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# BUILD GARLAND

## Progress on Animal Shelter and Walnut Creek Branch Library

Improved visibility is considered key to the successful implementation of two high-profile projects from the May 2019 bond election: the City animal shelter and the Walnut Creek Branch Library.

The Garland City Council has delivered on both facilities, reiterating its strategy for quick implementation of the \$423.7 million in bond projects. And both are highly visible sites.

The sign is up along State Highway 66 near Centerville Road, where the new animal shelter and adoption facility is being built along the six-lane highway at Garland's eastern gateway. The City expects to break ground this year and complete the facility by the end of 2021.

Garland has also crafted a plan to use land adjacent to Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., for the new library. Adopted unanimously by the Park and Library boards, the site will have to be approved by voters in the May 2 general election.

The City has been looking for property that would accommodate a 16,000-square-foot building and parking — ideally with access to a major street and within a mile of the existing library.

However, those conditions for relocation proved difficult in built-out West Garland. At Council's Feb. 3 Work Session, Library Director Karen Archibald told Council that "potential sites did not work out due to cost, location and site layout."

The Hollabaugh Park site was presented as highly visible, large enough for the library and parking lot, and within the one-mile radius for continued service to the Walnut Creek Branch community. Parks and library officials touted the potential to uniquely craft programs that could take advantage of the dual site.

Mayor Scott LeMay talked about other bond projects already in motion at his January State of the City speech. He pointed to lights that are up at the Winters Park soccer fields in time for the spring season, and design work in place for both the Police Department evidence facility and the animal shelter.

The bond projects are implemented as part of the City's annual Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The 2020 program is scheduled to be adopted at the March 3 City Council meeting.

In discussing the CIP in February, City staff estimated that more than 85% of the \$423.7 million 2019 Bond Program would be completed by the end of 2024.



"I believe that you will find the 2020 CIP is a substantial first step in completion of the 2019 Bond Program, and I'm confident that the program continues to move us toward the progressive vision that has been set by this City Council," City Manager Bryan Bradford said.

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# ON THE COVER

The Garland Fire Department's training partnership with the Garland Independent School District (GISD) and El Centro College was recently recognized with a Star Award by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The rigorous Triple Credit Model Fire Academy provides GISD students training to take the state exam and allows them to earn approximately 30 credit hours toward an associate degree and fire certificate.

## MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Garland was recently named the eighth-best city in the nation for getting out of debt by financial advisor SmartAsset. The January comparison involved high school graduate income, taxes, cost of rent and expected monthly payment on the national average \$5,700 in credit card debt. If the average Garland resident dedicated half their disposable income, that \$5,700 debt could be paid in 7.91 months, making our city "a great place to pay off credit card debt."

Similar studies within the last year also shine favorably on Garland. According to SmartAsset, Garland is second in Texas and ninth in the nation for renters who want to save enough to become homeowners. Lendingtree.com says Garland is North Texas' least debt-ridden city per capita. And personal finance resource GoBankingRates says Garland is the third-best city in the nation for those trying to save money.

By the way, how are those New Year's resolutions going? Travelandleisure.com says Garland is one of the best 25 cities in the nation at keeping them. It ranks Garland as the seventh-best city for healthy eating.



## Water Awards

Garland Water Utilities continues a multiyear winning streak by bringing home two national Environmental Achievement Awards from the winter conference of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) in Atlanta, Georgia.

The City received the NACWA award for the "operations and environmental performance" category, winning on the merits of the bio-solids rehabilitation and odor control project at the Rowlett Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. In addition, their quarterly industrial pretreatment newsletter was the overall winner for a printed publication in the public information and education category.

The Duck Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant will receive another "Plant of the Year" award from the Water Environment Association of Texas in April at the Texas Water conference. The award is presented to a Texas municipal wastewater treatment plant that has consistently exhibited outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty.

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# City Council General Election May 2

The City of Garland will hold its general election to choose a representative for City Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 on Saturday, May 2. As of the filing deadline, candidates for two-year terms are (in the order they will appear on the ballot, U indicates unopposed):

<b>District 1</b>	<b>David Gibbons (U)</b>
<b>District 2</b>	<b>Deborah Morris Koni Ramos-Kaiwi</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>B.J. Williams Jim Bookhout</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Rich Aubin (U)</b>

Also on the ballot is a proposal to utilize park land adjacent to Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., as the site for relocation of the Walnut Creek Branch Library. By law, residents must approve any plan to use park land for purposes other than a park.

Voters citywide will decide the park proposal. Per the city charter, council representatives are elected by residents of their districts.

Early voting will be April 20-28. Early voting locations in Garland will be at the Richland College Garland Campus, 675 W. Walnut St., and the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. However, a Garland resident may vote anywhere in Dallas County. Proper identification is required to vote.

City Council and Garland Independent School District board candidates will be featured in a series of upcoming candidates' forums. The Garland Branch NAACP will host a forum at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Garland Women's Activities Building, 713 Austin St. The Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs plans a forum Wednesday, April 8. The Garland Chamber of Commerce will host its forum at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at 520 N. Glenbrook Drive. To attend the Chamber forum, register at [GarlandChamber.com](http://GarlandChamber.com).

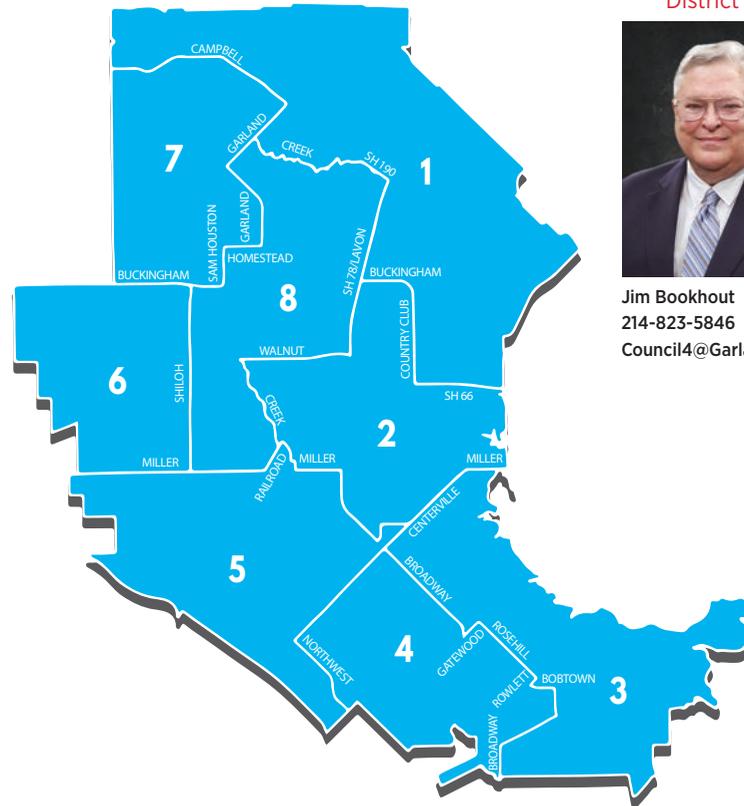
## Questions?

