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Message

from the Mayor

I am often asked, "What do I get for my tax dollars?" A good question. This year, Garland received \$11.2 million in property taxes, our first increase since the recession. Property values have been rising, 16% this year, which is an encouraging indicator for the future. Building permit valuations (new construction) are 40% higher also. Sales tax revenues have grown by at least 5% to our highest on record.

Garland is a full-service city, providing trash collection and recycling, water and wastewater, and electricity, but those are paid through fees proportional to use.

Property taxes pay for police, fire, health, and emergency management; libraries, parks, recreation centers, and cultural art programs; the streets, traffic, and engineering departments; neighborhood services, building inspections, code compliance, housing; city administration and many others services. But more than half is just for public safety.

We provide services to our neighborhoods and grants to assist in developing and improving their areas. We keep the streets clean and provide a comprehensive repair program. We keep the street lights on and make sure the signal lights function properly. We keep up with 63 parks, covering more than 2,800 acres, and six recreation centers. Garland is known for its exceptional service levels.

I am really proud of Garland. I hear stories each day about the partnerships, successes and friendships made here. It's really what our community is all about. When I'm in other communities, I hear more and more about the good things happening in Garland, for which we are becoming known.

I wish each of you and your families a very happy and prosperous New Year. If you want to keep up with the great things happening in Garland, I will deliver my State of the City Address on Feb. 29 at the Garland Chamber of Commerce luncheon and hope to see you there.

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. 27 & Feb. 25

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

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

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City Council Meetings

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

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 5 and 19, Feb. 2 and 16
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. Jan. 4 and 19, Feb. 1 and 15
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22
 - Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.
- Meeting dates and times subject to change.

Garland Spotlight

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

May 7 General Election

Calendar

Garland voters will have the opportunity to elect City Council members on Saturday, May 7. Candidates for Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 will be on the ballot.

Below are some important dates leading up to the election:

Friday, Jan. 1

First day to apply for ballot by mail

Wednesday, Jan. 20

First day to file for a place on the ballot

Friday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

LAST day to file for a place on the ballot

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 5 p.m.

LAST day for write-in candidates to file

Monday, April 25

First day to vote early in person

Tuesday, April 26

LAST day to apply for ballot by mail

Tuesday, May 3

LAST day to vote early in person

Saturday, May 7

Election Day – Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404 or visit GarlandTx.gov and click on Election Information.

VOTE

Garland Welcomes Two New Executive Leaders

The City of Garland welcomes new leadership for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and Water and Wastewater.

Jermel Stevenson was named Managing Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts. Jermel brings more than 20 years of experience in managing municipal parks and recreation systems in north Texas, Phoenix and Detroit. He has developed innovative approaches to program and facilities management, special events, and human capital management that have earned national recognition.

Jermel embraces national best practices standards and accreditations processes to grow and develop programs and services, as well as the City employees who will deliver them. As president/secretary of the Dallas/Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Director's Association, Jermel has focused on the economic impact of recreational resources, and how to manage such resources during extreme events such as drought.

Wesley Kucera is now Managing Director of the City of Garland's water utilities, after working his way upward through the organization since 1996. This new role will put him in charge of all water and wastewater operations.

Wes came from the private sector to the City of Garland in 1996 to manage daily operations of wastewater

treatment's environmental laboratory operations. In that role he developed the lab's quality assurance manual.

Later, as Technical Services Director, Wes implemented the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) for the Garland Water Utility Laboratory. He was later promoted to Director of the Wastewater Treatment Department, overseeing operations at both the Rowlett and Duck Creek facilities with a combined capacity of 64 million gallons per day. Under his leadership, both facilities have received national recognition for excellence and compliance with federal environmental protection standards.

Wes has also co-authored presentations for the Texas Water Conference, the Water Environment Association of Texas, and American Chrome and Chemical, Inc. He is Vice President of the Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies and is a member of several important state and national industry associations.



Jermel Stevenson



Wesley Kucera

Garland Provides National Leadership

Garland's Mayor and two City Council members have been appointed to National League of Cities (NLC) committees.

Garland Mayor Douglas Athas has been reappointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Community and Economic Development Committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation and international competitiveness.

