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NEW GROWTH ENERGIZES 2017 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2018

It's time to celebrate 2017's accomplishments while building on them for an even better new year. The City of Garland has lots to celebrate as we head into 2018.

Economic growth has spurred new energy for development in Garland. The City's property tax base increased by \$1.2 billion in fiscal year 2016-17—that's almost 10 percent! That growth included more than \$200 million in new construction, Garland's highest number on record and more than the previous two years combined. Here are a few highlights:

- Garland is benefiting from continued growth in the data center market with the addition of Digital Realty, a multi-phased data center campus to be located on 47.5 acres northeast of the intersection of West Campbell Road and the President George Bush Turnpike. In April 2017, RagingWire Data Centers opened the first phase of their \$389 million data center campus very near the new Digital Realty project site.
- Garland has approved a deal that will result in the development of a \$25 million North Garland Medical Center at 7217 Telecom Parkway. This state-of-the-art medical facility will realize 95,000 square feet of health care space in a new three-story building near the intersection of Lookout Drive and Telecom Parkway.
- The City of Garland has acquired the long-vacant retail site on South Garland Avenue near Interstate 635, where Hypermart was built in the late 1980s. In a proactive move to improve this key gateway to Garland, the City Council approved the purchase in late 2017 to prepare the site for marketing to prospective developers.
- The City will propose the creation of a Tax Increment Financing zone (TIF) in the area around Baylor Scott & White Medical Center to encourage reinvestment and redevelopment. The City also is actively pursuing development activities in other areas of south Garland, as well as focusing on a study of opportunities along the Interstate 30 corridor.

Garland residents and visitors have likely noticed an influx of traffic cones and busy Street crews. For the past few years, the Council has placed street and alley improvements at the top of their priority list. For the 2017-18 fiscal year, more than \$26 million is available for roadway infrastructure repairs. That's an almost three-fold increase in funding over the past four years.

Read about more developments on page 5.

CITY COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In nature, spring means warmer days, flowers and bees, trees budding and much more. In local Garland politics, it means candidates running for half the City Council seats (seats are staggered, with four of eight open each year). Local elections are held on the first Saturday each May and are preceded by weeks or months of campaigning.

Politically in Garland, this spring should be more active than usual: there will be two Council members retiring due to term limits and two others that must seek re-election to continue; there is expected to be a Charter election; and there will be a mayor's election to determine my successor.

Council members are vested with a great deal of power to allow them to govern the city. That power comes through the City Charter as created and controlled by the citizens. Citizens need to be very involved monitoring and deciding on their representatives and the powers given to them through the Charter. This spring will be an important time for citizens both to select representatives that will honor their roles and listen to the citizens that put them there, and to scrutinize the proposed changes to the Charter.

Much of my time as mayor has been seeing our city transition toward a new growth reality: we are landlocked, and growth must be within our current boundaries. And we must grow to maintain investment in businesses and homes, to support most of those businesses. Growth also means reinvigorating areas that have lost their economic value. Growth means spreading the tax burden that cities use to provide police and fire protection, libraries and parks, streets and services.

Plan to be involved this spring! Literally, the future of our city is in your hands.

Grow Community, Grow Opportunity, Grow Garland



MAYOR DOUGLAS ATHAS
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Mayor@GarlandTX.gov

MAYOR'S EVENING IN
5 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 18 & Feb. 15
Mayor's Office
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

To reserve a time,
contact 972-205-2400 or
Mayor@GarlandTX.gov.

CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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 via live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting.

CGTV LISTINGS

Channel 16 (Spectrum), Channel 44 (Frontier) or
Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse), GarlandTX.tv

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast—7 p.m. Jan. 9 and 16, Feb. 6 and 20
- 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. 8 and 16, Feb. 5 and 19
- 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. 22, Feb. 12 and 26
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—9 a.m.

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

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DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL

Thursday, Jan. 25
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Toler Elementary School
3520 Guthrie Road

Join Council Member Jerry Nickerson, Garland City Manager Bryan Bradford and City staff to discuss the continued growth and development of District 3.

For additional information, contact Mayra Sullivan at MSullivan@GarlandTX.gov or 972-205-2465.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION: MAY 5, 2018

Interested Garland residents may file for a place on the May 5, 2018, City Officer General Election ballot for the offices of Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5.

The Texas Secretary of State has published the election calendar for 2018, which can be accessed along with candidate packets on the Garland City Secretary's page at GarlandTX.gov. 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. Garland requires the City Secretary's Office prepare petitions prior to a candidate filing for office. Anyone interested in candidacy must submit the required documents to the City Secretary's Office before the filing deadline of Friday, Feb. 16.

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

A list of acceptable forms of photo ID is available at DallasCountyVotes.org, or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404. Check the City Secretary's page at GarlandTX.gov for updates.



CITY NEWS

\$50,000 AWARDED TO GARLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

As part of its role in the development of the local economy, the Chamber of Commerce awarded the grant funding in November.

After a strenuous application and interview process, the nine recipients listed below were selected to receive varied sums of grant funding, allowing them to pursue projects in marketing, fixed assets or professional services that will better equip their businesses for continued growth and success.

- 3Q Fitness CrossFit Garland
- Brace Manufacturing
- Brant's Lawn Care, LLC
- Diamond Light LLC
- Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery
- JCi Creatives, LLC
- Su Clinica Familiar
- Rosalind Coffee
- Sazón Mexican Home Cooking

The Chamber's goal in providing Garland small businesses with grant funding is to encourage sustainable growth among our vibrant small business community and to recognize individual business owners who through their own determination and success contribute to the sustainability of the Garland economy as a whole.

