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## City of Garland Remembers the 2015 Tornado

Dec. 26, 2015, is a day many in Garland and the surrounding area will never forget. On this day, an EF4 tornado ripped through north Texas, including parts of Garland. The tornado struck at 6:45 p.m. near Interstate 30 and the President George Bush Turnpike. More than 1,100 structures, including homes, apartments and businesses, were damaged or destroyed. Vehicles were swept off a highway overpass, taking the lives of nine people.

“The true spirit of Garland emerged in the hours, days and weeks that followed—a spirit that is selfless and indomitable,” said Garland Mayor Douglas Athas. “Garland residents and responders, along with those who came from near and far to help, faced the recovery with strength, generosity and grace.”

One year later, the City of Garland paused to remember the events and lasting impact of that day. On Dec. 26, 2016, the City hosted

a remembrance ceremony at John Paul Jones Park, which also was damaged in the storm.

“In recognition of the spirit of the Garland community, initial reforestation of the park is dedicated to the memories of those lost, to the courage of those who have survived and worked to rebuild, and the dedication of the public servants and volunteers who have aided in every stage of the recovery process,” said Mayor Athas.

Families of those who lost their lives that night and those who have been working through the recovery process attended the event. Color Guards from the Garland Fire and Police departments presented the colors, while the Lake Cities Chorale provided music for the event.

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**MAYOR DOUGLAS ATHAS**

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# Message from the Mayor

In 1789 Benjamin Franklin wrote, "...in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." To the latter, a special Texas Senate committee has been traversing the state examining the issue of property taxes, soon to take center stage during this Legislative session. Their narrow focus has been squarely on cities, even though Texas cities collect only 16 percent of the property taxes.

It is revealing that the committee did not address property taxes collected by school districts (55percent), who will be forced this year to forward more than \$5 billion of those taxes to the state for redistribution (per the Texas Education Agency). Since 2008, to meet requirements, local school districts have had to increase funding 44 percent while the state added just 7 percent. The state is conveniently forcing higher property taxes on everyone, but the committee prefers to point the finger elsewhere: at cities.

The committee claims that city property taxes have been rising much faster than household incomes. We haven't seen it in Garland. When the two are compared, the ratio locally has hardly changed for more than a decade. Statewide, from 2009 to 2014, property taxes collected by cities rose 19 percent (less than inflation), according to the State Comptroller. For the same period, state revenue collections rose 46 percent.

The committee is recommending a 4 percent annual property tax cap. Texas cities already live under an 8 percent property tax cap that, if exceeded, gives citizens a right to put the proposed increase to the voters for approval. Cities' needs, their growth ebb and flow, and the cap, would barely allow growth from inflation. Cities have to deal with floods and ice storms and tornadoes, even terrorist attacks. When cities grow, there are new demands for streets and police officers and fire stations. Many cities would resort to annual increases below 4 percent just to build a reserve for contingencies and perpetual tax increases. This recommendation should be called "Cap and Raise."

Further illustrating the fallacy of this recommendation, it wouldn't affect debt. Cities left short would be forced to add more debt. Although debt is a stated concern of the Legislature, this committee seems fully ready to embrace more debt for the symbolism and claim of property tax relief.

If the state was serious about giving tax

relief, it easily could. Only 13 states have a higher sales tax rate than Texas. Lowering the sales tax would give true relief to all citizens, not just property owners, instantly putting more money in every consumer's pocket and immediately boosting the economy.

A more helpful approach, the state could easily—and cheaply—arm citizens with the actual cost of government of their city, county, special district, school district or state. Garland provides a cost of government calculation every year in our proposed budget. Our local cost has been 1 percent of median household income (or a bit less) for more than a decade. This year the median household in Garland will pay \$59 per month for all this: police, fire, ambulance and emergency services (50.7 percent), libraries, parks, recreation and cultural arts (9.4 percent), roads and public works (12 percent), development services, building inspections and code compliance (3.8 percent), and general expenditures for city administration, budget and research, city attorney, courts, human resources, etc. That's a huge return for less than most families pay for their cell phones.

With a cost of government disclosure for every government subdivision and agency, we could have an informed discussion of property taxes and spot the real culprits. If there is desire for meaningful property tax reform, the Legislature could standardize appraisal boards and methods, confront the fact that commercial properties receive a much greater appraisal benefit than residential properties, and finally fix public education financing.

I'm very proud of Garland and how this Council, past Councils and the entire staff have conservatively managed our city for many years, and for having a low cost of government while providing excellent city services. You can help by contacting your state representatives and simply saying, "Don't mess with my city services!" Texas cities aren't the problem; we're the right example.

**Grow Community. Grow Opportunity. Grow Garland.**

**STATE OF THE CITY**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27  
The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.  
Register at [GarlandChamber.com](http://GarlandChamber.com).

**MAYOR'S EVENING IN**  
5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 25 & Feb. 22  
Mayor's Office  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
To reserve a time, contact  
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## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS

**Board of Adjustment**  
7 p.m., third Wednesday  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
[Jolk@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Jolk@GarlandTX.gov)

**Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee**  
7 p.m., second Wednesday  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
[LBanks@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:LBanks@GarlandTX.gov)

**Community Multicultural Commission**  
6 p.m., third Thursday  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
[EDattomo@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:EDattomo@GarlandTX.gov)

**Cultural Arts**  
4 p.m., Tuesday following the third Monday of January, April, July and October  
Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.  
[PGranvil@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:PGranvil@GarlandTX.gov)

**Garland Youth Council**  
5:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
[EDattomo@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:EDattomo@GarlandTX.gov)

**Library**  
6 p.m., second Monday  
Nicholson Library, 625 Austin St.  
[CBausch@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:CBausch@GarlandTX.gov)

**Parks & Recreation**  
7 p.m., first Wednesday  
Parks Admin. Building, 634 W. Apollo Road  
[JStevenson@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:JStevenson@GarlandTX.gov)

**Plan Commission**  
7 p.m., second and fourth Monday of each month  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
[WGuerin@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:WGuerin@GarlandTX.gov)

**Property Standards**  
7 p.m., first Thursday  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.  
[SKillen@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:SKillen@GarlandTX.gov)

**Senior Citizens Advisory**  
9 a.m., first Wednesday  
Carver Senior Center, 222 Carver Drive  
[KMcCord@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:KMcCord@GarlandTX.gov)

*Meeting dates and times subject to change. Additional meeting schedules can be found at [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov).*

## CITY COUNCIL

**Work Session**  
Monday immediately preceding Council meeting

**Regular Meeting**  
7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of each month  
City Hall, 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/Spectrum), Channel 44 (Frontier) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse).

## CGTV LISTINGS

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### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast—7 p.m. Jan. 3 and 17, Feb. 7 and 21
- 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. 3 and 17, Feb. 6 and 20
- 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. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—9 a.m.

*Meeting dates and times subject to change.*

# Rick Vasquez Named Assistant City Manager

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**BRYAN BRADFORD  
CITY MANAGER**



**RICK VASQUEZ  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER**

Managing Director Rick Vasquez has been chosen to become Assistant City Manager for the City of Garland. Vasquez joined the City earlier this year as Managing Director of Development services.

“In his relatively short time with the City, Rick has proven that he has the knowledge, skill-set and temperament to succeed in this challenging role,” said Garland City Manager Bryan Bradford. “Rick will continue to be primarily focused on the development area.”

Vasquez brings a wealth of experience to the executive team, which also includes Assistant City Manager John Baker. Vasquez has more than 30 years of municipal land

development experience. He has worked with large and small municipalities throughout Texas facilitating the implementation of community revitalization, economic development, and transportation and housing programs.

Vasquez recently led the development of a sustainable and business-friendly development code for the City of Galveston. He guided the development of a commercial corridor and entertainment district to transform the City of South Padre Island into a walkable, pedestrian-oriented tourist destination. Rick earned a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A&M University and is a Certified Public Manager.

# Garland Leadership Earn National Appointments

Garland Mayor Douglas Athas and District 4 Council Member B.J. Williams have been appointed to federal advocacy committees for the National League of Cities (NLC). Both appointments were announced by NLC President Matt Zone, Council Member, Cleveland.

Mayor Athas was appointed to the 2017 Community and Economic Development (CED) committee, which has the lead responsibility for developing NLC’s federal policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation and international competitiveness.

