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# Message

## from the Mayor

First, I want to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year! We finished a good and productive 2014 with many projects underway and many getting to the finish line. I am proud of our accomplishments but also encouraged by the successes to come in 2015.

Looking back in 2014, we have had some big things happen. As you can see we are in the middle-to-final stages of the Downtown Redevelopment project. The new apartments have really begun to take shape and the parking garage is nearly finished. We have had fun events to engage and reinvigorate downtown, a momentum that will continue as downtown grows this year. We also celebrated Garland's history with our first Heritage Celebration and the new Heritage Crossing dedication and Depot Grand Opening. Besides saving the Tinsley/Lyles House, we successfully moved the Pace House to its new home in Garland's first historical neighborhood. Very importantly, we are also in the final stages of one of our long-term projects, the Garland Development Code (GDC). I expect this to be approved at the

beginning of the year and enacted during the Spring, leading immediately to new development opportunities.

Moving forward has been a priority for success in our community. As we grow and develop, we continue to put Garland on the map. We were recently recognized as one of the "35 Best Places to Live in the U.S. If You're Under 35" by mindbodygreen.com. This is a great reflection of the work we have been doing to showcase the progressive things Garland offers to its diverse population. We were again recognized at the ninth-safest city in the country among large cities.

We will continue the Mayor's Evening In and Out sessions and the first one will be January 28 in the Mayor's Office. In addition, I will give my State of the City Address on February 23 at the Garland Chamber of Commerce luncheon and it will then be re-broadcasted on CGTV. I hope you will tune into this presentation for a more comprehensive recap and forecast for our community.

### Remember:

**Grow Community. Grow Opportunity. Grow Garland.**



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

**Mayor's Evening In**  
5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 28  
Mayor's Office  
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.  
**State of the City**  
Feb. 23  
Chamber of Commerce  
Luncheon

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



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## City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Goldie Locke Room of the Duckworth Utility Services Building, 217 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast online through live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable), Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse).

## CGTV Listings

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 6 and 20, Feb. 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. Jan. 5 and 20, Feb. 2 and 16
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9 and 23
  - Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Meeting dates and times subject to change.

### Garland Spotlight

- Daily – 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday-Sunday – 6:30 p.m.

# May 9 General Election

## Calendar

### Jan. 28

- First day for filing application for place on ballot beginning at 8 a.m.
- First day for filing Declaration of Write-in Candidacy.

### Feb. 27

- Last day for candidates to file application for place on the ballot by 5 p.m.
- Last day for declaration of write-in by 5 p.m.

### March 3

- Last day for a write-in candidate to withdraw from race.

### March 4

- Last day for a candidate to withdraw from race.

### April 9

- Last day to register to vote at the election.

### April 24

- Last day to receive application from voter in person for a ballot to be voted by mail by 5 p.m.
- Last business day before early voting.

### April 27-May 5

- Early voting

### May 9

- Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### May 12-20

- Official canvass of Regular Election.

### June 1-6

- Possible period for Run-Off Election.



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# Downtown Redevelopment

## Update

With the close of 2014, the downtown redevelopment project surrounding City Hall is approaching several milestones.

Re-skinning City Hall's façade along the north side is almost complete and will soon transition to the west and south sides of the building. Public access to City Hall will shift to the north side of the building in early 2015.

Design of the remaining three quadrants in Heritage Crossing is almost finalized and will soon transition into the construction phase.

The new year will also welcome hardscape and landscape improvements along the Austin Street entrance to the Granville Arts Center. Watch for updates regarding public access to the Granville and its facilities.

Pre-leasing of the Oaks multi-family portion of the development is underway with opening anticipated in May.

**For more updates, visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) and click on the Downtown Redevelopment button.**



## Updated Tools on GarlandTx.gov

### Coming Soon

Visitors to [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) will notice some new features in late January. The City's website managers are in the process of updating the site's platform to make it easier to view and use on mobile devices.



The City will also launch a new app for reporting issues and requesting City services. eAssist Garland will allow residents to use their mobile device or computer to submit a variety of service requests, including City utility services, street repairs, answer frequently asked questions and much more.

Another new tool, Engage Garland, will help residents and visitors share their ideas with the City. The Engage Garland site will provide a variety of opportunities for feedback via quick polls, discussion topics, photo-sharing challenges and more.



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## GP&L Helps Customers

### *with Energy Conservation*

Keeping your home warm in the winter can be more affordable if your home is energy efficient. Garland Power & Light can help offset the cost of home efficiency improvements with the EnergySaver Program, which provides utility bill credits for qualifying home weatherization upgrades. These include adding ceiling insulation, installing Energy Star® windows or doors, and replacing ductwork. Certain upgrades to heat pumps and solar panel installations are also part of the program.

“So much heat can be lost from a home that doesn’t have enough insulation, or from leaky windows and doors,” said GP&L Commercial Accounts Administrator David Koliba. “Participation in GP&L’s EnergySaver Program will help customers save money on energy costs for many years to come,” he added.

Koliba also reminds customers to set their thermostats at 68° (or lower) in the winter, clean or replace heating system filters once a month, and keep flue dampers closed when the fireplace is not in use.

To learn more about the EnergySaver Program, visit [gpltexas.org/energysaver.html](http://gpltexas.org/energysaver.html) or call 972-205-2929. More energy efficiency tips can be found at [gpltexas.org/utilconstips.html](http://gpltexas.org/utilconstips.html).

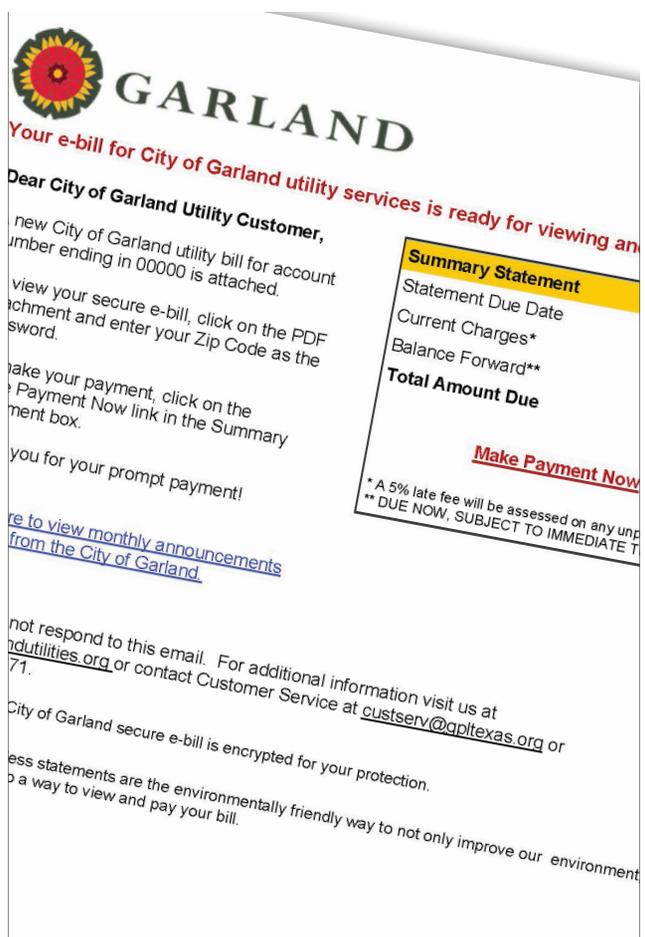


## Electronic Billing Available

### *for Utility Services*

More than 5,000 Garland utility customers already enjoy the convenience of electronic billing (E-Bill), and you can too! Instead of a paper bill, you will receive an email with a secure PDF of the utility billing statement. The email also features a link to bill inserts, so you will still have access to important messages from the City.