"We recognize that more than 95 percent of our 9,000 companies are small and collectively account for a huge part of the tax base and employment in Garland," Chamber CEO Paul Mayer said. **"Our goal with the grants is to identify and recognize companies that demonstrate the willingness and ability to grow and provide a model for success that others will follow."**

Business owners will soon purchase equipment, launch marketing campaigns and hire services according to the needs outlined in their applications.

To learn more about the Chamber and its small business initiative, visit GarlandChamber.com.



9 a.m. to noon Feb. 17, City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Whether you are new to Garland or born and raised here, this is the class to get better acquainted with what makes Garland a great place to live! Come learn about the different services of City departments, how your taxpayer dollars are being used and how you can get involved.

Register now at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.

42ND ANNUAL

STORM SPOTTER TRAINING



BE PREPARED! FREE SKYWARN TRAINING SATURDAY, FEB. 17

The 2018 severe weather season is fast approaching. Are you prepared? Can you recognize clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding or a possible tornado?

The National Weather Service will answer these and many other questions at the SKYWARN Storm Spotter Program on Saturday, Feb. 17. The program will consist of two courses. The morning course begins with the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, severe weather features and severe weather safety. The National Weather Service will also discuss storm spotter operations, what is considered critical weather information and reporting for those interested in becoming a storm spotter. The afternoon course features radar interpretation and will build on the topics discussed in the first part of the day. Presentations will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. A certificate of training from the National Weather Service will be available to all participants at the end of the event.

There will be food trucks between courses during lunch hours. There also will be special guests including your favorite Fox 4 News meteorologists, prize drawings for weather radios, and area amateur radio clubs and other organizations with informational booths.

SKYWARN is hosted by Garland Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) and is sponsored by the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management. The program is free and open to the public, and no advanced registration is necessary. Come learn from the professionals how to stay safe during severe weather.

For more information, email the Garland Office of Emergency Management at OEM@GarlandTX.gov.



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS



PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

MERIDIAN WAY

RIVERCREST LANE TO TOYAH CREEK LANE
Street Reconstruction

CENTERVILLE ROAD

BROADWAY BOULEVARD TO STATE HIGHWAY 66
Concrete Slab Replacement

LEICESTER STREET/TROWBRIDGE STREET ALLEY

NORTH GARLAND AVENUE TO OLD NORTH ROAD
Alley Reconstruction

PROJECTS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

DANDELION DRIVE/GOLDENROD DRIVE ALLEY

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO ROSEHILL ROAD
Alley Reconstruction

FALLBROOK DRIVE ALLEY

FALLBROOK DRIVE TO GUTHRIE ROAD
Alley Reconstruction

MERIDIAN WAY

BRINGLE LANE TO RIVERCREST LANE
Street Reconstruction

ROLANDO DRIVE

DELANO DRIVE TO MILLER ROAD
Street Reconstruction

SPRINGBRANCH CIRCLE

SPRINGBRANCH DRIVE TO END
Street Reconstruction

WESTCHESTER DRIVE

SOUTH GARLAND AVENUE TO SUNNYBROOK LANE
Street Reconstruction

WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

Garland is buzzing with new development. Here are a few projects underway.

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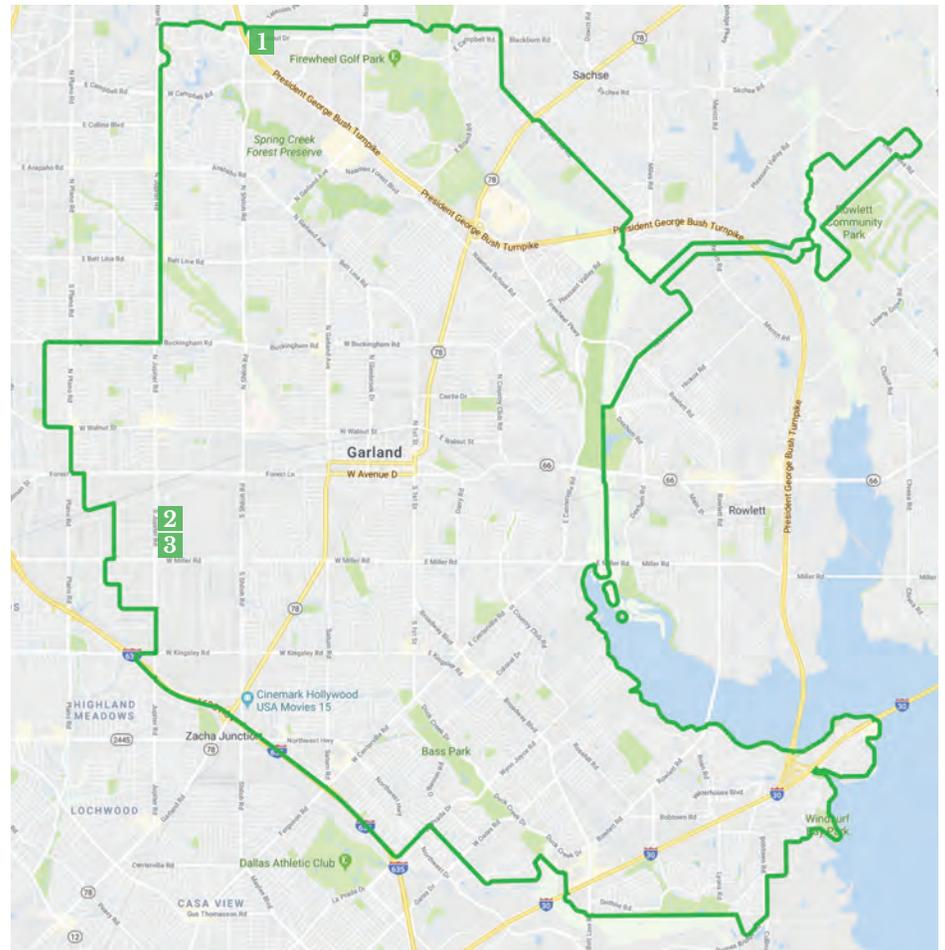
1 Under construction between Telecom Road, Lookout Drive and President George Bush Turnpike is a medical office facility with a pharmacy. The building will be three stories in height.



