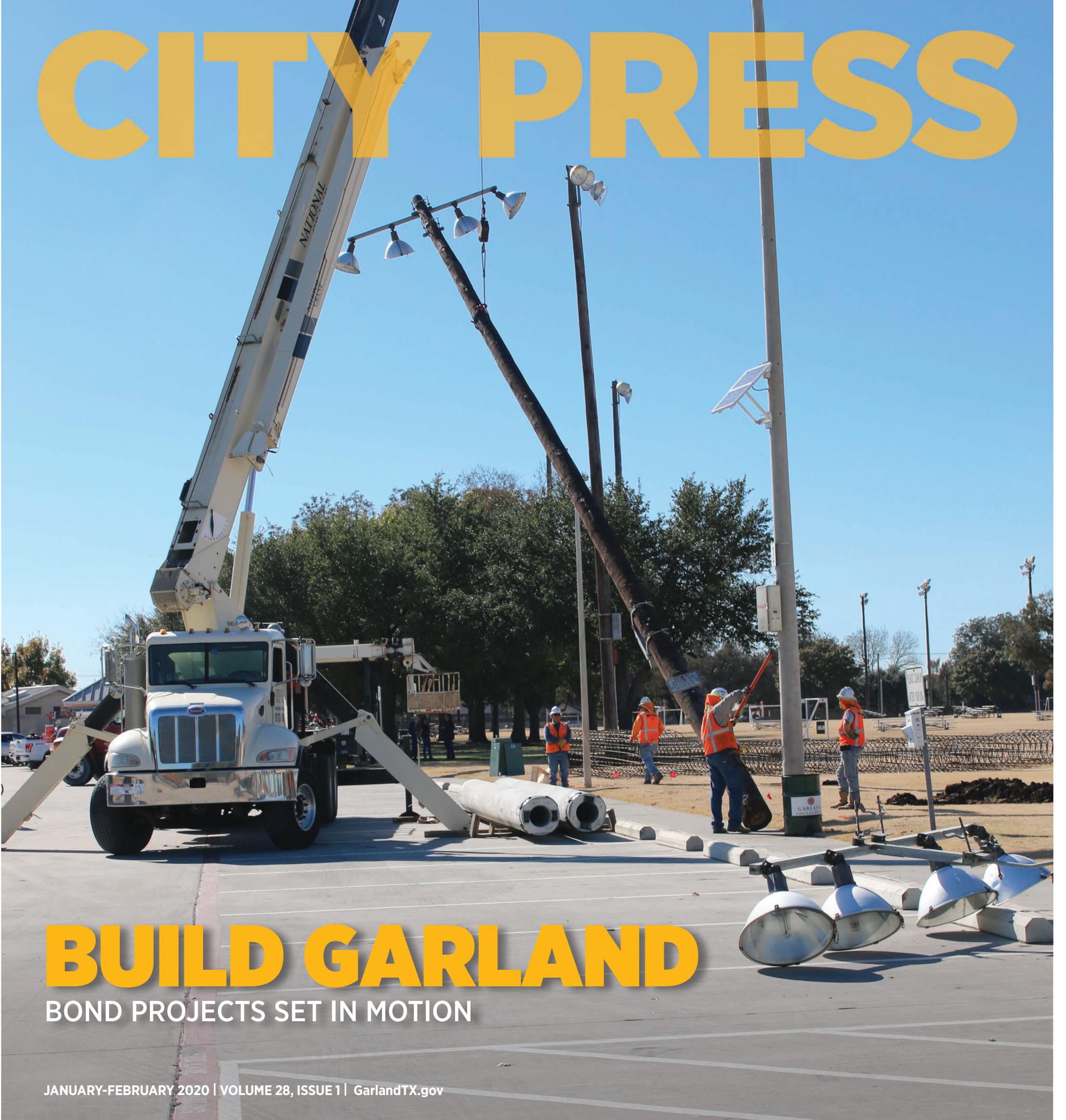
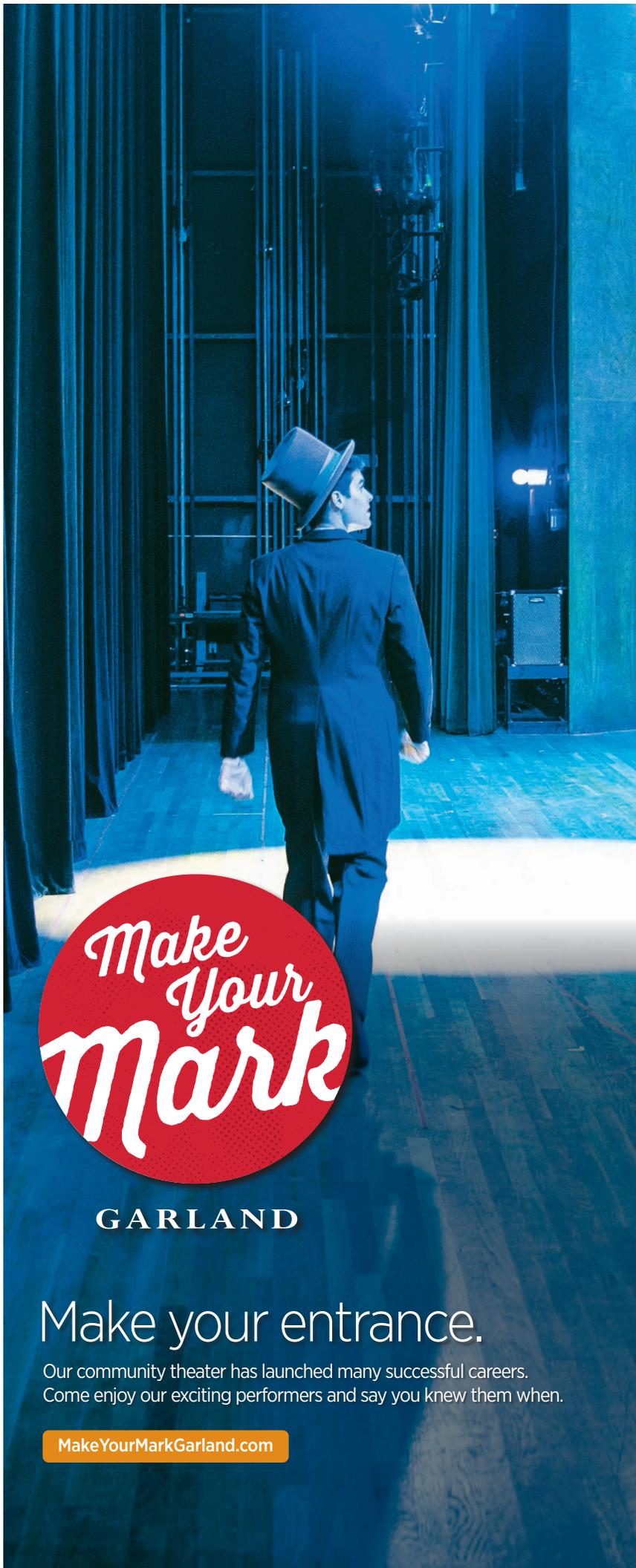


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MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

- Garland brought home eight trophies from the annual statewide Government Programming Awards, presented at the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors Conference in early November. Garland was a finalist in eight categories and received at least one award in six of them. Garland earned first place in three categories: overall excellence, event/program promotion and public education.



