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CITY PARTNERSHIPS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AREA YOUTH

The City of Garland and the Garland Independent School District (GISD) are partnering to prepare our youth to make their career dreams come true.

High school students at any GISD campus can take advanced career courses to become eligible to be a firefighter after graduation because of that partnership. The programming takes place at the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center (GRCTC). Students from all seven GISD high schools in Garland, Rowlett and Sachse can attend two class periods every other day at the GRCTC campus where they are immersed in a “business-like” atmosphere and work on real world projects. The rest of the school day is spent at their home campus. The programs can even count for dual credit through the Dallas County Community College District.

Garland Fire Department Chief Mark Lee said, “**Opportunities like this give our youth a solid chance at well-paying jobs right here in Garland. We want the next generation to raise their families here, too. GISD is helping raise homegrown firefighters.**”

The firefighter program is a three-year commitment. Students in grades 10 through 12 study, test and practice at GRCTC as well as at the actual Garland Fire Department facilities. After three years in the program, students test with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, as well as register as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to receive a certificate as an actual Firefighter/EMT able to work anywhere in the state of Texas.

Industry experts teach these classes, and firefighting is only one of many. The

City of Garland also is launching a veterinary technician program with GISD, which will allow veterinarians to perform surgeries on campus that students will be able to observe. Students also will provide after-care for the animals.

GISD is preparing to offer adult education classes at night, as well. Everything from culinary skills to CPR to mechanics or taxes will be available in the future, according to GRCTC’s principal, Dr. Erika Crump.

Dr. Crump is best known for her cheerful smile and warm greetings to everyone on campus. She describes her administration’s jobs as “Directors of WOW!”

“We want learning to be exciting and fun. Our customer, the kids, love coming here. What higher testimony can you ask?” Dr. Crump sees her role as preparing students to be college, career, military and life ready. With the availability of 90 career study tracks at the GRCTC, that really is a “WOW!”



CITY COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Every May, Garland holds City elections. This May will see an election for Mayor, for who will succeed me, a race in District 2, and possibly most important: a election to decide proposed changes to the City Charter.

Normally there are four Council seats at stake each year, and the other four the following year. Of the four this year, only one has competition, District 2. For the other three seats, only one person filed in each district. Point of fact: The Council will have three members that never received a single vote to serve. Citizens are responsible for monitoring and participating in their local government.

Perhaps the single responsibility that supersedes all others is an awareness of the City Charter. It is our local constitution, it regulates the powers and duties of our city government. Does it protect the citizens, or does it empower the politicians? Garland citizens have long held strong control through their Charter, such as with term limits.

A large number of changes have been proposed to the Charter and citizens will need to be aware of the proposals and to vote their preferences. Many of the changes are basic housekeeping, assuring that our Charter is in compliance with state law. In fact, our Charter already recognizes that it is subservient to state law.

Some of the other proposals could have much greater affect. Some I personally don't support. Some were added with the proviso: let the voters decide. So those

aren't recommendations, per se, but closer to "let's see what flies."

Currently in Garland, only citizens from a district can choose their representative. Should that person no longer be able to serve, some hold that those citizens have no representative. (All citizens always have the mayor as a representative.) State law has been amended several times to make it harder for cities to call elections. If someone should step down, replacing them could be an extended process. One proposal to the Charter addresses this. A number of conditions are being proposed as to whom could be selected.

Stay involved. Pay attention to what your representatives are doing in your name. And vote in May. Pay close attention to the proposed Charter revisions. Make sure the Charter continues to protect you, the citizens.

**Grow Community, Grow Opportunity,
Grow Garland**



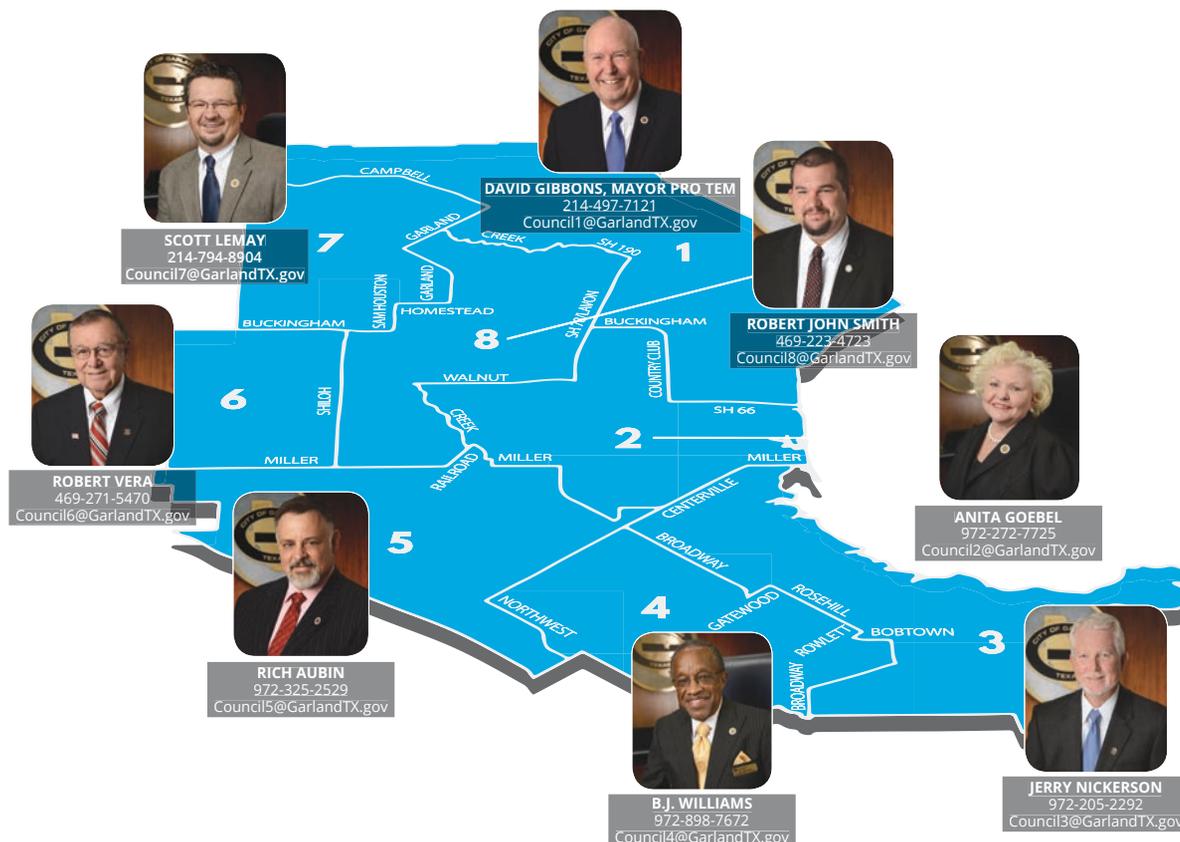
MAYOR DOUGLAS ATHAS

972-205-2400
Mayor@GarlandTX.gov

STATE OF THE CITY
6:30 p.m. March 29
Mayor's Office
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