Garland Mayor Pro Tem and District 4 City Council Member B.J. Williams and District 3 City Council Member Stephen Stanley have been appointed to the Transportation Infrastructure & Services Committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving transportation, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports.

"Garland is recognized on the national level for innovation in municipal governance," said Mayor Athas. "These appointments are an important opportunity for Garland's elected representatives to provide leadership and to learn from other cities across the nation."

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. For more information on NLC's other committees and councils, visit <http://www.nlc.org/influence-federal-policy/policy-committees>.



How We GROW GARLAND

Learn how various City departments contribute to the growth and success of the Garland community.

Downtown Update

Visitors to Downtown Garland are beginning to see the shape of things to come at City Hall. Steel framing now outlines what will be the expanded City Hall lobby and public area, as well as the CGTV production studio. The artist rendering at right illustrates the Fifth Street view of the building when construction is complete later this year.

The section of Fifth Street between Austin and State Streets will remain closed until completion of the City Hall project and the new three-story building across from city hall which will house the City's Economic Development Department and several townhome-style apartments on the upper two floors.

The new parking garage behind City Hall is now open, with new signage to show the way. The garage can be accessed from both Austin and State Streets. The first floor is available for three-hour public parking, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. No parking restrictions are in place for any portion of the garage during evenings and weekends.

Work is underway for the new plaza in front of the Granville Arts Center and should be complete by mid-year.



What's Being Built There?

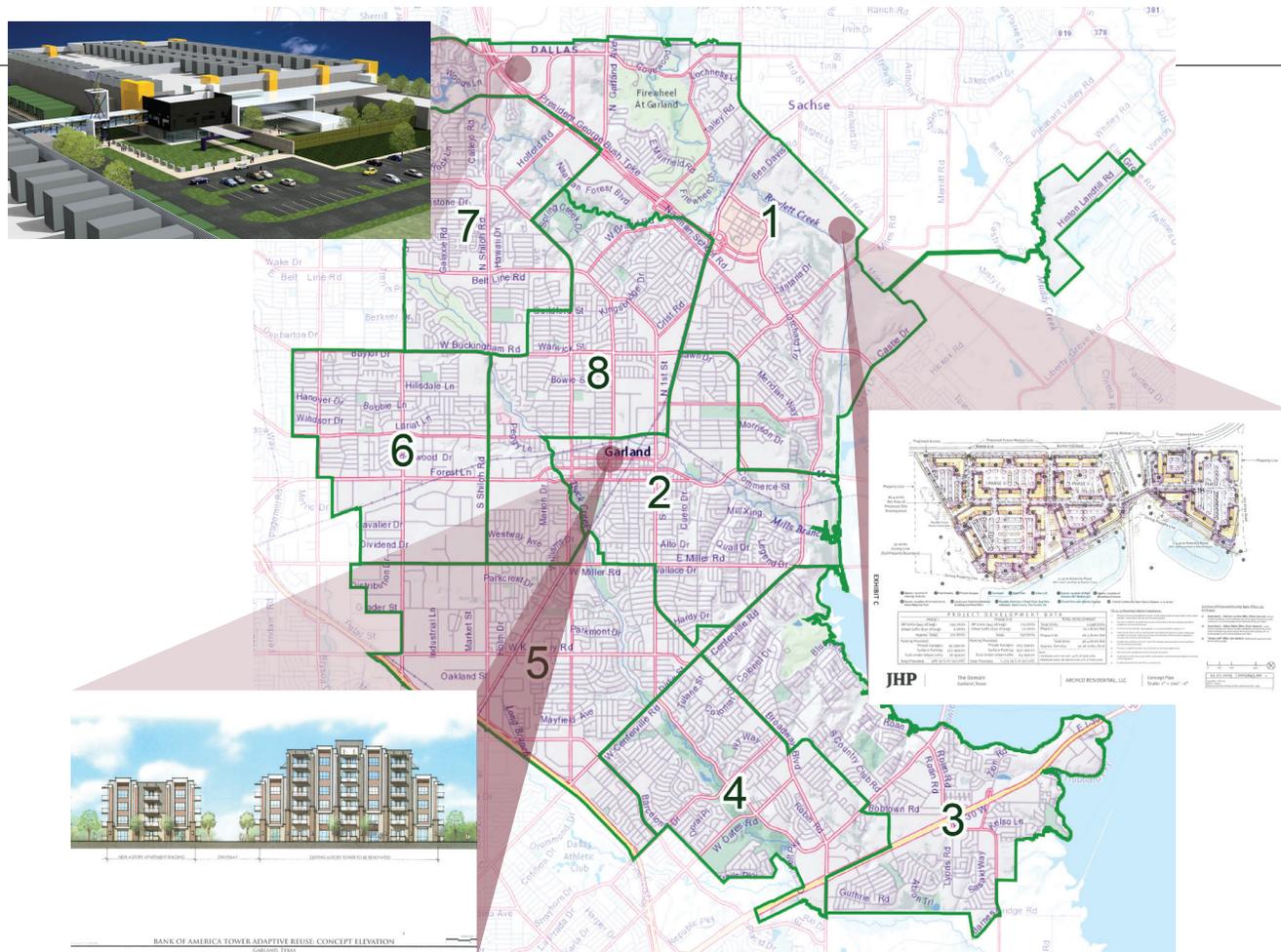
Garland is buzzing with new development these days, which often prompts people to ask "What's being built there?" Here is a short list of a few projects getting underway in Garland:

Raging Wire's newest data center will encompass approximately one million square feet. It will be located south of Lookout Drive, east of the Telecom Parkway.

The Domain will include approximately 1,100 urban style multi-family units on the south side of Bunker Hill Road at Miles Road.

In Downtown Garland, redevelopment of what was the Bank of America property at Glenbrook Drive and Avenue B is about to begin. The first phase of this project includes 165 multi-family units.

Watch for more development updates in future issues of the Garland City Press.



Garland Receives Greater Dallas Planning Council Award

The City of Garland Planning Department was recently awarded an Honorable Mention for the preparation of the Forest/Jupiter Transit-Oriented Redevelopment Plan. The Greater Dallas Planning Council recognized the City on Dec. 8 at its 2015 annual meeting.

Garland earns accolades for how the City works toward growing Garland's prosperity.

The Forest/Jupiter strategy was an outgrowth of Envision Garland, the City's comprehensive plan adopted in 2012, which described the City's vision for the next twenty years. Within Envision Garland, seven key geographic areas were identified and targeted for redevelopment and reinvestment activities. Forest/Jupiter is one of those seven catalyst areas. The City will identify opportunities to partner with the private sector to bring about significant real estate projects that inspire future private investment.

Three distinct districts are within the study area: a transit-oriented community centered on the DART light rail station; a community retail center anchored by new infill development around the Walnut/Jupiter intersection; and a medical science district anchored around the Baylor medical complex at Walnut and Shiloh.



The Greater Dallas Planning Council is an organization founded in 1946 to address issues shaping regional growth in the Dallas area. Its membership is made up of engineers, urban planners, architects and other design professionals, as well as local elected officials from municipalities in the region and representatives of other civic organizations.

Lawn and Golf Tips from Firewheel Golf Park

Off-season Advice from Our Experts

At Firewheel Golf Park, Senior Superintendent John Rowe keeps the courses looking great year round. With 15 years of experience in golf course maintenance, John has a wealth of knowledge that applies both to tending the greens and home lawn care.

"In the winter, course maintenance really slows down, including our watering schedule," said John. "As we do at Firewheel, I suggest that homeowners turn off all automatic watering systems and water their lawns only when necessary." John says monitoring the ground moisture is important. A good rain in the winter can keep Bermuda grass sufficiently watered for about a month, but high winds and temperatures below freezing can dry the ground out.

John recommends waiting for warmer weather to apply lawn care products. "Since grass goes dormant, any pre-emergent or fertilizer you apply in the winter will go to waste," he said. Early spring is generally the best time to apply these products. Check the March Garland City Press for more lawn care tips from John.

Don't let the cold weather keep you off the golf course. "Winter is a great time to tune up your game for spring," said Don Kennedy, Firewheel Director of Golf. "Improvements in chipping and putting can really help your score."

Throughout the off-season, taking lessons is the best way to stay up to speed. With four instructors, Firewheel is able to accommodate both your schedule and skill level. Call Firewheel Golf Park at 972-205-2795.



Host Your Next Event at Firewheel Golf Park

Firewheel Golf Park is an excellent place to host a corporate meeting, team building exercise or fund raising tournament.