- *Dallas Business Journal* ranked Garland as the top Economic Development Agency in North Texas, based on the value of deals in 2018. In the fall report, Garland Economic Development was credited with \$590.8 million value in 10 deals, some \$167.4 million ahead of the runner-up, Irving Economic Development Partnership.
- Financial advisor SmartAsset studied the nation's 100 largest cities and found Garland to be the second-fastest city in Texas and ninth-fastest in the nation for the time it takes renters to save enough money to convert to home ownership. Using metrics including effective tax rates, closing costs on the average home, median income, rent and home value, it was found the average Garland renter can save and purchase a home in Garland in four years.
- Lendingtree.com looked at cities based on the amount of non-mortgage debt their residents carry and found Garland to be the Dallas-Fort Worth area's least debt-ridden city. Researchers looked at student, personal, credit and auto debt and found Garland to rank seventh in the state in low amount of debt per capita.
- Business news website Money Inc. ranks Garland as the 12th best place to live in Texas. "The quality of life is high in Garland," the report says, noting parks, arts and recreation facilities, plus amenities like the Spring Creek Forest Preserve and Lake Ray Hubbard.

OPEN HOUSE State of the City

Get on Garland's inside track to start off 2020. Don't miss this chance to hear about our plans to deliver on your \$423.7 million bond commitment, get all the latest from Mayor Scott LeMay and speak directly with representatives of City departments.



Tuesday, Jan. 28

5:30 p.m. open house with City departments
Mayor's address starts at 6:30 p.m.

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.

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BOND HIGHLIGHTS

Bright Future at Winters Park

Garland residents voted to take their city in a new direction in May, approving all eight facets of a \$423.7 million bond program. The Garland City Council and City staff have since been delivering on their promise to turn that vote into quality of life.

For instance, the new lights going in at Winters Park signify brighter times ahead for soccer families and all of Garland. The \$3.2 million Winters Park lighting project is the first of nearly \$118 million in resident-approved parks enhancements.

“It’s an exciting time in Garland. This project is taking the first of many steps to move the city forward,” said Managing Director for Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Andy Hesser. “The residents have made a clear statement about their quality of life expectations and it starts in parks!”

The city engaged in a partnership with a project management firm, AECOM, to best organize bond projects for a speedy delivery.

In a December Work Session with the City Council, AECOM officials said land acquisition for Naaman School Road and Shiloh Road expansion projects are likely to start soon.

That’s in addition to previous announcements that design work for the downtown square and a new animal shelter are taking place. The architectural design and construction manager services for the \$18 million police evidence facility are being secured. And sites are being considered for relocations of two fire stations and the Walnut Creek Branch Library.

At Winters Park, the progress to deliver on the promises of the bond election is there for all to see. The fields there are used by the city’s largest youth sports league, the Garland Soccer Association. To keep the play from being uninterrupted, 30-year-old wooden light poles started coming down the day after the season ended, Nov. 18.

By the time the soccer players return in February, the familiar yellow glow along Garland Avenue will be replaced by LED lighting. Working on short order between seasons, the City will be able to eliminate dark spots on the fields themselves while also keeping the illumination within Winters Park. Lighting that focuses on the park itself will also make a big difference from the perspectives of neighboring residential, retail and Garland Independent School District properties.



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Council Election

May 2: Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5

The City of Garland will hold a general election Saturday, May 2, to elect council members for Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, is the first day a voter may submit an application for a ballot by mail. Friday, April 17, is the last day to receive an application in person for a ballot to be voted by mail.

Filing an application for a place on the ballot can be done Wednesday, Jan. 15, through Friday, Feb. 14. Tuesday, Feb. 18, will be the last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy in the General Election. Friday, Feb. 21, will be the last day to withdraw as a candidate and be omitted from the ballot.

There will be a new candidate orientation at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, to provide assistance in navigating the application process. Candidates will be required to make an appointment with the City Secretary before delivering an application for a place on the ballot. Beginning Friday, Jan. 10, a candidate packet will be available on the City Secretary's webpage under "Elections."

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Monday, April 20, and end Tuesday, April 28. Visit the website GarlandTX.gov/Elections for locations and hours. Garland residents now have the convenience of county-wide voting and may vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at any polling location in Dallas County on May 2.

Garland's allotment of money for federal programs and its government representation is dependent on the count of its residents in the 2020 census. Here are some key dates in the process:

- Mid-March:** Invitations to participate in the census begin with mailed letters.
- March 23-June 30:** Residents will be asked to respond to the census; self-response at census.gov is preferred, but you can also ask for a paper copy or take the census by telephone.
- April 1:** Census Day is nationally observed as the date by which you should have received an invitation to participate in the census.
- Mid-April:** Follow-up to non-responders will begin, and reminder postcards may also be sent. Census workers will continue follow-up to non-responders through July.
- September:** Area census offices close.
- Dec. 31:** Constitutional deadline for census completion.

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CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Work Session

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

Regular Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesdays
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. Jan. 6 and 13, Feb. 3 and 17
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 7 and 14, Feb. 4 and 18
- Rebroadcast the following Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Meetings – 7 p.m. Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and 24
- Jan. 27, Feb. 10 and 24 meetings will be rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

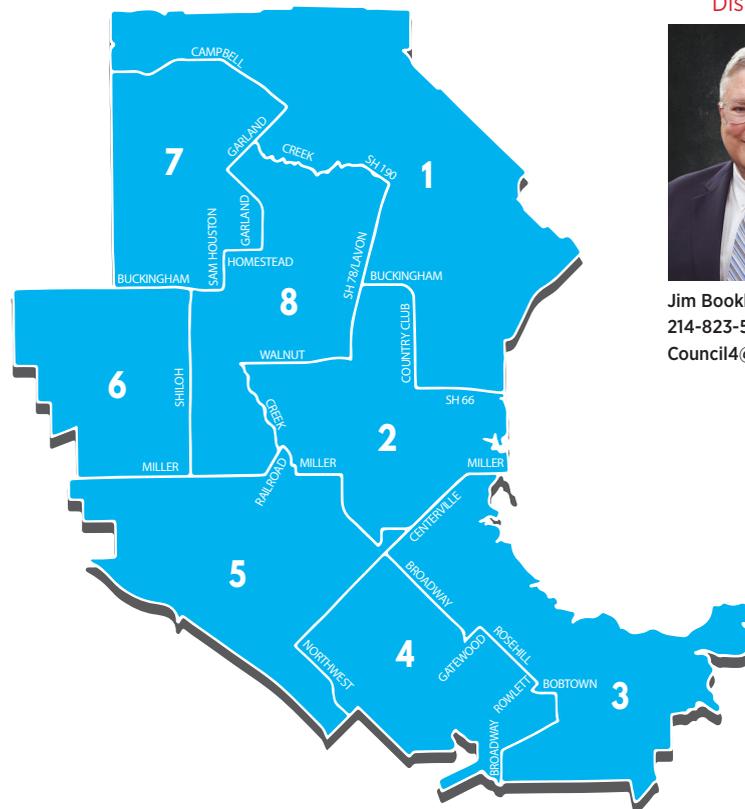
CGTV Listings

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

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2019 Accomplishments AND A GLANCE AT GARLAND'S FUTURE

Whether it's daily services provided to residents, or a response to a local emergency or the crisis of homelessness, Garland continues to implement solutions that put its people first.

In addition to the daily efforts of City Council and staff to protect residents and enhance their quality of life, the City in 2019 continued a path of economic growth. It also rebuilt along the path of its second tornado in four years, providing a response that truly defined community.