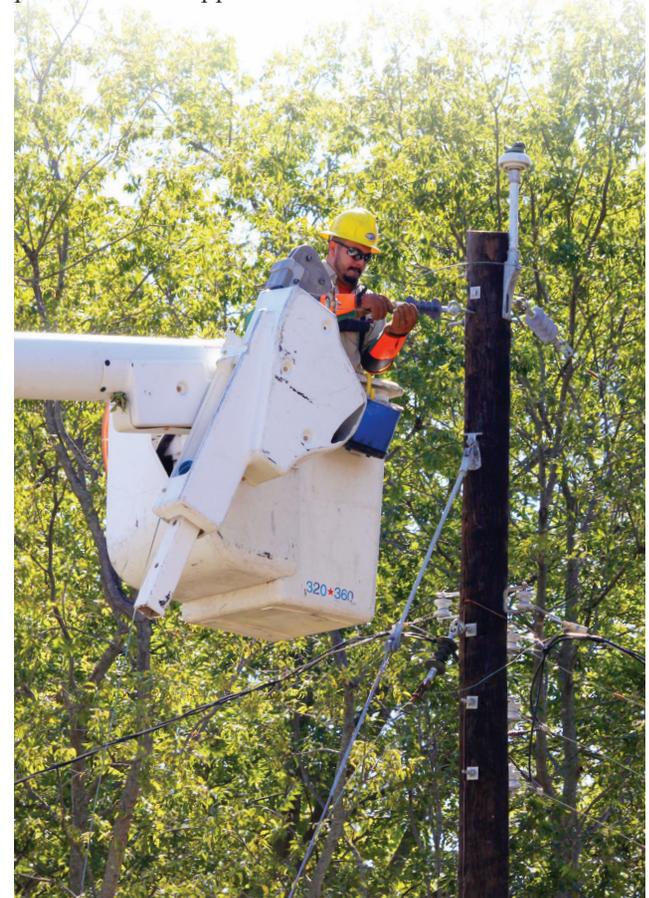
To enroll in E-Bill, visit [GarlandUtilities.org](http://GarlandUtilities.org) (look for E-Bill in the Online Services section) or call Customer Service at 972-205-2671. New customers can request E-Bill when applying for utility service.



## GP&L Requests Phone Number Update

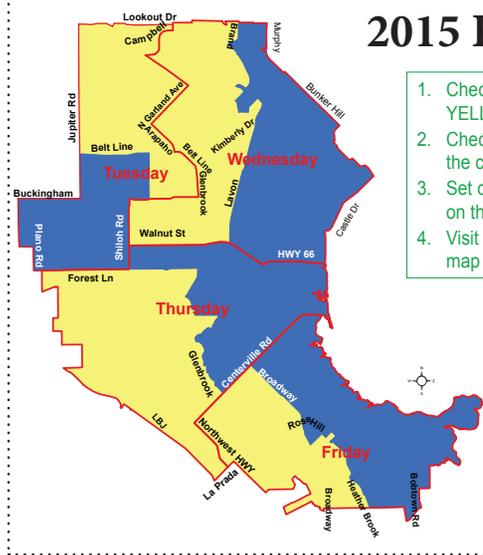
As we have seen over the past year, extreme weather events can cause unexpected power outages. The fastest way for a Garland Power & Light customer to report an outage is by calling 972-205-3000 and providing a phone number associated with the service address.

Please confirm or update the phone number on your utility account by using the Online Account Management tool on [GarlandUtilities.org](http://GarlandUtilities.org) or by contacting Customer Service at [custserv@gpltexas.org](mailto:custserv@gpltexas.org) or 972-205-2671. Be prepared to provide the account number to which the phone number applies.



## 2015 Recycling Schedule

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



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WASTE SERVICES  
**972-205-3500**  
[EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov)  
Customer Service

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## Watering Schedule

Garland’s Stage 3 winter watering schedule is in effect through March 2015. Lawn watering with sprinklers is limited to one day every other week based on the Recycling Pickup Schedule in your area. If you are unsure of your designated recycling pickup day, visit [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com). For more information on Garland’s Stage 3 water restrictions, go to [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com).



## Fall Trash Bash Wrap-Up

Keep Garland Beautiful completed its yearly Fall Bash Trash and America Recycles Day event with increased participation numbers in November. More than 300 volunteers picked up litter along roadways, in neighborhoods, and along creeks in Garland.

To recognize America Recycles Day, volunteers tweeted “before” and “after” clean-up pictures and posted #RecyclingSelfie pictures on the GoGreenGarland Twitter page.

More than 2,300 pounds of litter were collected before volunteers returned to the Granger Recreation Center Annex for a recognition picnic. Girl Scout Troop 5037 won the “Most Unusual Item” award by picking up an almost new pair of in-line skates abandoned in the park, while the Camelot Neighborhood Association won the “Most Bags Collected” award.

Keep Garland Beautiful will sponsor the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off in the spring. Watch the *Garland City Press* for dates.



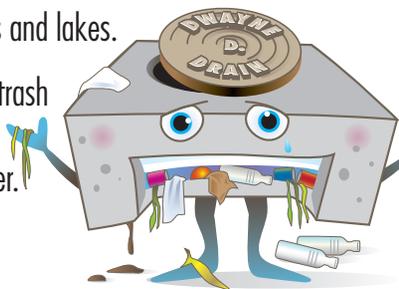
Volunteers picked up more than one ton of litter at Keep Garland Beautiful Fall Trash Bash

## Don't be a pain on the drain!

Trash on the ground, streets and parking lots...

Trash goes down our storm drains and to our local creeks and lakes.

Please pick up trash and dispose in a proper manner.



