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Message

from the Mayor

Garland is once again in its prime. Construction is at new highs and much more is in the pipeline; we are beginning to see activity in every sector of Garland. There is a reason we say “Texas Made Here.”

We have transformed the way we do business and we are bringing new interest to our community. Through a much easier and smoother process, developers are taking note and inquiring about the possibilities. It's not only new construction; expansions are popular too. We recently celebrated the very large expansion at Kraft that will bring a whole new production line and hundreds of new jobs.



Additionally, the Campbell/190 Corridor is seeing major interest; we just finalized details for Raging Wire, a large data center to be built there. Other projects are rapidly following. South Garland is attracting new interest and proposals. A new grocery store, Winco, is set to open in a few weeks, their second location in North Texas.

There is no doubt: we will continue to see a tremendous climb in business in Garland. Through the creation of our new Economic Development department and coordination with the Garland Chamber of Commerce, implementation of the new Garland Development Code, redefining of our building codes and just an overall, more efficient development process, we are making great strides. These new tools are now making it easier and more business friendly for developers to come to Garland and for existing businesses to redevelop, expand and grow.

Healthy neighborhoods continue to be a top priority. We take great pride in our neighborhoods in Garland and are in the process of making a renewed effort to assist residents with tools and resources to reinvest and grow.

Remember:

Grow Community. Grow Opportunity. Grow Garland.

Together we can make a difference and keep Garland thriving.



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

Mayor's Evening In
5 to 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30
& Thursday, Oct. 29**

Mayor's Office
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.

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

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).

City Council Members:

- 1** Marvin "Tim" Campbell, 972-767-7476, council1@GarlandTx.gov
- 2** Anita Goebel, 972-272-7725, council2@GarlandTx.gov
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- 6** Lori Barnett Dodson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, 214-334-4533, council6@GarlandTx.gov
- 7** Scott LeMay, 214-794-8904, council7@GarlandTx.gov
- 8** Jim Cahill, 972-762-1369, council8@GarlandTx.gov

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Sept. 1 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20
- 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. Aug. 31 and Sept. 14, Oct. 5 and 19
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26
 - 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.

FY 2015-16 PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET



The budget is balanced as required by state law and reflects City Council's policy direction provided during the budget retreat in July. The \$150 million General Fund budget maintains a balance between public safety, street infrastructure, and other service priorities. In accordance with

the priorities expressed by the City Council, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Proposed Budget adds \$1.9 million for enhanced public safety efforts, \$490,000 for new economic development initiatives, and \$1.0 million for new street equipment and the Street Improvement Program.

This year's budget strikes a balance between affordability and the need to fund the City's top priorities as defined by the City Council. Adhering to this principle, the Proposed Budget enhances current service levels with an added emphasis on public safety and street improvements.



TOTAL CONSOLIDATED CITY BUDGET (ALL FUNDS) { \$675 MILLION }

GENERAL FUND: WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHAT IT'S USED FOR

General Fund
\$150 M



The services paid from the General Fund include basic City services such as police, fire, streets, parks, library, transportation, health, animal care, and code enforcement.

Utility Funds
\$462 M

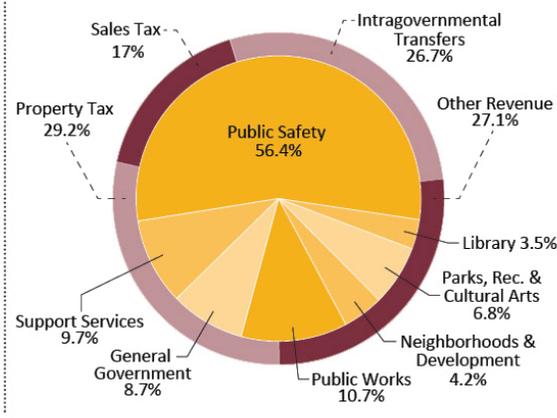


The City of Garland's utility departments are comprised of Garland Power & Light, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Stormwater Management, and Environmental Waste Services.

Combined Funds
\$675 M



The Combined Budget includes the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Grant Funds.



MONTHLY UTILITY COST FOR A TYPICAL GARLAND RESIDENT

Utility Services	2014-15 Monthly Rate	2015-16 Proposed Rate	Monthly Dollar Change	Description
Electric Utility	\$140.04	\$130.29	(\$9.75)	Based on 1,300 kWh per month
Water Utility	47.90	54.88	\$6.98	Based on an average of 8,000 gallons per month
Wastewater Utility	41.48	41.48	None	Based on an average of 8,000 gallons per month
Trash Collection	19.58	19.58	None	Residential customer using 96-gallon cart
Stormwater Fee	2.88	2.88	None	Mid-sized residential lot
Total Monthly Rate	\$251.88	\$249.11	(\$2.77)	

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET IN FY 2015-16?



An additional 6 full-time police officers and 5 school resource officers (SROs). The SROs are being funded entirely by Garland Independent School District (GISD).



New safety gear and equipment for firefighters.



In an effort to "Grow Garland," an increased funding emphasis has been placed on economic development.



The creation of the Housing Reinvestment Fund will allow the City to procure foreclosed housing units to demolish, reconstruct and sell the houses to moderate-income homebuyers.



The Transportation Department will replace 2,520 stop signs over the course of the next three years.



Further focus and resources are being dedicated to street improvements and equipment.

