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Memorial Day Holiday Monday, May 30

City Offices, Libraries, Recreation Centers, and Senior Centers will be closed.

Residential garbage, recycling, and brush will be collected on the regular Tuesday-Friday schedule.

See Page 4 for a complete listing of City closures.

Garland General Election Set for May 14

The Mayor's seat, as well as those for Council members in Districts 3, 6, 7, and 8, is up for election this year, but District 6 is the only contested race in the May 14, 2011 municipal election. Lori Dodson and Ricardo Rocha will vie for the District 6 Council seat vacated by Barbara Chick. Council member Chick could not run again due to term limits. The City Charter limits the Mayor and Council members to three consecutive two-year terms. District 8



Council member Darren Lathen chose not to run for a third term and Jim Cahill is unopposed to fill that seat.

Mayor Ronald E. Jones is unopposed and will serve his third and final term. In District 3, Preston Edwards is also unopposed for his third and final term, as is District 7 Council member Rick Williams.

All five individuals will be sworn into office at Garland City Hall later in May (date not available at press

time). All citizens are encouraged to attend the Council meetings and be involved in the local government process. City Council agendas are posted to the City of Garland website, www.GarlandTx.gov. Citizens may also watch City Council meetings on the City's Government Access Cable channel or by video streaming available on the City's website.

See page 4 for District 6 polling places

New Brand Identity to Showcase Garland's Unique Features

Garland City Council has approved a new brand identity that showcases the many things that make Garland unique, including its strong manufacturing base, abundant career opportunities, and family friendly atmosphere.

Signifying forward motion, energy and power, Garland's new logo features a stylized Firewheel wildflower—which is native to the city. Outlining the logo is a notched edge that resembles a gear, which illustrates the progressiveness and vibrancy of the community. The tagline, "Texas Made Here," is the essence of the brand and speaks to all that is made in Garland.

"Our new logo and tagline is aesthetically designed to represent Garland's

assets and show that we continue to be the city of choice as well as an economic engine locally, regionally and nationally," said Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones.



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TEXAS MADE HERE

The city's branding partner, Hahn, Texas, has been working with City Council and staff during the past year to develop the new look and tagline. The process consisted of several phases, which included peer cities research, in-depth interviews with community stakeholders, and creative development.

"We're excited about launching the new brand identity and look forward to using it to help the city promote tourism and economic development," said Lucia Arrant, Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau director.

Plans call for the logo to be phased in, and changes will be made as existing stock is depleted and new items and equipment are needed. For a detailed description, download the schematic at <http://brand-garland.com>.

When the Arctic Blasted North Texas...

During the first two weeks of February, the north Texas region experienced a stretch of extremely cold temperatures along with ice and snow that created hazardous travel conditions.

Most City of Garland offices were able to maintain at least partial service levels during the storm.

The City's Street Department personnel worked round-the-clock shifts from February 1 to 5 and February 8 through 10 to sand intersections and keep roadways clear. Additionally, crews cleared snow and ice from downtown streets and parking lots so that Super Bowl weekend events hosted by the Mothers and Fathers Associations of

professional football players could be held as scheduled. During this period, the crews worked 3,185 hours and spread 902 tons of sand (chat rock) on Garland roadways.

Meanwhile, the Water Utilities Department responded to 1,161 service requests during the first 14 days of February, including 332 emergency water



cut-off calls due to burst pipes and 103 calls for no water due to frozen pipes. During the same 14-day period last year, the Water Department had only 736 service requests.

Although trash and recycling collection service had to be suspended several days during the ice and snow event, all routes were caught up by February 14.

Despite the large number of public safety vehicles deployed during this weather event, none of them sustained any type of damage related to crashes or accidents.



Photos courtesy of District 2 Councilwoman Laura Perkins Cox.

It's Pothole Season!

Flowers aren't the only things that bloom as winter warms into spring. Potholes begin to dot roadways, particularly in the aftermath of ice storms and heavy rains.

If potholes start rattling your teeth as you drive down City streets, please report them so they can be repaired.

You can report them online any time of the day or night at GarlandTx.gov. Click on the Citizen's Request Center icon on the left side of the City's home page, click on "Make a Request" and select "Street and/or alley problems."

During normal business hours, you may call the Street Department at 972-205-3555 to report potholes or other street-related problems.

Emergency Communications Updates

During severe weather or other emergency conditions, it is important for citizens to have quick access to information. During February's ice storms, the City utilized CodeRED, Garland E-News, Twitter, its Government Access Cable Channel, and website to provide citizens with timely updates about how the weather was impacting City services. The City of Garland is pleased to announce some important updates to its emergency communications tools.

Citizens can now create a login account for the CodeRED emergency notification system, which the city uses to notify citizens

by telephone about emergency or urgent situations. This will allow citizens to more easily track and modify their contact information and notification settings for the CodeRED weather warning system. In addition, CodeRED now sends messages via email and text message.

The City has added a new severe weather notification tool for those citizens who follow the City on Twitter, Twitter.com/garlandtxgov. The ReadyWarn Emergency Alert System delivers real-time severe weather updates to the City's Twitter page, allowing citizens to receive timely notifications of pending severe weather.

Links to all of these services are available at www.GarlandTx.gov.

In addition, the City's Office of Emergency Management reminds us all of

the importance of having a NOAA Weather Radio. These devices can be programmed to provide you with detailed announcements about severe weather and other hazards in your specific area. Weather radios are available at electronics stores at prices ranging from \$30 to \$200. If you have questions about weather radios or need assistance with programming your radio, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-781-7222.



Police Promotions and Assignment Changes

The Garland Police Department is making personnel changes that will lead to changes within the leadership of the department. Five officers are promoting to the rank of Lieutenant and two Lieutenants are being promoted to the rank of Captain.

Two current lieutenant assignments affected in the changes are in the successful and high profile Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) program. Lieutenants Gary Gregory and Jeff Bryan, who have led the NPO program for the past several years, are promoting to the rank of Captain. They are transferring to the Patrol Division in order to fill two captain's positions recently vacated by retirements.

Transferring to NPO supervisor positions are Lieutenants Scott Vornberg and Ben St Clair. Vornberg has been with the department 17 years and St Clair 14 years. These lieutenants bring a wide range of career experience that is expected to be helpful in leading the NPO program. The NPO unit consists of two lieutenants and 17 officers. The unit has a team approach that works throughout the City with citizens and business owners in an effort to solve problems and make Garland a safer place to both live and work. A map showing the NPO sections is located on page 5.

In the Patrol Division, promotions include: Lieutenant Gary Gregory to

Captain; Lieutenant Jeff Bryan to Captain; Officer Shawn Roten to Lieutenant; Officer Ramiro Moreno to Lieutenant; Officer Ernest Smith to Lieutenant; Officer Daniel Wortman to Lieutenant; and Officer Dan Colasanto to Lieutenant.



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Message From The Mayor

I have spoken and written often about how important it is for Garland to have a seat at the policy-making table on the federal, state and local levels. In March, I attended the Transportation in Excellence for the 21st Century (TEX-21), annual summit in Washington, D.C. This was the fourth year for the summit, which attracts mayors, council members and other regional transportation authorities. This year, attendees heard from legislators at the national level regarding plans for the future of transportation and how it relates to local cities and states. Topics included: toll roads, transportation safety, smart car technology, freight and high-speed rail, bus and commuter rail, the highway trust fund and homeland security. As a current member of the Regional Transportation Council in the North Texas Region, I take transportation very seriously and look to have every advantage analyzed to ensure that Garland and the North Texas Region are given a seat at the table when it comes to funding sources and information from our national government. In August, a follow-up Transportation Summit for local officials will be held in Irving, and I look forward to gaining more insight on how the transportation forecast looks after our state legislature meets this year.



Mayor Ronald E. Jones
972-205-2400
mayor@GarlandTx.gov

I am proud to announce that three of our City Council members are also "at the table" on national issues. District 2 Council member Laura Perkins Cox and District 5 Council member John Willis have been appointed to the National League of Cities' (NLC) 2011 CityFutures Panel on Community and Regional Development. This will be Council member Cox's third year to serve on this panel, which creates strategies for improving the coordination of regional economic development, land use and growth-related issues.

Meanwhile, District 1 Council member Douglas Athas has been reappointed to the NLC's 2011 First Tier Suburbs Council for the fourth year. The FTSC works to address the unique set of challenges faced by municipalities located outside of central cities and inside the ring of developing suburbs and rural areas.

