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#BuildGarland Bond Study Committee at Work

The Garland City Council's appointees to the Bond Study Committee are hard at work, preparing recommendations for a potential 2019 Bond Election.

The committee began meeting Sept. 26 to review potential projects and needs for long-term capital projects. The 19-member committee plans to meet weekly through November, except for Thanksgiving week. They will continue to review projects, along with financial impacts and prioritization, through early December.

The committee is scheduled to present their recommendations to the City Council in December. That timeline will allow City Council members time to review and discuss those recommendations during January. In order to put the Bond Program before the voters in May, the City Council must finalize the propositions and call the election in February.

Presentations, videos and other materials from the Bond Study Committee's work are available at BuildGarland.com. Meeting agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance at GarlandTX.gov. Click on the Public Meeting Agendas link.

Comments or questions can be submitted to Info@BuildGarland.com.

CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

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

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.

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. Nov. 6 and 13, Dec. 4 and 18
- 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. Nov. 5 and 12, Dec. 3 and 17
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Nov. 26, Dec. 10
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

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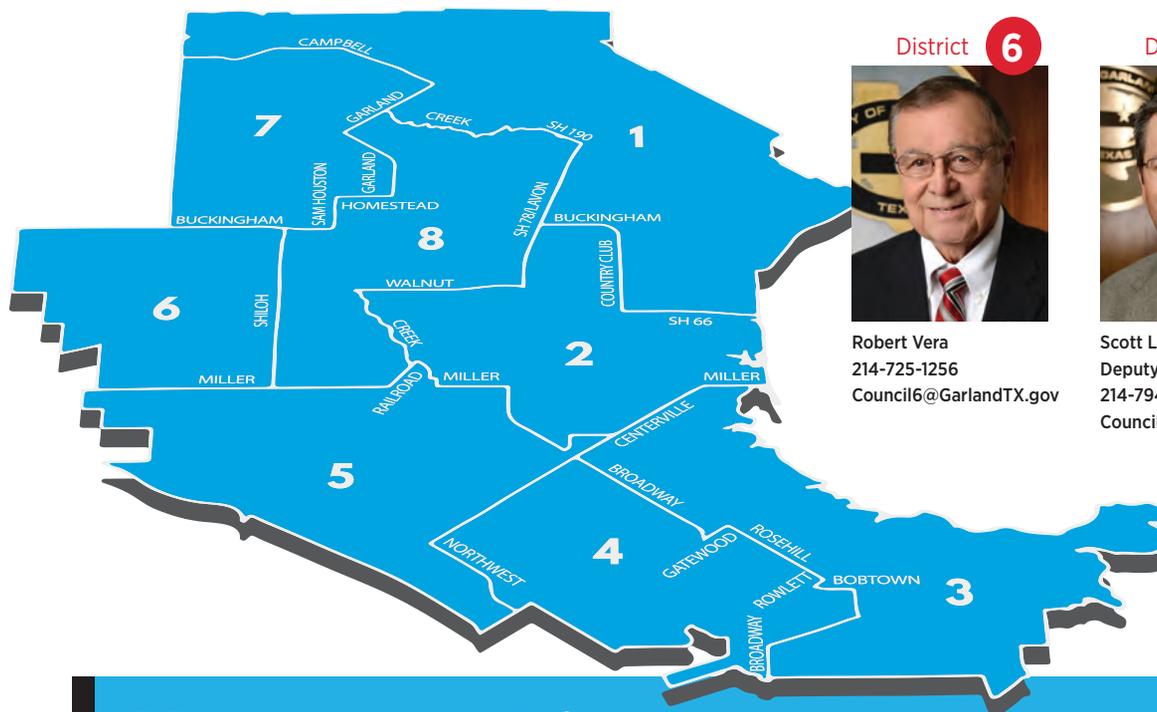


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There are many ways to kill a downtown. You can change its zoning to single use. You can build a bypass around it, choking it off from nearby neighborhoods. You can make street traffic one-way, encouraging cars to drive through more quickly. "We did them all," says Doug Athas, the outgoing mayor of Garland. "Downtown was just more resilient."

Population
234,943

That resiliency shows in the walkable, redesigned streetscapes extending south from the DART rail stop toward the library and performing arts center, the scattering of new apartment buildings that city officials say have a more than 90 percent occupancy rate, and in the ultimate bellwether of the kind of urban redevelopment that attracts young professionals: a coffee shop with a brick-walled interior and lots of avocado on the menu. Not a block away, Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery sits in a 100-year-old building that originally housed the city's Harness and Tin Shop.



D Magazine includes Garland among "the next wave" of North Texas' emerging cities. In addition to Garland's potential for new and existing homebuyers, D noted that the City has collaborated extensively with partners to create walkable streets, downtown residential housing, restaurants, breweries and more. In fact, the City's new transit-oriented apartment buildings already have an occupancy rate of more than 98 percent - with historical leasing and occupancy rates also remaining above the Metroplex average. As D Magazine put it, Garland is "just getting started."

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Garland - a place where people make great memories and live vibrant lives in a community built for making your mark! Marshall Louis and Herman Beckley produce their award-winning whiskey in Garland!



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 City of Garland, Texas Government
#MYMGarland #GarlandTX

MAKE YOUR MARK GARLAND

Garland – a place where people make great memories and live vibrant lives in a community built for making your mark!

Many of us have considered Garland one of the best kept secrets in the Metroplex, as recent news media stories have also documented. So the secret is out! In fact, the City of Garland is launching a new campaign to spread the word and encourage you to Make Your Mark in Garland.

The Make Your Mark Garland campaign will feature digital, print and outdoor advertising, along with a special website filled with stories about the unique people and experiences to be discovered in this great community.

Garland is a community of values. We value the drive to create, not just consume. We value hard work and inclusiveness, encouraging every individual to make their mark. From the variety of employment opportunities and products made here, to the homes and community services that emphasize value, affordability and the power to customize your education and your life, we welcome a rich tapestry of people of all walks of life.