Provide feedback on the FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget by attending a budget hearing held at 7 p.m. in the Goldie Locke Room of the Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St. Council Members and City staff will be available to answer questions about the Proposed Budget, and Garland residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4 - City Manager presents Proposed Budget to Council
TUESDAY, AUG. 18 - Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
TUESDAY, SEPT. 1 - Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
TUESDAY, SEPT. 15 - Adoption of FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget

To learn more about the FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget and how you can get involved, visit GarlandTx.gov.

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Fall Election Dates

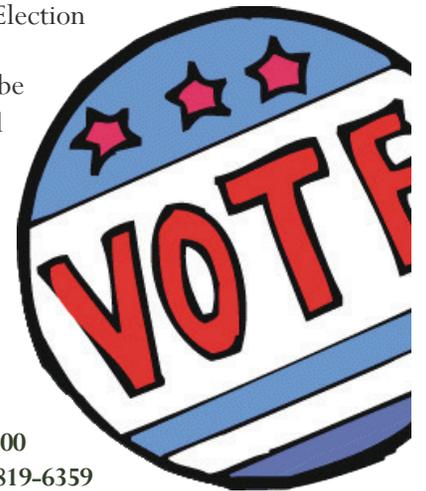
The fall election season begins in September with the start of Dallas County Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Mark your calendars!

- Sept. 22, Dallas County Voter Registration Day
- Oct. 5, Last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment Election
- Oct. 19, First day of Early Voting for the Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment Election
- Nov. 3, Election Day for the Constitutional Amendment Election

Early Voting will be held at the Richland College Garland Campus at 675 W. Walnut St.

For more information on the election, contact Dallas County: Office – 214-819-6300 Early Voting – 214-819-6359 Voter Registration – 214-819-6389 DallasCountyVotes.org



Engage Garland

The City of Garland invites you to share your ideas in an online conversation. It's a great way to get involved and engaged in your community!

EngageGarlandTX.mysidewalk.com



Provide a Street Critique Via Garland eAssist

Good streets and roadways are important for the City's overall health and prosperity. Help grow Garland by participating in the "Street Critique" program.

During the month of September, the City of Garland invites residents and visitors to provide a "Street Critique" by providing input about residential streets that might require major repair or replacement via Garland eAssist, the City's online service request system. You can find eAssist at GarlandTx.gov or download the eAssist app to your smartphone or tablet.

Report damage to residential or non-arterial streets by selecting the "Street Critique" request option.



Provide the address or location of the street, along with a description of the street's condition. A photo also may be submitted to help illustrate the issues.

All streets submitted through "Street Critique" will be re-evaluated. The streets with the lowest evaluation scores will be considered for the City's next three-year infrastructure construction program, which will be announced in spring 2016.

"Street Critique" participants are asked to focus on residential streets and other roadways that are not main thoroughfares. "We have many opportunities to assess the condition of the more heavily-traveled roads," said Street Department Director Steve Oliver. "Garland residents can help us best by providing input about the streets they utilize in and around their neighborhoods."

The recent recession postponed many street improvement projects. The recovering economy allowed the Garland City Council to approve increased street funding by 50% (\$5 million) in Fiscal Year 2014-15 and will continue to prioritize funding for streets in the coming years. More details on street funding are available at GarlandTx.gov.

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



Each year, the United States experiences an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 1,500 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and 6 deadly hurricanes. While most weather can be predicted, as this past May's flooding reminded us, many weather-related deaths still occur each year in north Texas. The first step to being prepared is realizing that severe weather can happen at any time.

September is National Preparedness Month and the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management is happy to announce that all month we are joining other national, state, and local organizations, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to educate the public about preparing for disasters. National Preparedness Month is all about helping individuals, families, businesses, and communities to take action to get them and their families prepared!

It takes the whole community working together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the destructive forces of nature, and other emergencies and disasters. Making a family communication plan, putting aside three days' worth of food and water, and signing up for the City's CodeRED weather warning system are all great ways to get you and your family started. It is also about taking the time to talk to your family and figuring out what you should do if an emergency happens in Garland: Where will we meet if something happens? Does our insurance cover flood related damage? Do we have enough food and water to go three days without leaving the house? Questions like these help save lives and lessen the impacts of disasters when they occur.

Follow along with the City of Garland all month on Facebook and Twitter, and visit the department's web page at Garland-OEM.com or KnoWhat2Do.com to learn more about threats in north Texas and how you and your family can be prepared.

**"My mom thought
she had indigestion."**

**HEART ATTACK? TRUST 911.
DON'T DIE OF DOUBT.**



Chief Mitch Bates to Receive Garland NAACP Bridge Builder Award

The NAACP Garland Unit #6256 will honor Garland Chief of Police Mitch Bates with its Bridge Builder Award at the 25th Annual Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction on Sept. 19.



The annual Bridge Builder Award was designed to recognize individuals who make a positive influence in diverse communities. “Chief Bates has been a wonderful catalyst for bringing our community together,” said Garland NAACP President Ricky McNeal. “He has never evaded the tough issues because he understands discussion is the first step to resolving any problem. It is for these reasons that we have honored Chief Bates in the past, and found it necessary to honor him again because of our country’s climate with regard to law enforcement.”

For several years, Chief Bates has participated in bimonthly meetings with the Community Leaders Group, which is comprised of leadership from the Garland NAACP, Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs, League of United Latin American Citizens, and the Asian Community. Several members of the Community Leaders Group assist the Garland Police Department in the hiring process by participating on boards for police applicants and on the Police Training Advisory Board. Chief Bates also regularly attends community forums hosted by the Garland NAACP and local churches to discuss police-community relations.