B.J. Williams was appointed to the 2017 Transportation and Infrastructure Services (TIS) committee, which is responsible for developing NLC’s federal policy positions on issues involving transportation, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports. Williams says Garland’s



representation on the TIS committee is an important step toward rebuilding the city’s aging infrastructure.

“The City of Garland’s representation and active participation in this important policy advocacy committee is critical to our city’s success in obtaining adequate resources in order to implement long-term strategies for promoting progressive economic development,” said Williams.

As members of these committees, Mayor Athas and Council Member Williams will play key roles in shaping NLC’s policy positions and advocate on behalf of America’s cities and towns before Congress, with the new administration and at home.

# City Council Election

May 6, 2017

Interested Garland residents may file for a place on the May 6, 2017, General Election ballot for the offices of Mayor and City Council Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8.

The Texas Secretary of State has published the election calendar for 2017, which can be accessed along with candidate packets on the Garland City Secretary’s page at GarlandTX.gov. Candidate packets will be available online by Jan. 5. Packets may also be picked up at the Office of the City Secretary, 200 N. Fifth St.

A potential candidate must be a registered voter, reside in the City of Garland and in one of the districts above to run for Council Member. A

potential candidate also must be a qualified voter of the City and shall not be in arrears in the payment of municipal taxes, municipal utility charges or any other lawful monetary obligation to the City.

Anyone interested in candidacy must submit the required documents to the City Secretary’s Office before the filing deadline of Friday, Feb. 17.

Garland’s Council members are elected to two-year terms and are limited to three consecutive terms.

A photo ID is required to file an application. A complete list of acceptable forms of photo ID is available at DallasCountyVotes.org, or call the Garland City Secretary’s Office at 972-205-2404. Continue to watch the City Secretary’s page at GarlandTX.gov for updates.



**MUNICIPAL  
ELECTIONS  
2017**



**MAYOR DOUGLAS ATHAS**



**COUNCIL MEMBER  
B.J. WILLIAMS**

# Excellence Made Here!

## Garland Downtown Project Earns Urban Design Award

Downtown Garland's City Center project has been recognized for excellence by the Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC). The GDPC announced its annual Urban Design Awards on Dec. 6, highlighting individuals, groups and communities for their contribution to making the region a better place to live.

The Garland City Center project earned the Built Project Award for projects completed within the last five years that improve the character, sense of place and fabric of the community, or have the potential to inspire positive change.

A jury comprised of professionals in planning, engineering and architecture review and recommend projects and individuals that merit special recognition in the

GDPC awards program.

The Garland City Center project includes The Oaks 5th Street Crossing at City Center, exterior remodeling of Garland's city hall, and the surrounding streetscapes and amenities. The project utilized non-income-producing properties—a parking lot, a street and a green space area—to improve Downtown Garland's economic potential. City leadership pursued this project to build on the success of its first transit-oriented development project in downtown and help transform Downtown Garland into a destination.

"Downtown Garland represents the success of two eras," said Mayor Douglas Athas. "Downtown was key to our economy in Garland's early years, and it is a primary catalyst

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### MAYOR DOUGLAS ATHAS

area for our future growth. The City Center project is bringing new vitality to downtown businesses and excitement for those in search of fresh entertainment and shopping options."

Project partners include the City of Garland; Oaks Properties, LLC; VAI Architects; JHP architecture/urban design and David C. Baldwin Incorporated. The Oaks Properties' mixed-use development includes 153 apartments with a variety of modern urban amenities.

## Summer Nutrition Program Awarded Gold-Level Recognition

The Food Research Action Center (FRAC) and The Texas Hunger Initiative awarded the City of Garland Summer Nutrition Program (SNP) recognition as a gold-level sponsor of the Excellence in Summer Meals Sponsor Recognition Program. Each summer, the City of Garland's Office of Fair Housing coordinates the staffing and programming for the SNP, which provides free, nutritious meals to children ages 1 to 18 and young adults with disabilities when school is out for the summer.

As part of the recognition program, FRAC conducted site visits, interviewed site coordinators and reviewed meal plans. As a result, Garland's SNP achieved the highest level of excellence.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture,

nearly 2.3 million children receive free or reduced-priced lunches at school each day under the National School Lunch Program, but only about 12 percent of these children have access to the Summer Food Service Programs. SNP serves as a meal source for recreation centers, parks and churches that have organized activities. SNP also improves access to breakfast and lunch for children in target neighborhoods during the summer months.

As a recognized gold-level sponsor, SNP will receive recognition locally, statewide and nationally. The Excellence in Summer Meals Sponsor Recognition Program raises the bar for sponsors like the City of Garland across Dallas County, and contributes to greater access and quality of meals for our youth.



**FROM THE LEFT: NORMAN P. BJORNES, PRESIDENT, OAKS PROPERTIES, LLC; BECKY KING, MANAGING DIRECTOR, CITY OF GARLAND; MARK MORTIMER, SR. ASSOCIATE, VAI ARCHITECTS INCORPORATED; BARTON DRAKE, PRINCIPAL, VAI ARCHITECTS INCORPORATED; NOT PICTURED: BRIAN KEITH, JHP ARCHITECTURE/URBAN DESIGN**



# What's Being Built There?

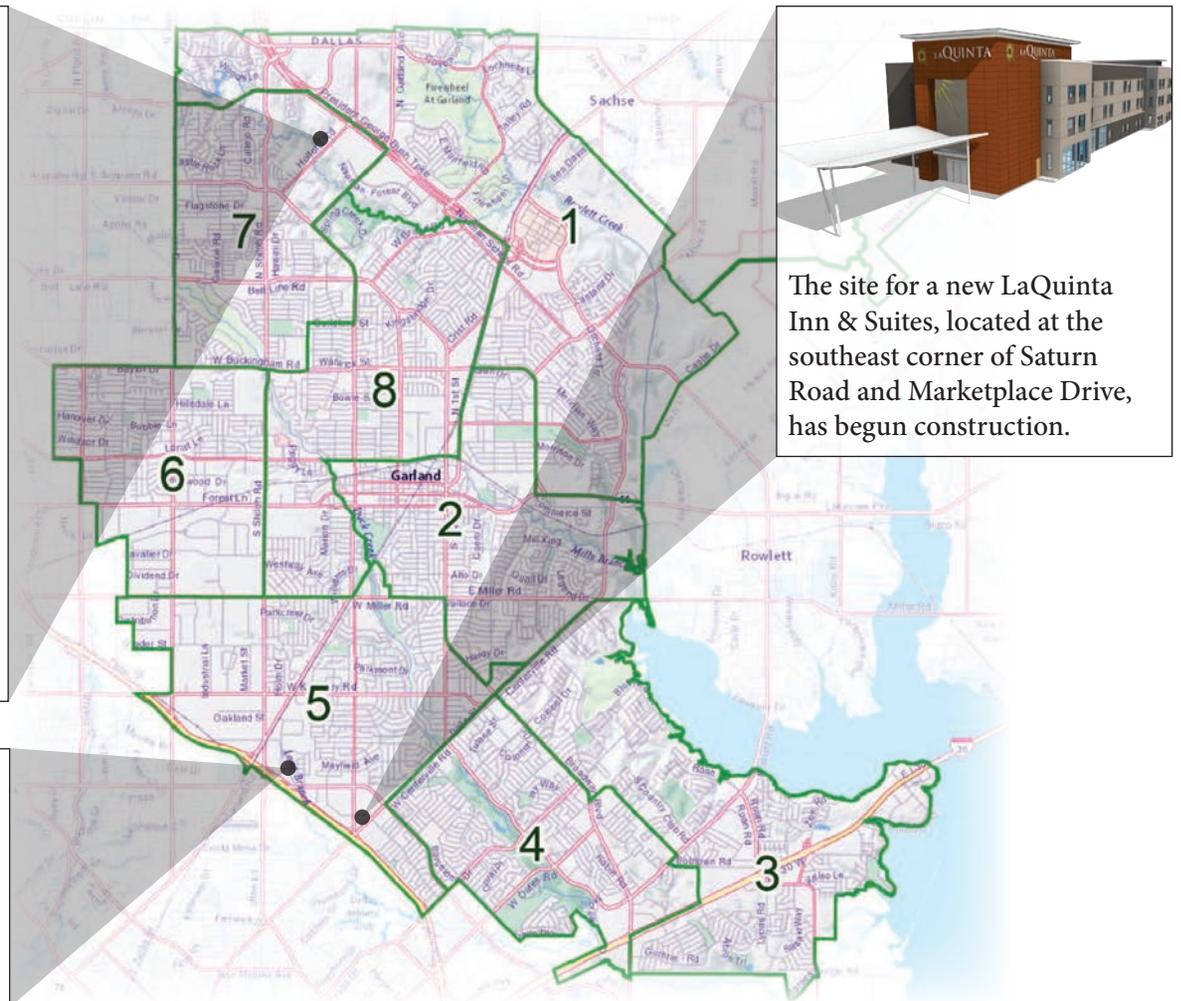


The Towers and Mansions at Spring Creek site is currently under construction. Located on the south side of PGBT, between Campbell Road and Holford Road, the development will consist primarily of multi-family uses with some retail, office and park space. Construction includes an extension of Naaman Forest Boulevard.