The City has benefited greatly from the national participation of our Council members.

Mayor's Evening In

Thursday, April 28
Thursday, May 26

Mayor's Office ~ 5-7 p.m.
City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street

To reserve a time slot, call 972-205-2471
or email edattomo@GarlandTx.gov

NATIONAL CIRCUIT ASSEMBLY: SPECIALIZED ELECTRONICS

This is part of a series of business profiles based on visits by Mayor Ronald E. Jones to the top 100 businesses in Garland.

National Circuit Assembly is one of the largest circuit assembly companies in the region and is proud to be one of Garland's corporate citizens.

NCA began in 2007 and has worked on a variety of fascinating projects: video cards for fighter-jet simulators, alcohol breathalyzers for car and home use, add-ons for various iPhone applications including contactless payment, school bus air conditioning, and power conversion for yachts and airplanes. Most recently NCA was responsible for configuring and equipping the cable and equipment

installation for the communication facilities of the new DART Orange Line expansion to Las Colinas.

NCA has nearly 30,000 square feet of space in its high-tech Garland facility and employs 59 people. The company strives for strong, long-term customer relations with both flexibility and attention to the most minute details, tailoring each job to client specifications.

National Circuit Assembly, at 2908 National Drive in western Garland, enjoys being centrally located to their customer base.



CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

District 1: Douglas Athas, 972-205-2121, council1@GarlandTx.gov

District 2: Darren Lathen, 972-465-0435, council8@GarlandTx.gov

District 3: Preston Edwards, 972-271-1968, council3@GarlandTx.gov

District 4: Larry Jeffus, Mayor Pro Tem, 972-686-5698, council4@GarlandTx.gov

District 5: John Willis, 972-278-7722, council5@GarlandTx.gov

District 6: Barbara Chick, 972-276-2524, council6@GarlandTx.gov

District 7: Rick Williams, 972-465-9545, council7@GarlandTx.gov

District 8: Laura Perkins Cox, 214-364-9319, council2@GarlandTx.gov

Youth Council Applications Available

The Garland City Council wants to hear from the city's youth and invites young people to apply to serve on the Garland Youth Council. The Youth Council's mission is to provide a forum which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business, and allows youth to voice ideas and concerns.

Applicants should plan to attend at least one Youth Council meeting. Regular meetings are set for the second Tuesday of each month, with committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The GYC meets at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 West Avenue F. The Mayor and each of Garland's eight City Council members select two applicants to serve a one-year term.

Applications and meeting agendas are available at Garland City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, in the City Secretary's office and at www.GarlandYouthCouncil.org. For additional information, contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or dwhite@GarlandTx.gov.



GYC members recently hosted a "Don't Drive and Text" booth at a metroplex-wide event hosted by the Teens in the Driver Seat program. Pictured are Nate Zachary, Mindy Le and staff liaison Daniel Krzyzanowski.

Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2011-12 school year are eligible to apply. Each applicant should submit a completed GYC application and two letters of reference by May 16 to Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs Manager, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, TX 75040.



State Representative Angie Chen Button recognizes members of the GYC at the Texas Youth Summit in Austin. The event was held in February to bring student leaders together from all across Texas. GYC members present (left to right): Glory Jordan, Maria Barnett, Nayelli Lopez, Ana Karen Garcia, Hilina Gatew, Mindy Le, Nate Zachary.

Garland City Council Meetings

The Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 200 North Fifth Street. Meetings are broadcast live on CGTV, the City's government access channel on cable television, with several rebroadcasts during the week following each meeting. On Council meeting days, a City Council member briefly discusses agenda items on CGTV at 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

Work Sessions are normally held the Monday before Council meetings in the Work Session Room, first floor, City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street. Specific items and dates are posted outside City Hall on Friday before the scheduled meeting. Work Sessions are also televised live with rebroadcasts during the week.

Watch the City website, www.GarlandTx.gov, Time Warner Cable Channel 16, or Verizon FIOS Channel 44 for meeting schedule updates.



Comprehensive Plan 2030

The complete draft plan document is available online.

For more information on the plan and upcoming public meetings, visit EnvisionGarland.org or call 972-205-2865.

TV Listings ~ CGTV

Meeting dates subject to change

City Council Meetings

Live Broadcast - 7 p.m.
April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17
Rebroadcast following the meeting
Wednesday - 9 a.m., Friday - 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

Live Broadcast, 6 p.m.
April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16
Rebroadcast following the Monday meeting
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday and Thursday - 7 p.m.

Crime Watch

Daily 3 and 6:30 p.m.

Garland In Focus

Daily 5:30 a.m., 8 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Living in Garland

Daily 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission

Live Broadcast, 7 p.m.
April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23
Rebroadcast following the Monday meeting
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9 a.m.

Billboard - Daily

Daily Schedule posted on City of Garland website
www.GarlandTx.gov

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention

The City of Garland is committed to the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse.

Report anonymously fraud, waste, and abuse of City resources 24 hours a day.

972-205-2739



Registered for CodeRED?

In the case of an emergency or urgent notification, the City of Garland can notify residents via telephone, email and text message through CodeRED. The system allows the City to alert citizens based on their home or business location. A pre-recorded message tells a live person or answering machine about the specific situation and if any action is necessary.

CodeRED also includes automated severe weather warnings, which will be launched as soon as the National Weather Service issues a warning (telephone only).

Whether you have already registered for CodeRED or are registering for the first time, you must "opt-in" for the automatic weather warnings. To do so, go to www.GarlandTx.gov, click on the CodeRED icon and follow the prompts. For citizens without internet access, registration forms are available at City Hall, the Duckworth Utility Services Building and all City Library branches.

Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau: Upcoming Events

The Garland Convention and Visitors Bureau is instrumental in bringing numerous events to Garland which attract visitors to our city to stay in Garland hotels/motels, eat at Garland restaurants, and shop in Garland stores and shopping centers. Watch this spot in each issue of the *Garland City Press* for information about upcoming events.

Bass Pro Shops PAA All Star Series

Fifty of the top professional bass fishermen in the world will be invited to participate in the 2011 Bass Pro Shops Professional Anglers Association (PAA) All Star Series. The tournament will be held April 21-23 at Garland's Bass Pro Shops, 5001 Bass



Pro Drive, on Lake Ray Hubbard. For more information, visit www.fishpaa.com.

Texas Women's Open

Watch as professional and amateur contestants compete for the title at the 2011 Texas Women's Open. Eastern Hills Country Club, 3000 South Country Club Road, will host the event June 22-23. The Pro-Am will be held June 21.

Called the Women's Texas Open from 1935-1955, the Northern Texas PGA revived the event in 2001 to promote the game to female golfers throughout the region. For information, call 214-420-7421 or visit www.ntpag.com or www.easternhillsc.com.



www.GarlandTx.gov

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ANIMAL SERVICES NEWS

Registration/Vaccination Clinic

The first low cost registration/vaccination clinic held at the Garland Animal Shelter on February 12 was a huge success. Approximately 200 citizens participated and 150 animals were registered, 138 were vaccinated for rabies, and 27 were implanted with identification microchips. The next clinic will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Garland Animal Shelter, 600 Tower Drive. Visit GarlandAnimalServices.org for more information on upcoming events.

Garland Pawsibilities Adoptions

Beginning April 2, Garland Pawsibilities will hold pet adoption events at the offsite center, 3136 South Shiloh Road, the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individuals interested in making

donations or joining Pawsibilities can visit www.garlandpawsibilities.org.

Heartworm Prevention

Low cost heartworm prevention is now available with the adoption of an animal from the Garland Animal Shelter. Individuals who adopt an animal can purchase a single six month supply of heartworm preventative medicine for an additional \$20. This program is designed to promote animal welfare and heartworm prevention in particular. If you already own an animal, check with your private veterinarian about heartworm prevention.

Low-Cost Sterilization

Garland Animal Services is proud to announce a special low cost sterilization offer for pit bull dogs or crossbreeds thereof from

the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project. Beginning April 1, the first sixty Garland residents to schedule surgery with Kaufman County Animal Awareness will receive a \$50 discount on spay/neuter surgeries for their pets. This applies to pit bull dogs or crossbreeds only. Residents must show proof of Garland residency and must submit a photograph of their dog with the animal's name on the back of the photo at the time of surgery. To schedule surgery, contact Kaufman County Animal Awareness Program at 972-472-3500 or visit spayneuternet.org. Free transportation is provided by the Animal Awareness Program on the first Thursday of each month.