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# Christmas on the Square



Thousands of people celebrated the City of Garland's official tree lighting event during Christmas on the Square 2014. Attendees became part of the light display as volunteers distributed free Xyloband wristbands for all to wear. The bands lit up in sync with the music along with the lights on the tree and around the Square.

Santa was on hand for free photos and to hear children's Christmas wishes. Characters from Disney's "Frozen" also were available for photos. Festivalgoers enjoyed a snowman-building corral sponsored by Garland Water Utilities, as well as snow slides, ice carving, choir performances, food and craft vendors.



## Public Health Clinic Offers Shingles Vaccinations

Healthy habits are important, but as you get older, healthy habits may not be enough to protect you from shingles. No matter how healthy you feel, your chances of developing shingles increase as you get older. Garland's Public Health Clinic, located at 206 Carver Drive, offers shingles vaccinations for those 50 years of age or older. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registered nurses are available to answer questions at 972-205-3370. For those on Medicare, the clinic is now able to file for Medicare Part D.

### *What is shingles?*

Shingles is a painful, blistering rash. The rash can last up to 30 days. It appears most commonly on one side of your torso but can appear anywhere—even your face.

### *Could it happen to me?*

If you've had chicken pox, you could get shingles now. The virus stays in your body and can resurface at any time as shingles. One in three people will experience shingles in their lifetime.

### *Are there any complications?*

Most people recover from the pain of Shingles. But for some people, the nerve pain can last for years. One in five people who get shingles will experience long-term nerve pain.

### *What else can I do to stay healthy?*

Help prevent shingles by receiving the ZOSTAVAX vaccine now. The vaccine works by boosting your immune system to keep the virus in check, and helps reduce the risk of getting shingles in the future.



## Garland Makes 'Top 10 Safest Cities' List

For the second year in a row, the City of Garland received national recognition as one of the top 10 safest cities. According to Law Street Media, Garland is ranked ninth in the "Top 10 Safest Cities Over 200,000" in the United States.

Garland's statistics show that the city has gotten even safer, with a 5% decrease in the overall violent crime rate. Law Street attributes the City of Garland's public safety success to a "variety of community programs, including Neighborhood Crime Watch and Crime stoppers." Law Street further states, "it is primarily the community-oriented population that helps keep the city (of Garland) safe for its residents."

"I'm very proud of the efforts of both the employees of the Garland Police Department and the residents in our community who have worked hand-in-hand to make such a positive impact on crime in our city. Together, we've made a difference," said Garland Police Chief Mitch Bates.

Law Street's Crime Team used the FBI's four major violent crime categories—murders, aggravated assaults, robberies, and forcible rapes—to create a

standard measure of violent-crimes-per-100,000. This allows year-to-year and city-to-city comparisons.

**To learn more about the City of Garland, visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov). The Garland Police Department provides online reports and public safety statistics.**

According to Law Street, the top 10 safest cities with populations more than 200,000 are:

1. Irvine, CA
2. Gilbert, AZ
3. Fremont, CA
4. Santa Clarita, CA
5. Henderson, NV
6. Plano, TX
7. Scottsdale, AZ
8. Virginia Beach, VA
9. **Garland, TX**
10. Chandler, AZ



### *Park Politely, Please!*

Modern families are always on the go in different directions, sometimes requiring more vehicles than their residential parking can comfortably accommodate.

The City of Garland urges you to be a good neighbor and **Park Politely, Please!** Here are a few **Park Politely** tips:

- Avoid parking in front of your neighbor's house.
- Never block Postal Service access to mailboxes.
- Park as close to the curb as possible to keep the roadway clear for emergency vehicles.
- Communicate in a respectful and positive manner with neighbors about parking issues.
- When possible, let your neighbors know in advance of activities at your home which may include excessive guest parking.

Remember, street parking is not reserved for any specific individual or resident; therefore, the Garland Police Department cannot ticket a vehicle because it is parked where a specific resident would prefer to park.

Under certain circumstances, a citation can be issued. Here are just a few:

- **If a car is parked:**
  - On a sidewalk (or blocking sidewalk in a driveway).
  - In an intersection or crosswalk
  - Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
  - Within 30 feet of a Stop Sign.
- **No commercial** vehicle shall be parked and left overnight upon any public street or on any public property in the city.
- **Parking on unimproved surfaces prohibited.**

**For a complete list of applicable state and local laws or to schedule a Park Politely, Please presentation for your next neighborhood or community meeting, visit [GarlandPolice.com](http://GarlandPolice.com) and click on the Park Politely, Please link or call 972-205-2012.**

## 2014 Award Winners

The City of Garland Health Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. These winners scored in the top five percent of their class on unannounced food service inspections during the previous year. In addition to receiving an award certificate to display for one year, each establishment will have its annual permit fee (from \$200 to \$400) waived for 2015.

The awards are based on scores (100 being perfect) from unannounced inspections made between Oct. 1 and Sept. 30. Eleven classes were established to ensure fair competition among diverse establishments. The 2013-2014 winners and scores are:

<b>Full Service Restaurants</b>	
Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	96.5
Buffalo Wild Wings, 5125 George Bush Freeway, Suite 100	93.5
Jonathan's Place, 6075 Duck Creek Drive	93.5
Marshall's BBQ, 510 Walnut Circle	93
Scotty P's Hamburgers, 4280 Lavon Drive Suite 200	92.5
Norma's Mexican Restaurant, 3420 Broadway Blvd.	92
Waffle House #1637, 3109 S. Jupiter Road	92
Outback Steakhouse, 4902 George Bush Freeway	91
<b>Fast Food Restaurants</b>	
Main Street Deli, 608 Main St.	98.5
JFE Partnership K557, 6850 N. Shiloh Road	97
Pizza Hut, 2218 W. Kingsley Road	96.5
The Atrium @ Patty Granville Arts Center, 300 Fifth St.	95
In-N-Out Burger #169, 150 Town Center Blvd.	94
Little Caesars, 1835 N. Garland Aven.	93.5
Another Southern Maid, 301 Buckingham Road	93
McDonalds, 119 Buckingham Road	93
Paeteria La Super #2, 3031 S. First Street, Suite 300	93
Panda Express #1025, 5345 N. Garland Ave.	93
Sam's Club Store #4783 Cafe, 5150 N. Garland Ave.	93
Chick-fil-a, 5425 N. Garland Ave.	92.5
Walmart Super Center #3224 - Bakery, 555 Interstate 30	92.5
Honey Donut, 1949 Centerville Road	92
Mama Rugi's Pizzeria, 4040 S. Shiloh Road	92
Sam's Club Store #4783 Bakery, 5150 N. Garland Ave.	92
Surf and Swim, 440 Oates Road	92
<b>Deli's &amp; Light Food Menus</b>	
Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwich Shop, 909 Centerville Road	99
Curtis Culwell Center #1, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	98
Curtis Culwell Center #2, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	98
Curtis Culwell Center #3, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.	98
Hollywood USA Movies 15, 4040 S. Shiloh Road	98
Carver Senior Center, 222 Carver Drive	97
<b>Convenience Stores</b>	
Northern Tool & Equipment, 584 Interstate 30	100
ToysRUs/BabiesRUs, 320 Winecup Way	100
Max Muscle Sports Nutrition, 5255 George Bush Fwy, Suite 400	99
World Market, 550 Town Center Blvd.	98.5
5th Street Market, 331 Fifth St.	98
CVS Pharmacy #7824, 5702 Lavon Drive	98
Family Dollar Store #2853, 149 W. Kingsley Road	98
Preet Dollar & More, 3548 W. Walnut St.	98
Star Full Service Car Wash, 1355 Beltline Road	98
<b>Supermarkets &amp; Meat Markets</b>	
David's Meat Market, 4010 N. Jupiter Road	95.5
Tom Thumb #1783 - Meat Market, 2645 Arapaho Road	92.5
<b>Food Processors</b>	
Queen's Winery, 3433 W. Kingsley Road, Suite 6	99
<b>Licensed Day Care Centers</b>	
Kids Central, 2319 Guthrie Road	99.5
West Garland Head Start, 3709 W. Walnut St.	99
<b>Public School Cafeterias</b>	
Carver Elementary, 2800 Wynn Joyce Road	99.5
Cisneros Pre-K, 2826 Fifth St.	99.5
Southgate Elementary, 1115 Mayfield Ave.	99
<b>Food Warehouses</b>	
Garland ISD -Backup Freezer, 410 Stadium Drive	99
The Salvation Army, 451 Avenue D	99
<b>Assisted Living Facilities</b>	
Abba Care Assisted Living, 1207 High Grove Drive	99.5
<b>Hospital/Nursing Facilities</b>	
Baylor Medical Center at Garland, 2300 Marie Curie Drive	97

## Animal Services News

### Trap-Neuter-Return Workshop

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

Topics to be covered are:

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

For additional information on Garland's TNR Pilot Program, please visit

<http://www.garlandpawsibilities.org/TNR.html>



**"PAWSITIVELY LOVED"**

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to staff the Pet Adoption Center located at 813 E. Main St. Workers enjoy an opportunity to interact with animals and help place them in new homes through adoption. Volunteers must attend a short orientation and can choose shifts that fit their schedule.

For more information, email [petvolunteer@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:petvolunteer@GarlandTx.gov).



Club Hill Elementary delivered a "Thank You" poster signed by students and staff in appreciation to Motorcycle Officer L. Orman for his efforts to make the streets and school zones around Club Hill safer for students and parents.

The City of Garland reminds residents that the Police Department is working extra hours of traffic enforcement in an effort to support the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) goals and strategies of reducing the number of motor vehicle related crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Texas.

The strategy includes a four-pronged approach to selective traffic enforcement. Officers will concentrate their efforts on traffic violations associated with red light and intersection traffic control device violations, seat belt and child safety seat violations, speed related violations, and driving while intoxicated violations. This also includes driving under the influence by minors. Please keep our roads safe.



# How We GROW GARLAND

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

## Office of Emergency Management

The City of Garland has a team of people who help the entire organization prepare for emergency scenarios. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staffers are sometimes called “professional paranoids”, but their job is to identify, prepare for, respond to and manage recovery from the emergency situations that impact our community. Such preparation is critical for any efforts to Grow Garland so that the City will be ready to conduct business and support the community in response to any crisis.

The OEM develops comprehensive disaster response plans, utilizes public notification system, such as CodeRED and the outdoor warning siren system to provide emergency warnings, and maintains the City of Garland Emergency Operations Center (EOC). OEM staff also conducts public education events to help citizens and businesses learn about personal emergency preparedness.

But with only three staff members, the OEM doesn't work alone. It's all about collaboration and partnerships. “This is the single most important part of our job,” says Emergency Management Coordinator Mollie Rivas. “By definition, we will never be able to effectively respond to a disaster alone, since a disaster is defined by ‘exceeding our ability to respond effectively.’ We can only succeed through collaborative planning, training and exercising with our partners inside the organization, within the community and beyond.” (See article on page 9 to learn about the importance of the City's partnership with RACES.)

*“This is the single most important part of our job.”*  
- Mollie Rivas, Emergency Management Coordinator

Ms. Rivas, along with Senior Emergency Management Specialists Savannah Martin and Joshua Kelly, monitors and designs plans to address potential hazards and threats ranging from weather to disease to man-made disasters. Such monitoring includes watching developments far beyond the DFW region that might impact Garland's residents and resources. Response plans must be tested and exercised, but no drill can replace an actual response.



Representatives from various City departments and other organizations collaborate in the City's EOC during a recent incident response.



OEM staff conducted emergency preparedness training at the City's annual Healthy Living Expo.



Garland's Emergency Management Team: (left to right) Savannah Martin, Joshua Kelly, and Mollie Rivas.

“Every event teaches us new things and allows us an opportunity to see if what we theorized about a process would work in real life,” says Ms. Rivas. “After every event, we conduct an after-action review to evaluate our responses and make improvements. We thrive on accountability and the ongoing trust these after-action reviews build among our partners.”

The OEM perpetuates that goal to improve every day. They are always evaluating lessons learned from various disaster responses, locally and beyond, to identify best practices for properly utilizing volunteers and donations during disaster recovery. The OEM team is also identifying and creating the support roles necessary to conduct larger scale disaster operations, if needed, as well as additional technological tools to improve emergency operations.

**To learn more about the Office of Emergency Management or to get emergency preparedness information for your home or business, visit [Garland-OEM.com](http://Garland-OEM.com).**



## Spotlight on Volunteers: *Garland Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)*

The Garland Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, known as Garland RACES, was formed in 1976, to assist the City in storm spotting activities. The organization consists of 41 active members who conduct weekly on-the-air training sessions, take FEMA courses covering the Incident Command System, and simulate emergency test exercises to ensure all equipment and operators maintain a high level of communications proficiency.

The information gathered by RACES during severe weather is critical to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff that is charged with activating the emergency notification systems such as the outdoor warning sirens. OEM staff analyzes many different types of information during the storm, such as radar and television media, but it is the real-time ground information provided by the RACES appointees that is most vital to the decision-making process. Along with

the actual storm-spotting service, RACES also assists in the monthly tests of the outdoor warning system by providing an appointee to report to siren sites during the weekly test and communicate the performance of each siren. This allows the City to have instant information on the functional status of each individual siren, get any issues resolved immediately, and ensure that the system is in working order.

Because of the extensive communications network capability of RACES, the organization has also served Garland in many other capacities.