MAYOR'S EVENING IN
5 to 7 p.m. April 26
Mayor's Office
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

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



CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Work Session

Monday immediately preceding Council meeting

Regular Meeting

7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of each month
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

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

CGTV LISTINGS

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

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast—7 p.m. March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17
- 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—5:30 p.m. March 6, 6 p.m. March 19, April 2 and 16
- 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 12 and 26, April 9 and 23
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—9 a.m.

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL

Join Council Member
Jerry Nickerson on
6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5
South Garland Branch Library
4845 Broadway Blvd.

Discuss code compliance, planning, street and security updates. Also will discuss economic redevelopment of District 3.

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

GARLAND VOTERS WILL SEE A BUSY BALLOT

EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY

April 5
Last Day to Register to Vote

April 23
Early Voting Begins

May 1
Early Voting Ends

May 5
Election Day

For voting locations, visit DallasCountyVotes.org or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404.

Garland voters should do their homework before going to the polls for the May 5 election. In addition to the normal City Council elections, voters will consider 36 proposed amendments to the City of Garland Charter, as well as a special election for mayor.

City Council

Per the normal election schedule, City Council seats for Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 are up this year. Incumbents District 1 Council Member David Gibbons and District 5 Council Member Rich Aubin will run unopposed.

District 1
David Gibbons

District 4
Jim Bookhout

District 2
Rex Wisdom
Deborah Morris

District 5
Rich Aubin

Special Election for Mayor

Mayor Douglas Athas resigned in January, leaving one year on his final two-year term. The filing deadline is Monday, March 5, for candidates to run to serve for that portion of the mayor's term.

The Mayor and Council members are limited to six years in office, or three consecutive two-year terms.

Charter Amendments

The largest portion of the May 5 ballot will be devoted to 36 proposed amendments to the City Charter. The Charter is the City's overarching governing document.

Last fall, the City Council appointed a Charter Review Committee, made up of Garland residents, to review the existing Charter for potential updates intended to improve the City's governing processes. The first 19 propositions include legal and technical updates required to keep the document in alignment with state law and to make the document language gender neutral.

The rest of the proposed amendments focus on other procedural or technical changes recommended by the Committee.

A complete listing of proposed amendments, as they will appear on the ballot, will be published in the *Dallas Morning News* on April 10. That document also will be made available on the City Secretary's page at GarlandTX.gov. Additional documents and video of City Council discussions about these recommendations also are available on the website. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404.

Remember, state law requires voters to show an approved photo ID: Texas driver's license, Texas Election Identification Certificate, Texas Personal Identification issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, United States military identification card, United States citizenship certificate or United States passport.

Garland Chamber of Commerce
Garland Economic Development Partnership

CANDIDATES FORUM

7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29
Garland Chamber of Commerce, 520 N. Glenbrook Drive

Meet Garland's candidates running for City Council and School Board before you cast your ballot.

\$25 registration required; includes breakfast and forum attendance

For more information, visit GarlandChamber.com.



CITY NEWS



GARLAND STANDOUTS EARN NAACP HONORS

Each year the Garland Unit of the NAACP honors those who contribute to the betterment of Garland. This year's theme was "Celebrating Our Great Communicators ("The Glue") That Keeps Us Connected." Two City of Garland employees were among the 13 honorees at this year's event, held Feb. 16.

Beth Dattomo serves as the program manager in the Mayor's Office for the City of Garland. In her role, she liaisons with a wide variety of community leaders and helps the Mayor stay abreast of many issues. Beth has served two Garland Mayors—Ronald E. Jones and Douglas Athas. She's pictured above with District 4 Council Member B.J. Williams, Mayor Douglas Athas, District 1 Council Member David Gibbons, District 7 Council Member Scott LeMay, Former Mayor Ronald E. Jones, District 5 Council Member Rich Aubin and NAACP President Ricky McNeal (left to right).

Cindy Hale recently retired as executive assistant to the Chief of Police after 19 years. In her role, Cindy worked closely with the NAACP and many other organizations to help meet community needs. She's pictured with Assistant Chief Scott Vornberg, Chief Mitch Bates and Assistant Chief Larry Ray (left to right).



CITY COUNCIL APPROVES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

In February, the Garland City Council approved the 2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

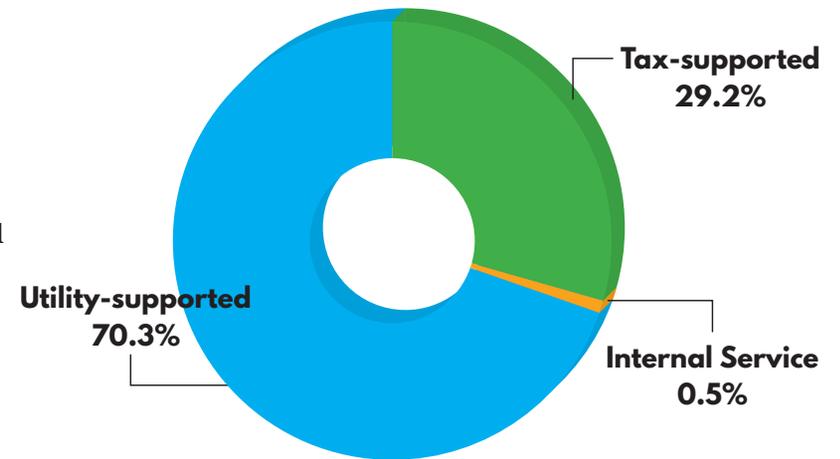
This portion of the City's budget reflects the planned investments for the next five years for infrastructure, parks-related projects, specialized equipment and economic development initiatives. The 2018 CIP details a \$291.2 million work plan for the 2018 calendar year and will not require a tax rate increase.