If you have questions regarding early voting, contact Dallas County Early Voting at 214-819-6359. If you have other election issues, contact the City Secretary or Dallas County at 214-819-6300 or [Dallascountyvotes.org](http://Dallascountyvotes.org).

## District 3 Town Hall

● 6:30 p.m. Thursday,  
March 12

Dallas County Road and Bridge Office  
715 Rowlett Road  
Join District 3 Council Member Jerry Nickerson for a Town Hall meeting. Topics will include the new parking enforcement program, fireworks and gunfire regulations, and an update on the bond program. Email [Council3@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Council3@GarlandTX.gov) or call 713-702-3545 for more information.



## CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

### City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. March 2 and 16, April 6 and 20
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21
- Rebroadcast the following Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Plan Commission

- Meetings – 7 p.m. March 9 and 23, April 13 and 27
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

### CGTV Listings

Channel 16 (Spectrum),  
Channel 44 (Frontier) or  
Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse),  
[GarlandTX.tv](http://GarlandTX.tv)

» Meeting dates and times subject to change.

» Meetings are broadcast at [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov) via live streaming and on-demand, and on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting.

## City Council Members

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*Pictured: Mayor Scott LeMay, Lori Barnett Dodson and Carissa Dutton*

## Make Your Mark Awards and STATE OF THE CITY

In his first State of the City address, Mayor Scott LeMay praised residents who in 2019 bought into Garland's momentum by authorizing a record \$423.7 million in bond projects. The Mayor also presented awards to two residents for Making Their Mark.

In his keynote from a two-hour Open House event Jan. 28 in The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, LeMay said the City is making important gains in economic development. He cited more than \$750 million in total investment in Garland between new projects, redevelopment of existing tracts and expansion projects.

Some 3,000 new single-family and multifamily homes are in the current pipeline for Garland. But as the city approaches build-out, Garland leaders are also focusing on established neighborhoods. A Home Improvement Incentive Rebate program, authorized by the City Council to encourage homeowners to make improvements to the exterior of their homes, will roll out later in 2020.

Some \$122.3 million from the bond is targeted for Garland streets. Construction activity in the state's billion-dollar upgrade to Interstate 635 will start this spring. And design activities are underway for improvements to Interstate 30.

The State of the City was also a time to reflect on 2019 and most notably, the response to an Oct. 20 EF2 tornado that caused \$22 million in damage.

The Mayor praised City efforts to restore services, remove debris from the area and keep residents safe. He presented the first-ever Make Your Mark awards to Lori Barnett Dodson and Carissa Dutton for their roles in organizing volunteers to help in the cleanup.

"Dealing with our second tornado in four years really solidified what this community is about," LeMay said, noting that the awards represented the many who answered the City's call in a time of need. "I wish I could reach out to everybody that helped. But honestly, I couldn't get to all of them."



## Census 2020 is right around the corner and we need you!

The United States census for 2020 is only a few short weeks away. We want every Garland resident to be aware of its importance and to be counted, so we need your help. Please mark your calendar(s) with these important dates:

- **March 12-20:** An invitation will be sent for a response online.
- **March 16-24:** A reminder letter will be mailed.
- **March 26-April 3:** A reminder postcard will be mailed.
- **April 1:** 2020 census begins.
- **April 8-16:** A reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent.
- **April 20-27:** A final postcard will be sent before an in-person follow-up.

There are several ways to complete the one-page form: online, mail or by phone. It is provided in the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

### How does the census impact me and my community?

- It's about Garland getting its share of \$675 billion. Census data determines how these funds are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.
- It's a civic duty! Completing the census is a way to participate in our democracy and to say, "I count!"
- Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which creates jobs.
- Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.
- Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.
- Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats Texas receives.
- After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries (redistricting) of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

### Your data is confidential.

Federal law protects your census responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics.

**By law the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits.**

Census-takers will visit homes in April to conduct quality check interviews. Starting in mid-May they will make personal visits to help collect responses. If someone visits your home to collect information, make sure they have a valid ID badge with a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark. The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card numbers, or donations of any sort. They will not contact you on behalf of a political party or candidate.

### Remember to count everyone.

We must count every person living in the U.S. once, and in the household in which they live. An estimated 5% of children under the age of 5, including newborns, were not counted in 2010. That's about 1 million children, the highest of any age group. We need your help closing this gap in the 2020 census.

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# 2019 Food Excellence Award Winners

The City of Garland Health Department announced the winners of the 2019 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. The winners scored in the top 5% of their class on unannounced food inspections.

Each winning establishment received an award certificate to display for one year. They also have their annual health permit fee (from \$250-\$450) waived for 2020.

The awards are based on scores from unannounced inspections made between Oct. 1, 2018, and Sept. 30, 2019.

Winners are listed with their address and score, with 100 being a perfect score.

## FULL-SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Jonathan's Place, 6075 Duck Creek Drive	99
Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	94
Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 4840 N. Bush Turnpike	94
Gran Machu Picchu Peruvian Restaurant, 1425 Northwest Highway	93.5
Pupuseria y Restaurante Mama Tita, 3420 Broadway Blvd.	92.5
Prima Scelta Bistro, 5255 N. Bush Turnpike	92
7 Mares Ostoneria, 3317 W. Walnut St.	90
Branding Iron, 1535 E. Brand Road	89.5
Outback Steakhouse, 4902 N. Bush Turnpike	89.5

## FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Chick-fil-A, 5425 N. Bush Turnpike	97.5
Angela's Snack Bar, 873 W. Miller Road	97
In-N-Out Burger, 150 Town Center Blvd.	97
Main Street Deli, 520 Main St.	97
Texan Donuts, 1913 S. Jupiter Road	97
Pizza Hut, 3725 W. Walnut St.	96.5
Sam's Club bakery, 5150 N. Garland Ave.	96.5
Taco Bell, 1050 Northwest Highway	96.5
Walmart Neighborhood Market bakery, 101 W. Buckingham Road	96.5
Winco Foods Store bakery, 1122 W. Centerville Road	96.5
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.	96
Walmart Supercenter deli, 555 W. Interstate 30	95.5
Bon Ton Donuts, 1225 Belt Line Road	95
Sam's Club deli, 5150 N. Garland Ave.	95
Walmart Supercenter bakery, 1801 Marketplace Drive	95
Wendy's, 501 W. Interstate 30	95