"With our unique variety of facilities, we can accommodate events ranging from a few to hundreds of attendees. An added benefit is the scenic views of our golf courses," says Director of Events & Marketing Teresa Boardman.

- The Branding Iron restaurant at the Bridges Course has a **large dining area, an outdoor patio, and a private conference room.**
- The club house at the Old and Lakes courses has **meeting rooms**, as well as the best burgers in town at Grill 64.
- The Jerry Andrews Pavilion offers great flexibility for both small and large events, up to 500 attendees. **Private meeting rooms** at the pavilion are also available.
- If your event includes golfers, a round of golf can be easily included in the day's activities. Ask about **customizable tournament packages** to meet your needs and budget.

"Whether you're planning a major corporate outing or an intimate gathering with friends, Firewheel's event specialists will make your day memorable," said Teresa.

Firewheel Golf Park is conveniently located in Garland, just north of President George Bush Turnpike (State Highway 190). **For information or to book an event, contact Teresa Boardman at 972-205-3917 or teresa@golffirewheel.com.**

\$23 Round of Golf

Green fee & cart included

Monday - Thursday any time of day

Friday - Sunday after 1 p.m.

Old or Lakes course

GolfFirewheel.com
972-205-2795
600 W. Campbell Road
Garland, TX

Valid until 2/29/2016



A Letter of Gratitude from Garland Animal Services

Garland Animal Services counts on community support to help with its ongoing efforts to promote responsible pet ownership and to place homeless pets. For information, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org.

Garland Animal Services would like to thank a group of outstanding citizens who have truly made an impact in the lives of hundreds of Garland's homeless pets. Patty Turner, Kelly Renee, and Lana Martin Vartan nominated Garland Animal Services for a monthly pet food giveaway hosted by Long Way Home Rescue out of Bryan, Texas. The giveaway was initially 500 pounds of pet food, but the generous people of Long Way Home Rescue increased the amount to more than 1,200 pounds!

An additional 900 pounds of food were donated by the great people at the Rita B Huff Humane Society in Huntsville, Texas.

THANK YOU so much for your generous food donation. It truly means a lot to us and to the homeless pets of Garland. We sincerely appreciate everything you do for the Garland Animal Shelter and the Garland pets in search of a "forever" home.

Sincerely,
Garland Animal Services

Engaging the Community: A Volunteer's Dream Turned Reality

Sherry Sweeney, a long time Garland Pawsibilities volunteer, has been heavily involved in the animal welfare community for nearly 20 years. Her passion for the welfare of animals has no limits. One of her dreams came to reality when the City of Garland implemented a Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program for feral cats. TNR is a humane way of trapping feral cats, having them spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies and ear tipped before returning them to their colony or area where they were picked up.

Feral cats, also called community cats, are members of the domestic cat species like pet cats, but are not socialized to people, making them unadoptable. They live in groups called colonies with strong social bonds to their colony members. Prior to the implementation of the TNR program, the only option for feral cats was humane euthanasia. After years of campaigning for a TNR program in Garland, Sweeney succeeded in helping Garland establish a pilot program. With the agreement that the City of Garland would fund the program and Garland Pawsibilities volunteers would provide the labor, TNR was established in October 2014.

Within the first year, more than 450 feral cats were



Donation from Long Way Home Rescue, Bryan, Texas



Donation from Rita B Huff Human Society, Huntsville, Texas

sterilized and nearly 100 citizens registered as colony managers, a clear sign of the cohesiveness and teamwork by the City of Garland and community volunteers. The TNR program was extremely successful due to the consistent participation from the Garland community and the teamwork between Garland Animal Services, Garland Pawsibilities volunteers (GPAWS), and the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP). Garland Animal Services funded the program, GPAWS volunteers trapped and returned the cats, and TCAP provided veterinarians to perform low cost spay and neuter surgeries. Due to the programs success, TNR was funded for a second year. To date, nearly 600 feral cats have been sterilized and 107 citizens are involved with the program as registered colony managers.

"Garland's TNR program has not only given hundreds of feral cats a second chance, it has strengthened and expanded our working relationship with the Garland community," said Animal Services Manager Uriel Villalpando. Our first year with TNR was very active and very successful; we are all very confident that with the help and support of the Garland community, our second year will be a record breaking year and hundreds of lives will be saved!"