Sheep Crossing

Animal Service Officers responded to a potentially dangerous situation on Saturday, February 19, after receiving reports of sheep running at large near the Rosehill exit of I-30. The animal in question was an exotic species and was not domesticated. With the help of the Dallas County Sheriff's

Department, Animal Service Officers trapped the ram. The ram ran onto the interstate and posed a very dangerous traffic hazard. Thanks to the Animal Service Officers, Garland Police Officers and Dallas County Sheriff Deputies for the great work.



Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special thank you to the citizens and organizations that donated almost \$3,000 in January and February. All donations are used to sponsor animals for adoption or to provide care and comfort for animals.

Notable donations include: Naaman Forest High School, \$1,000; Ja Ann Peterson, \$160; Laura McLarry, \$80; William LaHue, \$80; Bonnie Voth, \$80; Terri Mitchell, \$80; Angela Ambrosio, \$80; Loreal Lenz, \$80; and Joyce LaHue, \$160.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

The American democratic experience is built upon the foundation of concerned and caring citizens becoming actively involved in local government. Consistent with this principle, Garland's Charter provides for the City Council to utilize citizen volunteers to assist in carrying out the many functions of municipal government by serving on the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions. Please give serious consideration to becoming more involved in helping make Garland the best city possible by applying to serve on a board or commission of your choice. For further information, call 972-205-2403.

Process For Selection

Board members are selected for two-year terms by the City Council in August. Terms are usually staggered whereby at least half of the membership has board experience.

All applicants and incumbents must submit a Board and Commission Application form by July 1. Members of some boards must possess certain technical skills as specified by ordinance. All board and commission members must file a Code of Ethics Disclosure Form with the City Secretary.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by mail after their appointment. Because vacancies may arise during the year, all applications are kept on file for one year.

Garland Cultural Arts Commission

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets quarterly
- Advises on policies of the Arts Center, negotiates contracts for usage of Heritage Park, awards grants to arts groups, and promotes the arts in general

Garland Youth Council

- Consists of 20 members; high school students
- One-Year Terms
- Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
- Advises Council of wants and needs of Garland youth and acts as ambassadors for the City of Garland
- Contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or DWhite@GarlandTx.gov for application

Housing Standards Board

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 1st Thursday of each month, if needed
- Reviews staff recommendations and issues orders requiring repair/demolition and/or civil penalties

Library Board

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 2nd Monday of every month
- Advises Council on library services and programs

Parks and Recreation Board

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 1st Wednesday of every month
- Advises on acquisitions, maintenance, operation and use of parks, playgrounds and open spaces

Plan Commission

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 2nd and 4th Monday each month
- Reviews rezoning applications, subdivision plats and site plans, and advises Council regarding comprehensive planning issues

Plumbing and Mechanical Codes Board

- Consists of 9 members: 7 members specializing in the construction industry and 2 lay persons
- Meets on call
- Reviews proposed amendments to Plumbing and Mechanical Codes and hears appeals on rulings of the Building Official

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 1st Thursday of each month
- Advises Council on senior citizen issues

Qualifications

The Garland Charter and Code of Ordinances establish certain qualifications that must be met by members of boards and commissions. In addition to special qualifications for service, a board member must:

- have been a resident of the state of Texas for one year and of Garland for six months prior to the date of appointment;
- be a qualified voter at time of appointment;
- not be in arrears on City taxes, utility service charges or other obligations owed the City;
- have not been convicted of a felony;
- have not been convicted of a Class A misdemeanor;
- not be an adversary party to pending litigation against the City.

Boards and Commissions

Board of Adjustment

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month
- Considers applications for variances to zoning ordinance regulation, hears appeals regarding determinations of the Zoning Administrator, and considers action concerning non-conforming uses

Building and Fire Codes Board

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets on call
- Reviews proposed amendments to Building and Fire Codes and hears appeals on rulings of the Building Official or Fire Chief

Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee

- Consists of 9 members
- Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Reviews, develops and recommends new and expanded projects to the City Council

Community Multicultural Commission

- Consists of 13 members
- Meets 3rd Thursday of each month
- Researches issues and makes recommendations to Council concerning the City's changing demographic composition and diverse needs

Electrical Board

- Consists of 9 members: 8 members specializing in electrical work and 1 lay person
- Meets on call
- Reviews proposed amendments to Electrical Codes, hears appeals on rulings of the Building Official, administers electrical exams to license electricians, and approves electrical contractors to operate in the city



Board & Commission Application

Please Print or Type.

Return completed application to: City Secretary's Office, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas 75040
PLEASE DO NOT SEND RESUME.

Board or Commission of first, second, and third choice: (Utility Advisory Board has a separate application)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Garland Cultural Arts Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Fire Codes Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Garland Youth Council (Special Application Required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Standards Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing and Mechanical Codes Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Multicultural Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Board | | |

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Bus. Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Phone (Other): _____

Email Address: _____

Resident of Garland for _____ years Resident of Texas for _____ years

Are you a registered voter in Dallas County? _____ Yes _____ No

Voter Registration No. _____ Precinct No. _____ City Council District No. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever been convicted of a Class A misdemeanor? _____ Yes _____ No

Please list any experience that qualifies you to serve in the areas you have indicated.

If you have served on a City Board or Commission, please specify and list dates of service.

List civic or community endeavors with which you have been involved.

What is your educational background?

What is your occupational experience?

* *Plan Commission members must own property within the city.*

I hereby affirm that all statements herein are true and correct. _____

Signature of Applicant

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| Status of Utility Accounts | Current _____ | Past Due _____ | _____ Tax Clerk |
| Suit/Claim Filed in City Secretary's Office | Yes _____ | No _____ | _____ Accounting Clerk |
| | | | _____ City Secretary |

Date Appointed _____
Appointed By _____
Date Notified _____
Date Disclosure Form Filed _____

GP&L RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Garland Power & Light is one of 82 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃) recognition from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. Paul Allen, vice president, engineering at Nashville, Tenn., Electric Service and chair of APPA's RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designees on March 21, during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee.

"These RP₃ designated utilities should be proud," said Allen, "They stand out as utilities that are continuing to strive for excellence for their customers and their communities."

The RP₃ program recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

"This is a real honor for our utility," said Ray Schwertner, Electric Utility Director of Garland Power & Light. "A lot of hard work has gone into earning this designation, and in the end, our customers are the real winners."

The RP₃ recognition program is in its sixth year. RP₃ utilities hold the designation for two years and resubmit for consideration again at the end of that time period. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state-owned electric utilities. It is located in Washington, D.C.

This is the second consecutive time that GP&L has been named a Reliable Public Power Provider.



Fair Housing Month Opportunities

The 43rd Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 will be recognized nationally in April as part of Fair Housing Month. Locally, the City of Garland's Fair Housing Office will commemorate the occasion with several activities designed to increase awareness of fair housing laws and purchase/rental opportunities in Garland. The local Fair Housing Ordinance prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, advertising and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions.

On April 12, at 6 p.m., a Foreclosure Prevention and Sustaining Homeownership Seminar will be held by a housing partnership consisting of the North Texas Housing Coalition, Metro Tex Realtors, and Garland Fair Housing Office. Workshop presenters will share valuable information

about alternatives to foreclosure, and key strategies to preserving home ownership.

A Tenant Rights and Responsibilities workshop will be held on April 21, at 6 p.m. at Carver Learning Center, 232 Carver Drive. The workshop will be held concurrently in English and Spanish. Learn valuable and sometimes misunderstood tenant responsibilities that will minimize landlord/tenant conflicts.

For more information about Fair Housing, call 972-205-3300 or visit the City of Garland Fair Housing Office at 210 Carver Drive, Garland, Texas 75040. Service is available in English, Spanish, *Korean, and *Vietnamese (*by appointment). Information is also available on the web at www.GarlandTx.gov under "Neighborhood Services."

Summer Nutrition Program Gears Up for Another Year

Summer is fast-approaching and that means another year for the City of Garland's Summer Nutrition Program. Now in its 16th year of service, the Summer Nutrition Program serves free, nutritious meals, five days a week to the children of Garland during the summer months. The program, a joint venture between the City of Garland and the Texas Department of Agriculture, is open to all children 18 years of age or younger, and no enrollment or registration is required. Simply show up to one of many program sites throughout the City and enjoy a meal!

