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MEDIA SPOTLIGHT Continues Its Shine on Garland

Wide Open Country, a platform for country music and the country lifestyle, is among the latest media telling Garland's story.

Garland was one of four stops on the **WideOpenCountry.com** "Made in Texas Road Trip" in June. The online provider's spotlight was on Hatco, which — along with Master Hatters of Texas and Milano Hat Company — creates millions of specially branded westernwear products that make Garland the "Hat Capital of the World."

Earlier in 2019, Wide Open Country traced the legendary roots of Willie Nelson and LeAnn Rimes to Garland. But they're certainly not the first media provider to recognize that consumers love a good story and that Garland has a good story to tell.

Already in 2019, Garland has been rated among the top American cities to find a job, among the hardest-working cities, and as a best place to become wealthy. And within the last year, Forbes said Garland was one of the three-best cities for rental property owners, and personal finance website WalletHub rated Garland among Texas' best cities for first-time homebuying.

Put it all together and you get one of the happiest cities in America according to WalletHub, which considered 31 factors prior to a report it issued in the spring. But we in Garland already knew that!

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Firewheel Golf Park Hosts Championship

2019 Energy Producers, Inc.
Texas Women's Open

From July 7 to 9, golfers from Texas and around the world will compete at Firewheel's Bridges Course in the 2019 Energy Producers, Inc. Texas Women's Open. In this championship event, 144 professional and amateur golfers will play for a \$50,000 projected purse and a Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour exemption.

"The Bridges Course has truly shown itself to be a championship facility," Director of Golf Don Kennedy said. "We're proud of the opportunity to host the Texas Women's Open in Garland."

As one of Texas' most acclaimed public golf facilities, the Bridges Course has made a name for itself among professional golfers. Last September, the course hosted a Web.com PGA Tour qualifying tournament.

Golf enthusiasts will be able to walk the course with the players, set up chairs along the course, or watch the action from the Branding Iron Restaurant, 1535 E. Brand Road. Admission is free.

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Council Reseated After May 4 Election



Garland welcomed a new Mayor and four Council Members in a special meeting May 15. Scott LeMay served three consecutive terms as District 7 Representative and six years on the Garland Plan Commission prior to being elected Mayor on May 4. He is also deeply involved with the Camelot Neighborhood Association.

Also re-elected to Council were District 3 representative Jerry Nickerson, District 6 representative Robert Vera and District 8 representative Robert John Smith.

Dylan Hedrick was elected to the District 7 seat previously occupied by LeMay. A newcomer to Council, Hedrick served more than two years on the Plan Commission and is involved in the Oakridge Neighborhood Association. A civil engineer and a graduate of Rice University, Council Member Hedrick is married and has two daughters.

On June 18, Council met in regular session and unanimously selected Council Member Smith as mayor pro tem and Council Member Vera as deputy mayor pro tem. Both will serve in those positions until mid-2020.

Apply Now for Housing Finance Board



The City is accepting applications for a successor to a current Garland Housing Finance Corp. (GHFC) term that ends Aug. 31. GHFC is a public nonprofit corporation that carries out state law to finance the cost of residential ownership and development to provide housing. GHFC can acquire mortgages and work with lending institutions to make loans for housing.

The application period is July 8 through Aug. 2. A resume and letter of interest may be submitted to René Dowl, City Secretary, at RDowl@GarlandTX.gov or to City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland 75040.

CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Work Session

Mondays preceding Tuesday Council meetings, City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Regular Meeting

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

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. July 1 and 15, Aug. 5 and 19
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20
- Rebroadcast the following Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. July 8 and 22, Aug. 12 and 26
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

CGTV Listings

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

» Meeting dates and times subject to change.

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

City Council

City Council Members

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District 7

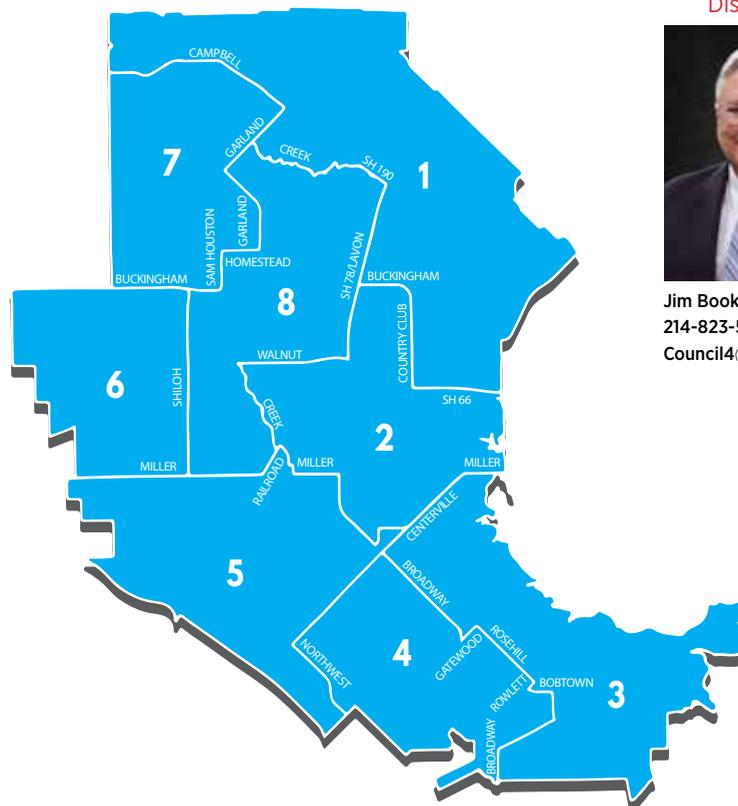


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City News



GARLAND BOND PROGRAM #BuildGarland



Bond Program STATUS

The Garland City Council quickly put the will expressed by voters into action, authorizing the start of projects from a \$423.7 million May 4 bond election.