Pet Adoption Center

813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

Pet Adoption Center Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to walk dogs, assist staff with adoptions, and help with shelter activities. Garland Pawsibilities, a partnered rescue group, has been a big part of the operation at the Pet Adoption Center and the success of placing animals. Visit garlandpawsibilities.org or email volunteer@garlandpaws.org for volunteer opportunities.

Adoption Hours:

- Monday - Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, noon to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Low Cost Pet Sterilization and Vaccination Clinic

The new facility will also host regular low cost sterilization and vaccination clinics for family pets. Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) offers these services four times a month at our new Pet Adoption Center. Call 940-566-5551 to schedule an appointment for sterilization. Low-cost vaccines (walk-in basis) 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

GPAWS is always looking for motivated volunteers interested in assisting with the TNR program. To learn more, visit GarlandPawsibilities.org or email tnr@garlandpaws.org. GPAWS holds monthly TNR workshops at the Pet Adoption Center. The next TNR workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m. at the Pet Adoption Center, 813 Main St. in Downtown Garland.

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



Left to right: Connie Sweeney (GPAWS volunteer), Stacey Soileau (New Beginnings Cat Rescue), Uriel Villalpando (Garland Animal Services Manager), and Sherry Sweeney (GPAWS TNR Coordinator)

2015 Award Winners

The City of Garland Health Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Food Sanitation Excellence Awards. These winners scored in the top five percent of their class on unannounced food service inspections during the previous year.

The awards are based on scores (100 being perfect) from unannounced inspections made between Oct. 1, 2014 and Sept. 30, 2015. Eleven classes were established to insure fair competition among diverse establishments. The 2014-2015 winners and scores are:

Full Service Restaurants

Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd	95.5
Buffalo Wild Wings, 5125 George Bush Fwy, Suite 100	93
Boston Market #0104, 730 Centerville Rd	92
Jonathan's Place, 6075 Duck Creek Dr	90.5
Marshall's BBQ, 510 Walnut Circle	90.5
Main Street Café, 627 Main St	90
Norma's Mexican Restaurant, 3420 Broadway Blvd	90
Outback Steakhouse, 4902 George Bush Fwy	89.5

Fast Food Restaurants

McDonalds, 119 Buckingham Rd	98
Panda Express #1025, 5345 N. Garland Ave	97.5
Walmart Neighborhood Market #4046-Bakery, 1855 S. Garland Ave	97
Walmart Neighborhood Market-Bakery, 101 Buckingham Rd	97
Main Street Deli, 608 Main St	96
Crazy Catfish, 805 Centerville Rd	95.5
In-N-Out Burger #269, 150 Town Center Blvd	95.5
Chuck E. Cheese, 1340 Centerville Rd	95
Mama Rugi's Pizzeria, 4040 S. Shiloh Rd	94.5
Another Southern Maid, 301 Buckingham Rd	94
Art Bakery, 3112 N. Jupiter Rd	94
Donut Palace, 1605 Buckingham Rd	94
The Atrium @ Patty Granville Arts Center, 300 Fifth St	94
Angela's Snack Bar, 873 Miller Rd	93.5
Panaderia Santa Ana, 1016 Lavon Dr	93.5
Walmart Neighborhood Market #4046-Deli, 1855 S. Garland Ave	93.5

Deli's & Light Food Menus

Edible Arrangements, 4430 Lavon Dr, Suite 322	99.5
Curtis Culwell Center #1, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd	99
Curtis Culwell Center #4, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd	98
Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Ave A	98
Salud Es Riqueza, 2915 Beltline Rd	98
Barnes & Noble Booksellers #2222, 190 Cedar Sage Dr	97
Curtis Culwell Center #5, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd	97
Manantial de Vida, 418 Forest Crest Dr	97

Convenience Stores

Walgreens #4267, 1902 N. Jupiter Rd	99
World Market, 550 Town Center Blvd	99
CVS Pharmacy #7824, 5702 Lavon Dr	98
Family Dollar Store #5994, 2425 W. Walnut St	98
Garland Police Department Detention Center, 1900 State St	98
Tom Thumb #2561- Convenience Store, 925 Northwest Hwy	98
5th Street Market, 331 Fifth St	97.5
CVS Pharmacy #7718, 1902 Pleasant Valley Dr	97.5