An EF2 tornado caused \$22 million in damage, but thankfully only minor injuries, on the night of Oct. 20. First responders balanced professionalism and empathy in immediately securing the hardest-hit areas. Garland Environmental Waste Services cleared more than 1,600 tons of debris without delay to other neighborhoods. Garland Power & Light reconnected all but a handful of the impacted commercial and residential properties within days. Volunteers, nonprofits and other City service providers also played key roles.

Jeff Bryan formally ascended from Assistant Chief to become the new Chief of Police on Feb. 20, completing Mitch Bates' transition from Chief to Deputy City Manager. Together, police and City administrators went out to address the health and safety concerns of Garland's homeless camps. Two full-time officers, a task group involving five City departments, and partnerships with nonprofits gave a message of care and concern – while more than 50 tons of trash was removed from the camps.

Amid addressing residents' daily and emergency needs, Garland plans for its future. In addition to the \$423.7 million commitment from its residents in the landmark 2019 bond election, the City completed its Parks master plan in 2019 and is close to finishing its Library master plan. Master plans for Garland's aquatics features and its future trails and bikeways are also in motion.



Here's a quick look at some of the City's 2019 highlights:

Economic Prosperity

An amenities center, a park and frames for the first homes have taken form at Riverset, North Texas' largest infill housing project. Some 590 homes are eventually expected at the southeast corner of Shiloh and Buckingham roads. Also in 2019, City planners pointed to progress being made on five other single-family housing developments of more than 100 lots.

Meanwhile, the Garland Economic Development Partnership reported new investment of \$211.5 million in 2019, plus \$63 million in redevelopment value and \$530 million in expansion.

The 120-acre former Raytheon campus has been redeveloped as 11 buildings in the Jupiter Miller Business Center – including three new buildings with a combined 800,000 square feet and a 625,000-square-foot expansion of dietary supplement provider Cosmax NBT.

The year was capped with the opening of Strike + Reel, an entertainment concept pairing bowling, movies and family fun in North Garland.

Keeping It Moving

The City finished \$30.8 million in street and alley projects in 2019. Nearly 100 individual projects were completed, and another 37 were in motion at year end.

Contracts have been finalized for the state's rebuilding of Interstate 635 through Garland, and construction should begin this spring. In late January 2019, the City and Dallas County began a \$24 million investment in South Shiloh Road.

You know you've arrived in Garland when you cross the Pleasant Valley Bridge with its 92-foot towers and 8-foot City logo. The four-lane concrete upgrade, including a 1,555-foot bridge, opened last spring as a result of the City's \$24.8 million partnership with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Dallas County.

Connecting with Services

A floor-to-ceiling overhaul was completed at the Carver Senior Center, featuring a new full-service kitchen and ADA-compliant restrooms. The \$3.3 million in renovations were funded by federal Community Development Block Grant funds and certificates of obligation. Built in 1954, the building was once Carver High School, site of secondary education for African American students in a segregated Garland. The building's history is told in a timeline mural with information compiled by Carver graduates and members of Carver Alumni Programs & Services.



Garland has more recently turned its attention to the place its park system started more than 70 years ago, Central Park. There, Council and Park board members broke

ground on a dog park, set to formally open in January. Across Central Park, some \$3.5 million in renovations at Granger Recreation Center were celebrated in November. Over the course of a two-year project, the gym's storefront glass, wood courts and scoreboards were replaced, and its bathrooms, air conditioning and internet connections upgraded.

There were 4,685 permanent connections established in the City's Animal Services division. That's how many domestic animals were returned to owners, adopted or rescued in 2019. Council directed the development and implementation of a mandatory sterilization ordinance to help maintain a healthy pet population in the City.

The City partnered with CivicPlus, the integrated technology platform for local government, to launch a mobile-responsive, highly functional website. City leaders also unveiled the Make Your Mark website featuring stories about the many unique people and experiences that can only be found in Garland.

A People Place

The Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association received the first-place Neighborhood of the Year award in the Physical Revitalization category by Neighborhoods, USA.

Through the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, six projects were completed in 2019 and 12 additional projects are underway. And in its first full year of operation, the City's Block Party Trailer was a huge success, contributing to 21 community events and the tornado relief.

Downtown Garland, a neighborhood shared by all, was also enhanced by several works of art, many unveiled during spring concerts and weekend events. To help spread the word and promote the progress, the Public Art Walking Trail was established in early fall and kiosks were added to key locations.

More than 10,000 attended this year's Jazz in the Square and Sounds of Summer concert events. Countless others continued to make annual traditions out of Christmas on the Square and the Labor Day Parade.

As Garland hosted championship events in fishing, golf and bicycling, and continued to expand its Arts and cultural offerings, out-of-towners are finding out about us too – and spending money that provides tax revenue to help further grow our city.

We can't wait to show what we can do for Garland in 2020.



2019 Garland Neighborhood Awards

Neighborhoods
& Development

WELCOME TO GARLAND CLASS

● **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22**
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

Whether you are new to Garland or were born and raised here, this is the class to get better acquainted with what makes Garland a great place to live! Learn about the different services of City departments, how your taxpayer dollars are being used and how you can get involved. Register now at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.



GARLAND BOARD & VOLUNTEER FAIR

● **6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25**
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.

Enjoy an evening of networking and conversation with Garland's nonprofit, civic and community organizations. These organizations are seeking both volunteers and/or board members. Learn more about helping serve the Garland community. To attend, have a booth or be a sponsor visit GarlandKiwanis.portalbuzz.com.

HOA LEGAL CLINIC

● **8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 7**
Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main St., Rowlett, TX 75088
Cost: \$10 per person

The City of Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality is excited to partner with the cities of Plano and Rowlett to host the Eighth Annual HOA Legal Clinic. Neighborhood representatives from mandatory homeowners associations are encouraged to attend this clinic in Rowlett. Speakers will include attorneys, accountants and community managers. Learn more and register at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.



WHERE THE HEART IS: NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DAY

● **Saturday, April 4**
Oaks Neighborhood

Visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org for details.

The Garland Neighborhood Awards are the City's annual way to spotlight neighbors who make a difference as individuals and, when they combine their efforts, as neighborhoods.

The Oakridge Neighborhood Association, several dedicated volunteers and public servants, and various efforts to make Garland a more environmentally friendly place were recognized Nov. 8 at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center.

One of Garland's largest neighborhoods, Oakridge is located between Jupiter, Belt Line, Shiloh and Buckingham roads. Its project to prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas Day feasts for nearby fire stations was recognized as Oakridge was announced as Garland Neighborhood of the Year. And it received the Neighborhood Newsletter Award for its effort to reach out to every household to bring neighbors together for parties and for clean-up and beautification events around the Oakridge perimeter.

Top individual awards went to Shirley Walker-King, Wendy Sheriff and Linsey Gilbert. Walker-King was named Who's Who in Garland Neighborhoods for providing workshops and seminars to help Garlandites overcome obstacles of gender and race to pursue careers, and for serving a decade on her homeowners association board.

Garland Police Officer Sheriff has built relationships through her deep care for Garland's homeless, tirelessly working to provide a safe place for even the most unfortunate of the City's residents.

Gilbert, nurse at Park Crest Elementary School, was recognized with the first-ever Sustainability Leader Award. She was credited with leading the efforts to create a garden and learning center at the school to help students better connect to nature and to each other.