Appointees of Garland RACES have been integral in citywide emergency drills, such as the full-scale mass dispensing exercise conducted in conjunction with Dallas County Health & Human Services. This exercise was a test of the City's ability to distribute medications to the entire population within 48 hours of a bioterrorism event. In addition to providing subject matter expertise to the Exercise Planning Team, Garland RACES appointees also provided their own equipment to assist the City with tracking the deliveries while en route.

While the Garland RACES is vital to the City's disaster response efforts, they also play an essential role in the community during non-disaster events. They are



responsible for coordinating the lighting of the tree during the City's annual Christmas on the Square event and provide crucial information-gathering expertise during Fourth of July celebrations.

They do not limit themselves to the borders of Garland, either. Each year, appointees participate with their counterparts in the neighboring jurisdictions to support large regional events such as the Dallas Marathon, the March of Dimes Walk and the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour.

The City values the dedication, skill-level and selflessness demonstrated by RACES, and looks forward to many more years of RACES participation in City events. For more information, visit [GarlandRACES.net](http://GarlandRACES.net).



the description of the department's organizational culture, to its vision statement and core values.

"This isn't just about the recreation profession, it's also about the new generations of the 21st century, and about our field as a whole," said Julie Coates, vice president for LERN Core Services. "It's not just the right approach, it's also the right way to support that approach."

The Parks & Recreation Department was honored in November during the LERN International Awards at the 2014 LERN Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

### City of Garland Earns Video Awards

The City of Garland is adding four new trophies to its collection from the annual statewide Government Programming Awards. The awards were presented at the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (TATO) conference in early November.

The City's "Grow Garland" video earned a first place award in the Instruction/Training category. CGTV, Garland's government access cable channel, was awarded second place in Overall Excellence in Programming. Garland brought home third place trophies in the Event Promotion category for its "Get Your Business Online" campaign and in the Best Community Event Coverage

category for "Christmas on the Square 2013."

The Video Services division of City of Garland's Public & Media Relations Department produces videos for CGTV, web/social media and internal uses. "Video is a great way to share Garland's story with those who live and work here or might visit us," said Public & Media Relations Director Dorothy White. "We're thrilled by this recognition by our peers. But more importantly, we hope our work helps people see Garland's wealth of opportunities."

CGTV programming is available on AT&T Uverse channel 99, Time Warner Cable channel 16 and Verizon FIOS channel 44. Live streaming and on-demand videos are available at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov), click on the CGTV Videos button. Videos are also available on [YouTube.com/garlandtxgov](http://YouTube.com/garlandtxgov).



## Excellence Made Here!

### Garland's Parks & Recreation Department Received Award from Learning Resources Network

Learning Resources Network (LERN) selected the City of Garland Parks & Recreation Department as the top winner for management practices among lifelong learning and continuing education providers. The City of Garland was selected from more than 140 applicants from across North America.

The department received the award for its employment handbook, because in addition to including fun in the job description, it featured fun in everything from



Recreation Superintendant Warren Bird accepts parks award.

## Garland Neighborhood Management Academy

The Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) offers educational classes on a variety of topics important to neighborhood vitality. Categories include citizen engagement, leadership development, and neighborhood management.

GNMA, an important component of the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods, exists to provide community stakeholders with the tools to actively engage in the municipal government process and to manage neighborhood growth and change. Course offerings are designed to educate, inform and empower residents and organizations to fulfill their role in sustaining thriving neighborhoods. The spring 2015 schedule is as follows:

Jan. 27	Volunteer Recruitment & Recognition	6 to 8 p.m.	The Atrium
Jan. 31	City Government 101	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Main Street Municipal Building
Feb. 10	City Administration	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Street Municipal Building
Feb. 24	D.I.Y. Garland - Painting	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	The Home Depot-Firewheel
April 14	Taking Charge of Your Neighborhood's Future	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Main Street Municipal Building
April 28	D.I.Y. Garland - Fences	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	The Home Depot-Firewheel

**Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of the class. Space is limited! Unless otherwise stated, classes are free, but registration is required. For more information, contact Laura Castillo, 972-205-2451.**



## Garland Board, Leadership & Volunteer Fair

*A partnership between the City of Garland and BE The Delta*

**Tuesday, Jan. 27.  
5 to 8 p.m.**

**The Atrium @ Granville Arts Center  
Free Event**

The 2015 City of Garland Volunteer, Board, and Leadership Fair is an opportunity for residents to meet and be recruited by nonprofits, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, and City committees that serve Garland residents. Representatives from more than 30 organizations will be on-hand to meet and recruit potential board candidates and volunteers.

Organizations serving the arts, environmental interests, health and human services, and more will be represented. Board and staff leaders will share information about organizational missions and programs, and answer questions from interested candidates.

“Our goal is to nurture a culture of volunteerism and giving back in Garland,” said Lexie Okeke, BE The Delta’s chief change agent. “One of the ways we do this is by providing volunteer opportunities for everyone that desires to be part of Garland’s transformation—youth, elderly, stay-at-home, work outside the home, men and women. All will find a place where their skills, experiences, and determination can be focused and used to create a better Garland.”

“The City is excited to partner with nonprofits to heighten awareness of the diverse service opportunities available in Garland,” said Felisa Conner, Neighborhood Vitality manager for the City of Garland.

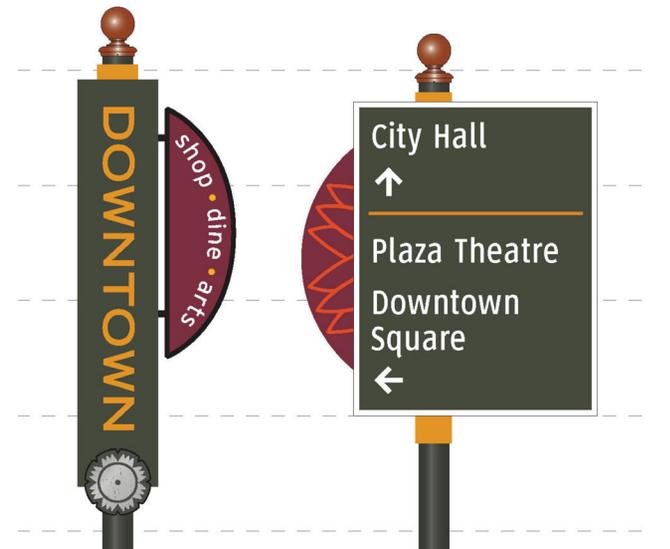
**For more information, contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-3864 or [neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov).**

## Garland

### Wayfinding Program

Long-awaited signs directing visitors to Downtown Garland will soon be a reality.