Supermarkets & Meat Markets

Tom Thumb #1783 - Grocery, 2645 Arapaho Rd	93.5
Walmart Neighborhood Market, 101 Buckingham Rd	93.5

Food Processors

Hillary's Sweet Temptations, 2677 Forest Ln	98
Shari's Berries, 2600 McCree Rd	98

Licensed Day Care Centers

Children's Treehouse Buckingham, 3317 Buckingham Rd	98.5
Primrose School of Firewheel, 5074 George Bush Fwy	98.5

Public School Cafeterias

Alternative Education Center, 2015 Country Club Dr	98.5
Parsons Pre-K, 2202 Richoak Dr	98.5
Southgate Elementary, 1115 Mayfield Ave	98.5
Williams Elementary, 1821 Old Gate Lane	98.5

Food Warehouses

Whitestar Logistics, 1036 International Dr	100
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Assisted Living Facilities

Jonathan's Place, 6045 Duck Creek Dr	99
Jonathan's Place, 6055 Duck Creek Dr	99
Mayberry Gardens Assisted Living, 3270 N. Garland Ave	99

Hospital/Nursing Facilities

Stoneybrook Memory Care of Garland, 5600 N. Shiloh Rd	92
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Garland Approves Latest Development of Sustainably-Certified Manufacturing Facilities

The City of Garland has paved the way for construction of 267,000 square feet of new industrial space on Regency Crest Drive. The two new buildings will be built on a 13.5 - acre site located in southwest Garland near I-635 and in the heart of the City's core industrial district. Both buildings will be certified according to "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) standards and serve to bring additional Class A industrial space to this major industrial area of the D/FW Metroplex.

"The City recognizes and values the positive economic impact that the resulting LEED certified buildings will bring to the City's industrial space inventory and resource base," said Economic Development Director David Gwin. "Garland continues to pursue the development of additional Class A industrial space to help attract additional high value investment."

The \$15+ million project's developer, Huntington Industrial Partners - Texas, LLC, recently completed Garland's first LEED industrial development which is located on Distribution Drive. This 169,000-square-foot facility ultimately attracted a quality tenant, Taiwan-based plastics manufacturer VPET, before the construction phase of the project was complete. Both the newly proposed Huntington buildings are being built on spec and are available for qualified users.

"Garland has one of the largest concentrations of manufacturing facilities in the Dallas region, and that reputation provides the existing infrastructure and community support that make cutting-edge sustainable development possible," said Garland City Manager Bryan L. Bradford. "We are excited to have Huntington contribute another quality project to our community."

Overall, Garland's industrial market has 32 million square feet of existing space devoted to manufacturing, distribution and heavy commercial uses. Garland has approximately 3.7 million square feet of available for purchase and lease. As part of the east Dallas submarket as measured by the North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors, the lease rates for industrial properties are some of the lowest in the Dallas Metroplex.



Garland Board, Leadership & Volunteer Fair

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 5 to 8 p.m.

Granville Arts Center - The Atrium

Attend the 2016 Garland Board, Leadership & Volunteer Fair to meet nonprofits and organizations that serve Garland residents. Learn how you can get involved and promote a culture of volunteerism in your community by joining efforts and donating your time, skills and expertise for the betterment of our community. Organizations will range from the arts and the environment to health and human services and more to provide everyone the chance to give back.

Sign up now at www.BEtheDelta.net



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Neighborhoods contain many components: crime watch meetings, neighborhood projects, utility services, City policies, Council districts and NEIGHBORS. Through the Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA), the City of Garland educates and equips residents with the tools needed to be active participants in city government and to confidently manage neighborhood growth and change.