Council delivered on its promise of an immediate start and a rapid implementation of eight bond propositions.

Within days of the election, Council identified several projects that could start immediately. Then, in a special session, it amended the 2019 Capital Improvements Program to put \$6 million of the 2019 bond projects in motion.

Much of the money being spent first will help acquire new locations for the Walnut Creek Branch Library and Fire Stations 1 and 6.

Design work was also approved for some projects, including a new animal shelter, a police evidence facility and lighting for the sports fields at Winters Park.

Money also was allocated to master plan the City's planned improvements to Rick Oden Park, trails development and aquatics.

Council also approved short-term tax notes that commit residents to a tax rate increase of up to 6.5 cents for 2019. The short-term notes are a step toward keeping the full list of projects on a seven- to 10-year track.



City Manager Honored

Left to right: Council District 4 representative Jim Bookhout, Council District 1 representative David Gibbons, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem and Council District 6 representative Robert Vera, City Manager Bryan Bradford, Mayor Scott LeMay, Council District 5 representative Rich Aubin and Council District 7 representative Dylan Hedrick celebrate Bradford's honor as a Living Legend.

City Manager Honored

City Manager Bryan Bradford was honored as a Living Legend recently at the Verna's HELP Foundation's fifth annual Empowerment Prayer Brunch. U.S. Rep. Colin Allred was guest speaker of the event at Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas.

"When you talk to him, you can sense his true adoration for Garland," Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper said in presenting the award. "The City of Garland has enjoyed record-setting levels of economic development under Bryan's leadership. Its city square has re-emerged as a place for neighbors to congregate. And its churches, organizations and businesses are thriving."

In accepting the award, Bradford emphasized that it would be unthinkable not to share the honor with the Garland City Council for its selfless service, with the more than 2,000 public servants who work so hard behind the scenes, and with his wife Teria and her tireless efforts with Garland nonprofits.

Verna Thomas-Melton, the founder and director of Verna's HELP Foundation, said that after the honor, the Living Legends are given opportunities to tell of people who do good work in the community. Culpepper was a 2018 honoree.

"We'll come back to Mr. Bradford," Thomas-Melton said.

HELP is an acronym for the nonprofit's mission, Helping Everyone Live Positive. Proceeds from the Empowerment Prayer Brunch will be used toward Verna's HELP Foundation projects including a back-to-school giveaway, a legal clinic and job fair, and business workshops.



Check Out MY GARLAND APP for City Services

One of the features of the City's recently upgraded website is the My Garland icon. Go to My Garland from the City's home page, GarlandTX.gov, enter a Garland address and find out about a wide range of City resources.

- Your City Council District
- Your Neighborhood Police Officer
- The nearest fire station
- The nearest City park and recreation center
- Nearby crime reports
- Nearby street conditions

Not only can you find out the exact distance to City facilities, when you click on the specified locations, a Google map opens to provide directions. Other links provide contact information for those people elected or assigned to serve the address. Click on **My Garland** to explore this new feature.

BEWARE OF SCAMS!

Garland residents have become targets of scammers who pose as City employees both in person and on the phone.

Garland Police report instances where a criminal comes to a door posing as a City worker or a utility employee investigating a water or gas issue. Once inside the home, criminals steal cash or other valuables. Do not let anyone into your home, police say, unless you have scheduled a visit.

Also know that Garland Power & Light and Garland Water Department crews will not ask to go inside your home.

Garland Police note the in-person scammers are targeting the elderly. Be especially careful who you allow inside your home.

The phone scammers threaten to disconnect electric or water service unless immediate payment is made. Be suspicious of anyone calling to demand payment over the phone. Be aware of the following:

- The City does not have an 800, 888 or other toll-free phone number.
- Scammers often “spoof” an actual City of Garland phone number on Caller ID, making it appear that the call is coming from the City.
- Scammers can copy the City’s recorded answering system/IVR or record their own that is similar to the City’s, including the call options menu.
- The City of Garland does not disconnect services outside of the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For concerns or questions about utility scams or your Garland utility account, call Customer Service at **972-205-2671**.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, report the incident to Garland Police at **972-485-4840**.



2018 WATER QUALITY

Report Available Online

Every year, the Garland Water Utilities Department publishes updated drinking water test results taken from various points in the city. You can find the results and other important information about your drinking water in this year’s Consumer Confidence Report at bit.ly/GarlandQualityReport2018.

GarlandWater.com



THE CITY OF GARLAND IS SEEKING

CROSSING GUARDS

For the 2019-20 School Year

JOIN THE CITY OF GARLAND TEAM WITH A REWARDING JOB OPPORTUNITY.

Friday, July 19, at Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place

1 to 1:30 p.m.- Informational Session
1:45 to 4 p.m.- On-site Interviews

Participants are required to apply online for the School Crossing Guard position and attend the informational session prior to the on-site interviews.

School crossing guards escort school children, en route to and from school, safely across various streets and intersections.

- \$10.61 per hour
- On-the-job and office training provided
- Work two to three hours per day; 10 to 15 hours per week, school days only
- Off weekends, holidays and summer
- Substitute school crossing guards work various locations throughout Garland
- Wonderful opportunity for you to interact with kids

To view the minimum qualifications and the complete job description, and to apply online, visit Careers.GarlandTX.gov.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Human Resources Department at Talent@GarlandTX.gov or call **972-205-2475**, option 0.



WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

Garland is buzzing with new development.

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«Site work is underway along the southeast side of Ben Davis Road for Riverplace, a single-family residential neighborhood of approximately 143 homes.

