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Message

from the Mayor

We are seeing progress and change all over Garland. That change along our thoroughfares will become much more apparent in many new ways. For the last year, the City has gone through an extensive study to prepare a new Thoroughfare Plan. The new Plan will incorporate the Envision Garland comprehensive plan approved in 2012 to improve roadway capacity, street connectivity, introduce some new roadways and provide extensions to existing roadways where needed. Major consideration is being given to downtown and there is even consideration to returning Avenues B and D to two-way streets. This would be dependent on potentially rerouting State Highway 78 through the center of Garland and creating a new front door approach for Downtown.

Street design under the Plan would give consideration to walkable streets, bicycle routes and pathways, parks and open space, and nicer medians and streetscapes. The demand from citizens for bike paths has long been unmet in our community. We will be able to provide

striped on-street lanes, off-street trails, car and bike shared routes, and routes with proper signage. Now that the Plan has gone through the public input process, it will soon be considered by City Council for input and next steps.

Garland Power and Light will be replacing all the street lights along major routes throughout the city over the next three years with LED lighting. The change will pay for itself in energy savings. Just as importantly, the new lights will be full-spectrum so we can see colors accurately. The light coverage on the street will be more even and will have much less flare. The current light standards (poles) will all be replaced with a totally new, black design.

Much more is being planned for neighborhoods, declining shopping centers, and other ways to improve Garland. We're getting a lot of positive feedback from many people across the region but we still have much to do.

As always, I encourage you to stay involved in what we are doing. Together, we can continue to Grow Community, Grow Opportunity and Grow Garland.

Remember:

Grow Community. Grow Opportunity. Grow Garland.



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

Mayor's Evening In

5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26

Thursday, June 25

Mayor's Office

City Hall 200 N. 5th St.

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 Goldie Locke Room of the Duckworth Utility Services Building, 217 N. Fifth St. 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 5 and 19, June 2 and 16
- 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 4 and 18, June 1 and 15
- 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 11, June 8 and 22
 - 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.

Garland City Council Names Next City Manager

Earlier this year, Bill Dollar announced he would retire at the end of May. The Garland City Council named his successor at their March 17 meeting.

Assistant City Manager Bryan Bradford will assume the duties of City Manager as of May 1, 2015. At that time, Bill will become City Manager Emeritus until his retirement date.

“Bryan has been well respected for his roles that have strengthened Garland and for his leadership,” said Mayor Douglas Athas. “He was unanimously supported by the Council and administrative staff for his understanding of the organization and goals and for being able to continue the forward progress Garland has made in recent years, even through a recession. He will continue to innovate new ways to grow Garland, which includes financially and culturally.”

Bryan says he is honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve Garland in this role. “I am fortunate to have the support of a City Council with a strong vision, as well as to be surrounded by the dedicated people who make up this organization. I’m immensely grateful for the legacy Bill has provided for us to build upon.”

Bryan has served the City of Garland in several roles since 1994 including Senior Managing Director, Managing Director of Budget and Research, and Director of Organizational Development.

Prior to public service, Bryan had a successful career in the private sector as the vice president of the Lindee Corporation and later as the Managing Partner of UNITS. At Lindee, a holding company, Bryan was involved in a variety of business sectors including manufacturing, oil and gas, agriculture, retail, equity investing and portfolio management. As the Managing Partner of UNITS, Bryan was responsible for developing and managing a successful retail franchise. After selling UNITS to JC Penney’s in 1991, Bryan chose a career path that better fit his desires to make a positive difference in the lives of others and the community. This led to his enrollment at Texas Tech University and completion of a Master’s degree in Public Administration in 1993. His previous education included a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Abilene Christian University in 1982.

Bryan is a member of the International City Managers Association, Texas City Managers Association,



Government Finance Officers Association and serves on the Board of Trustees for Baylor-Garland Hospital and the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

Bryan is married to Teria Bradford and they have two daughters, Shawntee’ and Haleigh, as well as a grandson. Bryan and his wife are active in several children’s charities including Dillon International Adoption Agency and Boles Children’s Home. In his leisure time, Bryan enjoys sailing with his family and is an avid reader.

City Council and City Manager Swearing-In

The City of Garland will not hold an election this May. The Mayor and City Council members from Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8 are all eligible for re-election, and no other candidates filed to oppose them.

An official swearing-in ceremony is set for Tuesday, May 19, for Mayor Douglas Athas, District 3 City Council Member Stephen Stanley, District 6 City Council Member Lori Dodson, District 7 City Council Member Scott LeMay and District 8 City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cahill.

Incoming City Manager Bryan Bradford will also be sworn into office on May 19. The ceremony will take place at the beginning of the City Council Regular Meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Goldie Locke Meeting Room in the Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St.

It is important to note that Garland ISD will hold an election on May 9.

Check DallasCountyVotes.org for voting information.

Watch Garland Grow: *Downtown Update*

Garland’s Downtown Redevelopment will reach several milestones during the next few months.

Concrete work on the intersection of State and Fifth Streets, as well as parts of Austin Street east of Fifth Street, should be complete by early May. Meanwhile, site preparation continues on the northwest corner of State and Fifth Streets for a three-story building with office space on the first floor and apartment units on the upper levels. The alleyway that runs along the south side of the Duckworth Utility Services Building will be closed to facilitate construction activities.