LIST OF WINNERS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Sustainability Leader Award

Linsey Gilbert – Winner
Reba Collins – Honorable Mention to the chairman of the City's Environmental & Community Advisory Board and board member of Keep Garland Beautiful
Ximena Coronado – Honorable Mention to the Garland High School student for helping the school district transition to single-stream recycling

Neighborhood Newsletter Award

Oakridge Neighborhood Association – Winner

Who's Who in Garland Neighborhoods

Shirley Walker-King – Winner

Garland Public Servant Award

Wendy Sheriff – Winner
Robert Ashcraft – Honorable Mention to the City's Water Utilities Director for extreme professionalism and conscientious spirit of service to neighborhoods

Garland Neighborhood of the Year

Oakridge Neighborhood – Winner
Travis College Hill Neighbors – Honorable Mention for sharing history and human interest stories of their neighborhood with the original play *Becoming Garland Avenue*

GarlandNeighborhoods.org



Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant

The Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant (NVMG) program enables registered neighborhood groups, both voluntary and mandatory, to apply for matching funds for physical enhancement projects in publicly accessible spaces. These projects encourage neighbors to work together to create projects unique to their neighborhood while boosting a sense of pride and ownership.

Letters of intent should be submitted to the Office of Neighborhood Vitality by **Thursday, Jan. 23**. Letters of intent forms, applications and guidelines can be downloaded at GarlandNeighborhoods.org.

Attend the upcoming NVMG Workshop at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14**, to gain valuable technical assistance and learn helpful tips for completing a successful project. Register now at GarlandNeighborhoods.org!

Questions? Contact us at Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov
or 972-205-2445.

WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

Garland is buzzing with new development.



- 1** Construction continues for Lavon Senior Villas, a 120-unit independent living complex near the southeast side of Lavon and Castle drives.
- 2** Construction continues for the Parks at Rosehill, a 127-lot single-family development near the northwest side of I-30 and Rosehill Road. A future trail network is planned through the neighborhood as well as streetscaping improvements to this area of Rosehill Road.
- 3** Electronics manufacturer All Quality and Services Inc. is refurbishing 58,000 square feet at 2210 Merritt Drive. It is expected to add \$3.6 million to the City's tax rolls and create 150 new jobs with annual payroll of \$8.1 million.
- 4** 350,000 square feet of new commercial flex space is being built in two buildings at Marquis Drive and Kings Road. An extension of Kings Road is part of the project, connecting Miller Road to Marquis Road between the new buildings.



Taking It to the Streets

Projects scheduled to begin in January/February

Bancroft Drive/Stillmeadow Drive alley, from Bancroft to Dukeswood Drive alley
Alley reconstruction

A Bobtown Road, from Lyons Road to High Drive
Concrete street repair

B First Street, Avenue D to Casalita Drive
Concrete street repair

C Forest Lane, Garland Avenue to the west City limits
Concrete street repair

Goliad Drive, Old Mill Run to Sam Houston Drive
Street reconstruction

Jamestown Drive, Commonwealth Drive to Williamsburg Drive
Street reconstruction

Maple Glen Drive, Boca Raton Drive to Tacoma Drive
Street reconstruction

San Clemente Drive, Perdido Drive to 509 San Clemente
Street reconstruction

Syracuse Drive, Vanderbilt Drive to the north end of the street
Street reconstruction

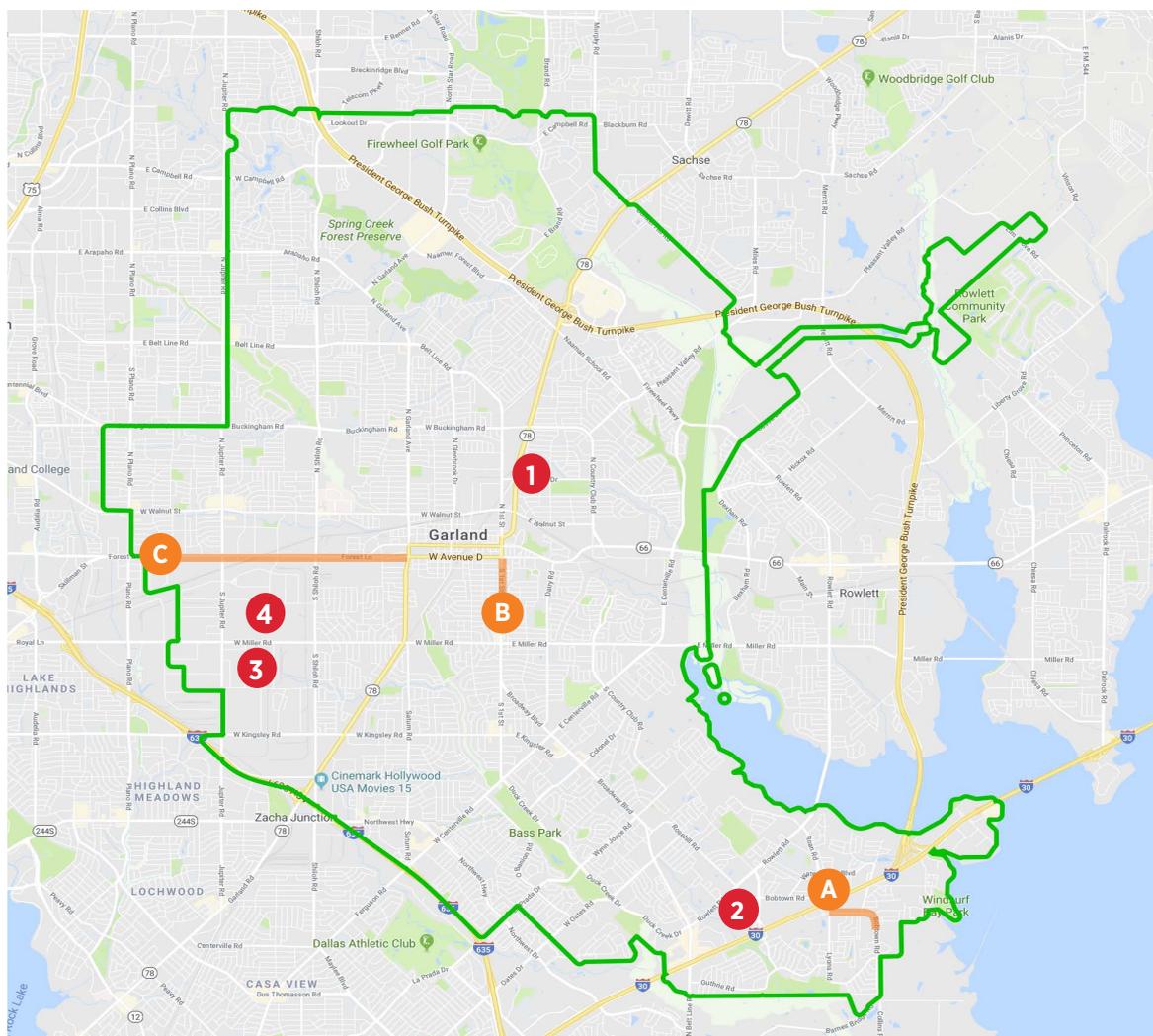
Ongoing projects

Limestone Lane/Redbrook Drive alley, Bancroft Drive to Stillmeadow Drive
Alley reconstruction

Linda Drive, Dairy Road to High Star Drive
Street reconstruction

Meadow Green Drive, O'Shannon Lane to Talley Road
Street reconstruction

North Court, Rich Oak Drive to the south end of the street
Street reconstruction



FLOOD SAFETY

The City of Garland is dedicated to minimizing the loss of life and property associated with flooding events.

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



Flood Hazard

Most flooding events occur during the spring and summer months; however, severe flooding may be produced by rainfall events at any time. Garland has experienced numerous flooding events during the past century, most recently on May 29, 2015. After large floods in 1990 and 1991, the City partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete a channel improvement project to Duck Creek. This channel improvement project proved its value to the city during the 2015 flood, which was much less damaging than would have otherwise been the case.