2 Under site construction and redevelopment is the former Raytheon site on the southeast side of South Jupiter Road and Marquis Drive. Construction will consist of three flex space buildings, totaling more than 750,000 square feet.



3 Also under site construction and coming soon on the northeast corner of Jupiter and Miller roads is Ricky Rockets, a 12,000-square-foot convenience store with fuel pumps for cars and commercial trucks, a car wash, and retail and restaurant space.



NEW GROWTH ENERGIZES 2017 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2018

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Garland's parks and recreation centers received new attention in 2017, and will continue into 2018. City teams have generated a list of projects that need near-term attention, such as removal of faded or damaged signage, repairs of amenities such as playgrounds and concession stands, improved litter management and repairs of specific facilities such as recreation centers. More substantial renovations of facilities at Winters and Audubon Parks are nearing completion, while improvements at Granger Recreation Center are underway. The public input process also is underway for proposed skate and dog parks.

Other quality of life accomplishments include:

- Celebration of Downtown Garland's inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places with the Rockin' the Square event in October;
- Rollout of Visit Garland Texas app to promote Garland's events and venues to visitors and residents;
- Neighborhood vitality projects such as the "Where the Heart Is" campaign in the Orchard Hills/Parkmont area of Garland.

Public safety is always important for Garland residents and businesses. The City approved 11 additional police officers, as well as a community outreach officer to oversee efforts to address homelessness in Garland.

The City also is focusing on efforts to tell our community's story. As part of an overall project to promote Garland's assets for residents, businesses and visitors, the City launched the Digital Ambassadors program and will roll out a new #GarlandProud campaign shortly.

These are just a few of the many accomplishments for 2017. The City of Garland is committed to building on these accomplishments in 2018. Watch the City's website and various communications venues for more exciting announcements.

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEVELOPMENT



APPLY NOW FOR LAWN CARE ASSISTANCE

The City of Garland Code Compliance Department is now taking applications for the Lawn Care Assistance Program.

This program 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 St., 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 completely and returned to Code Compliance along with all required documents by March 1, 2018. The list of required documents is included in the application packet. All applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior participation does not guarantee 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, and we are only able to approve the number of residents the fund will allow.

For more information, call 972-485-6400.

NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY SPRING CALENDAR

The Office of Neighborhood Vitality works to educate, equip and empower Garland residents to invest in our neighborhoods physically and socially.

Events and classes are subject to change, so visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org or call 972-205-2451 for more details.

GNMA: Influencing Change in your Neighborhood
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 30, MSMB, 800 Main St.

Matching Grant Workshop
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 13, MSMB, 800 Main St.

GNMA: Welcome to Garland
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 17,
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Garland Boards & Volunteer Fair
6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 27,
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

HOA Legal Clinic
8 a.m. to noon March 3, Collin College - Spring
Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano

Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 8,
Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St.

GNMA: DIY Paint Class
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 29, Home Depot -
Firewheel, 3261 N. Pres. George Bush Highway

GNMA: DIY Fence Class
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 5, Home Depot -
Firewheel, 3261 N. Pres. George Bush Highway

GNMA: Texas Plants
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 12,
City of Garland Greenhouse, 1221 Spring Creek Drive

Earth Day/Where the Heart Is Work Day
April 14, time and location TBD

GNMA: Healthy Living, Healthy Neighborhoods
9 a.m. to noon May 19, location TBD

Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 12,
Charles E. Duckworth Building,, 217 N. Fifth St.



A new year is a great time to cultivate relationships with your neighbors.

Keep it simple—invite a handful over for cocoa, games or tea! If this sounds too daunting, you can ease into it simply by having conversations with your neighbors or exchanging contact information in case of emergencies. Late winter is also a great time to trim or prune trees and shrubs to keep our neighborhoods looking tidy. Remember, our friends with Environmental Waste Services (EWS) pick up brush and bulky goods every week on your trash days!

Here are some helpful reminders as you continue being a good neighbor:

- Landscape waste, such as brush, tree limbs and tree trunks, should be placed in a pile at your designated collection point separate from other solid waste. Keeping it separate allows EWS to grind the landscaping waste into mulch, which is then made available to Garland residents for free! Visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com for more details.
- Other landscape waste, such as leaves and grass clippings, should be placed for collection in bags in a pile at the designated collection point separate from other solid waste.
- Bulky waste items may not be placed out for collection more than one day prior to scheduled collections for the residence.

