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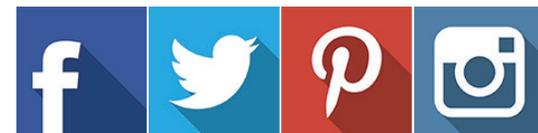
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Message

from the Mayor

We are off to a swift and fast-moving 2015. I recently gave my second State of the City Address at the Garland Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In my address, I focused on the various ways we are working together to Grow Community, Grow Opportunity and Grow Garland. All three are integral and key areas to future success and growth of our community.

Communicating and engaging with our community is a top priority for me. This past year we launched several new ways for you to engage and communicate with city officials. Two new tools were added: Engage Garland and Garland eAssist. We are posting questions online and we want your feedback. I am a regular listener and user on the Engage Garland website, and encourage you to create a profile and share your thoughts and suggestions for Garland. Our new online service, Garland eAssist, will allow you to submit requests immediately to city staff. Lastly, I send a monthly Mayor's Newsletter to connect you to things happening either in Garland or through the Mayor's Office, if you are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically; you may sign up by emailing

Mayor@GarlandTX.gov. I strongly encourage you take a look at all these new interactive tools to engage with your city.

In previous messages, I have talked about the importance of economic development and businesses having an online presence to promote and advertise their services. One tool to do so has been our *Google GetYour Business Online* program that we have had in partnership with Google Business Services. Recently Google has been piloting a new program called Let's Put Our Cities on the Map and for Garland we have been promoting "Let's Put Garland On the Map". We are working with Google to assist local businesses to be more accessible and competitive. Recently executives from Google came to Garland to film their national promotional video that will feature Garland and Garland-based businesses. It is a testimonial to what Garland offers that we were selected and we are excited to again be recognized by Google and now featured to thousands of businesses across the country to show what we do in Garland.

If you weren't able to attend the Garland Chamber of Commerce luncheon in March but want to hear my State of the City address, you may visit our website GarlandTX.gov to watch a replay of the presentation. As always, I want to hear what you have to say; you may email me at Mayor@GarlandTX.gov, find us on Facebook, reach us by phone at 972-205-2400 or attend one of my future Mayor's Evening In and Out sessions.

Remember:

Grow Community. Grow Opportunity. Grow Garland.



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

Mayor's Evening In
5 to 7 p.m. March 26
Mayor's Office
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.

Mayor's Evening In
5 to 7 p.m. April 23
Mayor's Office
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.

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

Mayor@GarlandTX.gov

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City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Goldie Locke Room of the Duckworth Utility Services Building, 217 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast online through live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable), Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse).

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. March 2 and 16, April 6 and 20
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. March 9 and 23, April 13 and 27
 - Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Meeting dates and times subject to change.

Garland Spotlight

- Daily – 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday-Sunday – 6:30 p.m.

Garland City Manager Announces Retirement

City Manager William E. Dollar announced his retirement to the Mayor and City Council during the Jan. 20 City Council meeting.



Dollar shared the news with City employees thanking them for dedication and support:

“It has been a joy to work with such a wonderful team of people who have served this community with selfless dedication and a commitment to making

Garland great. The most important thing we can do in our jobs is to make a difference—do some good. That has always been my goal in my career, and if my time here is considered successful, it is because each one of you has made a difference in all you do every day.”

Dollar has served Garland as city manager since September 2003. He has become a recognized authority in the areas of public works and utility services during a career that has spanned four decades.

Mayor Douglas Athas praised Dollar’s leadership during his tenure as City Manager. “Bill has guided this organization through tumultuous economic times, allowing us to maintain stable city services, stay strong financially and retain innovative, talented people when other cities around the country were struggling,” said Mayor Athas.

Dollar’s time as City Manager has been punctuated by many significant achievements:

- The opening of Firewheel Town Center.
- Development of Harbor Point anchored by Bass Pro Shops.
- Negotiation of a successful public-private partnership that resulted in the transit-oriented development, 5th Street Crossing, in Downtown Garland.
- Phase II of the Downtown Redevelopment project currently under way that includes a second multi-family development next to City Hall, major City Hall renovations, Heritage Crossing, and many other infrastructure and quality-of-life improvements to Downtown Garland.
- The GREAT Homes program, developed during the recession to spur revitalization in mature

neighborhoods. This program has received national recognition as a “best practices model” and received the Aubrey Nelson Award from the National Community Development Corporation on Jan. 23.

- Creation and implementation of the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods, which recognizes Garland’s neighborhoods and a critical asset for the City’s growth and success.
- Law Street Media has ranked Garland the ninth safest city in the U.S. for the past two years (population 200,000+).

Dollar is a Garland native and began his career with the City as a design engineer in 1971. Since then, he has served as director of Wastewater Treatment and director of Public Works. In 1985, he became assistant city manager of Utilities Services and served in that capacity until his appointment as city manager. He has served on the Texas Public Power Association Board of Directors and the American Public Power Association Board of Directors.

He is also a member of First United Methodist Church of Garland. He and his wife, Tandy, enjoy golfing at Garland’s Firewheel Golf Park, and they are looking forward to spending time with grandkids and friends.

Council District 4 Town Hall Meeting

Set for March 5, 2015

Join Council Member B.J. Williams at his first Council District 4 Town Hall Meeting for 2015. The meeting will be held from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. March 5, at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.



Topics:

- District 4 Goals 2015 - Council Member B.J. Williams
- Update: District 4 Infrastructure (Streets) Projects - Steve Oliver, Director of Streets
- Update: 635 East Project (including sound all) - Dean International/Director of Transportation
- District 4 Public Safety Update - Garland Police Department
- Citizens’ Sound-Off

Garland City Council Appoints New City Secretary

The Garland City Council appointed a new city secretary. In January, René Dowl will serve as city secretary and office manager for the City Manager’s Office.

“We believe René will bring strong organizational and public service skills to this important role,” said Mayor Douglas Athas. “We are looking forward to working with her and benefiting from her experience.”

The city secretary’s position is appointed by the City Council and also has a direct-reporting role to City Manager Bill Dollar.

Eloyce (René) Dowl was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and grew up in Gloster, Louisiana. She attended Centenary College of Louisiana and Amberton University in Garland, Texas, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional Development, and a Master of Science in Family Studies.