The City’s wayfinding consultants, MERJE Design, presented the final design concept to City Council in early October. In addition to directional signs leading drivers to Downtown, Phase I installation will direct drivers and pedestrians to Downtown destinations such as City Hall, Duckworth Building, Granville Arts Center, Plaza Theatre, and public parking garages. Sign fabrication and installation are anticipated in spring 2015.



## New Habitat ReStore

*Now Open in Garland*

Garland Area Habitat for Humanity (GAHFH) opened a new ReStore at 2360 Crist Road, Ste 700. The store offers donated new and gently used furniture, appliances, building materials, doors, windows, tools, and other home goods to the public at a fraction of retail prices. Proceeds from the store will go back to the affiliate to build more homes for low-income families in Garland.



GAHFH partners with the City of Garland's DIY – Do it yourself, not by yourself program, along with Home Depot, to improve curb appeal in areas showing signs of blight. GAHFH also works closely with the City’s Grant Manager Mona Woodard, to secure lots on which to build in Garland. In addition, GAHFH is the only approved builder in Garland to receive Community Housing Development Organization funds from the City. GAHFH is confident the new store will increase capacity to provide more homes to more families in need in our community.

# Neighborhood Events Recap

## Home Maintenance 101

This past fall, the Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) hosted Home Maintenance 101 in partnership with The Home Depot located near 190. The course featured presentations from Building Inspections, The Home Depot, and Scotts Miracle Gro, and provided essential how-to tips on maintaining your home. The class was an opportunity to promote the key messages and ideas included in the Garland Residential Idea Book and the Efficiency Idea Book. GNMA also offers courses fostering citizen engagement and leadership. Visit [GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org) to learn more about the spring 2015 GNMA classes. Call 972-205-2451 or email [Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov).

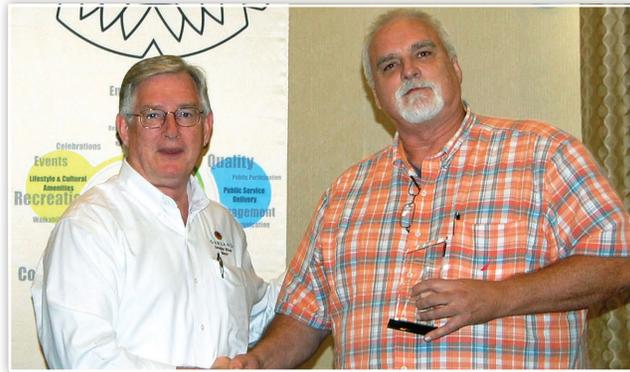


Home improvement is a family affair for the Reakes family.

## 2014 Neighborhood Summit

The 2014 Neighborhood Summit delivered an exciting education and networking experience! Participants were given an update on the Strategy for Vital Neighborhoods and heard from Charles Marohn, CEO of Strongtowns, during the keynote address. The day was full of opportunities to win prizes, including lawn makeovers courtesy of Scotts Miracle Gro, an air purifier from The Home Depot, and a Google Chrome notebook and tablet.

The various speakers shared important information and ideas regarding conservation, community involvement, and economic development.



Mayor Athas presents Guy Lawson Who's Who in Garland Neighborhoods.



Congratulations to those who received special recognition:

### Who's Who in Garland Neighborhoods:

- Guy Lawson

### GNMA Graduates:

- Kris Beard & Ellen Evans

### Rethink Capacity Graduates:

- Juan Bazan
- Anita Opel
- Laura Castillo
- Robert Opel
- Jane Diogu
- Angela Calvin Self
- Cathi Haug
- Jean Shortsleeve
- Beth Leos
- Cindy Turek

A special thanks to event sponsors Garland Power & Light and Environmental Waste Services. To learn more about these two vital City of Garland departments, visit [GPLTexas.org](http://GPLTexas.org) and [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.gov](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.gov).

## A Letter of Thanks

The following email is from a resident thanking several City employees for the assistance they provided in retrieving a business bank deposit that was swept into a storm sewer.

October 14, 2014

To whom it may concern,

I want to start off by saying thank you to the Street Department Team (Kevin Mack, Drainage Maintenance Supervisor, James Helterbrand, Drainage Maintenance Crew Leader, and Linda Patterson, Department Representative). I called the City of Garland on Oct. 6 about 8:30 in the morning and left a message on the hotline, and to my surprise I received a call back around 9:45 the same morning. My business bank deposit dropped from my hand and a stream of water swept and took it into the City drain. I had no way to recover it. I honestly had no idea what to do. Through faith, I called the City of Garland and was transferred to a hotline. I had no idea what could come out of leaving a message.

Within an hour someone called me. I explained my situation and I was not sure if I was going to get any assistance. After I gave the exact location drain, not long after I received call from Kevin and he explained that nothing was found. It was not in the drain. My heart sunk and thought all was lost. I thanked him for looking. After a couple of hours I received another call back from Kevin who let me know my bank bag was indeed recovered. To my surprise, a day that did not look very good was restored by the honesty and diligent work of Kevin and James.

I was able to get my bag back within a half hour of speaking to Kevin the last time. Of course the bag was soaking wet and, yes, all the money was in the bag. James said he tracked where the drain went and to his surprise he was able to recover the bag. With a hand shake and a smile, James handed me the bank bag.

I want to send my sincere thanks and praise the guys and team that went the extra mile. That's exactly what makes departments and organizations better than the others.

Sincerely and gratefully,

David Lappots



# Garland Brings “Home” to its Veterans Day Celebration

The City of Garland’s GREAT Homes Program partnered with Green Extreme Homes to make Veterans Day 2014 a homecoming event.

The project began as collaboration between the City of Garland and Green Extreme Homes to build two new, energy-efficient homes in the R.E. Sumners addition on McKinley Street. This small neighborhood was considered a prime location to use as a test case to illustrate how such a project could revitalize a neighborhood.

It was quickly decided that the event should be a veterans initiative to assist those who have served. The United Way was asked to play a major role in the Veteran’s Day event as part of its 9 for 90 campaign, as both a fundraiser and to increase awareness of the need for affordable, energy-efficient housing for veterans. The Veterans Day event featured a key hand-off ceremony and a special appearance by Dallas Cowboys legend Roger Staubach, also a Navy veteran.

The Housing & Community Services Department helped an elderly resident replace a collapsed sewer line and get a major clean up done on his back yard. Two dumpsters full of debris were removed from the back yard. Citi Bank volunteers performed the clean-up.

A third home at a different location was part of the day’s event as well. The City’s GREAT Homes Program, in partnership with Green Extreme Homes, renovated an existing vacant home on Melrose to be sold. Green Extreme Homes financed the property and surprised a veteran family of six that was living in a motel. United Way furnished the home and, provided toys for the three children, as well as bed linens, curtains, food and everything needed to move into the home. This veteran is 100% disabled as a result of the war in Iraq.