Garland values experiences that are good for the soul and the individuals who make us a community.

We want to hear how you are making your mark in Garland your family, your business, your circle of friends. Share your stories of opportunities, about celebrating life's great moments, about community and more on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #MYMGarland or #MakeYourMarkGarland.

Watch for the launch of our new campaign website ... MakeYourMarkGarland.com ... coming soon!



FY 2018-19 Annual Operating Budget

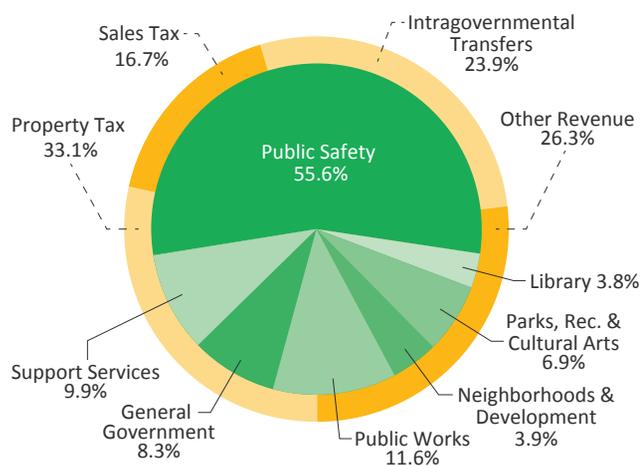
The budget is balanced as required by state law and reflects City Council's policy framework. The **\$178.2 million General Fund** budget addresses needs in public safety staffing and redevelopment, as well as maintaining elevated funding for the Street Repair Program.

In accordance with the priorities expressed by the City Council, the FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget adds 14 public safety positions, increases street program funding to \$27.2 million, expands focus on

redevelopment, bolsters the City's ability to manage and complete capital projects, increases funding for parks maintenance and City-sponsored events, and enhances the already humane care of animals at the City's shelter.

This year's budget strikes a balance between affordability and the need to fund the City's top priorities as defined by City Council with no increase in the tax rate.

General Fund: Where It Comes From and What It's Used For



Total Consolidated Budget (All funds) \$736 Million

General Fund \$178 M

The services paid from the General Fund include basic City services such as police, fire, parks, library, transportation, health, animal care and code enforcement.

Utility Funds \$492 M

The City of Garland's utility departments are comprised of Garland Power & Light, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Stormwater Management and Environmental Waste Services.

Combined Funds \$736 M

The Combined Budget includes the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Grant Funds.

Monthly Utility Cost for a Typical Garland Resident

Utility Services	2017-18 Monthly Rate	2018-19 Adopted Rate	Monthly Dollar Change	Description
Electric Utility	\$130.29	\$130.29	None	Based on 1,300 kWh per month
Water Utility	60.87	63.91	\$3.04	Based on an average of 7,500 gallons per month
Wastewater Service	39.63	41.63	2.00	Based on an average of 7,500 gallons per month
Trash Collection	19.58	19.58	None	Residential customer using 96-gallon cart
Stormwater Fee	3.23	3.23	None	Mid-sized residential lot
Total Monthly Rate	\$253.60	\$258.64	\$5.04	

What's New for the Adopted Budget in FY 2018-19?

- Address public safety staffing needs by adding seven police and seven fire positions.
- Maintain elevated funding for Street Repair Program.
- Expand redevelopment focus.
- Elevate park maintenance and expand City-sponsored event venues.
- Enhance the care of animals at the City's shelter.
- Bolster City's ability to manage and complete capital projects.
- Increase the monthly EMS fee to utility customers by \$1 to partially offset EMS expenditures.

To learn more about the FY 2018-19 Annual Operating budget, visit GarlandTX.gov.

Garland Police Chief **Mitch Bates** Accepts Deputy City Manager Role



Garland City Manager Bryan Bradford has announced a significant organizational change. Police Chief Mitch Bates has agreed to accept a new position as Garland's Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer. This new position will assist in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the City.

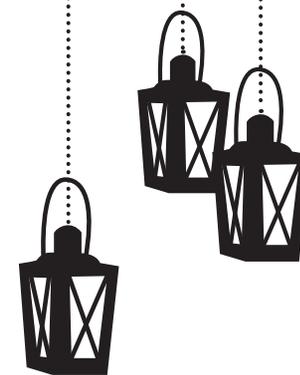
A national search will be conducted to select a new Police Chief. Mr. Bradford said the community will play a significant role in developing the candidate selection criteria.

Chief Bates will continue to serve as Police Chief until his replacement has been selected. The search process is expected to take approximately six months. At that time, Chief Bates will begin his duties as Deputy City Manager.

Mr. Bradford said, **"Garland is a wonderfully diverse community. Chief Bates has worked closely with many community leaders to help our Police Department meet those diverse needs. The city as a whole is benefiting from these relationships and bridges he has built."**

31st Annual Leadership Garland Prayer Breakfast

Be a Light to the World



Register now!

Thursday, Dec. 6
7:30 to 9 a.m.
The Atrium
Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.
GarlandChamber.com
or call Liza Cenicerros,
469-326-7477

Scott Murray, Speaker

Creating Champions

through culture of courage, commitment, compassion and civility

Kelsey Lewis, Entertainment



Now Announcing Garland Neighborhoods Block Party Trailer

The City of Garland Office of Neighborhood Vitality (ONV) is pleased to announce the Block Party Trailer is now available as a resource for Garland neighborhoods when building community through block parties! Registered neighborhood groups may reserve this trailer, based on availability, free of charge. The trailer includes tables, chairs, ice chests, canopy tents and more!

Visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org to view pictures, trailer contents, guidelines and reservation forms, or call 972-205-2445.