Chief Bates credits successful community relationships to learning about each other and getting involved. “In my 28 years with the City and 12 years as Chief of Police, I’ve learned that both citizens and employees fear what they don’t know or don’t understand. One of the best ways to eliminate those fears is by building relationships, getting involved with each other, and by learning that, together, we can all make a difference in our community and in our personal lives.”

The 25th Annual Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction is open to the public and will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, at Hyatt Place, 5101 George Bush Highway. A silent auction will begin at 9 a.m., followed by brunch at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$45 each and group rates are available. To purchase tickets, visit GarlandTxNAACP.org or call 972-381-5044, option 5.

City Manager Updates Garland Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Bryan Bradford recently introduced himself to the Garland Chamber of Commerce with a city update presentation. Bradford became Garland’s city manager on May 1.

The new city manager’s presentation focused on the Envision Garland comprehensive plan and the vision it lays out for the City’s future. That vision includes healthy neighborhoods, vibrant retail centers, unique



entertainment and amenities. Bradford discussed the strengthened relationship between the City and the Chamber as part of the drive for robust economic development efforts.

Bradford cited the progress being made toward the Envision Garland goals, such as the revival of business and residential activity in Downtown Garland, increased funding for streets and transportation infrastructure, the completion of the new Garland Development Code, which will allow for a more efficient development process, and new interest in the Campbell Road/State Highway 190 corridor inspired by a collaborative master plan for that area.

Bradford’s presentation and a video about some of the great things in Garland are available on the City Manager’s page at GarlandTx.gov.

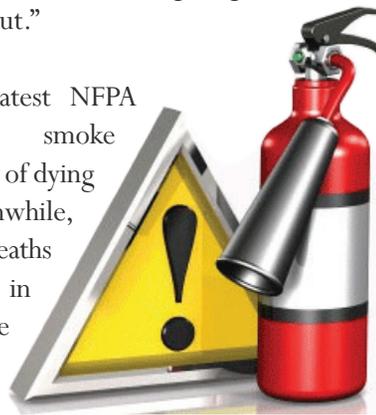
Garland Fire Department to Participate in Fire Prevention Week Campaign

Location matters when it comes to smoke alarms. That is the message behind this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, the Garland Fire Department (GFC) is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, which is Oct. 4-10, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

“In a fire, seconds count,” said Kristi Shepherd, GFC public educator. “Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.”

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, three out of five fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from outside the home.

The Garland Fire Department will host fire station open houses and a safety fest during Fire Prevention Week. Through these educational, family oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Garland, contact the Garland Fire Department at 972-781-7148. To learn more about smoke alarms and Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm, visit FirePreventionWeek.org and Sparky.org/fpw.

Single Stream Recycling Program Expansion

Environmental Waste Services announces Phase 4 of its Automated Collection Single Stream Recycling Program with the addition of 10,500 blue carts in October.

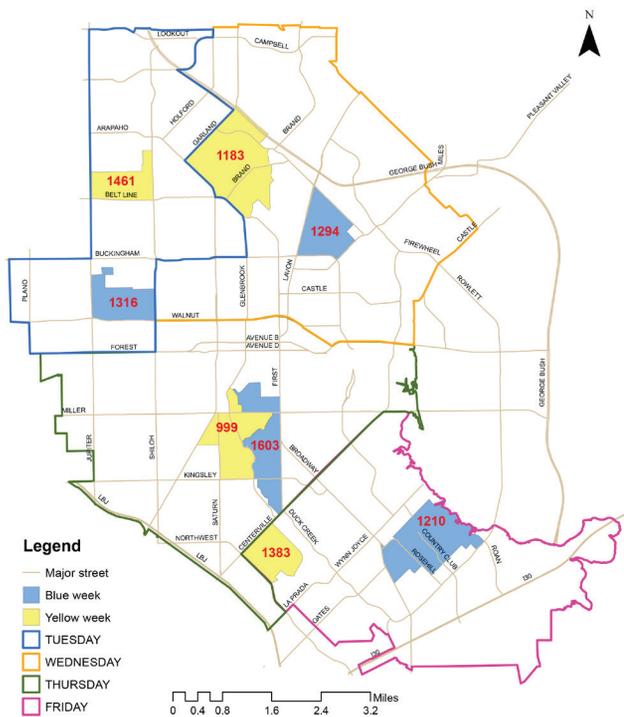
Automated collection for the yellow collection areas will begin the week of Oct. 5 and for the blue collection areas the week of Oct. 12. Residents who live in the expansion area will receive a new, 96-gallon blue automated collection cart approximately one week prior to their first automated collection date. Recycling collection remains on an every-other-week schedule. The recycling schedule is posted at GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com

Blue carts will be delivered to the front of homes, and will contain educational literature about the automated single stream recycling program, including information about the types of materials that can be recycled and the collection schedule.

The Phase 4 expansion will put the City of Garland at 2/3 of its goal of converting the entire city from manual red bin collection to an automated collection program.

Recyclable items that may be placed in the blue containers and the red bins include newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, small cardboard boxes, chipboard, paper bags, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and tin steel cans, and plastics #1-5 and #7.

For details visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com, email EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-3500.



Be Ready for Flu Season

To protect against the flu, Garland's Public Health Clinic has flu vaccines for children and adults, including the high dose flu vaccine for those age 65 and older, along with pneumococcal vaccines.

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

Unlike a cold, the flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of the following symptoms:

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Epidemics of seasonal flu occur each year during flu season, which in the United States, usually occurs in the fall and winter. Flu outbreaks can happen as early as October and can last as late as May.

Most people who get influenza will recover in a few days to less than two weeks, but some people will develop complications (such as pneumonia) as a result of the flu, some of which can be life-threatening and result in death.