René was previously the management team coordinator for Garland Power & Light (GP&L).

She began her career with the City of Garland in 1984, as the office manager for the Northeast Texas Library System (NETLS). She has held various positions in insurance, banking, and professional sports and entertainment, serving as the office manager for the



Dallas Stars Hockey Club and American Airlines Center from 1993-2002. She has also worked in the nonprofit sector for the March of Dimes.

René chaired the City of Garland’s United Way campaign for three years, is a member of the United Way Leadership Giving Council, and served as class advisor for Leadership Garland for two years.

René resides in Garland with her husband, Carey Dowl.

Election Day

Saturday, May 9, 2015

The City of Garland will hold an election on Saturday, May 9, to elect a Mayor and City Council representatives from Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8. Below are some important dates for voters to remember:

April 9

Last day for submitting voter registration application in time to vote on May 9

April 27

First day for early voting in person

May 5

Last day for early voting in person

May 9

Election Day-Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The early voting location in Garland will be the Richland College Garland Campus, 675 West Walnut St. For more information, visit DallasCountyVotes.org or call the Garland City Secretary at 972-205-2404.



Stay Safe around Electricity

Electricity makes our lives easier—we use it to cook our food, heat and cool our homes, and power our electronics. However, coming into contact with an electric current can cause serious injury or death, so it is extremely important to always use caution around electricity.

Outdoor safety rules:

- Never go near a downed power line. Call the police (911) and GP&L (972-205-3000) to report a downed line.
- Don't touch a fence, tree or anything else that has come into contact with a fallen power line.
- Substations and pad-mounted transformers contain high voltages of electricity. Don't climb or play around either.
- Keep pool skimmers, ladders and other long tools away from overhead lines.

Indoor safety rules:

- Never overload electrical outlets; an overloaded electrical outlet is a fire hazard.
- Never put anything but plugs in electrical outlets.
- Don't use an appliance if its cord is cracked or frayed.
- Never use electrical appliances in or near water.

For more electric safety tips, visit www.gpltxas.org/utillsafety.html

Theft of Utility Services is Actively Investigated

Theft of electric or water service is against the law and dangerous. Customers who illegally tamper with a meter to obtain utility service may think they are getting away with the theft, but the Utility Customer Service Department has a skilled investigative team that uncovers most tampering situations.

“Despite how dangerous the activity is, some citizens steal utility services,” said Billing and Revenue Supervisor Derek Burt. “To find and stop the theft, we actively investigate leads provided by concerned neighbors and our system resources.”

If caught, the account holder will have to pay a significant amount to have the service restored. The administrative penalty, plus charges for damages such as to the meter, can cost more than \$300. Additionally, power or water consumed during the theft will be back billed to the customer in most cases. Restitution may also be handled through the court system.

If you suspect someone of electricity or water theft in Garland, please contact the Utility Theft Hotline at 972-205-2635, and report the details so the situation can be investigated. Callers may remain anonymous.

Meter Access Needed

The electronic-read water and electric meters installed by the City of Garland allow for remote meter reading each month. This means that meter readers do not physically access each of these meters monthly. However, City employees need to access the meters from time to time.

Please help us by making sure we can reach your electric meter and by keeping your water meter lid free from grass and other vegetation.



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**TEEN
TALK**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. @ THE PLAZA THEATRE

521 State St. Garland, TX

**GARLAND
YOUTH
COUNCIL**

GISD Students and Staff Win Big with Stormwater Essay Contest

During the holidays, Stormwater Management staff was busy reading 1,179 essays submitted by Garland ISD students on stormwater pollution. All third through fifth grade students in GISD were invited to participate in the annual stormwater contest. This year, the students were asked to write an essay for the theme “I Care About Garland’s Creeks!”



First place students received \$200, second place received \$150, and third place received \$100. The teacher of each winning student received \$100 to purchase classroom supplies. In addition, there were three honorable mention winners for each grade level. These students and teachers each won \$25. New this year was a class participation prize. All teachers that had at least 90% participation were placed in a drawing. The winning teacher, Sylvia Valdez-Vasquez of Bradfield Elementary, won \$150 for classroom supplies.

Congratulations to everyone!

For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180 or visit GarlandStormWater.org.

First Place

Student	Teacher	School
Nhien Tran , 3rd grader	Sharon Abraham	Walnut Glen Academy
Ayden Young , 4th grader	Leila Toribio	Kimberlin
Aangela Oommen , 5th grader	Brook Pattavina	Watson MST

Second Place

Rogelio Cabrera , 3rd grader	Angie Chilton	Dorsey Elementary
Melanie Ramirez , 4th grader	Patty Naghwei	Classical Center at Vial
Kunal Sawhney , 5th grader	Jackie Davis	Walnut Glen Academy

Third Place

Briana Perez , 3rd grader	Maria Arthur	Bullock Elementary
Lochlin Belcher , 4rd grader	Beth Tolman	Cooper Elementary
Ericka Nguyen , 5th grader	Allyson Griffin-Grubisich	Kimberlin Academy
Christian Guerrero , 5th grader	Brook Pattavina	Watson MST

Honorable Mention

Mallory Nelson , 3rd grader	Sharon Abraham	Walnut Glen Academy
Neha Rajput , 3rd grader	Lesley Perry	Dorsey Elementary
Elina Medrano , 3rd grader	Lesley Perry	Dorsey Elementary
Izzy Carrasco , 4th grader	Amelia Pinckley	Herfurth Elementary
Anthony Nguyen , 4th grader	Maria Kirkland	Walnut Glen Academy
Marvin Lam , 4th grader	Jennifer Pontius	Abbett Elementary
Filiberto Gutierrez , 5th grader	Andrea Blankenship	Watson MST
Emily Lawrence , 5th grader	Brook Pattavina	Watson MST
Sofia Gill , 5th grader	Jackie Davis	Walnut Glen Academy

Texas Natives Tough It Out

Save water, save money, and help the environment with a Texas SmartScape™ yard or garden.