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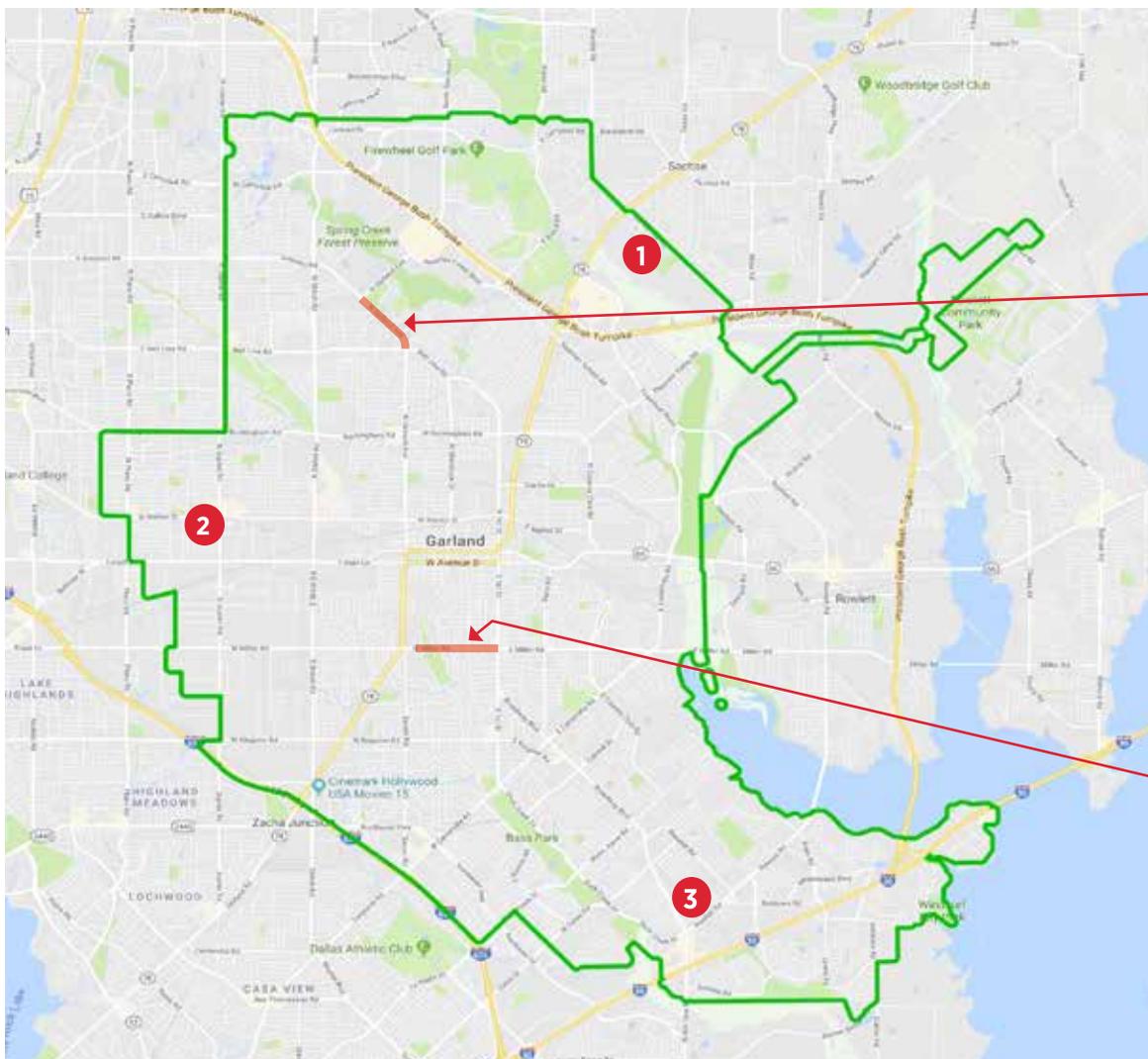


Coming soon at the northwest corner of Walnut Street and Jupiter Road is a Scooter's Coffee, a freestanding drive-through coffee shop with some available outdoor seating. This will be the second Scooter's Coffee location in Garland.

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Coming soon at 513 and 519 Rowlett Road, near the northeast side of Broadway Boulevard and Rowlett Road, will be a Pollo Regio restaurant.



Taking It to the Streets

Projects scheduled to begin in July/August

Birchwood/Rockledge Alley, Broadmoor Drive to Northwest Highway
Alley Reconstruction

Country Valley/Club Meadow Alley, Club Meadow Drive to Lance Lane
Alley Reconstruction

Greenbrook/Peninsula Alley, Greenbrook Drive to Peninsula Way
Alley Reconstruction

Linda Drive, Arcady Drive to Dairy Road
Street Reconstruction

Mayfield Avenue, Clear Point Drive to Saturn Road
Street Reconstruction

Meadow Oaks/Rosehill Alley, Edgecliff Drive Alley to Rosehill Road
Alley Reconstruction

North Garland Avenue, Arapaho Road to Belt Line Road
Concrete Street Repair

San Carlos/San Clemente Alley, Perdido Drive Alley to Sevilla Drive
Alley Reconstruction

Ongoing projects

Blue Creek Drive, Ridgeway Drive to East End
Street Reconstruction

Bosque Drive, Bringle Lane to Rivercrest Lane
Street Reconstruction

Martindale Drive, Kerry Lane to Ridgeway Drive
Street Reconstruction

Miller Road, First Street to Duck Creek Bridge
Concrete Street Repair

Shari Lane, Club Creek Boulevard to Luther Lane
Street Reconstruction

Stroud Lane, Chestnut Place to Valley Mills Drive
Street Reconstruction



Photo: Gateway Community at Oates Road

Paintbrushes in hand, Garland residents are **making their mark** in a literal way. Dozens of volunteers were lined up at 506 Main St., kicking off the Sounds of Summer concert series in a community mural project long before musicians took the nearby stage.

The public was invited to paint a mural with each impromptu artist taking ownership of an area outlined by artist Cullin Lassiter in a paint-by-numbers format (see front page photo).

Lassiter, a resident of the Gatewood neighborhood, was also central to the City's celebration of **Where the Heart Is: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day**, April 27. There, neighbors created

a 165-foot mural along the retaining wall at Oates Road and Duck Creek Parkway.