Garland is buzzing with new development. Here are a few projects underway in Garland. *Renderings shown are for illustrative and conceptual purposes only.*

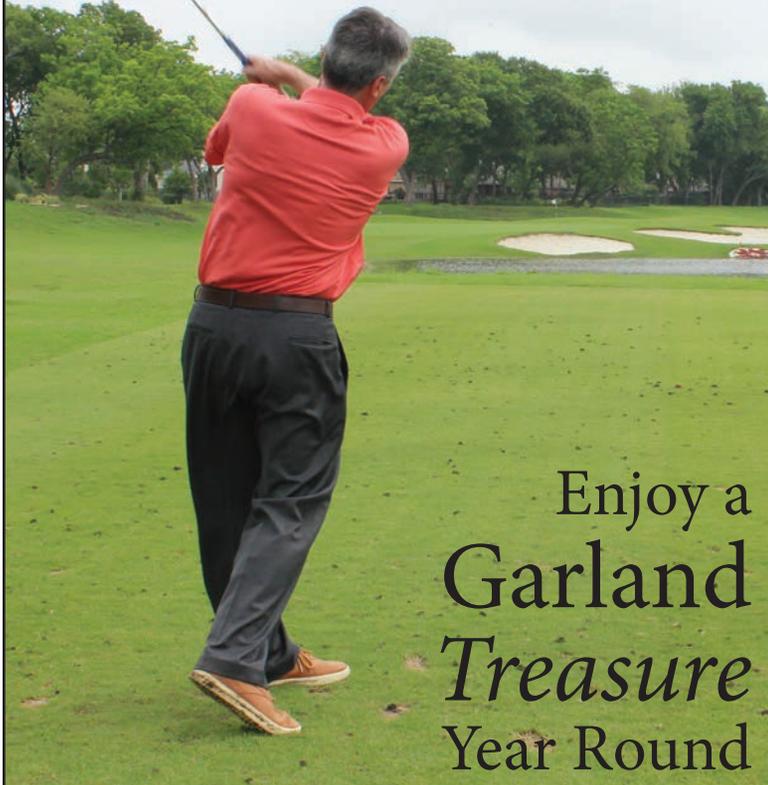


Site work has begun for the Garland Logistics Center. Located on the northeast side of Leon Road and Towngate Drive, the center will be a 496,000-square-foot office and warehouse facility.



The site for a new LaQuinta Inn & Suites, located at the southeast corner of Saturn Road and Marketplace Drive, has begun construction.

# Firewheel Golf Park



Enjoy a  
**Garland  
Treasure**  
Year Round

Firewheel Golf Park, Garland's municipally owned golf complex, is more popular than ever! "We're experiencing one of our busiest years, with more golfers enjoying the outdoors and our well-maintained courses," said Head Golf Professional Matt McMellon. "We really have a lot to offer to individuals, groups and organizations."

### GREAT GOLF EXPERIENCES

At Firewheel Golf Park, golfers can play championship-caliber golf on three unique courses: Old, Lakes and Bridges. The courses offer manicured greens, tree-lined fairways, rolling hills and scenic creeks. Outdoor fun is available for golfers of all skill levels, including lessons for beginners to advanced golfers. Schedule a lesson by calling the Pro Shop at 972-205-2795.

### FIREWHEEL HAS A LEAGUE FOR YOU!

Meet other golfers and enjoy friendly competition through one of Firewheel Golf Park's popular leagues:

- *Firewheel Golf Association:* more than 130 players
- *Firewheel Women's Golf Association:* more than 130 players (largest women's league in the Metroplex)
- *Firewheel Seniors' Golf Association:* more than 150 players
- *Juniors' League:* 50 players ages 7-13, boys and girls of all skill levels

### CUSTOM TOURNAMENTS

Firewheel Golf Park hosts more than 100 tournaments annually, each consisting of groups of 24 to 400 players. Book your tournament by contacting Teresa Boardman at 972-205-3917 or [Teresa@GolfFirewheel.com](mailto:Teresa@GolfFirewheel.com).

*We really have a lot to offer to individuals, groups and organizations.*

**MATT MCMELLON  
HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL**

### TAKE A BREAK AT THE BRANDING IRON

Drop in for breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Branding Iron restaurant at the Bridges Clubhouse. The Branding Iron offers scenic views from the dining room and patio, and is a great location to host your social, networking or corporate events.

Golf at Firewheel! Book your tee time today by calling 972-205-2795 or visit [GolfFirewheel.com](http://GolfFirewheel.com).

**BRIDGES COURSE**  
1535 E. Brand Road

**OLD AND LAKES COURSES**  
600 W. Campbell Road



Great neighbors make great neighborhoods! As you recover from the holidays and embark on new resolutions, now is the perfect time to inspire a more active neighborhood.

Physical fitness is always a popular resolution, so this year try starting a walking club around your neighborhood. Not only is there built-in accountability, but this can also serve as a time to pick up litter in the neighborhood!

Community service is another common resolution,

so why not try looking for opportunities to serve your neighbors? Whether it's cutting their lawn "just because" or identifying elderly or single parents to whom to lend a hand, many opportunities arise once we start looking.

Are you already actively serving your neighbors? Attend the annual Board & Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, Jan. 24, to volunteer with local nonprofits serving Garland residents. Visit [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org) for more information.

In addition to these New Year's suggestions, here are a few more tips of how you can be a good neighbor:

#### **PARK POLITELY, PLEASE!**

- Avoid parking in front of your neighbor's house.
- Never block Postal Service access to mailboxes.
- Park as close to the curb as possible to allow passage for emergency vehicles.
- Communicate in a respectful and positive manner with neighbors about parking issues.
- When possible, let your neighbors know in advance of activities at your home that may include excessive guest parking.

#### **WINTER WATERING**

- To help avoid icy streets and sidewalks this winter season, manually turn off irrigation systems that are not equipped with freeze sensors.
- It also may be necessary to wrap any exposed pipes on your irrigation system to avoid damages during a hard freeze.

**For more information about maintaining a healthy neighborhood, contact Garland Code Compliance at 972-485-6400 or the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-2445.**

## Neighborhood Group— Registration Update

Calling all HOAs, neighborhood groups and crime watches! The Office of Neighborhood Vitality (ONV) is requesting that all neighborhood-based groups update the information on their neighborhood registration form. The ONV has streamlined the registration form, which now includes logos. If your neighborhood group has a logo, please include it as an appropriate image file. Registration forms can be accessed at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org). For questions or additional information, contact the ONV at 972-205-2451 or by email at [Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov).

**\*BONUS\*** Groups who update their registration by March 2017 will be entered into a raffle to win a free bounce house rental for their next neighborhood block party—so don't delay!

## Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Letter of Intent Deadline Jan. 23, 2017

The Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant allows for registered neighborhood groups (voluntary or mandatory) to apply for matching funds to implement neighborhood projects on public property. The Letter of Intent deadline is Monday, Jan. 23. For questions or additional information, contact the ONV at 972-205-2451 or by email at [Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov).

Join us from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, for the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Workshop at the Main Street Municipal Building, 800 Main St. Attend the workshop to learn more about the matching grant program process, guidelines and best practices. Technical assistance also will be available. Learn more and register at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).

## Welcome to Garland!

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 18

800 Main St., Garland, TX

Whether you are new to Garland or were born and raised here, this is the class to get better acquainted with what makes Garland a great place to live, work and play! Come learn about the many services offered by City departments, how your tax-payer dollars are being used and how you can get involved in the community. Register today at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).

## Pop-Up Placemaking Workshop

6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28

800 Main St., Garland, TX

We see them every day—the vacant lot around the corner, the alleys and medians throughout the neighborhood and even our own front yards. Typically we pay little attention to these parts of our neighborhood, but what if we did? What if we looked at our neighborhoods through different lenses, seeking opportunities for cheaper and quicker ways to make fun, attractive and engaging places?

