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## Garland:

*Excellence Made Here!*

Part of what makes Garland a great place to live, work and play is its wealth of recreational and cultural opportunities. The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department boasts three award-winning departments: the Granville Arts Center, the Nicholson Memorial Library System, and the Parks & Recreation Department.

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## Family Entertainment

From Never Land to summer reading programs to adventures in the parks! The spring and summer are full of fun, entertainment and family activities at Garland's libraries, arts center, parks and recreation centers.

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# Message

## from the Mayor

My first State of the City Address to the Garland Chamber of Commerce focused on: Budget, Economic Development, Public Safety, Downtown Development, Quality of Life, and Transportation and Infrastructure. These areas are all of vital importance to our community. Last year we saw an increase in sales tax revenues and residential property values, both very positive for our community. Effective planning and development continues to be a top priority. Working through the new Garland Development Code is my top priority. The Council has finished their joint meetings with the Plan Commission and will next make modifications to the document.

Last year, we saw several of our existing companies expand, while other companies focused on redevelopments. We saw several new retail developments, including two new Neighborhood Wal-Mart stores. My goal is to move from a "bedroom community" to one more independent, one able to grow within its own skin, because we are limited to 57 square miles and have filled most of it. Redevelopment of our community continues to be extremely important.

One of our superior services is public safety. We were recently named the ninth safest city in the U.S. of those over 200,000. The fire department continues to improve response times.

You can see the changes Downtown. With the Landmark Museum and the railcar moved and the opening of Sixth Street, visitors from all over the region will begin to see this as a new destination. The City Hall renovations have begun with the reskinning of the façade and the construction on a 330-space parking garage. A new residential apartment building featuring 150+ residential units will soon break ground.

We are committed to Growing Garland. At the City, every employee has chosen to Grow Garland.

Communication is another priority. In December, you saw a redesign of our Garland City Press as well as a new feature piece called "Excellence Made Here." We have also begun a weekly e-newsletter called "Garland City Press Briefs" to help keep citizens up to date.

Transportation and Infrastructure are high on our list. Our Transportation Committee has been working with local, state and federal officials to bring attention to our transportation needs. We are working today on issues that will affect us next year, in twenty years, and in 100 years. A video of the full presentation can be seen on our website, GarlandTx.gov.



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

**Mayor's Evening In**  
5-7 p.m. May 27  
Mayor's Office  
City Hall 200 N. Fifth St.

**Mayor's Evening Out**  
5-7 p.m. June 24  
Gale Fields Rec Center  
1701 Dairy Road.

To reserve a time,  
call 972-205-2400  
or email  
Mayor@GarlandTx.gov

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## City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St. (See article on page 3 for upcoming location change information.) Meetings are broadcast online through live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable), Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse).

## CGTV Listings

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. May 12, June 9 and 23
  - Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Meeting dates and times subject to change.

### Garland Spotlight

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

# City Hall Construction Prompts Location Change

## *for City Council, Plan Commission Meetings*

Beginning in June, the Garland City Council's work sessions and regular meetings, as well as Plan Commission meetings, will be held in the Goldie Locke Room located in the basement of the Duckworth Utility Services Building at 217 N. Fifth St. (across the street from City Hall). Those meetings also will be broadcast on the City's government access cable channel, CGTV, which is available on AT&T Uverse channel 99, Time Warner Cable channel 16, Verizon FIOS channel 44, and is streamed live at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

City Council committees, and other City boards and commissions will be relocated from City Hall as well. Check meeting agendas for times and locations.

Public meetings will continue at their assigned alternate locations for approximately 12 months or until construction activity at City Hall is completed. Meeting agendas are posted on [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) at least 72 hours prior to each meeting.

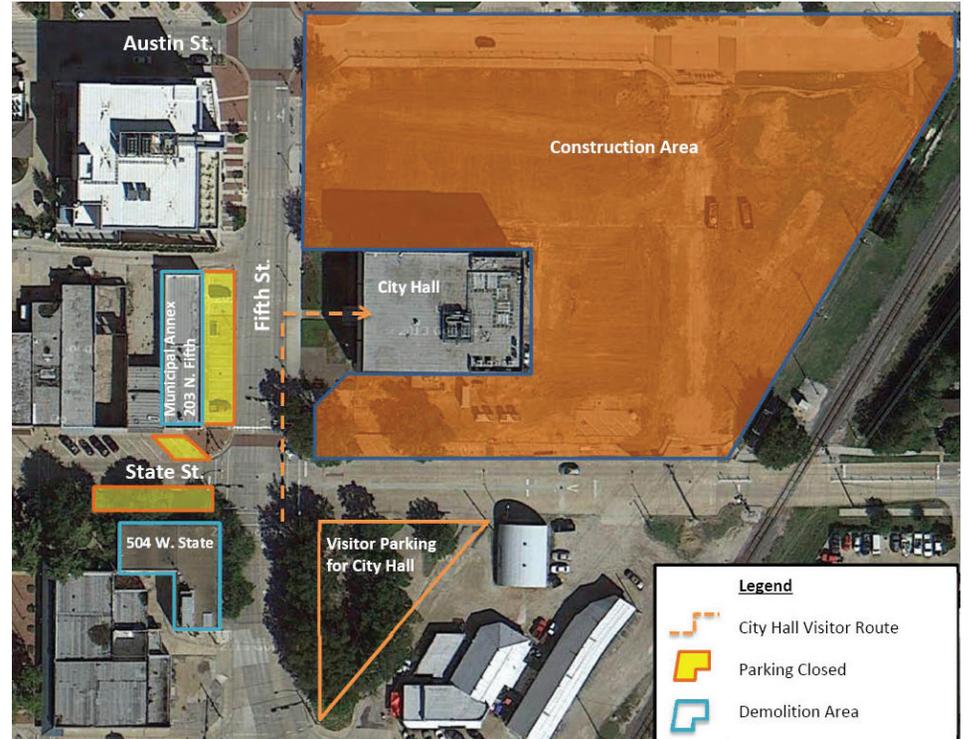
### *Other Downtown Updates*

Downtown visitors will see even more development

activity in the coming weeks. Preparations began in April for the demolition of the municipal annex building at 203 N. Fifth St. and the City-owned building at 504 W. State St. Both buildings will be demolished in May. The 203 N. Fifth St. site will be developed as part of the City Center project to include residential and commercial space. The State Street site will be left vacant for future development opportunities.

Demolition and construction activities will impact the availability of on-street parking adjacent to both sites. City Hall visitors may park in the small lot on Fifth Street, adjacent to Roach Feed & Seed. Public parking is also available around the Downtown Square, around the Duckworth Building, and in the Fifth Street Parking Garage. Please observe posted parking time limits.

For more information about Downtown construction activities, visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) and click on the "Downtown Redevelopment" button.