GarlandNeighborhoods.org

2018 Neighborhood Summit

Livin' the dream
Friendly, Healthy, Safe Neighborhoods

Join us to learn how you can live in your dream neighborhood today. Neighbors from Garland, Plano and surrounding communities will gather in Garland to learn about building community with friendly, healthy, safe neighborhoods. The day will include:

- Keynote Speaker Kristin Schell, Turquoise Table Founder
- Breakout Sessions
- Neighborhood Pride Tour (five-mile bike ride)
- Networking and More!



Kristin Schell, Keynote Speaker

Register now!

8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10
Garland High School
310 S. Garland Ave.
GarlandNeighborhoods.org

Schedule of Events

8 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:45 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
9 a.m.	Keynote: The Turquoise Table: Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard
10:15 a.m.	Breakout Session 1 (3 concurrent sessions)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Always Talk to Strangers: The Art of Creating and Maintaining Vibrant Communities ● Neighborhood Crime Prevention ● Growing Community in the Garden
11:20 a.m.	Breakout Session 2 (3 concurrent sessions)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dream Big, Start Small ● Community Preparedness: Simple Activities for Everyone ● Neighborhood Pride Bike Tour
12:20 p.m.	Dismiss

Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet @ Christmas on the Square

Swing by Rosalind Coffee during Christmas on the Square for the End of the Year Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet! This come-and-go event is a time for neighborhood leaders to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and **enjoy a cup of cocoa on us.**

RSVP now!

Thursday, Nov. 29
6 to 7 p.m.
Rosalind Coffee
107 N. Sixth St.
GarlandNeighborhoods.org

For more details, contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov, or call 972-205-2445.



WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

Garland is buzzing with new development.

1



KIRCHHOFF AUTOMOTIVE

Garland has approved a deal with Germany's Kirchoff Automotive to significantly grow their current operations, located at 3901 W. Miller Road, from 94,000 to 115,000 square feet. As part of the project, \$20+ million will be invested in the acquisition and installation of new advanced machinery and equipment at the facility.

A new Starbucks Coffee that will include a drive-through window is under construction near the southwest corner of Arapaho and Shiloh roads.

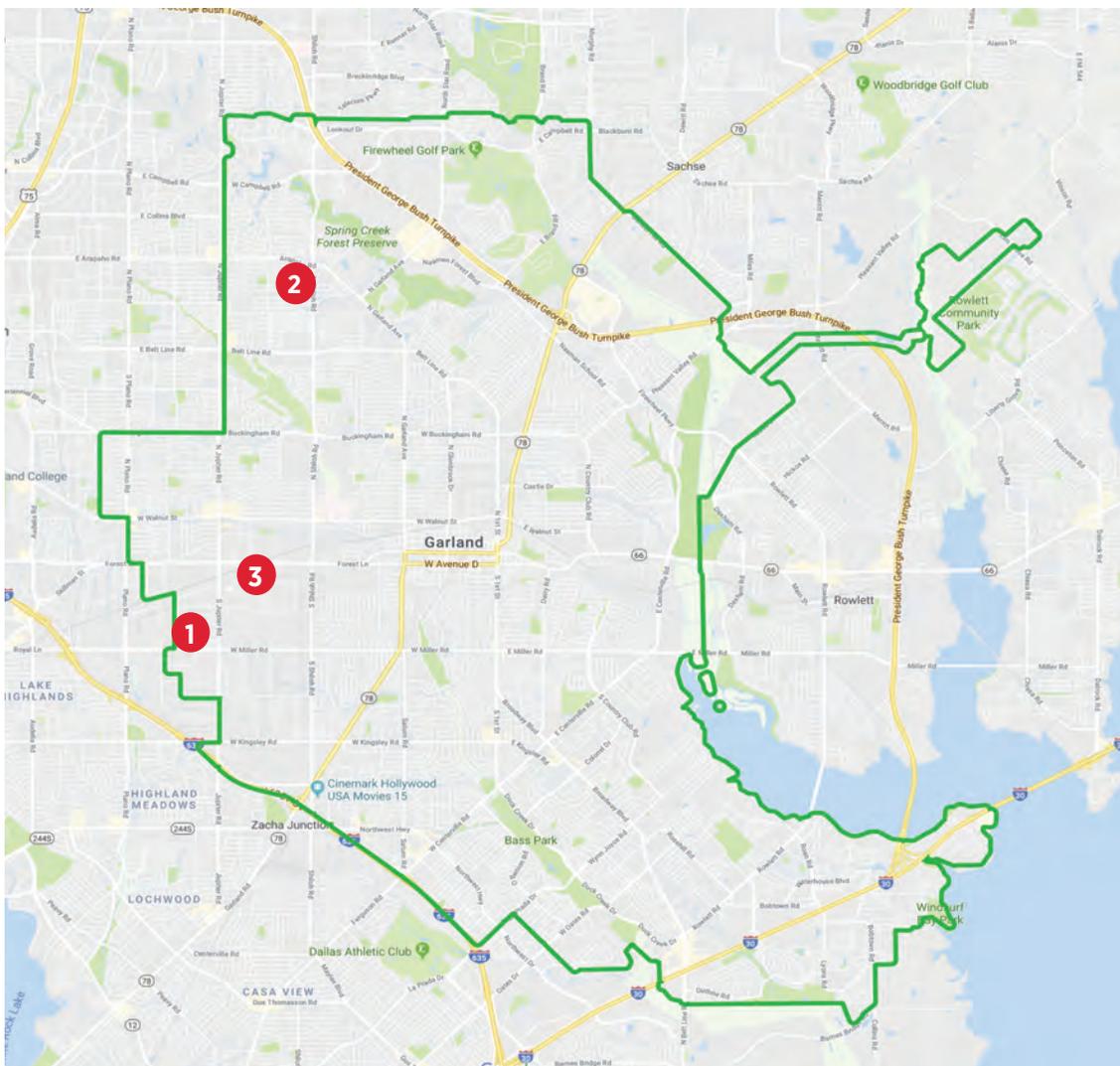
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Plastipak Packaging, a major producer and supplier of plastic bottles to companies such as Dr Pepper, PepsiCo, Kraft Heinz and Procter & Gamble, will expand their Garland manufacturing operation later this year. This major investment will realize \$10 million in new valuation at Plastipak's production facility and add six new jobs to their current workforce of 273 full-time positions over the next three years.