The event was the culmination of more than a year of discussions and community meetings. Lassiter sought to capture the character of his neighborhood and its natural amenities in designing the Gatewood mural. Downtown, his design flows with the spirit of the community moment.

View more pictures and a video at GarlandNeighborhoods.org and on the city videos link at GarlandTX.gov.

Neighborhood Vitality

Matching Grant Program

City Matches Up to **\$100,000 on Neighborhood Projects**

Neighborhood groups that are registered with the Office of Neighborhood Vitality may apply for up to \$100,000 in matching funds for neighborhood enhancement projects on public property.

The deadline to submit a letter of intent for the matching grant program is **July 23**.

Need a little help? Attend the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Workshop at **6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, July 18, to gain valuable technical assistance and helpful tips for completing a successful project.

Register for the workshop and download program guidelines and forms at Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov or call **972-205-2445**.

Neighborhood Classes

Management Academy

Topics important to neighborhood vitality will be featured in Garland Neighborhood Management Academy classes in the upcoming months.

The classes are scheduled at the Main Street Municipal Building, 800 Main St. Visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org for more details and to register. All items are subject to change.

- Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Workshop: **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18**
- Block Party Basics: Party Like a Block Star: **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13**
- How to Apply for a Garland Neighborhood Award Workshop: **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27**
- Preventing Conflict in Your Neighborhood: **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5**

Sign up now!

Visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org or call **972-205-2445**.



Orchard Hills

Neighborhood of the Year

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association received the first-place Neighborhood of the Year award in the Physical Revitalization category at the Neighborhoods, USA Conference in Palm Springs, California.

Since the beginning of their voluntary association in 2001, Orchard Hills neighbors have always strived to build community, look out for each other and beautify the neighborhood. Their relationship with nearby Saturn Road Church of Christ created a blossoming partnership that resulted in the revitalization of a community garden where neighbors are able to teach or discover gardening.

The neighborhood was recognized at the June 18 City Council meeting for the outstanding work. Congratulations!



VACCINATIONS ARE FOR OLDER KIDS, TOO!

Many parents focus on younger children when it comes to vaccinations before school starts again in the fall, but adolescents and teens need them, too.

As protection from childhood vaccines wears off, adolescents and teens may need booster doses. They may also need protection from additional infections as well, before the risk of exposure increases.

A preteen or teen can get vaccinated at their yearly checkup or at a physical exam required for sports, school or camp this summer. At 11 or 12 years old, a preteen should receive the following vaccines:

- **MenACWY (Meningococcal)**
- **Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough)**
- **HPV (human papillomavirus)**

Before a child enters college, technical school or university, make sure vaccinations are up to date. At age 16, it may be time for a MenACWY booster dose, which is required for admission to Texas colleges if under the age of 22.

Some college campuses have also reported outbreaks of serogroup B meningococcal disease. Two MenB vaccines are available for older teens. Protection for serogroup B meningococcal disease is not included in the MenACWY vaccine. It's a good idea to bring immunization records to every checkup to see if any vaccinations are needed.

The Garland Public Health Clinic, 206 Carver St., not only provides low-cost immunizations for infants and children through age 18, but also immunizations for adults. Most insurance is accepted.

Clinic Information

972-205-3370 | HOURS: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (walk-ins only)



Apply for Garland's Citizens Fire Academy

Through Garland's Citizens Fire Academy, residents can learn about their Fire Department, watch its professionals in action and even participate in firefighting activities.

The Garland Fire Department's next eight-week academy starts Sept. 5 and ends on October 26. Various hands-on exercises are featured, some of them challenging, all of them voluntary. Participants learn about the Garland Fire Department's capabilities and operations as well as how to create a safer environment at home and in their workplace.

The Garland Fire Department established the academy to promote an understanding of the mission, responsibilities and activities of the department — and also to provide residents a chance to serve the community.

Meetings are at 6 p.m. Thursdays. The class culminates Nov. 3 with a graduation and "Burn Day." Applications are accepted in the order received and class size is limited. Once the September academy is filled, remaining applications are held for the next class. Call 972-781-7148 or visit the City website at GarlandFire.com for an application.



NEW LOW-COST PARTNERSHIP

Coming to the City of Garland

The Animal Services Department continues to establish partnerships to help bring additional free and low-cost veterinary services to Garland residents.

To provide resources following a recent change in City law that requires all dogs and cats over the age of 6 months to be sterilized, the Animal Services team met with representatives from the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection. The result was a commitment to mailing out \$20 spay/neuter vouchers to every registered pet owner in the city.

The voucher covers up to four pets per household. To qualify for the \$20 spay/neuter special, a pet owner must also purchase a \$25 set of vaccines or a \$20 microchip.

The Garland Animal Services Department also works with the Spay Neuter Network to bring

sterilization events to the city. The Spay Neuter Network has hosted one free sterilization event and another low-cost sterilization event for Garland residents only — and Animal Services staff anticipate those low-cost services to be available in our community for many years to come.

Passed by a unanimous City Council vote in February, the new ordinance is in effect. However, to give residents ample time to get their pets spayed/neutered, enforcement of the new ordinance will not start until Oct. 1.

Additionally, the Dallas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is rolling out a community outreach program to provide low-cost services and community education. Garland is the primary partner in this new initiative.

The first event in the SPCA outreach initiative was June 1, with plans to host low-cost service clinics in various Garland locations once a month.

Visit GarlandAnimalServices.org or email AnimalServices@GarlandTX.gov.

City Services



Congratulations Project SEARCH Graduates!

Congratulations to the 2019 graduates of the City of Garland Project SEARCH program!

The City began a partnership with Garland ISD and Project SEARCH in support of the City Manager's Strategic Initiative to provide students with developmental disabilities real-world access to job skills and training. The one-year transition program also teaches independent living skills.

