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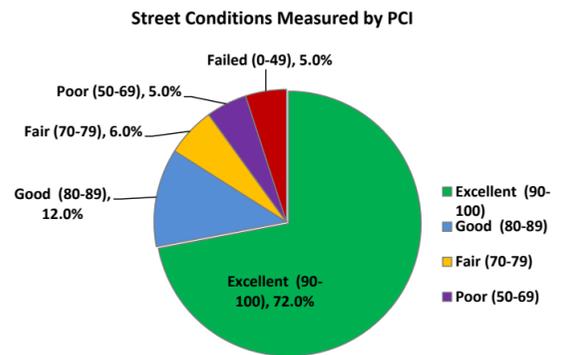
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Voters to Decide Street Funding Option

On Nov. 5, Garland voters will have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" for a referendum that would increase the property tax rate by 2 cents, with those funds being used exclusively for street refurbishments. The impact of the 2 cent increase for a home valued at \$100,000 would be \$1.53 a month (\$18.40 a year). For seniors, the increase would amount to 68 cents a month (\$8.20 a year).

The City maintains a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for each street and alley segment in the city. Garland's current average PCI is 89 for streets and 83 for alleys. The funds collected from the 2 cent increase would be used exclusively for street and alley improvements.

Garland voters will be able to voice their wishes on how to address this need on the Nov. 5 ballot. Early voting will run from Oct. 21-Nov. 1 at the Richland College



Garland Campus, 520 N. Glenbrook Drive. Visit the City of Garland website at GarlandTx.gov for additional information.



Council Approves 2013-14 Budget



The City of Garland continues to maintain service levels without increasing its tax rate. The Garland City Council approved the 2013-14 operating budget while maintaining the current tax rate of \$0.7064 per \$100 of valuation. For the first time in four years, property values in Garland were certified to show a modest increase, representing a .6% increase in values.

The new budget deals with several challenges related to employee and retiree healthcare costs and the need for employee pay increases. Implementation of the Affordable Care Act added more than \$900,000 to the City's health plan. The new budget also provides for an across-the-board base salary increase of 1% for general schedule employees and 1.5% for civil service (Police and Fire). This is the first base salary increase for employees in four years.

Within the City's utilities, a rate increase was approved for Water and Wastewater service. Based on the approved rate structure, a typical Garland resident will experience a monthly increase of \$4.24 for Water and \$0.81 for Wastewater. The increase is due to a significant increase in the cost of wholesale water from the North Texas Municipal Water District and required capital improvements in wastewater treatment. No rate increases are included for electric, solid waste collection, or stormwater services.

The Fiscal Year 2013-14 Combined Budget, which includes the General Fund, the General Obligation Debt Service Fund, the Utility Funds, and other Enterprise and Grant Funds, totals \$629.1 million, an increase of \$56.6 million (9.9%) from the previous fiscal year. The increase is primarily related to higher energy and transmission costs in the electric utility. The General Fund Budget totals \$139.4 million, representing an increase of \$3 million (2.2%). The General Fund increase is primarily due to employee compensation and health insurance cost.

Copies of the complete budget document are available at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., any City library or at GarlandTx.gov.

Neighborhood Summit

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Oct. 26

Hyatt Place-Garland, 5101 N. President George Bush Turnpike



Residents, civic leaders, revitalization practitioners and others are invited to attend the 11th Annual Neighborhood Summit to address issues affecting neighborhood health and stability. The 2013 theme, Rethink Community, is an opportunity for Garland and other first-tier suburbs to consider the correct next steps when looking at revitalization and redevelopment opportunities. The summit will offer discussions about community

design, water conservation, neighborhood investment, and engaging diverse cultures, as well as focus on Garland's visions for vital neighborhoods and successful cities.

This year's keynote speaker is Peter Kageyama, author of *For the Love of Cities*. Kageyama is a community and economic development consultant based in St. Petersburg, FL. He is the former president of Creative Tampa Bay, a grassroots community change organization. He has spoken all over the world about bottom-up community development and the people who are making change happen.

Register for the summit at GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org. Registration for Garland stakeholders is \$25 (\$30 after Oct. 22). Event sponsors are the City of Garland, Garland Power & Light, and the American Planning Association North Central Texas Chapter.

Neighborhood Story Contest – As part of the 2013 summit, the City of Garland invites neighborhood groups and individuals to share stories through written essays, testimonials or photography. First and second place awards will be given for individual and organization submissions. Participants and winners will be recognized at the summit.

For more information, contact 972-205-2445 or neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov. Details also are available at GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org.