Oaks Properties is scheduled to open two of five apartment buildings next to City Hall in early May. The remaining three buildings are scheduled to open in August. Leasing activities are underway. Visit OaksCityCenter.com for more information.

City Hall renovations will continue through the end of the year. The façade on the north side of the building is complete. Expansion of the west lobby and other interior infrastructure work is underway. The Lyles House was moved to Heritage Crossing in



late March (see story p. 10). The historic house will be lowered to rest on its new foundation in early May.

The fountain on the Downtown Square has been filled in. Final concrete work should be complete by early May, allowing for public use of the center of the Square area. Workers will complete detail work during the next few weeks.

Garland Youth Council Hosts Teen Talk

The Garland Youth Council (GYC) invited area teens to share their opinions and learn valuable leadership lessons during Teen Talk on April 11.

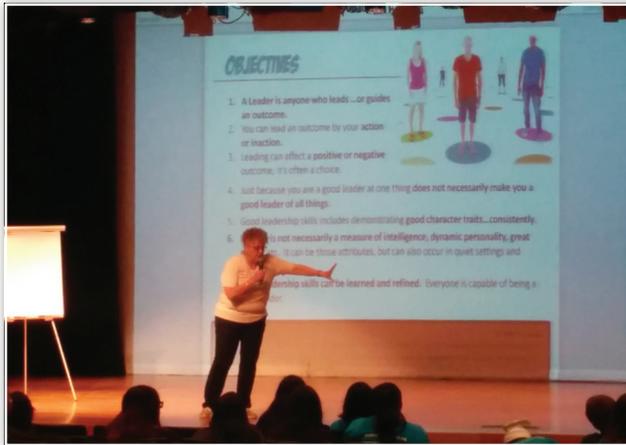
The gathering of more than 25 teens participated in an interactive leadership training and had the opportunity to ask questions of Garland Mayor Douglas Athas, along with GYC President and Vice President, Kylie Beene and Elizabeth Sinclair. The teens asked about topics such as Garland's future and the GYC's role in the City organization.

The GYC provides teens a forum for learning about the City government process and getting involved. Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 in the 2015-16 school year are invited to apply to be appointed to the Garland Youth Council.

Visit GarlandYouthCouncil.org or call 972-205-2471 for more information.



Teens participate in a discussion with Mayor Douglas Athas, GYC President and Vice President, Kylie Beene and Elizabeth Sinclair.



Resident Reminder

Garland City Ordinance states...

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

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




WATER CONSERVING PLANT SALE
8 a.m. to Noon Saturday, May 23
Home Depot - Firewheel
3261 N. Pres. George Bush Hwy

Join the City of Garland Water and Stormwater Departments as they partner with The Home Depot to offer varieties of drought-tolerant plants that thrive in the Texas heat. Speak with a master gardener, plant expert, or irrigation specialist to get ideas and tips for landscaping in North Texas. Dallas County Master Gardeners will offer free classes during the event. For information, visit www.GoGreenGarland.org or call 972-205-2180.

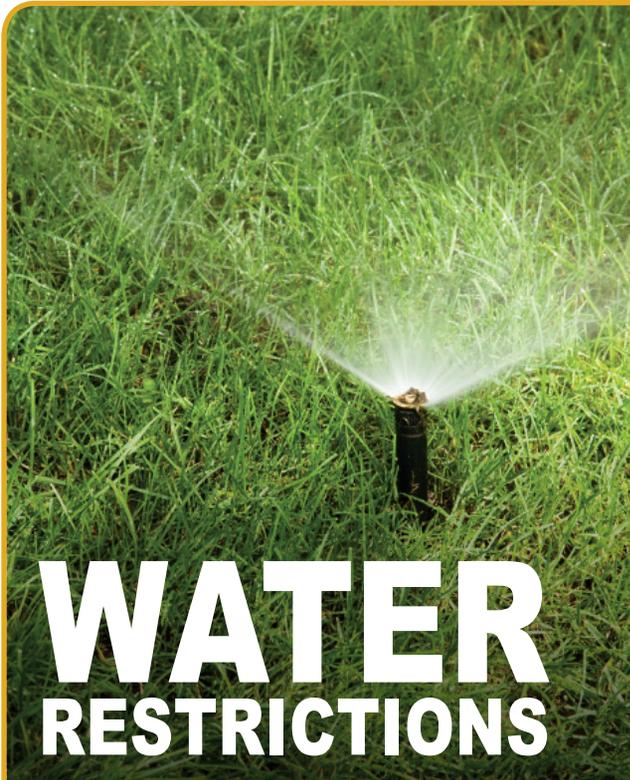
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Free Kids Workshop
 Hands-on gardening workshop for children ages 5-12.



www.txsmartscape.com



WATER RESTRICTIONS

Effective May 1, City of Garland residents may water their lawns up to two times per week.

For information, visit GarlandWater.com.

City Departments Promote Neighborhood Investment Capacity-Building for Local Nonprofits

The City of Garland led several community investment programs during the past few months to help improve Garland neighborhoods.

The D.I.Y. Garland—Curb Appeal series kicked off in February with classes on landscaping, exterior painting and fences. In April, in celebration of Fair Housing Month, the series included film showings, first-time homebuyer classes and more. During Community Development Week, community volunteers and City employees assisted with the demolition, clean up, renovation and landscaping of several properties that will be sold to veterans and first-time homebuyers through the GREAT Homes program (see story on page 8).