# Council Member Williams Recognized

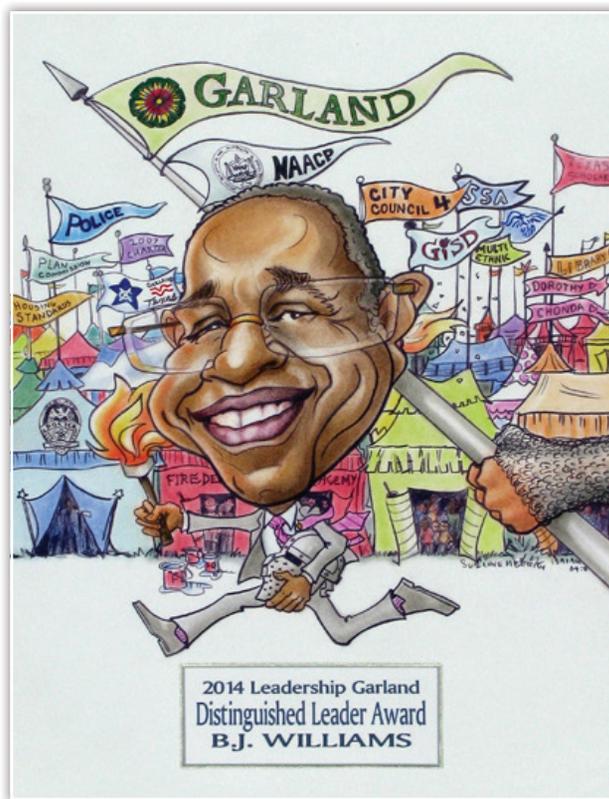
## *for Community Leadership*

District 4 City Council Member B.J. Williams has a long history of serving the Garland community. He has been on numerous City boards and commissions, various Garland ISD committees, and is the former president of the NAACP Garland Branch.

The Garland Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Garland program presented its highest honor in recognition of Council Member Williams' commitment to making Garland a great community—the Leadership Garland Distinguished Leader Award.

Council Member Williams is a graduate of Leadership Garland Class 20.

Council Member Williams has lived in Garland for more than 40 years. He has said that his main reason for engaging in public service is to give something back to the community for all the opportunities, personal and professional, that Garland has offered him. In his own words, "To whom much is given, much is expected."



# City Council Election

## *to be Held May 10*

Election day in Garland will be held May 10. Voters in City Council District 5 will choose between two candidates – Terry G. Kaliney and Billy Mack Williams. Incumbents for Districts 1, 2 and 4 are uncontested.

Garland's Mayor and City Council members are elected to two-year terms and are limited to three consecutive terms.

Early voting for the May 10 General Election runs April 28-May 6. Dallas County registered voters may vote at any early voting location within Dallas County. The early voting location in Garland is the Richland College-Garland Campus, 675 W. Walnut St.

Garland voters also will elect members of the Garland ISD Board of Trustees for Places 3 and 4. For complete election details and a sample ballot, visit [DallasCountyVotes.org](http://DallasCountyVotes.org) or call the Garland City Secretary at 972-205-2404.

Reminder: A photo ID is now required when voting in Texas elections.

## Council Appoints Ad Hoc Committee to Analyze Street Improvement Costs

Many roadways within Garland are showing increased signs of wear and tear, partly due to ongoing drought conditions. City leaders are working hard to address these issues. The Mayor and City Council have appointed a nine-member ad hoc committee to consider how to maximize street improvements while minimizing the long-term financial impact to residents and businesses. The Ad Hoc Street Improvement Committee will make recommendations related to construction materials, the cost and benefits of various construction methodologies, business models, and funding mechanisms. The committee is scheduled to



report their findings to the Mayor and City Council in early summer.

This work will be completed before any action is taken regarding the 2 cent tax increase approved by residents in the non-binding November referendum for street refurbishments. Watch for updates in future editions of the *Garland City Press* and on [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

## Accepting Applications

*for 2014-15 Garland Youth Council*

- Garland residents in grades 9-12 during 2014-15 school year
- Learn how city government impacts you
- Provide youth input in Garland's government process
- *Application deadline - May 16*

Visit [GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org) or call 972-205-2879 for more information.



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**GARLAND YOUTH COUNCIL**

## Garland Teens Talk about the City's Future

Garland teens have lots of ideas about making the city more enticing for youth and young adults. The Garland Youth Council invited teens to share those ideas at "Garland Teen Talk" in March.

During the event, teens talked about what they like about Garland and shared their insights on what could be improved. They discussed their involvement in neighborhoods and what characteristics might compel them to return to their home neighborhood sometime in the future. They also had the opportunity to "Map the Fun" in Garland, learning about leisure and entertainment venues and suggesting new options.

The day culminated with a Downtown Garland visioning exercise, which included a walking tour and lunch at some of the eateries on or near the square. During this exercise, participants answered questions about the area's amenities and environment and were asked to draw up their vision for Downtown Garland.

The Garland Youth Council will compile the information gathered during "Garland Teen Talk" to present to the Garland City Council at a later date. The Garland Youth Council is a board appointed by the City Council to represent youth issues and serve as ambassadors for the City. For more information, visit [GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org).

The Garland Youth Council would like to thank the following businesses for their support for the Garland Teen Talk event: The Garland Downtown Business Association, Walmart and Firewheel Town Center. The following Downtown Garland restaurants provided lunch: Dos Banderas, Generator, Main Street Café, Paw Paw's and Salvage Bar and Grill.



## Fair Housing and You

### *Housing Informational Workshop*

Garland Fair Housing Services will host free English and Spanish workshops every third Saturday bi-monthly from 10 a.m. to noon at the City of Garland Unified Learning Center located at 232 Carver Drive. This free interactive workshop, called Fair Housing and You, is a comprehensive review of the Federal Fair Housing Act and Garland's Fair Housing Ordinance.

Fair Housing encompasses numerous practices that are prohibited by law with regard discrimination in renting, selling, and financing housing. Discriminatory treatment because of one's race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability and familial status, is prohibited. Age also is protected locally. Garland is one of five cities in Texas that has a Fair Housing enforcement mechanism readily available to provide residents with the information and resources needed to ensure that discriminatory practices do not hinder housing choices in Garland. The date of the next workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon June 21 at 232 Carver Drive.

The vision of Garland Fair Housing Services is for everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy their homes and communities free from discrimination.

For more information or to RSVP, call 972-205-3300.

## Community Health Assessment

The Health Department will conduct a Comprehensive Community Health Assessment to receive input from Garland residents about perceptions of health issues and challenges within the city. The brief survey will take approximately five minutes to complete and will be available May 1-June 30 at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov). Paper copies also will be available at all City libraries, recreation centers, senior centers and at the Health Department.

Survey respondents will remain anonymous. The Health Department and community partners will use the results of the survey, along with other information, to identify the most pressing health issues that can be addressed through community action. For more information, contact 972-205-3442.