Christmas on the Square to be Held Dec. 5



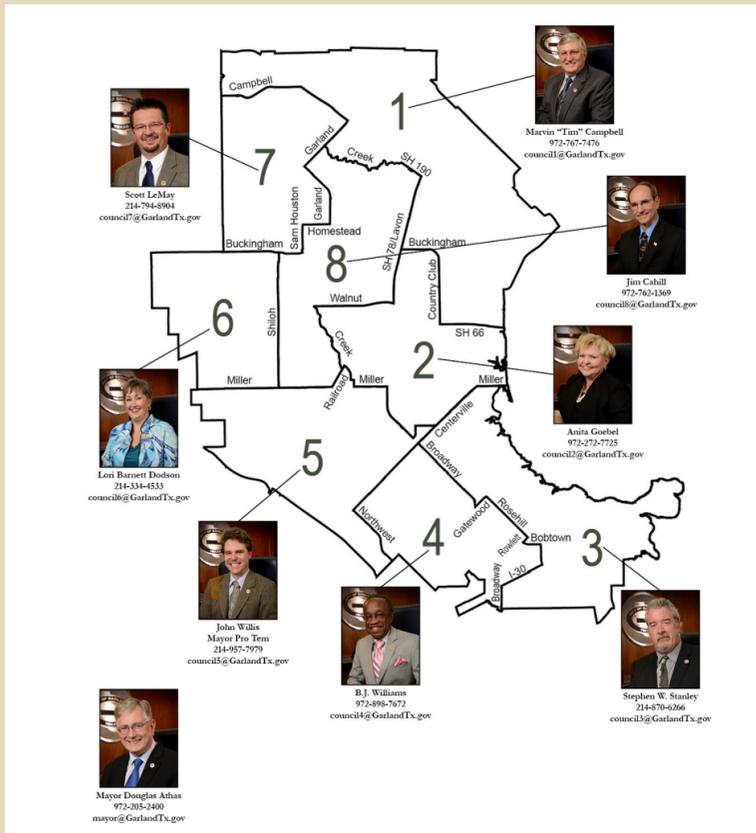
Garland's annual Christmas on the Square will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Downtown Garland Square. The event will feature a variety of free activities and entertainment options in Downtown Garland. The official tree-lighting ceremony and fireworks display will highlight the event. Holiday music will be provided by Garland ISD choirs, while lights and décor will create a magical atmosphere. Sled down snow hills made with real snow, ride trains through a wintery wonderland, and participate in various children's crafts and activities. No Christmas event would be complete without a visit from Santa! Join in as Santa leads the countdown to turn on the lights and start the fireworks show around 7 p.m. Afterward, children will have the opportunity to get their picture taken with Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes. A Christmas Bazaar also will be available where artisans will feature unique holiday gift items. Food selections will include local food trucks, hot drinks and seasonal treats. For information on how to volunteer or to apply to be a vendor, contact Jackie Justice at 972-205-2752 or jjustice@GarlandTx.gov. For event information, visit ChristmasOnTheSquare.com.

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City Council District Map



City Council Meetings

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

Message from the Mayor



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

During the summer I attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Summer meeting. Among the various topics shared with mayors from around the country, one initiative discussed was a free program from Google targeted at small businesses. This exciting program called *Get Your Business Online* is geared toward businesses that are interested in creating a website for marketing. *Get Your Business Online* provides small business owners with a custom domain name, web hosting and access to educational resources—all free for one year. Since its debut in July 2011, the program has helped more than 135,000 businesses successfully get online and start developing. As Mayor, I am encouraging small businesses to utilize this opportunity to promote and market their companies. For more information, business owners can visit GYBO.com.

Mayor's Evening In
5 to 7 p.m.
Oct. 30
Mayor's Office, City Hall
200 N. Fifth St.

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

Recently, the City Council unanimously passed the 2013-14 \$629 million budget. The Council has proposed a two cent tax increase that will go toward street repairs throughout Garland. Voters will see this proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot.

You may have noticed changes around City Hall as progress continues on the planned development project for a parking garage and multifamily apartments next to City Hall. The Santa Fe Railcar and depot have been moved to a new, more prominent location currently referred to as the Walnut Pedestrian Corridor, located south of Walnut Street between Fifth Street and Glenbrook Drive. The Lyles and Pace Houses have been temporarily moved until the Council makes a decision on a permanent home.

As always, I'm available and accessible to Garland residents and businesses at my monthly Mayor's Evening In and Out sessions. You can check the City's website, or my Facebook page for more information. I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming session!

2013-14 District Updates

Each year, City Council members host a District Update presentation on CGTV to provide updates on important developments and issues concerning their districts. Broadcasts will begin at 7 p.m. on CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner), Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS), and Channel 99 (AT&T Uverse) on the following dates with frequent rebroadcasts:

Oct. 10

- Anita Goebel – District 2
- Stephen Stanley - District 3
- B.J. Williams - District 4

Nov. 14

- John Willis, District 5
- Lori Dodson, District 6

Dec. 12

- Scott LeMay - District 7
- Jim Cahill - District 8

CGTV also is streamed live at GarlandTx.gov.



CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.
Oct. 2 and 15, Nov. 5 and 19
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m.,
Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m.
Oct. 2 and 14, Nov. 4 and 18
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.,
Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 11 and 25
- Rebroadcast following the meeting
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Billboard

- Daily schedule posted at GarlandTx.gov

Garland Spotlight

- Daily broadcast – 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Arts in Action

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

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

Garland City Council Profiles

The newest members of the Garland City Council were elected on May 11. Scott LeMay represents City Council District 7. For detailed bios, visit GarlandTx.gov.

Scott LeMay, City Council District 7

Scott LeMay, City Council District 7, was elected to his first term on May 11. Scott and his wife, Tiffany, have three daughters: Caitlyn and twins, Morgan and Reagan. Scott designs layouts for Container Stores across the nation.



The LeMays moved to Garland in 2001. They chose Garland because they wanted an established neighborhood with quiet streets and trees that were taller than the houses. The LeMays moved into the Camelot neighborhood and became involved in the Camelot Neighborhood Association. Scott served on the Camelot board beginning in 2006 and stepped down to run for City Council. Tiffany still serves on the neighborhood board.

Scott's neighborhood service inspired him to get involved with city government. He was appointed to the 2007 Charter Review Committee and to the Garland Plan Commission from 2007 to 2013. His goals are to increase public awareness of and participation in city government. He feels it's his duty to encourage and foster future leaders in Garland.

Scott enjoys family time and activities. His favorite pastime is classic and antique cars, and he regularly frequents swap meets and auctions. But he yields to his wife's rule that if he buys parts, they must go to a car he owns, not one he plans to own.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Small Business Owners Informational Session

Small business owners are invited to attend an informational session from 8 to 9 a.m. Oct. 21 at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. The session will be hosted by Council Member B.J. Williams and Council Member Stephen Stanley, with representatives from the Garland Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center, and City staff.

Learn about the services available at the Small Business Development Center that can assist existing owners with ways to expand their business or for those looking to

make their idea for a new business a reality. In addition, staff from the Building Inspection Department will be available to discuss topics such as when a building permit is necessary and the process for obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy.

Council District 4 Community Town Hall Meeting

Please join Council Member B.J. Williams from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 22 at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd., for a Council District 4 Community Town Hall Meeting. The topic will be neighborhood crime prevention.

Youth Council Begins 2013-14 Activities



In September, appointees for the Garland Youth Council were installed for the 2013-14 program year. Each member is appointed by the Mayor and City Council to give Garland's youth a voice in local government and to learn more about local government's role in its residents' lives.

All high school age youth in Garland are welcome to attend GYC meetings and participate in their activities.

The GYC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. At the Oct. 8 meeting, youth will learn about the functions of city government.

To learn more about the Garland Youth Council, visit GarlandYouthCouncil.org or find Garland Youth Council on Facebook. The 2013-14 appointees are: Simran Bains, Kylie Beene, Devin Brown, Allen Capasgordo, Kier Crawford, Scott Dai, Ocean Davis, Kelsy Duke Kenison, Leah Gattus, James Austin Grimes, Morgan Manning, Brenda Mata, Gabria Pearson, Lauren Purser, Aquila Runyan, Sarahi Salazar, Preston Sanderson, Elizabeth Sinclair and Mindy Vu.

City to Conduct 2013 Neighborhood Survey

As part of the Neighborhood Benchmarking Program, the City of Garland will conduct a survey of 17 neighborhoods this fall. The City has partnered with Thoroughbred Research Group to conduct this year's Resident Opinion Survey, which will be mailed to a random selection of residents. The map featured at right illustrates the neighborhoods that will be included in this year's survey.

Beginning this year, residents will receive the survey questionnaire in both English and Spanish. Survey responses may be returned in the mail or submitted online. By responding to the survey online, residents can help the City reduce postage and processing costs. Surveys mailed to randomly selected residents will include login information necessary to complete the survey online. The login information is important to identify a respondent's neighborhood.

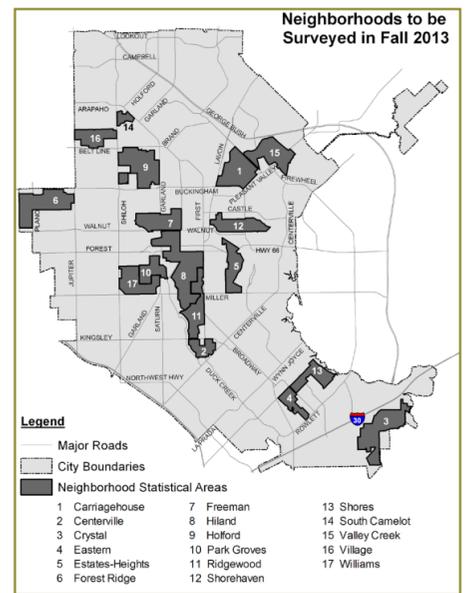
Residents who receive a survey in the mail are encouraged to submit responses by the deadline indicated on the

survey. Participation enables the City to:

- Gauge resident satisfaction with City services.
- Monitor neighborhood conditions and change over time.
- Equip City management and City Council with information for better decision-making.
- Guide the allocation of resources throughout Garland based upon needs.