During the summer, more than half of a typical household’s outdoor water use goes to watering the lawn and garden. Converting to a water-efficient landscape through the proper choice of plants and careful design can reduce this water use by 20-50%. Once native and adapted plants are established, they require a lot less water than other plants. To help reduce the amount of water used—and money spent—consider converting to a Texas SmartScape™ yard or garden.

Texas SmartScape is an award-winning gardening program that educates homeowners about the

ecological and economic benefits of using plants that are native to this region and local climate. By using native plants, water is conserved and the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides applied can be reduced. This saves the homeowner money and helps keep chemicals out of our streams, rivers, and lakes.

Visit TxSmartScape.com for details on how to plant a Texas SmartScape yard or garden. The plant allows you to find SmartScape-approved plants that are the right fit for your yard, while the landscape design tool walks seasoned and first-timer gardeners alike through the entire landscaping process. The website also offers plenty of tips on caring for a SmartScape yard.

Simple ways to save water:

- Use native and adapted plants. These plants can handle both the Texas summer heat and winter’s cold snaps.
- Water efficiently and effectively. Up to 50% of your irrigation goes to waste due to evaporation, wind, improper system design, or overwatering.
- Water early or late in the day. To avoid water loss from evaporation, water your yard between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. (Early morning is best.)
- Water less frequently. Most lawns only need watering once every 5 to 7 days in the growing season and every 15 to 20 days in the winter—even less frequently if it rains.
- Install drip irrigation in flower beds and at the roots of shrubs. Almost 95% of drip irrigation water can reach a plant, while traditional automatic sprinklers are much less efficient.
- Reduce turf grass. Lawns typically require a large amount of supplemental water and more intensive maintenance than other vegetation.

TEXAS SMARTSCAPE™

Water Conserving Plant Sale

Save the Date - May 23

Visit www.txsmartscape.com for event information.

Sponsored by: Home Depot, City of Garland Water & Stormwater Departments

2015 NUSA Conference:

Passion into Action

Neighborhoods, USA, is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. The NUSA Workshop Presentation Committee selected the City of Garland, Planning & Community Development, to present the workshop, D.I.Y. Garland: A New Framework for Engagement, at the 2015 NUSA Conference. Garland neighbors are encouraged to register for the conference and enjoy the opportunity to network with community leaders from across the country.



Two neighborhood groups have submitted award applications. The Shores of Wellington for Neighborhood of the Year, and Camelot Neighborhood Association for Best Newsletter. The Office of Neighborhood Vitality nominated Guy Lawson for Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods.

Those interested in taking a neighborhood group to this year's conference should email Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov. Visit NUSA.org for more information about the 2015 Conference.

It is Not Too Late to get a Flu Vaccination

Flu activity continues to increase, with the DFW-area being hit especially hard. Residents may have heard that the flu vaccine this year does not offer as much protection as it was intended to; however, many physicians agree that getting the flu vaccination is still important. More than one type of flu is circulating, and the vaccine protects against at least three strains of circulating virus.

Getting the flu vaccine directly reduces the vaccinated person's risk of getting sick. Studies show that in addition to reducing illness, the flu vaccination also reduces doctor visits, missed work, and illness-related school absences.

In addition, those who are vaccinated against influenza, but get sick anyway, will likely have a milder case. Flu vaccination may even reduce severe outcomes such as hospitalization and death.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend an annual flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older. Garland's Public Health Clinic, at 206 Carver Drive, has vaccines for adults as well as children, including the high-dose flu vaccine for ages 65

Rethink Capacity 2015

Rethink Capacity 2015 will launch March 27. The Rethink Capacity training program is the next step in capacity building and partnership preparation for organizations that serve Garland residents. The topics covered in this six-month program will give nonprofit executives and managers the tools they need to build their internal capacity, identify their support network in the community, and collaborate on important community initiatives.

To register or for more information, contact Felisa Conner at 972-205-3864 or fconner@GarlandTx.gov.

GNMA Classes
Garland Neighborhood Management Academy

City Administration: April 14, 2015 | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | MSMB (800 Main Street)
D.I.Y. Fences: April 28, 2015 | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | The Home Depot - Firewheel

For more information or to register, visit GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org

Office of Neighborhood Vitality | 972-205-2451 | GNMAClass@GarlandTX.gov

and older, and pneumococcal vaccines. Specially trained registered nurses are available to answer your questions or administer your vaccination. Call 972-205-3370 for more information.

Why was this year's vaccine not as effective?

Early in the year, influenza researchers determine which strains of the flu virus are currently circulating in the population and try to predict which ones will show up later that year. Once they decide, it takes many more months to produce the millions of doses of vaccine that will be needed when flu season begins in the fall. Sometimes the researchers are able to produce a vaccine that is right on target. However, sometimes the flu virus changes after production has already started. This year, by the time it became apparent that the predominant virus had changed, it was too late to change the vaccine.



Board, Leadership, and Volunteer Fair

Event Recap

Garland held its first-ever Board, Leadership, and Volunteer Fair in January, and according to many attendees, it was a phenomenal success.

Hundreds of residents came out to find their place in the community by speaking with several organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Garland Symphony Orchestra, IKandy Foundation, The Warren Center, and the Youth Achievement Foundation.

Lawn Care Assistance Program

The Code Compliance Department is accepting applications for its Lawn Care Assistance Program. The 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 and have no other assistance available to remain in compliance with City codes.

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

Submit applications to: Code Compliance-Lawn Care Assistance Program, 210 Carver St., Suite 101, Garland, TX, 75040. Prior participation does not automatically reinstate assistance. Space is limited based upon available funding.

For more information, call 972-485-6400.



April is Fair Housing Month

*Garland Fair Housing Services
Hosts Documentary Screening*

A MATTER OF PLACE

A Film About Housing Discrimination



**Thursday, April 16, 2015
at 5:30 p.m.**

**Carver Center Bldg. 2
232 Carver Dr. Garland, Texas**

RSVP to 972-205-3300



The film, "A Matter of Place," is a documentary that shines a bright light on housing discrimination, one of the most shrouded and misunderstood civil rights issues in America. The film connects past struggles for fair housing to contemporary incidents of housing bias based on race, sexual orientation, disability, and source of income.