## City of Garland 2014 Summer Nutrition Program

Garland Fair Housing Services is gearing up to administer the 19th year of the Summer Nutrition Program. The program will run June 9-Aug. 8.

The Summer Nutrition Program provides free nutritious meals to community children. No registration is required and the one qualifying criteria is to be a child between the ages of 1 and 18, or a person older than 18 with a documented physical or mental disability that is participating in a school program.

Lunches will alternate between hot and cold entrees; while cold breakfast will be offered at select sites. The 2014 program will include 30 different feeding sites throughout the city. The open sites are located in areas where more than 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. Most of the sites will offer activities that support the 3 E's of Healthy Living: education, exercise and eating right. The summer activities are designed to exercise the body and stimulate the mind making for an easier transition back into the school year. A complete list of all the Garland serving sites will be provided at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov). Type "summer nutrition program" in the City Services Search Box on the home page and click "go".

This program is regulated by the Texas Department of Agriculture, which provides information on the dates, serving times, and locations of all the summer food service programs in Texas. Visit [Summerfood.org](http://Summerfood.org), call 211 or text FOODTX at 877-877.

Partner with Garland Fair Housing Services to stamp out child hunger in Garland! For more information, call Program Coordinator Pamela Harris at 972-205-3382.



*The* **Landmark Depot Museum**

*Celebrating*

6th St. & Walnut



**GARLAND HERITAGE CROSSING**  
The Landmark Depot Museum

**Friday, May 30**

- 10 a.m. - Model Railroad Exhibit, Central Library (until 6 p.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. - Family Train Fun at the Library, Central Library

**Saturday, May 31**

- 10 a.m. - Ribbon cutting and Landmark Museum Re-Dedication Ceremony, The Depot at Heritage Crossing
- 10 a.m. - Model Railroad Exhibit, Central Library (until 6 p.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. - Family Train Fun at the Library, Central Library
- 11 a.m. - Historical Downtown Walking Tours featuring Downtown Businesses
- 6:30 p.m. - Dixie Swing Band, Generator Coffee House
- 7 p.m. - Garland's Square Pickers, Downtown Square
- 8 p.m. - FREE movie at the Plaza Theatre

**Sunday, June 1**

- 2 p.m. - Model Railroad Exhibit, Central Library (until 5 p.m.)
- 2 p.m. - Family Train Fun at the Library, Central Library

Visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) for more information

## Health Department Enhances Mosquito Surveillance Program

The Garland Health Department is improving its mosquito surveillance program by using sentinel or “fixed” sites for mosquito traps instead of changing locations weekly based on complaints. This change is a result of a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) after the 2012 West Nile Virus outbreak in North Texas. The CDC recommends that only stationary sites be used to have accurate weekly data of mosquito activity in the community. In addition to this change, the Health Department will increase its surveillance at 27 separate fixed sites per week, up from 15 sites in previous years.



The Health Department’s mosquito hotline at 972-205-3720 is available for residents to report mosquito problems; stagnant, standing water; and to notify the department of dead birds. Birds will not be tested this year, but residents are still urged to report when and where they have seen dead crows and/or blue jays to help pinpoint potential problem areas of virus activity. Residents must help protect themselves and their families by doing the following:

- Eliminate any standing water around your property to reduce the number of mosquitoes, (report to the hotline any standing water that cannot be eliminated).
- Make sure doors and windows are screened properly.
- Avoid the outdoors when mosquitoes are most active (in the evening and early morning).
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET, according to label directions.

Current information including trap and spray locations, as well as where positive West Nile Virus samples have been determined, is available at <http://www.GarlandTx.gov/gov/hk/health/mosquito.asp>.

## Garland Firefighters Fill the Boot and Fight Muscle Disease for MDA

Garland Firefighters were out on the streets of Garland asking motorists to help “Fill the Boot” for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on three consecutive Fridays April 4, 11 and 18.

Every dollar that passing motorists pitched into the firefighters’ boots helped provide medical treatment and support services to more than 100 individuals and their families living with neuromuscular diseases in the Garland area. This year, Garland firefighters set out to raise more than \$40,000. The tally at the time of issue is in excess of \$62,000! Thanks to the generous donations of motorists in Garland. This surpassed the previous record of \$54,000 collected in 2008. All of the funds collected are donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

“We know the money we raise makes a difference in the lives of people affected by neuromuscular diseases, and that it helps them get the care they need,” said Local 1293 IAFF President, David Riggs. “Fill the Boot is a proud tradition for us, and it’s a great way for Garland Firefighters to be out in the community reminding residents that we are here, always ready to help.”

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Fill the Boot. The Garland Fire Department is proud to support this long-standing tradition.



## Volunteers Shine

*at Trash-Off*

More than 300 volunteers picked up 2,500 pounds of litter around Garland in March for the Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off sponsored by Keep Garland Beautiful, Environmental Waste Services, and the Stormwater Department. Fifty percent of this year’s



participants were first-time volunteers. Walnut Glen Academy won the top award for most bags of litter collected with 52 bags. That team also found a wallet in a creek, tracked down the owner and took the wallet to him. The owner was grateful that his wallet was found

by “some great volunteers in Garland.” Keep Garland Beautiful is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to making a beautiful, litter-free Garland through education, public awareness and community involvement. For more information, visit [KeepGarlandBeautiful.org](http://KeepGarlandBeautiful.org).

## Garland Emergency Management Coordinator Receives Credential

Mollie Gilmore Rivas has been approved by the North American Application Review Commission to receive the Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®) credential. The CEM® designation is the highest honor of professional achievement available from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has in its membership more than 5,000 emergency managers representing professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters.



## Animal Services News

Summer is just around the corner and pet owners need to take precautions to care for outside animals as temperatures rise. First, check the fencing enclosure to make sure your pet cannot escape. Summer months are the most active months for animals running at-large. Make certain that your pet is currently registered with Garland Animal Services (and wearing registration tags) so that Animal Services staff can promptly return your pet should it escape. Also, be sure that outside pets have access to water and shelter/shade to stay cool.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Garland Animal Services needs volunteers to staff the Pet Adoption Center at 813 Main St. Animal Services staff is trying to build a volunteer group capable of staffing the facility during evenings and weekends. Volunteers are asked to clean kennels, interact with pets, and assist customers looking to adopt a new family member. Volunteers must attend a short orientation class that covers safety, responsibilities and expectations. Volunteering at the Pet Adoption Center is a great way to provide

useful services and help place unwanted animals. Those interested in volunteering should email [petvolunteer@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:petvolunteer@GarlandTx.gov) for more information or to sign up for an orientation class.

### Nuisance Animals

Report dogs running at-large or other nuisance animals to Garland Animal Services by calling 972-205-3570. Animal Services strives to respond to stray animals as quickly as possible for the public's safety and the safety of the animal. If you have lost your pet, or wish to adopt a new family member, visit [GarlandAnimalServices.org](http://GarlandAnimalServices.org) to view a complete listing of lost animals and animals available for adoption.