The program begins in June and runs through August. A special preview event will be held at the new Harris Hollabaugh Recreation Center on April 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be food, games, and prizes as the City of Garland sets out to "Stamp Out Child Hunger" this summer. Keep an

eye out for a list of this year's meal service sites and times in the *Garland City Press*, school flyers, and of course the Summer Nutrition Program page on the City of Garland's website.

Those interested in volunteering or making donations for this program may call 972-205-3300 or email pharris@garlandtx.gov.

Pay Your City Utility Bill Automatically

The Automatic Bank Draft program saves you time and money by doing the work of paying your monthly City of Garland Utility bill on time for you. With this program, your bank or savings account is drafted for the amount of your monthly utility bill. You will continue to receive your bill each month, and the date the funds will be withdrawn is noted on the bill. Automatic Bank Draft is free, and you can elect to discontinue the program at any time.*

Enrollment is quick and easy!

Step 1 – Use the form included with the February utility bill, or print out the online form at www.garlandpower-light.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 related fees. Your Garland utility account needs to have a zero balance, and you will need a checking or savings account to participate in the Automatic Bank Draft program.

Central Library
Closed Easter Sunday
April 24

Minority/Woman-Owned Businesses

Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program goal is to include minority and woman-owned suppliers in every segment of the City procurement process, affording them an opportunity, on a competitive basis, to be considered for and awarded City business.

Contact the Garland Purchasing Department at 972-205-2415 or email purchasing@GarlandTx.gov or logon to www.GarlandPurchasing.com.

Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

City Offices
(including Utility Customer Service)
Closed Monday, May 30

Libraries
Closed Monday, May 30

Recreation/Senior Centers
Closed Monday, May 30

Swimming Pools
Open Monday, May 30

Environmental Waste Services
Offices Closed Monday, May 30

Normal collection schedule for garbage, recycling and brush

Recycling Center
Closed Monday, May 30

Transfer Station
Closed Monday, May 30

C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill & Wood Recycling Facility
Closed Monday, May 30

NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY

Announcements

The City Manager's Quarterly Meeting for Neighborhood Based Groups is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street. Call 972-205-2108 to register.

Glynnhill Estates Neighborhood Association, located between Dairy Road and Curtis, is hosting a membership drive. The group meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Gale Fields Recreation Center.

Classes are open to all Garland residents, property owners, and service providers. To register, call 972-205-2108 or send email to GNMAClass@garlandtx.gov.

GNMA - Grassroots Leadership Development

Twenty Garland residents participated in the Grassroots Leadership Development Series. The three modules focused on leadership discovery, organization assessment, and turning neighborhood goals to action. During the three-part series, 16 neighborhood groups were represented. Lorre Antoine, Rubina Iqbar, Susie Rutherford, Liz Kay, and Daniel Salas participated in all three modules.

Congratulations to all of the participants for their commitment to healthy Garland neighborhoods.

GNMA Classes

The Garland Neighborhood Management Academy continues its classes held in the Austin State Room at City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street.

- *Public Speaking 101*, taught by Mayor Ronald E. Jones, April 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- *Community Asset Mapping*, Saturday, April 30, 9-11:30 a.m.
- *Planning a Neighborhood Vitality Project*, Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



From left, first row: Rubina Iqbar, Lorre Antoine, John Snyder, Tina Council (facilitator), Liz Kay. Second row: Mihaela Zeinali, Tammy Risser, Imrana Iqbar, Susie Rutherford. Third row: Kent Denton, Sandra Purdom, Fred Vinas, and Daniel Salas.

Get Answers Quick. Just Click!

City of Garland news, information and service requests available at
www.GarlandTx.gov

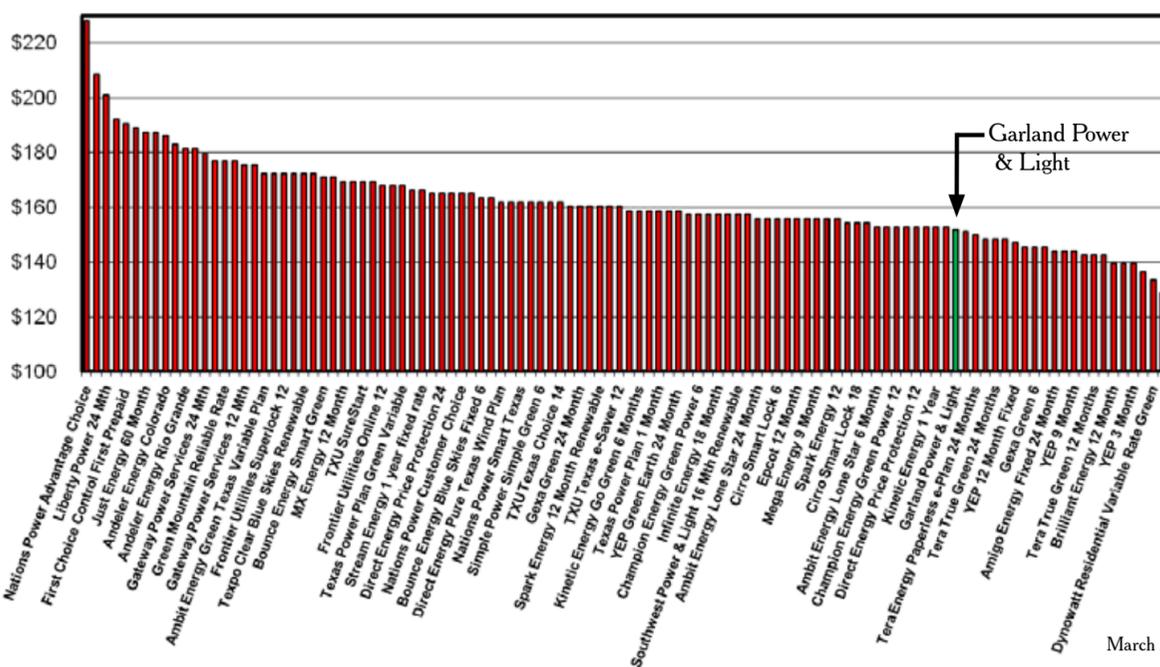
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Click on the "Citizen's Request Center" icon to find answers to hundreds of frequently asked questions, submit a new question, or request a specific service such as a garage sale permit, new sidewalk estimate, or many more.

Garland Power & Light Residential Rate Comparison

Retail Electric Providers
Oncor Electric Delivery Service Area ~ 1500 kWh Usage



Police Impounded Vehicle Auctions

Auctions for Police Impounded vehicles are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15 and May 20 at the City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce Street. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Vehicles must be removed from the Impound Lot by noon the following Monday. All vehicles will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered as/where is. Auctions may be cancelled without notice. Call 972-205-2415 for further information or visit the auction website at www.GarlandPurchasing.com.

Look for bicycles at www.govdeals.com or www.publicsurplus.com.

POLLING PLACES

Listed here are polling places for Council District 6, the only contested race in the May 14 general election.

| Pct # | Address | Address |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2115 | Audelia Creek Elementary | 12600 Audelia, Dallas |
| 2118 | Davis Elementary | 1621 McCallum |
| 2119 | O'Henry Elementary | 4100 Tynes |
| 2120 | O'Henry Elementary | 4100 Tynes |
| 2121 | Bradfield Elementary | 3817 Bucknell |
| 2122 | Davis Elementary | 1621 McCallum |
| 2128 | Sam Houston Middle School | 2232 Sussex |

All polling places are subject to change. For updates, contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2403.



2nd Annual Business to Business Expo
Thursday, May 19 ~ Noon - 3 p.m.
520 North Glenbrook Drive
 Community and business professionals welcome to attend
www.garlandchamber.com

THE ATRIUM IS BRIDE'S CHOICE

WeddingWire, the nation's largest wedding review site, has announced that The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center has been selected once again to receive the annual WeddingWire Bride's Choice Awards™ for Wedding/Reception venues!

Recognition is determined by recent reviews and extensive surveys from more than 750,000 WeddingWire newlyweds.

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center stands among the top five percent of wedding professionals in the WeddingWire community, representing quality and service excellence within the wedding industry. Awards were given to the top wedding professionals across 20 service categories, from venues to photographers and were based on the overall professional achievements throughout the past year.