Survey participation also supports the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods program, which seeks to bring community stakeholders together in partnership to coordinate resources to build attractive, vital neighborhoods. It also supports neighbors in creating and achieving the desired vision for their area.

The City would like to thank those who participate in advance. For more information, contact Organizational Development at 972-205-2511.



'Tree Power' Free Tree Program

The "Tree Power" Free Tree program teams Garland Power & Light with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department to provide a free tree for Garland residents in an effort to conserve energy and beautify the community.

The "Tree Power" Free Tree program will begin at 7 a.m. Nov. 2 at the Haskell L. Roach Garden Center, located in Winters Park, 1221 Spring Creek Drive. Staff will provide trees until 5 p.m. while supplies last. The supply is limited, so come early.

Garland residents who would like to receive a free tree must provide a Texas driver's license with a Garland address or a City of Garland utility bill. Participants will be directed to line up on the southbound lane of Spring Creek Drive next to Winters Softball Complex. One tree per residence.

The trees available will include 4- to 6-foot-tall Shumard Red Oak, Cedar Elm, Bur Oak, and Live Oak. Planting and care instructions will be provided. For details, call 972-205-3588.



Power Outages and Restoration

Power Outage Reporting

In the event of a power outage, Garland Power & Light (GP&L) customers should call the Emergency Outage line at 972-205-3000 to report the problem and initiate service restoration. The quickest way for GP&L to identify your service address during a power outage is by using your phone number. Unfortunately, we do not have current phone numbers for many of our customers.

Please take a moment to confirm or update the phone numbers associated with your service address. You can do this by using the Online Account Management tool located on GarlandUtilities.org or by contacting Customer Service at custserv@GarlandPower-Light.org or 972-205-2671. Be prepared to provide the account number to which the phone numbers apply.

Power Restoration Process

As seen in August, weather can cause extensive, unexpected power outages. Following standard utility industry practice for outage restoration, repairs are first made to problem areas that can bring electricity back on for the largest groups of customers, such as repairing feeders and lateral lines that serve entire neighborhoods.

Next, smaller groups of customers are brought online. An example of this is a cluster of homes served by the same transformer. Finally, service lines to individual homes are repaired. If a lineman comes out to repair an individual service line and finds that there is damage to the customer's equipment (such as a meter box pulled from the house), he will let the customer know to contact an electrician and have the work approved by the Building Inspection Department. Once the repair has been inspected, GP&L can reconnect electric service.



City Employees Support United Way



The City of Garland has partnered with the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas for more than 14 years in an effort to support residents who wish to better themselves and contribute responsibly to their community. The funds raised support programs that make a positive impact in education, in employment, and for improved health and stable families.

The City of Garland won recognition with a Live United "Public Service" Award for the 2012 campaign and received recognition at United Way Metropolitan of Dallas "Heroes of Hope" event. The City's campaign has been

recognized for the success of its fundraising efforts. Donations have been used to make a permanent and lasting difference for people in the Garland community.

This year's goal for the City of Garland's campaign, "Be a Hero of Hope," is \$75,000 from City employee donations. As part of the campaign, City employees will assist residents in need through the Garland Code Compliance Department's Code Cares project. Troy Aikman of the Dallas Cowboys participated in the Healthy School Zone Celebration at the Gale Fields Recreation Center in September.

Summer Nutrition Program

The 2013 City of Garland Summer Nutrition Program served more than 10,500 free breakfasts, and approximately 59,000 free lunches from June 10-Aug. 9 to Garland children ages 1-18. The SNP Program provides free meals to help address child hunger in the community. The City partnered with Pepsico Foodservice to prepare and deliver meals, which consisted of cold breakfasts, as well as cold and hot lunches.

The City would like to thank its many partners for making this year's program a success. The SNP Program is grant-funded through the Texas Department of Agriculture; however, it's the community supporters that make it possible for the City to provide extras for the children such as free swim passes, a bike raffle, free backpacks and school supplies, and fresh produce and non-perishables for families.

Planning is under way for the 2014 SNP Program. Any faith-based, civic organizations or apartment complexes that would like to be a meal host site for 2014, contact Pamela Harris, program coordinator, at 972-205-3300.



Animal Services News

The Pet Adoption Center, located at 813 Main St., will open in October. Although a grand opening date has not yet been set, the facility will be fully operational and Garland Pawsibilities will begin to utilize the site as an adoption center, as well as the low cost sterilization site for Garland. Hours of operation and the grand opening date will be posted online soon at GarlandAnimalServices.org.

Special Thanks

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

- Richard Bach – \$80
- Anthony Carillo – \$200
- Cynthia Chambers – \$80
- Jill Copley – \$95
- Jil Deduk – \$100
- Linda Moore – \$100
- George Mulkey – \$115

Specializing in Family Reunions

If your pet's made the great escape, don't forget to check the Garland Animal Shelter—a reunion just may be in store.