The CIP is divided into three sections: tax-supported, utilities and internal services. The tax-supported portion totals \$85 million and is heavily weighted toward street and transportation projects. These projects include capacity enhancement on portions of Oates Road, Bobtown Road, Shiloh Road and others, as well as

the Parkmont Drive drainage project and the Bridge Remediation Program. Additional tax-supported projects come from the Parks Program, including dog and skate park construction, Granger Recreation Center renovations, trail development and more. The City's libraries will complete installation of radio-frequency identification technology to increase efficiency of materials management. The 2018 CIP includes projects related to the I.H. 30 Catalyst Area, Downtown Garland, Economic Development and the Neighborhood Vitality Grant Program.

The utilities portion of the CIP totals \$204.7 million and includes fleet and equipment funding for Environmental Waste Services, continued improvements for water transmission mains and distribution lines, and modernizing the Rowlett and Duck Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants. More than \$134 million of the utilities program will go to Garland Power & Light (GP&L) infrastructure and to support the transmission projects.

The internal service program totals \$1.5 million for upgrades for the City network and cabling, telephone system and fuel tank automation.



TAX-SUPPORTED PROGRAM AREAS			UTILITY AND INTERNAL SERVICE PROGRAM AREAS		
Program Areas	Budget	Percent	Program Areas	Budget	Percent
Street/Transportation	\$35,661,000	41.8%	Electric Utility	\$134,421,000	65.2%
Economic Development	10,750,000	12.6%	Wastewater Utility	40,299,000	19.5%
Park	10,856,000	12.8%	Water Utility	24,838,000	12%
Facilities and Equipment	8,068,000	9.5%	Environmental Waste Services	4,013,000	2%
Drainage	7,202,000	8.5%	Stormwater Management Utility	1,131,000	0.6%
Library	4,898,000	5.8%	Information Technology	813,000	0.4%
Public Safety	5,156,000	6.1%	Fleet Services	697,000	0.3%
Landfill/Transfer Station	2,448,000	2.9%			
TOTAL	\$85,039,000	100%	TOTAL	\$206,212,000	100%



#GARLANDPROUD DESIGNS UNVEILED

In late 2017, the City of Garland invited area supporters to submit T-shirt designs to represent #GarlandProud.

A panel of judges reviewed the submissions, posted the finalists online and invited the public to choose their favorite.

Two designs rose to the top of the fan-favorite list: one designed by Blake Brockway and the other designed by Josh Gonzales. Both artists are Garland natives and were asked to explain their entries.

Blake Brockway's design focuses on the Plaza Theatre in Downtown Garland. He said, "I was born here and just moved back. We spend a good amount of time in Downtown Garland. The fact that this building has stood the test of time and still serves the community makes me happy and proud. Downtown Garland is making a comeback, I believe. It's buildings like this that sculpt its face. Also, this is one of my favorite buildings to look at. Forever #GarlandProud!"

Josh Gonzales's design superimposes #GarlandProud over the state of Texas. He said, "I was born and raised in Garland. My kids are now living and going to school in Garland. I have lived in Texas all my life. So I wanted to design something that not only shows pride in Garland, but also represents the state of Texas as a whole. That is why you see the outline of the state in the design as well as the 'Texas Made Here' slogan from the City of Garland website incorporated into the #GarlandProud."

Both artists were recognized at the Feb. 6 Garland City Council meeting. Each received a framed copy of their design along with a \$100 gift card. Congratulations to Josh and Blake!

The City will print T-shirts with their designs. Anyone who has Garland connections and is proud of our community is encouraged to post #GarlandProud stories and pictures to the City's social media pages. Periodically, random posters will be selected to receive a free #GarlandProud T-shirt!

For more information, visit GarlandTX.gov.



PET POOP POLLUTES!



ESSAY CONTEST TOP WINNERS

More than 1,000 entries and 24 schools. For a complete list of winners, visit GarlandStormwater.org.

FIRST PLACE

Landon Hilario, third grader at Kimberlin
Jasmin Padilla, fourth grader at Beaver Tech
Savannah Topham, fifth grader at Kimberlin

SECOND PLACE

Casey Kheang, third grader at Cooper
Boden Grubisich, fourth grader at Kimberlin
Yanett Carlin, fifth grader at Kimberlin

THIRD PLACE

Abigail Castenada, third grader at Kimberlin
Lilly Chiu, fourth grader at Kimberlin
Isaiah Boutte, fourth grader at Walnut Glen
Asir Saboor, fifth grader at Watson Tech



9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 26
The Atrium-Garland Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

To learn more, visit GarlandChamber.com.



Free event!
Enjoy an extra treat with
In-N-Out Burger!

NEIGHBORHOODS & DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM: MARCH 23

Attention all neighborhood groups! The application deadline for the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant (NVMG) Program is March 23.

Neighborhood groups who are registered with the Office of Neighborhood Vitality (ONV) may apply for up to \$100,000 in matching funds for neighborhood enhancement projects on public property. Download applications, guidelines and more at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.

For more details, email Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov or call 972-205-2445.

NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY SPRING CALENDAR

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

Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) events and classes are subject to change. For more details, visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org or call 972-205-2451.

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

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

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

GNMA: Landscaping with Texas Plants
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 12, City of Garland Greenhouse,
1221 Spring Creek Drive
*Taught by Texas A&M Agrilife and includes a tour of the City of
Garland Greenhouse*

Where the Heart Is Service Day/Earth Day
8 a.m. April 14, Gatewood Neighborhood
*For more information, contact Nancy Tunell at 972-205-3864 or
NTunell@GarlandTX.gov.*

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

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

¡INFÓRMATE! NOCHE INFORMATIVA EN ESPAÑOL

MARTES, MARZO 27, 6-8 P.M. | GALE FIELDS REC CENTER, 1701 DAIRY ROAD

Acompáñenos en esta noche para hablar con representantes de la ciudad de Garland y enterarse de la gran cantidad de servicios y oportunidades disponibles para usted.

- Podrá hablar con personal de la ciudad de Garland en español
- Habrá presentaciones en español de varios departamentos de la ciudad
- Podrá hacer preguntas sobre cosas que afectan su bienestar
- Habrá comida gratis de 6 a 6:30 p.m.
- Habrá regalos

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comunicarse al número 972-205-3545.

Este evento
será en
español.

¡LOS
ESPERAMOS!





As spring and summer approach, don't cut corners when it comes to lawn work.