The documentary presents three stories of people who faced housing discrimination in present-day New York City. They poignantly describe the injuries inflicted on them during these incidents, as well as their resolve to fight for justice. The film helps viewers understand systemic injustices that continue to inflict harm, despite the existence of fair housing laws.

The film was produced by the Fair Housing Justice Center of New York, in partnership with Kavanagh Productions.



GARLAND
FAIR HOUSING

Animal Services News

Spaying and neutering saves lives

Millions of animals are euthanized each year simply because they do not have a home. Preventing unplanned pregnancies significantly reduces this number. The City of Garland, in partnership with PetSmart Charities®, would like to invite you to take advantage of this free service for Garland residents in the 75041 zip code.

Call Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) at 940-566-5551 and mention the 75041 promotion to schedule an appointment. Owners must show driver's license and utility bill for proof of residency. Dogs must be between the ages of 10 weeks and 5 years to be considered good candidates for surgery. Dogs should weigh more than 2 pounds and less than 80 pounds at the time of surgery. This program is for owned pets only. Shelters and rescue or foster organizations are not eligible for this program.

TNR for Feral Cats

Feral cats, also called community cats, are members of the domestic cat species just like pet cats, but are not socialized to people, nor are they adoptable. They typically live in groups called colonies and have strong social bonds with their colony members.

The City of Garland has an active Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program to help with the rising unwanted feral cat population. Feral cats are humanely trapped and brought to the shelter. TNR picks up the cat, performs a spay or neuter, and releases the sterilized animal back in the area from which it came.

Please remember to notify the officer picking up the cat that you want to participate in the TNR program. To call for a pickup, call 972-205-3570, option 1. Let the dispatcher know that you have a trapped cat for the TNR program.

Garland Animal Services and Garland Pawsibilities will host a Trap-Neuter-Return Workshop on March 28 from 1-3 p.m. at the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 Main St. in Downtown Garland.

Topics to be covered include:

- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) overview
- Controlling the feral cat population in Garland
- Tips from experienced trappers
- Free sterilization/rabies vaccination for registered colony managers

For additional information on Garland's (TNR) Pilot Program, visit <http://www.garlandpawsibilities.org/TNR.html>.

Give an Adoptable Pet a Forever Home

All City adoptions include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, and City registration if applicable. One adoption per household and does not include prepay adoptions.

Pet Adoption Center

813 Main St. Garland, TX 75040

Mon.-Tue. & Thu.-Fri. 1 -5 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Third Sunday of each month

open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Animal Shelter & Adoption Center

600 Tower St. Garland, TX 75040

Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

972-205-3570

Schedule a Shelter Visit!

Recently, boys and girls from Beaver Elementary school toured the City's Pet Adoption Center in Downtown Garland. From the front desk, to the back yard where the pups can run and play, the kids learned all about how the adoption center operates and played with adorable, adoptable dogs.

The children learned about the responsibilities of an Animal Services Officer, as well as how certain animals are handled. To schedule a tour, contact Community Resource and Rescue Coordinator Hugo Espinoza at 972-205-3571.

To make a donation to support animals at the Garland Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center or to sponsor an adoption, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org or call 972-205-3548.



How We GROW GARLAND

In 2013, the City of Garland launched an internal initiative to help employees focus on how each of their individual jobs is important to the growth and success of the community. This initiative included updated Mission, Vision and Value statements, and made a positive impact on City employees. In each 2015 issue of the Garland City Press, a City department will share how they contribute to Garland's growth.

Code Compliance

Code Compliance is responsible for enforcing State laws and City ordinances related to residential and commercial properties to ensure a healthy, vital community. This mission helps maintain property values to the benefit of individual property owners and all who rely on the City services funded by a strong tax base.

Code Compliance employs 13 inspectors in its Neighborhood Standards Division, which focuses on items ranging from junk vehicles and tall grass to minimum housing standards. A team of six people makes sure that all single-family and multi-family rental properties, as well as hotels and motels, are inspected for health and safety standards. This group is self-funded through permit fees. In 2014, Code Compliance was given responsibility with maintaining the City's commercial property standards, handled by a team of four people.

Such are the tasks and assignments for Code Compliance. But how does this team of dedicated people help Grow Garland?

Code Compliance Director Steve Killen says it is more than just enforcing rules and regulations. "Our inspectors work with property owners to achieve compliance, not just crack down on the laws. Our inspectors are empowered to exercise the kind of discretion that recognizes that a property owner is working toward compliance and allows for the flexibility to help them reach the goal. We understand that compassion should be part of the process toward compliance."

Killen says inspectors have a mindset of helping neighbors and communities improve their properties while ensuring healthy, safe environments. Code inspectors work hard to provide options for residential and commercial property owners rather than leaning on a citation book

"It's important to remember that 'due process' is a requirement," said Killen. "Resolving code violations doesn't always happen quickly. We work within the law and deal with property owners fairly. The legal process can be very time consuming"



Above is a before and after view of a Main Street commercial property. Code Compliance's commercial property standards team worked with the owner to achieve these improvements.

Statistical Highlights - FY 2013-14

Through the City's Lawn Care Assistance Program, mowed lawns for 76 senior or disabled residents twice a month, April through September.

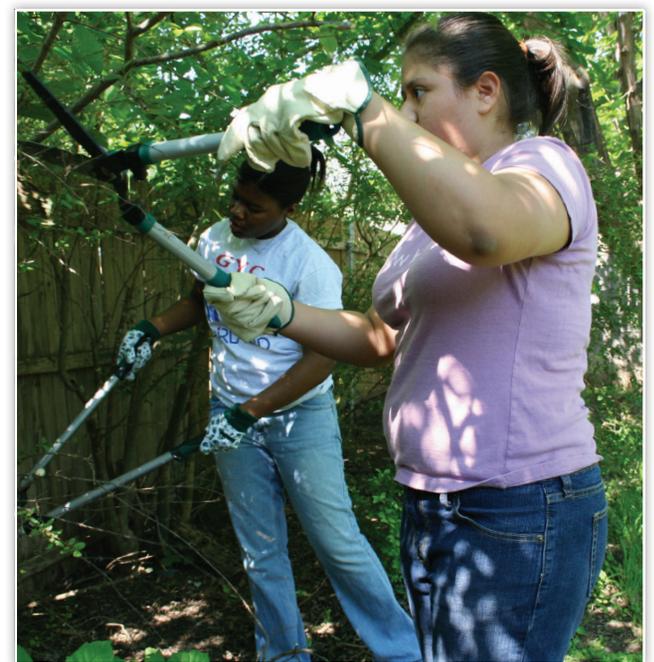
Removed graffiti from 636 surfaces, costing \$29,000.