For 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 VITALITY MATCHING GRANT

Letter of Intent Due Jan. 23

The Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program (NVMG) enables registered neighborhood groups, both voluntary and mandatory, to apply for matching funds for physical enhancement projects in publicly accessible spaces. These projects encourage neighbors to work together to create projects unique to their neighborhood while boosting a sense of pride and ownership.

Letters of Intent (LOI) should be submitted to the Office of Neighborhood Vitality by Jan. 23. LOI forms, applications and guidelines can be downloaded at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.

Attend the upcoming NVMG Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, to gain valuable technical assistance and learn helpful tips for completing a successful project. Register now at GarlandNeighborhoods.org!

Questions? Contact us at Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov or 972-205-2445.

INFLUENCING CHANGE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 30, MSMB, 800 Main St.

Great neighborhoods are no accident! They are created by active neighbors who are invested in their community. But how do you get people on board? How do you rally the troops to build strong, vibrant neighborhoods? Join this class to learn how the power of influence can help you lead the charge to impact your neighborhood for the better.

Register now at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.



**HOA
LEGAL
CLINIC**

**8 a.m. to noon
MARCH 3**

\$10 per person. Register at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.



Collin College - Spring Creek Campus
2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano

CITY SERVICES

IT DOESN'T STOP AT THE KITCHEN SINK



The holiday season can be hard on the diet—and on household pipes and sewer systems.

When fats, oils and grease are washed down the drain, they stick to the insides of pipes, then harden and build up until they cause clogs and sewer backups.

No amount of hot, soapy water can force these greasy products more than a few feet down the sewer pipes. This can lead to sewage overflow into homes, streets and creeks. Even a small amount of grease, fat or cooking oil can clog drains, resulting in smelly backups in your home's sewer system that can cost hundreds of dollars to repair.

Prevent this by collecting used cooking oil and grease in a tightly sealed container and drop it off for free at one of our Cease the Grease stations. In addition to protecting pipes and pocketbooks, residents who recycle cooking oil are making a powerful choice. Your donated cooking oil is converted into biofuel for use as clean energy at a local wastewater treatment plant.

PHASE 6 CART DELIVERY SCHEDULE

A cart-care packet will be placed on the lid of each cart, containing: a recycling poster, service dates and an activities page for kids.

BLUE WEEK
CART DELIVERY JAN. 23-26
SERVICE BEGINS JAN. 30-FEB. 2

YELLOW WEEK
CART DELIVERY JAN. 30-FEB. 2
SERVICE BEGINS FEB. 6-9



At the drop-off stations, you'll find the grease collection cabinets that were built by students in the Advanced Flexible Manufacturing course at Naaman Forest High School. As part of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle goal of the project, the cabinets are made primarily from reclaimed fence wood!

Drop-off Locations:

- Garland's Recycling Center, 1426 Commerce St., Garland, TX
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Hinton Landfill Citizens' Convenience Center
3175 Elm Grove Road, Rowlett, TX
Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit GarlandWater.com.

SET OUT CARTS BY 7 A.M. ON COLLECTION DAYS

All trash, recycling, brush and bulky material must be placed at the collection point no later than 7 a.m. on your specified pickup day.

Please do not rely on routes being run at the same time every day. The time of pickup varies based on the volume of trash placed out and staffing levels.

Garland's Environmental Waste Services employees begin collection at 7 a.m. in residential neighborhoods each day and work until all routes are completed. In the summertime, this may mean material is collected late into the evening.



DON'T GO TARPLESS!

When planning a trip to dispose of bulky waste or other debris, please secure your load with a tarp. Litter and waste materials escaping from vehicles are costly to clean up and can pose safety hazards to other drivers, wildlife and the ecosystem.

The Texas Transportation Code Title 7, Subtitle J, Chapter 725, prohibits vehicle loads of “loose material.” “Loose material” means material that can be blown or spilled from a vehicle because of movement or exposure to air, wind currents or other weather. Failing to secure your load is a Class C Misdemeanor with fines ranging from \$25 to \$500.

City of Garland Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Article III, Sec. 52.47(D) specifies that “all vehicles or trailers hauling solid wastes to the landfill, transfer station or wood recycling center must have a suitable cover placed over any open load to prevent solid waste from blowing or falling from the vehicle.”

The operator of any vehicle arriving at the City landfill, transfer station or wood recycling center that does not have a suitable cover placed over the vehicle’s load shall pay a surcharge of \$20 - Sec. 52.47(E). The transfer station and landfill sell tarps on-site for \$10 each, but covering and securing your load from the beginning of your trip will be more effective at preventing litter.

Avoid fines and surcharges by properly securing your load and ensuring no waste escapes on your way to the disposal site. Safe disposal and litter control starts with you.



PROPERLY TARPED LOAD



IMPROPERLY TARPED LOAD



HELP OTHERS 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 Provide Aid in Dollars (P.A.I.D.) Program. With your help, we can do more. 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.

WATER SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAMS

The City of Garland does not sponsor or endorse any such program.

You may have recently received mailings urging you to obtain a warranty plan or other form of coverage for the water/sewer service lines that serve your home (the portion owned by you, from the City’s meter to your home). Such advertisements may suggest that the program is being offered in conjunction with the City. The City of Garland does not sponsor or endorse any such program.