## LIGHT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	99
Two Guys Partners, 612 W. State St.	99
Vida Life Nutrition, 1430 W. Kingsley Road	99
Holiday Inn Express, 4412 Bass Pro Drive	98.5
Murphy USA, 525 W. Interstate 30	98.5
T.C. Shaved Ice, 3117 S. First St.	98

## ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Abba Care Assisted Living Building A, 1207 High Grove Drive	99
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## PACKAGED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Accent Food Services-Atlas Copco, 2100 N. First St.	100
Canteen Vending, 3838 W. Miller Road	100
Northern Tool & Equipment, 584 W. Interstate 30	100
Stop In Food Store, 1702 Forest Lane	100
Walgreens, 5950 Broadway Blvd.	100
Whip In, 3405 Broadway Blvd.	100
Dulceria Sanchez, 3161 Broadway Blvd.	99
Peak Food Mart, 5509 Broadway Blvd.	99

## SUPERMARKETS & MEAT MARKETS

Kroger Food Store meat market, 1406 W. Walnut St.	96
Albertson's grocery, 5710 Broadway Blvd.	95.5

## FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Gladden Water, 100 N. Shiloh Road	100
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## CHILD CARE CENTERS

Willis Early Learning Center, 2600 Broadway Blvd.	100
Children's Treehouse, 3317 W. Buckingham Road	99.5
Concordia Learning Center, 5702 N. Jupiter Road	99.5
North Garland Montessori School, 1613 N. Garland Ave.	99.5

## SCHOOL CAFETERIAS

Carver Elementary School, 2800 Wynn Joyce Road	100
Garland ISD Alternative Education Center, 2015 S. Country Club Road	100
Cisneros Prekindergarten School, 2826 S. Fifth St.	99.5
Parsons Prekindergarten School, 2202 Richoak Drive	99.5

## FOOD WAREHOUSES

Good Samaritans of Garland, 214 N. 12th St.	100
Holly Seafood Inc., 3513 W. Miller Road	100
Star Plus Inc., 3925 Miller Park Drive	100
Whitestar Logistics, 2750 Miller Park North	100
Whitestar Logistics, 2755 Miller Park North	100

## HOSPITAL/NURSING FACILITIES

Garland Nursing & Rehabilitation, 321 N. Shiloh Road	92
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## Garland Welcomes New CVB Director



Dana Lodge joined the City as the Director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Special Events in January.

Dana has a bachelor's in Sociology from the University of North Texas. In addition, she is a Certified Meeting Professional through the National Events Industry Council and serves in various capacities on industry boards and professional associations across North Texas.

Dana has more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry, most recently serving as the director of sales for the Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau.

## New Judges



*Pictured: Associate Judge Natalie Banuelos, Municipal Court Assistant Fredda Doan and Presiding Judge John Sholden*

Vetted and appointed through the Garland City Council, Associate Judge Natalie Banuelos and Presiding Judge John Sholden took their oaths and started hearing cases at Garland Municipal Court in January.

Judge Banuelos received her bachelor's degree at Hendrix College and her juris doctorate from Texas Tech University. She and her husband, Rudy, have three children.

She has served as a municipal judge since 2011 in the cities of Murphy, Fate and Pilot Point. Prior to that, Judge Banuelos represented cities as a municipal lawyer in private practice. She has also served as a prosecutor, an assistant city attorney and as defense counsel for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Judge Sholden is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife, Ginger Hill Sholden, are longtime Garland residents and their two children are graduates of Garland High School.

He has spent most of his career in various governmental roles, starting in the Dallas County district attorney's office. As an elected justice of the peace, he served Garland, Sachse and Rowlett. Judge Sholden left his office in Garland when elected as State District Court juvenile judge. Most recently, he has served as a truancy magistrate and an appointed justice of the peace and in a second stint with the Dallas County DA's office.

The Municipal Court, 1791 W. Avenue B, serves as the City's judicial branch of government as well as a part of the state judicial system. Garland Municipal Court is a court of record that hears Class C misdemeanor criminal cases, including traffic violations, City ordinance violations and fine-only offenses.

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# WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

Garland is buzzing with new development.