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

Flood Insurance

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

The mandatory purchase requirement of flood insurance applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in an SFHA. This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair or improvement of any publicly or privately owned buildings in an SFHA, including machinery, equipment, fixtures and furnishings contained in such buildings. If a building is located in an SFHA, the agency or lender is required by law to have the recipient purchase a flood insurance policy on the building.

For more information about flood insurance, visit or contact GarlandTX.gov, FEMA.gov/nfip, the Nicholson Memorial Library System, an insurance agent or the City of Garland Engineering Department. Do not wait for a flood to occur. Act now to protect property from flood damage.

Floodplain Development Permit Requirements

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

Substantial Improvement Requirements

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

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

Property Protection

Various alternatives to flood insurance are available to help minimize flooding. If the floor level of a property or structure is lower than the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), located on the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map, consider ways to prevent flooding by retrofitting the building. Retrofitting measures include:

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

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

Flood Protection Assistance

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

- names of contractors/consultants who are knowledgeable or experienced in retrofitting techniques and construction;
- information on how to select a qualified contractor and what recourse residents have if they are dissatisfied with a contractor's performance; and
- site visits to review flooding, drainage and sewer problems and advice to property owners.

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

Natural and Beneficial Functions

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

Garland's floodplains also provide open space for various recreational uses. Some protected areas in the city are protected because of their natural floodplain funding. Areas within the city that are mapped in the National Wetlands Investment or as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be viewed at fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapofr.html and criticalhabitat.fws.gov/crithub.

Drainage System Maintenance

It is illegal in Garland to dump any type of debris into a stream, creek or drainage ditch. Debris may become entangled in culverts, shallow streambeds or drainage ditches, causing the flow of water to back up. Residents and property owners also should keep drainage channels and ditches on their property free of debris, foliage and vegetation that would impede the flow of water.

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Report debris dumping to the Engineering or Stormwater departments by calling 972-205-2170 or 972-205-2180.

Flood Safety Tips

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

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

Flood Warning System

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

Flood Information

Information on flooding, flood maps, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, flood insurance requirements and flood zone determinations is available at the Engineering Department, 800 Main St., or by calling **972-205-2170**. Elevation certificates of properties in the SFHAs are on file at the Engineering Department, and copies are available upon request. If a property does not have an Elevation Certificate on file, or if the existing certificate has been superseded by map changes, a new Elevation Certificate may be obtained from the City or from a private surveyor. Fees for the completion of a new certificate may apply; contact the Engineering Department for more details. Real-time river gauge information is available at **USGS.gov**.

Health Tips for College Students

Staying healthy and getting vaccinated are keys to a successful college campus experience. Adults need vaccinations at various times to help stay healthy, and college is no exception.

To enter college in Texas, proof of the bacterial meningococcal vaccination (MCV4) within a five-year period is required prior to enrolling. Also recommended for ages 16, 17 and 18 is the serogroup B meningococcal vaccine (MenB), which covers an additional meningitis strain that is also present in the United States. Consider getting the meningitis vaccinations as a high school senior.

Special immunization requirements exist for students whose coursework in health care fields may expose them to higher risk of contact with viruses and bacteria. Many health care training programs also require proof of immunity by serologic testing.

Students entering a field such as nursing, phlebotomy, medical assisting, EMT, dental, medical or veterinary should check their college's requirements well in advance of application deadlines to allow enough time to complete the vaccination and serologic testing process. Many vaccination series take several months to complete.

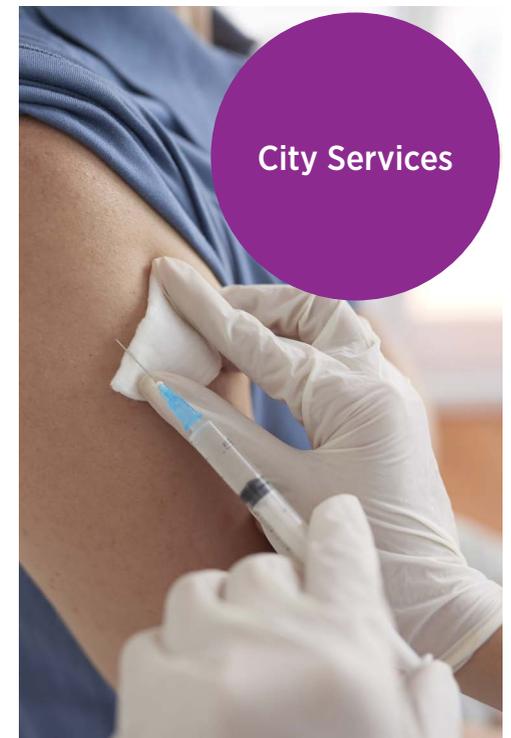
Garland Public Health can assist both with vaccinations and serologic testing. When serologic test results show immunity from a vaccine-preventable disease, the patient will not need to receive more vaccination for that particular disease at this time.

Garland Public Health has a full range of vaccines to meet the needs of college students. Bring an accurate and up-to-date record of prior vaccinations and/or serologic testing to determine which vaccines, if any, are needed. Tips on obtaining vaccination records are located at cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/vaccination-records.html.

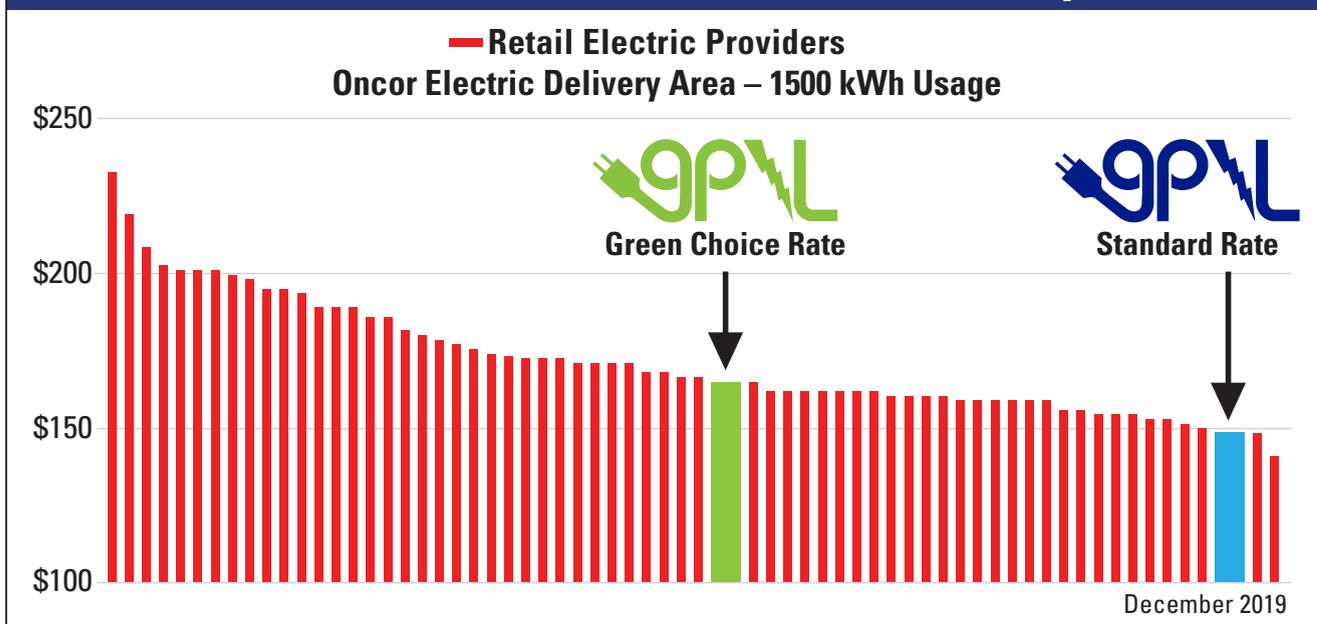
Located at **206 Carver St.**, the Garland Public Health Clinic not only provides low-cost immunizations for infants, children and adults, but also accepts most insurance plans.