Attend the Pop-Up Placemaking Workshop to learn how to transform underutilized neighborhood spaces into beautiful and interactive places, even if just for a weekend. The discussion will involve strategies for making your project a success, including ways to turn pop-up projects into permanent community assets. Participants are encouraged to make the most of this workshop by bringing pictures and examples from their own neighborhood. Register for the workshop at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).



# Orchard Hills, WHERE THE HEART IS

## Neighborhood Project Meeting

6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31  
Saturn Road Church of Christ  
3030 Saturn Road, Garland, TX

## Calling all Orchard Hills residents!

Join the Office of Neighborhood Vitality for a public meeting to discuss upcoming drainage and street improvements and to learn about a new neighborhood enhancement program that will be piloted in your neighborhood. For more information, contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-2119 or by email at [Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov).

Dinner and child care will be provided. RSVP at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).

## Office of Neighborhood Vitality Spring 2017 Calendar

Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality works to educate, equip and empower Garland residents to invest in our neighborhoods, physically and socially. Mark your calendars for a great lineup of classes and events scheduled through June 2017. Events and classes are subject to change, so continue to check [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org) for updates.

DATE	EVENT	Location
6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 10	Matching Grant Workshop	Main Street Municipal Building (MSMB), 800 Main St.
Jan. 23	Matching Grant - Letter of Intent Due	
5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 24	Volunteer Fair	The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.
6 to 8 p.m. March 14	Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet	Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St.
March 20	Matching Grant - Applications Due	
8 a.m. to noon March 25	HOA Legal Clinic	Hyatt Place, 5101 N. PGBH
6 to 8 p.m. March 30	Landscaping	The Home Depot
6 to 8 p.m. April 11	Marketing Class	MSMB, 800 Main St.
6 to 8 p.m. April 27	Fences	The Home Depot
6 to 8 p.m. May 11	Painting	The Home Depot
9 to 11 a.m. May 20	Home Maintenance 101	The Home Depot
6 to 8 p.m. June 13	Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet	Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St.

## Recovery Continues

In Garland, 85 percent of the homes damaged in the tornado have obtained permits for reconstruction, while 77 percent are now reoccupied and 65 homes are under reconstruction. Only two properties have had no work on the damaged structures. These properties are being processed through the Property Standards Board.

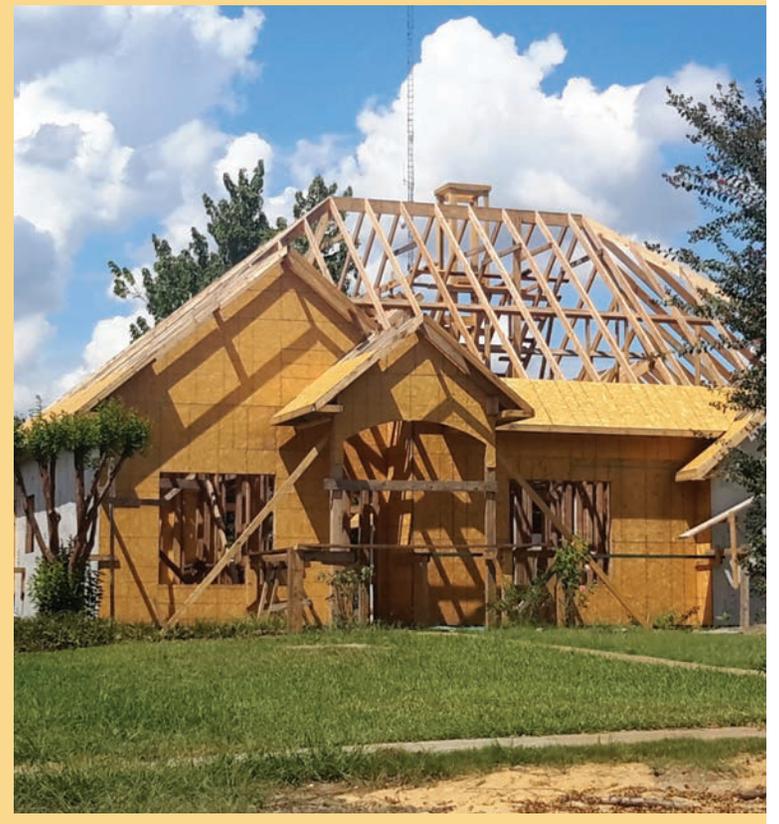
“The rate of recovery in Garland is remarkable,” said Garland Building Official Jim Olk. “Although many residents are still working through the recovery process, the physical rebuilding is progressing well ahead of expectations.”

“Garland’s Code Compliance and Building Inspection departments have worked proactively in the impacted neighborhoods to help homeowners navigate the rebuilding and neighborhood vitality processes,” said Mayor Athas.

The case management process has helped 113 households obtain recovery assistance. More than \$114,500 has been distributed through various Garland-area nonprofits and other resources. The #GARLANDSTRONG campaign to support recovery efforts has collected more than \$150,000.

“It’s important for everyone to understand that recovery from a disaster such as this can take several years,” said Mayor Athas. “Our neighbors in south Garland will need our support for some time to come. I encourage everyone to continue to volunteer and make contributions to the various relief efforts.”

To make a financial donation to the #GARLANDSTRONG campaign, visit [GarlandStrong.com](http://GarlandStrong.com).



# Taking It to the Streets

In each issue, *Garland City Press* will include a brief street construction update. For additional information, contact the Street Department at 972-205-3555 or email at [Street@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Street@GarlandTX.gov).



## PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Street	Limits	Project Type
Broadmoor Drive	Centerville Road to Intervale Drive	Street Reconstruction
Commonwealth Drive	Plymouth Drive to Williamsburg Drive	Street Reconstruction
Centerville Road	Broadway Boulevard to SH 66	Concrete Pavement Lifting
Broadway Boulevard	Rowlett Road to First Street	Concrete Slab Replacement

## PROJECTS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

Street	Limits	Project Type
Sunnybrook Lane	Devonshire Drive to Westchester Drive	Street Reconstruction
Rolando Drive	Miller Road to Delano Drive	CDBG Street Reconstruction
Nash Street	Brookside Drive to Garwood Street	CDBG Street Reconstruction
Vista Drive	Cumberland Drive to Dairy Road	CDBG Street Reconstruction
Centerville Road	Broadway Boulevard to SH 66	CDBG Street Reconstruction



# Streetlight Repairs

To report a streetlight that is out or damaged, contact **Garland Power & Light at: 972-205-3483**  
[info@gpltxas.org](mailto:info@gpltxas.org)

Be sure to provide the following details:

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



# IH-30 Corridor Study

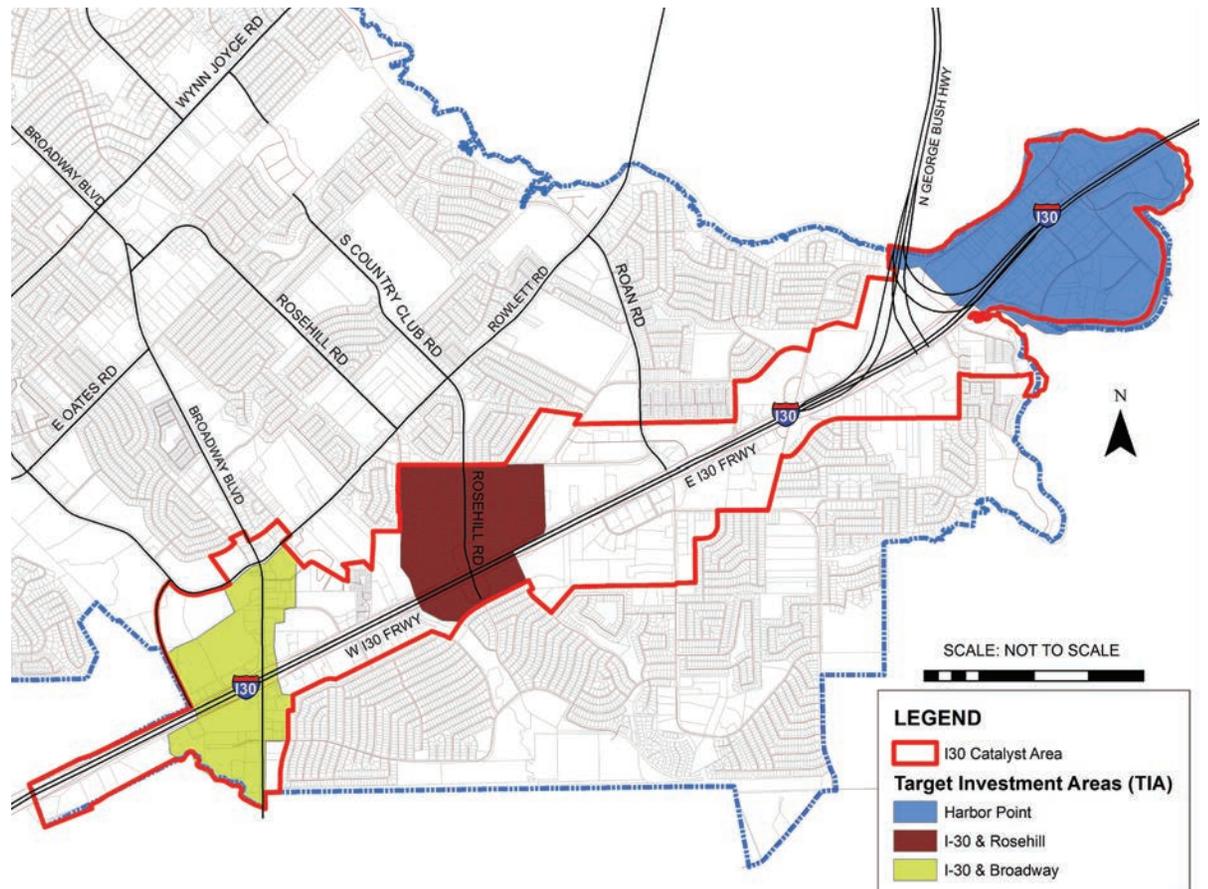
Freese & Nichols (FNI), a consulting firm, has been hired to conduct a study of the IH-30 corridor within the Garland city limits. The study continues the implementation of Envision Garland, the City's Comprehensive Plan. This study will include an area generally bound by Rowlett Road, Bobtown Road and Waterhouse Boulevard to the north, Guthrie Road, Locust Grove Road and Lake Hubbard Parkway to the south, and the city limits to the east and west surrounding the IH-30 corridor (see map).

The purpose of the study is to develop a base economic and real estate market outlook, develop a TIA Concept Plan, create implementation strategies and produce a project plan report. FNI will present findings and recommendations for the area. The study is expected to conclude by summer 2017.

Information regarding the study will be periodically placed on [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov) on the Planning and Community Development/Long-Range Planning page.

Three Target Investment Areas (TIA) are associated with this study. They are located at the intersections of Broadway Boulevard and IH-30, Rosehill Road and IH-30, and the Harbor Point area. The

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Senior Planner Nathaniel Barnett at [NBarnett@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:NBarnett@GarlandTX.gov).



**LEGEND**

- I30 Catalyst Area
- Harbor Point
- I-30 & Rosehill
- I-30 & Broadway



**41ST ANNUAL**  
**STORM SPOTTER TRAINING**

**SATURDAY**  
**FEB. 18, 2017**

**9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
 Doors open to the public at 8:15 a.m.  
**Granville Arts Center**  
 300 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040

Learn how to prepare your family for severe weather. SKYWARN training is free to anyone with an interest in weather or weather preparedness. Citizens learn the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure and basic severe weather safety.



For more information, visit [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov)



Middle School &  
 High School Students

**CASH PRIZES**

*Deadline: March 13, 2017*

Contest Information & Rules at  
**[GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org)**

**Trashy Streets MAKE Trashy Creeks**

## Be winter ready!

This winter, take precautions to protect yourself, your home and your family. Follow this winter weather diagram to ensure a safer, warmer, accident-free season.

**Be Ready! Winter Weather**

- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
- Make sure the batteries are working!
- Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.
- Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!
- Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.
- Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.
- Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.
- If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.
- If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services.
- Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.
- Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.
- Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.
- Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.



The City of Garland reminds residents that the Police Department is working extra hours of traffic enforcement in an effort to support the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) goals and strategies of reducing the number of motor vehicle related crashes, injuries and fatalities in Texas.

The strategy includes a four-pronged approach to selective traffic enforcement. Officers will concentrate their efforts on traffic violations associated with red light and intersection traffic control device violations, seat belt and child safety seat violations, speed related violations and driving while intoxicated violations. This also includes driving under the influence by minors. Please keep our roads safe.

# GP&L Launches Updated Website

Visit [gpltexas.org](http://gpltexas.org)

GP&L's redesigned site enhances organization of content and introduces new features to better serve customers.

Highlights include:

- Specific sections for **Residential & Business** customers, with expanded or new content
- An **Outage Center**, which includes a power outage map for customers to view the approximate location of GP&L's current outages
- A **Save Energy & Money** section that groups EnergySaver Program and energy conservation pages together
- A new **Safety** information section
- Several main page links to customer service features – **Pay Online, My Account, Start/Stop Service**
- Two features on the main page can be activated as needed: Emergency information can be programmed for the top of the page, and a section in the middle can be programmed to spotlight other messages

# Help Others in Garland by Donating to the P.A.I.D. Program

The City of Garland has helped many local utility customers who need bill payment assistance through the Providing Aid in Dollars, or P.A.I.D. Program. We can do more with your help. Please consider donating to the P.A.I.D. Program on your next Garland utility bill.

“We have many customers who have lost their jobs, are on a fixed income or are going through other hardships,” said Customer Service Representative Mary Morgan. “The P.A.I.D. Program makes it a little easier for qualifying customers to pay their electric bills.”

To donate, look for the P.A.I.D. section on your utility bill payment stub. You can round up to the nearest whole dollar or write in a specific dollar amount.



# Save Energy & Money

## Check out GP&L's EnergySaver Program

Garland Power & Light can help you save energy and money this winter through the EnergySaver Program. Utility bill credits are available for qualifying home weatherization upgrades that include adding ceiling insulation, installing Energy Star® windows or doors, and replacing ductwork.

enough insulation, or from leaky windows and doors,” said GP&L Commercial Accounts Administrator David Koliba. “Investments in these upgrades can pay off year round, because homes will also stay cooler in the summer,” he added.

filters once a month, and keep flue dampers closed when the fireplace is not in use.

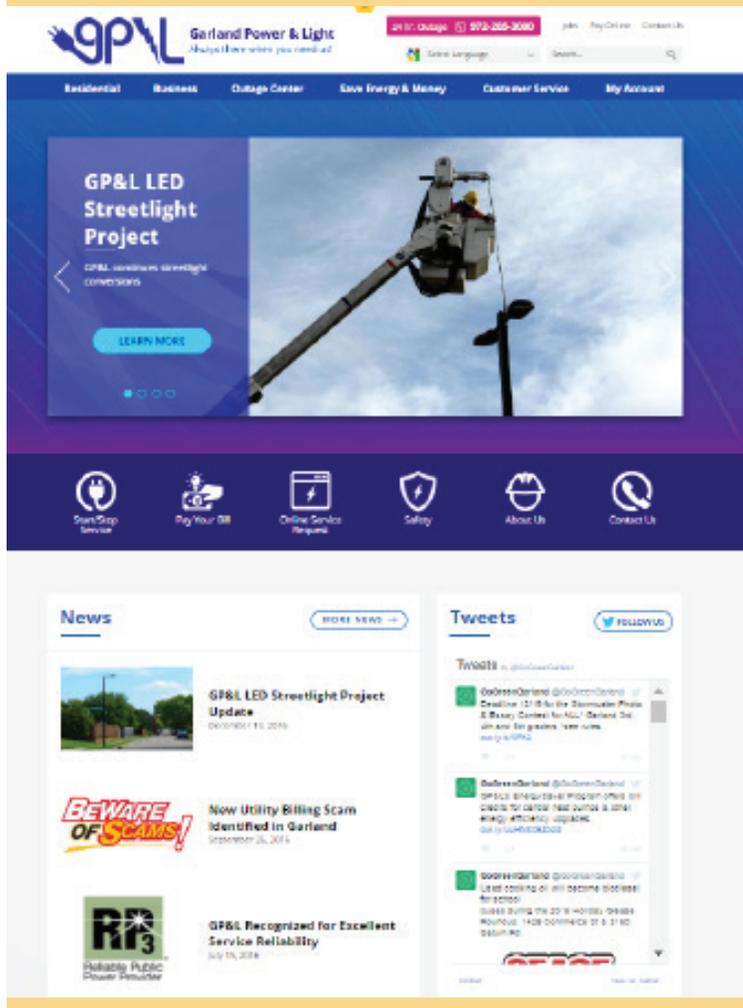
GP&L's EnergySaver program also provides bill credits for certain upgrades to heat pumps and solar panel installations.

