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Message

from the Mayor City Council Elections

Following the recent city elections, our City Council has changed only a little. Three representatives were unopposed: Tim Campbell (District 1), Anita Goebel (District 2), and B.J. Williams (District 4). Billy Mack Williams was elected to represent District 5, succeeding John Willis, who was term-limited. We welcome Council Member Williams, who is not completely new, having represented the district in the 90s. Recently, the Council chose Council Member Jim Cahill to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Tim Campbell to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. I look forward to continuing our work to Grow Community, Grow Opportunity, Grow Garland.

Successes

Facing our challenges and moving Garland forward has been my top priority. Much of my first year has been identifying and articulating those challenges, then working toward solutions. I am confident the city is on the right path.

Throughout this past year, we have had a number of successes, including: expanding our transportation initiatives, particularly I-635; expanding our single-stream recycling program; establishing and developing a new economic development department; revitalizing aging shopping centers such as the Garland Shopping Center; developing the new Garland Development Code; building and opening the new Heritage Crossing; establishing and growing partnerships with small businesses; recruiting and expanding our retail market. While much remains to be done, we are picking up speed.

Growing Business

To know and understand our local economy better, I have been visiting our businesses. Our tax base is highly dependent upon our businesses and their successes. I have toured a number of large and small businesses in our community to ask what we can do to continue making them successful and viable in Garland. With the support of the Chamber of Commerce, we have also looked for ways to strengthen small business and to expand exports.



Garrett Metal Detectors has been in Garland for 50 years and is the #1 company for security and hobby detectors. You can find their products in airports, movies and on tv.

Mayor's Evening In/Out

At least for the near future, I will soon be replacing our Mayor's Evening In/Out program with a series of Town Hall meetings on an array of topics related to the city. They will be open to the public at various locations throughout the community. I look forward to seeing you at one of them and hearing your input.



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



CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. July 1 and 15, Aug. 5 and 19
- 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. June 30 and July 14, Aug. 4 and 18
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. July 28, Aug. 11 and 25
 - 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.

District 5 Welcomes New Representative

Voters in Garland City Council District 5 elected Billy Mack Williams in May, and he was officially sworn in on May 20. Council Member Williams previously served on the City Council in the early 1990s.



Also sworn in were three incumbents voters re-elected. District 1's Tim Campbell, District 2's Anita Goebel and District 4's B.J. Williams were each sworn in for their second term.

Garland's City Charter calls for City Council representatives to serve two-year terms with a limit of three consecutive terms or six years.



Garland Celebrates Rail Heritage

The City of Garland put its history in the spotlight on May 31, hosting the Garland Heritage Celebration in historic Downtown Garland. The event officially re-dedicated the Landmark Museum housed in the historic Santa Fe Depot, which dates back to 1901. The depot is now located in a pedestrian corridor, Heritage Crossing, along Walnut Street between Glenbrook and Fifth Streets. The celebration included historic walking tours, entertainment, food and family fun.



District 4 Quarterly Conversation with Council Member B.J. Williams

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. | July 8
South Garland Branch Library
4845 Broadway Blvd.

Topics include:

- Northwest Highway/LaPrada project
- Water conservation and usage restrictions
- I-635 project and House Bill 1
- Sidewalks repair and replacement program
- City boards and commissions service opportunities
- Citizen feedback

City Benefits from Strong Credit Ratings

Strong credit ratings allow the City of Garland to finance infrastructure improvements and major equipment purchases at favorable interest rates, which saves the taxpayers money. In early May, Standard & Poor's Ratings Service and Fitch Ratings submitted their results to the City:

	S & P	Fitch
General Obligation	AA+	AAA
Electric Utility	A+	AA-
Water & Sewer Utility	AA	AA+

Subsequent to the ratings, the City sold \$13,475,000 Certificates of Obligation, \$38,175,000 Water & Sewer Utility Bonds and \$85,795,000 Electric Utility Bonds.

Flood Maps Updated

FEMA has updated its Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the City of Garland, and the new maps will become effective on July 7, 2014.



The 100-year flood levels within Garland will not change as a result of this update; however, improved mapping technology will result in a more accurate delineation of the floodplain boundaries in the city. As a result, some property owners in Garland may be contacted by their insurance companies or mortgage holders regarding the applicability of the new map information.

The City of Garland Engineering Department can assist property owners with questions about the 100-year floodplain and help determine whether a given property is subject to Federal flood insurance purchase requirements. For more information, please visit GarlandTx.gov and search for "floodplain" or call 972-205-3620.

Downtown Construction Update

Construction activity around City Hall is in full swing.

The new entryway to Downtown Garland from Walnut Street via Sixth Street is now open and is intended to help visitors better access the heart of the Downtown Garland business district. Also in Heritage Crossing, work is under way to refurbish the exterior of the 1910 railcar, which sits just west of the Landmark Museum.

The municipal annex at 203 Fifth Street has been demolished. The site will be prepped for part of the City Center development project. The City-owned building at 504 State Street has also been demolished. The site will be left as open space for future development opportunities.

The parking garage behind City Hall is definitely taking shape, while work crews are beginning to prepare foundations for the multi-family development owned by Oaks Properties, due to open in 2015.

Reminder - Due to disruptions expected from construction activity at Garland City Hall, 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 Street. The Duckworth Building is located across the street from City Hall. Those meetings will also be broadcast on the City's government access cable channel, CGTV, which is available on AT&T U-verse channel 99, Time Warner Cable channel 16, Verizon FIOS channel 44, and is streamed live at GarlandTx.gov.

Other public meetings will be relocated from City Hall as well. Please monitor agenda postings for updated locations. All public meetings are posted at least 72 hours in advance online at GarlandTX.gov and in the lobby of Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street.

For more information about Downtown construction activities, visit GarlandTx.gov and click on the "Downtown Redevelopment" button.



Learning Green Lessons

This spring, students at Davis Elementary School participated in a collection contest for the city's Cease the Grease program organized by City of Garland's Industrial Pretreatment Program. The students collected more than 50 gallons of used cooking oil during February and March. Not only does this cooking oil stay out of the sewer system and landfill, but it also gets recycled into clean, green energy.

The contest helped students learn how renewable energy sources impact the community and about Garland's own grease-abatement efforts. Fifth graders collected more oil than any other grade, and were rewarded with a pizza party. Ms. Nichol's fifth graders collected the most oil, earning a tour of the City's Rowlett Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, where the students learned how local sewage is cleaned and treated before the water is discharged back into public waters.

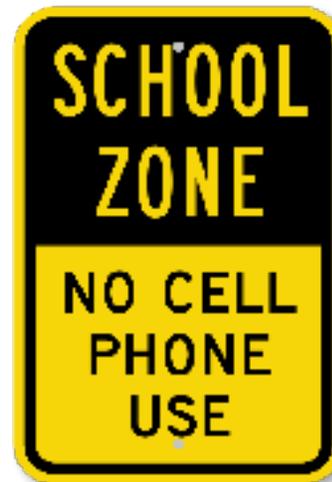


The first day of school

for Garland ISD is Aug. 25.

Motorists – remember to observe school zones and stay alert!

- School zone speed limit – 20 mph
- All vehicles must stop behind the painted white crosswalk line
- Vehicles and pedestrians must obey the direction of crossing guards
- Use of cell phones in school zones is prohibited!



