercise | Year round

5:25 to 6:25 p.m. (M-Th), 6:25 to 7:25 p.m. (M,W), 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (Sa), Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Jazzercise combines jazz dance, resistance training, pilates, yoga and kickboxing to create effective programs for every age and fitness level. Call 972-278-2522 or angie\_england1@yahoo.com.

#### Basketball | Jan. 6-27

Mondays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., ages 6-12, \$42 per child, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Learn the basic skills of the game including dribbling, shooting, and ball movement. Call 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.



#### Zumba | Jan. 6-29

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., ages 16 and up, \$32 per person, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Combine fast and slow rhythms to learn aerobic routines to the sounds of Latin and international music. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.

#### Hip Hop | Jan. 9-30

Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., ages 8-12, \$52 per child, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn the latest dance moves that emphasize full body movement. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

#### Krafty Cake | Jan. 4-18

Saturdays, 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., ages 12 and up, \$101 per person, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Learn a variety of edible decorating techniques that can be used on cakes, cookies, cupcakes and cake balls. All supplies provided. Call 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.



#### Skyhawks Sports | Jan. 6-29

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., ages 42 months-4 years, \$34 per child, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn the essentials of soccer, basketball, and t-ball in a structured environment where the focus is fun. Call 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

### Special Events

**Sweetheart Dance**  
Saturday, February 1, 2014  
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center  
[www.garlandparks.com](http://www.garlandparks.com)

Dance 1  
Ages 4 - 7  
5:00 pm

Dance 2  
Ages 8 - 12  
7:30 pm

GARLAND GPV

Dads, granddads, and uncles, experience an enchanted evening with your special little one. The evening includes dinner, dancing, a professional 5x7 photo, and each little girl will receive a special gift. Register per person. If you have a girl in each age group, you may pick your time. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov. Register per person by Jan. 31 at any Garland recreation center or register online at GarlandParks.com.



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### Environmental Waste Services *Holiday Schedule*

#### Offices closed Jan. 1 and 20

No garbage, recycling or brush/bulky goods collection Jan. 1; Wednesday collection routes will resume on Thursday, Thursday routes will resume on Friday, and Friday routes will resume on Saturday.

**Recycling Center** - Closed Jan. 1 and 20; Open Jan. 2-3 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Open Jan. 4 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

**Transfer Station** - Closed Jan. 1 and 20; Open Jan. 2-3 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

**C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood Recycling Facility** - Closed Jan. 1 and 20; Open Jan. 2-3 (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); Open Jan. 4 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)



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## January Events

- 1 City offices closed**  
**Libraries closed** (*will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 31*)  
**Recreation and Senior Centers closed** (*will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 31*)
- 6 City Council Work Session**  
*Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 7 Garland Development Code Meeting**  
*Northeast Church, 318 N. Shiloh Rd.*
- 7 City Council Meeting**  
*Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 13 Plan Commission**  
*Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 14 Garland Youth Council**  
*Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F*
- 16 Garland Development Code Meeting**  
*Central Library, 625 Austin St.*
- 17 Impounded Vehicle Auction**  
*City of Garland Auto Pound  
 1630 Commerce St.*
- 20 City Offices Closed** (*including Utility Customer Service*)
- 21 City Council Work Session**  
*Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 21 City Council Meeting**  
*Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 27 Plan Commission**  
*Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 29 Mayor's Evening In**  
*Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 29 District 4 Quarterly Conversation**  
*South Garland Branch Library,  
 4845 Broadway Blvd.*



## February Events

- 3 City Council Work Session**  
*Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 4 City Council Meeting**  
*Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.*
- 10 Plan Commission**  
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 3319 Edgewood*