Koliba also reminds customers to set their thermostats at 68° (or lower) in the winter, clean or replace heating system

Visit [gpltexas.org](http://gpltexas.org) or call 972-205-2929 to learn more.

“So much heat is lost from a home that doesn't have

or replace heating system



# Resolve to Follow the Three “R’s”

Improve your health in the New Year without stepping foot in the gym. After packing away the holiday decorations, eliminate waste and protect the environment by committing to the three “R’s”: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The three R’s should be prioritized with reduction occurring first—then ensure an item is truly needed or wanted before purchasing. Once an item is obtained, it should be used and reused for as long as possible. Only when the first two R’s have been exhausted and an item is no longer usable should recycling be considered.

Garland residents can recycle the following clean and dry items through the single-stream program:



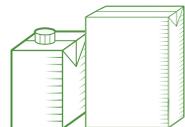
Aluminum, Steel & Tin Cans  
Latas de Aluminio, Acero y Estaño



Magazines, Catalogs & Junk Mail  
Revistas, Catálogos y Correo Basura



Corrugated Cardboard Boxes  
Pequeñas Cajas de Cartón



Chipboard (e.g., cracker and cereal boxes)  
Cartoncillo Gris (por ejemplo, las cajas de cereal)



Plastic Containers & Jugs  
Botellas de Plástico



Bagged Shredded Papers  
Papel Triturado en Bolsas



Newspapers  
Periódicos



Glass Bottles & Jars  
Botellas y Envases de Vidrio

In conjunction with the three R’s, upcycling should be prioritized whenever possible. Upcycling is the process of taking an existing material such as a milk jug and giving it a higher purpose such as a bird house. Make a New Year’s resolution to reduce waste—small lifestyle changes can have a big impact on the planet.

# Travel Tips for the New Year

Maybe this is the year you take that long-awaited vacation across the ocean, or perhaps one of your goals is to visit family members in a far-off land. Or maybe you are interested in traveling overseas to provide aid such as disaster relief or missionary work.

Whatever your reason for traveling abroad, it’s important to plan ahead to protect your health while you’re away from home. One way you can avoid getting sick is by being vaccinated.

Based on your destination and planned activities, you may need to be immunized with vaccines that are not included in the routine immunization schedule. For instance, some countries require proof of yellow fever vaccination before a traveler is

allowed into the country. Other countries may require a recent dose of meningococcal vaccine. Some vaccines require multiple doses, so it is important to plan ahead.

Garland Public Health Clinic has registered nurses available to discuss the vaccinations you may need for your trip. Travel vaccines for all ages, including

yellow fever, meningococcal and typhoid vaccines, are administered at our location at 206 Carver St.

As an international traveler, you may face greater health risks than you do at home. Call Garland Public Health Clinic at 972-205-3370 for information on how to minimize health risks through vaccination.



# Recycling Schedule

## January-June 2017

- Determine your collection week by finding your home’s location on the map.
- Recycling collection occurs every other week on the same day as trash.

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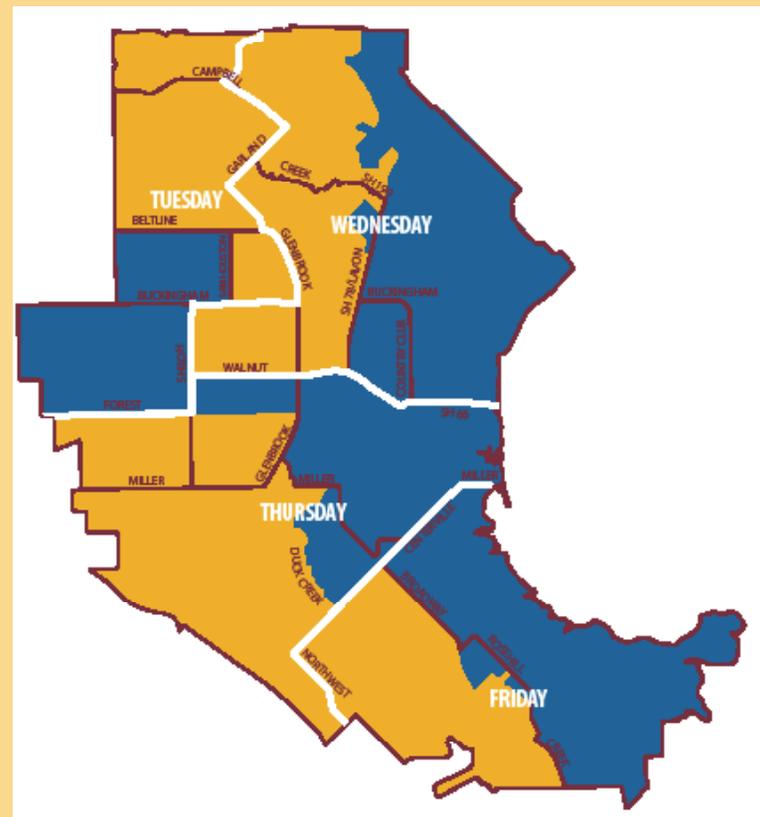
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■ City offices are closed in holiday observance.



# Library

## Programs & Events

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Spring Storytimes | Jan. 9 through April 29

#### Central Library

625 Austin St., 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.

Art Explorers, 2:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch Library

Your children can practice their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) art skills at Art Explorers, a monthly program series for children ages 6 to 12. Children learn about different types of art, then use their new skills to create their own masterpieces. **Registration is required to attend each Art Explorer program and is limited to 24 participants.** Registration may be completed at the Walnut Creek Branch Library beginning two weeks prior to each event. All supplies are provided by the library.

- Jan. 7, Egyptian Sarcophagi
- Feb. 4, Moving Lines

Books and Beyond, 2 p.m., Central Library

This free event consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes incorporating concepts from STEAM learning. Children ages 6 to 12 use their imaginations to explore and complete the activities, all while socializing with others their age and having fun.

- Jan. 28, The Science of Gravity
- Feb. 25, Bird Feeders and Bird Houses

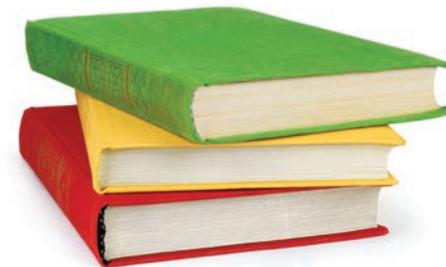
Tween Scene

Know a creative tween who enjoys reading? Encourage them to join their fellow tweens at this free program specially designed for youth ages 10 to 13. Tween Scene consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes.

February Theme: Duct Tape Makerspace

- 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2, South Garland Branch Library
- 4 p.m. Feb. 9, North Garland Branch Library

Garland libraries will be closed Sunday, Jan. 1, and Monday, Jan. 2, for New Year's Day. Libraries also will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Emoji Crafts, 4 p.m. Feb. 15, Central Library

Teens and tweens ages 9 to 17 can exercise their STEAM art skills by making an emoji mask, bookmark, magnet or pillow to take home. All supplies will be provided by the library. Registration is not required.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Seasonal Origami Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12, South Garland Branch Library

With instructions, participants ages 18 and older will create three pieces of origami based on a seasonal theme. Attendees at the January workshop will make origami hearts, stars and penguins. The library will provide all the supplies. **Registration is limited and begins Thursday, Dec. 29.** Patrons may register for up to two of the four origami events held in 2017. To register, call 972-205-3931.

Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library

This free program series for senior citizens is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events are open to anyone age 55 and older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

- **Jan. 19, Storyteller Shayne Larango** | Seniors can listen to the heart-warming Ten Gallon Texas Tales of storyteller Shayne Larango. Larango has collected stories such as her grandfather's cousin's tale about traveling across the Texas plains in a covered wagon and the story about her great-grandmother talking with red birds. Larango has performed with the Dallas Storytelling Guild and at Dallas Heritage Village. In 2016 she was nominated as a Rising Star at the Texas Storytelling Festival.
- **Feb. 16, Class Act Tap Dancers** | In celebration of Mardi Gras, the Class Act Tap dancers will tap their way into Senior Social Hour. The dancers are part of the Class Act Tap Company, a service organization of 40 women, each over the age of 50. The company members serve North Texas as volunteers by providing tap dancing shows free of charge. Their tap routines are set to a variety of musical styles including patriotic, Broadway and western music.