While basic yard maintenance may be enough to be compliant and meet minimum standards set forth by health and safety codes, good neighbors go the extra mile to enhance the curb appeal of their homes and community. Here are a few suggestions:

- Mow on a regular schedule. Most neighbors agree that cutting a lawn every week takes less time, collectively, than mowing when it is overgrown.
- Trim hedges to keep your home looking tidy, and make sure your hedges do not block potential exits. If a fire occurred, could your loved ones easily exit the window?
- Do not pollute our creeks—blow grass clippings back onto your lawn. This lowers pollution and improves lawn thatch. For more information about Garland Stormwater Management, visit GarlandStormWater.org.
- Edge sidewalks and keep the walkway clear. Having a clean and clear walkway not only looks nice, but is required by City Code. Visit GarlandTX.gov to learn more about common Code violations.

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

WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

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

Renderings shown are for illustrative and conceptual purposes only.

- 1** Under site construction on the east side of North Country Club Road, north of Highway 66, is a single-family subdivision. Approximately 130 lots are planned for single-family homes.



- 2** Under site construction on the northwest side of Shiloh and Campbell roads is a nursing/convalescent care facility.



- 3** Under site construction at the southwest side of Shiloh and Buckingham roads is a single-family neighborhood ("Riverset") consisting of 590 single-family lots, including an array of housing types of both single-family detached and townhomes. Commercial tracts designated along Buckingham and Shiloh for future development and walkable convenience for residents are planned as well.



ENTRYWAY GARDEN AND MONARCH WAYSTATION

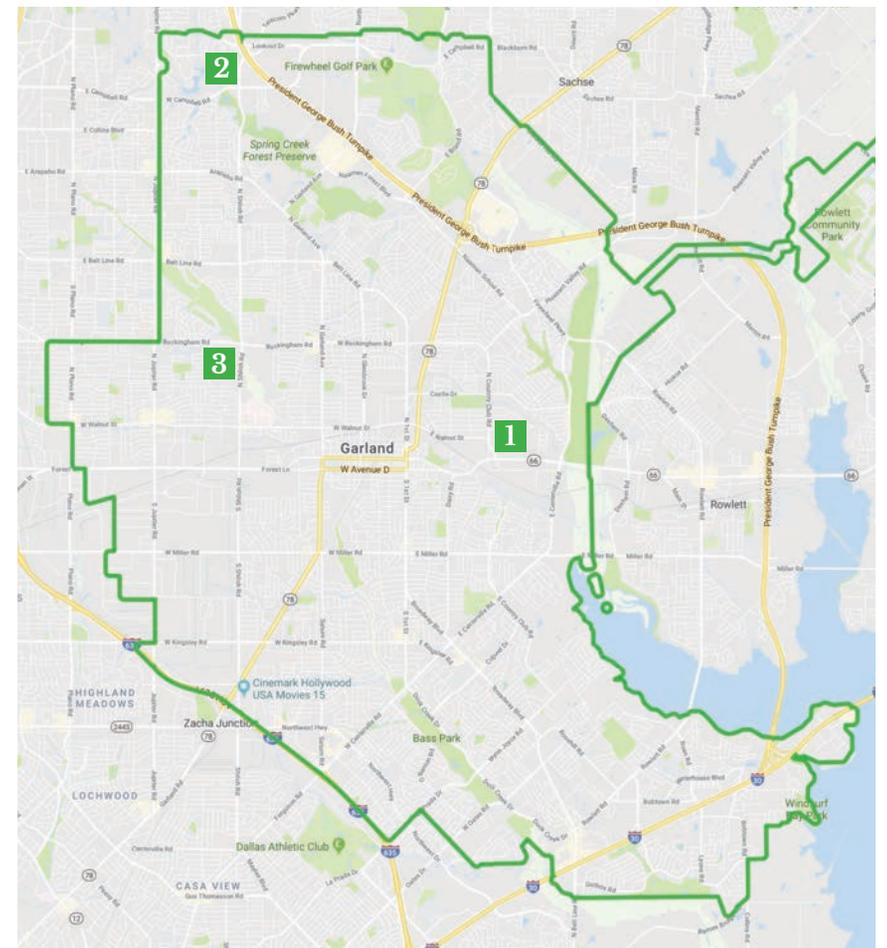
To be dedicated during April 28 Home Tour.

Select homes in both historic Travis College Hill and Embree will be open to the public during the 4th annual Travis College Hill Home Tour, will held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28..

The day will begin with the Monarch Magical 1K Fun Walk at 11 a.m. Participants will be asked to create their own butterfly wings to wear as they walk in the event. The neighborhood, 11th Street between Avenues B and D, will dedicate its new 11th-Street Entryway and Monarch Butterfly Waystation (funded, in part, from a City of Garland Neighborhood Vitality Grant) at noon.

This year's home tour not only will feature vintage homes on 11th Street, but select dwellings in historic Embree (across Avenue D to the west of Travis College Hill) also will be open to the public this year.

Admission for the home tour is \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit three charities—Running 4 Clean Water, Texas Fallen Officer Foundation and Friends of Garland's Historic Magic 11th Street. Persons who wish to enter the Monarch Magical 1K Fun Walk may purchase a combined \$15 ticket admitting them both to the home tour and the race. Purchase tickets on-site or via the Travis College Hill Historic Home Tour Facebook page.



CITY SERVICES

GARLAND ROLLS OUT CARTS WITH THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP

From late January through the end of February, the City rolled out carts to 9,900 households, completing a five-year push to replace 18-gallon recycling bins with more convenient 96-gallon carts for all of Garland's 65,000 residents.

As a result of this upgrade, the City anticipates an increase of 2,000 tons per year. This equates to 4,381 metric tons of greenhouse gas avoidance. The Recycling Partnership, a national nonprofit organization that applies corporate partner funding to improve the recycling system in cities and towns across the nation, is supporting the roll-out with grant dollars, technical assistance and educational resources. Garland is the 15th community the Partnership has assisted with recycling carts, bringing the total number of carts the organization has put on the ground to more than 419,000.

"We are pleased to support the City of Garland as they finalize a multi-year effort to provide residents with carts, proven as the most effective vehicle for curbside recycling," said Justin Gast, technical assistance specialist for The Recycling Partnership. "We look forward to creating more change across the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and state of Texas in the coming years."

"I'd like to thank The Recycling Partnership for their time, resources and financial assistance as we mark a major milestone in the City of Garland," said Garland's Environmental Outreach Coordinator Tiana Lightfoot Svendsen. "I encourage residents to utilize their new cart and take this opportunity to brush up on what goes in it: acceptable materials are listed on Garland's website and on the informational cards delivered with your cart. Together, we can make a more sustainable, healthier community."