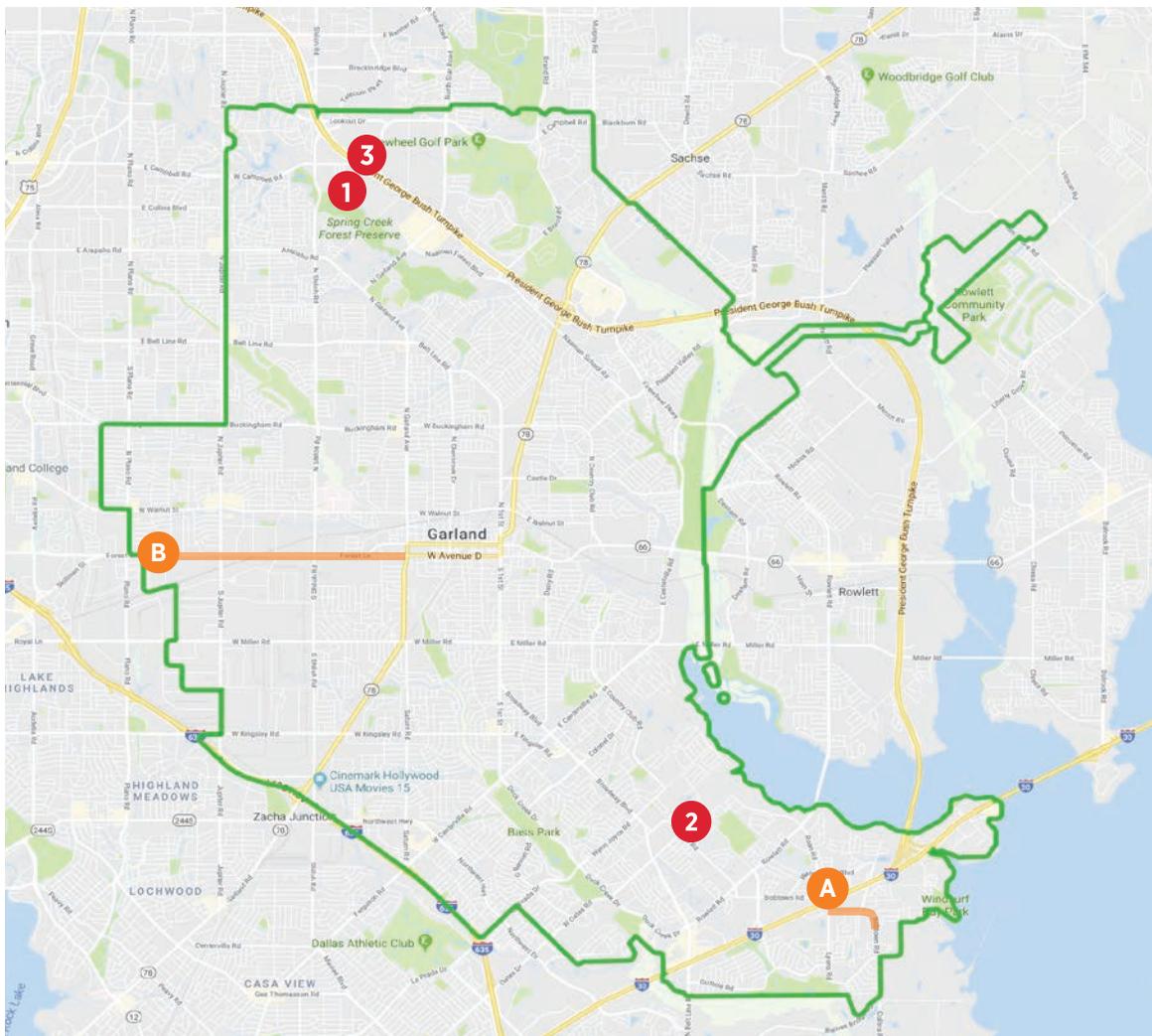


**1** Under construction at the northwest corner of Naaman Forest Boulevard and Mansions Drive is a 225-unit multifamily development.

**2** Phase 3 of Heron's Bay will begin construction of new homes soon.



**3** Under preliminary site construction at 1805 W. Campbell Road is a future retail development.



## Taking It to the Streets

Projects scheduled to begin in March/April

**Jamestown Drive**, Commonwealth Drive to Williamsburg Drive

*Street reconstruction*

**Hidalgo Court/La Prada Drive alley**, Hidalgo alley to O'Banion Road alley

*Alley reconstruction*

**Hidalgo/O'Banion Road alley**, La Prada alley to Hidalgo

*Alley reconstruction*

**Main Street/Avenue A alley**, Fifth Street to Seventh Street  
*Improvements to storm sewer, storm sewer inlets and box culvert. The project also includes replacing utility services, conduit placement for future lighting and communication facilities, and concrete scoring.*

**Redbrook Drive/Stillmeadow Drive alley**, Bancroft Drive to Stillmeadow Drive

*Alley reconstruction*

### Ongoing projects

**A Bobtown Road**, Lyons Road to High Drive

*Concrete street repair*

**Dukeswood Drive alley**, Idlewood Drive to Limestone Lane alley

*Alley reconstruction*

**B Forest Lane**, Garland Avenue to the west city limits

*Concrete street repair*

**Goliad Drive**, Old Mill Run to Sam Houston Drive

*Street reconstruction*

**Maple Glen Drive**, Boca Raton Drive to Tacoma Drive

*Street reconstruction*

**Meadow Green Drive**, O'Shannon Lane to Talley Road

*Street reconstruction*

**North Court**, Rich Oak Drive to the south end of the street

*Street reconstruction*

**San Clemente Drive**, Perdido Drive to 509 San Clemente

*Street reconstruction*

**Syracuse Drive**, Vanderbilt Drive to the north end of the street

*Street reconstruction*



# April Is National Fair Housing Month

National Fair Housing Month in April increases efforts to end housing discrimination and raises awareness of fair housing rights.

The Fair Housing Act protects Americans from discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on color, race, national origin, religion, sex, disability or because your family has children under the age of 18 living at home. Fair housing means your family has the right to live wherever you choose and can afford to live.

Report discriminatory practices to Garland's Fair Housing Services office, 210 Carver St., Suite 102, or call **972-205-3300**. Here are some examples of discrimination:

- Being told you can't rent an apartment or buy a home because of color.
- Charging or stating a higher rent rate for a family.
- Denying a blind person housing because they have a service dog.
- Treating anyone differently because of things they can't change about themselves, like their skin color, gender or country of origin.

We are also hosting the following event:



## FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

● **10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 29**

**City of Garland Unified Learning Center  
232 Carver St., Building No. 2**

Learn how to recognize discriminatory housing practices, request maintenance, provide a 30-day notice, understand a lease agreement, and avoid or resolve landlord/tenant disputes. If you have any questions, call **972-205-3300**.

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## Upcoming Free Classes

### SPRING HOME MAINTENANCE: FENCES, PAINTING & MORE

● **9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14**

**Garland Greenhouse, 1221 Spring Creek Drive**  
Keep your home in tip-top shape by attending the Spring Home Maintenance Class. Topics will include fence repairs, painting and minor exterior repairs.

### SHADY BUSINESS

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Dallas County Extension Office, 715 Rowlett Road**

Is your yard shady? Don't fret. The experts at Texas A&M Agrilife Extension will enlighten you with shade gardening basics so you can confidently put your shovel "where the sun don't shine." Topics include landscape design, erosion control, bed establishment, plant selection and turf alternatives.

### HORTI-COUTURE: WHAT'S HOT IN 2020

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16**

**Garland Greenhouse, 1221 Spring Creek Drive**  
Learn about the newest and hottest design trends from agrilife experts as we dig into the best new plant varieties on the market in North Texas. Whether you're just getting into gardening or already have a green thumb, this class is sure to get to the root of all your plant questions. Come check out the many cool new trees, shrubs and flowers to pick from and the best ways to keep them thriving.

**Register at  
GarlandNeighborhoods.org.**



## HOA Legal Clinic

● **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7**

**Rowlett Community Centre, 5300 Main St. in Rowlett**

Cost: \$10 per person

The City of Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality is partnering with Plano and Rowlett to host the 2020 HOA Legal Clinic. This clinic is designed to help seasoned and emerging homeowner association board leaders improve their technical knowledge base and develop skills to create communities that thrive. Learn basic neighborhood leadership responsibilities, how to lead equitably and how to build long-term trust with neighbors and professional property management. A continental breakfast and lunch are provided with paid entry.



**Learn more and register at  
GarlandNeighborhoods.org.**

## Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet

● **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18**

**The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.**

Mark your calendar for the next Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet. You will hear City updates, network with other neighborhood leaders and learn of possible opportunities for your neighborhood. Dinner is provided, so please RSVP at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).

## Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Applications Due March 23

The Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program enables registered neighborhood groups, both voluntary and mandatory, to apply for matching funds for physical enhancement projects in publicly accessible spaces. The program encourages neighbors to work together to create projects unique to their neighborhood while boosting a sense of pride and ownership.

Applications should be submitted to the Office of Neighborhood Vitality by Monday, March 23. All forms and guidelines can be accessed at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).

Questions? Contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at [Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov) or **972-205-2445**.



**Have a heart  
Lend a hand**

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day

● **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4  
(Rain date Saturday, April 18)**

Give back to your Garland neighbors on Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day 2020! Projects include: minor home repairs, neighborhood cleanup, painting and community art.

Visit [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org) to learn how you can make a difference.

# Stay Safe with Outdoor Warning Sirens



Severe weather season is upon us, and the Office of Emergency Management wants you to be prepared. One of the ways you and your family can stay safe is to know what to do when you hear outdoor warning sirens (OWS).

Traditionally, these systems have been mistaken as “tornado sirens,” a term that fails to acknowledge all reasons for activating sirens. The most common of several other reasons why the City of Garland could activate siren systems include:

- Wind speeds in excess of 65 miles per hour
- Hailstones 1.5 inches (think of a pingpong ball) in diameter or larger

We may also sound OWS when there is a potential or occurring catastrophic event that affects the lives and safety of our residents.

OWS are used to alert people who are outside of approaching or existing hazardous conditions that require immediate protective actions. Many people will not hear the sirens when they are indoors, so we recommend signing up for **CodeRED**.

**CodeRED** is a free service that will send alerts via phone call, email and/or text. Visit the City of Garland website, [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov), to sign up.

Remember: If you hear the sirens, seek shelter and information immediately!

More preparedness information can be found on the Office of Emergency Management website: [GarlandTX.gov/197/Emergency-Management](http://GarlandTX.gov/197/Emergency-Management).

## Smartscape 2020

*Native. Attractive. Adaptive.*

March is not only a great time of year to plant in order for the plant roots to become established before summer, it's also Texas SmartScape™ Month.

Texas SmartScape™ is a landscape program crafted to be “smart” for North Central Texas. Based on water-efficient landscape principles, it promotes the use of plants suited to our region’s soil, climate and precipitation that don’t require much — if any — additional irrigation, pesticides, fertilizer or herbicides to thrive. This in turn helps our environment and saves you money!

Go to [Txsmartscape.com](http://Txsmartscape.com) for these resources:

- Design tools such as steps to take in design layout and how to incorporate drainage considerations.
- A searchable plant database that includes more than 350 perennials, groundcover, turf grass, shrubs, vines and trees that will thrive in North Central Texas.
- Best landscape management practices such as drip irrigation, mulching and composting.



It is easy to use, so get started today!

DON'T BE ONE & DONE  
REFILL & REUSE  
TO STOP PLASTIC POLLUTION!

## VIDEO CONTEST

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CASH PRIZES!

High School 1st Place: \$750

Middle School 1st Place: \$500

Entries due April 3, 2020

GARLANDSTORMWATER.ORG  
FOR MORE INFO  
& OTHER PRIZES



## Power Out? Text GP&L!

Garland Power & Light customers can report their power outage by text message.

There are two ways to text your outage to GP&L’s dedicated outage text reporting number, **972-205-4000**:

- If your cellphone number is already associated with your GP&L account, simply text **OUT** to **972-205-4000**.
- If you don’t have a cellphone number associated with your GP&L account, or if you have multiple accounts, text the account number (including the dash) for the location that is experiencing the outage to **972-205-4000**.

Add **972-205-4000** as a contact in your phone for future use.

Customers can still call **972-205-3000** to report an outage over the phone.

Visit [gpltexas.org/OutageText](http://gpltexas.org/OutageText) for more information.



## Don't Go Tarpless

When going to Garland’s Transfer Station or the Charles M. Hinton Jr. Regional Landfill to dispose of bulky waste or other debris, remember to secure your load with a tarp. Vehicles hauling waste to these sites must be enclosed or be secured and covered with a tarp in order to prevent trash from blowing or falling from the vehicle. All improperly secured loads will be charged a \$20 surcharge. Drivers can purchase a tarp for \$10.

GarlandEWS.com

# Let us take out the trash.

**Start commercial service within days!**

**Local, Experienced**

- Service center, field supervisors and staff located in Garland
- Professional, tenured drivers

**Competitive Rates**

- No hidden fees, rates governed by City Council
- City-owned and operated landfill keeps service fees low

**Customer-Driven**

- Consistent pickup times, flexible schedules
- Special pickups accommodated

**Container Types**

- Roll-offs, front-loads, 90-gallon

**GarlandEWS.com**  
Your Commercial Services Team  
1434 Commerce St.  
**EWSCommercial@GarlandTX.gov | 972-205-3500**

Garland EWS removes nearly **200 tons** of **solid waste and recycling every day** from our City's business community.

## Parking Enforcement

Neighborhood parking problems are the most frequent source of resident complaints to the City. The Garland City Council approved a program for administrative enforcement of parking ordinances throughout the city, and City marshals began issuing tickets in February.

A first offense carries a \$25 fine, a second offense is \$50 and all subsequent offenses are \$75.

Some common violations:

- Parking on an unimproved surface
- Parking on a sidewalk
- Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection
- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Parking within 30 feet of an intersection control device
- Blocking a driveway or traffic in an alley

The enforcement process will also address illegally parked commercial and oversized vehicles.

To report a parking violation, use **Garland eAssist**, which is available at **GarlandTX.gov** or as an app through Google Play and Apple.

**All violation notices will be sent by regular mail and posted on the vehicle.**

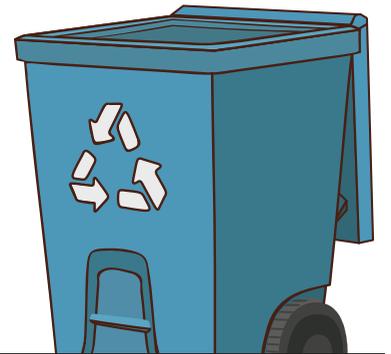
**For additional information and FAQs, visit [GarlandTX.gov/Parking](http://GarlandTX.gov/Parking).**

## No Plastic Bags in Recycling Cart

Did you know plastic bags are not accepted in your blue recycling cart? Plastic bags and other plastic films get stuck in the sorting machinery at the recycling plant and can cause the machines to jam and stop working, costing both time and money.

Bags should never be placed in the cart on their own or used to hold your recyclables. Recyclables should be placed loose in the cart. And bags should be reused or returned to participating retailers.