**STORYTELLER**  
**SHAYNE LARANGO**

### COMPUTER CLASSES

Android Smartphones, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26, North Garland Branch Library  
Learn the basic functions of an Android smartphone. Explore the settings and buttons, identify the icons, and install and use apps.

Participation is free and open to adult Garland residents with a library account in good standing. **Registration is required and begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12.** Call 972-205-2501 to register.

Microsoft Word for Beginners, 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18, North Garland Branch Library

Learn how to open, create, edit and save documents in Microsoft Word. The class will teach the functions of the ribbon and important tabs, how to format text and perform a grammar/spelling check.

Participation is free and open to adult Garland residents with a library account in good standing. **Registration is required and begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.** Call 972-205-2501 to register.



# Library Resources Help Citizens Stay Mentally Fit

We all know how important it is to stay mentally sharp as we age. There are many ways to maintain and improve our mental fitness, though in recent years, using computer software consisting of cognition-enhancing games has become one of the most popular. Usually fees are associated with this type of software, but now Garland library cardholders can access the same type of mental improvement activities for free through Brain HQ, part of the Garland Library Online.

Featured on NBC's *Today Show* in July 2016, Brain HQ was developed by neuroscientists and utilizes exercises that have made real improvements in brain function based on proven studies. Brain HQ offers more than two dozen brain-training games intended to improve a user's attention span, brain speed, memory, people skills,



intelligence and navigation. Essentially, Brain HQ helps users think faster, focus better and remember more.

Each Brain HQ exercise continuously adapts to an individual user's performance, allowing the user to challenge himself with progressively tougher activities. Users can track their progress and compare their scores to other users their age and in their demographic.

Brain HQ users have two convenient ways to access the resource—through the public computers at any Garland library location, or remotely

on many Internet-connected devices, such as home computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones. All that is required is a valid Garland library card and PIN.

To access Brain HQ, visit [Library.GarlandTX.gov](http://Library.GarlandTX.gov) and click on Library Portal, then Online Resources. Next, click on the Health Resources subject area and select Brain HQ. Enter a Garland library card number and PIN to get started.

To apply for a library card, present a current, correct Texas driver's license or ID at any Garland library location.

# 2016 Food Excellence Award Winners

The City of Garland Health Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. Winners scored in the top 5 percent of their class on unannounced food inspections during the previous year. In addition to receiving an award certificate to display for one year, each establishment will have its annual health permit fee (from \$250 to \$450) waived for 2017.

The awards are based on scores (100 being perfect) from unannounced inspections made between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30. To ensure fair competition among diverse establishments, 11 classes were established. The 2015-16 winners and scores are:

<b>CLASS 1 - FULL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS</b>	Salud Y Vida, 1701 Fifth St.	96
	Yoberry, 909 Northwest Highway	96
	Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	97.5
	Napoli's Pizza & Pasta, 915 Centerville Road	92
	Norma's Mexican Restaurant, 3420 Broadway Blvd.	90.5
	Texas Roadhouse, 5012 George Bush Freeway Golden Corral #947, 1420 Eastgate Drive	88.5
	Hella Temple, 2121 Rowlett Road	88
	IHOP #1404, 1313 Centerville Road	87.5
	IHOP #3014, 5175 George Bush Freeway	87.5
<b>CLASS 2 - FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS</b>	Walmart Neighborhood Market #2433, 101 Buckingham Road-Bakery	97.5
	Pizza Hut #027449, 2218 W. Kingsley Road	97
	Main Street Deli, 608 Main St.	96
	Bon Ton Donuts, 1225 Beltline Road	95.5
	In-N-Out Burger #269, 150 Town Center Blvd.	95
	Walmart Neighborhood Market #2433, 101 Buckingham Road-Deli	95
	Walmart Neighborhood Market #4046, 1855 S. Garland Ave.-Bakery	95
	Taco Bell #026721, 502 N. Garland Ave.	94.5
	Walmart Supercenter #1800, 1801 Marketplace Drive-Bakery	94.5
	Panda Express #1025, 5345 N. Garland Ave.	94
	The Atrium @ Patty Granville Arts, 300 N. Fifth St.	94
<b>CLASS 3 - LIGHT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS</b>	Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - #2	99
	Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - #5	98
	Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - #1	97
	Barnes & Noble Booksellers #2222, 190 Cedar Sage Drive	96
	Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.-#3	96
	Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.-#4	96
<b>CLASS 4 - PACKAGED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS</b>	Dulceria Paraiso Dominguez, 3460 W. Walnut St.	99
	Toys R Us/Babies R Us, 320 Winecup Way	99
	World Market, 550 Town Center Blvd. 5th Street Market, 331 Fifth St.	98.5
	CVS Pharmacy #7718, 1902 Pleasant Valley Road	98
	Dollar General Store #3369, 839 Centerville Road	98
	Rabbonis Praise, 3460 W. Walnut St.	98
<b>CLASS 5 - SUPERMARKETS &amp; MEAT MARKETS</b>	David's Meat Market, 4010 N. Jupiter Road	97.5
	Walmart Supercenter #3224, 555 W. Interstate 30	92.5
<b>CLASS 6 - FOOD MANUFACTURERS</b>	Hillary's Sweet Temptations, 2677 Forest Lane	97.5
<b>CLASS 7 - CHILD CARE CENTERS</b>	North Garland Montessori School, 1613 N. Garland Ave.	98
	Willis Early Learning Center, 2600 Broadway Blvd.	97.5
<b>CLASS 8 - SCHOOL CAFETERIAS</b>	Carver Elementary School, 2800 Wynn Joyce Drive	100
	Parsons Pre-K, 2202 Rich Oak Drive	99.5
<b>CLASS 9 - FOOD WAREHOUSES</b>	Batory Foods, 1035 Nicholson Road	100
	Calavo Growers Inc., 2600 McCree Road	100
<b>CLASS 11 - ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES</b>	Jonathan's Place, 6035 Duck Creek Drive	98.5
<b>CLASS 12 - HOSPITAL/ NURSING FACILITIES</b>	Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, 2300 Marie Curie Drive	93.5

# DO SOMETHING

Jan. 24

5 TO 8 P.M.

@ THE ATRIUM  
300 N. FIFTH ST.

FREE to attend.

Only \$50 to register your organization to participate.

ENJOY a **FREE** EVENING OF NETWORKING AND CONVERSATION WITH MANY OF GARLAND'S NONPROFITS, CIVIC BOARDS AND AGENCIES. LEARN MORE ABOUT HELPING SERVE THE GARLAND COMMUNITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [KIWANISCLUBOFGARLAND.ORG](http://KIWANISCLUBOFGARLAND.ORG) OR CONTACT BETH AT 972-205-2471 OR [EDATTOMO@GARLANDTX.GOV](mailto:EDATTOMO@GARLANDTX.GOV).

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? GET CONNECTED AT THE **GARLAND BOARD & VOLUNTEER FAIR**

# Granville Arts Center

## Programs & Events

### AT THE GRANVILLE ARTS CENTER, 300 N. FIFTH ST.

Garland Civic Theatre Presents *Tantalus*, Jan. 12-Feb. 4

Anton Korff, aide to a mysterious ailing recluse, who is reputed to be one of the world's richest men, interviews a young woman who has applied for a position as nurse for the aging multi-millionaire. Many strange events and tantalizing developments cloud Korff's intent until the final, surprising moments of the play unfold. **Tickets: \$22 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or in person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

Garland Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Jan. 20

Concert IV of Garland Symphony Orchestra's 2016-17 season features pianist Konstantine Valianatos performing Mendelssohn's *Piano Concerto No. 1 in G Minor*. **Tickets: \$17.50-37.50 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or in person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

Garland Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Feb. 17

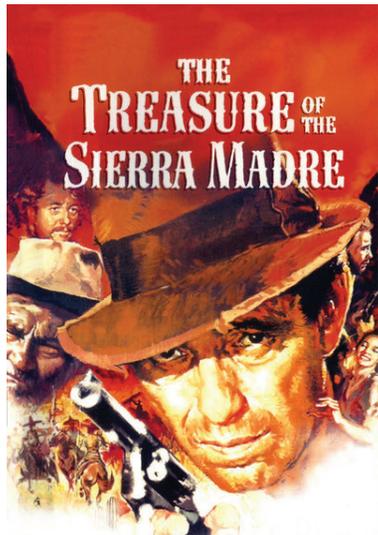
Concert V of Garland Symphony Orchestra's 2016-17 season features Leslie Massenburg on bassoon performing Hummel's *Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra in F Major*. **Tickets: \$17.50-37.50 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or in person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