For more information, contact Garland Environmental Waste Services at EWS@GarlandTX.gov or 972-205-3500.



Celebrate
EARTH DAY April 14
2018
Rain date: April 28



Trash Off Check-in:
8 a.m. Fire Administration Parking Lot
1500 State Highway 66, Garland, TX 75040
keepgarlandbeautiful@gmail.com to register for the Trash Off

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Garland Recycling Center
1426 Commerce St.

Tours at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

SHREDDING 2 boxes per household, must show proof of residency.
ELECTRONIC RECYCLING
EYEGLASSES COLLECTION

For more information, visit
GoGreenGarland.org.

Contact EWS@GarlandTX.gov or
call 972-205-3500 with questions.

Join Garland's
Recycle Rangers for
Free Fun!

- Bounce house
- Food & Games
- Face Painting
- Armadillo Racing
- Bike Test Drives & more!

Need a place to volunteer? Email
Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov



GARLAND
TEXAS MADE HERE



To celebrate Earth Day, students are invited to create a piece of art showing the importance of recycling and reuse to keep materials out of the landfill.

Saturday, April 14
Recycling Center, 1434 Commerce St.

Complete the entry form and bring a print out, along with your entry between 10 and 11 a.m. for display at the City's Earth Day celebration.

Prizes awarded in two groups, K-second grade and third-fifth grade:

First Place: \$250 Second Place: \$150 Third Place: \$100

ELIGIBILITY

Kindergarten through fifth grade student
Must reside in Garland, TX or attend a GISD school

GUIDELINES

- Art must be made mostly of materials that are eligible for recycling through the City of Garland's program or that would be otherwise considered trash, except for a small amount of fastening materials such as screws, bolts, wire, welding, glue, tape and twine.
- Examples of items that can be used are: cans, bottles, cartons, boxes, foil, paper, electronics, clothing or toys.
- Art should fit in a 2 by 2 feet space and be easily moved.
- Only one entry per person or group is allowed.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

Entries will be ranked on:

- Effective use of recyclables/reusable
- Artistic value - visual appeal, creativity and originality
- Overall presentation - "wow factor," promotes an environmental message

For more information:
EWS@GarlandTX.gov, 972-205-3562



SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NEW SPONSOR

The City of Garland has proudly supported the Summer Nutrition Program (SNP) for more than 20 years and wants to ensure the youth in the community continue to receive a meal during the summer break.

With that goal in mind, the City is transitioning the program to a new sponsor: CitySquare, an advocacy organization that works to fight poverty in the community. CitySquare will oversee the development of sites, staffing and resources. CitySquare will accept applications from the City of Garland's previous summer meal site hosts, as well as those who would like to propose new sites.

For more information about participating in the Summer Nutrition Program, contact CitySquare's Manager of Child Food Programs Veronica Day at VDay@CitySquare.org or 469-904-7017.



The City of Garland will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. March 8 in the City Council Chamber, 200 N. Fifth St.

This meeting will provide an update on resident input collected from public meetings held in July and August 2017 and information collected from surveys distributed to stakeholders and citizens. Based on the HUD-provided data and citizen input, the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) will present strategies that address housing issues and their contributing factors specific to Garland. The meeting will provide citizens an opportunity to participate in the Second Phase of the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) process.

The AFH is an analysis undertaken pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5.152 that includes the analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of housing issues and contributing factors, and identification of fair housing priorities and goals specific to Garland. Examples of fair housing issues include regional demographics, segregation, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, access to opportunity, disproportionate housing needs, publicly supported housing, access to persons with disabilities, and fair housing enforcement and outreach capacity.

The public is encouraged to attend and provide input. Anyone unable to attend the meeting may submit written comments to the City of Garland Fair Housing Services, 210 Carver St., Suite 102A, Garland, Texas 75040 or by email to DWilson@GarlandTX.gov.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service to fully participate in or attend any meeting should notify Garland Fair Housing Services at 927-205-3300 or TTY 1-800-735-2989 at least four working days in advance of the public meeting.

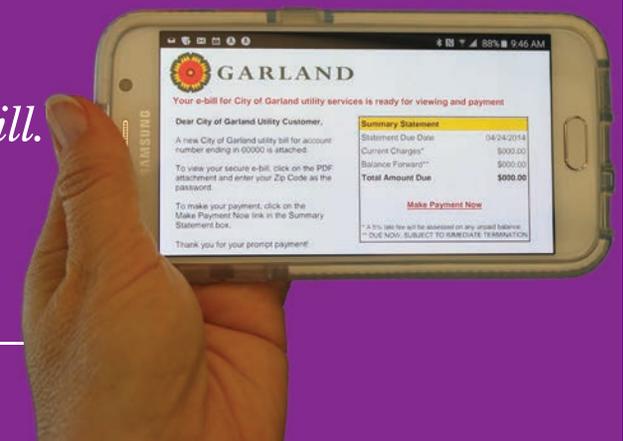
GO PAPERLESS WITH E-BILL

There is no need to check the mailbox for a City of Garland utility bill.

E-Bills are sent in a monthly email, which provides a secure PDF of the billing statement and a link to view announcements from the City. E-Bill is available for both residential and business customers.

- Receive your bill faster.
- Access E-Bill anytime, anywhere.
- Pay online with link in email (or pay with any other accepted payment method).

To enroll, look for the E-Bill option on GarlandUtilities.org or call Customer Service at 972-205-2671. New customers can request E-Bill when applying for utility service.





PUT DOWN SOME ROOTS!

Landscaping with native plants can reduce the need for pesticides and fertilizers, and the Texas SmartScape™ program's website can provide you with the tools for success.

Minimizing the use of these chemicals is beneficial to our waterways and local wildlife, as stormwater and irrigation runoff can carry chemicals from residential yards into your neighborhood creeks, streams, ponds, lakes and rivers. Consider these tips this spring:

- Use native and adapted plants. Texas SmartScape plants can thrive in the wide range of temperature and moisture conditions typical in North Texas. These hardy plants are rarely plagued by major pest problems, thus reducing or even eliminating the need for pesticides. The Texas SmartScape plant search tool at txsmartscape.com allows you to find SmartScape-approved plants that are the right fit for your yard.
- Reduce turf grass. Lawns typically require a large amount of supplemental water and more intensive maintenance than other vegetation. Use the SmartScape design page and SmartScape Pinterest to develop ideas to transform your lawn into a resilient and attractive landscape.
- Use organic mulch. Mulch reduces water loss from the soil, represses weeds, moderates soil temperature and prevents soil erosion.
- Water efficiently and effectively. Up to 50 percent of 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 deeply and infrequently. If you have an irrigation system, consider using a smart irrigation control system or manually set the controller on an as-needed basis.
- Install drip irrigation in flower beds and at the roots of shrubs. Almost 95 percent of drip irrigation water can reach a plant, while traditional automatic sprinklers are much less efficient.