"WeddingWire is honored to celebrate the success of the top-rated wedding professionals within the WeddingWire community," said Timothy Chi, WeddingWire's Chief Executive Officer. "With the annual Bride's Choice Awards™ program, WeddingWire has the unique opportunity to recognize the best wedding professionals across the U.S. and Canada.

We applaud The Atrium for their professionalism and dedication to enhancing the wedding planning experience."

For more information on the awards, visit www.WeddingWire.com. For information on The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, visit GarlandArts.com.

Streetlight Repairs

Notice a streetlight that is out or damaged?

Contact GP&L at 972-205-3483 or e-mail info@garlandpower-light.org.

Please provide the exact location of the light or a pole number, along with your name, address and daytime telephone number in case GP&L needs to contact you for additional information pertaining to the light.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING

NPO
Neighborhood Police Officer

NPO Lieutenants
Lt. B. St Clair
Lt. S. Vornberg
972-485-4881

Legend:

- Ashcroft: 972-205-2980
- Barineau: 972-485-4859
- Capers: 972-205-2740
- Christian: 972-485-4816
- Clark, M.: 972-485-4857
- Duncan: 972-205-2980
- Franey: 972-485-4896
- Galloway: 972-205-2980
- Hawkins: 972-485-4858
- Summers: 972-485-4814
- Maldonado: 972-485-4835
- Mallison: 972-205-2740
- Oliver: 972-485-4815
- Perrone: 972-205-2980
- Rumatz: 972-485-4896
- Thompson: 972-485-4896
- Wade: 972-205-1659

GARLAND ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Tree Power Free Tree

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

The "Tree Power Free Tree" program will start at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the Haskell L. Roach Garden Center, located in Winters Park, 1221 Spring Creek Drive. Staff will provide trees until 5 p.m. or until the supply of trees is gone. The supply is limited, so come early.

In order to receive your free tree you must show you are a Garland resident by providing a Texas drivers license with a Garland address or a City of Garland utility bill. Participants will be directed to line up on the southbound lane of Spring Creek Drive next to Winters Softball Complex. One tree per residence please.

The trees are Shumard Red Oak, Cedar Elm, Bur Oak, and Live Oak, four to six feet tall. Planting and care instructions will be provided. For more information call 972-205-3588.

provide the shredding service. Secured site destruction will shred the fiber material at a securely enclosed area. ECS Refining, a company that offers responsible recycling of electronic equipment while minimizing the environmental impact of e-waste, will recycle the electronics. The Environmental Co-Op, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will act as the collection agent for ECS.

Shredding service is provided at no cost. Recycling fees will apply for selected electronic items, including \$5 for computer monitors and \$10 - 30 for televisions, based on size, due to extra costs incurred to process the glass in these components. All other recycling is free. Electronics contain many hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and arsenic. These heavy metals can seep into the soil and contaminate the water supply unless disposed of properly.

Volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic and help unload vehicles. For more information about this event, go to GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com or call 972-205-3500.



Yard Maintenance

Spring time brings warm weather and yard work. Normal yard maintenance often generates yard waste and chemical runoff that could reach our local streams, creeks and lakes. This type of pollution is harmful to aquatic life and possibly causes problems for people.

Fertilizer Use:

- Mow more frequently and use clippings as fertilizer.
- Use slow-release nitrogen fertilizers.
- Do not use weed and feed products.
- Sweep up fertilizer that is on any hard surface.
- Use soil testing services every two to three years.

Pesticide Use:

- Diagnose the problem accurately by contacting local nurseries or county extension agents.
- Avoid using chemicals and spot treat when possible.
- Use natural remedies such as ladybugs and praying mantis.



Plastic Waste

According to the Ocean Conservancy, plastic bottles and bags are the second leading source of pollution found in our waterways. How can we make a difference here in Garland?

- Utilize reusable bottles.
- Keep reusable bags in your car for all of your shopping needs.
- Recycle plastic bottles.
- Pick up trash that you drop and any trash on your property.
- Volunteer at the *Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off* on Saturday, April 2. For more information, visit KeepGarlandBeautiful.org.



Fran Burns, left, President of TREES, presents Glenna Brown, Keep Garland Beautiful staff liaison, the Division III Trinity Trash Bash Challenge Award.

Keep Garland Beautiful Wins Trash Bash Award

Keep Garland Beautiful recently won the Division III Trinity Trash Bash Challenge Award for its successful Trash Bash in October. The Trinity River Environmental Education Society (TREES) presented the awards in four divisions, based on population and successful results to clean up litter and promote recycling.

Fran Burns, TREES President, announced, "Keep Garland Beautiful's city-wide Trash Bash results were outstanding, with 800 volunteers collecting 6,000 pounds of trash and 2,000 pounds of recyclables. Garland has been a dedicated supporter of the TREES program for more than two years."

TREES is committed to helping area community leaders engage citizens in programs leading to sustained improvements in air quality, beautification, energy conservation, litter abatement, water conservation and water quality issues, especially as they relate to the Trinity River and its watershed.

Planning a Spring Garage Sale?

Don't forget your permit. It's free.

Call 972-485-6400 or go online to www.GarlandTX.gov Click on Citizen's Request Center.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Recycle

Plastic Bottles, Chipboard, Cans, Glass Bottles, Newspaper

Separate paper from other recyclables. Cardboard and telephone books are not accepted curbside. Take to Recycling Center at 1426 Commerce Street.

Do Not Recycle

Paper Towels, Facial Tissue and Toilet Paper
 Wax-Coated Food and Drink Containers
 Plastic Utensils and Plastic Straws
 Plastic and Foil Packaging
 Plastic Bags
 Styrofoam Peanuts
 Plastic and Styrofoam Food Containers
 Styrofoam Plates and Cups
 Paper Serving Items

Questions? 972-205-3500 www.GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com

EWS Hosts Electronics Recycling and Shredding Event on April 22

Garland Goes Green on Earth Day, Friday, April 22, when the City of Garland Environmental Waste Services will host an electronics recycling and document shredding event from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Homer B. Johnson Stadium, 1029 E. Centerville in Garland.

Clear the closet, attic, media room, garage and storage unit of old documents, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, printer cartridges, scanners, radios, televisions, DVD players, VCRs, cell phones, land phones, and other electronic equipment. Drive through, drop equipment and papers off, and be assured they will be recycled responsibly. Greenstar, NA will



COMMUNITY/ARTS

Auditions for Summer Musicals

Auditions for the Garland Summer Musicals productions of *The Music Man* and *CATS* will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3 at the Granville Arts Center. Dance call will be Sunday April 3, 12:30 to 5 p.m. Individual auditions will be Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Youth auditions for *The Music Man* will be held at the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street, on Monday, April 4, 6 to 10 p.m. There are roles for youth ages 9 to 12 years of age.

A stipend will be paid. Call 972-205-2790 for more information.

Appointments are required for all auditions. To audition, prepare one upbeat song and one ballad. Bring sheet music in the correct key, and be dressed to move. An accompanist will be provided. There will also be cold readings from the script.

Season tickets are on sale at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. Individual tickets go on sale May 2.

The Music Man by Meredith Willson will be directed by Buff Shurr, returning for his 29th season. Musical director will be Jeff Crouse, and choreographer will be Jeremy Dumont.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *CATS* will also be directed by Buff Shurr. Musical Director will be Mark Mullino, and choreographer will be Paula Morelan.



GCT's To Kill a Mockingbird

Garland Civic Theatre's staging of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as dramatized by Christopher Sergel from the book by Harper Lee, will conclude with performances on April 1 at 8 p.m. and April 2 at 2:30 and 8 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in downtown Garland. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. Discounts are also available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more.



DON'T MISS THE SHOW!

Granville Arts Center
Fifth and Austin Streets

April 21, 22, 23 ~ 7 p.m.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, presented by the South Garland Southern Belles Dance/Drill Team. Tickets are available from any Southern Belle or by e-mail to Ladalton@garlandisd.net or Mafox@garlandisd.net. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

May 3 ~ 7 a.m.

Prayer Breakfast, to benefit Hope Clinic of Garland at The Atrium. Coach Brad McCoy, father of former UT quarterback Colt McCoy, will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by calling 214-734-0266.

May 5 ~ Noon

National Day of Prayer at The Atrium. 10th annual celebration in Garland. For information, contact Sandra Dinkins at 972-840-2150.

Plaza Theatre

521 West State Street

April 2 ~ 7 p.m.