Taking it to the streets

Projects currently under construction

- Arapaho Road, N. Garland Avenue to Jupiter Road**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Blossom Road/Sheridan Drive Alley, Blossom Road to Kingsley Road**
Alley Reconstruction
- Castle Rock Lane/Crossbow Lane Alley, Jester Alley (W) to Jupiter Road**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Club Creek Boulevard, Club Creek Circle to Windridge Drive**
Street Reconstruction
- Cornell Drive, Plano Road to Yale Drive**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Douglas Drive/Lexington Drive Alley, Charleston Drive to Saturn Road**
Alley Reconstruction
- Goodwin Drive, Potomac Drive to Western Drive**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Lakeside Drive/Lakewood Drive Alley, Maple Drive to Shiloh Road**
Alley Reconstruction
- Mary Jane Drive, Lakecrest Drive to Lyons Road**
Street Reconstruction
- Meridian Way/Whiteoak Drive Alley, Rivercrest Lane to Toyah Creek Lane**
Alley Reconstruction
- Muirfield Drive, Brand Road to N. Garland Avenue**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Queenswood Drive, Kingsbridge Drive to Ridgeway Lane**
Street Reconstruction
- Towngate Boulevard, Millay Drive to Northwest Highway**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Wagon Wheel Road, Belt Line Road to N. Garland Avenue**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Woods Lane, Clear Springs Pkwy. to Springpark Way**
Concrete Slab Replacement

Projects scheduled to begin in November/December 2018

- Columbine Drive/Mayapple Drive Alley, Country Club Road to Rosehill Road**
Alley Reconstruction
- Country Club Road Alley, Columbine/Mayapple to Goldenrod**
Alley Reconstruction
- Dove Meadow Drive, Field Knoll Drive to Guthrie Road**
Street Reconstruction
- Elizabeth Drive, Hilltop Drive to Inwood Boulevard**
Street Reconstruction
- Jester Drive (W) Alley, Castlerock Lane to Crossbow Lane**
Concrete Slab Replacement
- Morningside Lane/Patricia Drive Alley, Lakemere Drive to Miller Road**
Alley Reconstruction
- Northridge Drive, Bluffview Drive to Windridge Drive**
Street Reconstruction
- Ridgecrest Drive, Miller Road to Westway Avenue**
Street Reconstruction



Street Department three-year program statistics FY17-19 (since Oct. 1, 2016)

45.48
Lane miles of street repair and reconstruction

5.12
Lane miles of alley repair and reconstruction

63.12
Lane miles of asphalt overlay

113.73
TOTAL LANE MILES COMPLETED



National Community Planning Month

National Community Planning Month is celebrated each October as a way to highlight the role of planners and the importance of planning in our communities. This year's theme, **Housing as Community Infrastructure**, underscores the critical role planning plays in meeting housing and neighborhood needs. The Planning & Community Development Department celebrated the month with activities that illustrate the partnerships planners have with

community stakeholders and professionals in related fields.

The Planning & Community Development Department hosts two Neighborhood Pride Bike Rides for residents and employees through Garland neighborhoods. Participants enjoy a scenic, five-mile ride through the Embree, Chandler Heights, Orchard Hills and Travis College Hill neighborhoods. Stops in each neighborhood allow residents to share their neighborhood pride

with those participating in the tour. This activity highlights the collaborative work of community planning. Planners partner with neighborhood residents, the Office of Neighborhood Vitality, Engineering, Transportation, and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts to promote neighborhoods, active transportation and community health.

Register for the Neighborhood Summit to participate!

Saturday, Nov. 10
Garland High School
310 S. Garland Ave.
GarlandNeighborhoods.org

To learn more about on-going community planning activities, visit GarlandPlanning.org.

Good Neighbors

Made Here This Winter

Winter is coming – so before your neighbors retreat to their homes for the long winter, be sure to plan a holiday gathering! It could be as simple as roasting marshmallows in the front yard, getting together a group of Christmas carolers, or even a holiday party! Below are a few helpful reminders as you can continue to be a Good Neighbor:

- Residential recreational fires must be completely contained within an approved container and must be a minimum of 15' from a structure. Visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org for full guidelines.
- As neighbors are out in the community more, don't forget to keep your home clean and tidy. Remember, anything not intended for exterior wear and tear and left outside for more than 24 hours is considered "improper storage."

Interested in learning more about being a Good Neighbor? Contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-2445 or Garland Code Compliance at 972-485-6400.



Housing Discrimination

WHAT IS IT?



Landlords must treat their tenants equally. Discrimination occurs when a landlord terminates a lease based on a discriminatory reason, or provides services only for certain tenants, or if a landlord refuses to rent to persons because of their race, color, sex, familial status (presence of children under age 18), national origin, disability or religion.

If you feel you have been discriminated against because of one of these protected classes, please call Fair Housing Services at 972-205-3300 to discuss your issues or to file a complaint.



Rental Assistance

Offered Where It's Needed

Garland Fair Housing Services provides rental assistance to Garland residents who have experienced a hardship. To be considered for assistance, residents must meet the following criteria:

- Must meet federal low-income guidelines.
- Must be behind on rent and received a late notice.
- Must agree to participate in homeless prevention program case management.

For more information, call 972-205-3382.

GP&L Offers 100% Renewable Power Option

Garland Power & Light customers may now choose a renewable power plan: GP&L Green Choice. This option provides 100percent Texas renewable energy from wind and solar resources.

“Customer interest in renewable energy has been growing because these power resources contribute to preserving the environment and are sustainable,” said GP&L

General Manager and CEO Jeff Janke. “We encourage our customers to consider this easy way to ‘go green’ with their power!”