Questions regarding school zone safety - call 972-205-2438.

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.



FIREWHEEL
TOWN CENTER
A SIMON MALL

STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR.

Friday, July 4, 2014

4 to 8 p.m.

Family Fun Activities

7 to 9 p.m.

Main Stage Entertainment

9:15 p.m.

Fireworks Spectacular

ShopFirewheelTownCenter.com



PRESENTED BY
Dobson's
FlooringAmerica.
With locations throughout the area.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
GARLAND
THE CITY OF GARLAND

Celebrate July 4th at Firewheel Town Center

Firewheel Town Center will celebrate our nation's independence with a full afternoon of family fun during Star Spangled Spectacular, presented by Dobson Floors and supported in part by the City of Garland. This free event will take place on Friday, July 4 from 4 to 10 p.m.

Families will enjoy face painters, balloon artists, bounce houses, strolling entertainment and more during Star Spangled Spectacular. Radio Disney will be onsite with games and giveaways for lucky attendees. Firewheel Town Center retailers will join the celebration by adding great summer sales and in-store events throughout the day.

Entertainment on the Main Stage will kick off at 7 p.m. The day will culminate with a patriotic fireworks display sponsored by the City of Garland at 9:15 p.m.

Patrons are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and sunscreen. Parking is limited, so consider carpooling or DART. For more information, visit www.dobsonfloors.com, www.firewheeltowncenter.com or Firewheel Town Center's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages at www.facebook.com/FirewheelTownCenter, www.twitter.com/ShopFirewheel or www.instagram.com/ShopFirewheel for the latest event updates. Please reference #Firewheel4th on all social media outlets.



FIGHT THE BITE!

Help kids learn to combat West Nile Virus with a fun, informative video!

- It's *free* and available online at GarlandTx.gov
- Copies available for educational, nonprofit groups

Contact Cindy Corley at 972-205-3460 or email CCorley@GarlandTx.gov

Have a safe, healthy summer and Fight the Bite!

Summer Nutrition Program Kick-off

Garland's Summer Nutrition Program will run through Aug. 8. Children ages 1-18 are provided free nutritious meals with no registration required. Visit GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-3335 for more information.



Keep Texas Beautiful Honors Garland Scout

Garland Boy Scout Preston Sanderson was honored by Keep Texas Beautiful with a first place Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Award as the Top Scout – Male for 2014.

This honor recognizes outstanding accomplishments that result in cleaner, more beautiful communities, making Texas a better place to live. In addition to the award recognition, the 15-year old member of Troop 1978 Preston also received a \$100 cash prize. His winning award application was submitted by Keep Garland Beautiful, an affiliate of KTB.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Preston teamed up with City of Garland Code Compliance Code Cares to help fix up eight Garland homes for residents who were unable to bring their property into code compliance. He said he got the idea for his Eagle Scout project because he “knew there was a need right where I live and I knew I could help.” He received donations from area businesses, churches, civic groups and other Scout groups, totaling almost \$10,000 in cash contributions and in-kind donations.

He enlisted 219 people to help, representing 2,805 volunteer hours. He calculated the number of volunteers for each home and assigned a site leader to each. Following the day of work, he treated the workers to dinner donated by a local restaurant. Some of the projects included painting, garage door replacement, building a wheelchair ramp, cleaning gutters, trimming shrubs, repairing or replacing fences and replacing light bulbs.

Preston is also Mayor Douglas Athas’s appointee to the Garland Youth Council, a board appointed by the Garland City Council.



Earth Day Recycling Event Big Success

Garland residents celebrated Earth Day in April by participating in the Electronics Collection and Paper Shredding event.

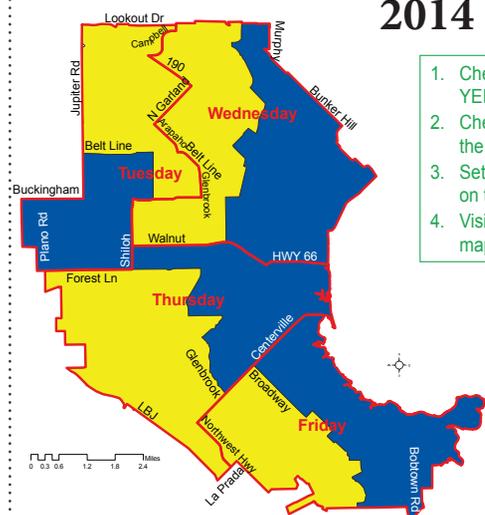
“Thank you to our residents for recycling more than 15 tons of electronics, 134 cell phones, 560 pounds of batteries and 78 ink cartridges,” announced Glenna Brown, programs manager in the Environmental Waste Services Department. “You also recycled more than nine tons of documents and records.”

The next electronics collection and paper shredding event is planned in conjunction with the Healthy Living Expo on Saturday, September 27.



2014 Recycling Schedule

1. Check the map at left to see if you live in a YELLOW or BLUE area.
2. Check the YELLOW and BLUE recycling weeks on the calendar.
3. Set out recycling on your YELLOW or BLUE weeks on the same day as you set out your trash.
4. Visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com for detailed map information and complete list of recyclables.



GARLAND
ENVIRONMENTAL
WASTE SERVICES
972-205-3500
EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov
Customer Service

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City Offers Free Compost Class

Saturday, Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m. – noon
1434 Commerce St, Garland

Compost is an excellent natural way to condition your soil for the fall garden. Compost adds nutrients to the soil and improves the ground’s ability to hold water. The City of Garland offers Gardening and Compost 101 to teach residents how to mix, moisten and manage your way to a successful backyard compost pile.



And don’t forget to put the worms to work! You will learn how to use specialized red worms to compost your food waste and use the rich soil amendment to benefit your plants.

Sponsored by the Environmental Waste Services Department, the class is free for Garland residents and is limited to 50 participants. Register online at GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com or call 972-205-3500. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of class and will include drawings for four take home compost bins.



Compost 101 instructors, David Vines and Michael Norten, have trained more than 2,700 Garland residents on gardening and composting

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks!

Learn the proper way to dispose of pet waste.



Did you know that an average-sized dog dropping produces 3 BILLION fecal coliform bacteria? Because pet waste can easily be washed into the untreated storm sewer system and go on to local creeks and lakes, it is very important to pick up after your pets in your yard. It is not a fertilizer. Pet waste can be thrown in the trash or flushed down the toilet. Do not put pet waste in a compost.

Stormwater Management has purchased Mutt Mitts and park dispensers to make poop scooping easier. Look for the white dispenser boxes in Garland city parks.



HELP KEEP GARLAND CLEAN!

Solid Waste Tips for Efficient Collections:

- Bag household garbage and place inside green trash container with lid closed.
- Extra bags of garbage outside the container will not be collected. Additional trash containers available for \$6.10 per container per month.
- Garland residents can take excess trash at no charge to the Transfer Station, 1434 Commerce St.
- Recycling should be placed loose in the container, unless using red bins. Set extra bags of recycling in white or clear bags next to red bin(s).
- Have all containers at collection point by 7 a.m. on collection day.
- Leave four feet between the trash container and other obstacles such as recycling container, mailbox, shrubs, etc.
- Leave two feet of space between fence and all solid waste containers.
- Containers should be taken from collection point after collection.