Students, family members, mentors and City staff joined for an end-of-year celebration on May 29. We thank participating departments and are proud of this year's graduating class and wish them the best of luck in their next chapter!



Artists Recycle, Upcycle Contest Participants Create New Life

Through making art and learning about reusing materials, elementary-aged children set a strong foundation for environmental stewardship in the City's third annual recycled art competition. Entries were judged on the use of recyclable materials, their artistic value, and effectiveness at promoting an environmental message.

- Grades K-2**
- 1st – Jonah Salles, Salles Classical Academy, \$250
 - 2nd – Ivan and Isabella Zamora, Routh Roach Elementary, \$150
 - 3rd – Noah Gonzales, Carver Elementary, \$100

- Grades 3-5**
- 1st – Carrilee and Roewan Vinulan, Walnut Glen Academy for Excellence, \$250
 - 2nd – Allyson Jimenez, Golden Meadows Elementary, \$150
 - 2nd – Joshua Calles, Cooper Elementary, \$150
 - 3rd – Mina Kerr, Golden Meadows Elementary, \$100

The City also hosted its first-ever Upcycling Competition for Garland residents 18 and older. Upcycling is taking a discarded object or material to create a product of higher quality or value than the original. Entries were judged on innovation, ability to replicate, use of items, and durability.

- 1st – Leslie Cooper
- 2nd – Eva D. Pech Reyes
- 3rd – Jana and John Salles

Learn more at EnvironmentalWasteServices.com or call 972-205-3500.

Street Improvements Coming Soon

Some \$3.2 million in Garland street improvements is coming from a Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) program to get needed work done in service area cities.

Several intersections served by DART bus service will be upgraded with improvements such as left- and right-turn lanes. Garland staff identified the locations and will oversee the projects.

Two bus routes that serve Garland are among five that are targeted in a separate \$5.9 million DART pilot project to reduce the number of stops at signalized intersections. Buses and signals in selected corridors will be connected by technology that extends the period of a green light.

Route 467, which serves the South Garland Transit Center and connects to Dallas via Jupiter Road, has been chosen for the program. So has Route 402, which serves DART's Downtown Garland Station and connects to Richardson via Belt Line Road.

Street.GarlandTX.gov

STORMWATER VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS

"FEED THE SOIL NOT THE CREEKS"
Winning videos on YouTube.com/GarlandTXgov

- High School:**
- 1st Place: John McKelvey – Sachse
 - 2nd Place Tie: Aileen Castilleja – Garland
 - Hilary Moore & Paulina Ramos – Lakeview
 - 3rd Place: Leah Coreas & Rafael Escalera – Lakeview
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Julia Orticio – Garland
 - Alexis Flores – Lakeview
 - Jack Le & Angelo Lopez – Garland
 - Andrew Orticio – Garland

- Middle School:**
- 1st Place: Christopher Cisneros – Jackson
 - 2nd Place: Haley Simmons – Jackson
 - 3rd Place Tie: Allison Tran – Jackson & Farzin, Jonathan, Jeev & Matthew – Jackson
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Faith Trumbo – Webb
 - Jazymn Paige & Daijah Hamilton – Webb

GarlandStormwater.org



Fertilizers contain nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. If applied properly they can help achieve a beautiful lawn. Applied improperly, though, fertilizer can become polluted runoff that goes directly into our creeks and lakes through our storm drain system.

- Here are a few tips for applying fertilizers:
- Choose slow-release fertilizers to minimize chemical loss.
 - Read directions carefully and apply the proper amount.
 - Never apply prior to a rain event, as the fertilizer can end up in the stormwater runoff, causing water pollution and wasting your time and money.
 - Aerate lawns to reduce soil compaction, improving water and fertilizer absorption and making the yard healthier.
 - Mow frequently. Do not bag the clippings or leave them in the street. Leave the grass clippings on your lawn to provide nutrients, which enables you to use less fertilizer.

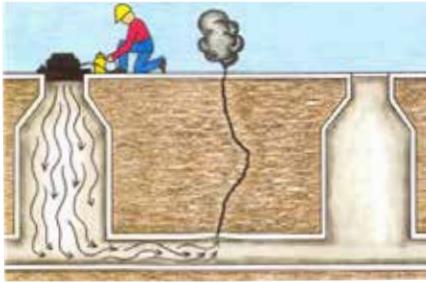
Never store chemicals outside without some type of cover or shelter. For disposal of chemicals, drop off at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano Road in Dallas. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

This service is free for Garland residents. The Garland Recycling Center, located on Commerce Street, cannot accept the chemicals.

Drainage Channel Reminder

Garland's Stormwater Management team reminds residents that property owners are required by law to keep drainage channels and easements clean and free of debris, silt and any other substance that may impede the flow of stormwaters or result in unsanitary conditions. This includes all necessary mowing, weeding, litter pickup and other normal property owner responsibilities.

For more information, call the Stormwater hotline at 972-205-2180.



Garland Uses SMOKE to TEST SEWER PIPES

The Water Utilities Department conducts leak-detection tests on the pipes of our sanitary sewer system every year, starting in July. The tests are performed by pumping a special non-toxic, non-staining smoke into the sewer lines, one section at a time. A crack or break anywhere in the pipeline will cause the smoke to rise to the surface and the crew can see the exact location where repairs are needed.

The smoke testing area for this year will be from Shiloh Road to Melody Lane and Marion Drive, and from Miller Road to Cardinal Lane. You can see a map of the area at GarlandWater.com.

Water from rain or naturally occurring ground water can seep into pipes that are broken or cracked, which adds to the flow going to the wastewater treatment plant. More flow means increased processing costs. Keeping this water out of pipelines saves money and prevents unnecessary high flows through the equipment at the plant.

The smoke is created using a mineral oil base that does not harm humans or animals. It won't leave a residue even if it gets into a house. This test can help a resident as the smoke may come through if there is a plumbing problem in the house. Smoke will come up in weak spots (plumbing issues) even if the P-trap is full.