GP&L’s Green Choice only costs a penny more per kWh than the regular rate. For a customer using an average of 1300 kWh per month, this option will cost an additional \$13 per month. A minimum 12-month commitment is required.



Select Green Choice by enrolling online at gpltxas.org/GreenChoice or calling 972-205-2671.

Experience the “New” Old Course at Firewheel Golf Park

Firewheel Golf Park invites you to come out and enjoy the newly renovated Old Course.

Golfers will appreciate the pristine appearance of Bells Savoy sand in all of the course’s 38 bunkers. “Not only do the new bunkers look great, but they are also drying out much faster due to the new drainage systems,” Firewheel Senior Golf Superintendent John Rowe said.

The old bunker sand was repurposed to fill in low spots along cart paths to give players a smoother ride as they exit onto the fairways.

Trees were trimmed back on the first, ninth and 11th holes to improve visibility and playability. Firewheel also worked with Garland Stormwater Management to improve drainage in the course’s creek. A portion of the creek was dredged, and a new culvert and bridge were installed on the ninth hole.

“We’ve put a lot of work into getting the Old Course in shape this year, and it really shows,” Old Course Golf Superintendent James Burnett said.

Schedule a tee time online at GolfFirewheel.com or call 972-205-2795.



City Services

TREE POWER FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

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

**7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(or while supplies last)
Saturday, Nov. 3
Haskell L. Roach Garden
Center, 1221 Spring Creek
Drive (in Winter Park)**

To receive a free tree, simply prove your Garland residency by providing a valid Texas driver’s license (with a Garland address) or a current City of Garland utility bill. Only one tree will be given per household.

The trees are 4 to 6 foot tall Shumard Red Oaks, Chinquapin Oaks, Bur Oaks and Live Oaks. Planting and care instructions will be provided.

Call 972-205-3588.

No Parking in Front of Solid Waste

Trash and recycling carts, landscape waste or bulky material blocked by a vehicle cannot be serviced. According to the City’s Code of Ordinance, a premium collection service fee may be charged for any blocked items or late setouts and waste may not be collected.

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

Garland Receives Wastewater Safety Award

The City of Garland Water Utilities' Wastewater Division received the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Safety Award. In 2017, at the Duck Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, there were zero (0) lost time incidents. By the end of 2017 the plant staff had gone 1165 days since the last lost time incident.

Congratulations to the hard-working employees at Duck Creek!



GarlandWater.org



Could I Get the Measles?

With measles in the news recently, you may be wondering "Could I get the measles?" While outbreaks of measles in the United States are rare, it is important to remember that:

- The majority of people who get measles were unvaccinated.
- Measles is still common in many parts of the world, including some countries in Europe, Asia, the Pacific and Africa.
- Travelers with measles continue to bring the disease into the U.S.
- Measles can spread when it reaches a community in the U.S. where groups of people are unvaccinated.

Before the measles vaccination program started in 1963, about 3 to 4 million people got measles each year in the United States.

Of those people, 400 to 500 died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 4,000 developed encephalitis (brain swelling) from measles.

Measles is highly contagious, so anyone who is not protected against measles is at risk of getting the disease. People who are unvaccinated for any reason, including those who refuse vaccination, risk getting infected with measles and spreading it to others. And they may spread measles to people who cannot get vaccinated because they are too young or have specific health conditions.

Children should receive two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age. Adults who do not have evidence of immunity

against measles should also be vaccinated. Anyone 6 months of age and older who will be traveling internationally should be protected against measles.

Are you and your family protected from the measles?

Garland's Public Health Clinic, located at 206 Carver Drive, not only provides low-cost immunizations for infants, children and adults, but also accepts most insurance plans. Call 972-205-3370 for more information.



TREE RECY- CLING

According to the EPA, North Americans purchase 33 million fresh-cut Christmas trees every year. Help Garland free up space in the landfill by recycling your tree! The trees will be ground into mulch, which will enrich gardens and more easily return to the earth.

Garland residents may drop off trees at no cost at either Garland's Recycling Drop-Off Center from Wednesday, Dec. 26, through Saturday, Jan. 5, or anytime the Wood Recycling Facility is open.

**Recycling Drop-Off Center
1426 Commerce St.**

**Open:
Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Sat 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Wood Recycling Facility
3175 Elm Grove Road**

**Open:
Mon-Fri 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Sat 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Trees should be free from lights, ornaments and other decoration.
- Only bring wood waste from the household where you reside.
- Bring a valid driver's license or Garland utility bill to show proof of residency.
- Unload the wood waste yourself.

**For more details,
call 972-205-3500
or email
EWS@GarlandTX.gov.**

Still the **#1** trash item
in our waterways!

Help our creeks
and lakes by
not littering.



GarlandStormwater.org

Garland Utility Customers Report Scam Calls

Several City of Garland commercial utility customers have received phone calls from scammers threatening utility disconnection and attempting to collect payment. These scammers may say they are calling from Garland Power & Light, and may have spoofed a City of Garland phone number to appear on the Caller ID.

The scammers sometimes provide an 800 or 888 call-back number. The City of Garland does not have an 800 or 888 phone number. On the call-back number, the scammers may have copied City of Garland recordings to make it sound like a legitimate call options menu, and may ask callers to provide their name.

Contact the Garland Utility Customer Service office at 972-205-2671 with any concerns from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This is the phone number on your utility bill, and the only phone number you should call regarding your City of Garland utility bill. You may also email custserv@gpltxas.org with any billing inquiries.

If you are suspicious of any call you receive, especially outside of normal business hours, please consider hanging up the phone immediately. If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, report the incident to Garland Police at 972-485-4840.

Report scams!

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America Recycles Day

Third Annual Clothing Recycling Competition

- Open to all GISD elementary and Garland home schools. Schools with most weight collected will be awarded.
- \$500 first place
- \$300 second place
- \$200 third place

FREE Electronics Recycling and Shredding

- Must show proof of Garland residency
- Four boxes per family limit

Join us!

Saturday, Nov. 3
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Garland's Recycling Center
1426 Commerce St.