If you become sick with flu-like symptoms, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends you contact your healthcare provider to determine

whether influenza testing and treatment are needed. You should limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Also, cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands often with soap and water.

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. People should begin getting vaccinated after flu vaccine becomes available to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins.

Garland's Public Health Clinic is located at 206 Carver Drive. Specially trained registered nurses are available to answer your questions or administer your vaccination. If you are an employer and would like to reduce winter absenteeism among your employees, you may want to consider an on-site flu vaccination clinic. **Call 972-205-3370 for more information.**



When it rains, automotive fluids on our roadways flow down the storm drains. These storm drains carry the polluted water to our local waterways.

To help keep our water clean, maintain vehicles to reduce leaks. Clean up automotive spills with absorbent material and dispose of it properly. Also, avoid hosing down garage floors and driveways; instead sweep regularly and discard in trash.

GARLAND
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

HELP KEEP GARLAND CLEAN!

Grass Clippings

don't belong in the street or the creek

Do not to sweep or blow yard clippings and leaves in the street or down the storm drain

Once the waste goes into nearby storm drains it can enter our local creeks and lakes. While these clippings are natural, they still pollute our waterways. As yard waste decomposes it requires oxygen, oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive. Grass clippings left on the lawn do not contribute to thatch, but return valuable nutrients to the soil.

GARLAND
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

HELP KEEP GARLAND CLEAN!

Garland Celebrates New Sound Wall Project

The City of Garland, in collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), broke ground earlier this summer on a new sound wall that will help create a noise buffer and improve the quality of life for thousands of residents near Interstate 635 East.

The ground-breaking celebration was held at Armstrong Park, 1126 Birchwood Drive in Garland. The wall will help abate traffic noise for neighborhoods along the highway between Centerville Road and La Prada Drive. The 12-foot wall will be more than 4,300 feet long.



"The residents along this highway have waited several years for the relief that this sound wall will provide," said Mayor Douglas Athas. "I especially want to thank our elected representatives and the many community leaders from Garland and neighboring cities who have worked to have this sound wall developed."

The sound wall is expected to be complete by March 2016, and will cost approximately \$3.6 million.



Texas Solid Waste Association of North America's Truck-Road-E-O

Danny Smith, Ivan Fernandez, and Mark Washington from Garland's Environmental Waste Department placed at the Solid Waste Association of North America's local Truck Road-E-O, which qualified them to compete in the state-level Road-E-O in Houston. The competition showcases the skills of the best refuse truck operators. To compete, participants must be employed in the solid waste management field and have worked in the field for a minimum of one year; they must have no chargeable accidents, moving, or traffic violations within one year prior to the event; and they must have a satisfactory work attendance record.

Labor Day Parade

SEPTEMBER 7, 2015
Begins at 9 a.m.

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



GarlandLaborDayEvent.com

Presented by the Garland Noon Exchange Club and City of Garland.

Fall TRASH BASH

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015

Citywide Litter Pickup

8:30 to 11 a.m.

STREETS, WATERWAYS, PARKS, SCHOOLS & VACANT LOTS

Volunteer Picnic & Awards

11 a.m. to noon

GRANGER RECREATION CENTER ANNEX,
1310 WEST AVENUE F

Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Sign up today by emailing
barbara@bpowers.com

Come see exhibitors and demonstrations on personal health, safety and environmental issues.

Free event!

**CURTIS
CULWELL
CENTER**

4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.
Garland, TX

Healthy Living EXPO

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SEPT. 19, 2015

- FREE Admission and Parking**
- FREE Bag** to the first 500 families
- FREE Giveaways** at many booths
- FREE Health Screenings**
 - Cholesterol testing
 - Bone density
 - Blood sugar
 - Glaucoma
 - Blood pressure
 - Lung function
 - Vision
 - Spinal
- Low cost Flu, Pneumococcal & Shingles Vaccine**
- Drawings for Solar Lights & Rain Barrel**
- PLUS Animal Adoptions**



Hurry! Start 8:15 a.m.
Timed race with awards
Online registration available

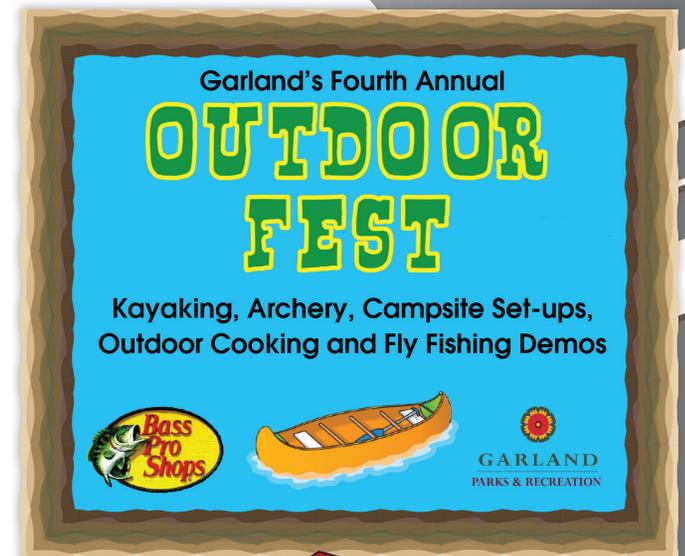
Early registration by Sept. 1 for \$10 and receive a free race shirt.
Late registration after Sept. 1 for \$15.
Limited race shirts.

Volunteers Needed!

The Healthy Living Expo cannot happen without the support of volunteers. Event organizers need people to help greet and guide visitors, set up and tear down the event, hand out event programs and assist with booths.