### Special Thanks

Thanks to the following individuals and groups for donating more than \$1,000 in the months of January and February. Donations are tax deductible and are used to provide comfort and care to animals and promote adoptions.

Recent notable donations are as follows:

- The Alapats – \$80
- John Dietz – \$80
- Chris Olsen – \$80
- Laurie Plapp – \$80
- Connie Pratt – \$160
- Robert Withead – \$100



## Transportation Secretary

### *Visits Garland*

Garland welcomed an important guest in April. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx visited the proposed I-635 LBJ Freeway East improvement project, which runs through south Garland. The visit was part of his multi-state tour highlighting the urgent need to invest in America's transportation infrastructure. Garland Mayor Douglas Athas welcomed Secretary Foxx, along with numerous state and local officials during a special news conference on April 18.



The City of Garland reminds residents that the Police Department is working extra hours of traffic enforcement in an effort to support the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) goals and strategies of reducing the number of motor vehicle related crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Texas.

The strategy includes a four-pronged approach to selective traffic enforcement. Officers will concentrate their efforts on traffic violations associated with red light and intersection traffic control device violations, seat belt and child safety seat violations, speed related violations, and driving while intoxicated violations. This also includes driving under the influence by minors. Please keep our roads safe.

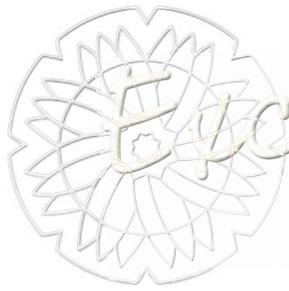


## CVB Showcases Garland

### *Across the State*

The Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) continues to showcase Garland meeting facilities and attractions by participating in tradeshow. In April, the bureau exhibited at the Texas Travel Fair hosted by the Texas Travel Industry Association. Attendance included staff from the Texas Department of Transportation Travel Information Centers, AAA offices, Texas Parks & Wildlife offices, and *Texas Highways* magazine. In May, the CVB will participate in a regional conference of the Religious Conference Management Association (RCMA). RCMA is geared toward meeting planners for religious organizations. Two new exhibit booths have been designed for the CVB to use to promote Garland.

Groups that have recently hosted their meeting or event in Garland include the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association, University Interscholastic League, Association for the Improvement of Minorities in the Internal Revenue Service (AIM-IRS), Texas Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Adams Pro Tour Golf Tournament, and Guns & Hoses Golf Tournament.



# Excellence Made Here!

A great city is more than public safety and infrastructure—quality of life also is important to a city’s success. Garland is proud to provide excellent recreational and cultural service for its residents and visitors. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department has one of the lowest per capita funding rates in the DFW area, yet its staff, facilities and programs receive numerous awards each year for innovation and top-notch services.

## Parks & Recreation

Garland is home to six recreation centers, two senior centers, four park pavilions, three swimming pools, and a wave pool, along with more than 2,800 acres of parks and open spaces. Each facility offers a variety of programs and services that are enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. Miles of hiking and bike trails, nature preserves, playgrounds, fishing piers and a disc golf course provide the environment for exhilaration and fun.

### Innovations

- Duck Creek Adventure Camp for youth
- Landlubbers Nautical Adventures for Seniors
- STARS Camp for low income families
- Archery Programs taught by national certified instructor Travis Cunniff

### Attendance

(2012-13 fiscal year)

- Recreation Centers – 1,199,720
- Senior Centers – 152,057
- Recreation Center programs – 196,782
- Pools – 107,937
- Learn to Swim program – 3,486

### Honors

- Central Park designated as a Lone Star Legacy Park by the Texas Recreation and Park Society.
- Received “Best Website” award two years in a row from the Texas Recreation and Park Society.

Platinum level International Aquatic Safety Award for the 2013 summer season, recognized for outstanding aquatic safety standards since 2008.



Garland Summer Musicals, *42nd Street*, 2010

## Granville Arts Center

The Granville Arts Center complex includes two proscenium theatres, the Atrium banquet facility, and the art deco Plaza Theatre. More than 170,000 patrons attend performances, events and art shows at the Granville Arts Center each year.

### Innovations

- Partnership with Recreation and Cultural Arts for Dramapalooza, a theatre program created for special needs adults.
- Through the Garland Cultural Arts Commission – provide grant funding for meritorious arts and historic groups; more than \$1 million to date.

### Awards

- Best Website in 2014 from Texas Recreation and Park Society.
- Recognized statewide the Garland Cultural Arts Commission for Arts and Humanities.

### Impact

- The Granville Arts Center brings rich and diverse fine arts experiences that attract patrons throughout the North Texas area.
- The Granville Arts Center and Plaza Theatre have been key to the economic development of Downtown and help enhance the quality of life for Garland residents.



## Nicholson Memorial Library System

Garland's public library system consists of the Central Library in Downtown Garland and three additional branch libraries, as well as a wealth of online resources. Garland's libraries offer a variety of programs and classes to benefit everyone from babies to adults.

### Innovations & Best Practices

Premium online resources including homework help, employment resources, and 1,000+ full text newspapers.

Each Garland library has librarians with master's degrees in information resources.

Free downloadable books for computers and mobile devices.

A variety of quality subscription databases, services and resources available online.



### 2013 Statistics

Use of online resources increased 17%.

Use of the library's WIFI network increased 121%.

1.6 million items checked out in person or online.

820,000 people visited a Garland library.

### Honors

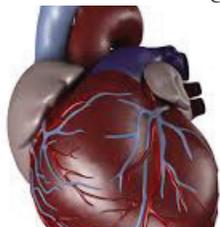
2014 Texas Library Association  
PR Branding Iron Award for Print  
Media Advertising.

Texas Municipal League's  
Library Director's Association  
"Achievement of Excellence  
Award" - 9 consecutive years.

## Awards

### STEMI Emmy

During a heart attack, the sooner a patient receives appropriate treatment, the better their outcome. When the Garland Fire Department paramedics recognize that someone is having a heart attack, they request that dispatch call Baylor of Garland. This early notification allows the hospital staff more time to prepare for the patient.



Baylor of Garland gives an award called the STEMI Emmy, which is given quarterly to the Fire Department crew with the best time—measured from the time the 911 call is received until the patient's heart vessel is opened. The most recent award was given to the Fire Department Crew at Fire Station 6. The time from the reception of the 911 call until the patient's heart vessel was opened was 46 minutes. The crew consisted of Captain Tim Behrens, Driver Charles Scamperino, Driver Michael Kasper, Firefighter Bryan Southworth, and Firefighter Lyle Chambers. A special thanks to dispatcher Judy Mueller who made the hospital notification.