Just Country, performing classic country music. Tickets are \$12 online at www.ddstudebakers.com. Call Tammy Wortham at 214-578-1926 or email tammy.wortham@dhat.com.



April 3 ~ 1 p.m.

Dallas County Cinderella Scholarship Pageant. For information, contact Lisa Garbe at 214-926-4590 or Marsha West at 214-202-5295. Visit the website at www.dfwcinderella.weebly.com or send an email to dallascinderella@yahoo.com.

April 8, 9 ~ 7 p.m.

Walk Like A Man - The Play. Tickets are \$25 at www.BrownPaperTickets.com and \$35 at the door. Due to strong language and mature subject matter, attendees must be 18 or older to enter. For information, visit www.facebook.com/walklikeaman and www.positivescribeproductions.com.

April 16 ~ 7:30 p.m.

George Dickerson Live in Concert with the Fever Tribute Band. For tickets visit www.dickersonproductions.com or call 254-498-3564.



April 17 ~ 7 p.m.

Lakeshore Symphonic Winds. Free concert. Open to the public.

May 8 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Sampradaya Performing Arts presents Anjani Penumatcha in Natyapurna (Rangapravesam) concert.



May 25-26 ~ 10 a.m.

May 27-28 ~ 7 p.m.

Cheaper by the Dozen, presented by Acting for Children Theater. Tickets are \$6-\$9 in advance. Add \$1 per ticket at the door. Call 972-658-3915. Buy online at www.actforchildren.org or email actingforchildren@hotmail.com.



May 29 ~ 5 and 8 p.m.

Visual Outburst, presented by Dallas Dance Company. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Michelle Davis at 214-356-7204.



The GSO Celebrates the Seasons

The GSO continues its 2011 *A Symphony for All Seasons* with concerts on April 15 and May 6. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Brownlee Auditorium at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in downtown Garland. Single tickets are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790. For season tickets or group discounts, call 972-926-0611, fax 972-926-0811, or email info@garlandssymphony.org. For additional information, visit www.garlandssymphony.org.

April Concert

On April 15, the GSO will perform Michel Camilo's *Concerto for Piano, Harp, and Strings*, Debussy's *Rondes de Printemps*, and the Sixth Annual Movie Scores Quiz!

The symphony will feature pianist Simone Sala performing Camilo's *Concerto for Piano, Harp, and Strings*. The suite is influenced by jazz and is an enjoyable and breezy piece to listen to. The piano plays the major role and Mr. Camilo proves he is a great jazz pianist.

Simone Sala was born in Bojano, Italy, and began studying piano at age 9, continuing the 150 year-old family legacy of musicians. He holds a degree in piano from L.Perosi Conservatorium in Campobasso, Italy, and an Artist Certificate from Southern



Methodist University (SMU). He is currently pursuing a Masters degree at SMU. Mr. Sala has performed recitals and concerts throughout Europe and the United States and has won first prize in numerous national and international piano competitions.

May Concert

The GSO presents *Days of Summer* at 8 p.m. on May 6. The Garland Symphony will perform Hugo Alfven's *Midsummer Vaka* (*Midsummer Vigil*), Anton Webern's *In the Summer Wind (Im Sommerwind)*, Richard Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries*, and Igor Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring (Le sacre du printemps)*. Additionally, this concert will feature Vivaldi's *Summer (L'estate)* from *The Four Seasons* to conclude the season.

The GSO is under the direction of Music Director Robert Carter Austin.

GCT Presents The Verdict

Garland Civic Theatre will round out its 2010-2011 Season with *The Verdict* by Agatha Christie. Performances are April 21 and 28 at 7:30 p.m.; April 22, 23, 29, 30, and May 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and April 24 and May 1, 8, and 14 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each, with discounts for KERA members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the preview on April 21 are \$15. Tickets are available at the Arts Center Box Office or by calling 972-205-2790.

Kyle McClaran will direct this story of the Hendryks, refugees in England, who have lost everything. Karl, with his talents and hard work, rebuilds their lives. All is shattered when wealthy, headstrong Helen Rollander bribes her way into private tutoring by Karl. Even with her infatuation with Karl being denied, she will stop at nothing, not even murder, to possess him.



Garland Civic Theatre is a member of Texas Non-profit Theatres. Season sponsors include Garland Cultural Arts Commission and *The Dallas Morning News*. Visit the GCT website at www.garlandcivictheatre.org or call 972-485-8884 for more information.

GCAC HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

Aaron Blaylock from Rowlett High School, took First Place in Drawing/Color and Best of Show in the Garland Cultural Arts Commission's (GCAC) 2011 GISD High School Art Competition. Cash awards were presented March 8 at a reception honoring the students and their instructors. This marks the 24th year for the competition, and cash awards of \$2,200 were presented.

Other winners from Rowlett High School include Victor Faz, with Second Place in Drawing/Black and White; Alaina Garrison with Honorable Mention in Drawing/Black and White; Bryanna Kunkel with Second Place in Painting; and Jose Medeles with Second Place in Sculpture and Honorable Mention in Ceramics. Anna Wallace took First Place in Multi-Media and Second Place in Printmaking/Photography/Computer Art, and Third Place in Painting. Daniella Alvarez won Third Place in Multi-Media. In Ceramics, Emily diFranco took First Place and Edisa Saracevic received Honorable Mention.



Seated, from left: Emily diFranco, Ashley Greer, Aaron Blaylock, Angelo Ko, Minh Hoang, Anna Wallace, and Jose Medeles. Standing, from left: Rebecca Saathoff, Brenda Flores, Zach Aldaz, Thao Nguyen, Bryanna Kunkel, and Victor Faz. Photo courtesy of Jennifer diFranco.

From Garland High School, Minh Hoang took First Place in Drawing/Black and White, with Third Place going to Angelo Ko, who also took First Place in Painting, and Honorable Mention to Katie Yager. Olivia Pich received Honorable Mention in Painting. Delaney Adams received Third Place in Printmaking/Photography/Computer Art, and Thao Nguyen won Second Place in Multi-Media.

Rebecca Saathoff from Sachse High School, took First Place in Sculpture, with Third Place going to Violeta Bedolla-lara. Honorable Mentions in Drawing/Color went to Kyle Rogers and Alli Gilbreath, who also received Honorable Mention in Painting.

In Drawing/Color, Third Place went to Charlene Beasley and Honorable Mention to Antonio Maldonado, from Naaman Forest High School. In Sculpture, Honorable Mentions went to Charmian Cathcart and Summer White.

Ashley Greer from North Garland High School took First Place in Printmaking/Photography/Computer Art. Second Place in Drawing/Color went to Zach Aldaz, and Honorable Mention in Painting went to Ayah Alrabbat.

From South Garland High School, Rachel Langley took Second Place in Ceramics, with Third Place going to Brenda Flores.

Judges for the annual GCAC competition were professional artists Shug Jones and Julie Dilling.

No Sex Please, We're British

The Company of Rowlett Performers will present *No Sex Please, We're British* at the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street in downtown Garland. Performances are set for April 28, 29, and 30 at 8 p.m. and May 1 at 2 p.m.

A young bride who lives above a bank with her husband (who is the assistant bank manager), innocently sends a mail order off for some Scandinavian glassware. What comes is Scandinavian pornography. The plot revolves around what is to be done with the veritable flood of pornography, photographs, books, films and eventually girls that threaten to engulf this happy couple.

Tickets are \$10 online or \$15 at the door. Buy online at www.corptheatre.com. Reservations can be made by calling 972-977-7710. All pre-purchased tickets are reserved seating. For information, email donnacovington@yahoo.com.

Garland Chorale

The Garland Chorale presents *Give My Regards to Broadway* on Friday, April 29 at 8 p.m. at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in downtown Garland. The program will feature highlights from the best of Broadway. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors. Children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online. For information or tickets, visit www.thegarlandchorale.com.