Call 972-205-3500 or email EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov for more information.

Animal Services News

Can your dog do this?



If the answer is yes, you should consider upgrading your fencing enclosure. Enclosures holding purebred or mixed-breed pit bull dogs must be at least six feet high. No height requirements are specified for enclosures for other dog breeds as long as the fence can contain the dog. Garland Animal Services picked up more than 8,000 animals in the field in 2013, many of which were dogs that escaped from their owner's enclosure. Please check your fence regularly to make sure your dog can't go over, under or through it. Dogs running at large put themselves and the public at risk and are a major source of pet overpopulation through unwanted litters. Please make sure your pet's City registration is current. Registration is a lost pet's ticket home.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are still needed to staff the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 E Main Street. Citizen volunteers enjoy an opportunity to interact with animals and help place them in new homes through adoption. Volunteers must attend a short orientation and can choose shifts that fit their schedule. For more information, email petvolunteer@GarlandTx.gov.

Special Thanks

Generous customers donated almost \$2,500 for care and comfort of animals at the Garland Animal Shelter. Thanks to everyone who donates, and especially those with notable donations listed below.

Recent notable donations are as follows:

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| • Richard Briley | \$500 |
| • Lynn Opperman | \$100 |
| • Donna Harris | \$100 |
| • Rodney Waits | \$85 |
| • George Mulkey | \$115 |
| • Linda Phipps | \$100 |
| • Barbara Yonan | \$80 |
| • Domenico Piscioneri | \$100 |
| • Joanna Nolasco | \$80 |
| • Charles Barnaby | \$80 |

9th Annual Dog-A-Poolooza Unleashed

Pool Party for Dogs

Saturday, Aug. 16, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holford Pool

2322 Homestead Place

Admission \$5 per dog

(rabies tag or certificate required)

\$1 per human

Event includes:

- Pet services and supplies (cash only)
- Pet adoptions
- Prize drawings

Proceeds support Garland Pawsibilities' mission to increase shelter pet adoptions in the City of Garland. Event hosted in cooperation with Garland Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.

More information – GarlandPaws.org



Excellence Made Here!

Using Tax Dollars Efficiently

The City of Garland organization provides a wide range of services ranging from Animal Services to Water Utilities, employing 2,000 people. The City's Purchasing and Warehouse Departments make sure that all of these departments are able to affordably and legally procure the materials and services they need to operate.

The Purchasing and Warehouse Departments work to ensure that Garland taxpayers receive the maximum value for such expenditures and that all expenditures are conducted in a manner that preserves the public trust.

The City has received high praise for its success in this area. In 2013, the Purchasing and Warehouse Departments received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for the 16th consecutive year. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award recognizes organizational excellence by measuring innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of procurement. Garland is one of only 58 cities in the United States to receive this award.

The Warehouse Department works with suppliers and City departments to source quality goods and services in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Warehouse is able to purchase often-needed supplies so that departments may access them more efficiently.



2014 Vendor Expo held at the Atrium

Innovation & Best Practices:

- Utilizes a web based e-Procurement and bid notification system
- Sells surplus property using online auctions
- Provides formal "How to do Business" training to vendors
- Exceeds the State law for minority vendor procurement outreach
- Hosts an Annual Vendor Expo to connect departments with vendors
- Developed a link to Garland vendors to encourage local participation in procurement
- Utilizes term contracts and cooperative agreements to reduce cost and manage spending

Key Statistics:

Purchasing manages more than \$110 million in purchases annually resulting in cost savings of more than \$4 million.

Warehouse manages more than \$5 million in inventory annually, with an order fill rate of 98%. Investment recovery operations generated \$1.5 million last year.

Mail Services meters more than 20,000 pieces of mail annually, resulting in significant postage savings.

The Warehouse has a half-acre of inside storage and eight acres of outside storage.

Generates more than \$100,000 in vendor rebates annually.

2013 P-Cards

1032 Active Cardholders
\$6,158,180 - Annual Spending
\$104,073 - Annual Rebate
50,716 Annual Transactions

Auctions

Purchasing and Warehouse are also responsible for the disposal of surplus City-owned property and police confiscated property at public auctions. Monthly Impound Auctions are held on the third Friday of every month at the Police Impound Lot at 1630 Commerce St. Each year in October, the City auctions off older vehicles and heavy equipment. This year's auction is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Visit GarlandPurchasing.org for details.



2013

Water Quality Report

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act requiring community systems to provide customers with an annual report of the quality of their drinking water. We are proud to present our annual Water Quality Report. This report covers all testing completed between January 1 and December 31, 2013.

Garland Water Utilities is a municipal water distribution and wastewater collection utility owned by the City of Garland. It stores purchased water and delivers it to its customers on demand. Garland Water Utilities tests the water to ensure quality, maintains the infrastructure (pipes and pumps) required to deliver water, and removes, treats and tests wastewater prior to releasing it back into the water source or selling it.

An electronic copy of this report is available on our website at: www.GarlandWater.com

Español: Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de espaol, favor de llamar al tel. 972-205-3213 para hablar con una persona bilingue en español.

Where Does My Water Come From?

All of Garland's treated water is purchased from North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), who pumps surface water from five sources: Lavon Lake, Jim Chapman Lake, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Texoma and the East Fork Raw Water Supply Project commonly known as the 'wetland.' Lavon Lake is currently its primary source of raw water. NTMWD conducts daily tests on both the raw water in Lavon Lake and the treated water they deliver to the City of Garland. The treated water is stored in eight ground storage tanks and three elevated storage tanks. Garland Water Utilities distribution and collection system also includes approximately 2,100 miles of pipelines. A centralized water control system and customer call center with on-call maintenance assures that safe, high quality water is available to our customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



What Could Be In My Water

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can acquire naturally occurring minerals, in some cases, radioactive material and substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Substances that may be present in source water include: **Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife; **Inorganic Contaminants**,

such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; **Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; **Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, which may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; **Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, color, or odor of drinking water, please contact our business office. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Hotline at 800-426-4791.



Cryptosporidium in Water

Cryptosporidium is a protozoan that is so small it can be seen only with a microscope. It affects the digestive tract of humans and animals. At this time there is no specific drug therapy proven to be effective, but people with healthy immune systems will usually recover within two weeks. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. However, immuno-compromised people are at greater risk of developing a life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

The NTMWD has tested the lake and treated water for the presence of cryptosporidium for several years and it was absent in all of the samples tested.

Lead in Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Garland Water Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water

for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Important Health Information

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immuno-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders may be more vulnerable as well. If you suffer from one of these disorders/diseases, you should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.



Source Water Assessment

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has completed a Source Water Susceptibility Report for all drinking water systems that own their sources. This report describes the susceptibility and types of contaminants that may come into contact with the drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. NTMWD received the assessment report. For information on how you may obtain a copy of this report, call 972-205-3285.

Community Participation

Garland Water Utilities is part of the City government. The Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 200 North Fifth St. (Meetings are temporarily relocated to the Goldie Locke Room of the Duckworth Utility Services Building located at 217 N. Fifth Street.) Meetings are broadcast live on CGTV, the city government access channel on cable.

Garland City Council supports water conservation and encourages citizens to do their part in conserving this limited natural resource by using water wisely.