If you are interested in obtaining such coverage, you should carefully review the coverage being offered and take into consideration the following:

- the actual risk of needing repairs to the service line;
- the expense of coverage, bearing in mind that such plans may rely on automated payment deductions with an automatic yearly renewal or “evergreen” clause that will keep you obligated to pay unless you actively seek to terminate the coverage;
- the actual terms of the coverage documents, which may contain substantial exemptions from and limitations on coverage, as opposed to the company’s advertisements; and
- the company’s financial viability—that is, the likelihood the company will be there to pay if you ever make a claim.





WINTER ENERGY-SAVING TIPS FROM GP&L

Make the most of your energy!

Follow these tips to save energy this winter season.

- Make sure you have adequate attic insulation. Because heat rises, as much as 60 percent of heat can be lost in poorly insulated homes during winter.
- Set your thermostat to 68° in the winter. Each degree warmer will increase your energy use by 6 to 8 percent.
- Clean or replace filters for your heating/cooling system at least once a month. Dirty filters will make your system work harder and run longer than necessary.
- When not using a fireplace, keep flue dampers closed to prevent heat loss out of your home.

Find more tips and videos to help you save energy at gpltxas.org/save-energy-money.

GARLAND'S COMBINED UTILITY BILL

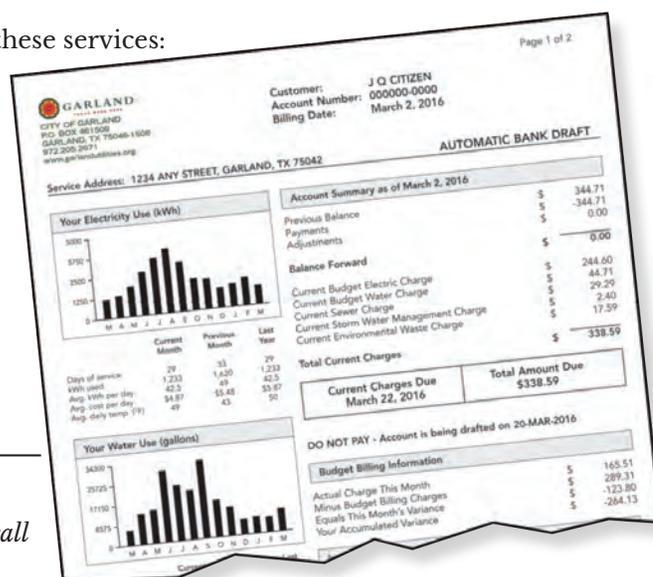
With the City of Garland's combined utility bill, customers have the convenience of paying for all City utility services at one time each month.

Garland's combined utility bill includes these services:

- Water
- Sewer
- Stormwater Management
- Environmental Waste Services
- Electricity (for GP&L customers)

The monthly charges for the services received are detailed on the bill at the approved rate for each service. For easy reference, graphs illustrate usage for the past 13 months.

For more information about City of Garland utility services, visit GarlandUtilities.org or call 972-205-2671.



LOVE YOUR LIVER—GET VACCINATED

Recent outbreaks of hepatitis A have called national attention to this highly contagious liver infection.

Hepatitis A can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a severe illness lasting several months. Although rare, it can cause death in some people.

Hepatitis A spreads when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food or drinks contaminated by small, undetected amounts of stool from an infected person. Symptoms may include yellow eyes or skin, fatigue, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine or pale stools. Some people do not have symptoms even though they are infected and contagious.

Hepatitis A also can be spread through exposure to contaminated food or water. Contamination of food (including frozen and undercooked food) by hepatitis A can happen during growing, harvesting, processing, handling and even after cooking. In the U.S., chlorination of water kills hepatitis A that enters the water supply.

Travelers who visit countries where hepatitis A is common may be at higher risk of the viral infection, as well as individuals who have certain medical conditions or behaviors.

Practicing good hand hygiene—including thoroughly washing hands after using the bathroom, changing diapers and before preparing or eating food—plays an important role in preventing the spread of hepatitis A. However, the best way to prevent hepatitis A infection is through vaccination. In Texas, school children through eighth grade are required to have two hepatitis A vaccinations, but some older children and adults have not yet been vaccinated.

If you are unsure whether you have received the hepatitis A vaccination series, don't take a chance on your health. The Garland Public Health Clinic, located at 206 Carver Drive, provides low-cost immunizations for infants, children and adults of all ages. Most insurance plans are accepted.

For more information, call 972-205-3370.



2017 FOOD EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

The City of Garland Health Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. These 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 2018.

The awards are based on scores (100 being perfect) from unannounced inspections made between Oct. 1, 2016, and Sept. 30, 2017. A total of 12 classes were established to ensure fair competition among diverse establishments. The 2016-2017 winners and scores are:

CLASS 1 – FULL-SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Prima Scelta Bistro, 5255 George Bush Freeway 96	
Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. 95	
CiCi's Pizza #33, 2936 Lavon Drive 93	
Parks Place, 2121 Northwest Highway, Suite 110 91	
Texas Roadhouse, 5012 George Bush Freeway 91	
Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant, 4170 Lavon Drive, Suite 100 90.5	
Red Robin, 5031 N. Garland Ave. 90	
Scotty P's Hamburgers, 4280 Lavon Drive, Suite 200 90	
Buffalo Wild Wings #194, 5125 George Bush Freeway 89	