GarlandStormwater.org



**THE DEEP FRYER IN
THE GOOD
THE BAD
AND THE GREASY**

"THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE GREASY" also starring
BIG FAT TURKEY LEG, "GIB" GRAVY AND YELLA BUTTA

Filmed on location in kitchens and
bathrooms all across Garland, Texas

DEFEND DRAINS **CEASE GREASE**

**DON'T POUR YOUR THANKSGIVING GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN
ROUND IT UP AND RECYCLE IT FOR FREE!**

PG PURE GREASE
NOT ALLOWED IN ANY DRAIN

GarlandWater.com

Events @ the Library

All Garland Libraries will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Central Library will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, for Christmas on the Square.

All Garland Libraries will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. The Central Library will close at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, and all Garland Libraries will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

Children/Youth Programs

FALL STORYTIMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (through Dec. 1)

Central Library

- **Mondays, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytimes
- **Mondays, 11 a.m.**
Preschool Storytimes

North Garland Branch Library

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

South Garland Branch Library

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

Walnut Creek Branch Library

- **Tuesdays, 7 p.m.**
Family Storytimes

TWEEN SCENE

- November: Chocolate Olympics
- **6:30 p.m. Nov. 1**
South Garland Branch Library
 - **6:30 p.m. Nov. 8**
North Garland Branch Library

Know a creative tween who enjoys reading? Encourage them to join their fellow tweens at Tween Scene, a program specially designed for youth ages 10 to 13. Tween Scene 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 evenings.

ART EXPLORERS

- **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3**
Painted Leaves
- **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1**
Abstract Painting

Give your children an artistic outlet through Art Explorers, a monthly program series for children ages 6 through 12. At Art Explorers, children can learn about different types of art, then use their new skills to create their own masterpieces.

Registration is required to attend each Art Explorer program and is limited to 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person at the Walnut Creek Branch Library beginning two weeks prior to each event. All supplies are provided by the library.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK

- **2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10**
South Garland Branch Library

The Garland Library System will join other libraries across the world in celebrating International Games Week. The library will offer game enthusiasts a variety of card games and board games to play, as well as some life-sized games such as Jenga, Sudoku and Angry Birds. This free event is open to patrons of all ages. Registration is not required.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

- **2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17**
Central Library
"I Survived—Activities Based on Survival Stories"

Support your kids' creativity by bringing them to Books and Beyond, a free program for children ages 6 to 12. Books and Beyond consists of book discussions

and activities related to monthly themes.

FAMILY MOVIE TIME

- **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24**
Walnut Creek Branch Library

Bring a blanket and enjoy a screening of "Paddington 2"! Seating will be limited. No registration is required, and all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, call 972-205-2585.

VISIT THE LIBRARY'S BOOTH AT CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

- **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29**
Downtown Garland Square

Children can enjoy making free holiday crafts at the Library's booth at the City's annual Christmas on the Square event. Stop by the Library booth for information about library services and meet Llama Llama from the popular children's picture book series by Anna Dewdney. Visit the Friends of the Library booth for free books and an additional craft.

Due to weather conditions, Christmas on the Square events are subject to change and/or cancellation. For more information about the Library's booth, call 972-205-2516. For more information about Christmas on the Square, visit ChristmasOnTheSquare.com.

BUILD A SWEET HOUSE

- **6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12**
Central Library

Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to decorate their own cookie houses at the Library's Build a Sweet House program.

Participants at the event can practice the STEAM concept of engineering while constructing cookie houses out of graham crackers, candies and frosting. Attendees may take their creations home at the end of the night.

Registration is required to attend this program and is limited to 20 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person at the Central Library beginning Nov. 28. The library will provide all the supplies.

POKÉMON GYM BADGE CHALLENGE

- **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18**
Central Library
- **1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27**
South Garland Branch Library

Kids and teens can earn Pokémon gym badges at two Garland Library locations this December.

Youth ages 18 and younger may visit the library and participate in a Pokémon-themed scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt will help kids learn about their library. Participants will earn one badge for each activity completed. Scavenger hunt task lists can be picked up at the Children's Desk. The activities and badges earned at both events will be different, so dedicated Pokémon fans are encouraged to attend both events and earn the maximum number of badges.

Adult Programs

ADULT CRAFT WORKSHOPS

- **2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17**
South Garland Branch Library

Each workshop features a unique craft project or art piece. All supplies are provided by the library. Adults can learn how to create pointillistic watercolor art using cotton swabs.

Registration is required and begins Saturday, Nov. 3. Call 972-205-3931 to register.

HOLIDAY MAKER FEST

Adults can prepare for the holiday season by attending up to two craft workshops in the Library System's Holiday Makerspace Festival.

Holiday Mason Jar Votive Candle Holders

- **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1**
Central Library

Paper Ornaments Workshop

- **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8**
Walnut Creek Branch Library

Arm-Crochet Scarves/Cowls

- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13**
South Garland Branch Library

Holiday Cards and Handmade Gift Tags

- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20**
North Garland Branch Library

Registration is required to attend each workshop and is limited to 20 participants each. Registration begins two weeks prior to each workshop and can be completed by phone or in person at the library location hosting each workshop. Due to ongoing construction, event locations are subject to change. Please visit Library.GarlandTX.gov for the latest information.

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR @ THE LIBRARY

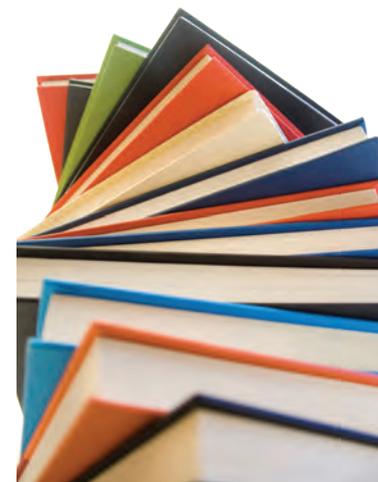
- **2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15**
Central Library
Lady & the Tramp Vocal Duo

Lady & the Tramp's performance will feature rock, pop and country hits from both the 1950s and 1960s. The group will cover tunes by artists such as Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Bobby Darin, Carly Simon and Carole King. Lady & the Tramp is affiliated with the vocal group Guys & Dolls, who performed at Senior Social Hour in 2014.