Conserving Water

Severe drought conditions and necessary water restrictions remind us just how precious water is and how much we tend to take it for granted. With less than 1% of the earth's fresh water source available, we need to learn to use water wisely. Water conservation is critical for meeting both local and the state's long-term water needs. Below are some great water saving tips.

Water Saving Tips

Inside the Home:

- Fix leaky faucets and toilets promptly
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving
- Install a low-flow showerhead
- Take showers instead of baths
- Limit showers to five minutes
- Fill dishwasher to full capacity before running
- Use appropriate water level on washing machine
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool

Outside the Home:

- Reduce lawn area
- Water lawn during the coolest part of the day
- Do not water lawn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Use mulch in landscaping to reduce evaporation
- Use a broom instead of water to clean sidewalks and driveways
- Fix leaky spigots
- Don't scalp your lawn during hot weather
- When using a soaker hose make sure the holes are on the bottom to reduce evaporation
- Do not overwater your lawn
- Keep your automatic sprinkler systems on manual setting and run it only when needed



Sampling Results

Over the past year, several hundreds of water samples have been taken in order to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic or synthetic organic contaminants. The results of this testing are displayed in the table below and on the next page. The state allows the City to monitor for certain substances less than once per year because the concentrations of those substances do not change frequently. In these cases, the most recent sample data are included, along with the year in which it was taken. This report includes a list of all substances whose range of levels were greater than zero. For a complete list of tested substances, go to www.GarlandWater.com.

Coliform Bacteria						
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	5% Positive Samples	1.6	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment.

NOTE: Reported monthly tests found no fecal coliform bacteria. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Maximum level of 5% total Coliform

Regulated Contaminants								
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	15.92	11.7 - 22.6	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHm)	2013	30.7	25.4 - 45.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

NOTE: Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony	2012	0.256	0.195 - 0.256	6	6	ppb	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder; and test addition.
Arsenic	2013	1.21	0.00 - 1.21	0	10	ppb	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2013	0.04	.04 - .04	2	2	ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2013	0.96	0.00 - 0.96	100	100	ppb	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2013	0.76	0.36 - 0.76	4	4	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2013	0.8	0.56 - 0.80	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits.

Nitrate Advisory: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Selenium	2013	3.45	2.82 - 3.45	50	50	ppb	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	4/29/2010	4.4	4.4 - 4.4	0	50	pCi/L	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Atrazine	2013	0.4	0.36 - 0.40	3	3	ppb	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.
Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	2013	0.74	0 - 0.74	400	400	ppb	No	Discharge from chemical factories.
Simazine	2013	0.18	0.18 - 0.18	4	4	ppb	No	Herbicide runoff.

Turbidity				
	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement	1 NTU	0.82 NTU	No	Soil runoff.
Lowest monthly percentage (%) meeting limit	0.3 NTU	95.60%	No	Soil runoff.

NOTE: Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Table Definitions

AL (Action Level) The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal) The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

ND (Not Detected) Indicated that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units) Measurement of the clarity or turbidity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

TT (Treatment Technique) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

PPM (Parts Per Million) One part substance per million parts water or milligrams per liter - mg/L

PPB (Parts Per Billion) One part substance per billion parts water or micrograms per liter - ug/L

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Disinfectant Type	Year	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Source of Chemical
Chlorine Residual (Chloramines)	2013	3.88	0.5	4.4	4.0	<4.0	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.
Chlorine Dioxide	2013	<0.10	0	0.12	0.8	0.8	ppm	Disinfectant.
Chlorite	2013	0.47	0.09	0.85	1.0	N/A	ppm	Disinfectant.

Total Organic Carbon

	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	Likely Source of Contamination
Source Water	2013	5.61	4.59 - 5.61	ppm	Naturally present in the environment.
Drinking Water	2013	4.12	3.16 - 4.12	ppm	Naturally present in the environment.
Removal Ratio	2013	37.9%	19% - 37.9%	% removal *	N/A

NOTE: Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. The disinfectant can combine with TOC to form disinfection by-products. Disinfection is necessary to ensure that water does not have unacceptable levels of pathogens. include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA) which are reported elsewhere in this report. **Removal ratio is the percent of TOC removed by the treatment process divided by the percent of TOC required by TCEQ to be removed.**

Lead and Copper

Contaminants	Collection Date	Number of Sites Over AL	90th Percentile	MCLG	MCL	Units	Likely Source of Contamination	Violation
Copper	2013	0	0.454	1.3	1.3	ppm	By-product of drinking water disinfection.	N
Lead	2013	0	1.12	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of customer plumbing	N

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR LEAD: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The NTMWD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloroform	2013	12.55	9.3 - 21.8	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Bromoform	2013	1.07	1.0 - 1.63	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Bromodichloromethane	2013	10.93	9.1 - 15.9	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Dibromochloromethane	2013	6.49	6.3 - 9.98	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

NOTE: Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection by-products. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	2009	0.0023	0 - 0.0023	ppb	By-product of manufacturing process.
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Note: Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. Any unregulated contaminants detected are reported in this report. For additional information and data visit <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ucmr/ucmr2/index.html>, or call the Safe Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	Likely Source of Contamination
Bicarbonate	2013	102	82 - 102	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
Calcium	2013	53.2	50.3 - 53.2	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
Chloride	2013	36.5	32.9 - 36.5	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; by-product of oil field activity.
Hardness as Ca/Mg	2013	146	142 - 146	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
Iron	2013	Levels lower than detect level	0.00 - 0.00	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel water delivery equipment or facilities.
Magnesium	2013	4.07	3.99 - 4.07	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
Manganese	2013	0.006	0.0011 - 0.006	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
Nickel	2013	0.01	0.00 - 0.01	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.
pH	2013	8.7	7.69 - 8.68	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
Sodium	2013	44.4	34.6 - 44.4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; by-product of oil field activity.
Sulfate	2013	94	85.3 - 94	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial by-product; by-product of oil field activity.
Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	2013	149	82 - 149	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
Total Dissolved Solids	2013	317	302 - 317	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
Total Hardness as CaCO3	2013	146	142 - 146	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.
Zinc	2013	0.01	0.00 - 0.01	ppm	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element used in the metal industry.

Unregulated Contaminants

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Water Loss

Effective 2014, the State of Texas requires retail public utilities to report its annual water loss to its customers. Water loss is usually the result of line leaks, water main breaks, line flushes and inaccurate meters. In 2013, Garland Water Utilities reported a water loss of 8.19% to the Texas Water Development Board.

Lawn Watering Rules

Summer 2014

Due to limited water supplies, lawn watering with hose-end sprinklers or an automatic irrigation system is limited to one day every other week. Customers' designated watering days are the same as their recycling pickup days. Residents or businesses unsure of their designated day can call 972-205-3500 or visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com. This lawn watering schedule and other Stage 3 water restrictions will remain in effect through the end of October 2014.

Existing water supplies must be preserved to maintain adequate supplies for our highest priorities – public safety, sanitation and firefighting capabilities.

For additional information on ways to conserve water, visit GarlandWater.com.



A friendly reminder,
Garland City Ordinance states...

Each property owner shall keep the drainage channels and/or drainage and floodway easement traversing or adjacent to his property clean and free of debris, silt, and any other substance which may impede the flow of stormwaters or result in unsanitary conditions. This includes all necessary mowing, weeding, litter pick-up, and other normal property owner responsibilities.