Search for lost and found animals at GarlandAnimalServices.org or stop by the shelter at 600 Tower St. Call 972-205-3570.



The City of Garland is dedicated to minimizing the loss of life and property associated with flooding events. Education and prevention are valuable and proven tools that help communities become resistant to these natural disasters. The City of Garland recognizes that its entire community is susceptible to flooding, not just those structures located within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). The following information has been provided to help inform property owners located within the SFHA flood-prone areas and other areas within Garland.

FLOOD HAZARD

Garland is subject to riverine flooding from Duck Creek, Rowlett Creek, Spring Creek, and their various streams. Most flooding events occur during the spring and summer months; however, severe flooding may be produced by rainfall events at any time. Garland has experienced numerous flooding events during the past century. After large floods in 1990 and 1991, the City partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete a channel improvement project to Duck Creek. This project was completed in 1998 and resulted in the removal of more than 370 homes from the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Large floods also have occurred on Rowlett and Spring Creeks; however, these floods have not been as damaging as those along Duck Creek due in part to the strict land use controls in place for area development.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Federal flood insurance is highly recommended. Basic homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. The City of Garland participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which means that federally subsidized flood insurance is available to everyone in Garland. There is a 30-day waiting period before a policy becomes effective. Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank or loan company when they obtained a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies cover the building's structure and not the contents within. Remember that a flood insurance policy must be renewed each year.

The mandatory purchase requirement of flood insurance applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in an SFHA. This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair or improvement of any publicly or privately owned buildings in an

SFHA including machinery, equipment, fixtures and furnishings contained in such buildings. If a building is located in an SFHA, the agency or lender is required by law to have the recipient purchase a flood insurance policy on the building.

For more information about flood insurance, visit or contact GarlandTx.gov, FEMA.gov/nfip, The Nicholson Memorial Library System, an insurance agent or the City of Garland Engineering Department.

PROPERTY PROTECTION

Do not wait for a flood to occur. Act now to protect property from flood damage. Various alternatives are available to help minimize flooding. If the floor level of a property or structure is lower than the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) located on the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), consider ways to prevent flooding by retrofitting the building. Retrofitting measures include:

- Elevating the building so that flood waters do not enter or reach any damageable portion of it.
- "Dry floodproofing" to make the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- "Wet floodproofing" to modify the structure and locate the contents so that when flood waters enter the building there is little or no damage.
- Preventing basement flooding from sewer backup or sump pump failure.

Information on retrofitting is available through the Nicholson Memorial Library System, as well as on the Internet. Note that retrofitting may require a permit from the Building Inspection Department.

FLOOD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

For information on flood protection assistance, contact the Engineering Department at (972) 205-2170. Services provided include:

- Names of contractors/consultants who are knowledgeable or experienced in retrofitting

techniques and construction.

- Information on how to select a qualified contractor and what recourse residents have if they are dissatisfied with a contractor's performance.
- Site visits to review flooding, drainage and sewer problems and advice to property owners.

Advice and assistance is available on retrofitting techniques such as elevating buildings above flood levels or the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), dry floodproofing, wet floodproofing and protecting basements from sewer backup. Also, information on the installation of barriers, levees, and floodwalls around individual buildings or structures is available.

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Garland's undisturbed floodplain areas and wetlands provide a variety of benefits to the human and natural ecological systems. They provide flood storage and conveyance, and reduce flood velocities and peak levels. Water quality is improved through the wetlands' ability to filter nutrients and impurities from runoff and process organic wastes. Local streams and wetlands provide breeding and feeding grounds for fish and wildlife, create and enhance waterfowl habitat, and protect habitats for rare and endangered species. Garland's floodplains also provide open space for various recreational uses.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

It is illegal in Garland to dump any type of debris into a stream, river or drainage ditch. Debris may become entangled in culverts, shallow streambeds, or drainage ditches, causing the flow of water to back up. Residents and property owners also should keep drainage channels and ditches on their property free of debris, foliage and vegetation that would impede the flow of water. Debris dumping may be reported to the Engineering or Stormwater departments by calling (972) 205-2170 or (972) 205-2180.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development in Garland must be permitted and must conform to all requirements of the City and any other applicable public agencies. Contact the City's Planning Department at (972) 205-2445 or Engineering Department at (972) 205-2170 for advice before building, filling or developing. The flood damage prevention ordinance (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31, Article VII) has special provisions regulating construction and other developments within floodplains. Without these provisions, flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will not be available to Garland property owners. Development in the floodplain without a permit is illegal; such activity may be reported to the Engineering Department at (972) 205-2170.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the City of Garland require that any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement of a structure (the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the start of the construction of the improvement) must conform or meet the same construction requirements as a new building and be constructed above the minimum Base Flood Elevation (BFE) listed on the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Substantial damage means damage of any origin sustained by a building or structure when the cost of restoring the building to its pre-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50% of the market value of the building before the damage occurred. Substantial damage is determined regardless of the actual repair work performed. The City of Garland requires by ordinance that any substantial improvement or substantial damage improvement must have a building permit. Building permit information is available at the Building Inspection Department, 800 W. Main St., or by calling (972) 205-2300.

FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

Learn the safest route from your home or business to higher, safer ground, but stay tuned to reports of changing flood conditions.

- If emergency officials tell you to evacuate or leave your home, go immediately to a safe shelter, hotel or relative's house.
- Turn off all utilities, gas and electricity at the main switch. Stay away from power lines and electrical lines. Be alert for gas leaks.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than in any other location. Vehicles also push water into homes and cause additional property damage.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

If flooding is imminent and evacuation of any part of Garland is advised, the Office of Emergency Management will notify residents through CodeRed, a 24-hour automated telephone system. A pre-recorded message will inform affected residents who are signed up for CodeRed of flooding hazards or other emergency situations, including any action necessary such as evacuation. To sign up for CodeRed, visit GarlandTx.gov and click on the CodeRed icon and follow the prompts. Additionally, the City will receive information from NOAA Weather Station Radio broadcasts weather information at 162.400 MHZ 24 hours a day from the National Weather Service Offices in Fort Worth.

FLOOD INFORMATION

Information on flooding, flood maps, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, flood insurance requirements and flood zone determinations is available at the Engineering Department, 800 W. Main St., or by calling (972) 205-2170.

Elevation certificates of properties in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's) are on file at the Engineering Department, and copies are available upon request. If a property does not have an Elevation Certificate on file, or if the existing certificate has been superseded by map changes, a new Elevation Certificate may be obtained from the City or from a private surveyor. Fees for the completion of a new certificate may apply; contact the Engineering Department for more details. Real time river gauge information is available at USGS.gov.

FEMA.gov • NOAA.gov • Weather.gov

Free Movie at the Plaza Theatre



Enjoy the following free screenings at the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Nov. 1, 7 p.m., *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*
– See the classic film in which two hapless freight handlers find themselves encountering Dracula, the Frankenstein Monster and the Wolf Man with an all-star cast! This movie is widely regarded as Lou and Bud's best comedic film.

Popcorn, candy and soda will be available at each event for \$2 each, and proceeds will benefit the Good Samaritans of Garland.

Art Exhibit

Garland Quilt Guild Exhibit • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1-Dec. 8

The Garland Quilt Guild will display quilts that members have created. The quilts will consist of varying sizes, styles, patterns and colors—from traditional to modern, from large bed quilts to small wall hangings. The quilts on display have been created using a range of techniques including hand and machine quilting, piecing, appliqué, beading and embellishments. The Garland Quilt Guild currently has more than 150 members. Members are inspired through learning new techniques, and also by learning about and developing an appreciation of the history of quilt making. To find out more about the Guild, visit GarlandQuiltGuild.com or [Facebook.com/GarlandQuiltGuild](https://www.facebook.com/GarlandQuiltGuild). Art Exhibits at the Granville Arts Center Gallery Space are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during all performances.



Garland Symphony Orchestra

The Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO) will open its 2013-14 season with, *Shall We Dance*, in October. All GSO performances will be held at 8 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

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

Oct. 18 – This performance will feature Howard Hilliard performing Mozart's *French Horn Concerto No. 1 in D Major*.

Nov. 15 – Garland Symphony Orchestra will feature pianist Lei Weng performing Brahms' *Piano Concerto No. 1*.

To purchase tickets, call 972-205-2790 or visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com. For more information on the GSO visit GarlandSymphony.org.



Howard Hilliard



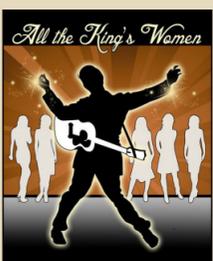
Lei Weng

Garland Civic Theatre



Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got the Will? – Set in a small Texas town in anytime, USA, Daddy's Dyin' concerns the reunion of a family gathered to await the imminent death of their patriarch, who has recently suffered a physically as well as mentally disabling stroke. However, it is not the story of the impending demise of the father or of the drafting of his will, but of a rebirth of the spirit of the family unit. Without becoming ponderous, losing a sense of humor or pandering to timeworn clichés about Texans or Texas draws, the story is fast and delicious, with funny moments, tense moments, touching moments, and characters you care about.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 and 10; 8 p.m. Oct. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26; and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 26. Tickets are \$15-\$22.



All The King's Women – Join Garland Civic Theatre for the story of Elvis Presley told through the eyes of 17 women. Some enthralled... some appalled... all obsessed. A fast-paced play based on the life of Elvis Presley. From Tupelo, Mississippi, where 11-year-old Elvis wanted a BB gun instead of a guitar, to *The Steve Allen Show*; from President Richard Nixon's office to Andy Warhol's studio; from Cadillac Salesman to Graceland guards.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 and 21; 8 p.m. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, Dec. 6 and 7; and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1 and 7. Tickets are \$15-\$22.