Responded to more than 16,000 calls for service, issuing 2,700 work orders to abate nuisance violations such as high grass and trash.

Maintained 125 properties acquired by the City through foreclosure.

Conducted more than 1,200 change-in-tenancy single-family rental inspections.

Conducted nearly 6,400 exterior inspections and more than 4,200 interior inspections of multi-family rental units.



Excellence

Made Here!

Volunteers Matter

Maintaining a clean, healthy community takes teamwork, and the Code Compliance Department has created a network of volunteers, nonprofits and neighbors to help the process along. The department's award-winning outreach program, Code Cares, helps senior citizens, disabled residents and those with financial challenges with property maintenance. Code Cares teams up with volunteer groups and individuals from throughout the community, including several area churches and City employees. In 2014, Code Cares helped 65 residents with minor home repairs and landscaping needs. Similarly, the department oversees a federal grant program that helps qualifying elderly and disabled home owners with routine mowing. Last year the department was allotted funding that provided this much needed help to 76 recipients.

Nonprofit organizations can earn extra money by helping remove illegal signs from City rights of ways and utility poles. Code's "I-sign" program pays those nonprofits for each sign removed, which has resulted in the disposal of more than 7,700 signs.

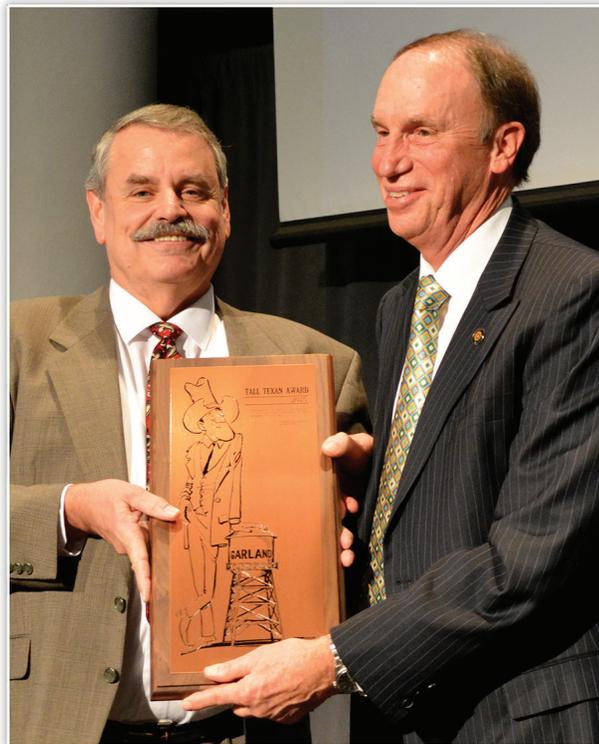
Code officers often discover residents in need of community services and will help them identify assistance resources. The department also adopts a family each Christmas season and provides a holiday feast, gifts and other much-needed items.

For more information about Code Compliance, visit GarlandTx.gov and look in the "City Government" listing, or call 972-485-6400.



Garland Chamber Honors City Manager

On Jan. 29, the Garland Chamber of Commerce recognized City Manager Bill Dollar with its highest award – the Tall Texan Award.



This award honors individuals who have given back to the community in a meaningful way. It exemplifies the spirit of its founder, Austin Stanton, who gave much to Garland. Stanton was the founder of Varo Inc. and donated the land for Garland Memorial Hospital, which is now Baylor Medical Center at Garland.

Bill Dollar was presented the Tall Texan during the Chamber's Annual Emerald Tie Banquet by former Garland Mayor Jamie Ratliff. "City managers have different motivations for doing the job," said Mayor Ratliff. "Some do it to build a resume and as a stepping stone for future jobs. Some do it for ego and power. And some, like tonight's Tall Texan, do it because they are part of the community. They want to contribute to Garland being a better place to live and work. They love Garland."

Garland Firefighters Receive Valor Award

Two Garland firefighters received the Texas Fire Chiefs Association's Valor Award on Feb. 24. Capt. Sid Bolt and Firefighter Shane Walker were honored following a Nov. 19, 2014 incident during which they rescued a child from a burning home.

When Garland fire units responded to that fire, a woman who had escaped the blaze informed firefighters that her granddaughter was still trapped inside. Capt. Bolt and Firefighter Walker initiated a rescue, entering the building through a high window. The pair located the child and worked together to get her out through the window.

The little girl was not breathing, but firefighters were able to resuscitate her. She was treated at a local hospital and reunited with her family.

"Our department is proud to have our members honored, and we're so glad that our firefighters were able to rescue this little girl," said Garland Fire Chief Raymond Knight. "Our firefighters are honored to serve the people of Garland and are gratified when our response results in a happy ending such as this."

The awards were received Tuesday, Feb. 24 during the Texas Fire Chief's Association conference in Frisco.



Volunteers Needed for

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

Calling all volunteers to join the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Keep Garland Beautiful is joining Keep Rowlett Beautiful to clean up the shoreline of Lake Ray Hubbard, the southern gateway to Garland (Rowlett Road). Adults and children 10 years and older are invited to help pick up litter and debris on the lakeshore.

Individuals, families, church and school groups, and homeowner/neighborhood associations are encouraged to do their part to help beautify this shoreline. The drought has exposed so much litter and debris, and it will take many volunteers from both cities to make an impact.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. March 21, across from the Lake Ray Hubbard Marina Del Rey, 2413 Rowlett Road. On cleanup day, park at the marina and cross the street to register and receive cleanup instructions. Traffic control will be available.

All volunteers are invited back to registration after the cleanup for a volunteer appreciation luncheon, including music, stories of the day and prize drawings. "This is the first time we have partnered with another

organization for a cleanup and are looking forward to working with Keep Rowlett Beautiful and the City of Rowlett Public Works Department. to make a big impact on the lake shoreline, much of which surrounds Garland," explained Betty Roberts, President of the Keep Garland Beautiful board of directors.