### Summer Nutrition Program Recognition

The Garland Summer Nutrition Program was recognized by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in February for "Innovate Collaboration and Site Enrichment" in the provision of summer meals to children. The "innovative collaboration" recognizes the Summer Nutrition video production, which captures the program in action at various sites throughout the city. Produced by the Public & Media Relations Department, the video highlights meals and activities and the City's role in the community program. The "site enrichment" effort recognizes the partnerships with those who make the Garland Summer Nutrition Program possible, including Saturn Road Church of Christ and its Care, Play and Read program. Each year, more than 100 to 250 kids and their parents receive daily meals at Saturn Road Church of Christ, located at 3030 Saturn Road. The Garland Fair Housing Services Department, which administers the Summer Nutrition Program, was honored to receive the recognition. Staff members Pamela Harris, Summer Nutrition coordinator, and Deborah Garza, Summer Nutrition assistant, received the recognition at the 2014 TDA Summer Food Service Conference in Austin.

### The Atrium Wins Couples' Choice Award

WeddingWire, the nation's leading online wedding marketplace, named The Atrium as a winner of its WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards 2014 for wedding venues in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The WeddingWire Couples' Choice Award 2014 recognizes the top five percent of wedding professionals in the WeddingWire Network who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism.



## Housing Repair Available

Housing and Community Services has openings for qualified applicants in the Single Family Rehabilitation Program. Projects in this program can go up to \$25,000 and repayment of the loan is based on your family income.

Also available are Minor Home Repair Grants for qualified senior citizens and applicants with disabilities ensuring that health and safety conditions are met. This grant program is not to exceed \$5,000 and does not have to be repaid.

Call 972-205-2130 or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) for details on both programs. Go to "City Government," select "Housing and Community Services" and navigate to "Minor Home Repair or Single Family Rehabilitation" for more information and applications.



## Go Paperless with E-Bill & Automatic Bank Draft

As a Garland utility customer, you can enjoy paperless billing and payment by enrolling in the E-Bill and Automatic Bank Draft services. These services offer you a convenient and environmentally-friendly way to receive and pay your monthly utility bills. You may enroll in one or both services.

E-Bill, or electronic billing, allows you to receive your Garland utility bill by email, instead of a paper bill. You will receive a monthly email with a secure PDF of the utility billing statement attached. To enroll in E-Bill, visit [GarlandUtilities.org](http://GarlandUtilities.org) and sign up in the purple E-Bill section, or call Customer Service at 972-205-2671.

With Automatic Bank Draft, your bank or savings account is drafted for the amount of your monthly utility bill. The date the funds will be withdrawn is noted on your statement. Automatic Bank Draft is free, and you can elect to discontinue the program at any time.\* Enrollment is quick and easy:

**Step 1:** Print out the online form at [www.gpltxas.org/paymentdraft.html](http://www.gpltxas.org/paymentdraft.html).

**Step 2:** Complete the enrollment form and return it and a voided check to the address on the form.

\*Check if your financial institution will charge any related fees. Your Garland utility account needs to have a zero balance, and you will need a checking or savings account to participate in the Automatic Bank Draft program.



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FIREWHEEL TOWN CENTER  
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Friday, July 4, 2014

For vendor info, please contact  
Monica Bermea | [mbermea@simon.com](mailto:mbermea@simon.com)



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## Lawn Tips to Help Stop Water Pollution

One of the most common causes of water pollution is from yard waste that has gone down a storm drain into local creeks and lakes. To help, follow these tips:

- Carefully apply fertilizer according to directions and only when needed.
- Do not apply fertilizer before a rain.
- Sweep up any excess fertilizer on sidewalks and driveways.
- When possible, use non-toxic fertilizer and pesticide.
- Leave lawn clippings on the lawn to provide nutrients.
- Sweep up grass clippings on sidewalks and driveways; or blow them back onto lawn.
- Do not blow grass clippings into the street.
- Clean up after pets and dispose of the waste in the trash.

When a nutrient such as phosphorus reaches creeks and lakes it can cause considerable harm. Phosphorus can increase weed and algae growth. Algae can block sunlight, which is needed for the natural habitat.

When grass clippings, leaves and pet waste decompose, the process consumes oxygen, which can make it difficult for fish to breathe. Low oxygen levels can contribute to fish kills.

To report stormwater pollution, call 972-205-2180.



## GP&L EnergySaver Program Offers Bill Credits

As outdoor temperatures rise, stay comfortable inside by making energy efficiency upgrades and weatherization improvements to your home. GP&L's EnergySaver Program can make these measures more affordable by providing utility bill credits for qualifying upgrades.

In general, the program applies to:

- High-efficiency central air conditioning units, heat pumps and window unit air conditioning.
- Weatherization such as adding ceiling insulation, installing Energy Star® windows or doors, covering windows with solar screens or film, and replacing ductwork.
- Installation of a home solar power system.

Visit [gpltexas.org/energysaver.html](http://gpltexas.org/energysaver.html) or call 972-205-2929 for specific program requirements.



## Phone Number Request

In the event of a power outage, Garland Power & Light (GP&L) customers should call the Emergency Outage line at 972-205-3000 to report the problem and initiate service restoration. The quickest way for GP&L to identify your service address during a power outage is by using your phone number. Unfortunately, we do not have current phone numbers for many of our customers.

Please take a moment to confirm or update the phone numbers associated with your service address. You can do this by using the Online Account Management tool located on [GarlandUtilities.org](http://GarlandUtilities.org) or by contacting Customer Service at [custserv@gpltexas.org](mailto:custserv@gpltexas.org) or 972-205-2671. Be prepared to provide the account number to which the phone numbers apply.



## Landfill Expands Capacity

### Cell 6 Opens for Disposal

The newly constructed Cell 6 at the C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill began accepting waste in April. Cells are the areas in the landfill where solid waste is deposited. Under construction since June 12, 2013, this new cell covers 17 acres. It is 400 feet wide, 1,700 feet long, with an approximate filling depth/height of 140 feet, providing 2.5 million cubic yards of airspace for disposal and is expected to last approximately 4 years.

The Environmental Waste Services Department (EWS) operates the 476-acre landfill, which is the final destination for Garland's solid waste, as well as solid waste from surrounding municipalities. It opened in February 2002, and was designed to have a 50 year life span. Tipping fees charged for disposal of materials pay for use of the site and operating costs.

Located at 3175 Elm Grove Road in Rowlett, the landfill is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garland residents may drop off normal household waste at the landfill or Transfer Station, located at 1434 Commerce St., for free with proof of residency in the form of a valid Texas driver's license or current utility bill.

The landfill does not accept hospital waste, household chemicals, or tires. For a complete list of unacceptable items, visit [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com).

"Recycling is an excellent way we can all help extend the life of the landfill," said Glenna Brown, EWS programs manager. "For every ton of goods we recycle such as newspapers, magazines, plastic bottles, cans and glass bottles and jars, we divert them from the landfill, and those products become useful to create new products while conserving natural resources."