To register as a volunteer, visit the Healthy Living Expo web page at GoGreenGarland.org, or contact Bonny Patrick, BPatrick@GarlandTx.gov.

Registration deadline is Sept. 4.



10 a.m.

Growing Outside the Box
Tower Garden by Juice Plus

Cooking Demo: Cutting the Fat
Whole Foods Market

Rain Barrels 101
Keep Garland Beautiful

Straw Bale Gardening
Loving Garland Green

Fall Garden Tips
Roach Feed & Seed

Hands Only CPR
AHA & Baylor

How to Build a Healthy Plate
G.I.S.D.

Feeding Your Soil with Composting
Dallas County Master Gardeners

DIY Plumbing Repairs
Ask a Plumber

Easy Home Sprinkler Repair
City of Garland Parks

11 a.m.

Growing Outside the Box
Tower Garden by Juice Plus

Cooking Demo: Cutting the Fat
Whole Foods Market

Rain Barrels 101
Keep Garland Beautiful

Lasagna Gardening
Loving Garland Green

Dog Food Nutrition
Roach Feed & Seed

Hands Only CPR
AHA & Baylor

Understanding Food Labels
G.I.S.D.

Vegetable Gardening
Dallas County Master Gardeners

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Minutes to a Healthier You
FIT Nation

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Weed Control
Roach Feed & Seed

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AHA & Baylor

Are You Hydrated Properly?
G.I.S.D.

Healthy Living: Eating a Rainbow
Dallas County Master Gardeners

DIY Plumbing Repairs
Ask a Plumber

Easy Home Sprinkler Repair
City of Garland Parks

Minutes to a Healthier You
FIT Nation



Join in on quick, free 15-minute learning sessions at exhibitor booths.

For more information
or to volunteer, visit
GoGreenGarland.org.

This event is brought to you by
City of Garland, Garland ISD,
Baylor of Garland and
Garland Chamber of Commerce.



The Curtis Culwell Center has a clear bag policy limiting the size and bag type that can be brought into events. Only clear and small clutch bags are allowed inside.

Recycle Beyond the Bin!

Visit Recycle Row at the Healthy Living Expo for a no-fee opportunity to recycle nontraditional materials.

OUTDOOR RECYCLE ROW (Opens at 9 a.m.)

The following items will be collected at the outdoor recycling stations:

- Batteries** – Collected and recycled by Batteries Plus; No alkaline (AA, AAA) batteries
- Bicycles** – Used bicycles collected by Spokes for Folks
- Document Shredding** – Secure on-site shredding by Alliance Document Shredding (Limit four boxes per vehicle)
- Electronic Devices** – Computers, laptops, televisions, cell phones, etc.
- Household Items** – Clothing, books, CDs, records and tapes, dishes, DVDs and VHS tapes, home décor, toys, games collected by Goodwill Industries
- Medical Equipment** – Walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, bath chairs, etc. collected by Comfort Keepers

INDOOR RECYCLE ROW

The following will be collected at the indoor recycling stations:

- Eye Glasses** – Prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses, reading glasses, frames and accessories collected by Lions Club
- Medications** – Unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications collected by GPD
- Plastic Bags** – Grocery and retail shopping bags, clear bags, stretch wrap, black plastic bags, plastic wrap from cases of drinks and canned goods, plastic sheeting, drop cloths and cleaner bags
- Shoes** – Gently used athletic shoes collected by The ShoeBank

— 2015 —
NEIGHBORHOOD
SUMMIT

CONNECTING
NEIGHBORHOODS
PARTNERS
FOR CHANGE

Saturday, Oct. 24
only \$10 to participate!

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Hyatt Place – Garland
5101 N. President George Bush Turnpike

Be inspired by practical ways to make a
difference in your neighborhood!

Register at
GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org.

Home Maintenance 101

Saturday, Sept. 26
9 a.m. to Noon

The Home Depot - Firewheel
3261 N. Pres. George Bush Hwy.



Register by visiting
GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org
or calling 972-205-2451.



Garland Nonprofits:

Meet & Greet

Sept. 3 | 5:30 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore
2360 Crist Road, Garland

Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality and BETheDelta will host a Meet & Greet for nonprofits, board members, and volunteers that serve Garland residents. The event will provide an opportunity for those who serve in nonprofits to network and share ideas to improve the community. Visit BeTheDelta.net to RSVP or call 972-205-2451 for more information.


www.BEthedelta.net

Summer Nutrition Program

Wraps Up 20th Year of Service

Bridging the gap between school years, the Garland Summer Nutrition Program provides free meals to Garland's children and is particularly important for families who rely on free and reduced-price school lunches to meet their nutritional needs.

This year, the Summer Nutrition Program provided more than 70,000 free meals to children during the summer. The program is funded by both the State of Texas and the City, and the meal program would not be successful without support from the Garland community. Meals were prepared by PepsiCo Foodservice.

The 2015 program featured three separate partnerships, which allowed for children and families to receive snacks for weekend consumption. The partnership with the Kiwanis, Kraft Heinz, and the City allowed for more than 900 meat and cheese lunchables and corn nuts to be distributed at one site adopted by the program.

Separately, the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, the North Texas Food Bank and the City worked to "Silence the Growl" by providing weekend backpacks of snacks for eight weeks during the summer. A third City partnership with The Good Samaritans allowed for thousands of snacks and bottled water to be distributed to families.

Breakfast, lunches and snacks were distributed at sites hosted by local churches, parks, recreation centers and apartment complexes. Many Garland organizations and City departments provided support for the program.