If you have any questions, please call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.

Garland Development Code Progresses

The Garland City Council and Plan Commission are preparing for the next steps toward



updating the City's development codes. The City is creating the Garland Development Code (GDC) to consolidate these development regulations into a cohesive and well-organized document that will help the City respond to changing demographic, market and development trends, while providing more flexible and user friendly regulations and processes.

Community and stakeholder meetings to review the draft Garland Development Code (GDC) began in December 2013 and concluded in January 2014.

During the winter and spring, the City Council and Plan Commission held joint work sessions to review the GDC draft, as well as to provide feedback and policy direction to City staff. Input from the community, stakeholders, City Council and Plan Commission will be incorporated into a revised draft, which will be published for public review.

The revised draft will be posted at www.GarlandDevCode.org, along with updated meeting schedules and other resources. For more information, email GDC@GarlandTx.gov.



Garland Residential Idea Book 2014 Preservation Achievement Award

Preservation Dallas, an organization dedicated to preservation and revitalization, awarded the City of Garland Planning & Community Development Department the Preservation Education Award for the Garland Residential Idea Book. The award is given to those who produce publications or media which educate the general public about the value of historic preservation or the preservation of historic resources.

Mayor Douglas Athas accepted the honor at the May 14 award ceremony along with Martin Glenn, Neil Montgomery, and Angela Calvin Self.

The Garland Residential Idea Book was published in Spring 2012. The book has been recognized by the Texas APA and the Greater Dallas Planning Council.

The next installment in the Garland Idea Book series, The Efficiency Idea Book is now available to help Garland residents improve water and energy efficiency. The Efficiency Idea Book includes simple projects, guidance for more complex upgrades, family activities for efficiency and more.

Efficiency IDEA BOOK



To learn more, visit
GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org
or call 972-205-2445.

Healthy Living Expo
2014

Saturday, September 27
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Curtis Culwell Center
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

To be a Healthy Earth exhibitor or to be an event volunteer,
visit GoGreenGarland.org or call 972-205-2191.

Garland Innovation Attracts National Interest

The City of Garland is one of only five U.S. cities chosen by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to participate in its Community Needs Assessment Study. The study highlights the innovative projects ongoing in Garland, and identifies unique community needs and possible solutions to meet those needs.

In April, the City of Garland hosted an in-depth round table discussion with local, state and federal partners. The City of Garland's Centerville Marketplace Strategy, a redevelopment plan for an important portion of south Garland, was highlighted.

The Housing and Community Services Department treated the participants to an open house showcasing a property at 300 Avenue D that was developed as part of the City's Great Homes Initiative and utilized HUD funding. Annually, the Housing and Community Services Department develops an average of five new homes located strategically throughout the city.

Celebrating a New Home

The GREAT Homes program, in partnership with the Garland Area Habitat for Humanity and Garland ISD, recently handed over new home keys to Maria Gonzales and her family. Maria's home is one of the houses built each year as part of the Building Trades classes at Naaman Forest High School, with the electrical work completed by students at North Garland High School.

Numerous donors who provided funding and/or materials for the homes: R-Delta, Childress Engineering, United Way, City of Garland, Whirlpool Appliances, Schneider Electric, Encore Wire, Yale, Valspar, Dow Chemical, Dalton, Mobile Mini, Window Treatments, GAF and Lon Smith Roofing, Lowes, Bike and Build, Proctor and Gamble, Grace Fellowship Church in Sunnyvale, and Rev. George Topper.



City Council Bestows Neighborhood Award

The City Council awarded Donna Fields the 2013 Excellence in Neighborhood Service Award. Mayor Douglas Athas, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Fields for going "above and beyond" the expectations and duties of her position as Plans Examiner in the Building Inspections Department.

Her participation in community engagement activities and her high standards of customer service have allowed residents better access to City services.

This annual award was established in 2006 to recognize City employees whose qualities and actions exemplify the following philosophy of the Strategy: "Recognizing the strength of Garland is the character of its neighborhoods; we will work in partnership with neighborhood stakeholders and community resources to build a stronger community and keep Garland an excellent place to live and invest."



Garland's Single Family Landlord Certification Program

The City's Code Compliance Department provides the Landlord Certification Program to single family rental landlords and property managers who have active properties in Garland. This training is offered three times a year and is free of charge.

The next class begins at 1 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2014 at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth Street.

The three-hour training covers a wide range of topics such as required standards, general sanitation and safety, and much more. Participants will have many opportunities to ask specific questions. Landlords and property managers who successfully complete the certification receive permit extensions, and become exempt from change-in-tenancy inspections.

For more information, please call 972-485-6400 or email CertifiedRentalTraining@ci.garland.tx.us.

D.I.Y. Success Story in Carriagehouse Neighborhood

Thanks to our D.I.Y. partners, Garland Area Habitat for Humanity and The Home Depot, our first Build Day was a huge success!

Neighbors and volunteers completed three projects - exterior painting, fence repair and landscaping. The day wrapped up with a block party that included grilled hot dogs and music. The spirit of cooperation from the Carriagehouse neighbors and the many volunteers made a difference on the properties of the homeowners. Additional thanks to Scotts Miracle Gro, National Girls Collaborative Project, and the City of Garland departments who supported the event. For more information and pictures, please visit DIYGarland.org and don't forget to like us on Facebook.

Join the Revolution - Become a D.I.Y. Garland volunteer! Email us at Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-2445.



Protect Your Electronics from Power Surges

Power surges often occur during thunderstorms and can overload or short out the electronics in your home. You can reduce the risk of power surge damage to your electronics by using proper point-of-use and whole-house surge protection devices or by simply unplugging devices during a storm or power outage.

Before purchasing or installing a surge protection device, research how to best meet your home's needs.

- Point-of-use surge protectors look similar to power strips and are the most common type of surge protector. However, not all power strips offer surge protection, so read the product label. Surge protectors will wear out.
- Whole-house or service entrance surge protectors can be installed on your main electrical panel or at the base of your electric meter. Whole-house surge protectors only offer protection from surges entering through your home's electric lines, not through telephone lines or TV/satellite dish cable.

For more information, contact GP&L Risk Management & Safety Specialist Mark Albright at 972-205-2652.

Police and Customer Service Warn of Phone Scams!

The City of Garland continues to receive reports of scam phone calls made to local utility customers. These scams are similar to many being reported nationwide.

In recent incidents, the scammer threatens to disconnect the customer's electric service within the hour if immediate payment is not made by Green Dot MoneyPak card. They advise the customer to purchase prepaid cards at a local store, then call back to provide the card number. Scammers may also offer to pick up a cash payment.

Also, be aware that scammers sometimes use "spoofing" software to deceptively display a utility's name and phone number on the Caller ID.

It is important to know the signs of a scam and how to avoid being a victim:

- **Be suspicious of anyone asking for immediate payment over the phone or payment by prepaid debit card.** The City of Garland will never call you to demand immediate bill payment over the phone or request a specific payment method. For a list of approved payment options, visit GarlandUtilities.org. Be especially wary of calls asking for payment after

the City's working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- **Never provide personal or financial information to people who call or email you.** If you did not initiate the conversation, do not give out information such as Social Security numbers, credit or debit card numbers, or bank account or routing numbers. Please note that if you contact us, you will be asked specific questions to identify yourself.
- **Do not let anyone into your home without an appointment or prior notification.** City of Garland utility employees will never ask to enter your home, or come to your home to collect payment.