Join the movement by attending Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) classes such as First Saturdays with Scotts, Home Maintenance 101 and more. Download a free copy of the Residential Idea Book or Efficiency Idea Book by visiting GarlandTx.gov. To get involved on a neighborhood level, neighborhood associations may apply for a Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant to help fund an eligible project.

For more information, contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-2445 or Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov.



The second year of Rethink Capacity began on March 19 with a networking and kick-off event. Local nonprofit leaders and program alumni met to collaborate on community transformation activities that advance Garland's Vision for 2030.

Rethink Capacity, administered in partnership with BE The Delta, provides capacity building and partnership preparation for organizations that serve Garland residents. The topics covered in this six-month program give stakeholders the tools they need to build their internal capacity, identify their support network in the community, and collaborate on community initiatives.

Graduates of Rethink Capacity include Garland Area Habitat for Humanity, Springcreek Church, Loving Garland Green, IKandy Foundation, and Garland's Office of Vital Neighborhoods.

For information, visit www.BETheDelta.net and click on Rethink Capacity.

Office of Neighborhood Vitality | Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov | 972-205-2445

Congratulations to NUSA Awards Finalist

The Shores at Wellington neighborhood association has been selected as a finalist for the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Neighborhood of the Year Award, which recognizes exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organizations. Diane Gambill will travel to Houston for the NUSA Conference on behalf of The Shores of Wellington to present their neighborhood project. Judging for the award is based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation, and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization.

The City of Garland also was nominated as a finalist for the Best Neighborhood Program of the Year Award for the D.I.Y. Garland program. This award recognizes outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity, business, or corporation. Representatives from Garland's Planning & Community Development Department will attend the conference in May to present D.I.Y. Garland to the judges, as well as conduct a break-out session for general attendees on how the program empowers residents to address home improvement, connect with neighbors, and engage community partners.

Created in 1975, NUSA is a national nonprofit organization committed to strengthening neighborhood organizations.



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HOA Legal Clinic

Saturday, May 2
8 a.m. to noon
The Hyatt Place-Garland

\$15 per person

To register, visit:
GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org
or call 972-205-2451

Vaccinations: *Not Just for Kids!*

Most parents ensure their children stay up-to-date on their vaccinations; however, staying healthy should be a priority for everyone, including adults.

Adults need immunizations to help prevent them from getting and spreading serious diseases. Do not assume the vaccines you received as a child will protect you for the rest of your life.

The protection from some vaccines you may have received can wear off over time. Or the virus or bacteria that the vaccine protects against may change, and your resistance is not as strong. Some of the newer vaccines may not have even been available when you were a child. As you get older, you may also be at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases due to your age, job, lifestyle, hobbies, travel, or chronic health conditions.

Grandparents and family members of infants should consider receiving a Tdap vaccination to protect the baby from whooping cough (pertussis) until he/she can be fully vaccinated. When an infant contracts this life-threatening illness, an older family member is the most likely source of infection.

Those who are planning a summer vacation or mission trip should find out what immunizations are needed for travel to other parts of the world. College students also



need to make sure they are up-to-date on the meningitis vaccination before starting class this fall.

Vaccination is a simple measure that can be taken to help prevent diseases that could result not only in serious health problems, but missed work, medical bills, and inability to care for your family.

Call the registered nurses at Garland's Public Health Clinic at 972-205-3370 to find out which vaccines you may need. Many private health insurance plans cover the cost of recommended adult vaccines. Those who are uninsured may qualify for the Adult Safety Net program.

West Nile Virus

In an effort to prevent West Nile Virus, the Garland Health Department's mosquito hotline at 972-205-3720 is receiving phone calls to provide information regarding vector-borne diseases. The hotline is for residents to report mosquito problems; stagnant, standing water; and to notify the Health Department of dead birds. Birds will not be tested this year, but residents are urged to report when and where they see dead crows and/or blue jays to help pinpoint potential problem areas of virus activity. Residents should help protect themselves and their families by doing the following:

- Eliminate standing water 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), and;
- 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 also available on the City of Garland Health Department website. Visit GarlandTx.gov, and click on Health Department from the "City Government" drop down menu.

City to Offer Summer Nutrition Meals

for 20th Consecutive Year

To promote children's health and nutrition, the City of Garland will offer the Children's Summer Nutrition Program free to Garland residents 18 years and younger.

Nutritious meals will be served five days a week June 8-Aug. 7 (excluding July 3) at Garland parks, recreation centers, and select apartments and community churches. No enrollment or registration is required. For a list of meal service sites and times, visit GarlandTx.gov.

The program will emphasize the 3E's for optimal health and nutrition: Education, Exercise and Eating Right. The City of Garland will sponsor the Children's Summer Nutrition Program with various community organizations. In celebration of the 20 years of service, special program activities will be held throughout the summer at various meal sites.

For information, call 972-205-3335.



Former Mayor Ronald E. Jones Honored

by Leadership Garland

Former Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones was recently honored by Leadership Garland as its 2015 Distinguished Alumni. Mayor Jones was a member of the first class of Leadership Garland, a Chamber of Commerce Program that will graduate its 34th class in May.