For information on how to become involved, contact 972-205-3300.

Progress Update:

Downtown Garland's City Center Project

Despite extraordinary weather conditions during the winter and spring, work on the Downtown Garland City Center project is making good progress.

The Oaks multifamily development is scheduled to open in October, along with the parking facility at 401 W. State St. The parking facility will serve apartment residents and visitors to City Hall and the Granville Arts Center.

State Street between Third and Sixth streets is now open to traffic. Fifth Street between State and Austin streets will remain closed for the remainder of the construction at City Hall. Across from City Hall, a three-story building is in the beginning stages of construction. The lower level will be the future home of the City of Garland's Economic Development Department with five townhome style apartments on the upper two floors. Those units are scheduled to be available in early 2016 followed by the first floor office in the second quarter of 2016. Ongoing renovations at City Hall are scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2016, as well.

Construction on the Arts Plaza is scheduled to begin later this year with completion in early 2016. Patron access to the Granville Arts Center will remain off of Fifth Street until construction is complete. Work on the rest of the Heritage Crossing pedestrian corridor is scheduled to begin in early 2016 and be complete by the end of summer.

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



T-SHIRT Fundraiser

Only \$15



GarlandYouthCouncil.org

Garland Youth Council is selling a T-shirt designed by a group of local teens at the 2014 Teen Talk event!

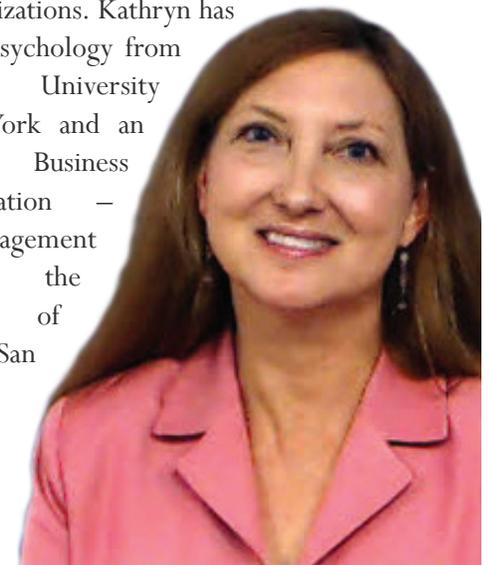
The T-shirts are a triblend and are available in crew and v-neck. Adult sizes only.

Everyone's support is appreciated!

City Hires Human Resources Director

The City of Garland has hired Kathryn Klepak to serve as Human Resources director. Most recently, Kathryn was employed as the Human Resources director for Richland College in Dallas.

Kathryn has more than 20 years of experience working in both the private and public sector. She has worked with various municipalities, universities and fortune 500 organizations. Kathryn has a BA in Psychology from Columbia University in New York and an MBA in Business Administration – HR Management from the University of Texas at San Antonio.



Library

Programs & Events

All libraries will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Children/Youth Programs

Fall Storytimes | Aug. 31 to Nov. 28

Central Library

625 Austin St., 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 N. 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.



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. Register by phone or in person at the Walnut Creek Branch Library beginning two weeks prior to each event. Supplies provided by the library.

- Sept. 5, Dot Art
- Oct. 3, Chihuly Chandeliers

Books and Beyond, 2 p.m., Central Library • A free program for ages 6-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. Attendees use their imaginations to explore those themes and complete activities. The program takes place once a month at the Central Library.

- Sept. 26, *Astronauts and Outer Space*
- Oct. 17, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

Tween Scene • A program designed for ages 10-13 that consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes. The program takes place twice a month at various library locations on Thursday afternoons and evenings.

September: Friendship Bracelets

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

October: Mysteries and Life-Sized Clue

- 6:30 p.m. Oct. 1, South Garland Branch Library
- 4 p.m. Oct. 8, North Garland Branch Library

Help Petey Check out a Book • September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Throughout the month, the Nicholson Memorial Library System will encourage residents of all ages to register for library cards and will host a special activity for children ages 12 and younger.

The activity, Help Petey Check out a Book, features Petey the Pirate and other Petey characters from the library's summer reading programs. To participate, children will take Petey into the book stacks and take a photo of him with a smartphone or the library's iPod. They can email the photos to the library to receive a small prize. Photographs may be used in print and/or electronic media at the library's discretion. Call 972-205-2516 for more information.

Children may participate in this activity throughout the month of September at any Garland library location. Adults ages 18 and older can register for library cards for themselves or their children by producing a current Texas Driver's License or ID at any Garland library.

Pumpkin Decorating for Tweens • Tweens ages 10-13 are invited to celebrate Halloween by decorating pumpkins at the Central Library at 2 p.m., Oct. 24. Participants can use decorative tape, ribbon, stickers, and other craft supplies to personalize their pumpkins. No registration is required, but this event is limited to the first 20 tweens to arrive.

Adult Programs

Ghostbusters Film Screening, 2 p.m. Oct. 31, Central Library • This classic film from 1984 tells the story of three oddball scientists who set up a ghost removal service. Children younger than the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win *Ghostbusters* memorabilia. No registration is required, but seating is limited. Popcorn and water will be available while supplies last.

Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library • Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, events are free and open to anyone age 55 and older. No registration is required, but seats fill up quickly. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. All programs take place at the Central Library. Call 972-205-2502.

- Sept. 24, Patsy Cline Tribute Artist Sherrill Douglas • Experience some of the magic of American song legend Patsy Cline as tribute artist Sherrill Douglas presents Crazy 'Bout Patsy.
- Oct. 22, Juggler David Slick • Celebrate International Magic Week with world-class juggler and magician David Slick.