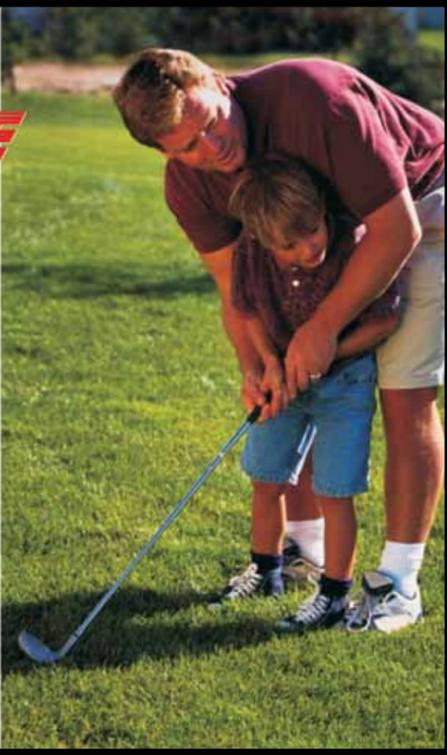
Kids dream of the day when they can
DRIVE

Junior Camps
(5-17 years of age)

June 6-9
July 11-14
August 1-4

8-10 a.m.
\$125 per session

FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK
972-205-2795



PHOTO/ART EXHIBITS

During April and May, art exhibits will be on display at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. Viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during performances. Call 972-205-2780.

Oil & Water

Paintings from the studio of Richland College will be displayed April 6 through 26, with a reception scheduled for April 26, 6 to 8 p.m. Featured will be works by students working at all levels in watercolor, acrylic and oil paint. Artists include Homer Klonis, Marilyn Keiffer, Barry Hutchings, Janet Butler, Louis Ceballos, Marshall Bateman, Ligia, Stephanie Helvey, Marcela Reyes, Ben Lopez, Joy



Brown, Melodee Moore, Laura Matson, Meghan Stevens, Bruce Clemons, Harry Follbaum, Brandon Hawkins and Elissa Jakovijevic. Instructor is Bryce Lafferty.

Tesserae Mosaic Studio

An exhibit of mosaic fine art will be on display April 27 through May 31. Featured will be items by the artists of Tesserae Mosaic Studio, Shug Jones and Julie Dilling, as well as works from past students. Included will be realism, portraiture, abstract, and three-dimensional pieces. The studio provides commission-based art pieces and mosaic workshops and classes for artists of all ages.




OLD WEST COWBOYS, HALF BROKE HORSES, ART SHOWS, AND THE FIBONACCI SEQUENCE....AT THE GARLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Nicholson Memorial Library System

Central Library
625 Austin Street
972-205-2517

North Garland Branch Library
3845 North Garland Avenue
972-205-2804

South Garland Branch Library
4845 Broadway Boulevard
972-205-3933

Walnut Creek Branch Library
3319 Edgewood Drive
972-205-2585

Senior Social Hour @ the Library

The Nicholson Memorial Library System continues its series of programs for senior citizens, Senior Social Hour @ the Library. Events in this series are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and are open to anyone 55 years of age or older. These popular events are free and no registration is required. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time and seats fill up quickly. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

Puzzles, Prizes, and Paradoxes with Dr. Sam Tinsley



On Thursday, April 14, at 2 p.m., at the North Garland Branch Library, Dr. Sam Tinsley will present amazing and mind-boggling mathematical theories in ways that we all can understand. He will also discuss probability, puzzles and games, as well as the famous Fibonacci Sequence. You'll be hooked!

Tinsley is a math professor at Richland College and has given presentations on numbers, mathematics and related topics through the Richland College Emeritus program and at various senior living facilities throughout the Dallas area.

Tales From the Ranch House with Jimmy Pate and B.J. Giles

On Saturday, May 14, at 2 p.m., at the North Garland Branch Library, the romance and lure of the Old West and the real cowboy will be alive and well with Jimmy Pate and B.J. Giles. This one-of-a-kind program features both traditional and original cowboy-themed poetry and songs. Pate is a songwriter and guitarist, and Giles is a cowboy poet. The two men will share the stage, each contributing their unique talents. Pate and Giles have performed together many times, and they provide the perfect combination of poetry and songs of the Old West.



June and July. Workshops will be held at the South Garland Branch Library.

Pre-registration begins May 3 and is required for attendance. In order to accommodate as many children as possible, registration is limited to two sessions per month per child. To register, call 972-205-3933, or visit the Children's Desk at the South Garland Branch Library.

June 7 - *Spintastic: Yo-Yo Tricks with Valerie Oliver*

June 14 - *Splatter My World: Jackson Pollock Paintings*

June 21 - *Dance It Out, with The Class Act Tap Dancers*

June 28 - *Stampede! A Stamp Workshop, with Julie Jefferies*

July 5 - *Music Petting Zoo, with KidsNotes*

July 14 - *Scared Silly: Horribly Funny and Simply Horrible Tales*

July 19 - *Flipped Out: Digital Scavenger Hunt*

July 26 - *Builder Battles*

Schedule is subject to change. Call 972-205-3933 to verify dates and topics.

Create Your Own Story during National Library Week

April 10-16 is National Library Week – a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries and librarians to communities, schools and colleges nationwide.

A public library is the heart of any community. In today's challenging economy, libraries offer free resources to help people find jobs and learn new skills. Libraries offer students access to reference databases, online homework help, and a wide variety of print resources. Citizens of all ages and backgrounds find a welcoming environment for enlightenment, entertainment, and life-long learning at their public library.

Visit the four locations of the Nicholson Memorial Library System and allow a librarian to show you how the library can benefit you and your family.

For Adults: "Grow Your Mind, Read!"

Adults, too, can join the summer reading fun – and participation is easy. Adults will fill out a reading coupon for each book they read. The reading coupons will be entered into a drawing for a variety of great prizes. Coupons will be available at the Adult Services Desks at all Garland libraries.

For more information about the Summer Reading Programs please visit or call your neighborhood library. Brochures with calendars of events and information on how to participate are available at all libraries.

the bookmark templates and rules for the contest at any Garland public library. Bookmark designs must be submitted by April 23 to be included in the contest. Winners will be announced on May 1.

Bookmarks submitted must be the child's hand-drawn original artwork – no copyrighted images or cartoon characters. In addition, bookmarks must be drawn with black ink only.

Submitted bookmarks will be judged in three groups: kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grades, and 6th through 8th grades. Criteria for judging include Creativity, Use of Theme, and Originality. Visit your neighborhood library for more information and complete rules.

Book Release Party for The Throne of Fire

On Wednesday, May 4, from 4 to 5 p.m., the North Garland Branch Library will host a celebration of the release of the newest book in the Kane Chronicles series: *The Throne of Fire*, by Rick Riordan. Children will talk about the Kane Chronicles series, and will enjoy games and crafts that relate to this eagerly awaited new book.

This event is limited to the first 50 fans, ages 5-11. Call 972-205-2804 for more information.

Summer Reading at the Libraries

Pre-registration begins May 23 for the Summer Reading Program, which officially begins June 5 and runs through July 30.

Adult Programs

Be a "Page Turner"

The Nicholson Memorial Library System's book discussion group, The Page Turners, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. On April 28, at the North Garland Branch Library, the group will discuss *Every Day in Tuscany*, by Frances Mayes. On May 26, at the Central Library, the book for discussion will be *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeannette Walls. All interested readers are encouraged to attend, to participate, or just listen and enjoy.

Clean Out the Craft Closet

It's time to clean out the storytime crafts closet at the Walnut Creek Branch Library. On Tuesday, May 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., school-age kids are invited to a free "drop-in" crafts party. Children will discover that they can use their imaginations and creativity to produce some fantastic craft projects. The library will provide all the supplies! Call 972-205-2585 for more information.

For Children: "Dig Up a Good Book!"

Beginning May 23, children ages 2 to 12 may pre-register at any Garland library location for summer reading fun which begins June 5. Children will receive a Reading Log to keep track of the number of books or hours they read or someone reads to them each week. The first week's prizes may be redeemed beginning the week of June 5. Prizes will be awarded to children who read at least one book or for one hour per week and who visit the library by Saturday of the same week to show their reading logs.

During June and July, special programs will be offered each week, and will include a variety of entertaining and educational events, such as puppet shows, storytellers, clowns, animal shows, science shows and much more.

GISD Art Shows

The South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Boulevard, will host the annual Garland Independent School District Art Shows. The Elementary Art Show will run March 30-April 6; Middle School Art Show will run April 8-16; High School Art Advanced is April 21-30; and High School Art 1 will run May 4-11.

The art work will not be available for viewing on Sundays and Mondays when the branch library is closed.

Spring Storytimes

Due to renovations, Spring Storytimes at the Central Library have been cancelled. Storytimes at the Central Library will resume in the summer.

For Teens: "Going Global, Staying Connected!"