Mayor Jones has been active in the Garland community for more than 35 years. He started his career in Garland as a grassroots neighborhood organizer. His

lifetime of service to

Garland spans not only working for the City of Garland, but also as a tireless community volunteer, organizer and supporter of many organizations including Leadership Garland. He is widely known and respected for his commitment and dedication of service to the City.

He served as Mayor of Garland for six years, from 2007 to 2013.

Excellence Award for *Wedding Venues*

WeddingWire, the nation's leading online wedding marketplace, has recognized The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center with the WeddingWire Rated™ Silver badge for excellence in wedding venues. The program consists of five levels that wedding professionals can attain based on the number of reviews they receive (Blue, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Black). The Silver badge is reached when a business has received twenty five or more wedding reviews.

"The Atrium is thrilled to have received the WeddingWire Rated™ Silver badge for Wedding Venue Category in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex," said Mark Wilson, event director at the Atrium. "It is our chief objective to provide positive experiences for our clients, and we would like to thank them for taking the time to post reviews on WeddingWire."

Bride's Choice Award 2010, 2011, 2013

Couple's Choice Award 2014, 2015

For more information about The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, visit GarlandArts.com.

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Animal Services News

Trap-Neuter-Return Program for Feral Cats

The City of Garland has an active Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to help with the growing unwanted feral cat population. Feral cats are humanely trapped and brought to the shelter. TNR picks up the cat, performs a spay or neuter surgery, and releases the sterilized animal back in the area from which it came.

Please remember to notify the officer picking up the cat that you want to participate in the TNR program. To call for a pickup, call 972-205-3570, option 1. Let the dispatcher know that you have a trapped cat for the TNR program.

Trap-Neuter-Return Workshop

Garland Animal Services and Garland Pawsibilities will host a Trap-Neuter-Return Workshop on May 24 and June 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 Main St in Downtown Garland.

Topics to be covered are:

- Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) overview
- How you can help control the feral cat population in Garland
- Opportunity to learn from experienced trappers
- How to get free sterilization/rabies vaccination for registered colony managers

For additional information on Garland's TNR Pilot Program, visit GarlandPawsibilities.org and click on Trap-Neuter-Return.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to staff the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 E. Main St. Workers 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.



"PAWSITIVELY LOVED"

Upcoming Adoption Events

Garland Animal Services and Garland Pawsibilities are hosting a series of adoption events:

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oak Park School, 2402 Firewheel Pkwy.

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pet Adoption Center, 813 Main St.

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oak Park School, 2402 Firewheel Pkwy.

Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pet Adoption Center, 813 Main St.

The Pet Adoption Center will be open for business 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 and Sunday, June 21. Come out, get some sun, and give our adoptable pets a chance to be part of your family.

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Garland Animal Shelter

Rabies vaccinations will be offered, along with deworming, DHHP, City registration, and Microchips. No appointment is needed.

\$10 Rabies vaccine

\$5 DHHP

\$5 Deworming-pyrantel

\$5 City Registration, spayed/neutered pet

\$15 City registration, unsterilized pet

\$20 Microchip

To make a donation to the Garland Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center or to sponsor an adoption, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org or call 972-205-3548.

How We GROW GARLAND

Editor's note – In 2013, the City of Garland organization launched an internal initiative to help employees focus on how each of their individual jobs are important to the growth and success of our entire community. This initiative included updated Mission, Vision and Values statements and made a positive impact on City employees. In each 2015 issue of the Garland City Press, we will profile a City department and share how that department contributes to Garland's growth.



City Volunteers Lend a Hand for National Community Development Week

More than 65 employees from 10 City departments came together to help clean up and improve houses in several Garland neighborhoods in celebration of National Community Development Week, which was held April 6-11.

In conjunction with the weeklong community event, Bank of America generously donated a home to Green Extreme Homes to turn it into an affordable, energy-efficient home for a local veteran. To further show Bank of America's commitment to veterans, the company's employees volunteered their time on April 10 and 11, to help with the cleanup and site preparation.

The GREAT Homes program is administered by the City's Housing and Community Services Department, and is an innovative approach to re-energizing Garland's existing housing stock through energy-efficient, aesthetic upgrades while maintaining the architectural integrity of Garland's more mature neighborhoods. The program offers creative financing terms that benefit the homebuyers and also provides a dollar-per-dollar return on the City's investment.

"The good that was done through these volunteer efforts has a ripple effect and encourages others to take pride in their neighborhood," said Mona Woodard, Neighborhood Services manager. "It will change these families' lives forever."



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*- Mona Woodard,
Neighborhood Services Manager*



"We are delighted that Bank of America is investing in our community with their generosity and energy," said Mayor Douglas Athas. "Partnerships such as the one between the City, Bank of America and Green Extreme Homes can make a difference for individual families, for neighborhoods, and for the entire city."

These volunteer efforts saved thousands of dollars in labor costs on projects to assist the community. Projects completed throughout the week at four different home sites included landscaping, cleanup, and renovation and demolition for several properties, which will be sold to veterans and first-time homebuyers through the City's GREAT Homes program.



City of Garland partnered with Green Extreme Homes and Bank of America to offer a Veteran family an opportunity at a new life.

Garland Heritage Celebration

Garland celebrated its rich history on April 11, at the City's second Garland Heritage Celebration event.