## Spring Cleaning Reminder for Yard Trimmings

Environmental Waste Services reminds residents that yard trimmings and brush should be placed neatly at the curb, separated from all other bulky waste such as bags of leaves and grass, furniture, carpeting or small piles of remodeling debris.

Clean brush (not mixed with other debris) is picked up weekly on the same day as trash by special trucks and hauled to the Wood Recycling Facility where it is ground into mulch. Mulch is made available to Garland residents at no charge and can be picked up at the Transfer Station, located at 1434 Commerce St., or the Wood Recycling Facility, located at the C.M. Hinton, Jr. Landfill, 3175 Elm Grove Road, in Rowlett.

Additional spring cleaning reminders for brush and bulky waste collection are as follows:

- Brush and bulky waste pickup is for residents who have performed work on their property only.
- Avoid placing brush or bulky waste near mailbox, cable box, sprinkler heads, overhanging limbs or other stationary obstructions.
- Waste blocked by a parked vehicle will not be collected due to risk of damaging the vehicle.
- Avoid placing brush where it interferes with motorist visibility.
- Brush may be placed out any day within a week of collection. All other bulky items may only be placed at curbside after 6 a.m. on the day before collection. Brush and bulky items should be set out for collection no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

Visit [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com) or call 972-205-3500 for more information.



## Performing Arts

### Shows & Events

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

**Mexico y sus Danzas | 7 p.m. May 25 •**

This spectacular folk dance concert is a series of stories of different traditional indigenous ethnic groups still in existence in México and how they have preserved their dance and musical traditions that were transformed with the Spanish conquest. General Admission tickets are \$15. Seniors and children younger than age 6 are \$12 (pre-sale only). For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [Mexico2000.net](http://Mexico2000.net)



**Shrek The Musical | June 27-29 •**

**SHREK  
THE  
MUSICAL**

*Shrek The Musical* brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to life on stage. Tickets go on sale

June 2. Tickets are \$12 each. To purchase tickets, visit [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or call 972-205-2790. For more information, visit [DallasYoungArtists.com](http://DallasYoungArtists.com).

At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

**The Return of the Glass Slipper | 7 p.m.**

**May 1 •** The Classical Center at Vial will present this classic fairytale of Cinderella told in a refreshing and charming way. Tickets may be purchased at the school office or the night of the show for \$5. For details, contact Sarah Hearn at [slhearn@garlandisd.net](mailto:slhearn@garlandisd.net).

**Glitz and Glam 2014 Fashion Show and Expo | 6 to 9 p.m. May 3 •**

The Gala Vibes Company and Black Reign Multimedia present the 2014 Glitz and Glam Fashion Show, Vendor Expo and Entertainment. There will be door prizes and refreshments served throughout the evening. Tickets in advance are \$20 or \$15 each for 2 or more. Tickets at the door are \$22. For details, call 972-675-3988 or email [galavibes@yahoo.com](mailto:galavibes@yahoo.com).

**Abhinaya Kuchipudi Dance Academy Annual Recital | 4 p.m. May 4 •**

This recital will provide three hours of entertainment filled with numerous performances by Kuchipudi dancers ranging from small children to adults. For details, call Kalyani at 972-897-3466.

**Snow in May | 2 p.m. May 10 •** A piano, vocal and keyboard event composed by Tish Rogers. The event is free and open to the public. Visit [TishYourWeaverOfDreams.com](http://TishYourWeaverOfDreams.com) or call 972-236-4550.

**Guys and Dolls Jr. | 7 p.m. May 21 •**

Presented by Webb Middle School. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls Jr.* introduces colorful characters who have become legends in the musical theatre canon. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and may be purchased at the door. Contact Libby Claycomb at 940-453-2631 or [jeclayco@garlandisd.net](mailto:jeclayco@garlandisd.net) for details.

**MillerMuller Ballet Spring Gala | 7:30**

**p.m. May 23 •** Join the MillerMuller Ballet for its Spring Gala. Tickets are \$12 and \$7 for seniors 65+ and children younger than 12. For tickets or more information, call 214-861-7221.

**Father of the Bride | 4:15 and 7 p.m.**

**May 24 •** Join Breitling Youth Theatre for the classic tale of a father of the bride who gets the pre-wedding jitters. Advance tickets are \$9 and \$7 for students and seniors. Children 3 and younger are free. Add \$1 per ticket at the door. To purchase tickets, email [ActingForChildren@hotmail.com](mailto:ActingForChildren@hotmail.com) or call 972-658-3915.

**A Brand New Day to Dance | 3:30 p.m.**

**May 31 •** Dance and More's 2nd Spring Dance Recital, A Brand New Day to Dance. The event is free and open to the public. For details, call 214-221-1467.

**Meet Me in St. Louis | 8 p.m. May 31**

To culminate Garland's Heritage Celebration, join us at the Plaza Theatre for the showing of the 1944 classic *Meet Me in St. Louis*. In the year before the 1904 St Louis World's Fair, the four Smith daughters learn lessons of life and love, even as they prepare for a reluctant move to New York. Presented by the City of Garland, this film is *free* and open to the public. Popcorn, candy and soda are available for \$2. All proceeds from concessions go to the Garland Good Samaritans.



## Garland Summer Musicals

**Peter Pan**

June 13-22 •

Join the Garland Summer Musicals for one of the world's most celebrated musicals—*Peter Pan*—the enchanting story of a boy who didn't want to grow up. You will be captivated by Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, the children, the pirates and the Indians of Never Never Land as



they perform the show-stopping songs from this Tony Award winning musical: *I Won't Grow Up*; *Pirate Song*; *Wendy*; *I'm Flying*; and *Never Never Land*. Flying Effects provided by ZFX. Performances will be held June 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m., and June 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m.

For tickets, visit [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or call 972-205-2790. Season tickets are on sale now. All performances will be held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

## Garland Symphony Orchestra | Concert VIII

May 9 •

This concert will feature Alex McDonald, on piano performing Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3*. McDonald gave his orchestral debut at age 11 and is currently a doctoral student at the Juilliard School. He also holds a master's at Juilliard, and he received his bachelor's from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, with Academic Honors and Distinction in Performance. In addition to McDonald's performance the GSO will perform Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. Performances are held in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center. To purchase tickets call 972-205-2790 or visit [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com). For more information, visit [GarlandSymphony.org](http://GarlandSymphony.org).



## THE MARKETPLACE

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | May 17 and June 21  
Downtown Square • Come down to Historic Downtown Garland for the Marketplace every third Saturday of the month through September. Enjoy growers, produce, vendors and food. This is a great opportunity to support local artisans, craftsmen, growers and merchants. The Marketplace is hosted by the Garland Downtown Business Association and Eventive Marketing Solutions and benefits the Good Samaritans of Garland. For more information, contact Jim Griffin at 214-704-1967 or Kirk Lovett at 972-978-7759 or [kirk@EventiveMarketingSolutions.com](mailto:kirk@EventiveMarketingSolutions.com).