The clinic is open for walk-ins from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone coming for vaccinations should bring previous immunization records. Call **972-205-3370** for more information.

972-205-3370 | HOURS: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Garland Power & Light Residential Rate Comparison



GP&L Keeps Rates Competitive

Garland Power & Light is committed to providing reliable and competitively priced electric service. GP&L customers can count on rates that are stable and transparent, with no hidden fees or hard-to-meet usage requirements. In December, GP&L's rates were among the lowest rates offered by retail electric providers in the area.

The graph at left is based on an average sampling of 12- to 24-month electric contracts in the Oncor electric delivery area.

Visit gpltxas.org/rates for the latest graph.



Water Meter Replacement **PROJECT BEGINS**

Garland Water Utilities has begun a multiyear project to replace aging water meters throughout the city.

Water customers may see the City's meter contractor, Compass Metering Solutions, working between streets and sidewalks installing the new water meters.



Scheduling of these replacements will be by meter read or billing cycle routes. The City reads water meters Monday through Friday each week. Garland is divided into 20 sections, one for each business day of the month. Updates will be posted on GarlandWater.com. Meters will be replaced for all customer types, such as residential, commercial, industrial, etc.

If you have questions or concerns, visit GarlandWater.com or call Water Operations at 972-205-3210.



Tips from GP&L to Help You **Save Energy and Money This Winter**

- Keep cold air out by sealing air leaks around doors and windows with weather stripping or caulking.
- Keep your thermostat set to 68 degrees while you're home, and then lower it a few more degrees when leaving the house.
- Clean or replace filters for your air system at least once a month. Dirty filters will make your system work harder and run longer than necessary.
- Make sure you have adequate attic insulation. Because heat rises, as much as 60% of heat can be lost in poorly insulated homes during winter.
- If you're planning home weatherization projects such as adding insulation or replacing weather stripping, GP&L's EnergySaver Program may help offset the cost with bill credits.

Find more tips and information on the EnergySaver Program at gpltexas.org/save-energy-money.

Neighborhood **Parking Enforcement**

Neighborhood parking problems are a frequent source of resident complaints to the City.

The Garland City Marshal's Office is now enforcing parking violations throughout the city, including the following common violations:

- Parking on an unimproved surface
- Parking on a sidewalk
- Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection
- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Parking within 30 feet of an intersection control device
- Blocking a driveway or traffic in an alley

In the past, parking tickets were treated like traffic tickets – Class C misdemeanors with high fines and difficult enforcement procedures.

In late 2019, the Garland City Council approved a program for administrative enforcement of parking ordinances throughout the city. A first offense will carry a \$25 fine, a second offense will be \$50 and all subsequent offenses will be \$75.

You will NOT receive an email notification to pay your parking ticket. All violation notices will be sent by regular mail and posted on the vehicle.

The neighborhood parking enforcement process will also address illegally parked commercial and oversized vehicles.

Marshals will enforce proactively and respond to parking complaints. To report a parking violation, use **Garland eAssist**, which is available at GarlandTX.gov or as an app through Google Play and Apple.

For additional information and FAQs, visit GarlandTX.gov/Parking.



The City of Garland Code Compliance Department is taking applications for the Lawn Care Assistance Program. This program will provide summer mowing for seniors (60 years of age and older) and disabled Garland homeowners who are physically and/or financially unable to maintain their yards to comply with City codes and have no other assistance available.

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

Submit applications to: Code Compliance-Lawn Care Assistance Program, 210 Carver St., Suite 101, Garland, TX 75040. Application packets must be filled out completely and returned to Code Compliance along with required documents by March 2. Applicants are reviewed and participants selected in the order they are received. Applications must be complete and all documentation required must be provided at time of submission. The list of required documents can be found in the application packet. Please note, prior participation does not automatically reinstate assistance; you must resubmit applications annually for consideration. Space is limited based upon available funding and need. These funds are made available through a federal grant program; consequently, we are only able to approve the number of residents the fund will allow.

For more information, call 972-485-6400.

City Staff Recognized

- » The Garland Fire Department's effort to develop the Triple Credit Model Fire Academy was recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at its Nov. 22 conference in Austin. In partnership with the Garland Independent School District and Dallas County Community College District, the three-year training program at the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technology Center develops job-ready candidates for state fire service and related positions.
- » Garland Animal Services was recognized Nov. 5 by Philip Huang, the director of Dallas County Health and Human Services. The animal shelter staff was recognized for outstanding work done in partnership with the Dallas County Health Department, from answering questions related to state laws on pet ownership to assisting picking up stray animals.
- » Garland Police Officer Wendy Sheriff received Altrusa International's Outstanding Women of Today award in the government/municipal category. Officer Sheriff serves as the department's community relations, homeless and mental health liaison.
- » City Manager Bryan Bradford was named 2019 Outstanding Alumnus at the annual meeting of the Texas Tech University Public Administration Alumni Association in Lubbock.



Want to be a SKYWARN Storm Spotter?

● **Saturday, Feb. 15**

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

SKYWARN training is free to anyone with an interest in weather or weather preparedness. Come receive severe weather training from the National Weather Service. Learn the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure and safety. Contribute to public safety during severe weather and learn how to send reports to the National Weather Service.

Garland-OEM.com



City Services

Disaster Assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest federal disaster loans to Texas businesses and residents affected by the storms that occurred Oct. 20-21.

SBA representatives are available at the Dallas County Disaster Loan Outreach Center, located at the Bachman Lake Branch Library, 9480 Webb Chapel Road in Dallas, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The deadline to apply for property damage is **Jan. 13**. The deadline to apply for economic injury is **Aug. 14**. Applications for disaster assistance can be found at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. For more details, call **800-659-1955** or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Garland Welcomes New Animal Services Director

Art Munoz will officially join the City as the Animal Services Director on Monday, Jan. 6. Art has spent the last 15 years with the SPCA of Texas Animal Cruelty Unit managing criminal investigations. As Chief Investigator, he acted as the advocate for abused or neglected animals. During his time with SPCA, Art gained broad animal welfare experience including shelter operations, animal care and rehabilitation, animal placement and public outreach.



Animal Services Director
Art Munoz

His collaboration with regional animal services organizations has provided a unique perspective of common problems and solutions in the field of animal welfare. Art has numerous specialized certifications involving animal welfare and law enforcement, and has assisted Garland Animal Services with animal welfare investigations.

"We are looking forward to benefiting from Art's experience," said City Manager Bryan Bradford. "It's going to be an especially exciting opportunity for him to lend his expertise to the design and construction of our new animal shelter, approved by voters in the 2019 Bond Program."

Art grew up in Garland, attended Garland Independent School District schools and graduated from North Garland High School. He represented Garland in the Pony League World Series tournament in 1996.

Downtown Dine Around LANDS STATEWIDE HONORS



Pictured: Managing Director Becky King (left) and Downtown Coordinator Letecia McNatt

For spreading the buzz about local eateries to 23,000 people on social media, Garland's Downtown Dine Around earned top honors from the Texas Downtown Association.