Hundreds of people attended the family event, which featured musical entertainment, a model train exhibit, children's activities, walking tours of the Landmark Museum and Downtown Garland, and a rededication ceremony in celebration of the completion of the exterior refurbishment of the historic 1910 Pullman Coach Car #582. The railcar represents a unique hybrid design and is believed to be one of only a dozen that remain in existence in North America today.

Also featured in this year's celebration was the dedication of the new Texas Historical Marker recognizing the Travis College Hill Historic District, located on Eleventh Street between Avenues B and D. The historic Pace House, which has been turned over to private ownership, was relocated to this street in October 2014.



Excellence Made Here!

Purchasing Department Receives 2014 National Excellence Award

The City of Garland Purchasing Department has achieved the status of excellence in the procurement field for 17 consecutive years by receiving the 2014 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) award.



The AEP award is sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute, a nationwide professional organization for governmental procurement professionals. The award is designed to recognize organizational excellence in procurement. The Purchasing Department was recognized with the award as a result of high ratings in the areas of innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership.

This recognition enables the City of Garland Purchasing Department to objectively demonstrate to residents, City Council, management, and both its internal and external customers, that the department is dedicated to continual improvement and innovation in the field of purchasing and supply management.

Excellence in Neighborhood Service Award Winner

On April 21 Mayor Douglas Athas, on behalf of the City Council, awarded Reinaldo Zavala with the Excellence in Neighborhood Service Award as an excellent representative of the City of Garland. Zavala's friendly customer service and volunteerism have enhanced the Animal Services Department's ability to engage Garland residents. As Senior Animal Services Officer, Reinaldo encourages community education on pet safety and adoption through promotional videos, speaking engagements, and community interaction.

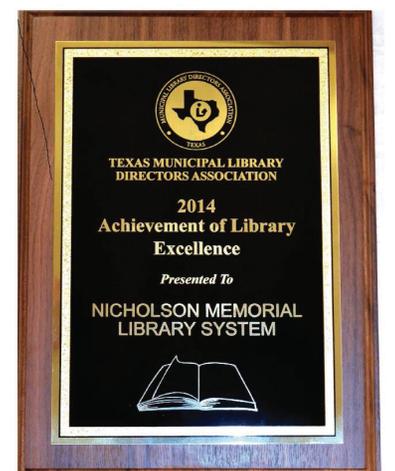


Library Receives 2014 Achievement of Excellence Award

For the tenth consecutive year, Garland's Nicholson Memorial Library System is a recipient of the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

The Texas Municipal Library Directors Association presents the award to libraries that have demonstrated service excellence through the attainment of specific service criteria including: collaborative efforts, summer reading programs, enhanced services, marketing, web presence, staff training, and cultural, topical and educational programming for adults and families.

Garland libraries have received this award annually since 2005. To learn more about programs and services offered by the Nicholson Memorial System, visit GarlandTx.gov.



Lyles House Finds its Way Home

In late March, the City of Garland moved the Lyles House to its permanent location in Heritage Crossing, a greenspace located south of Walnut Street between Glenbrook Drive and Fifth Street. The historic house had been sitting on a trailer behind the Granville Arts Center since the latest Downtown redevelopment project surrounding City Hall got under way.

The Lyles House now resides with the Santa Fe Depot, which houses the Landmark Museum, and the 1910 Pullman Railcar. The City will retain ownership of the Lyles House and will work with the community to establish funding for the house's ongoing care and maintenance. Visit GarlandTx.gov to see videos of the move.



Conserve Energy, Lower Bills with GP&L's

EnergySaver Program

With the summer months approaching, now is a great time to make energy efficiency upgrades and weatherization improvements to your home. These measures help conserve energy and save money on monthly utility bills, and GP&L's EnergySaver Program offers utility bill credits for qualifying upgrades.

EnergySaver Program includes:

- High-efficiency central A/C units and heat pumps
- High-efficiency window unit A/C
- Wholehouse Weatherization
- Commercial Lighting
- Solar Generation

To view complete program requirements and print applications, visit gpltxas.org/energysaver.html. For questions, email energyadvisor@gpltxas.org or call 972-205-2929.



Your Time is Valuable

Pay your utility bills "automatically"

For Garland utility customers, Automatic Bank Draft is a convenient way to pay your monthly bill. The program does the work of paying your utility bill for you—leaving you time to do more important things.

After enrolling, your bank or savings account will be drafted for the amount of your bill each month. The date the funds will be withdrawn will be 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.

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

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



National Day of Prayer

Mayor Douglas Athas has proclaimed Thursday, May 7 as National Day of Prayer in Garland. Members of the community, including area City officials, emergency personnel (fire, police and EMTs), municipal workers, churches, ministries, business leaders, educators and families are invited to gather at noon at The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St., for the 14th consecutive observation of this day. This gathering continues the tradition of prayer that was begun in 1774 at the Continental Congress.

For questions or to volunteer, contact Dorothy L. Brooks at 972-530-8323 or dllbrooks9@verizon.net.





Be a good neighbor and Park Politely, Please!

Remember these tips:

- Avoid parking in front of your neighbor's house.
- Never block Postal Service access to mailboxes.
- Park as close to the curb as possible—this keeps the roadway clear for emergency vehicles.
- When discussing parking concerns with neighbors, communicate in a respectful, positive manner.



SAVE THE DATE SEPT. 19, 2015

Now accepting exhibitor applications!