If you have any concerns about your utility account or phone scams, call 972-205-2671 or visit 217 N. Fifth Street.

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



CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS Garland Power and Light

Balance Sheet September 30, 2013 With comparative totals for year ended September 30, 2012 (Unaudited)					
	September 30,				
	2013	2012			
ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Current Assets:			Current Liabilities:		
Cash and investments	\$ 47,766,293	43,856,397	From current assets		
Inventories	6,150,086	4,639,850	Payables		
Receivables and others	63,016,100	39,552,147	\$ 31,890,618	35,813,966	
Total current assets	116,932,479	88,048,394	Long Term Liabilities:		
Restricted Assets:			From restricted assets		
Cash and investments	199,820,376	213,450,827	Accounts payable		
Accrued interest receivable	235,683	196,590	14,554,587	1,218,386	
Total restricted assets	200,056,059	213,647,417	Retainage payable		
Property, plant, and equipment -			Total payables from restricted assets		
net of accumulated depreciation			14,554,587	1,232,546	
	344,508,315	270,661,638	Bonds payable and Other		
Other Assets			342,461,681	275,370,826	
	121,417,431	128,185,697	Total long term liabilities		
Total Assets			357,016,268	276,603,372	
\$ 782,914,284	700,543,146	Total Liabilities			
			388,906,886	312,417,338	
			EQUITY		
			Retained earnings:		
			Invested in capital assets, net of debt		
			209,648,278	121,533,515	
			Restricted		
			175,112,661	193,962,533	
			Unrestricted		
			9,246,459	72,629,760	
			Total retained earnings		
			394,007,398	388,125,808	
			Total Liabilities, Contributed		
			Capital, and Retained Earnings		
			\$ 782,914,284	700,543,146	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings Year Ended September 30, 2013 With comparative totals for year ended September 30, 2012 (Unaudited)		
	September 30,	
	2013	2012
Operating revenues:		
Charges for service	\$ 296,866,570	222,228,397
Other	891,631	1,472,387
Total operating revenues	297,758,201	223,700,784
Operating expenses before depreciation:		
Fuel purchases/Demand Charges	192,990,574	82,829,698
Operating expenses	36,759,798	40,435,003
General and administrative	11,421,559	10,674,684
Total operating expenses before depreciation	241,171,931	133,939,385
Operating income before depreciation	56,586,270	89,761,399
Depreciation and Amortization expense	18,931,074	19,481,133
Operating Income	37,655,196	70,280,266
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Return on investment	(19,451,298)	(19,451,298)
Earnings on investments	(30,072)	1,393,215
Interest expense	(10,249,362)	(10,739,376)
Other	(1,076,570)	(1,464,313)
Net transfers	(966,304)	(732,995)
Net nonoperating revenue (expense)	(31,773,606)	(30,994,767)
Net Income	5,881,590	39,285,499
Retained earnings at beginning of year	388,125,808	348,840,309
Retained earnings at end of year	\$ 394,007,398	388,125,808

Audited financial statements providing greater detail can be obtained from the City of Garland Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013. The CAFR report is located on the City of Garland website at www.garlandtx.gov/gov/eg/finance/complanreport.asp

GP&L maintained the 1 cent reduction of the RAF (Revenue Adjustment Factor) component of the rate for electric service. On June 1, 2010, GP&L reduced the RAF by 1 cent. This reduction was initially scheduled to end October 31, 2010; however, because of sustained lower energy costs through continued substantive cost reducing measures implemented by GP&L, as well as an increase in its wholesale energy service activities, GP&L maintained the rate reduction through fiscal year 2013 and will maintain the reduction through at least September 30, 2014.

Performing Arts

Shows & Events

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

Rankin Brother's Rock-n-Roll Tribute Show | 8 p.m. Aug. 1

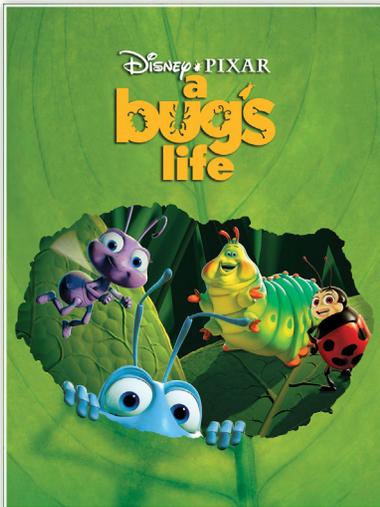
This fast-paced production covers more than five decades of music and will keep the audience entertained with impersonations, tributes and comedy. The Rankin Brothers, along with their talented female vocalist, Lori Kelly, and their All-Star five piece band, authentically replicate each song and voice of the greatest legends of yesterday and today. Tickets are \$33 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and younger. Tickets for groups of 20 or more are available for \$24 each. To purchase tickets, visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or call 972-205-2790.



At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

A Bug's Life | 2 p.m. July 5

To kick off National Park and Recreation Month in July, come and watch *A Bug's Life* at the Plaza Theatre. Before the movie, join us on the Downtown Square for a "buggy" ice cream social starting at 1 p.m. Ice cream will be provided by Paw Paw's Sweet Shop and Cafe. *A Bug's Life*, is a film about a misfit ant looking for fighters to save his colony from greedy grasshoppers.



It's the perfect family film for a hot summer's day! This film is *free* and open to everyone. For more information on other Park and Recreation Month activities, please visit GarlandParks.com.

Disney's Aladdin Kids | 7:30 p.m. July 11; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 12

Actors Anonymous Theatre Company will present its 9th summer camp musical. Enjoy a musical adventure filled with magic,

mayhem, and flying carpet rides. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors. Reservations may be made at TheDramaQueens.com.



Cinderella – Love, Hate & Christ | 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. July 26; 3 p.m. July 27

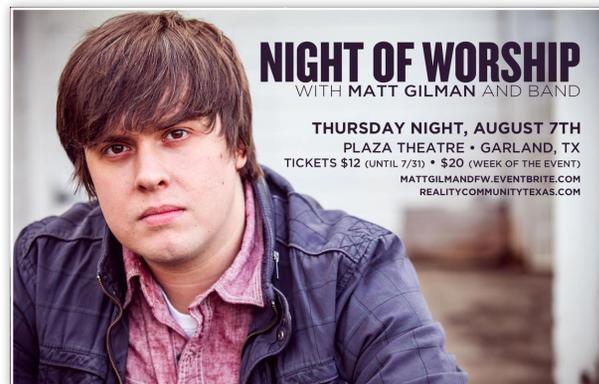
Visual Teaching will present its spin on Cinderella. Through this well-known fairytale, audiences will understand the divine wisdom of God, an epic tale of Love, Hate & Christ. Tickets are \$10 (group prices are available). To purchase tickets online, visit VisualTeaching.org. Call 1-800-955-4331 ext. 801.

Wagon Wheels West | July 31-Aug. 3

This fast-paced comedy is filled with a goofy stable of hilarious characters. For tickets, visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or call 972-205-2790. For more information, call 972-977-7710 or visit CORPtheatre.org.