The event was made possible through contributions from several City departments including Fire, Code Enforcement, Police, Transportation, Parks & Recreation, Waste Management, Building Inspections, City Administration, Mayor’s Office, and Public & Media Relations. A video recap of the project is available at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov). Click on the “CGTV Videos” button, then the “Specialty Videos” tab. Select the “Veterans Day Event” video.

The City of Garland’s Housing & Community Services Department developed the GREAT Homes program as an innovative approach to re-energizing Garland’s existing housing stock through energy-efficient and aesthetic upgrades while maintaining the architectural integrity of Garland’s more mature neighborhoods. The program offers creative financing terms that benefit the buyers of the homes and provides a dollar-per-dollar return on investment back to the City, perpetuating the program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has deemed Garland’s housing initiatives as a “best practices model” for other cities to duplicate.



Navy veteran and Dallas Cowboys legend Roger Staubach provided inspiring words during the Veterans Day event.

Several other entities brought resources to the project. The Home Depot provided tools and materials. Both CitiBank and The Home Depot provided more than 200 volunteers over multiple days to build fences, paint neighborhood houses, and add landscaping for the event. Two brand new, energy-efficient homes were built for veterans and their families. One home was rehabilitated for a veteran’s family, three neighborhood homes were painted by volunteers with paint donated by Sherwin Williams, three new fences were built by volunteers with materials donated by The Home Depot, and five homes received new landscaping.



Veteran family Jessica and Brian Steeps are excited about moving into their first new home.



# Library

## Programs & Events

All Libraries will be closed  
Thursday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day  
and Monday, Jan. 19 for  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Children/Youth Programs

Spring Storytimes | Jan. 5-April 25

### Central Library

625 Austin St., 972-205-2517

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Mondays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Mondays, 11 a.m.

### North Garland Branch Library

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

Wee Read (birth to 18 mos.) Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Fridays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Fridays, 11 a.m.

### South Garland Branch Library

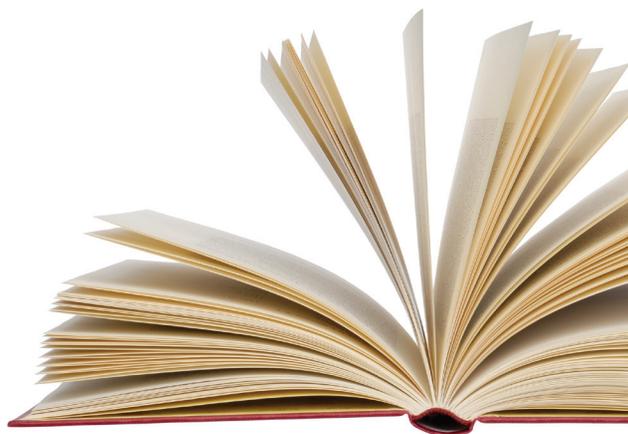
4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

Toddler Storytime (18-36 mos.) Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
Family Storytime Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

### Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585

Family Storytime Tuesdays, 7 p.m.



### Books and Beyond, 2 p.m., Central Library •

A free, monthly program for children ages 6-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. Children 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

- Jan. 17, Brick Challenge
- Feb. 21, Spy School

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

### February: My Heart Belongs to Books

- 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5, South Garland Branch
- 4 p.m. Feb. 12, North Garland Branch

## Adult Programs

### Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library •

A free program series for senior citizens sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events are open to anyone 55 years of age or older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502.

- Jan. 15, Lev Kardonsky • Professional violinist who performs popular Yiddish and European folk music. He has appeared with the Latvian National Opera and the Riga Ballet Theater, the Fort Worth Symphony, and the Fort Worth Opera. He was also nominated for a GRAMMY®.
- Feb. 19, Gwen Caldwell • Storyteller Gwen Caldwell, will present *Love is in the Air*, a collection of love stories featuring the tales of Tristan and Isolde, and King Arthur, among others. She has been sharing stories for more than 20 years, performing at storytelling festivals, corporate programs and leadership workshops.



### Art Explorers, 2:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch Library •

Children ages 6-12 will learn about different types of art, then create their own masterpieces. Registration is required to attend each Art Explorer program and is limited to 30 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- Jan. 3, Paper Sculptures
- Feb. 7, Stained Glass Art

## 26th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Parade and March

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Garland unit will host its 26th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and march at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17.

### Parade Route

- Parade will start on Dairy Road at Garden Drive (near Embree Park)
- Proceed north on Dairy Road to Highway 66 (Avenue D)
- West (Left) on Highway 66 (Avenue D) to First Street
- North (Right) on First Street to Highway 66 (Avenue B)
- West (Left) on Highway 66 (Avenue B) to Fifth Street
- North (Right) on Fifth Street to Austin Street
- Parade ends at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. in Downtown Garland

The 2015 theme is Spotlighting Garland's NAACP Beginnings on MLK Day. Grand marshals for the celebration in Garland will be Pastor D.L. Wilson of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Ronald Session of Shiloh Church, both located in Garland.

The celebration will continue immediately following the parade and march with an MLK Commemorative Program at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Garland's MLK Communitywide Youth Choir, led by clinician Reuben Lael Griffin, will perform. The event is free and open to the public.



## MLK Youth Extravaganza

on Jan. 18

Youth groups from area churches and Garland ISD will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance and athletic talents in step routines at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Admission is free and the MLK Youth Extravaganza is open to the public.

For more information, contact the NAACP Garland at 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or visit [GarlandTxNAACP.org](http://GarlandTxNAACP.org).

## Performing Arts

### Shows & Events

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

**Dramapalooza | 2 p.m. Jan. 25** • This theatre program, created for special needs adults, will present its 11th anniversary musical—*Shane and Nick's Excellent 90s Adventure*. Nicholas and Shane have participated in the musicals since 2003. Join them as they travel through the 1990s and meet singers and celebrities. Admission is free. Call 972-205-2772 or email [HRC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:HRC@GarlandTx.gov).



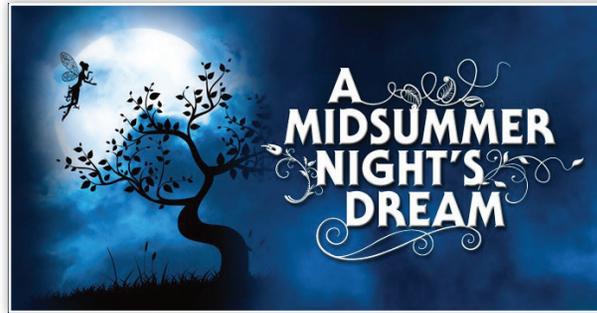
**Bodyology by Slim Goodbody | 9:55 a.m. Feb. 4** • See a multi-media musical production starring TV's *Slim Goodbody*, with songs, graphics, and 3-D animation that teaches about the human body and how to stay healthy. Tickets are \$7 each and may be purchased at [SlimGoodbody.com](http://SlimGoodbody.com) (click on National Tour). Contact John at 207-831-2607.