Healthy Living

EXPO

www.GoGreenGarland.org

GARLAND HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 9



DE MAYO 2015

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Library

Programs & Events

All Libraries will be closed
Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

Children/Youth Programs

Summer Storytimes | June 8 - August 1
Contact the nearest branch library for times.

Central Library

625 Austin St., 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



Art Explorers, 2:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch • Children ages 6-12 will learn about different types of art, then create their own masterpieces. Registration is required to attend each Art Explorer program and is limited to 24 participants. Registration is available by phone or in person beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- May 2, Stencil Art
- June 6, Comic Strips

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: Knights, Dragons, Action: Make Your Own Shield

- 6:30 p.m. June 11, South Garland Branch
- 4 p.m. June 18, North Garland Branch

Block Party in the Library • This free series is designed to help children ages 4-12 test their building skills and stretch their imaginations. Call 972-205-2516. The series will take place at the following times and locations:

- 6:30 p.m. May 12, Walnut Creek Branch
- 6:30 p.m. May 14, North Garland Branch
- 6:30 p.m. May 19, Central Library
- 2:30 p.m. May 30, South Garland Branch

Stuffed Animals Sleepover • Kids experience stories and crafts with their favorite stuffed animal friend. They can leave their stuffed animal at the library overnight for additional fun. Each remaining animal will be photographed enjoying the library.

- 6:30 p.m., May 5, Walnut Creek Branch
- 6:30 p.m., May 6, Central Library
- 6:30 p.m., May 7, North Garland Branch
- 10:30 a.m., May 9, South Garland Branch



Creative Kids Group, Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m., South Garland Branch • Children ages 7-12 will have the opportunity to participate in the Creative Kids Group where they will learn and practice hands-on activities and crafts. Children may register for only two programs per month. Call 972-205-3933 for program dates and topics.

Afternoon "Bored" Game Club, 1 to 3 p.m. June 9 and 23, Central Library • Youth ages 6-12 are invited to play various types of board games.

Family Movie Times, 2:30 p.m. • Bring a blanket and enjoy a free movie with your family! For details, call 972-205-2804.

- June 12, *The Boxtrolls*, North Garland Branch
- June 19, *Mary Poppins*, Walnut Creek Branch

Teen Programs

Recycled Crafts for Teens, 2 to 4 p.m. June 17, Central Library • Crafty teens ages 12-17, are invited to make crafts from recycled items. The library provides all project materials. For more information, call 972-205-2516.

Pitch Perfect Sing Along, 2:30 p.m. June 26, North Garland Branch • Teens ages 13-18, are invited to sing along to Pitch Perfect, a popular musical comedy about a female collegiate a cappella group. The film is rated PG-13. Attendees will receive scarves similar to the ones worn by the characters in the film. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the event. Seating is limited. No registration is required.

Adult Programs

Ask A Lawyer, 11 a.m. May 2, Central Library • A free "Ask a Lawyer" event for adults. Topics may include family law, estate planning, and criminal law. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration at the door is required and will end at 12:30 p.m.

Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library • These free programs 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 7, Mariachi Nueva Era • Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and enjoy authentic mariachi music.
- June 18, Speaker Rose-Mary Rumbley • Rose-Mary Rumbley, an author and the former head of Dallas Baptist University's drama department, speaks of "twelve things we must not forget."

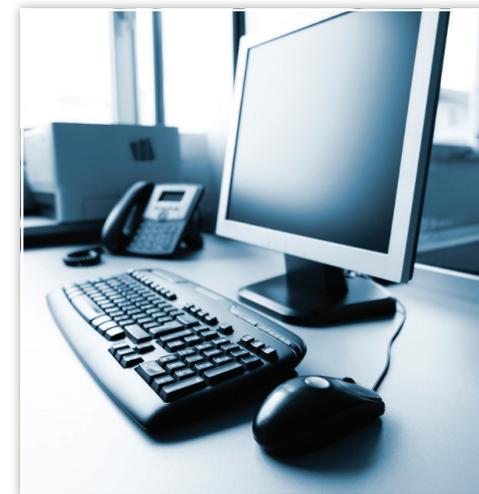
Tech-Know How Program Series

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 Pinterest class at the Central Library.

Computer Classes

Up and Running: Getting on the Internet, 7 p.m. May 14, South Garland Branch Library • Discover the ins and outs of getting online, identify website components and practice basic Internet searches.

Pintastic: Getting Started with Pinterest, 10 a.m. May 23, Central Library • Learn the basics of Pinterest with Pintastic: Getting Started with Pinterest. The class instructors will introduce participants to Pinterest, explain the processes of setting up an account and creating pinboards, cover repinning and liking pins, and demonstrate how to find friends. Participants must possess basic computer skills and have their own email addresses.



Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading and Fun for Kids • This year's Summer Reading Program for children and teens is called *Join Our Fantasy Quest—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 library location on June 6 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 25, and the final day to redeem prizes is Aug. 1.