Garland Civic Theatre Presents *The Servant's Last Serve*, Feb. 26-March 18

The aging Winston Livingston is diagnosed with psychosis and given mere months to live. He makes all the necessary arrangements in his will, but when his faithful servants and his materialistic niece find out that he has left the bulk of his estate to his cat, the fur begins to fly! Hilarity ensues as Master Fifi, the cat, goes missing while the members of the household try to lure it to its death, and an inept inspector investigates the disappearance of the feline. **Tickets: \$22 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or in person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

GISD Senior Art Exhibit and Competition, Feb. 28-March 19

The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc., in conjunction with GISD art instructors, presents the GISD Senior Art Exhibit and Competition. Senior GISD students submit amazing works of art in various media for scholarship prizes. **View incredible works of art by up-and-coming artists at the Granville Arts Center - Gallery Space, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances. This exhibit is free and open to the public.**



### FREE MOVIE

*The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*  
7 p.m. Feb. 10  
Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Humphrey Bogart stars in 1948's *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*. Two Americans searching for work in Mexico persuade an old prospector to join them in the search for gold!

**Tickets: Admission is free and open to the public.**

### AT THE PLAZA THEATRE, 521 W. STATE ST.

Jim Paul Miller Memorial Bluegrass, 6 p.m. Jan. 21

The beloved Garland Square Pickers present the 10th Annual Jim Paul Miller Memorial Bluegrass Show, featuring bluegrass performances by local musicians, promoting traditional bluegrass. **Tickets: \$5 at the door. Donations accepted as well.**

C.O.R.P. Presents *Pride and Prejudice*, Feb. 17-26

Mrs. Bennett is determined to get her daughters married. Jane, Elizabeth and Lydia are girls in a period when a woman's one possible career is matrimony. To be a wife was success; anything else was failure. However, Elizabeth refuses to marry Mr. Collins, whom she openly deploras, and Mr. Darcy, whom she secretly adores. **Tickets: \$15 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the door of the Plaza Theatre, one hour prior to show time.**



# Parks & Recreation

## Programs & Events

### Parents' Time Out

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Ages 3 - 6 years, \$9 per class

Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road

Take some time for yourselves while the kids have a great time participating in a variety of fun activities designed to keep them engaged. Contact Audubon Recreation Center for information at 972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov.

### Zumba | Monthly

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Saturdays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Ages 14 years and up, \$32 per month

Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive

Combine fast and slow rhythms to learn aerobic routines to the sounds of Latin and international music. Contact Bradfield Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov.

### Football Skills Clinic

Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m.

Ages 5 - 12 years, \$50 per session (6 weeks)

Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road

EFFORT Athletics is offering a flag football skills clinic to increase confidence, physical fitness and the ability to work together in a team environment. The first session begins Jan. 7. Contact Fields Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov.

### Lil' Dribblers | Monthly

Tuesdays, 6 to 6:40 p.m.

Ages 4 - 6 years, \$27 per monthly

Granger Recreation Center, 1301 W. Avenue F

Start off with a slam dunk! Learn the basic skills of the game including dribbling, shooting and ball movement. Contact Granger Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTX.gov.

### Baby & Me Music | Monthly

Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages less than 2 years, \$35 per child

Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place

Love and grow through music with your little one! Enjoy a variety of activities using music, singing, listening, watching, moving and exploring with instruments that engage infants and toddlers at their own level. Contact Holford Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov.

### Simple LEGO Machines I | Monthly

Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 12 years, \$35 per month

Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W.

Walnut St.

Learn to build machines with LEGO! Explore how levers manipulate and control objects, how pulleys make heavy things light and what fascinating things we can do with gears. Contact Hollabaugh Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTX.gov.

### Ms. Garland Senior America Pageant Interest Meeting

6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10

Ages 60 years and up, Free

Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A

The Ms. Garland Senior America Pageant is a platform to demonstrate a positive view of aging and embracing your age with pride and dignity. The pageant will take place in June 2017. Contact Sharon Whitrock for more information at 214-724-5930 or slwhitrock1@verizon.net.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12

Ages 55 years and up, Free

Carver Senior Center, 222 Carver St.

Join fellow senior citizens as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Contact the Carver Senior Center for more information at 972-205-3305 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov.



Visit [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) or any Garland recreation center to get a copy of the Garland **PLAY** Guide for a full listing of programs available.

**Sweetheart Dance**  
A Night in Paris!

**February 4**  
The Atrium-Granville Arts Center  
300 N. Fifth St.  
\$16 per person  
Register by Dec. 31 and save \$2 per person

Ages 3-7  
5 to 7 p.m.

Ages 8-15  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Dinner, Dancing & Photos

GarlandParks.com

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## Holiday Memories Made Here

Thousands of visitors enjoyed the City of Garland's official tree lighting ceremony during Christmas on the Square on Dec. 1.

The free event featured snow hills, snowman building, photos with Santa, choir performances and much more.

The festivities continued throughout the month of December with nightly holiday light displays and several seasonal events, such as movies and plays at the Plaza Theatre and locally sponsored family events on the Square.

Videos from the 2016 event can be viewed at [ChristmasOnTheSquare.com](http://ChristmasOnTheSquare.com).



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## Holiday Hours

City offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, and Monday, Jan. 16.

The Transfer Station, Recycling Drop-Off Center, Hinton Landfill and Wood Recycling Facility will be closed Monday, Jan. 2.

The Transfer Station, Recycling Drop-Off Center and Wood Recycling Facility will be closed Monday, Jan. 16.

Libraries will be closed Sunday, Jan. 1, Monday, Jan. 2, and Monday, Jan. 16.

Recreation centers and senior centers will be closed Monday, Jan. 2.



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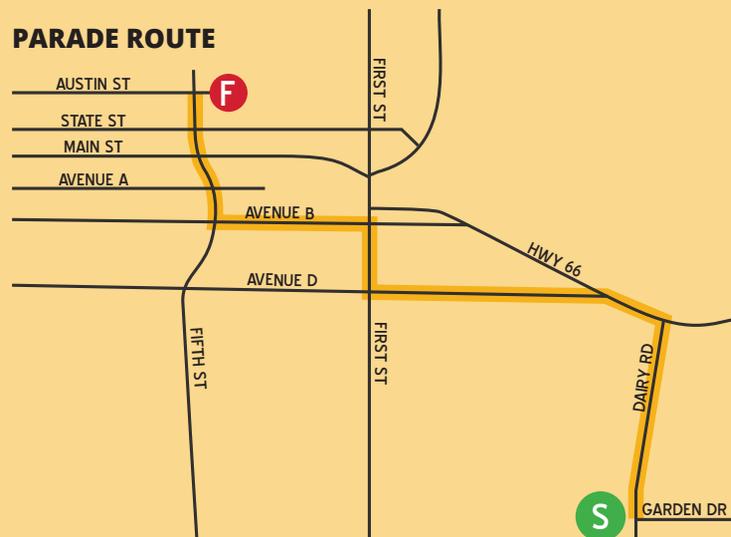
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## 28th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and March

10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14

Hosted by the NAACP Garland, Texas unit.

### PARADE ROUTE



## MLK Youth Extravaganza

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15  
Granville Arts Center,  
300 N. Fifth St.

The MLK celebration continues in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center. Youth groups from area churches and the Garland ISD will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance, drill team and step routines. Admission is free and the MLK Youth Extravaganza is open to the public. For more information, call 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or visit [GarlandTXNAACP.org](http://GarlandTXNAACP.org).



## Upcoming Events

**1/1-2**

City Offices Closed for New Year's Day

**1/3**

City Council Work Session & City Council Meeting\*

**1/9**

Plan Commission\*

**1/16**

City Offices Closed for MLK Jr. Day

**1/17**

City Council Work Session & City Council Meeting\*

**1/23**

Plan Commission\*

**1/25**

Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

**2/6**

City Council Work Session\*

**2/7**

City Council Meeting\*

**2/13**

Plan Commission\*

**2/20**

City Council Work Session\*

**2/21**

City Council Meeting\*

**2/22**

Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

**2/27**

Plan Commission\*

**2/27**

Mayor's State of the City The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.

\* Located at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., First Floor