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

Performing Arts Shows and Events

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

***Classics, Country and More!* • 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12.** The Garland Opry and CB Luce will present a night of Country and Rock n' Roll music. Purchase tickets at TheGarlandOpry.com or call 972-495-3835.

***Gustavo Alvarez* • 6 p.m. Oct. 13.** Come see Gustavo Alvarez in concert. Tickets are on sale now at GustavoAlvarezConcert.brownpapertickets.com.



***Murder's in the Heir* • 8 p.m. Oct. 24-26, 2 p.m. Oct. 27.** Almost every character in this hilarious mystery has the weapon, opportunity and motive to commit the unseen murder. It's up to the audience to decide who actually did it! Call 972-977-7710 for reservations.

***Power of Praise Fall Musical* • 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 3.** Come see Alisha Fowler and the Rescue Sanctuary Assembly of God's fall musical hosted by Pastor John Iwuamadi. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call Alisha Fowler at 469-223-5244.

***Carnatic Music Concert* • 5 p.m. Nov. 9.** Join the Indian Fine Arts Academy for a Carnatic Music Concert. For more information, visit IFAADFW.org.

***Branson is Coming to Town* • 2 p.m. Nov. 16.** Branson on the Road performs regularly on RFD-TV's Mid-West Country Show! Tickets are \$20 in advance. Group tickets are available, but must be reserved by Nov. 1. For more information, visit BransonOnTheRoad.com or email roadrunner695@yahoo.com.



Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.



***Children's Magic Show* • 3 p.m. Oct. 13.** Every show is a blend of side-splitting comedy; mind bending magic and grand illusion. For tickets, call Jim Viel at 972-432-8982.

***Samsarga, A Union of Indian Dance* • 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19.** A unique and colorful dance show featuring the fusion of different dance forms of India. For tickets, contact Geeta Menon at 214-684-8963 or email geeta.menon@gmail.com.

***SHINE Women's Conference* • 6 p.m. Nov. 3** • Join Shoreline Dallas for SHINE 2013. Visit ShorelineDallas.com for more information or email ShineDallas@ShorelineDallas.com.

City Holiday Schedule: Thanksgiving

City Offices (including Utility Customer Service) – Closed Nov. 28-29

Libraries – Closed Nov. 1 for staff development; Will close at 6 p.m. Nov. 27; Closed Nov. 28-29

Recreation and Senior Centers – Will close at 5 p.m. Nov. 27; Closed Nov. 28-29

Environmental Waste Services – Offices closed Nov. 28-29; No garbage, recycling or brush collections Nov. 28; Thursday collection routes will resume on Friday, Nov. 29, and Friday routes will resume on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Drop-Off Recycling Center – Closed Nov. 28; Open Nov. 29 and 30 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Transfer Station – Closed Nov. 28; Open Nov. 29 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.); Closed Nov. 30

C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood Recycling Facility – Closed Nov. 28; Open Nov. 29 and 30 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)



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Garland in the Spotlight

Golden Guard Award – A City of Garland lifeguard has earned the title “Golden Guard” following a recent safety audit. April Estrella from Surf and Swim is one of 26 lifeguards worldwide to be named a Golden Guard by Jeff Ellis & Associates (E&A), the City’s aquatic safety consultant and lifeguard certifying agency. E&A audits more than 15,000 lifeguards each summer. These audits take place unannounced and allow auditors to observe the lifeguards in their normal working environment. According to E&A, a Golden Guard is someone who epitomizes the perfect guard.



Nursing Excellence Award – Victoria Yeatts, RN, MSN-HCSM, deputy director of Health, was honored at the 2013 Nurse.com Nursing Excellence GEM Award ceremony in Houston. Thirty finalists in six categories of nursing care were honored, with the winner from each category advancing to the national level. Yeatts was the regional (South Region) winner in the Home, Community and Ambulatory Care category for exemplifying outstanding clinical knowledge and nursing expertise in caring for patients in settings outside the hospital.



Library Programs and Events

Children & Family Programs

Fall Storytimes Schedule • Storytimes will be held through Nov. 30 at the following library locations:

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

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

North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

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

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

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

Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive

- Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

November – Seasonal Favorites

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

Books and Beyond • 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. A free program for children ages 6-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. Attendees use their imaginations to explore those themes and complete activities, all while socializing with others their age and having fun. Upcoming dates and themes are:

- **Oct. 19** – Mythology
- **Nov. 9** – Blues and Twos

Family Movie Time • Bring a blanket and attend free movies. Films are full-length, animated children’s movies. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the events, and seating is limited. All ages may attend. Free popcorn and water available while supplies last. Call 972-205-2516 for details.