Special Performers for Children and Families

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

- June 8, Juggler David Slick
- June 15, Entertainer Todd McKinney
- June 22, Critterman Animal Show

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

- June 10, Juggler David Slick
- June 17, Percussionist Mark Shelton
- June 24, Zooniversity Animal Show

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

- June 11, Juggler David Slick
- June 18, Zooniversity Animal Show
- June 25, Brett Roberts' Heroes around the World

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

- June 13, Juggler David Slick
- June 20, Critterman Animal Show
- June 27, Brett Roberts' Heroes around the World

Summer Reading Program for Adults • Adults can join in the summer reading fun with *Enter a New World: Read*. Participation is simple. Beginning June 6, adults ages 18 and older may pick up reading coupons at the Adult Services Desk of any Garland library and fill out a reading coupon for each book read between June 6 and Aug. 1. 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**, Musician Matt Tolentino and his four-piece band present an evening of jazz and ragtime music from the 1920s and 30s.
- 2 p.m. **June 27**, Classical guitarist and lutenist Jacob Johnson will present a lecture recital in which he discusses the history of the guitar, the lute, and their place in literature. His presentation will include a variety of musical examples.

Take a break...at Firewheel Golf Park

Enjoy more than just golf at Firewheel Golf Park. The Branding Iron restaurant and patio at the Bridges Clubhouse, 1535 E. Brand Road, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner—and one of the best burgers in Garland! Meet with friends, coworkers or golf buddies to enjoy a panoramic view of the course's rolling terrain, large trees and winding creeks.

Also stop in at Grill 64—a new casual dining location at the Old & Lakes Courses Clubhouse, offering a variety of made-to-order items. Located at 600 W. Campbell Road, Grill 64 offers scenic views of the Old Course. The Branding Iron is open Tuesday-Sunday; Grill 64 is open seven days a week. Visit GolfFirewheel.com for hours.



Summer Fun at Firewheel Golf Park

Junior Summer Pass \$49

Golfers 17 and younger can sharpen their golf skills and enjoy the outdoors with a Junior Summer Pass at Firewheel Golf Park.

Juniors can play golf at the Old and Lakes courses anytime Monday-Friday or after 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rounds are \$2 each (cart not included). Valid May 1-Sept. 30.

Player Development Program \$59 per month

Build your golf skills at the Old and Lakes Courses Monday-Friday after 4 p.m. Enjoy unlimited practice at the driving range (practice balls included) or play for \$13 (cart included). Valid May 1-Sept. 30.

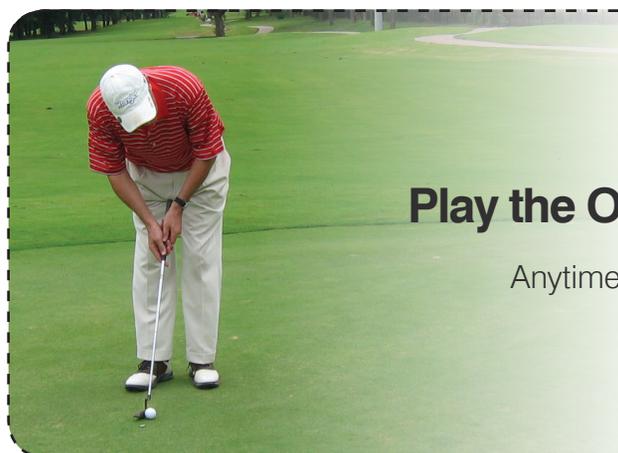
Tournaments & Events

Let Firewheel Golf Park host your golf tournament or other events. With three courses and the Jerry Andrews Pavilion, we can accommodate tournaments and events of almost any size. Contact Teresa Boardman at Teresa@GolfFirewheel.com or 972-205-3917 to plan your event.

Other fun activities at Firewheel Golf Park

- Leagues
- Tuesday Night Scramble
- Friday Night Lights at the Bridges driving range
- Patio Cookouts at both clubhouses on weekends

Visit GolfFirewheel.com or call 972-205-2795 for more information.



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Performing Arts

Shows & Events

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

"Cha-Cha-Cha" Circus Entertainment | 7:30 p.m. May 15, 2 and 7:30 p.m. May 16 and 4:30 May 17 • Lone Star Circus and Dallas International School present an evening of circus entertainment! High-flying hoop performers, jugglers, and balancing acts will dazzle you with amazing feats of strength and skill. Tickets cost \$20. To purchase, contact sheilannkelly@gmail.com.

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"DWITA - Duality of Life" | 7 p.m. May 22 •

A Bharatanatyam performance where a mother and her daughter remind us of a duality that exists in every walk of our lives. While both complement and empower each other, one symbolizes the present and the other is significant of the future. Tickets cost \$20-\$100. To purchase call 972-618-7353. For information, contact Shaan Murali at murlifamily@gmail.com.

"Mexico Festivities" | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 24 • México 2000 Ballet Folklórico's newest folk dance concert features dance traditions in weddings, carnivals, and religious holidays that exemplify the ways Mexican people have preserved their dance and musical

traditions for centuries. Get your pre-sale tickets on April 1 by visiting www.mexico2000.net. Tickets cost \$15/Seniors and children under 6 \$12 pre-sale only.

"Seussical" | 7 p.m. June 26, 2:30 & 7 p.m. June 27 and 2:30 p.m. June 28 • Dallas Young Artists Summer Camp perform "Seussical," a musical based on the famous works of Dr. Seuss, including "Horton Hears a Who," "Horton Hatches the Egg" and "Miss Gertrude McFuzz." Dallas Young Artists features students from grades 3-12. Tickets cost \$13 and can be purchased at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.



At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Sensational Senior Showcase | 6:30 p.m.