Interested in reducing your waste? Try keeping a reusable shopping bag or two in your car for easy access on your next grocery trip.



**HAVEN'T BEEN  
OUTSIDE LATELY?  
WAITING FOR  
BETTER WEATHER?  
IF YOU HAVE PETS,  
DON'T FORGET  
TO PICK UP THEIR  
WASTE... EVEN IN  
THE WINTER!**

## Animal Services Partners with Local Family-Owned Pet Supply Store



Puppy and Friends Pet Supply, 5255 N. Bush Turnpike, Suite 500, is a small business that wants to do its part for Garland.

Store management reached out to Animal Services to help the local shelter and its animals. After much planning and discussion, Puppy and Friends became ready to adopt out homeless dogs.

The store is not making a profit on the animals that come into the store, but is giving the shelter animals the extra love they need to find their forever homes.

The animal shelter staff could not be more excited and are hoping to see many animals find their homes through Puppy and Friends Pet Supply.

Stop by, or contact them at **972-496-1111** or **puppyandfriendsco@gmail.com**. Follow them on Facebook to see the new furry friends spending time at the pet supply store.

## Water Meter Replacement Project

Garland Water Utilities continues to replace aging water meters throughout the city as part of a multiyear capital improvement project. Water customers may see the City's meter contractor, Compass Metering Solutions, working between the street and sidewalks installing the new water meters for all customer types. As crews prepare to move from one area of the city to the next, updates will be posted at [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com).



For more information, visit [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com) or call Water Operations at 972-205-3210.



## Temporary Change in Disinfection for Drinking Water

Annually, Garland's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District, makes a temporary change in the way it disinfects our drinking water. This change prepares the system for the heat and high water demand of the spring and summer months.

This year's change in disinfection processes will last approximately four weeks, starting Monday, March 2, and ending Monday, March 30.

Chlorine maintenance is a common practice in water systems throughout the nation.

Garland Water Utilities responds to this process by flushing the main water lines throughout the city. This helps to quickly move water through our system.

During this time, some customers may notice a stronger taste and smell of chlorine. It is important to note that the quality of our drinking water remains safe for all uses, including drinking.

"Our licensed water technicians take daily water samples from throughout the city to consistently ensure that our water is safe," said Wes Kucera, Managing Director of Garland Water and Wastewater Services.

For more detailed information and water quality testing results, visit [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com).



## Green Choice Provides 100% Renewable Energy

Garland Power & Light customers can support renewable energy resources by enrolling in Green Choice, GP&L's 100% renewable power plan. Green Choice provides power from Texas wind and solar facilities, which are sustainable and help to keep our environment clean.

The Green Choice plan only costs a penny more per kWh than the regular rate. For a customer using an average of 1300 kWh per month, this option will cost an additional \$13 per month. A minimum 12-month commitment is required.

Enroll in Green Choice online at [gpltexas.org/GreenChoice](http://gpltexas.org/GreenChoice) or call 972-205-2671.

# Events at the Library

## Children/Families

### SPRING STORYTIMES

Through May 2

All Libraries

### CENTRAL LIBRARY

Wee Read (birth-18 months)

● 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months)

● 10 a.m. Mondays

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)

● 11 a.m. Mondays

### NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

Wee Read (birth-18 months)

● 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months)

● 10 a.m. Fridays

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)

● 11 a.m. Fridays

### SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months)

● 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years)

● 11 a.m. Wednesdays

Super Saturday Family Playtime

● 10 a.m. Saturdays

Sensory-Friendly Storytime (Families with special needs children 12 years and younger)

● 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 28 and April 25

### WALNUT CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY

Family Storytimes

● 7 p.m. Tuesdays

## Young Audiences

### ART EXPLORERS

(AGES 6-12)

● 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 7 and April 4

Walnut Creek Branch Library

Learn about different types of art, then create a masterpiece. March theme: Dr. Seuss line drawing. April theme: Tartan wall hangings. Supplies provided. Registration required and starts two weeks before the event.

### BOOKS AND BEYOND

(AGES 6-12)

● 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 14 and April 11

Central Library

Book discussions and activities incorporating concepts from science, technology, engineering, art and math. March theme: Minecraft. April theme: Floral crafts.

### TWEEN SCENE

(AGES 10-13)

● 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 5 and April 2

South Garland Branch Library

● 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 12 and April 9

North Garland Branch Library

Book discussions and activities. March theme: Great paper chain race. April theme: Famous artists challenge. Registration is required for April events and begins two weeks before the event dates.

### LITTLE ART EXPLORERS

(AGES 0-5)

● 10:30 a.m. Fridays, March 20 and April 17

South Garland Branch Library

Support early childhood development through art and focus on the process rather than the outcome. March theme: Pablo Picasso portraits. April theme: Abstract art with bubble wrap. Supplies provided.

## Teen Audiences

### BOOK MADNESS TRIVIA

(AGES 13-17)

● 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 10

Central Library

Teens can discover the fun of trivia night by attending Book Madness, a trivia tournament specially designed for youth. Participants can sign up in teams beginning Tuesday, Feb. 25. The night's trivia questions will cover book-related topics like picture books, chapter books, young adult books, movies based on books, and more.

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

(AGES 13-17)

● 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 11 and April 8

Central Library

Teens can make a difference in their community and earn volunteer hours by joining the library's Teen Advisory Board. Attend a meeting to apply and discuss future library events, services and materials for teens. Games will be played and refreshments provided.

### CONSTRUCTION STEAM CHALLENGE

(AGES 13-17)

● 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15

Central Library

Teens will exercise their science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) skills by using various materials to complete construction challenges.

## Adult Programs

### COOK THE BOOK

● 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3

(Mediterranean)

South Garland Branch Library

Learn new recipes and share talents with fellow foodies. Participants choose a recipe from a pre-selected cookbook, available at the library's reference desk, before the event. They prepare the recipe at home and bring it to be enjoyed buffet-style on March 3.

### ESL CONVERSATION CLASSES

● 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 27

South Garland Branch Library

Improve your general English skills in a casual setting. Attendees may practice their conversation skills in a friendly environment, build their vocabulary, learn about American culture and meet a diverse group of people. Light refreshments will be provided.

### FRIDAY THE 13TH TRIVIA NIGHT

(AGES 12+)

● 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 13

Rosalind Coffee TX, 107 N. Sixth St.

Adults and teens ages 12 and older can test their knowledge of spooky and not-so-spooky trivia by attending a special Friday the 13th trivia event co-hosted by the Garland Library and Downtown Garland business Rosalind Coffee TX. Participants can sign up in teams of up to four at the Central Library beginning Friday, Feb. 28. Teams may also register at Rosalind Coffee TX the evening of the event. Each team will have three minutes to confer and write down their answers on a tally sheet. The team with the most correct answers will be declared the winner and will receive a prize. To register, call 972-205-2501.