## Art Exhibits

*In Spirit* by Faith Artists | May 5-June 27 • Explore the newest exhibit by Faith Artists: *In Spirit*. This body of work is inspired to instill courage or life into those who view it. Faith Artists is a regional group of artists whose mission is to produce faith-based, scripture inspired art for the ages. For more information, call 972-898-0478 or visit [FaithArtists.com](http://FaithArtists.com).



The Gallery Space of the Granville Arts Center is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during all performances on weeknights and weekends. Exhibits are free and open to the public.

## Garland ArtFest

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 7 | Downtown Garland Square • Come to the 2014 Garland ArtFest in the Historic Downtown Square. There will be fine art, photography, craftsmen, painting, wood carving, jewelry, sculpture, artisans and more! Throughout the day enjoy symphonic, dance and theatrical performances. Presented by the Garland Downtown Business Association and Eventive Marketing Solutions. For vendor and exhibition information contact Kirk Lovett at 866-242-8078.



## Discover the Convenience of the Library's Downloadable Books Service

The Garland library's downloadable books service is offered to library cardholders at no charge. Be a part of the growing digital books trend. The Garland library's downloadable books service, offered to library cardholders at no charge, is growing more and more popular. Thanks to its convenient, mobile format, these books are accessible 24/7 online, and since they expire at the end of the lending periods, there are never any fines for returning them late.

### Easy To Use

Since 2005, the library has been steadily building its downloadable book collection. It now includes 23,077 titles. This year, important e-books that are leased also are being offered. This is an important change, as some key publishers lease, rather than sell their books to public libraries. Patrons now have access to popular Penguin, HarperCollins, and Macmillan publications in downloadable format.

The process for checking out downloadable books is also simple. Instructions for using the service are available at all Garland libraries. Users may visit the Library website, [www.nmls.lib.tx.us](http://www.nmls.lib.tx.us), select Library Portal & Catalog, and click on the OverDrive Downloadable Books link to browse for books on a computer, or use the OverDrive mobile app on a tablet or smartphone. Information on library mobile apps can be found on the Library Portal as well. Downloadable library books are available in formats compatible with iPads, iPhones, Android devices, Kindles, and Nooks, among others.

### Digital Reader Activity

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regularly account for more than half of the library's digital downloads.

The number of downloadable books users in

Garland has also grown significantly. In January 2013, patrons of Garland libraries checked out approximately 6,800 digital books. A year later, in January 2014, users downloaded more than 8,700 items—a 28% increase and the highest checkout rate the library has experienced since the service's inception.

According to a survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International, 50% of Americans currently own dedicated e-reading devices, such as tablet computers like iPads, or e-readers like Kindles or Nooks. The percentage of adults who have read e-books in the past year has also increased from 23% to 28%.



# CINCO DE MAYO



**Saturday May 3, 2014 Downtown on Main**

Family Entertainment 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Street Dance & Concert 5 to 9 p.m.

**Folklorico Dancers—Mariachis  
Kids Activities -Vendors/Food**

**Live Bands Featuring:  
Local area Artists**

**A FREE Event Presented by The Garland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Dos Banderas Tex-Mex Restaurant**

# Library

## Programs & Events

All libraries will be closed  
Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

### Model Railroad Exhibit

To coincide with the Garland Heritage Celebration, the Central Library will present a free model railroad exhibit. The exhibit, which is co-sponsored by the Spring Creek Model Railroad Club, will feature an HO<sub>n</sub>3 narrow gauge layout based in the 1920s, measuring 16 by 19 feet with logging, mining, and town scenes. The models running on the track will include passenger, freight, and maintenance trains. Knowledgeable hobbyists may share their expertise on how to build and operate model trains and answer questions during the exhibit.

- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 30-31, Central Library
- 2 to 5 p.m. June 1, Central Library

### Children/Youth Programs

**Summer Storytimes** | June 9 - August 2  
Contact the nearest branch library for times.

#### Central Library

625 Austin Street, 972-205-2517

#### North Garland Branch Library

3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

#### South Garland Branch Library

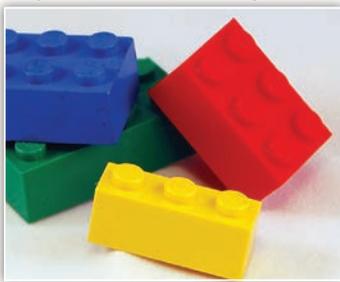
4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

#### Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585

**Block Party in the Library, Central Library** • This

free series is designed to help children ages 4-12 test their building skills and stretch their imaginations. Children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an



adult. Supplies will be provided. Call 972-205-2516. The series will take place at the following times and locations:

- 5 to 6 p.m. May 13, Walnut Creek Branch Library,
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 14, Central Library
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 15, North Garland Library
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 17, South Garland Library

**Creative Kids Group, Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m., South Garland Branch Library** • Children ages 7-12 will have the opportunity to participate in the Creative Kids Group where they will learn a new skill then practice with hands-on activities and crafts. Registration begins May 1; space is limited. Children may register for only two programs per month. Call 972-205-3933 for program dates and topics.

**Family Movie Time** • Bring a blanket and enjoy a free movie with your family! Seating is limited. No registration is required and all ages may attend. For details including movie titles, call 972-205-3933.

- 6 p.m. June 10, Central Library
- 2:30 p.m. June 20, South Garland Branch Library

**Tween Scene** • A program designed for youth ages 10-13. Tween Scene consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes.

**June: Pen It and Pin It: Creative Writing and Wearable Pins**

- 6:30 p.m. June 12, South Garland Branch Library
- 4 p.m. June 19, North Garland Branch Library

**Afternoon "Bored" Game Club, 1 to 3 p.m. June 17 and 24, Central Library** • Youth ages 6-12 are invited to play various types of board games.

**Teen and Tween Game Time, 6 to 8 p.m. June 26 Walnut Creek Branch Library** • Teens and tweens ages 10-17 are invited to play Nintendo Wii, Kinect, board games and more.

**Books and Beyond, 2 p.m., Central Library** • A free program for children ages 6-12. Book discussions and activities related to monthly themes.

- June 28, Reuse and Recycle

### Adult Programs

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

- May 15, Enjoy the essence of Loretta Lynn, one of country music's most beloved legends, as tribute artist Sherrill Douglas presents *Hey, Loretta!*
- June 12, Barbe McMillen is a professional musician, recording artist, and licensed music therapist. She also teaches songwriting at Collin College. For this performance, McMillen will sing songs of popular 1950s singers such as Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day and Patti Page.

**Page Turners, 7 p.m., Central Library** • Booklovers may join the library's book discussion group. The Page Turners meet one Thursday a month. Upcoming discussions include:

- May 22, *Alas, Babylon* by Pat Frank
- June 26, *Mr. Churchill's Secretary* by Susan Elia MacNeal

No registration is required. Call 972-205-2502.