June 13 • The Garland Country Music Association presents the extraordinary talents of the residents at Christian Care Senior Living Community. Dessert reception to follow. Tickets cost \$7-\$10. Purchase at the door or at the Christian Care Welcome Center, 900 Wiggins, Mesquite, 75150. For information, call Mary Francis at 972-698-2612.

Sowmya | 4 p.m. May 3 • The Indian Fine Arts Academy, a nonprofit, community-based organization, presents vocalist Sowmya passionately singing classical Indian songs to celebrate rich traditions of heritage. Tickets cost \$20-\$50. Purchase at www.ifaadfw.org. For information, contact IFAA at info@ifaadfw.org.

Bharath Sundar | 4 p.m. May 10 • The Indian Fine Arts Academy, a nonprofit, community-based organization, presents the first winner of the Carnatic Music Idol competition on Jaya TV. Sundar displays immense talent and training at the Plaza Theatre. Tickets cost \$20-\$50. Purchase at www.ifaadfw.org. For information, contact IFAA at info@ifaadfw.org.



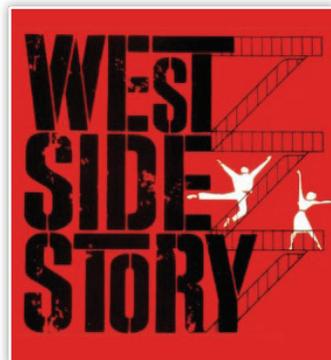
"Let's Dance" | 3:30 p.m. May 30 •

The Dance and More Dance Company presents this Spring Recital Performance showcasing the talent and dedication of the dance company's students. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, contact Gina Baker at 214-221-1467 or ginabakerdance@gmail.com.

Garland Summer Musicals

West Side Story

June 12-21 • Join Garland Summer Musicals for the brilliant, award-winning Broadway and film classic "West Side Story." The story of "Romeo and Juliet" is transported to the turbulent streets of New York City in the 1950s. Star-crossed lovers are caught between rival street gangs.



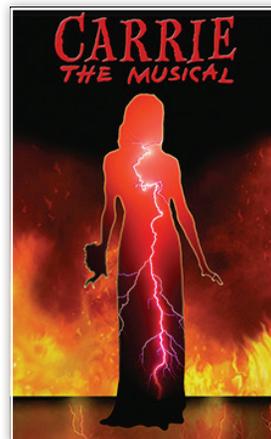
Directed by librettist Arthur Laurents, the show features Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's legendary score. Performances are June 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8 p.m. and June 14 & 21 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$24-30.

Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. For tickets, call 972-205-2790 or visit GarlandCivicTheatre.org.

Garland Civic Theatre

Carrie the Musical

Through May 9 • "Carrie the Musical," music by Michael Gora, lyrics by Dean Pitchford and book by Lawrence D. Cohen, is based on the novel by Stephen King. Carrie White is a misfit. At school, she's an outcast who is bullied by the popular crowd and virtually invisible to everyone else. At home, she's at the mercy of her loving but cruelly over-protective mother. But Carrie has just discovered she's got a special power, and if pushed too far, she is not afraid to use it. Tickets are \$22-\$27.



Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. For tickets, call 972-205-2790 or visit GarlandCivicTheatre.org.

Garland Symphony Orchestra

8 p.m. May 8 • The Garland Symphony Orchestra presents internationally acclaimed pianist, Lindsay Garritson, top prize recipient at 2011 Montreal International Piano Competition, the 2011 Yale Woolsey Concerto Competition, the St. Louis Artist Presentation Society, the Connecticut Music Teachers Young Artist Competition, and the Van Cliburn Competition.



Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$37.50 and are available at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790. For more information, visit GarlandSymphony.org.

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Parks and Recreation

Programs & Events

Duck Creek Adventure Camp | June 8-Aug. 7
 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ages 9-14, \$75 per person per week, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Discover and participate in local group adventures. Try rappelling, archery, rock climbing, disc golf, and more. Call 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.



Broad Brush Stroke | June 6-27
 Saturdays, noon to 12:45 p.m., ages 1-5, \$12 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn about color theory, brush handling, color exploration, and watercolor techniques. Call 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

Special Events

Legends of Garland Basketball June 13

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



All Star Dance | June 4-25

Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., ages 6-17, \$42 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Dr. Develop rhythm, style, and proper techniques in jazz, modern, contemporary, and lyrical dance. Call 972-205-2770 or brc@GarlandTx.gov.

Lil'Tots Soccer | June 3-24

Ages 3-6, \$27 per person, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Learn the beginner skills of the sport including stopping the ball with the foot, dribbling, passing, and kicking. Call 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.

Chess | June 3-24

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., ages 6 and up, \$37 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Step by step instruction on the basic rules, strategic and tactical elements that make a great game of chess. Call 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Sylvan STEM Camps | Ongoing

Monday-Friday, times vary, ages 5-14, prices vary, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Sylvan Learning STEM curriculums are designed to build critical thinking skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. Call 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

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May Events

- 4 City Council Work Session
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 5 City Council Meeting
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- 11 Plan Commission
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- 12 Garland Youth Council
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
- 15 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
1630 Commerce St.
- 18 City Council Work Session
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217 N. Fifth St.
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- 25 Memorial Day
City offices closed
- 26 Mayor's Evening In
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

June Events

- 1 City Council Work Session
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- 2 City Council Meeting
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