Register at KeepGarlandBeautiful.org.

The rain date for this event is April 11.



TCEQ Violation Public Notice

The City of Garland water system PWS ID 0570010 has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Section 290, Subchapter F. Public water systems are required to properly disinfect water before distribution, maintain acceptable disinfection residuals within the distribution system, monitor and disinfectant residual at various locations throughout the distribution system, and report the results of that monitoring to the TCEQ on a quarterly basis.

Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water is safe from microbial contamination.

This violation occurred in the monitoring period(s) of the Third Quarter July 1 – Sept. 30, 2014.

The City of Garland performed all required monitoring and testing and, when required, properly disinfected potable water within its distribution system between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2014. Garland Water Utilities can assure its customers the quality of the potable water during that period met and/or exceeded both state and national requirements. **Although submitted, the required paperwork (the Quarterly Report) was not received by TCEQ before their required deadline.**

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Bobby Jacobs, bjacobs@GarlandTx.gov or 972-205-3218.

Pullman Railcar Rededication

Celebrate Garland's rich history on Saturday, April 11, 2015 as Downtown Garland hosts the second annual Garland Heritage Celebration. The day will feature musical entertainment, a model train exhibit and fun for the entire family.

The City of Garland and The Garland Landmark Society will celebrate the completion of the exterior refurbishment of historic 1910 Pullman Coach Car #582 during a rededication ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. in Heritage Crossing, as part of the 2015 Garland Heritage Celebration.

The railcar, recently relocated from behind City Hall to the new Heritage Crossing corridor, represents a unique traditional design and is believed to be one of perhaps a dozen that remain in existence in North America today. The railcar served as a passenger coach on the main line steam trains of the Santa Fe railroad system from 1910 to about 1930. During the 1930s and 40s, the car was transitioned to branch line service, connecting small towns in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas to the main lines. In 1949, the car was taken out of passenger service and converted to use as living quarters for a Santa Fe employee. In 1976, Santa Fe donated Car #582 to the City of Garland for display in Heritage Park.

Also featured in this year's celebration will be the dedication of the new Texas Historical Marker recognizing the Travis College Hill Historic District, located on Eleventh Street between Avenues B and D. The historical marker dedication ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. April 11, and will be celebrated with a tour of homes in the neighborhood from noon to 5 p.m. Top off the day with a free movie at the Plaza Theatre at 7 p.m. The classic film, *Giant*, stars Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean.

For more information about this year's event, visit GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-2993.





Garland

Heritage CELEBRATION



HERITAGE CROSSING

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

10 A.M. *to* 5 P.M.

SIXTH & WALNUT STREETS
DOWNTOWN GARLAND



11 a.m. Pullman Railcar Rededication

All day activities:

Food Trucks

Bounce Houses

Photographs

Museum Tours

Animal Adoption

Face Painting (starts at noon)

10:30 to 11 a.m.

Library Whistle Parade

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Stanley the Steam Engine Rides

Noon to 3 p.m.

Walking Tours of
Historic Downtown Garland

3 p.m. Travis College Hill

Historical Marker Ceremony

Noon to 5 p.m.

Home Tours of Historic
Travis College Hill

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Rose-Mary Rumbley
Comedy History Lecture
inside the Landmark Museum

Cowboy Shootouts
at 12:30, 2 & 3:30 p.m.

7 p.m. FREE Movie
at the Plaza Theatre "Giant"

For more information call 972-205-2993.

SPRING CREEK MODEL RAIL ROAD CLUB EXHIBIT

The Central Library will have a train exhibit in the lobby.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11

LIVE MUSIC

10 a.m. CB Luce

11:30 a.m. The Quibble Brothers

1 p.m. Gypsy Playboys

2:30 p.m. Garland Square Pickers

4 p.m. DeAnn Spence & Full
House

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.



CGTV – The City’s government access cable channel broadcasts City Council and Plan Commission meetings, as well as a wealth of programs and videos to keep you up-to-date on City activities.



Garland City Press – This City government newsletter is mailed to every residential address in Garland in January, March, May, July, September and November. It’s also available electronically on the City’s website.



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.



Social Media – The City has several social media sites on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and more. Visit <http://www.garlandtx.gov/about/social.asp> to check these out and see what interests you most!



CodeRED – Register to receive emergency notifications by phone, email or text. Options include automated weather warnings. Visit GarlandTx.gov and click on the CodeRED button or quick link.

Introducing our two newest!



Engage Garland – The City of Garland invites you to join the conversation about our city’s growth and progress. Share ideas, participate in quick polls and much more at EngageGarlandTX.mindmixer.com.



Garland eAssist – Report issues, get information and submit questions online. Coming soon - a mobile app!

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Library

Programs & Events

All Libraries will be closed
Sunday, April 5, for Easter.

Children/Youth Programs

Spring Storytimes | Through April 25

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.



Art Explorers, 2:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch Library • Children ages 6-12 will learn about different types of art, then create their own masterpieces. Registration is required to attend each Art Explorer program and is limited to 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- March 7, Pencil Drawing
- April 4, Paper Weaving

Books and Beyond, 2 p.m. April 25, Central Library • A free, monthly program for children ages 6-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. April's theme is Flower Poetry. Children 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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

March: Paper Minecraft

- 6:30 p.m. March 5, South Garland Branch
- 4 p.m. March 12, North Garland Branch

April: Brush Bots

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

Life-Sized Board Games, 2 to 4 p.m. March 9, Central Library • Ages 6 and up are invited to play life-sized versions of popular board games. Players may choose from Sorry, Connect Four, and Tic-Tac-Toe. No registration is required to attend.

Family Movie Time • Bring a blanket and attend free movies with your family. Seating is limited. No registration is required, and all ages may attend. Free popcorn and water will be available while supplies last. For details including movie titles call 972-205-3933.

- 2:30 p.m. March 11, Walnut Creek Branch
- 6:30 p.m. March 12, South Garland Branch
- 2:30 p.m. March 13, North Garland Branch

Teen Movie Time, 6 p.m. March 19, Central Library • This program is free and open to teens ages 13-18. Divergent is rated PG-13. No registration is required to attend. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the event. Seating is limited. Sandwiches and water will be available while supplies last.