## Tech-Know How Program Series

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

### Computer Classes

**I Plugged It In, Now What? Getting Started with Computers, 7 p.m. May 8, South Garland Branch Library** • Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and navigating the desktop.

**Facebook 101, 10 a.m. May 24, Central Library** • The class will introduce participants to Facebook, explain the processes of setting up an account and creating a profile, cover privacy settings, and demonstrate how to find friends. Participants must possess basic computer skills and their own email address.

**Signed, Sealed and Delivered: An Intro to Email, 7 p.m. May 29, South Garland Branch Library** • Learn the basic functions and uses of email, discover how to detect junk email, and sign up for an email account.



# Summer Reading Program Recreation Center

## Programs & Events

**Summer Reading and Fun for Kids** • This year's Summer Reading Program for children and teens is called *Make a Splash: Read!* Children, infants through age 11, and teens ages 12-17, are encouraged to participate. The first 125 children and teens to register at each Garland library location on June 7 will receive a special prize. Once participants have read for at least 20 minutes a day for 7 days, they can exchange their log for an age-appropriate prize and additional reading log. The last day to get a log is July 26, and the final day to redeem prizes is Aug. 2.

### Special Performers for Children and Families

#### 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Central Library

- June 9, Dazzling Dave Science Spectacular
- June 16, Creature Teacher Animal Show
- June 23, Sandy Shroud Puppet Show

#### 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, South Garland Library

- June 11, Dazzling Dave Science Spectacular
- June 18, Zooniversity Animal Show
- June 25, Sandy Shroud Puppet Show

#### 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Walnut Creek Library

- June 12, Dazzling Dave Science Spectacular
- June 19, Creature Teacher Animal Show
- June 26, Valerie Oliver Yo-Yo Show

#### 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, North Garland Library

- June 14, Dazzling Dave Science Spectacular
- June 21, Dallas Zoo Animal Show
- June 28, Magician James Wand

### Summer Reading Program for Adults

Adults can join in the summer reading fun with *Dive into Reading*. Participation is simple. Beginning June 7, adults, ages 18 and older, may pick up reading coupons at the Adult Services Desks of any Garland library and fill out a reading coupon for each book read between June 7 and Aug. 2. The reading coupons will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Participants may turn in up to a total of 57 coupons during the program.

### Adult Special Events

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, all events are free and open to the public. Call 972-205-2502 for details.

- 7 p.m. June 11, Mariachi Rosas Divinas – The Mariachi Rosas Divinas are an all-female, authentic Mariachi band. Their repertoire consists of traditional Mariachi music along with some popular English-language tunes.
- 2 p.m. June 21, Dallas Banjo Band – Performs a variety of musical genres from Dixieland to blues and ragtime. The group was previously featured on Good Morning Texas and nominated for a GRAMMY®.

### Duck Creek Adventure Camp | June 16-20



*Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ages 9-14, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road.* Participate in local group adventures. Try repelling, archery, rock climbing and disc golf. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.

### Artbeat Instruction | June 3-24

*Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 6-15 years, \$42 per child, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive.* Learn about terminology, tools and techniques in a variety of visual art mediums including drawing, painting and sculpting. Call 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.

### Boys Summer Basketball | June 16-Aug. 12

*9-16 years, \$360 per team, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road.* Games will be played at Fields and Granger Recreation Centers. Team registration deadline is June 6. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.

### Workout 101 | June 3-26

*Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., 16 years and up, \$42 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F.* Design a personal plan for success and discover how to define your shape, gain strength, and improve flexibility. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.



### Mad Science – Red Hot Robots | June 9-13

*Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, 6-10 years, \$149 per child, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place.* Discover



the inner workings of robots by experimenting with circuits, gears, sensors, and power supplies. Build your own robot to take home. Call 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

### Skyhawks Sports | June 2-30

*Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., 42 months-4 years, \$34 per child, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut Street.* Learn the essentials of soccer, basketball, and t-ball in a structured environment where the focus is fun. Call 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

## Special Events

### Juneteenth | June 14

*5 to 9 p.m., all ages, free, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road.* Enjoy live music, games, and food while you celebrate with friends and family. Watch past Garland basketball legends battle it out on the court and then test your skills in a 3-point shootout. Call 972-205-3090.

## Senior Center Activities

### Wisdom & Wellness | May 13-16

#### Deposit \$75, Double \$295/Single \$425

Be better, feel better in Wimberly, Texas. This retreat is filled with opportunities to commune with nature, learn about boosting brain power, maximizing nutrition, and using gentle exercise in your everyday life. Breakfast is included daily. Lunch and dinner choices will be on your own and ordered and delivered from a local caterer.

### Ft. Griffin Fandangle – Albany Historic Courthouse June 20-22 – depart at noon

#### Deposit \$75, Double \$275, Single \$375

Attend the 76th annual Fandangle in Albany, Texas! This is Texas' oldest outdoor musical show complete with covered wagons, buggies, prairie fires, and rattlesnakes. The Fandangle evolved from a 1938 High School play. It commemorates the military post of Fort Griffin, which was established in 1867. This production is presented with fun and humor by more than 300 local performers. Transportation, accommodations, two breakfasts, two dinners, one lunch and all Fandangle activities are included.

## Summer Aquatics Jobs

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is hiring staff for the summer pool season.

Guest services positions start at \$7.75 per hour, and lifeguards and swim instructors start at \$8.75 per hour. Lifeguard classes will be offered May 3 and 10. Apply online at GarlandHR.com and call 972-205-2750 to sign up for a class.



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**Libraries – Closed May 26**

**Recreation Centers – Closed May 26**

**Senior Centers – Closed May 26**

**Swimming Pools – Open May 26**

**Environmental Waste Services Offices**  
closed May 26; **Regular Tuesday-Thursday**  
garbage, recycling, and brush  
and bulky goods collection

**Recycling Center – Closed May 26**

**Transfer Station – Closed May 26**

**C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and**  
**Wood Recycling Facility – Closed May 26**

## May Events

- 5 City Council Work Session  
Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 6 City Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 6 Early Voting Ends
- 13 Garland Youth Council  
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
- 10 Municipal Election Day
- 12 Plan Commission  
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 16 Garland Youth Council  
Applications Due
- 16 Impounded Vehicle Auction  
City of Garland Auto Pound  
1630 Commerce St.
- 19 City Council Work Session  
Work Session Room, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 20 City Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27 Mayor's Evening In  
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 31 Garland Heritage Celebration



## June Events

- 2 City Council Work Session  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 3 City Council Meeting  
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- 9 Plan Commission  
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- 16 City Council Work Session  
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- 17 City Council Meeting  
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- 20 Impounded Vehicle Auction  
City of Garland Auto Pound  
1630 Commerce St.
- 21 Fair Housing and You Workshop  
232 Carver Drive
- 23 Plan Commission  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 24 Mayor's Evening Out  
Gale Field Center, 1701 Dairy Road
- 28 Plan Commission  
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