Night of Worship with Matt Gilman & Band 7 p.m. Aug. 7

This is a Night of Worship to bless the Body of Christ in our metroplex organized by Reality Community.



Unbound: Break the Chain | 7 p.m. Aug. 16

Tickets are \$20 when bought online in advance and \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets visit BXAproductions.com. For more information, contact Meosha Jones or Katina Wren at BXAproductions@gmail.com.

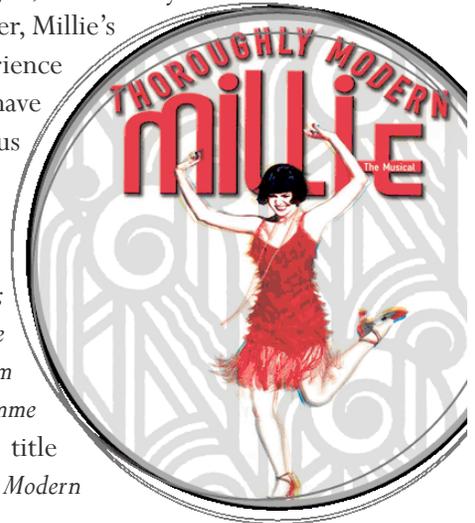
Gam Ganapathy Namo Namah | 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 23

Join the Pranavam School of Music for its 5th Anniversary Celebration. Students will sing several compositions in the Carnatic classical music style. The event is free and open to the public. For details, call Sanathi Mahadevan at 972-678-0774.

Garland Summer Musicals

Thoroughly Modern Millie

July 18-27 • Join the Garland Summer Musicals for a song and dance spectacular! This Tony Award winning musical is based on the 1967 film starring Julie Andrews. It's the story of Kansas farm girl Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York in 1922 to become a "modern" flapper, find a job, and marry her boss. However, Millie's New York experience turns out to have lots of hilarious twists of fate and fortune. The sparkling songs include: *Jimmy; Forget About the Boy; Long As I'm Here With You; Gimme Gimme*; and the title song, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.



Performances are 8 p.m. July 18, 19, 25, and 26 and 2:30 p.m. July 20 & 27. For tickets visit GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or call 972-205-2790.

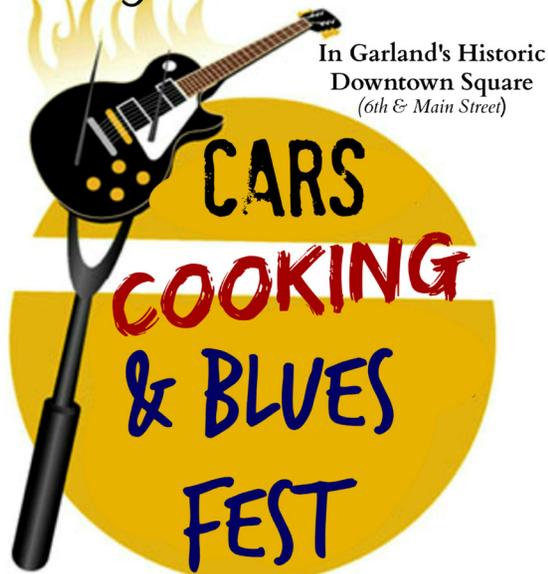
Garland Civic Theatre

The Wiz | July 31-Aug. 23

Winner of seven Tony awards, this beloved Broadway musical sets Dorothy's adventures in the Land of Oz to music in a dazzling, lively mixture of rock, gospel, and soul. Performances are in the Small Theatre of the Granville Arts Center. Season tickets on sale now. Single tickets go on sale July 7. Tickets are \$23-\$27 and are available at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or by calling 972-205-2790. Visit GarlandCivicTheatre.org.



The Garland 2014



July 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. • The Garland Downtown Business Association, Eventive Marketing Solutions, and Trophy Nissan will present Garland Cars, Cooking & Blues 2014. Enjoy a day filled with music and food, great cars, and some shopping with local vendors. The event will feature new and classic cars, a variety of food trucks, local vendors, musicians and a kids area. The crew from KKVI also will be on hand throughout the day. Proceeds from this event will go to New Beginnings Center of Garland, which provides education, prevention and intervention programs and services to those affected by domestic violence. For event details or to become a vendor or sponsor, contact Kirk Lovett at Kirk@EventiveMarketingSolutions.com or call 866-242-8078.

THE MARKETPLACE

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | July 19 and Aug. 16
Downtown Square • Visit 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 produced 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.

12th Annual

Neighborhood Summit: Paths that Lead to Neighborhood Excellence

Saturday, Oct. 25
Hyatt Place - Garland,
5101 N. President George Bush Hwy.

Keynote Speaker
Charles L. Marohn, Strong Towns

Registration - \$20 per person

To register, email
Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov
or call 972-205-2445.

More information –
GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org



6th Annual Senior Awareness Day

Friday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to noon
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth Street

Come enjoy exhibitors, entertainment,
refreshments and door prizes.
Free to all.

For more information:
972-234-8980
2014SeniorAwarenessDay@gmail.com

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The Noon Exchange Club of Garland presents the 69th Annual Labor Day Parade

Monday, Sept. 1, 9 a.m.

The parade will make some changes to
the traditional route.

Visit GarlandLaborDayEvent.com for details.

Following the parade, gather at the
historic Downtown Garland Square for
live entertainment, bounce houses, pony
rides and a classic car show.



2014 CITY OF GARLAND

H2O EX CONSERVE & PROTECT

Saturday
September 27

Race Time
8:15 a.m.

Curtis Culwell Center
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.
Garland, Texas



Low cost of
\$10

with a
free shirt
and awards

Registration will
be \$15 after 9/10

GoGreenGarland.org for more information

Library

Programs & Events

All libraries will be closed
Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Children/Youth Programs

Summer Storytimes | Through August 2

Central Library

625 Austin Street, 972-205-2517

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Mondays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Mondays, 11 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library

3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

Wee Read (birth to 18 mos.) Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Fridays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Fridays, 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library

4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Family Storytime Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585

Family Storytime Tuesdays, 7 p.m.



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. Supplies will be provided. Call 972-205-2516.

- 5 to 6 p.m. Aug. 12, Walnut Creek Branch Library,
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 13, Central Library
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14, North Garland Library
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 16, South Garland 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.

July: Fantasy Books, Fairy Tales and Rainbow Loom Bracelets

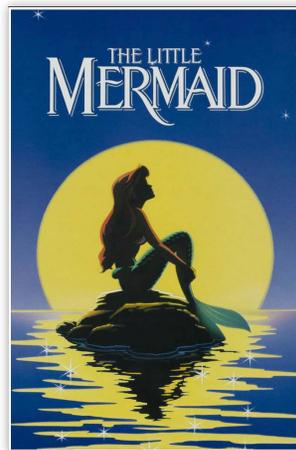
- 6:30 p.m. July 3, South Garland Branch Library
- 4 p.m. July 10, North Garland Branch Library

Family Game Time, 2 to 4 p.m. July 9, Central Library • Bring the family and play some games. All ages are welcome. Both video game and board game options will be available.

Afternoon "Bored" Game Club, 1 to 3 p.m. July 22 and 29, Central Library • Youth ages 6-12 are invited to play various types of board games.