CLASS 2 – FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Main Street Deli, 520 Main Street, Suite A 99	
Another Southern Maid, 301 E. Buckingham Road, Suite 4 96	
Chick-fil-a, 5425 George Bush Freeway 96	
Family Donuts, 833 W. Miller Road 96	
Walmart Supercenter #3224, 555 Interstate 30 - Deli 96	
Panda Express #1025, 5345 N. Garland Ave. 95	
Taco Bell #026721, 502 N. Garland Ave. 95	
Walmart Neighborhood Market #4046, 1855 S. Garland Ave. - Bakery 95	
Bon Ton Donuts, 1225 Beltline Road 94	
In-N-Out Burger #269, 150 Town Center Blvd. 94	
Panaderia Santa Ana, 1016 Lavon Drive, Suite 103 94	
Sonic Drive – In #4723, 5020 N. Garland Ave. 94	
Taco Bell #029521, 5322 N. Garland Ave. 94	
Taco Bell #23748, 3160 Lavon Drive 94	
The Atrium at The Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. 94	
Walmart Supercenter #3224, 555 Interstate 30 - Bakery 94	

CLASS 3 – LIGHT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - #2 98	
Amazeballz, 335 Coneflower Drive 97	
Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Avenue A 97	
Starbucks Coffee #1489, 5301 N. Garland Ave. 97	
Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - #1 96	
Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. - #5 96	
Salud Es Riqueza, 2915 Beltline Road 96	

CLASS 4 – PACKAGED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

CVS Pharmacy #7718, 1902 Pleasant Valley Road 99	
Rabbonis Praise, 3460 W. Walnut St. 99	
Dollar Tree #6230, 3046 Lavon Drive, Suite 129A 98	
K&J Food Mart, 3630 N. Shiloh Road, Suite B205 98	
Old Town Store, 509 Avenue D 98	
CVS Pharmacy #7824, 5702 Lavon Drive 97	
Discount Beer & Wine, 1933 Northwest Highway, Suite A 97	
Garland Police Detention Center, 1900 State St. 97	
Star Full Service Car Wash, 1355 Beltline Road 97	
Stop In Food Store, 1702 Forest Lane 97	
Toys R Us, 320 Winecup Way 97	
Walgreens #07586, 5950 Broadway Blvd. 97	

CLASS 5 – SUPERMARKETS & MEAT MARKETS

Walmart Neighborhood Market #2433, 101 W. Buckingham Road 97	
Walmart Neighborhood Market #2975, 3959 Broadway Blvd. 94	

CLASS 6 – FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Gladden Water, 100 N. Shiloh Road 100	
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CLASS 7 – CHILD CARE CENTERS

Happy Days School, 1201 Main St. 100	
North Garland Montessori School, 1613 N. Garland Ave. 99	
Oak Creek School, 3429 Collins Blvd. 99	

CLASS 8 – SCHOOL CAFETERIAS

Carver Elementary School, 2800 Wynn Joyce Drive 100	
Cisneros PreKindergarten School, 2826 Fifth St. 100	
GISD Alternative Education School, 2015 Country Club Drive 100	

CLASS 9 – FOOD WAREHOUSES

Garland ISD Backup Freezer, 410 Stadium Drive 100	
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CLASS 11 – ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

ABBA Care Assisted Living, Building B, 1201 High Grove Drive 97	
Mayberry Gardens #7, 3262 N. Garland Ave. 97	

CLASS 12 – HOSPITAL/NURSING FACILITIES

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, 2300 Marie Curie Drive 95	
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TIME FOR A NEW WASHER?

Visit GarlandWater.com to see which models could save you money with the Water Conservation Credit Program.



ANOTHER CONTEST WITH CASH PRIZES!



PET POOP POLLUTES! VIDEO CONTEST

For all 6th through 12th grade students in GISD or living in Garland. Contest starts Jan. 8 and ends March 30.

GARLANDSTORMWATER.ORG

QUALITY OF LIFE

PARKS: GOOD FOR MIND, BODY AND SOUL

Parks play a vital part in the health and wellbeing of a city's residents.

Research provided by the American Planning Association shows that city parks not only contribute to increased physical health, but also mental and emotional health.

Many health benefits are achieved simply by connecting with nature, and parks are an easy way for residents to enjoy the outdoors. Physically, being in nature can result in lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. The outdoors can also improve mental health by relieving feelings of anxiety and depression.

Public parks provide limitless opportunities for physical activity—from walking and running, to disc golf and cricket, to tennis and swimming, and more. These activities can help increase fitness and reduce obesity, which can have profound impacts on your health. Being active in a park also increases social interaction among residents, which can improve happiness and provide a greater sense of connection with your community.

Garland residents have a wealth of public parks and outdoor amenities to enjoy. Choose from 68 parks and 87 sports facilities, or lace up your shoes and enjoy more than 29 miles of nature trails. Host an outdoor social at one of four rentable pavilions or hit the links at one of Garland's three regulation golf courses. In the hot summer months, cool off at any of the three community pools or ride the waves at the local wave pool.

View page 14 for a comprehensive list of Garland's recreational amenities, and be sure to visit GarlandParks.com or any Garland recreation center to get a copy of the Garland PLAY Guide for a full listing of programs and services available.

Whichever activity and location you choose, you are also choosing to improve your physical, mental and emotional health.

ARTS PROGRAMS

At the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

"THE WIDOW" BY GARLAND CIVIC THEATRE

JAN. 18-FEB. 4 | "The Widow" is a contemporary gothic thriller with a beautiful heroine, a twisted antagonist, an ancient scandal and a begone victim still haunting the halls of a stately home. Tickets: \$17 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.

GARLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

8 P.M. JAN. 19 | Pianist Ivan Donchev performs Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in Bb Major." This performance also features Guest Conductor Piero Romano. Tickets: \$17.50-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours before the performance.

"TAKE ME HOME – THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER..."

7:30 P.M. JAN. 26 | The Garland Summer Musicals Guild presents "Take Me Home – the Music of John Denver – Starring Jim Curry." Tribute artist Jim Curry, whose voice was heard in the CBS-TV movie "Take Me Home: The John Denver Story," has performed Denver's music in sold out shows throughout the country, and has emerged as today's top performer of Denver's vast legacy of multi-platinum hits. Jim's uncanny ability to mirror John's voice and clean-cut look takes you back to the time when "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine," "Calypso" and "Annie's Song" topped the charts. Tickets: \$22 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours before the performance.

"DRAMAPALOOZA"

2 P.M. JAN. 28 | "Dramapalooza," created in 2003, gives adults with various disabilities the opportunity to learn all about musical theater performance and production. Each year, a group of 15 to 20 performers embarks on a journey to learn lines, songs, dances and more in an intense, three-week program culminating in a public performance. Tickets: Admission is FREE and open to the public. For more information, contact Holford Recreation Center at 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov.

GARLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

8 P.M. FEB. 16 | Trombonist Scott Stratton performs Grondahl's "Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra." This performance also features the annual "Movie Scores Quiz!" Tickets: \$17.50-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours before the performance.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Youth Programs

ART EXPLORERS, 2:30 P.M. | Children ages 6 to 12 will learn about and create different types of art. Registration required. Each program is limited to 24 participants. Register by phone or in-person at the Walnut Creek Branch Library beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- **JAN. 6: ZENTANGLES®**
- **FEB. 3: BLUE PAINTED (PAPER) PLATES**

BOOKS AND BEYOND, 2 P.M. | Support your kids' creativity by bringing them to Books and Beyond at the Central Library, a free program for children ages 6 to 12 that consists of book discussions and activities.

- **JAN. 27: YARN ART**
- **FEB. 17: SHADOW ART**

TWEEN SCENE, 6:30 P.M. | This free program, designed for youth ages 10 to 13, consists of book discussions and activities related to interesting themes.

- **FEB. 1: SLIME TIME, SOUTH GARLAND LIBRARY**
- **FEB. 8: SLIME TIME, NORTH GARLAND LIBRARY**

PEROT TECH TRUCK, 2 P.M. FEB. 10, CENTRAL LIBRARY

| The Perot Museum of Nature and Science's Tech Truck will give kids a hands-on experience with STEAM technology. The event is free of charge. Registration is required and limited to 20 tweens ages 10 to 13. Registration begins Jan. 27.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES: "COOL RUNNINGS," 3 P.M. FEB. 24, SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY | "Cool Runnings" relates the story of a Jamaican runner who goes on to create the first Jamaican bobsled team. The film is rated PG. Seating is limited. No registration is required, and all ages may attend the event.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Be a part of your public library's winter reading challenge! This year's theme is Read to Reel, and your task is to read five or more books that have been made into movies. Participation in the challenge is easy. Beginning Saturday, Jan. 6, pick up a reading log and suggested reading list at any Garland library. The first 100 participants to return their log having read five or more books, either from the suggested reading list or of their own choosing, will receive an "I Love My Garland Library" tote bag. All participants who complete the challenge will receive a pin featuring the same graphic. Completed logs will also be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Logs will be accepted from Feb. 1 through March 3. The Winter Reading Challenge is open to adults ages 18 and older.

For more information about the Winter Reading Challenge, call 972-205-2501 or visit Library.GarlandTX.gov.

All libraries will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Adult Programs

YOUR NEW RIDE, ONLINE: RESEARCHING YOUR NEW CAR, 10:30 A.M. JAN. 20, CENTRAL LIBRARY

| Learn how to research a new car before purchasing. Participation is free and open to adult Garland residents with a library account in good standing. Registration is required and begins Jan. 6. Call 972-205-2501 to register.

GOOGLE DOCS FOR BEGINNERS, 6:30 P.M. FEB. 22, SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

| Learn how to create, share, save and edit documents in Google Docs. A Google account is required to attend the class. Participation is free and open to adult Garland residents with a library account in good standing. Registration is required and begins at 1 p.m. Feb. 8. Call 972-205-3931 to register.

SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT | Pick up a scavenger hunt bookmark at any Garland Library throughout February. The bookmark will list different places in the library to take selfies. Post your selfies on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag #NMLSelfie. Participants will receive a small prize while supplies last. Open to adults ages 18 and older. For more information, call 972-205-2501.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR @ THE LIBRARY, 2 P.M. CENTRAL LIBRARY

| This free program series for seniors is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events are open to anyone age 55 and older. Doors open 30 minutes before performance. For information, call 972-205-2502.

- **JAN. 18 GUITARIST BILL WHITE** | Enjoy "The Sounds of Classic Country," songs and stories of the artists of the golden age of country music played by Bill White, the Texas International Music Association's 2007 Entertainer of the Year.
- **FEB. 15 STORYTELLER TONI SIMMONS** | Hear Toni Simmons' collection of African and African-American folktales. Simmons is a professional storyteller, librarian and a National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpiece touring artist.