The Texas SmartScape program is supported by the North Central Texas Council of Government's Regional Stormwater Management Program. City of Garland Water Utilities Department is offering two free classes in March. See the spring calendar on page 6 for details!

TAX TIME AHEAD!

Free tax preparation help is available to low-income individuals and families earning less than \$54,000.

Receive personalized help from an IRS-certified tax preparer at more than 50 IRS-sponsored free tax preparation sites throughout DFW.

For more information, visit GarlandODC.org.

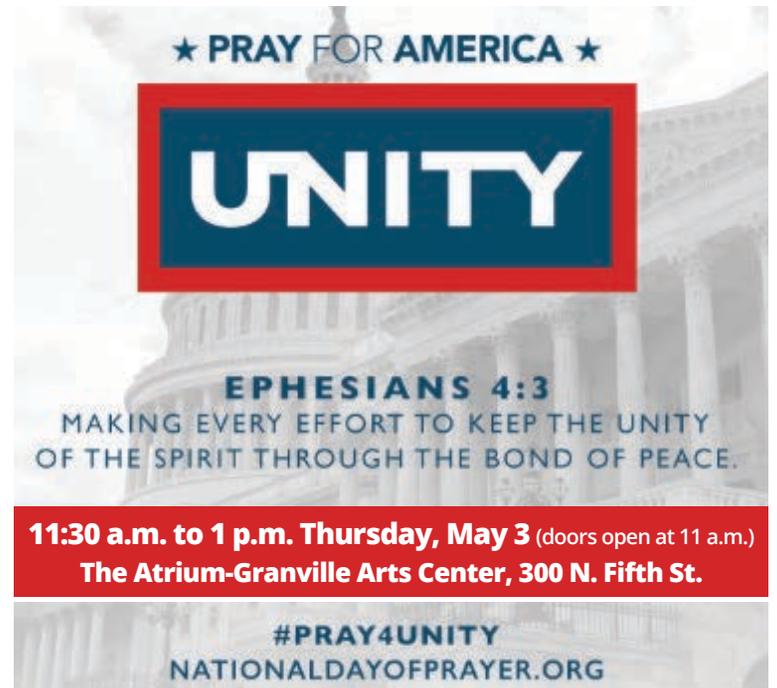
NTMWD ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE IN PROGRESS

Garland's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), will conduct pipeline maintenance throughout their distribution system through March 26.

During this time, customers may notice a stronger taste or smell of chlorine. This type of chlorine maintenance is a common practice in water systems throughout the nation. Our tap water, as always, remains safe for use.

"It is critical to maintain the right conditions inside our pipelines," said NTMWD Water Resource Program and Public Education Manager Denise Hickey. "Flushing the system with chlorine in late winter is an important part of maintaining water quality and preparing for the warmer, higher-use summer months ahead," Hickey added.

You can find more information at NTMWD.com/fact-sheets.



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MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 3 (doors open at 11 a.m.)
The Atrium-Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

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GARLAND
FAIR HOUSING



LOWER BOIS D'ARC CREEK RESERVOIR TO SERVE AS ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FOR NORTH TEXAS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has granted the permit necessary to begin construction on the Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir (LBCR).

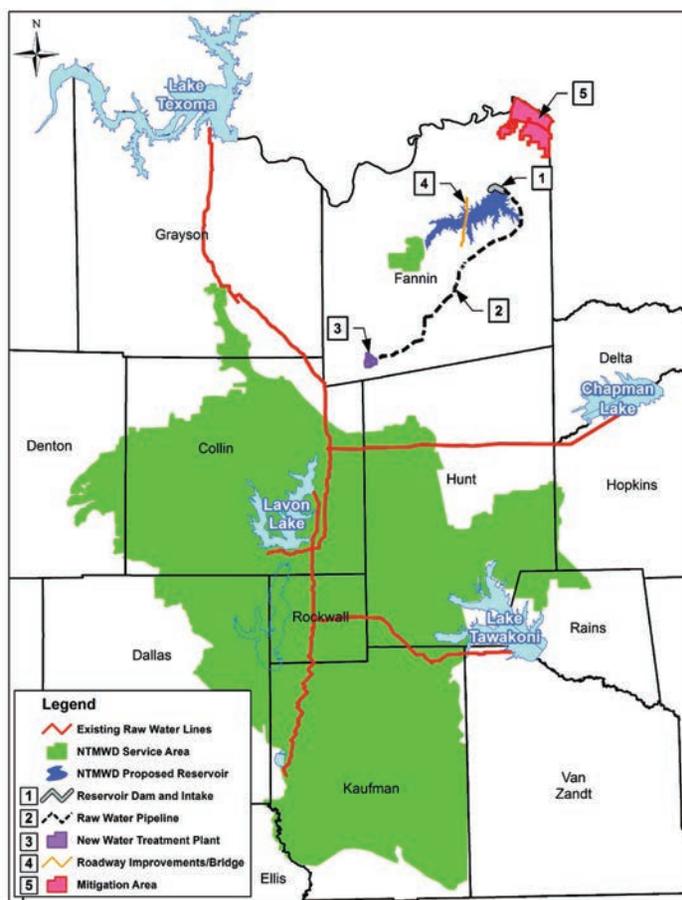
Garland's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), has been working with federal, state and local officials for more than 15 years to get approval for the new reservoir.

The permit was required under the federal Clean Water Act. Key agencies and entities involved in the process were USACE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Fannin County and the city of Bonham, along with other agencies and organizations.

"In 1951, the City of Garland became one of the charter Member City customers of the NTMWD," said City of Garland Managing Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities Wes Kucera. "The service population at the time was around 32,000. Today the district serves a population of 1.7 million. The new reservoir is critical for meeting the current and future water needs of the region."

The 16,641-surface-acre lake will be located northeast of the city of Bonham in Fannin County. This is the first reservoir to be built in Texas in 30 years. Construction is planned to begin this spring with completion in 2022.

More project information can be found online at ntmwd.com/projects/lower-bois-darc-creek-reservoir.