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, call 972-205-2804.

- *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*, 6 p.m. July 24, Walnut Creek Branch Library
- *The Little Mermaid*, 6 p.m. July 31, North Garland Branch Library



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

- July 26, In the Deep, Deep Sea

Teen Programs

Garland Teens Choose Top Ten Reads • Teens 12-17, help compile a list of the Top Ten Teen Reads by nominating your favorite books June 7- Aug. 2. Nomination forms are available at any Garland library location. Simply register for the Summer Reading Program and receive a form with your reading log. Once all the votes are submitted, each of the four Garland libraries will have a drawing for a free book. The Top Ten Teen Reads list will be made into bookmarks that can be picked up Oct. 12-18 during Teen Read Week.



Blast from the Past Teen Social, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. July 12, South Garland Library Branch • Teens ages 12-17 are invited to go retro and experience a night devoted to the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. Enjoy dancing, games, a bubble gum blowing contest, pet rock decoration, and light refreshments. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in clothes from their favorite decade.

Upcycle Crafts for Teens, 2 to 4 p.m. July 16, Central Library • Crafty teens ages 12-17 are invited to learn about upcycling and make crafts from recycled household items. The library will provide all the project materials.



Teen Game Time, 7 p.m. July 17, North Garland Branch Library • Play Nintendo Wii, Kinect, board games and more. Must be 12-17 years old to attend.

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.

- July 17, DixieSwing Band – This group specializes in New Orleans-style Dixieland music.
- Aug. 21, Matt Tolentino – Tolentino specializes in music from the 1920s and early 1930s. For this performance, he will take the stage solo to present jazz and polka favorites on the accordion.



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:

- July 24, *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel
 - Aug. 28, *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci
- No registration is required. Call 972-205-2502.



Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading and Fun for Kids • *Make a Splash: Read!* Children, infants through age 11, and teens, ages 12-17, are encouraged to participate. Participants may pick up the first of four reading logs at any Garland Library Children's Desk. Once participants have read for at least 20 minutes a day for 7 days, they can exchange their logs for age-appropriate prizes and additional reading logs. 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

- July 7, Brett Roberts Magic Show
- July 14, 2Tone Musical Duo
- July 21, Juggler David Slick
- July 28, Dinosaur George's Fossils

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

- July 9, Dallas Zoo Animal Show
- July 16, 2Tone Musical Duo
- July 23, Juggler David Slick
- July 30, Dinosaur George's Fossils

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

- July 10, Brett Robert's Magic Show
- July 17, 2Tone Musical Duo
- July 24, Juggler David Slick
- July 31, Dinosaur George's Fossils

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

- July 12, Brett Roberts Magic Show
- July 19, Creature Teacher Animal Show
- July 26, Juggler David Slick
- Aug. 2, Dinosaur George's Fossils

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 members of the public aged 18 and up. Call 972-205-2502 for details.

- 2 p.m. July 19, Jim Montgomery – A part of the U.S. Men's Swim Team, James "Jim" Montgomery won three gold medals and a bronze at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Quebec. Montgomery will discuss what it takes to become a champion.
- 7 p.m. July 31, Mark Shelton – Marimba soloist, Mark Shelton, combines more than a dozen percussion instruments into a high-energy performance blending influences from classical, jazz, folk and pop music.

Recreation Center

Programs & Events

Duck Creek Adventure Camp | July 14 – 18

Ages 9 - 14 Yrs, \$75 per child, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Discover group adventures. Try repelling, archery, rock climbing, disc golf, and more. For more information, 972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTx.gov.



Football Camp | July 7 – 10

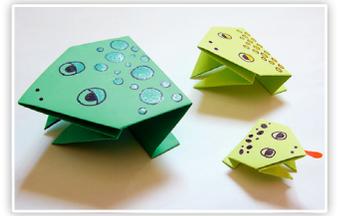
Ages 6 - 18 Yrs, \$180 per child, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. All aspects of the game will be covered from the rules to the skills. Learn passing, catching, tackling, and route running techniques. For more information, 972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTx.gov.

Kickboxing | July 10 – 31

Ages 9 Yrs and up, \$45 per person, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Motivating demonstrations and energizing exercise focus on essential aerobic kickboxing movement, techniques, and conditioning. For more information, 972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTx.gov.

Origami | Fridays, July 11 – 25

Ages 6 - 12 Yrs, \$17 per child, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. From flat paper to a completed model, learn the many folds that make up this ancient and fascinating art form. For more information, 972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTx.gov.



Kids Sports Camps | Weekly in July



Ages 7 - 12 Yrs, Camp prices vary, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Master the techniques of various sports including baseball, basketball, soccer, and volleyball. Each sport meets daily for one week. For more information, 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTx.gov.

Growing up Wild | July 14 – 18

Ages 4 - 6 Yrs, \$127 per child, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut Street. Learn all about the environment including the ecosystem, plants, and animals through hands on, lab based science experiments. For more information, 972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTx.gov.

MAD DOG MOORE

Memorial Bass Tournament

Honoring the Memory of Garland Police Officer Michael David Moore

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6, 2014

OAK RIDGE MARINA
LAKE FORK, TEXAS

WEIGH-IN BEGINS AT 2 P.M.

\$10,000 IN CASH AND PRIZES

More details at MadDogMoore.com

Proceeds benefit the
Shriners Hospitals for Children

PARK & RECREATION MONTH

JULY 2014

Get out and play this summer at Garland's Park & Recreation Month events!

- July 5** 1 p.m. Ice Cream Social & "A Bug's Life" - Plaza Theater
- July 7-18** Digital Scavenger Hunt Contest at Duck Creek
- July 7-18** Kite Decorating Contest (kites available at rec centers)
- July 25** Family Night Out Picnic at Central Park
Food trucks, fun & FIREWORKS 6 - 9 p.m.

GarlandParks.com

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Libraries – Closed July 4

Recreation Centers – Closed July 4 and Sept. 1

Senior Centers – Closed July 4 and Sept. 1

Holford Pool - Open July 4, 2:30 to 5 p.m.;
Closed Sept. 1

Bradfield Pool - Open July 4, 1 to 5 p.m.;
Closed Sept. 1

Surf and Swim - Open July 4 and Sept. 1,
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Environmental Waste Services Offices closed
July 4 and Sept. 1; Regular Tuesday-Friday garbage,
recycling, and brush and bulky goods collection

Recycling Center – Open July 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
Closed Sept. 1

Transfer Station – Open July 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
Closed Sept. 1

C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood
Recycling Facility – Open July 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
Closed Sept. 1

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July Events

- 6/30 City Council Work Session
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 1 City Council Meeting
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 4 Star Spangled Spectacular
Firewheel Town Center
245 Cedar Sage Dr.
- 14 Plan Commission
Central Library
625 Austin St.
- 14 City Council Work Session
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 15 City Council Meeting
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 18 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
1630 Commerce St.
- 25 Family Night Out Picnic
at Central Park
1310 W. Avenue F
- 28 Plan Commission
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.



August Events

- 1 Senior Awareness Day
The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.
- 4 City Council Work Session
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 5 City Council Meeting
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 8 Last Day for Summer Nutrition
Program
- 11 Plan Commission
Goldie Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
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- 15 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
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- 18 City Council Work Session
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