Adult Programs

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

- March 5, Sheran Keyton • Artist Sheran Keyton and cast will present scenes from a variety of original musical productions including It's a Man's World, Simply Etta, Soul of Sam and I'm Every Woman.
- April 23, Dallas Zoo • Dallas Zoo staff will present an educational and interactive program featuring six to eight different animals from around the world. Due to the presence of live animals, refreshments will not be served.

Bookmark Design Contest

for Kids

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade may display their creative talents by participating in *Join Our Fantasy Quest—Read!*, a bookmark design contest. Beginning April 1, children may pick up the bookmark templates and rules for the contest at any Garland library's Children's Desk. Bookmark designs must be submitted by April 30 to be included in the contest and may feature knights, fairies, or any fantasy theme. Winners will be announced on May 8. Copies of each first-place bookmark will be available at all Garland library locations beginning June 6.

Bookmarks submitted must be the children's hand-drawn original artwork—no copyrighted images or cartoon characters. In addition, bookmarks must be drawn with black ink only. Submitted bookmarks will be judged in three groups: kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, and sixth through eighth grade. Criteria for judging include creativity, use of theme, and originality.



Tech-Know How

Program Series

The following classes are part of the library's Tech-Know How program series, which offers educational technology events each month. Registration is required for each class and begins two weeks before the class dates. Call 972-205-2502 to register for classes at the Central Library and 972-205-3931 for classes at the South Garland Branch Library.

Computer Classes

I Plugged It In, Now What? Getting Started with Computers, 7 p.m. • Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and navigating the desktop.

- 7 p.m. March 5, Central Library
- 7 p.m. April 23, South Garland Branch

Up and Running, 7 p.m. • Discover the ins and outs of getting online, identify website components and practice basic Internet searches.

- 7 p.m. March 26, South Garland Branch
- 7 p.m. April 9, Central Library

Performing Arts

Shows & Events

At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

In Due Season | March 14, 7 p.m. • Reflects on the life of a tenacious young woman who is torn between pursuing her passion or settling for her profession. During the course of making this life decision, her personal life suffers, her faith fades, and her trust is tested. Tickets available at 903-283-8903 and cost \$15 (pre-sale) and \$20 (at the door).

Who Needs Enemies When You Have Best Friends | March 28, 8 p.m. • Join Writings on a Paige for their production of *Who Need Enemies When You Have Best Friends*. Tickets are \$20 for General Admission and \$30 for VIP. Tickets are available at WritingsOnAPaige.com.

Harvey | April 16-19 • Elwood P. Dowd is an affable man who claims to have an unseen (and presumably imaginary) friend Harvey—whom Elwood describes as a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch tall pooka resembling an anthropomorphic rabbit. For tickets, visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or call 972-205-2790. For more information, call 972-977-7710 or visit CORPtheatre.org.

Ms. Mary | April 26, 2 p.m. • Theatrical Voice Evangelistic Ministries will present this new gospel play. For ticket information, call 214-875-7397.

Garland Civic Theatre

"Watson: The Last Great Tale of Sherlock Holmes"

March 5-28 • The story of a good man trapped in the shadow of a great man. Funny, moving and theatrically inventive, this high-energy play balances witty comedy and dramatic mystery.

"Carrie The Musical"

April 16-May 9 • Based on the novel by Stephen King, Carrie White is a misfit. At school, she's an outcast who is bullied by the popular crowd and invisible to everyone else. At home, she's at the mercy of her loving but cruelly over-protective mother. But Carrie has just discovered she's got a special power, and if pushed too far, she is not afraid to use it.



Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. For tickets, call 972-205-2790 or visit GarlandArts.com.

Free Movies at the Plaza



**"Grease" Sing-A-Long
March 5 at 7 p.m.** •

Good girl, Sandy, and greaser, Danny, fell in love over the summer. But will they be able to rekindle their romance?

You know the answer, and you know all the words to every song! So come sing-a-long with us.

"Mamma Mia" Sing-A-Long | April 2 at 7 p.m.

This movie musical, starring Meryl Streep and Amanda Seyfried, is the story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father. Join us and sing along to all the classic songs by the popular 1970s group ABBA.

"Giant" | 7 p.m. April 11 • Come see "Giant," the sprawling 1956 legendary epic that is as big as Texas starring Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and James Dean. This film classic is about the life of a Texas cattle rancher and the story of their family's rivalry with cowboy and (later oil tycoon) Jett Rink. The event is free and open to the public. Sales of refreshments will benefit the Garland Good Samaritans.

For more information, call 972-205-2790 or visit the Plaza Theatre section of GarlandArts.com.

Garland Symphony Orchestra

8 p.m., March 20 & April 17 • Join the Garland Symphony Orchestra for the 2014-15 La Bella Italia season.



Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$37.50 and are available at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790. For more information, visit GarlandSymphony.org.

Garland Summer Musicals

2015

Garland Summer Musicals season tickets for "West Side Story" and "Crazy for You" are now on sale! Seating is limited, so reserve your tickets today. Individual tickets will go on sale May 1.

"West Side Story"

June 12-21 • The story of "Romeo and Juliet" is transported to the turbulent streets of New York City in the 1950s. Star-crossed lovers are caught between rival street gangs. Considered a great groundbreaking musical, "West Side Story" has remained a poignant, provocative and emotionally devastating piece of theater for more than half a century. Performances are June 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8 p.m. and June 14 & 21 at 2:30 pm.

"Crazy for You"

July 17-26 • "Crazy for You" is a high energy, screw-ball comedy complete with mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers and classic George Gershwin music with lyrics by Ira Gershwin. Performances are July 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 8 p.m. and July 19 & 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$24-30. To purchase, visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com. For more information visit GarlandSummerMusicals.org.

Art Exhibits

GISD Senior Art Show | March 4-18 • The Garland Cultural Arts Commission will host the 2014 GISD High School Art Competition. Cash awards will be presented during a reception at 4:30 p.m. March 6 at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. The awards will honor the students and their instructors. This marks the 27th year for the GCAC, Inc. Awards. The GCAC/GISD Senior Art Show will remain displayed through March 18.