- **6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 7** – Central Library, 625 Austin St.
- **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 22** – North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.
- **2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 26** – South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

International Games Day

• 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. The Nicholson Memorial Library System joins other public libraries across the world in celebrating International Games Day. Participants may choose from different video game systems such as Wii and Kinect, in addition to various board and card games. This event is open to game enthusiasts of all ages.



Adult Programs

Library Book Discussion Open to All • 7 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. Booklovers are invited to

join Page Turners, the Library’s book discussion group. The group meets one Thursday a month. Call 972-205-2502. Upcoming discussions include:

- **Oct. 24** - *Charleston* by John Jakes
- **Nov. 21** - *Lost in Shangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff

Dallas Municipal Archivist Discusses Kennedy Collection

• 7 p.m. Nov. 14, Central Library, 625 Austin St. In memory of President John F. Kennedy, City of Dallas Archivist John Slate will present a program about the Dallas Municipal Archives Kennedy Collection. The collection includes 11,400 documents including fingerprint cards, mug shots, witness affidavits, and photographs from the first day of the assassination investigation. The event is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Call 972-205-2501.

Senior Social Hour @ the Library

• 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. A free program series for senior citizens ages 55 years and older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502.

Oct. 24 - Jiaan Powers

will present *Ghost Tales: Tried and True*. A Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Artist, Powers, is known for her multicultural folktales, ghost stories, and snippets and stories from home. She draws on more than 20 years of teaching and 16 years of storytelling to design meaningful programs for all ages.



Nov. 21 - Myrna Blackwood Hunt

will present *I Love Broadway*. Hunt, a singer and comedienne, began singing at age 6 and has shared the stage with Leann Rimes, Tom Jones, Ronnie Milsap, The Gatlin Brothers, and comedians Red Skelton and Bob Hope.



Celebrate Teen Read Week • Teens, you voiced your choice! This past summer, Garland teens nominated their favorite reads. The results are now in. Pick up your Garland Top Ten Teen Reads bookmarks at any Garland public library location Oct. 13-19 during Teen Read Week.

Tween Scene • This program is designed for youth ages 10-13 and consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes. The program takes place twice a month at various library locations on Thursday afternoons and evenings.

October – Monstrous Reads: Vampires, Zombies, and Werewolves, Oh My!

- **6:30 p.m. Oct. 3** – South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.
- **4 p.m. Oct. 10** – North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

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Tech-Know How Program Series at the Library

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

Facebook 101

7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 6
Central Library, 625 Austin St.

Learn the basics of Facebook with Facebook 101. The class will introduce participants to Facebook, explain the process of setting up an account and creating a profile, cover privacy settings, and demonstrate how to find friends. Participation in this class is limited, and registration is required. Registration begins two weeks before the class date. Participants must possess basic computer skills and have their own email address. For details or to register, call 972-205-2501.

I Plugged It In, Now What? Getting Started with Computers

7 p.m. Oct. 10
South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.
Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and desktop navigation.

Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date.

Up and Running: Getting on the Internet

7 p.m. Oct. 17, Central Library, 625 Austin St.
7 p.m. Nov. 14, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

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

Signed, Sealed and Delivered: An Intro to Email

10 a.m. Nov. 9
Central Library, 625 Austin St.

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



Recreation Center Programs and Events



Simply Sports • Oct. 3-24, Thursdays, 4 to 4:40 p.m., ages 3-6 years, \$26 per child, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Learn the basics of physical education through parent and child participation. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.

Homework Help • Nov. 4-25, Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., ages 10-18 years, \$82 per person for once per week, \$142 per person for twice per week, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Turn homework into an adventure with learning modules that cover math, reading, science and social studies. Supply fee of \$10 is payable to instructor. Call 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.

Awesome Art • Oct. 2-23, Wednesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., ages 3-5 years, \$20 per child, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Learn about different artists each week then use their style to create a masterpiece. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.



LIFE Tae Kwon Do • Oct. 7-28, Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., ages 5 years and up, \$20 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn the fluid movements of kicks, punches, and jumps for well-rounded physical fitness and self-defense training. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Gymnastics • Oct. 2-23, Wednesdays, ages 3-16, times vary by age group, \$48 per child, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Learn the basics of gymnastics with a variety of equipment including mats and balance beam.

Pilates • Oct. 1-31, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages 18 years and up, \$27 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Condition the body with well-balanced routines that teach proper breathing and spinal alignment. Call 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

Special Events

Garland's Gone Camping • Oct. 19-20, Audubon Park, 342 W. Oates Road, \$30 per family of four. Grab your tent and sleeping bags for a night under the stars with family and friends. Enjoy a night hike, games, s'mores, a campfire, and an outdoor movie. Registration required by Oct. 17. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.

The Hunger Games Evening

• Nov. 8, 6 to 11 p.m., ages 13 and up, \$22 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Join other fans for an evening of Hunger Games themed activities. Hone your archery skills with our stationary and moving targets, try some of the District 12 rations, and end the evening with a big screen viewing of The Hunger Games. Fee includes archery instruction, dinner and movie. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.



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