Friends of the Library

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, 6 p.m. Sept. 10, South Garland Branch Library • All members and prospective members are invited to attend. A members only book sale will follow the conclusion of the meeting.

Regular meetings of the Friends Board are held bi-monthly at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of even-numbered months at the Central Library. The October meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Oct. 19. Regular meetings are not limited to current board members, and any library patron interested in supporting the Garland public libraries is welcome to attend.

Fall Book Sale, South Garland Branch Library

- **Friends Membership Meeting and Members Only Book Sale, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 10**
- **Public Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 11 and 12**

Bring your own bags to carry home your purchases. Call 972-205-3931 or 972-205-2543.



MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION BANKHEAD HIGHWAY CONVOY



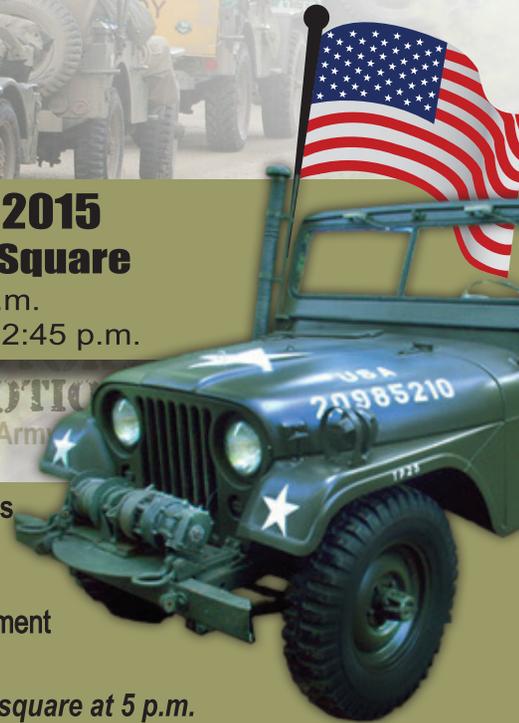
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015
Garland Downtown Square
 Event starts at 2 p.m.
 Convoy estimated arrival 2:45 p.m.

Come and welcome the convoy of historic military vehicles as they parade down Main Street in honor of the original 1920 US Army Motor Convoy.

Other activities will include a military band, food, live entertainment and children's activities.

Convoy vehicles will be on display around the downtown square at 5 p.m.

For more information: Visit GarlandTx.com • call 888-879-0264 •  /visitgarlandtx



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

Tree Power Free Tree

The Tree Power Free Tree program teams Garland Power & Light with the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department to provide a free tree for Garland residents in an effort to conserve energy and beautify the community.

7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until supplies last)
Saturday, Nov. 7
Haskell L. Roach Garden Center
 1221 Spring Creek Drive (in Winter Park)

One tree per household. Must provide a Texas driver's license with a Garland address or a current City of Garland utility bill.



Receive a four- to six-foot tall Shumard Red Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Bur Oak or Live Oak. Planting and care instructions will be provided.

Call 972-205-3588.

City to Celebrate the History of the Bankhead Highway

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the legislation that helped create the Bankhead Highway, the first all-season, transcontinental highway in America, which runs through Downtown Garland on Main Street.

The City of Garland, along with many other cities across Texas, will celebrate the heritage and developmental importance of the Bankhead Highway in conjunction with a variety of upcoming events including a Military Convoy in October and the Garland Heritage Celebration in April.

Bankhead Highway History

The Bankhead Highway was the first all-season transcontinental highway in America. It ran from Washington D.C. to San Diego, California, passing through Texas from Texarkana to El Paso, and coming through Downtown Garland on Main Street.

The Bankhead route was roughly 3,000 miles long, a third of which was in Texas. According to the first Texas highway map published in 1918, Texas Highway No. 1 (Bankhead Highway) was designated to stretch the width of the state from El Paso to Texarkana.

Today, Interstate Highways 30, 20 and 10 follow the route of the original Bankhead Highway across Texas. To understand the importance of this highway, imagine what automobile travel might have been like 100 years ago. The roads were little more than dirt trails, impossible to pass after a hard rain or snow. The reliability of automobiles was weak, which is why service stations were common alongside roads. Auto travel of more than a few miles may have taken hours, even in good weather.

The Good Roads Movement aimed to change auto travel, and gained momentum after 1903 when Henry Ford began mass producing automobiles. The highway was named in honor of Alabama Senator John Hollis Bankhead, author of the Federal Highway Act of 1916, also called the Bankhead Bill, which provided federal aid to states for highway construction.