- **2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13**
Central Library
Holiday Cheer

Holiday Cheer is a trio of carolers who have been performing in DFW since 1984. The group will present a selection of acapella tunes from their repertoire of approximately 70 holiday favorites.

This is a free program series for senior citizens sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events in this series 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. For more information, call 972-205-2502.



CENTRAL LIBRARY
625 Austin St.,
972-205-2517

NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY
3845 N. Garland Ave.,
972-205-2804

SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY
4845 Broadway Blvd.,
972-205-3933

WALNUT CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY
3319 Edgewood Drive,
972-205-2585



Holiday Events from the Arts

“AMAZING GRACE: THE LIFE OF JOHN NEWTON”

● 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 3, 3 p.m. Nov. 4

Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

Puritan Productions premieres the historical drama “Amazing Grace: the Life of John Newton.” This stage production with dance and chorus follows the life of John Newton, who after living a drunken and morally depraved life as a sailor and captain of many African slave trading ships, turned his life toward God and became a beloved pastor and prominent supporter of the abolition of the slave trade. Newton’s “Thoughts Upon the African Slave Trade” aided in William Wilberforce’s campaign to end the legality of the slave trade in England. He wrote many well-known hymns, but none as famous as “Amazing Grace.”

GARLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

● 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16

Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

GSO’s November concert will feature GSO’s own remarkable Principal Flutist LeeAnne Thompson, performing “Bach’s Suite No. 2 in B Minor.” LeeAnne has been principal flutist of the GSO since 2003. She is a freelance musician and pedagogue in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and has an active flute studio in Flower Mound.



“DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW” BY GARLAND CIVIC THEATRE

● Nov. 29-Dec. 16

Granville Arts Center

Laugh and spend Christmas in Tinsel, Texas, as a parade of eccentric guests invade the Snowflake Inn and deck the halls with holiday hilarity.

“A JOHN DENVER CHRISTMAS – STARRING JIM CURRY”

● 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7

Plaza Theatre

Jim Curry, the world’s top John Denver tribute artist, performs the music of John Denver as well as timeless holiday classics in “A John Denver Christmas – Starring Jim Curry.” Witness a full multimedia experience, featuring beautiful videos, heartfelt stories and Jim’s uncanny likeness and ability to perform John Denver’s music and holiday favorites!



GARLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

● 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14

Granville Arts Center – Brownlee Auditorium

Feel the excitement of the Holiday Season as the GSO and Maestro Austin celebrate a “Holiday of Color”! The orchestra will be joined by astoundingly versatile vocalist Sara Gartland. The GSO will perform Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” as well as Duke Ellington’s “Three Black Kings”! Other winter favorites will have sugar plum fairies dancing in your head as you take part in the GSO’s “Annual Holiday Sing-Along”! It’s perfect for families and children of all ages!

“WHITE CHRISTMAS” LIVE BY CORP

● Dec. 14-22

Plaza Theatre, \$18 tickets

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters, Judy and Betty Haynes, en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge. Once there, they discover that the nearly bankrupt lodge is owned by their former Commanding General. Can Bob and Phil keep things juggling as they try to help save the lodge, and find love with Judy and Betty?

Tickets can be purchased 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 may also be available two hours before each performance or at the door.

Free Movies at the Plaza

The City of Garland presents several FREE movies throughout the year at the Plaza Theatre in Downtown Garland. All are first-come, first-served general admission shows. No tickets are required. Popcorn, candy, soda and water are available for \$2 each.

● 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30

“National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation”



● 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

“The Santa Clause”



● 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8

“White Christmas”



● 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

“Elf”



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Quality of Life

Learn about
Garland’s history
and heritage!

Open Saturdays
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
393 N. Sixth St
For more information, call
972-205-2992



Día de los Muertos

Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico Performances, Face Painting, Bounce House, Kids Crafts, Gaga Pit, Cultural Cuisine and Altar Displays

NOV. 1, 6 to 8 p.m.

FREE

Historic Downtown Garland Square

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Design Our Future today! Learn More About the PRCAD Strategic Master Plan

The City of Garland has started the process of updating its Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Strategic Master Plan. When complete, the plan will provide a vision to guide the future development, operations and programs of the City's parks, recreation, open space, trails and cultural arts system.

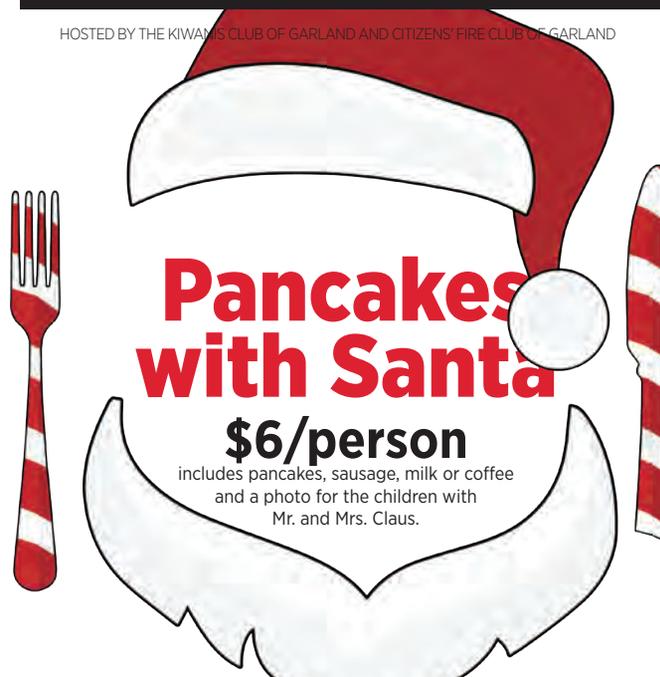
The residents of Garland will play a major role in the development of this new vision through a variety of public engagement forums. The final plan will highlight a detailed action plan with

implementation strategies regarding park and facility improvements, programs, events, cultural arts, trails, land acquisition, funding, revenue generation and policies. To accomplish this, the City has partnered with Brandstetter Carroll Inc., a firm that specializes in providing recreation planning services to cities, counties and other units of local government.