Teens, ages 12 to 18, are encouraged to participate in a reading program designed just for them. Starting May 23, teens may pre-register at any Garland library location and may pick up their sheet of reading coupons. Beginning June 5, teens may turn in one coupon for each reading-level appropriate book they've read. Each coupon turned in will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing at the end of the program. Teens will also enjoy special programs during June and July such as gaming events and movies.

Children's Programs

Bookmark Design Contest

Children from kindergarten through 8th grade may display their creative talents by participating in "Draw Your Favorite Story @ the Library," a bookmark design contest. Beginning April 10, children may pick up

Popular Creative Kids Workshops Return This Summer

Children ages 7 and older are invited to learn new skills while having fun at the Creative Kids Summer Workshops to be conducted on Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m., during

Friends of the Library Meetings

The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System encourage anyone who would like to support our public libraries and become involved in the Friends' activities to attend the monthly meetings of the Friends Board. The meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. at the Central Library. For information about activities or joining, call 972-205-2543 or send email to folgarland@gmail.com.

North Garland Branch Library
3845 North Garland Avenue, 972-205-2803
Bouncing Babies (birth-18 mos.)
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.)
Fridays at 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.)
Fridays at 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library
4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3934
Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.)
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.)
Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Family Storytime
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library
3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585
Family Storytime
Thursdays at 7 p.m.

CANOEING, PIÑATAS, AND THE EASTER BUNNY AT THE REC CENTERS

Lil Sluggers

Ongoing classes
Ages 18 months – 6 years
Times and dates vary
\$192 per child
Audubon Recreation Center
Introduce your child to important baseball skills like catching, hitting, and throwing in this 12 week course. Contact Audubon Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3991 or arc@garlandtx.gov.



Zumba Zhape

April 5 – April 28
Ages 14 yrs and up
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
\$30 per person
Gale Fields Recreation Center
Kick up your workout! Combine fast and slow rhythms for a full body workout and a screaming good time. Contact Gale Fields Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3090 or frc@garlandtx.gov.



Egg Hunt

Central Park
1310 West Avenue F
Ages up to 10 years
Thursday, April 21
6 p.m. (weather permitting)
FREE!
Hop into spring EGG-citement! Hunt for colorful candy and toy filled eggs. Snack on cookies and punch, jump around in a bounce house, and load up on recreation activity information. Keep the memory by having your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a small fee. For more information, contact Granger Recreation Center, 972-205-2771 or grc@garlandtx.gov.



Garland Cheer and Drill Team Association

Informational Meeting
Monday, May 9
North Garland High School Cafeteria
Pep Club (K-2nd Grade) - 6 p.m.
Drill Team (3rd -8th Grade) - 7:30 p.m.
www.gcdta.net
gcdta.4thekids@gmail
972-240-1969

Family Canoe Trip

May 7
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Ages 5 Years and up
\$20 per paddler
\$5 per rider (Ages 5 – 9 Years)
Holford Recreation Center
Discover local paddling locations while experiencing flatwater canoeing. Contact Holford Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2772 or hrc@garlandtx.gov.



The Body Shop

Ages 16 Years and up
\$25 per year Garland Resident
\$50 per year Non-Garland Resident
Hollabaugh Recreation Center
Look better and feel better. The Body Shop is equipped with treadmills, cross trainers, weight machines, and free weights. Contact Hollabaugh Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2721 or hhrc@garlandtx.gov.



Cinco de Mayo

All Ages
Friday, April 29
5 – 8 p.m.
FREE!
Gale Fields Recreation Center
Viva El Cinco de Mayo! Enjoy local Folklorico dance groups, live music, tasty traditional treats and piñatas. For more information, contact Gale Fields Recreation Center, 972-205-3090 or frc@garlandtx.gov.



Volleyball

April 2 – April 30
Ages 13 - 16 Years
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
\$19 per person
Granger Recreation Center
Develop fundamental ball handling abilities including passing, serving, setting, blocking and spiking. Contact Granger Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2771 or grc@garlandtx.gov.



Fish -N- Fun

Arnold and Carol Ablon Park
All Ages
Saturday, May 21
7 – 11 a.m.
\$8 per person
Enjoy fishing education, contests, casting demonstrations, and more as you compete for prizes and relax in the great outdoors. Receive a \$2 discount when you register with a child aged 6 – 17 years. Children 5 and under fish for free. State fishing regulations apply.



The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is hiring staff for the summer pool season. Lifeguards and swim instructors start at \$8.75/hour. Lifeguard classes are offered starting on April 8 and May 5. Apply online today at www.garlandhr.com and call 972-205-2750 to register.

Pools Open

The City of Garland pools open for the summer on Saturday, May 28. All four pools (Surf and Swim, Bradfield, Holford and Wynne) will be open Memorial Day weekend and daily starting Saturday, June 4. With a half million gallon wave pool on four acres of land, Surf and Swim offers plenty of sun, shade, and seating. Inner tubes are provided free for riding the waves, and Wally's Cove is designed for toddlers. Surf and Swim hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and Fridays until 8 p.m. Birthday party packages are available. Visit www.surfandswim.org to view special events and movie nights.



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| April is Fair Housing Month GARLAND FAIR HOUSING OFFICE Where fair means fair! | | | | | 1 | 2 Dish Mess with Texas TRASH-OFF April 2, 2011 Just Country Band at the Plaza Garland Pawsibilities Adoptions GCT's "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Arts Center |
| 3 Dallas County Cinderella Scholarship Pageant at the Plaza | 4 City Council Work Session | 5 City Council Meeting | 6 Richard College Art Exhibit, Granville Arts Center April 6 - 26 | 7 | 8 | 9 "Walk Like A Man - The Play" at the Plaza |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Homeowner Seminar Fair Housing Office GNMA Class | 13 | 14 | 15 Vehicle Auction City Impound Lot | 16 George Dickerson in Concert at the Plaza |
| National Library Week ~ Celebrate the contributions of libraries and librarians! | | | | | | |
| | Plan Commission | Garland Youth Council | | Senior Social Hour North Garland Branch Library | GSO at the Arts Center | |
| 17 Lakeshore Symphonic Winds Concert at the Plaza | 18 City Council Work Session | 19 Friends of the Library Meeting Central Library City Council Meeting | 20 | 21 Tenant Workshop Fair Housing Office San Jacinto Day | 22 E-Recycling HBJ Stadium PAA All Star Fishing Tournament | 23 TASTE OF GARLAND Stamp Out Child Hunger Hollabaugh Rec Ctr |
| 24 "The Verdict" at the Arts Center Easter Brunch Firewheel Golf Park | 25 Plan Commission | 26 Garland Youth Council City Manager's Quarterly Meeting for Neighborhood Groups | 27 | 28 Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office "No Sex, Please, We're British" at the Plaza The Page Turners | 29 Arbor Day Celebration LonWynne Park Garland Chorale at the Arts Center | 30 Tree Power Winters Park GNMA Class Animal Services Registration/Vaccination Clinic |
| GCT Presents "The Verdict" at the Arts Center | | | | | | |

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| 1 "No Sex Please, We're British" at the Plaza "The Verdict" at the Arts Center | 2 City Council Work Session | 3 Prayer Breakfast at The Atrium City Council Meeting | 4 | 5 Cinco de Mayo National Day of Prayer at The Atrium | 6 GSO at the Arts Center | 7 Garland Pawsibilities' Adoptions GCT Presents "The Verdict" at the Arts Center |
| 8 "The Verdict" at the Arts Center Anjani Penumatcha at the Plaza MOTHER'S DAY | 9 Guns and Hoses Golf Tournament Firewheel Golf Park Plan Commission | 10 Garland Youth Council GNMA Class | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Garland General Election Senior Social Hour Central Library GCT Presents "The Verdict" at the Arts Center |
| 15 | 16 City Council Work Session | 17 Friends of the Library Meeting Central Library City Council Meeting | 18 | 19 | 20 Vehicle Auction City Impound Lot | 21 Armed Forces Day |
| 22 | 23 Plan Commission | 24 | 25 | 26 Page Turners Central Library Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office | 27 | 28 Pools Open |
| 29 "Visual Burst" at the Plaza | 30 Memorial Day City Offices Closed | 31 ART EXHIBIT AT THE GRANVILLE ARTS CENTER APRIL 27 TO MAY 31 | Acting for Children Theater presents "Cheaper by the Dozen" at the Plaza Theatre | | | |