### HOW WE USED TO: SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

(AGES 13+)

● 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21

Central Library

Participants at this event will learn three different sustainability skills: knot tying, basic sewing techniques and indoor seed planting. Attendees will make fabric coasters and compostable planters. All supplies provided. Registration is required and begins March 7. Call 972-205-2501.

### PAINT POURING WORKSHOP

● 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14

South Garland Branch Library

Learn a paint pouring technique and create unique vases. Vases will need time to dry and will be available for pick up March 17. All supplies provided. Registration is required and begins Feb. 29. Call 972-205-3931.

### SUCCULENT PLANTERS WORKSHOP

● 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11

South Garland Branch Library

Celebrate Earth Day by making succulent planters using wood, wood stain and glass vases. All supplies provided. Registration is required and begins March 28. Call 972-205-3931.

## BOOK CLUB

● 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 19 and April 16

South Garland Branch Library

Library staff and attendees will discuss the selected titles and enjoy light refreshments. March book: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. April book: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. No registration is required to attend.

## BAD ART NIGHT

● 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26

Central Library

Adults ages 18 and older can create art without the pressure of trying to make something perfect. Artists will be encouraged to create any art or craft they like and will be provided with materials like paint, markers, cardboard, recycled magazines and various types of paper.

## CODING FOR BEGINNERS

● 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 7-28

Central Library

Adults ages 18 and older interested in learning the basics of HTML coding can enroll in a four-week course. Participants will set up a free CodeAcademy® account and work through HTML lessons covering elements and structure, tables and form. Registration is required. Registrants must have an email address and plan to attend all four course meetings. Call 972-205-2501 to register beginning March 24.

## Seniors

### TRIBUTE ARTIST SHERRILL DOUGLAS

● 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19

Central Library

Tribute artist Sherrill Douglas will pay tribute to the divas, darlings and legends of classic country and rock music from the past and present. Ages 55 and older. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### STORYTELLER GARY WHITAKER

● 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16

Central Library

Storyteller Gary Whitaker will share folk tales, tall tales and true stories of survival in the Old West. Ages 55 and older. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### CENTRAL LIBRARY

625 Austin St., 972-205-2517

### NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

3845 N. Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

### SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

### WALNUT CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585

## Computer Classes

Participation is free and open to adults with library accounts in good standing. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each class.

### INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL

● 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18  
Central Library

### GETTING ON THE INTERNET

● 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21  
Central Library

### GETTING STARTED WITH GOOGLE SHEETS

● 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23  
Central Library  
Google account required.



## Family Movie Times



### THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2

● 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10  
Walnut Creek Branch Library  
*The Secret Life of Pets 2* relates the further adventures of Max the terrier and his fellow pets while their owners are away from home. Max's owner, Kate, has gotten married and had a child. Max is having a hard time with the change, but on a trip to the countryside he meets a farm dog who helps him deal with his fears. Rated PG.



### DETECTIVE PIKACHU

● 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11  
North Garland Branch Library  
In *Detective Pikachu*, ace detective Harry Goodman goes missing. To find him, Harry's son, Tim, must team up with Harry's former Pokémon partner, Detective Pikachu. Along the way Tim and Pikachu meet a diverse cast of characters and uncover a plot that threatens to destroy the entire Pokémon universe. Rated PG.



### TOY STORY 4

● 2 p.m. Thursday, March 12  
South Garland Branch Library  
In *Toy Story 4*, Woody, Buzz and the gang go on a road trip with a new toy named Forky. The trip turns into an unexpected reunion when they meet their old friend Bo Peep. The gang reminisces and discovers that each of them have unique hopes and dreams. Rated G.

## Robert Alan Smith Receives Business for the Arts Award



The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. presented the Business for the Arts award to Robert Alan Smith at the Garland Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Friday, Jan. 24. Robert has invested and promoted public art in Garland by commissioning numerous murals and sculptures.

*Pictured: Robert Alan Smith and Cultural Arts Director Patty Granville*

# Events from the Arts

Quality of Life



### YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

● March 19 to April 5  
Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.  
A sweet-natured woman falls for a banker's son, only to have her snooty prospective in-laws and her own peculiar extended family get in the way. Presented by Garland Civic Theatre. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

### SIMONE SPADINO, VIOLIN

● 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20  
Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.  
Concert VI of the Garland Symphony Orchestra's "Music that Grows on You" season features violinist Simone Spadino. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

### THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR

● March 26 to April 4  
Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.  
Three cousins (all with issues) plan a family reunion, drawing a parade of eccentric kinfolk in this Southern-fried comedy. Presented by the Company of Rowlett Performers. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Plaza Theatre door prior to show time.



### NATHAN LITTLE, TRUMPET

● 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17  
Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.  
Concert VII of the Garland Symphony Orchestra's "Music that Grows on You" season features trumpeter Nathan Little. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

### BECOMING GARLAND AVENUE

● 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18,  
and Sunday, April 19  
Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.  
The musical drama tells the story of 1913 Garland and some of the town leaders who strategized its future. Presented by Friends of Garland's Historic Magic 11th Street. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

### ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

● April 23 to May 10  
Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.  
A musical spin on *The Princess and the Pea* with some shenanigans on the side. Presented by Garland Civic Theatre. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

## Free Movies at the Plaza



### THE PINK PANTHER

● 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21  
Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.  
Presented by Garland Civic Theatre.



### THE MALTESE FALCON

● 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11  
Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.  
Presented by Garland Civic Theatre.

Purchase tickets at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the performance prior to show time.