Beauty | March 20-April 29 • Local photographer Kala King has captured the beauty of Dallas' most picturesque parks. Featuring aquatic birds, insects and flowers, *Beauty* reflects the natural art surrounding the inhabitants of Dallas and its neighboring suburbs. For more information, visit KapturedByKala.com.

Exhibits are on display in the Gallery at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Viewing hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during all night and weekend performances.

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Parks and Recreation

Programs & Events

Basic Boxing and Conditioning | March 2-23

Mondays, times vary by age group, 5-16 years, \$42 per person, Audubon Recreation Center. Learn proper stance, movements, and offensive techniques while conditioning your mind and body. Call 972-205-3991 or email arc@GarlandTx.gov.

All Star Tumbling | March 5-26

Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m., 6-18 years, \$42 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center. Build a solid foundation in tumbling through floor exercises and drills that focus on proper technique and execution. Call 972-205-2770 or email brc@GarlandTx.gov.

Fitness 101 | By appointment

12-15 years, \$25 per person, Fields Recreation Center. A one-hour fitness orientation that targets teens looking to get in shape at The Body Shops. Eligible to purchase a Fitness Pass with a parent upon completion. Call 972-205-3090 or email frc@GarlandTx.gov.

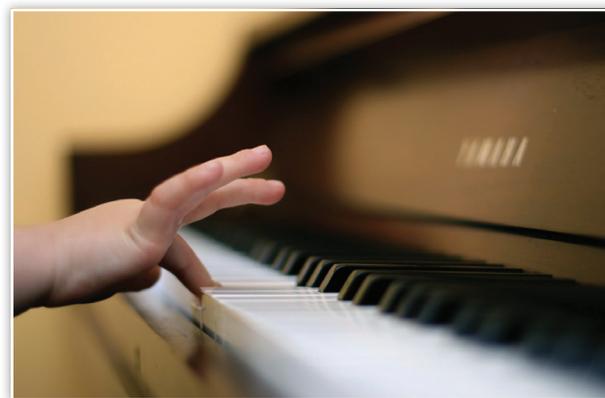


Workout 101 | March 3-31

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., 16 years and up, \$42 per person, Granger Recreation Center. Building from the basics, start with an individualized plan for success and discover how to define shape, gain strength, and improve flexibility. Call 972-205-2771 or email grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Music Discovery Piano | March 4-25

Wednesdays, times vary by age group, 5-13 years, \$54 per person, Holford Recreation Center. Learn the basics of playing the piano including proper playing technique, note recognition, and the fundamentals of music theory. Call 972-205-2772 or email hrc@GarlandTx.gov.



Flex Ball Pilates | March 7-28

Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m., 18 years and up, \$17 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center. Condition the whole body with well-balanced routines that teach proper breathing and spinal alignment while strengthening the deep torso muscles. Call 972-205-2721 or email hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

Special Events

Get out and PLAY Garland Photo Contest • Shutterbugs of all ages can showcase their work for the community to enjoy. Photos submitted must be taken within the Garland city limits or by a Garland resident and may be up to 8"x10" in size. All submissions must be mounted on poster board with a one inch border; one picture per board. Prizes awarded for first place in each category and best in show. All entries must be submitted at Holford Recreation Center from April 1-11. Winners announced April 17. Call 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

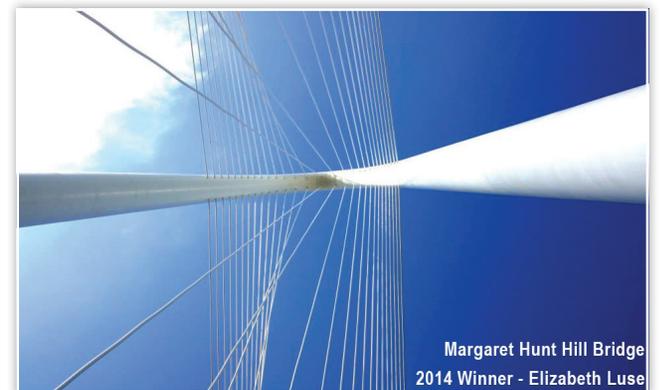
Youth Division (18 years and younger)

\$3 per entry (up to four photos per category)

Adult Division (19 years and up)

\$5 per entry (up to four photos per category)

Categories: People/Children, Nature/Plants, Animals/Wildlife, Scenery including Cityscapes, Abstract/Composite, and Mobile Phone Pictures



Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge
2014 Winner - Elizabeth Luse

Egg Hunt, 6 p.m. April 2, Central Park • Hop into spring EGG-citement! Children ages 10 and younger can hunt for colorful candy and toy-filled eggs, enjoy a jump house, obstacle course, and more. Popcorn, sodas, and Pucker Powder will be available for purchase. Keep the memory by having your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a small fee! The event is free. For more information, call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Granger's Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11, Granger Recreation Center • Sell your treasures at this community garage sale and let Granger take care of all the hassle. All advertising, promotion, and permits will be taken care of by the center. Any unwanted or leftover items will be donated to Soul's Harbor donation center. Cost is \$25 per vendor space. To register, call 972-205-2771. Online registration is not available for this event.

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Applications being accepted!

The Garland City Council wants to hear from the city's youth and invites Garland teens to apply to serve on the Garland Youth Council (GYC). Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2015-16 school year are eligible to apply. Applicants should submit a completed GYC application and two letters of reference by May 1 to Beth Dattomo, Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040.

Find out more at
GarlandYouthCouncil.org or the
Garland Youth Council Facebook page.

Garland City Press is produced and funded by the City of Garland, and contains information about the City, as well as details on City-sponsored events.

Send comments or questions to: Dorothy White, Public & Media Relations, City of Garland, PO Box 469002, Garland, Texas 75046-9002.

March Events

- 2 City Council Work Session
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 3 City Council Meeting
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217 N. Fifth St.
- 3 Garland Youth Council
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
- 9 Plan Commission
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 16 City Council Work Session
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- 17 City Council Meeting
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- 20 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
1630 Commerce St.
- 23 Plan Commission
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 26 Mayor's Evening In
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

April Events

- 5 Easter
All Libraries closed
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