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS



PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CENTERVILLE ROAD

BROADWAY BOULEVARD TO STATE HIGHWAY 66
Concrete Slab Replacement

DANDELION DRIVE/GOLDENROD DRIVE ALLEY

S. COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TO ROSEHILL ROAD
Alley Reconstruction

HIGH HOLLOW DRIVE

HIGH GROVE DRIVE TO HIGH MESA DRIVE
CDBG Street Reconstruction

MERIDIAN WAY

BRINGLE LANE TO RIVERCREST LANE
Street Reconstruction

PROJECTS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MARCH/APRIL 2018

ALTO DRIVE

CURTIS DRIVE TO DAIRY ROAD
CDBG Street Reconstruction

FREEMONT DRIVE

MILLER ROAD TO SOUTHWOOD DRIVE
CDBG Street Reconstruction

LINDA DRIVE

CUMBERLAND DRIVE TO DAIRY ROAD
CDBG Street Reconstruction

WESTCHESTER DRIVE

S. GARLAND AVENUE TO SUNNYBROOK DRIVE
Street Reconstruction



The City of Garland has a new monthly e-newsletter to help answer your questions about repair methods and current projects.

The City continues to ramp up its street repair efforts, increasing that activity by more than 164 percent! Many residents have questions about repair methods, how projects are prioritized and current projects. To answer these questions, the City has created *Street Talk*, an e-newsletter to provide the information you want and need about your Street Department.

Visit Street.GarlandTX.gov to subscribe to *Street Talk*. The first issue is available now!

DEDICATION OF THE "VISION OF THE ARTS" SCULPTURE

The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. has scheduled the dedication and reception for the "Vision of the Arts" sculpture project for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22.

The dedication will begin in the newly created garden area in the front entry drive of the Granville Arts Center. The reception will immediately follow in the courtyard of The Atrium.

Installation of the 2.5-ton bronze masterpiece by Barvo has been highly anticipated since the conceptual drawings were approved in 2015. The maquette (miniature) of the sculpture was presented and approved by the Garland City Council in February 2016.

The unique design of this sculpture expresses the GCAC's vision of a diverse community in celebration of dance, music, theatre and the visual arts.

Barvo has commissioned works of art in both public and private collections throughout the United States as well as in England, Mexico, Canada, Egypt and the Republic of China. One of Barvo's signature pieces is the "Goddess of Liberty" statue atop the State Capitol in Austin.

As public art plays a major role in the economic development of our city, the "Vision of the Arts" destination sculpture is the first in a series of visual arts projects planned by the GCAC.

For more information, contact the Granville Arts Center at 972-205-2785.



ARTS PROGRAMS

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

"THE SAVANNA SIPPING SOCIETY"
BY GARLAND CIVIC THEATRE

MARCH 1-18 | In this delightful comedy, four Southern women, all needing to escape their day-to-day routines, decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years.

GISD SENIOR ART SHOW

MARCH 10-25 | The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. in conjunction with GISD Art Faculty present the 31st GISD Senior Art Show. GISD seniors present creations in sculpture, painting, multimedia and various other media to compete for scholarship prizes. Tickets not required.

GARLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

8 P.M. MARCH 16 | Pianist Rachel Kudo performs Weber's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in Eb Major." Guest Conductor Piotr Sulkowski will also perform.

"THE FANTASTICKS" BY GARLAND CIVIC THEATRE

APRIL 12-29 | The world's longest-running musical, "The Fantasticks," is a funny, romantic musical about a boy, a girl and their two fathers who try to keep them apart. Use your imagination and follow the narrator into a world of moonlight and magic.

GARLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

8 P.M. APRIL 20 | Don't miss Mahler's "Symphony No. 1 in D Major," featuring "Der Rosenkavalier Waltz Sequence No. 1" by Richard Strauss!

Tickets: \$17-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours before the performance.

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

"EASTER PARADE"

7 P.M. MARCH 31 | Tickets not required. Popcorn, candy, soda and water are available for \$2 each.

"RUMORS" BY CORP

APRIL 19-22 | At a large, tastefully appointed Sneden's Landing townhouse, the deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce.

Tickets: \$15 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door. Show times: April 19 and April 20 at 8 p.m., April 21 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and April 22 at 2 p.m.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Youth Programs

KINDNESS ROCKS!, 6:30 P.M. MARCH 15, NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY | Children of all ages and their families can promote kindness by decorating rocks with positive sayings and leaving them in random spots for people to find. At this maker event, attendees will use oil-based paint markers to decorate their rocks. Finished rocks may be taken home to be left in a place of the participant's choosing.

LUAU AT THE LIBRARY, 2 P.M. MARCH 17, CENTRAL LIBRARY | Children of all ages and their families may learn to dance like Disney's Moana at Luau at the Library. The luau will feature a dancer from the Grace Hula Dance Company. The dancer will give a 30-minute demonstration of the art of hula dancing, then the movie "Moana" will be shown. **The first 48 children to arrive at the event will receive a free lei.**

BOOKS AND BEYOND, 2 P.M. APRIL 27, CENTRAL LIBRARY | A free program for children ages 6 to 12 that consists of book discussions and activities. Participants at the April event will be introduced to the basics of yo-yo by champion Valerie Oliver and will receive a yo-yo to take home. **Registration is required to attend this event and is limited to 20 children ages 6 to 12. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14.**

More Library events can be found online at Library.GarlandTX.gov.



All libraries will be closed Sunday, April 1, for Easter.

Adult Programs

GOOGLE SHEETS FOR BEGINNERS, 10:30 A.M. MARCH 10, CENTRAL LIBRARY | Learn to create, edit and share documents. A Google account is required. Participation is free and open to adult Garland residents with a library account in good standing. **Registration required. Call 972-205-2501 to register.**

FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS, 6:30 P.M. APRIL 12, SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY | Learn to use Facebook, including how to sign up, create a profile and other basics. Participation is free and open to adult Garland residents with a library account in good standing. **Registration required. Call 972-205-3931 to register.**

STAR PARTY AT THE LIBRARY, 7 P.M. MARCH 6, SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY | Explore the cosmos at this stargazing event. Staff will identify specific objects in the night sky, and participants will access star map applications on tablets and smartphones. The library will provide a limited number of tablets, and patrons are encouraged to bring their own smartphones or tablets. Open to adults ages 18 and older. Children may attend with an adult.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR @ THE LIBRARY, 2 P.M. CENTRAL LIBRARY | This free program series for seniors is open to anyone age 55 and older. Doors open 30 minutes before performance. **For information, call 972-205-2502.**

- **MARCH 8: IRISH ROGUES** | Enjoy traditional Celtic music in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The Irish Rogues are an authentic Celtic/Irish band that performs a rich collection of energetic sing-alongs, ballads and Celtic folk music.
- **APRIL 19: TWICE UPON A TIME STORYTELLERS** | Twice Upon a Time Storytellers consists of Gene and Peggy Helmick-Richardson. For this performance, they will present the stories of two Texas legends in full historical costume.