# Recreation Center events



## BOXING FITNESS

- 6 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, March 4-26

Ages 6 to 15, \$39 per month  
Audubon Recreation Center  
342 W. Oates Road  
Learn proper stance, movements and offensive techniques while conditioning your mind and body.  
972-205-3991 or  
ARC@GarlandTX.gov

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 9-13

Ages 7 to 11, \$80 per child  
Bradfield Recreation Center  
1146 Castle Drive  
Keep busy while school is out with days packed with group games, sports, arts and crafts, and a field trip.  
972-205-2770 or  
BRC@GarlandTX.gov

## SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP

- Noon to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, March 9-12

Ages 8 to 13, \$45 per person  
Fields Recreation Center  
1701 Dairy Road  
Improve all aspects of your game including dribbling, passing and shooting. 972-205-3090 or  
FRC@GarlandTX.gov

## RAMBLIN' ROUNDS

- 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 7 to June 30

Ages 16 and up, \$45 per person  
Granger Recreation Center  
1310 W. Avenue F  
Join in this partner dance that is similar to ballroom and square dancing with a cuer calling out the moves.  
972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTX.gov

## SPRING BREAK WORKSHOPS

- Times vary, Monday through Friday, March 9-13

Ages 6 to 12, Prices vary  
Holford Recreation Center  
2314 Homestead Place  
Join one or join them all as Brainopolis, Mad Science and Abrakaddoodle Art bring you one-day workshops with art, STEAM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities and hands-on projects.  
972-205-2772 or  
HRC@GarlandTX.gov

## MODERN DANCE

- Times vary, Thursdays and Saturdays, March 5-28

Ages 15 to 17, \$35 for the month  
Hollabaugh Recreation Center  
3925 W. Walnut St.  
Using fluid movements, learn how to incorporate different body parts in your dancing, how to choreograph and how to write new dance pieces.  
972-205-2721 or  
HHRC@GarlandTX.gov

## BALLROOM DANCE

- 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Mondays, April 6-27

Ages 55 and up, \$27 for the month  
Senior Activity Center  
600 W. Avenue A  
Learn the intricate steps of the foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha cha, tango and more. 972-205-2769 or  
SAC@GarlandTX.gov

**Register now!**

Visit [PlayGarland.com](http://PlayGarland.com) or call your local recreation center for more events.

## Garland Chamber of Commerce



# ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 1  
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center  
300 N. Fifth St.

[GarlandChamber.com](http://GarlandChamber.com)

GO GREEN GARLAND PRESENTS



# Earth Day CELEBRATION

- ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS
- BOUNCE HOUSE
- GAMES & PRIZES
- FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
- FACE PAINTING
- FREE PAPER SHREDDING  
4-box limit; Garland residents only
- EXHIBITORS
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Recycled Art Competition  
Win cash prizes!  
K-12 students

KEEP GARLAND BEAUTIFUL  
Spring Trash-Off  
8 a.m.  
Trash bags and gloves provided  
[KeepGarlandBeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:KeepGarlandBeautiful@gmail.com)



# FREE

Saturday, April 18

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
NEW LOCATION:

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center  
300 N. Fifth St.

GoGreenGarland.org

[GoGreenGarland@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:GoGreenGarland@GarlandTX.gov)  
972-205-3421



GARLAND



31ST ANNUAL  
**Taste  
of Garland**



● **6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28**

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center  
300 N. Fifth St.

Bring your family and friends to this all-you-can-eat fundraiser featuring the cuisine of many local restaurants and other culinary establishments.

Beer and spirits available!

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

featuring Ricky Bobby and Diesel from the Garland Police K9 Unit and a Personal Safety Demonstration by GPD Detective Gary Sweet

**\$25 tickets in advance**  
**Tables of 10 for \$250**  
**Seating is limited.**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT



**Buy tickets  
today!**

Contact Angela McKee  
at 214-402-6493 or visit  
[garlandcrimestoppers.org](http://garlandcrimestoppers.org).

[GarlandCrimeStoppers.org](http://GarlandCrimeStoppers.org) or 972-272-8477 (TIPS)



**Reserve the Block Party Trailer**  
for your Upcoming  
Neighborhood Events!

It's time to start submitting block party trailer reservations for your spring and summer neighborhood events. The City of Garland's Office of Neighborhood Vitality is excited to provide this resource to registered neighborhood groups. Reservations may be made up to six months in advance and only to registered neighborhood groups.

Learn more about the guidelines and trailer contents and submit your reservation at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Quality of Life

**BIG ART DAY**

● **6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5**

Audubon Park, 342 W. Oates Road  
The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is supporting Garland Independent School District to offer a community event on Big Art Day, a free, statewide event sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association to help raise awareness of art education. [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com), [@PlayGarland](https://www.instagram.com/PlayGarland), 972-205-2750, [play@GarlandTX.gov](http://play@GarlandTX.gov)

**URBAN FLEA**

● **9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Saturdays, March 14 and April 11**

Downtown Garland Square  
Every second Saturday from March through July and September through December, dozens of vendors showcase unique vintage, repurposed, upcycled and handmade items.

For more information, email  
[SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov).

[f](https://www.facebook.com/PlayGarland) [@PlayGarland](https://www.instagram.com/PlayGarland)

**THE EGG SCRAMBLE - EGG HUNT**

● **6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8**

Carter Softball Complex, 550 W. Oates Road  
Hop on over to Carter Softball Complex for a chance for kids 10 and younger to hunt for colorful candy and toy-filled eggs ... and a few special eggs with tickets for prizes. Hunts are broken down into four age groups. Activities include bounce houses, playstreet games, Easter Bunny Selfie Station and concessions. No registration required. The Egg Hunt is free; there will be a fee for snacks. [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com), [@PlayGarland](https://www.instagram.com/PlayGarland), 972-205-2750, [play@GarlandTX.gov](http://play@GarlandTX.gov)

**WHEELS OF HOPE CAR SHOW**

● **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25**

Downtown Garland Square  
Car show benefiting Hope Clinic, a 501(c)(3) corporation that provides health care to low-income residents who do not have private health insurance and are not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, Parkland Plus or similar programs. [Wheelsofhopegarland.com](http://Wheelsofhopegarland.com), [facebook.com/events/317771602236706/](https://www.facebook.com/events/317771602236706/)

ROSALIND COFFEE COMPANY PRESENTS

**JAZZ**  
in the Square

R + C  
ROSALIND COFFEE

**SOUNDS**  
of  
**Summer** 2020  
FRIDAY  
**CONCERT SERIES**

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**JAZZ IN THE SQUARE - PRESENTED BY ROSALIND COFFEE TX**

● **7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, May 14 and 21**

Downtown Garland Square  
Stay tuned to [@PlayGarland](https://www.instagram.com/PlayGarland) and [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) for band lineup. More information coming soon! This is a free event.

**SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

● **7 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, May 29, June 12, June 26 and July 10**

Downtown Garland Square  
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# BIG ART DAY

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**T-shirt Printing**  
 Bring your own shirt. Limited number of shirts available for sale - \$6 each.

- Live Performances
- Bounce Houses
- Pendant Making
- Food Trucks

**FREE**  
**Thursday, March 5**  
 6 to 8 p.m.  
 Audubon Park  
 342 W. Oates Road

GarlandParks.com  
 Rain location: Audubon Recreation Center

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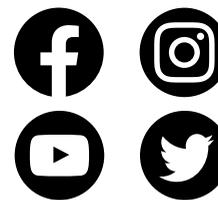
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