Visit our GarlandParks.com for more information on how you can make a difference because it's not just yours, it's Our Garland!

GarlandParks.com

HOSTED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GARLAND AND CITIZENS' FIRE CLUB OF GARLAND



Get your tickets today!

7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8
Central Fire Station, 1019 Austin St.
KiwansClubofGarland.org

Try something new!

Garland Board & Volunteer Fair

Meet more than 30 community organizations that are in need of volunteers or board members.

Save the date!

Tuesday, Feb. 26
6 to 8 p.m.
The Atrium
300 N. Fifth St.
KiwansClubofGarland.org



Breakfast with Santa

AT THE BRANDING IRON, FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK

Crafts for the kids and photos with Santa! Breakfast buffet is \$13.95 for adults and \$7.95 for kids.

FIREWHEEL GOLF ASSOCIATION 14TH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Help families in need this holiday season. Drop off new toys at the big sleigh at the Branding Iron during the month of December.

Reserve your seat now!

Saturday, Dec. 15

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Branding Iron Restaurant

1535 E. Brand Road

Call 972-205-3958.

GolfFirewheel.com

Spring Creek Park Preserve IS FOR THE BIRDS

Bird's Christmas Trees are available for trimming in Spring Creek Park Preserve, 1787 Holford Road.

The members of The Preservation Society of Spring Creek Forest have set aside many Eastern Red Cedars for youth groups to decorate with biodegradable bird feeders. **Decorating will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Dec. 1, with materials on hand for making bird feeders.**

If ornaments are brought from home, they must be biodegradable bird feeder ornaments ready to hang with cotton yarn or string. Some examples of biodegradable bird feeders are listed below:

- Pine cones coated in peanut butter and rolled in bird seed
- Strings of fresh or dried cranberries
- Suet balls
- Strings of non-buttered popcorn
- Birdy shortbread

COOKIE-CUTTER BIRD FEEDERS

(Easily made by school age children with supervision)

- 1 small package original gelatin unflavored (Knox)
- ¼ cup water
- 1 cup birdseed
- Straws
- Waxed paper
- Cookie sheet and cookie cutters
- Ribbon, string or twine

Place unflavored gelatin in a pot and add the water. Bring it to a simmer while stirring until gelatin is dissolved. Add the birdseed to the pan of water/gelatin mix and blend well; the mixture will smell earthy. Place waxed paper on the cookie sheet, and put a cookie cutter on the waxed paper. Spoon the bird seed mixture in the cookie cutter, pressing it in firmly. Cut a straw about 3 inches long and insert, making a hole for hanging. Let it set up, then remove cookie cutter and straw and add a string to hang it.

NO-MELT SUET BALLS

- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup lard
- 2 cups quick-cook oatmeal
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup white flour
- ½ cup sugar

Melt peanut butter and lard together, then stir in the other ingredients. Pour mixture into cookie cutter or form into balls and freeze. Raisins and/or nuts can be added to the mix prior to freezing.



Christmas on the Square

TREE LIGHTING

● 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

Downtown Garland Square

The 2018 Christmas on the Square Tree Lighting Ceremony kicks off Christmas on the Square with school carolers, hot chocolate and the lighting of the official Christmas Tree. The City of Garland strives to bring families together by spreading the joy of the holiday season.

The Downtown Garland Square is open nightly from Nov. 29 through Dec. 31. More than 100,000 lights bring the holiday season to life. Whether you're walking or driving through, this event will bring out your holiday spirit as the lights dance to the holiday music over the radio.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

● 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 and 15

Downtown Garland Square

Christmas on the Square-Holiday Programming allows you to have more fun at the Square during the holiday season. You can join the carolers, drink hot chocolate and take pictures with Santa. Be sure to bring your own camera or phone to take photos, along with your special wish list to give to Santa.

TOY DRIVE

● Nov. 26 - Dec. 18

All fire stations and at Fire Administration

Garland Firefighters Association and Garland Fire Department will collect new, unwrapped toys for their annual toy drive. Toys will be collected at all 11 fire stations and at Fire Administration, 1500 State Highway 66. Garland Fire Department will distribute the toys to local children. Toy collection boxes will be available at each fire station beginning Nov. 26; toys will be collected through Dec. 18.

Visit GarlandFire.com to find your nearest station.

For more information about Christmas on the Square, visit ChristmasOnTheSquare.com or contact the Special Events office at 972-205-2750 or SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov.

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Upcoming Events

City Council Work Session

● Nov. 5
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Meeting

● Nov. 6
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Plan Commission

● Nov. 12
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Work Session

● Nov. 12
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Work Session

● Nov. 13
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Offices Closed

● Nov. 22-23

Plan Commission

● Nov. 26
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Christmas on the Square

● Nov. 29
Garland Downtown Square

City Council Work Session

● Dec. 3
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Meeting

● Dec. 4
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Plan Commission

● Dec. 10
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Work Session

● Dec. 17
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Work Session

● Dec. 18
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Offices Closed

● Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1

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



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Garland City Press Briefs

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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. Programming available on Spectrum channel 16, Frontier channel 44, AT&T U-verse channel 99, and on GarlandTX.gov, click on the CGTV Videos button.



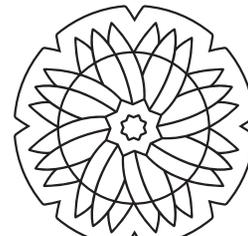
Social Media

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



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.



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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