Spring Storytimes through April 28

CENTRAL LIBRARY

625 AUSTIN ST.,
972-205-2517

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

NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

3845 N. GARLAND AVE.,
972-205-2804

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

SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

4845 BROADWAY BLVD.,
972-205-3933

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

WALNUT CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY

3319 EDGEWOOD DRIVE,
972-205-2585

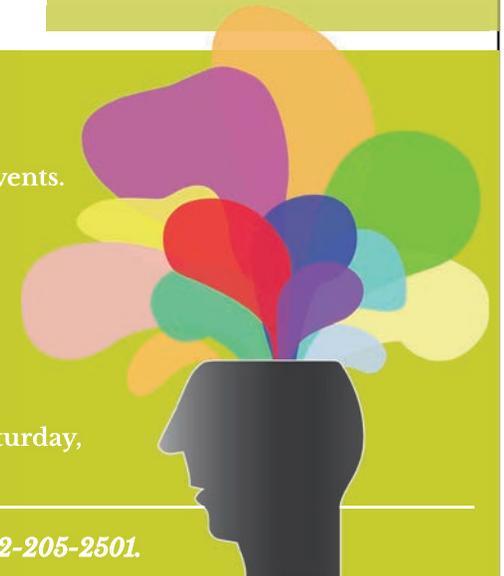
- Family Storytime Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Adults 18 and older, learn how to keep yourself healthy and your brain fit at the Library's Brain Awareness Month events.

- **HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY: TIPS FROM THE LATEST RESEARCH, 6 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 20, SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY** | A guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Dallas will provide insights on how to optimize both physical and cognitive health through diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement.
- **BUILDING A BETTER BRAIN: BRAINHQ AND YOU, 2:30 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 24, CENTRAL LIBRARY** | Receive an interactive tutorial on BrainHQ, the Library's online brain training resource. Attendees can bring their own devices or use one of the Library's tablets or laptops. Registration is required and begins Saturday, March 10. Call 972-205-2501 to register.

For more information about these events, contact the South Garland Branch Library at 972-205-3931 or the Central Library at 972-205-2501.



PARKS & RECREATION

Featured Programs

THE CHILDBLOOM GUITAR PROGRAM

THURSDAYS, 4 TO 6 P.M. AGES 7-11 | Learn basic fundamentals including how to tune the instrument, basic open chords, understanding notation, basic reading and playing in time. Prior to your first class, contact instructor Rich Verde at 214-883-6608 to set up your class time. Bring an appropriate-sized nylon string guitar. \$35 enrollment fee, which includes initial learning material, payable to the instructor on the first day. Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road, 972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

MONDAYS, 6 TO 6:50 P.M. AGES 5-11 | Learn passing, dribbling, shooting and ball control techniques that can be used at all levels. Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, 972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov.

BOXING FOR KIDS

TUESDAYS, 5 TO 5:45 P.M. AGES 5-17 | Learn the basics or build on the fundamentals you know, including proper stance, movement and explosive techniques, from a certified coach. Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, 972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov.

HIP NOTIC BELLY DANCE

TUESDAYS, 6 TO 7 P.M. AGES 16 AND UP | In this total body workout, use precise and repetitive movements to build muscle, tone your core, improve posture and enhance flexibility. Release tension and stress through fun and exciting choreography, music and style. Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place, 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov.

BALLET & TAP COMBO

SATURDAYS, 9:15 TO 10 A.M. (AGES 2 THROUGH 5) AND 10 TO 10:45 A.M. (AGES 6 THROUGH 10) |

Students will gain knowledge of ballet and tap and obtain rhythm and counting skills through creative movement in an interactive class environment.

Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., 972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTX.gov.

OPEN MIC/KARAOKE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 7 TO 9 P.M. AGES 55 AND UP |

Come and enjoy a café-style setting and be entertained by music, jokes, poetry, karaoke and more. Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A, 972-205-2769 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov.



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APRIL 14 / 5 TO 9 P.M.
DOWNTOWN GARLAND SQUARE
THE DOGENSTEINS
PETTY THEFT
FOOD TRUCKS / COWBOY SHOOTOUT
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MECHANICAL BULL RIDES



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FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK OFFERS LESSONS FOR ALL AGES AND SKILLS

Whether a beginner or an experienced golfer, Firewheel Golf Park's team of PGA-certified instructors is ready to help you improve your game.

Instructors are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday at the Bridges or Old and Lakes courses. Prices range from \$30 to \$85 per person per hour for private, semi-private or group lessons. Clubs are available for use during lessons. If you are ready for your own set of clubs, Firewheel also offers professional club-fitting services.

Contact Don Kennedy at 972-205-3955 or DKennedy@GarlandTX.gov for more information or to sign up.

FREE Film Noir Festival

April 12, 13 & 14
at the Plaza Theatre, Downtown Garland

Friday
6 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
4 & 6 p.m.

Sunday
2 & 4 p.m.

Detour
ERNEST HEMINGWAY'S THE KILLERS
THE STRANGER
THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE
D.O.A.
THE BIG SLEEP

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GarlandArts.com

Saturday, March 17 6 to 9 p.m.

The Atrium-Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.

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

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

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

Silent and Live Auction
Door Prizes
50/50 Cash Drawing

TASTE OF GARLAND

Garland CRIME Stoppers
Proceeds benefit

Free Egg Hunt

Easter Bunny Pictures
Bounce Houses
Snacks for Sale

Thursday, March 29

Central Park, 1310 West Avenue F
Ages 10 and Under
6 p.m.

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garlandparks.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

3/6
City Council Work Session*
City Council Meeting*

3/12
Plan Commission*

3/19
City Council Work Session*

3/20
City Council Meeting*

3/26
Plan Commission*

4/2
City Council Work Session*

4/3
City Council Meeting*

4/9
Plan Commission*

4/16
City Council Work Session*

4/17
City Council Meeting*

4/23
Plan Commission*

4/30
City Council Work Session*

5/1
City Council Meeting*

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



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



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.



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