Performing Arts

Shows & Events

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

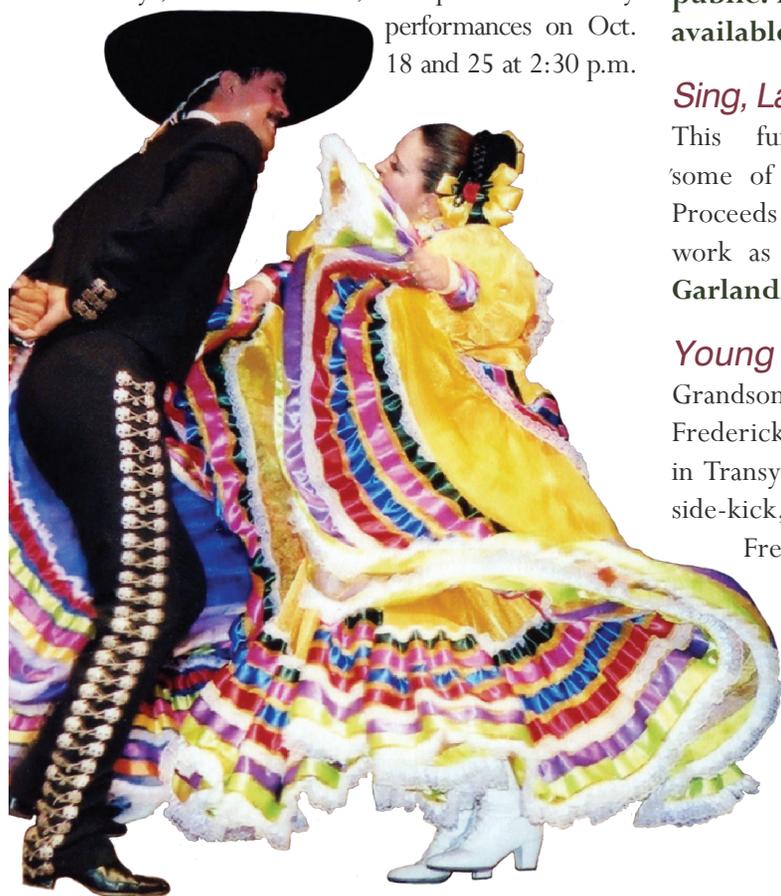
Garland Civic Theatre presents *Spider's Web* | Sept. 3-26 • Clarissa, the second wife of

Henry Hailsham Brown, is adept at spinning tales of adventure for their bored, diplomatic circle. When a murder takes place in her drawing room, she finds live drama much more complicated. The production will run Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 4-26, at 8 p.m., with Sunday performances on Sept. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m. and a Thursday performance on Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$22 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.

Celebrate! | 7 p.m. Sept. 5 • Includes dance, music, and highlights new dances from Colima, The Revolution, Aguascalientes, Calabaceado, Veracruz, and a Fiesta in Jalisco. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens and children younger than 7. All tickets purchased at the door will be \$20. Visit Mexico2000.net or contact Alex Palencia at 214-364-2629.

Garland Civic Theatre presents *Mrs. California* | Oct. 15-Nov. 7 • This production

pokes fun at the pretentious nonsense of a hotly contested homemakers' competition. The production will run Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 16-Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. with Sunday performances on Oct. 18 and 25 at 2:30 p.m.



and a Thursday performance on Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$22 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.

Garland Symphony Orchestra presents *Pianist Jan Jiracek* | 8 p.m. Oct. 16 •

This season will explore masterpieces inspired by visions of riches. From Auber's *Overture to The Crown Diamonds* to Lehar's *Gold and Silver Waltz*, it promises to be a glittering array of musical treasures. The Garland Symphony Orchestra opens its 2015-16 season with world-renowned pianist, Jan Jiracek, described by *BBC Music Magazine* as "one of the leading pianists of his generation." Tickets: \$17.50-\$37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.

At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Free Movie at the Plaza - Vertigo | 7 p.m. Sept. 12 • Alfred Hitchcock's story

of a retired San Francisco detective suffering from acrophobia as he investigates the strange activities of an old friend's wife, all the while becoming dangerously obsessed with her. Starring James Stewart and Kim Novak, this is a classic not to be missed. Admission is free and open to the public. Popcorn, candy, soda and water are available for \$2 each.

Sing, Laugh, Dance... | 8 p.m. Sept. 19 • This fundraising performance will feature some of Broadway's most beloved show tunes. Proceeds will benefit C.O.R.P.'s continuing intern work as well as scholarships. Tickets: \$15 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.

Young Frankenstein | Oct. 22-25 •

Grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein, inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor, and a leggy lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims, as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's. Tickets: \$12 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.

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Parent's Time Out | Beginning Sept. 3

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, ages 3-5 years, \$7 per child per week, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Leave the kids for a fun time participating in games, basic gymnastics, dance, music, arts and crafts, and free play time. Contact 972-205-3991 or arc@GarlandTx.gov.

Combo Dance | Sept. 3-24

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

Personal Training | Days and times vary

Ages 16 years and up, \$40 per hour, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Learn proper updated exercise form and progression using motivation and encouragement. Contact 972-205-3090 or frc@GarlandTx.gov.

Chess | Sept. 2-23

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., ages 6 years and up, \$37 per person Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Step-by-step instruction on the basic rules, strategic and tactical elements and theoretical knowledge. Contact 972-205-2771 or grc@GarlandTx.gov.

After School with Sylvan | Sept. 2-30

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., ages 6-14 years, \$169 per child, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Sylvan Learning Center brings curricula that are designed to build critical thinking skills for the future in a fun and exciting way. Focus on math or reading and receive daily take home sheets with lesson explanations for parents. Contact 972-205-2772 or hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

Kung Fu | Sept. 2-30

Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; times vary; ages 15 years and up; \$42 per person; Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn basic animal styles of Kung Fu while working on kicking, punching, and stance techniques. Contact 972-205-2721 or hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.



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- 1 City Council Meeting
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- 3 City Council Budget Work Session
(Tentative)
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- 7 City offices closed in observance of
Labor Day
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217 N. Fifth St.
- 14 City Council Work Session
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 15 City Council Meeting
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 18 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
1630 Commerce St.
- 21 Plan Commission
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 30 Mayor's Evening In
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

October

- 5 City Council Work Session
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 6 City Council Meeting
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
- 12 Plan Commission
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
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217 N. Fifth St.
- 26 Plan Commission
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.
217 N. Fifth St.
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Christmas
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Dec. 3, 2015



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