The water in seldom-used drains or P-traps (idle 10 days or more) has probably evaporated and it is recommended that residents put about a cup of water down the drain to fill the P-trap so smoke does not come into the house.

When the crews plan to work in your neighborhood, an information tag will be hung on your front door three days before the work is started. Rain or high winds can affect the test results, causing occasional postponements. Residents will be notified if defects are found on private property.

If you have any questions about the City's smoke testing program, call 972-205-3210 or email WaterOps@GarlandTX.gov.



Tips from GP&L to Save Energy and Money this Summer

- Fans are an energy-efficient way to stay cool. Fans blowing directly on you can make temperatures feel up to 4° cooler.
- Set your thermostat to 78° or higher in the summer. Each degree cooler can increase your energy use by 6% to 8%.
- Clean or replace filters every month. Dirty filters will make your system work harder and run longer than necessary.
- Leaks around windows and doors let cool air escape. Check for cracked caulking or damaged weather stripping and replace when necessary.

Visit gpltexas.org/energytips for more conservation ideas.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO THROW?



#KnowWhatToThrow

Only recycle empty and dry bottles, cans, boxes and papers.

TEST YOUR RECYCLING IQ @ TimeToRecycle.com

Know What to Throw

It's a question we've all asked at some point. "Can I recycle that?"

Know What to Throw is a regional recycling education program involving Garland, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, The Recycling Partnership and others.

Whether you picnic in Cedar Hill, attend the rodeo in Fort Worth or visit family in Denton, we want you to "recycle right" across North Texas.

Wishcycling, or throwing things that aren't recyclable into your recycling cart in hopes that they will be recycled, can make recycling trash.

Check out the Garland Waste Wizard at GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com for details on how to properly dispose of hundreds of items.

You can also follow [@GoGreenGarland](https://twitter.com/GoGreenGarland) on Twitter for recycling tips and tricks and test your recycling IQ at TimetoRecycle.com. Or check out the lid of your blue recycling cart for more information on what is, and is not, accepted.

Food waste belongs in the compost or trash, never the blue recycling cart. Food waste contaminates recycling and can make recycling trash. Remember to rinse all food waste from your recyclables before placing in the blue cart. Please keep all food waste, including greasy pizza boxes, out of the blue recycling cart.

Batteries, and electronics that contain batteries like cellphones, are hazardous and do not belong in your recycling or trash carts. Batteries improperly disposed can explode and cause fires. Take all batteries directly to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano Road in Dallas, for proper disposal.

Quality of Life

Purchase tickets at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or 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 on the day of the performance prior to show time.

Events from the Arts

BROADWAY-INSPIRED ART

● **Through July 7**

Granville Arts Center

Local music director Mark Mullino presents ornate paintings and visual art inspired by classic Broadway musicals and his personal experiences. Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances.



A CELEBRATION OF ART

● **July 10 to Aug. 29**

Granville Arts Center

Long-time Garland resident Carlene McNeill presents diverse visual art, featuring representational and abstract paintings, drawings and iridized glass. Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances.



LES MISÉRABLES SCHOOL EDITION

● **July 3, 5-7**

Granville Arts Center

Students of the Dallas Young Artists Summer Camp present the Victor Hugo classic *Les Misérables* School Edition, adapted for young performers.



SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

● **July 19-21, July 26-28**

Granville Arts Center

Witness this Broadway and film classic as Adam, the eldest of seven backwoods brothers, and his new wife help his brothers find and court wives of their own. Presented by **Garland Summer Musicals**.



DISNEY'S FROZEN JR.

● **July 25-27**

Plaza Theatre

Join all your favorite characters in this live adaptation of the hit Disney movie adapted for young performers. Presented by the Company of Rowlett Performers.



GODSPELL

● **July 26-28, Aug. 2-4**

Plaza Theatre

Watch the classic musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, including the last days of Jesus and dramatized versions of well-known parables. Presented by the Company of Rowlett Performers.



THE WIZARD OF OZ

● **Aug. 6-9**

Plaza Theatre

This Young Performers Edition of *The Wizard of Oz* is a one-hour adaptation tailored for young actors. Catch the beloved tale of a Kansas farm girl who travels to a mysterious land with her dog, Toto. Presented by Breitling Performing Arts.

Special Events

Save the Date

PARTY IN THE PARK

● **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 4**
Audubon Park, 342 W. Oates Road
Live music, a climbing wall, pie-eating contest, bounce houses, cornhole tournament and concessions.

STAR-SPANGLED SPECTACULAR

● **4 to 9:15 p.m. Thursday, July 4**
Firewheel Town Center
Bounce houses, obstacle courses, food trucks, face painting, caricature artists, balloon twisters, prizes and strolling entertainment. The 92.1 Hank (KPVC-FM) Party Patrol will be on-site from 4 to 7 p.m. Live performance by Hi Definition on the Main Stage at 7 p.m., Boy Scouts flag ceremony at 9 p.m., fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

URBAN FLEA

● **Every Second Saturday through December**
Downtown Square
Pop-up flea market in the heart of Garland

BACKPACK DRIVE

● **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27**
Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St.
Close Park and Recreation Month with a bang! Food trucks, children's entertainment, bounce houses, games, music and fireworks.

GARLAND IN SPACE

● **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 24**
Landmark Museum, 393 N. Sixth St.
An exhibit honoring the scientists, engineers, production workers and other employees of Garland-area industries who assisted with the Apollo 11 mission 50 years ago. Learn about the products and systems supplied by government contracting firms in Garland from Apollo 11 and beyond to Garland's involvement in the space industry today.



NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH JULY 2019

All July
PLAY Streets
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for dates and locations

July 12
Sounds of Summer Concert Series - Finale
Featuring HavanaNRG!
7 p.m. Downtown Square

July 13
Movie in the Park
Space Jam
at dusk in Central Park

July 19
PLAY After Dark
Fun Activities for Teens
Bradfield Rec Center and Pool
Midnight to 2 a.m.

July 20
Movie in the Park
Ralph Breaks the Internet
at dusk in Audubon Park

July 27
Family Night Out
Food, Fun and Fireworks
Featuring Vegas Stars
6:30 p.m. Central Park



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GarlandParks.com, 972-205-2750 or SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov
Find us on Facebook and Instagram - @PlayGarland

Events @ the Library

All Garland libraries will be closed Thursday, July 4. Due to planned construction, event locations are subject to change. Please ask staff or visit our website, Library.GarlandTX.gov, for the latest information.

Children/Families



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Through July 27
Activity cards for *A Universe of Stories* are available at all Garland libraries. Complete reading challenges and other activities and enter completed cards to be awarded prizes.

SPECIAL PERFORMERS

● **July 10-27**
All Libraries
Times: 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at South Garland Branch; **2:30 p.m. Thursdays** at Walnut Creek Branch; **2:30 p.m. Fridays** at Central Library; **2:30 p.m. Saturdays** at North Garland Branch
Performances:
Dallas Zoo Animal Show
● **July 10-13**

Perot Museum of Science and Nature
● **July 17-20**

Rochelle Rabouin: Mae Among the Stars
July 24 (South Garland Branch only)

Magician James Wand
● **July 25-27**

FAMILY GAME TIME

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6**
North Garland Branch Library
Drop in and enjoy board games and card games. There are also some life-sized games, such as Jenga, Sudoku and Angry Birds.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE TIME

● **2:30 p.m. Friday, July 12**
Walnut Creek Branch Library
Children under 12 with special

needs are invited to a sensory-friendly screening of *Wall-E*. Lights will be left on and children will be able to walk, talk, sing and move about. Doors will open at 2:15 p.m. Refreshments will be available while supplies last.

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY

● **2:30 p.m. Monday, July 29**
Central Library
Celebrate accomplishments in the Summer Reading Program. Children's book character Biscuit the Dog will be on-hand. Grand prize drawings for each age group, plus door-prize raffles. While supplies last.

Young Audiences



SUMMER STORYTIMES

Through July 27
All Libraries
Wee Read (birth-18 months): **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**, North Garland Branch

Toddler Storytime (18-36 months):
10 a.m. Mondays, Central Library;
10 a.m. Wednesdays, South Garland Branch; **10 a.m. Fridays**, North Garland Branch

Preschool Storytime (3-5 years): **11 a.m. Mondays**, Central Library; **11 a.m. Wednesdays**, South Garland Branch; **11 a.m. Fridays**, North Garland Branch

Family Storytime 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, South Garland Branch;
7 p.m. Tuesdays, Walnut Creek Branch

ART EXPLORERS (AGES 6-12)

● **2:30 p.m. July 6 and Aug. 3**
Walnut Creek Branch Library
Learn about different types of art, then create a masterpiece. July theme: Painted Galaxies. August theme: Spherical Optical Illusions. Supplies provided. Registration required and starts two weeks before the event.

BLOCK PARTY (AGES 4-12)

● **3 p.m. Tuesdays, July 9 and 23**
Central Library
● **2:30 p.m. Friday, July 26**
Walnut Creek Branch Library
Children develop engineering skills and stretch their imaginations while having fun. Use building blocks to create unique structures. Supplies provided. Call 972-205-2516.

TWEEN SCENE (AGES 10-13)

● **5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11**
South Garland Branch Library
● **5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18**
North Garland Branch Library
Book discussions and activities will be related to an interactive film screening of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to the event.

ESCAPE ROOM (AGES 13-18)

● **10:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Aug. 9-10**
South Garland Branch Library
Teams solve a series of puzzles in the Superhero Final Exam Escape Room. The room is set up as a high school for teens training to become superheroes. Registration required.

Adult Programs

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Through July 27
All Libraries
Activity cards for *A Universe of Stories* are available at all Garland libraries. Complete reading challenges and other activities and enter completed cards to enter into a drawing for prizes.



SPELLING BEE

● **2 p.m. Sunday, July 7**
Intrinsic Smokehouse and Brewery, 509 W. State St.

Register in teams of four or fewer at Central Library, or on-site as space allows. Teams will be given 30 seconds to confer. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams and the last-place team.

PAINTED TOTE BAG WORKSHOP

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11**
North Garland Branch Library
Create painted tote bags that, in tune with the summer reading theme, look like galaxies. Acrylic paint, glue, glitter and rhinestones will be provided by the library. Registration required.
Call 972-205-2803.

GALAXY QUEST SCREENING

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13**
South Garland Branch Library
An alien race needs help in this PG-rated film. Seating is limited; children may attend if accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and water provided while supplies last. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. Free!

LIGHTSABER TRAINING

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20**
Central Library
A must for *Star Wars* fans! Must be age 12 or older. Learn about the parts of a lightsaber and lightsaber fighting techniques. Then put what you learn into practice! Registration is required and begins July 6. Call 972-205-2501.

Seniors

SMOOTH BREW

● **2 p.m. Thursday, July 18**
Central Library
Smooth Brew, an a capella quartet, will perform pop, jazz, doo-wop and barbershop music. Features will include *Who Put the Bomp* and *Yesterday*. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

NORTH DALLAS TROMBONE CHOIR

● **2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29**
Central Library
An afternoon of classical, pop and gospel music will be provided by an all-volunteer, trombone-exclusive troupe that has been performing for 25 years. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.



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

Recreation Center events

Register now!

Visit PlayGarland.com or call your local recreation center.