The Dine Around landed the People's Choice Award at the association's 2019 President's Awards, celebrated Oct. 30 in Georgetown. Garland voters helped land the honor by going to the association's Facebook page to show full support for the Dine Around, an event in which food bloggers toured five downtown restaurants.

The Dine Around was also a finalist for the state association's Best Promotional Event. The Dine Around was coordinated in conjunction with Tucker & Associates Public Relations.

The Texas Downtown Association recognizes projects, places and people who make a commitment to downtown vitality. Its 2019 awards program drew 119 entries.

Events at the Library

All Garland libraries will close at **6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31**, and remain closed **Wednesday, Jan. 1**, for New Year's Day.

All Garland libraries will be closed **Monday, Jan. 20**, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Children/Families

SPRING STORYTIMES

Jan. 13 through May 2

All Libraries

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Wee Read (birth-18 months)

● **10:30 a.m. Thursdays**

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months)

● **10 a.m. Mondays**

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)

● **11 a.m. Mondays**

NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

Wee Read (birth-18 months)

● **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months)

● **10 a.m. Fridays**

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)

● **11 a.m. Fridays**

SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months)

● **10 a.m. Wednesdays**

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)

● **11 a.m. Wednesdays**

Super Saturday Family Playtime

● **10 a.m. Saturdays**

Sensory Storytime (Families with special needs children 12 years and younger)

● **2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 22**

WALNUT CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY

Family Storytimes

● **7 p.m. Tuesdays**

Young Audiences

ART EXPLORERS

(AGES 6-12)

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 and Saturday, Feb 1**

Walnut Creek Branch Library

Learn about different types of art, then create a masterpiece. January theme: New Year's lanterns. February theme: Color field paintings of Alma Woodsey Thomas. Supplies provided. Registration required and starts two weeks before each event.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

(AGES 6-12)

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 8**

Central Library

Book discussions and activities incorporating concepts from science, technology, engineering, art and math. January theme: Life-sized games. February theme: *Land of Stories* book series activities.

TWEEN SCENE

(AGES 10-13)

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6**

South Garland Branch Library

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13**

North Garland Branch Library

Book discussions and activities. February theme: Papermaking. Registration required and starts two weeks before each event.

LITTLE ART EXPLORERS

(AGES 0-5)

● **10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28**

South Garland Branch Library

Support early childhood development through art and focus on the process rather than the outcome. February theme: Piet Mondrian. Supplies provided.

Teen Audiences

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

(AGES 13-17)

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9**

Central Library

Teens can make a difference in their community by joining the library's Teen Advisory Board. Attend an informational meeting to apply and discuss future library events, services and materials for teens. Games will be played and refreshments provided.



CRAFT FOR A CAUSE

(AGES 13-17)

● **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15**

Central Library

Give back to the community and earn volunteer hours by knitting blanket squares for Warm Up America. Supplies provided. Registration required and starts Jan. 2.

STRANGER THINGS PARTY

(AGES 13-17)

● **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19**

Central Library

Enjoy '80s tunes while making *Stranger Things* crafts like slogan buttons, Demogorgon finders and '80s cropped T-shirts (bring your own shirt). Snacks provided.

Adult Programs

COOK THE BOOK

● **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 (Breakfast)**

● **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 (African American)**

South Garland Branch Library

Learn new recipes and share talents with fellow foodies. Participants choose a recipe from a pre-selected cookbook, available at the library's reference desk, before the event. They prepare the recipe at home and bring it to be enjoyed buffet-style on the event date.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

● **2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 8**

South Garland Branch Library

Improve general English skills in a casual setting. Attendees may practice their conversation skills in a friendly environment, build their vocabulary, learn about American culture and meet a diverse group of people. Light refreshments will be provided.

RUSTIC ROPE BASKETS WORKSHOP

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11**

South Garland Branch Library

Add a rustic touch to your décor by using rope to transform metal baskets into practical containers. All supplies provided. Registration required and begins Dec. 28. Call 972-205-3931.

MUD CLOTH PICTURE FRAMES WORKSHOP

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29**

South Garland Branch Library

Make picture frames using a mud cloth design that originated in West Africa. All supplies provided. Registration required and begins Feb. 15. Call 972-205-3931.

BOOK CLUB

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16**

(*Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje)

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20**

(*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate)

South Garland Branch Library

Library staff and attendees will discuss the selected titles and enjoy light refreshments. No registration required.

Seniors

VOCAL DUO LADY & THE TRAMP

● **2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16**

Central Library

Lady & the Tramp, a vocal performance duo, will perform rock, pop and country hits from the 1940s through the 1980s, with a focus on music from the early days of rock 'n' roll.

CELTIC GUITARIST JERRY BARLOW

● **2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27**

Central Library

Learn about the history of Celtic music and hear it played by Jerry Barlow. Barlow is a guitarist who performs music from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Britain using fingerstyle techniques that imitate instruments, like the harp, bagpipes and fiddle.



Have a new smartphone or tablet? Great! We've got apps that will let you borrow digital e-books, audiobooks and graphic novels from your local library. You can download materials 24/7 and they're **FREE** for Garland Library cardholders.

Download the **FREE** Libby or OverDrive app from your favorite app store. Or, go to nmls.overdrive.com.

Need assistance?

Go to Library.GarlandTX.gov or call 972-205-2524.





Worm Composting Class

Are you interested in learning how to compost but don't have a big yard? Discover why you should consider vermicomposting! Worm composting is an indoor composting method that uses worms to convert household waste to a fertile soil amendment. Worm composting is perfect for apartment dwellers and people with limited space.

A class sponsored by Garland Environmental Waste Services will teach how to properly care for the worms, how to prevent issues or odors in your home, how to make the best possible vermicompost, and how to harvest vermicompost from the worms in your gardens and potted plants.

• **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 18**

Texas Worm Ranch, 2636 National Circle

Cost: The class is free; attendees can purchase worm bins and worms from Texas Worm Ranch.

Register at GoGreenGarland.com



Have a question about Garland's history?

Visit our website for a wealth of information, including a historical timeline, maps, photos and more. If you are interested in further researching a topic or have relevant information to offer, please contact us at Heritage@GarlandTX.gov.

GarlandHistorical.org

Purchase tickets at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the performance prior to show time.

Quality of Life

Events from the Arts



GISD FACULTY ART SHOW

• **Through Jan. 16**

Free

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

A free art exhibit featuring amazing works from GISD faculty members! The Granville Arts Center Gallery Space is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances.



THE RAT PACK LOUNGE

• **Jan. 16 to Feb. 2**

Tickets available

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

With more than 30 hit songs, Garland Civic Theatre's presentation of *The Rat Pack Lounge* will leave you singing and savoring the days of highballs and high rollers.



CICELY PARNAS, CELLO

• **7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17**

Tickets available

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Concert IV of the Garland Symphony Orchestra's "Music that Grows on You" season features internationally acclaimed cellist Cicely Parnas.



NORTH TEXAS ASIAN PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSOCIATION

• **Jan. 28 to Feb. 26**

Free

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Witness stunning photography in this free exhibit. The Granville Arts Center Gallery Space is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances.



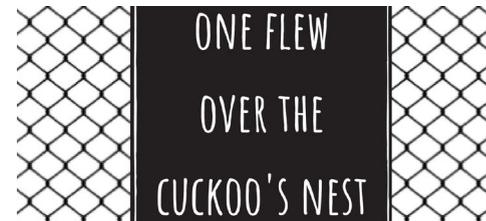
CRISTIANA PEGORARO, PIANO

• **7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14**

Tickets available

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Concert V of the Garland Symphony Orchestra's "Music that Grows on You" season features pianist Cristiana Pegoraro and performances of Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor*, Elgar's *Serenade* and more!



ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

• **Feb. 20 to March 1**

Tickets available

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Presented by Garland Civic Theatre. When R.P. McMurphy gets transferred from a prison farm to a mental institution, he enters the domain of Nurse Ratched, who runs the psychiatric ward with an iron fist.

Recreation Center events

LIL' KARATE

● 10 to 10:45 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 3-24

Ages 3 to 5

\$39 for the month

Audubon Recreation Center

342 W. Oates Road

Young students are introduced to the art and forms of karate through repetitive movements.

972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov

MOMMY & ME BALLET

● 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 6-29

Ages 18 and up and their infants

\$160 for the month

Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive

This special class is designed to bring fitness and balance to new moms as you bond with your infant.

972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov

SQUARE DANCING

● 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 to May 5

Ages 18 and up

\$60 per person

Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road

Learn the different steps with skilled instruction to help you conquer the dance floor.

972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov

DANCE FITNESS

● 7 to 7:45 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9-30

Ages 11 to 15

\$32 for the month

Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F

Experience a great cardio workout while learning the dance techniques to a variety of styles including ballet, hip-hop and jazz.

972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTX.gov

LEARN TO SEW

● 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25

Ages 8 to 18

\$75 per person

Holford Recreation Center

2314 Homestead Place

Learn sewing machine mechanics and terminology, how to read and follow patterns, fabric-cutting techniques and stitch consistency.

972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov

CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE!

● 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

Ages 7 and up

\$17

Hollabaugh Recreation Center

3925 W. Walnut St.

Through step-by-step instruction, create different chocolate-based treats in this hands-on class.

972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTX.gov

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

● 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17

Ages 55 and up

Free

Carver Senior Center, 222 Carver St.

From Montgomery, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee, a one-man hit play featuring Steven Lowenstein takes you through the greatest speeches and sermons of all time.

972-205-3305 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov

2020 TRAVEL MEETING

● 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17

Ages 55 and up

Free

Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A

Discover what new and exciting trips are planned for 2020 and beyond. Day trips and extended trips will be presented along with registration dates.

972-205-2769 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov

Register now!

Visit PlayGarland.com or call your local recreation center.



@PlayGarland

Are You Handy?
Recruiting skilled volunteers for home repair projects. Learn more at:
GarlandNeighborhoods.org



THE NAACP GARLAND, TEXAS UNIT HOSTS

31ST ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE

● **Saturday, Jan. 18**

10 a.m.

Parade

11:30 a.m.

Youth Gospel Concert and Celebration

Granville Arts Center-Brownlee Auditorium

300 N. Fifth St.

Rehearsals for youth all ages, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 16 and 17 at Naaman Forest High School

Parade Route

- The parade starts on Dairy Road at Garden Drive (near New Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 1413 Dairy Road)
- North on Dairy Road to State Highway 66
- West (left) on State Highway 66 to First Street
- North (right) on First Street to Avenue B
- West (left) on Avenue B to Fifth Street
- North (right) on Fifth Street to Austin Street
- Parade ends at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Downtown Garland. The celebration continues in the Brownlee Auditorium.

MLK YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA

● **4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19**

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

The MLK celebration continues in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center. Youth groups from area churches and Garland ISD will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance, drill team and step routines. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the NAACP Garland Unit at 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or visit GarlandTXNAACP.org.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

TRAILS & BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Tell us your priorities for future cycling and walking trails.

Access Survey here:
bit.ly/GarlandTrailsSurvey



Resolve to Reduce Waste and Recycle Right



The new year, a time when many people concern themselves with reducing the size of their waist, is also a time to remember to reduce your waste.

Extending the life of our landfill and preserving our environment involve more than recycling. It starts with reducing the amount of waste we each generate. This year, remember your reusable bags at the grocery store, bring a reusable mug or water bottle to work, pack your lunch with reusable containers and refuse plastic straws. And when situations inevitably arise where you do make waste, make sure you dispose of and recycle all your garbage properly.

Knowing what can be recycled in the blue recycling cart can be complicated. But throwing non-recyclable items in the recycling cart can contaminate recycling and make it trash. Currently one in four items in the recycling is something that doesn't belong. Stop guessing and help Garland start 2020 right by only placing recyclable items in the recycling cart.

Only bottles, jars, cans, boxes, cartons and papers that are empty, clean and dry, belong in the recycling. All other items should be donated or thrown in the green trash cart.

Puzzled? Use GarlandWasteWizard.com or call 972-205-3500 for all your disposal questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Quality of Life



LUNAR NEW YEAR

● 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

Free

Cali-Saigon Mall, 3212 N. Jupiter Road
Festivities celebrating the Year of the White Metal Rat will begin with the lion dance and lighting of red firecrackers for good luck. Introductions and greetings will be followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Children 12 and under will receive red lucky envelopes for good luck.

RSVP to s_kalayaboon@yahoo.com.



DRAMAPALOOZA

● 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12

Free

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.
Dramapalooza gives adults with various disabilities the opportunity to learn all about musical theater performance and production. A group of 15 to 20 performers learn lines, songs and dances, culminating in a public performance. Productions include costuming, scripts, solos, group musical performances, choreography and teamwork. Each element of this unique program helps to promote independence, confidence and a sense of belonging.

SWEETHEART DANCE LUAU

● Saturday, Feb. 1

\$18 per person

**The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.**

Dads, granddads and uncles and their little sweethearts experience dinner, dancing, a professional 5x7 photo and a special gift. Girls ages 3 to 7 take the dance floor from 5 to 7 p.m. and ages 8 to 15 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person, available at any Garland recreation center. Call 972-205-2772 or visit GarlandParks.com.



FREE EVENT

27TH ANNUAL Trout Lily Walk

led by TOM FREY

TROUT LILY NATURE WALK

● 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

Free

**Spring Creek Forest Preserve
1770 Holford Road**

The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest will host its annual walk linked to the trout lily, one of the first wildflowers to begin flowering each year. Its natural habitat is found in hardwood bottomland forests that have had very little impact from the built environment. The flowering period is only two to four weeks long, and the entire plant cycle is complete in about 10 weeks. The walk is designed for both novice and advanced naturalists. The Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave. Call 972-205-2750 or visit SpringCreekForest.org.



THE WALL THAT HEALS

● Thursday, Feb. 27 - Sunday, March 1

Free

Audubon Park, 342 W. Oates Road

The traveling version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial replicates the Washington, D.C., exhibit as closely as possible. Garland officials and volunteers will strive to create a somber and reflective atmosphere. The replica wall is 375 feet long and 7.5 feet high. A mobile education center and school tours will also be part of the experience. The wall will be open 24 hours a day for viewing, regardless of the weather. More information is available at VisitGarlandTX.com.

For more information, email SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov.

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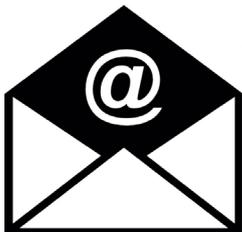
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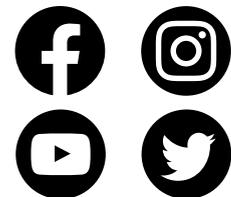
Garland eAssist

Report issues, get information and submit questions online or through an app on your smartphone. Visit GarlandTX.gov and click on the eAssist button or download Garland eAssist from your app store.



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

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