Spring Storytimes Jan. 8-April 28

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 N. 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.



PARKS & RECREATION

Garland is home to six recreation centers, each offering a variety of programs and services for residents of all ages. Fields, Granger and Hollabaugh Recreation Centers include The Body Shops fitness rooms to help you meet your fitness goals. Visit GarlandParks.com or any Garland recreation center to get a copy of the Garland PLAY Guide for a full listing of programs available.

GARLAND HAS...



Featured Programs

KIDS' BOXING FITNESS

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, 6 TO 6:30 P.M. AGES 6-16 | Learn proper stance, movements and offensive techniques while conditioning your mind and body. Full-body movements help tone muscles and build strength while optimizing your cardiovascular system. Enhance your athletic skills like footwork, agility, quickness, coordination, endurance, stamina and timing. Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road, 972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov.

ARCHERY

WEDNESDAYS, 6 TO 7 P.M. AGES 8-15 | Learn to shoot the competition-style compound bow from a national Archery in the School Program instructor. Focus on basic skills, techniques, safety, and the use and maintenance of equipment. Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, 972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov.

FAN & FLARE DANCE

MONDAYS, 7 TO 9 P.M. AGES 18 AND UP | Dance the night away! Instruction includes techniques and moves used in line dancing, square dancing and round dancing from the classics to spaghetti rags. This inexpensive social activity helps you improve coordination and gain valuable exercise through exciting degrees of challenge. Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, 972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov.

GUITAR – BEGINNER

SATURDAYS, 12:50 TO 1:30 P.M. AGES 8 AND UP | Learn basic fundamentals, including how to tune the instrument, basic open and barre chords, understanding notion, basic reading and playing in time. Students with little or no knowledge of playing guitar thrive in this enriching musical environment. Bring an acoustic guitar. Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place, 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov.

LITTLE FORMERS

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 TO 8 P.M. AGES 6-12 | Come out and clay! Students will learn all the basics of hand-built sculpting in clay, while learning concepts of form and functionality. Freedom of expression, creativity and constructing skills are stressed. Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., 972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTX.gov.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

10 A.M. FRIDAY, JAN. 12. AGES 55 AND UP | Enjoy the morning watching special clips of his famous speeches. Refreshments will be served. Carver Senior Center, 222 Carver Drive, 972-205-3305 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov.

BELLES AND BOOTS
A DADDY DAUGHTER Sweetheart Dance

AGES 3 - 7
5 - 7 P.M.

AGES 8 - 15
7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3
THE ATRIUM-GRANVILLE ARTS CENTER, 300 N. FIFTH ST.

GARLANDPARKS.COM GPVL



29TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE

The NAACP Garland, Texas, Unit will host its 29th annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade and march beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

Parade Route

- Parade starts on Dairy Road and Garden Drive (near Embree Park), Garland, Texas, 75040
- It proceeds north on Dairy Road to State Highway 66 (Avenue D)
- West (left) on State Highway 66 (Avenue D) to First Street
- North (right) on First Street to Highway 66 (Avenue B)
- West (left) on State Highway 66 (Avenue B) to Fifth Street
- North (right) on Fifth Street to Main Street (turn left on Main and circle the City Square)
- Parade ends at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Downtown Garland.

MLK YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA

4 p.m. Jan. 14,
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 open to the public.

For more information, contact the NAACP Garland Unit at 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or visit GarlandTXNAACP.org.

TRY SOMETHING NEW

Garland Board & Volunteer Fair
Come and meet more than 30 community organizations.
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 to 8 p.m.
The Atrium at Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.

To register an organization or for more information, visit KiwaniisClubofGarland.org.

GARLAND Kiwanis

Saturday, March 17, 6 to 9 p.m.
The Atrium-Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Event features **all-you-can-eat dishes** from local restaurants and food establishments, **door prizes**, a **silent auction** and a **live auction**.
Beer, wine and spirits available!

\$25/person in advance **TICKETS**
Table of 10 for \$250
Seating is limited.

To purchase, contact Pedro Barineau
972-485-4859 or barineaup@GarlandTx.gov

Silent and Live Auction

Door Prizes

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get CONNECTED

The City of Garland offers many options for staying connected so you can learn about City programs and services. Here are just a few:



GarlandTX.gov

The City's website contains information about every City department and program, as well as updated news about upcoming events and new initiatives.



Garland eAssist

Report issues, get information and submit questions online or through an app on your smartphone. Visit GarlandTX.gov and click on the eAssist button or download Garland eAssist from your app store.



Social Media

The City is active on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, NextDoor and more. Check these out by visiting GarlandTX.gov/social.asp and see what interests you most!



Garland City Press Briefs

This weekly e-newsletter is sent each Sunday evening and contains reminders and updates about City-sponsored events and activities. Register on the City's website. Look for the E-News link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Years Day
City Offices Closed

1/8

Plan Commission*

1/8

City Council Work Session*

1/9

City Council Meeting*

1/15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City Offices Closed

1/16

City Council Work Session*
City Council Meeting*

1/18

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

1/22

Plan Commission*

1/25

District 3 Town Hall
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Toler Elementary School
3520 Guthrie Road

2/5

City Council Work Session*

2/6

City Council Meeting*

2/12

Plan Commission*

2/15

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

2/19

City Council Work Session*

2/20

City Council Meeting*

2/26

Plan Commission*

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