THE GAMING ACADEMY

● **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3**

Ages 10 to 17
\$260

Learn about video game design, including 3D video games, and build your very own games. Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road, 972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov

SOUL LINE DANCE SOCIAL

● **noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 20**

Ages 14 and up
\$10 per person

Learn the latest soul line dances set to new and old R&B, soul and hip-hop music. Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, 972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov

TOTAL BODY PROJECT

● **Various times Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in July**

Ages 12 and up
\$30

This multiple stage circuit teaches interval training techniques that minimize rest between sets to maximize results. Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, 972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov

Blakey Tae Kwon Do

● **Various times Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in July**

Ages 5 and up
\$60 per month

Learn the fluid movement of kicks, punches and jumps, adding in other martial arts. Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F, 972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTX.gov

DJ ACADEMY

● **9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 8-12**

Ages 7 to 13
\$110 per person

Learn about beats, phrases, music genres and scratch techniques as you mix and create digital music. Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place, 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov

FOOTBALL SKILLS

● **6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25**

Ages 6 to 12
\$19 per person

Learn the fundamentals of the game, including the rules, throwing, catching and football positions. Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., 972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTX.gov

KISSIN KUZZINS SQUARE DANCE

● **7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 20 to Dec. 10**

Ages 18 and up
\$52.50 per person

Learn the basic steps and rhythms of square dancing. Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A, 972-205-2769 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov

GarlandParks.com, Facebook and Instagram — [@PlayGarland](https://www.instagram.com/PlayGarland)



Junior Golf Camp

For Boys and Girls of All Skill Levels - Ages 7-16
\$200 (Includes lunch)

Old Course, 600 W. Campbell Road

Learn how to play and enjoy the game of golf! With instruction from Firewheel Golf Park professional staff, golf will be covered from the tee to the green.

Enjoy three days of drills, games and skill competitions, and an on-course round with a coach from 8 a.m. to noon during these summer camp weeks: **July 8-11** and **July 22-25**

Call 972-205-2765 to register.



STAR-SPANGLED SPECTACULAR Thursday, JULY 4

Firewheel Town Center, in conjunction with the City of Garland, will celebrate our nation's independence with a full afternoon of family fun at the Star-Spangled Spectacular event from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 4.

This event is FREE and open to the community.

WHEN: Thursday, July 4 from 4 to 9:15 p.m.

Family Fun Activities: 4 to 8 p.m.

Main Stage Entertainment: 7 to 9 p.m.

Fireworks display begins at 9:15 p.m.

WHERE: Firewheel Town Center
245 Cedar Sage Drive
Garland, TX 75040

Don't forget your sunscreen and chairs/blankets. Patrons should carpool and plan to arrive early as on-site parking is limited. DART transportation will be available.



All City of Garland offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

This includes utility customer service, the tax office, libraries, recreation centers and senior centers. Surf and Swim and all City swimming pools will be open.

We will collect trash, brush and bulky, and recycling as normal on July 4. Please have your carts and brush or bulky items set out by 7 a.m. The Charles M. Hinton Regional Landfill will remain open.



COMPOST 101 CLASS

● **8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 3**

Garland Environmental Waste Services 1434 Commerce St., will host an introductory to intermediate level composting class. Learn from certified Master Composters how to keep your yard trimmings and other organic materials from ending up in the landfill, while producing a beneficial soil amendment for all your gardening needs.

Training will include instructions on compost ingredients, benefits of building healthy soil, managing compost piles and hands-on demonstrations in addition to door prizes. This is a free event. Check out GarlandEWS.com for more information and to sign-up.



Public Safety Reminder

The Garland Police Department wants to remind you that it is illegal to fire a gun within city limits. Celebrate responsibly.

El Departamento de Policía de Garland quiere recordarle que es ilegal disparar un arma dentro de los límites de la ciudad. Celebra responsablemente.

You can spend up to one year in jail and be fined up to \$4,000.

Puede pasar hasta un año en la cárcel y recibir una multa de hasta \$4,000.

GarlandPolice.com or 972-205-2018



COMMUNITY

Conversation Set for Gale Fields Center

Garland's Community Multicultural Commission invites residents to interact in its Community Conversation series, **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 20**, at Gale Fields Center, 1701 Dairy Road.

Topics include the 2020 Census, code enforcement and the permit process for building inspection. The Police Department will share safety information. Light refreshments will be served.

The Sept. 21 Literacy for Life event also will be introduced. There, the Community Multicultural Commission will partner with the Garland ISD and the cities of Rowlett and Sachse in a free event to promote literacy skills for all.

GarlandTX.gov or CMC@GarlandTX.gov



Apply Now Cultural Arts Grants

The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc., announces its 2019-20 grant program for local arts groups, historic preservation organizations and other artistic entities.

Applications may be picked up at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, 300 N. Fifth St. in Downtown Garland. Applications will be available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 1 to Sept. 19.

Grant money will not be awarded to any group failing to submit the completed application by the 4 p.m. Sept. 20 deadline. Interviews will take place Sept. 26 at the Granville Arts Center.



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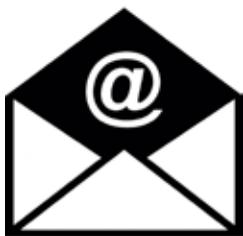
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Garland City Press Briefs

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

Social Media



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

FOURTH OF JULY

PARTY

in the Park

FREE
 Thursday, July 4
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Audubon Park

Pie-Eating Contest | Family Games
 Live Music | Cornhole Tournament
 Bounce Houses | Concessions

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FREE CONCERT in JULY

SOUNDS of Summer 2019

FRIDAY
CONCERT SERIES

FRIDAY 7/12
 7-9:30 p.m.
 Downtown Garland
GarlandParks.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

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| City Council Work Session
● July 1 | City Council Meeting
● July 16 | Plan Commission
● Aug. 12 |
| City Council Meeting
● July 2 | Plan Commission
● July 22 | City Council Work Session
● Aug. 19 |
| Plan Commission
● July 8 | City Council Work Session
● Aug. 5 | City Council Meeting
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