**At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.**

**A Midsummer Night's Dream | Feb. 12-15** • Lysander loves Hermia, and Hermia loves Lysander. Helena loves Demetrius; Demetrius used to love Helena but now loves Hermia. Oberon and Titania,

King and Queen of Fairies, are locked in a dispute over a boy whom Titania has adopted. For tickets visit [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or call 972-205-2790.



**4 Ever Young & the Reflections | 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21** • This eight-piece 1950s Rock & Roll & Doo Wop band will perform the best hits from well-known greats including Elvis Presley and many other 1950s stars. Tickets are \$10 at the door (cash only). For more information, email John at [JWisdon169@AOL.com](mailto:JWisdon169@AOL.com).

### Free Movie at the Plaza

**7 p.m. Feb. 7** • The City of Garland presents one of the most romantic movies of all time, "You've Got Mail," and the movie that inspired it, "The Shop Around the Corner." This event is free and open to the public. Sales of refreshments will benefit the Garland Good Samaritans. For information call 972-205-2780 or visit [GarlandArts.com](http://GarlandArts.com).



## Garland Civic Theatre

### Bad Seed

**Jan. 22-Feb. 14** • The *Bad Seed*, a play adapted by Maxwell Anderson from the novel, *The Bad Seed*, by William March, is terrifyingly good. Its theme is worked out powerfully and every character is convincing. Tickets are \$15-\$22.



Performances are held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. For tickets, call 972-205-2790 or visit [GarlandCivicTheatre.org](http://GarlandCivicTheatre.org).

### Art Exhibits

**GISD Faculty Art Show | Through Jan. 20**

Garland ISD art faculty will exhibit their personal artworks in the Gallery at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. This annual show benefits deserving senior art students in Garland ISD. The public is invited to donate a tax deductible gift toward this scholarship fund through envelopes provided at the show.

**Artists Round Texas Membership Show | Jan. 23-Feb. 25** • Join Artists Round Texas for its membership show. The exhibit will feature a variety of

media including photography, which makes this show a "must see" for an overview of different creative visions. For details, contact Laurieann Dygowski at 972-475-1836.



Exhibits are on display in the Gallery at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Viewing hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during all night and weekend performances.

### Sweetheart Dance

**5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7** • Dads, granddads, and uncles: bring your special little girl to an evening with dinner, dancing, a 5x7 photo, and a gift. Ages 3-7 are from 5 to 7 p.m. and ages 8-15 are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14 per person. Register by Dec. 31 and save \$2 per person. For tickets, visit [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) or any Garland Recreation Center. Call 972-205-3090 or email [FRC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:FRC@GarlandTx.gov).

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



## Parks and Recreation

### Programs & Events

#### Garland Police Youth Program | Ongoing

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., ages 7-14, free, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Join Garland Police Officers after school for help with homework assignments and school projects. Parent must register in person with an officer. Call 972-205-3090 or email [FRC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:FRC@GarlandTx.gov).



#### Guitar | Monthly

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:10 p.m., ages 5-12, \$75 per person, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Learn to play songs, develop music literacy skills, and perform in solo and ensemble settings. Call 972-205-3991 or email [ARC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:ARC@GarlandTx.gov).



#### Cheer Combo | Jan. 5-26

Mondays, 6 to 6:30 p.m., ages 2-5, \$15 per child, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Perform floor exercises and beginner tumbling skills while learning the basics of cheerleading, gymnastics, and tumbling. Call 972-205-2721 or email [HHRC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:HHRC@GarlandTx.gov).

#### Line Dancing | Jan. 6-29

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., ages 12 and up, \$21 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center. Learn the steps, motions, and rhythms of a variety of line dance styles set to great music. Call 972-205-2770 or email [BRC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:BRC@GarlandTx.gov).



#### Chess | Jan. 7-28

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

#### ACT.ED Intro to Acting | Jan. 10-31

Saturdays, noon to 2 p.m., ages 10-17, \$80 per person, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Students are led through a range of arts activities that help explore, clarify, and express ideas, feelings, and experiences. Call 972-205-2772 or email [HRC@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:HRC@GarlandTx.gov).

## Garland Symphony Orchestra

8 p.m. Jan. 16 •

Join us for Concert IV in this year's season to enjoy pianist Antonio di Cristfano and guest conductor Maestro Lobo. Performing Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*.



8 p.m. Feb. 20 •

Concert V features guest conductor Reinhard Seehafer violist Paul Silverthorne from the London Symphony Orchestra performing Paganini's *Sonata for Viola and Orchestra*.



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

## SKYWARN Severe Weather Training

**Saturday, Feb. 21**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Granville Arts Center**  
**300 N. Fifth St**

Can you recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado is possible? Do you want to become part of the severe weather warning system in your county? As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth will answer these, and many other questions, at the SKYWARN severe weather program on Saturday, Feb. 21. The event is free, no pre-registration required.

## Streetlight Repairs

To report a streetlight that is out or damaged, contact Garland Power & Light at:

**972-205-3483**  
**[info@gpltexas.org](mailto:info@gpltexas.org)**

Be sure to provide the following details:

- Exact location of the light or a pole number
- Name
- Address
- Daytime telephone number



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Garland Youth Council Facebook page.

## Closed Jan. 1 and 19

**City Offices (including Utility Customer Service)**

**Libraries**

**Recreation Centers and Senior**

**CenterEnvironmental Waste Services Offices**

No garbage, recycling or brush/bulky goods collection  
Jan. 1; Thursday routes will resume on Friday, and  
Friday routes will resume on Saturday.

**Recycling Center**

**Transfer Station**

**C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood  
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## January Events

- 1 New Year's Day  
City offices closed
- 5 City Council Work Session  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 6 City Council Meeting  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 12 Plan Commission  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 13 Garland Youth Council  
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
- 14 Garland Youth Council Fundraiser  
Firewheel Chipotle, 4170 Lavon Dr.
- 16 Impounded Vehicle Auction  
City of Garland Auto Pound  
1630 Commerce St.
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
City offices closed
- 20 City Council Work Session  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 20 City Council Meeting  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 26 Plan Commission  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 28 Mayor's Evening In  
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

## February Events

- 2 City Council Work Session  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 3 City Council Meeting  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 9 Plan Commission  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 10 Garland Youth Council  
Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Ave. F
- 16 City Council Work Session  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 17 City Council Meeting  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.
- 20 Impounded Vehicle Auction  
City of Garland Auto Pound  
1630 Commerce St.
- 23 State of the City  
Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- 23 Plan Commission  
Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg.  
217 N. Fifth St.