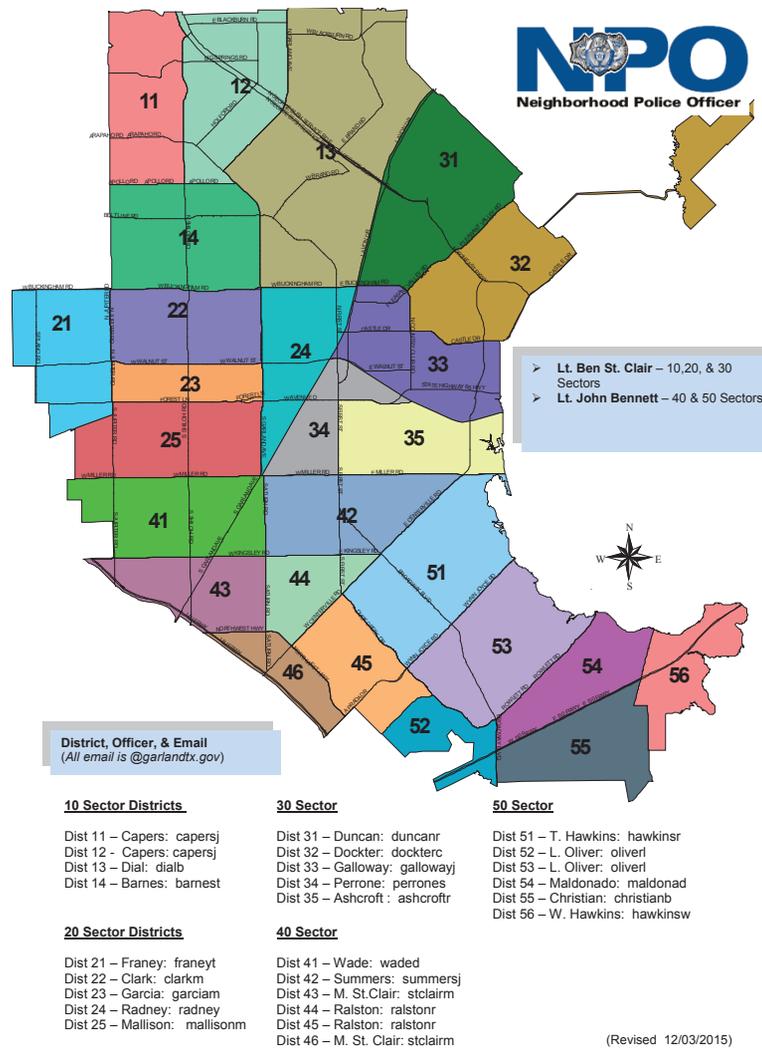
Check out our spring calendar by visiting GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org or calling 972-205-2451.

Get to Know Your Neighborhood Police Officer!

The City of Garland's Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) program assigns an officer to a particular area of the city. The officer works with patrol officers, employees from other City departments, Garland ISD, business owners and citizens to identify and assist with ongoing problems that affect the area.

NPOs work with Crime Watch groups, apartment managers, neighborhood associations and other community groups to identify specific crime trends and find solutions. Your NPO is your partner in making your neighborhood or business area safe and successful.

The map at right illustrates the NPO districts and provides contact emails. For more information, call 972-485-4881 or visit GarlandPolice.com and look under the "Unit & Division Profiles" tab.



Garland Police Department Designates Exchange Zone

The Garland Police Department (GPD) has designated two parking spaces in front of the Police Department building, located at 1891 Forest Lane, where online buyers and sellers can conduct face-to-face transactions. The Exchange Zone has been established in response to the growing e-commerce and online purchasing trend.

The public is also welcome to conduct exchanges inside the building in the lobby area between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., excluding holidays. GPD wants to encourage safe online shopping with face-to-face transactions.

For more information, call 972-205-4868.



40th Annual Garland Storm Spotter Training Program

The 2016 severe weather season is fast approaching. 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 area? 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. 20. The program will be held at the Granville Arts Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the first half of the day, the National Weather Service (NWS) will discuss thunderstorm formation and features associated with severe storms. This past year the North Texas region saw a record number of severe storms, so there will be a lot of new information presented.

The presentation will include a review on tornado formation and behavior, and will give some insight as to why some storms produce tornadoes and some do not. Most importantly, the NWS will discuss what you can do to stay safe and keep others safe when thunderstorms threaten. For those interested in becoming a storm spotter, the program will discuss spotter operations and recommended reporting procedures.

The second half of the program will cover basic radar interpretation and a radio demonstration. The fundamental purpose of the spotter training - and of the storm spotter network as a whole - remains unchanged. "Weather radar is a great tool, but it only tells part of a storm's story. Spotter observations are fundamental to the protection of life" said Tom Bradshaw, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Fort Worth Office.

The 2016 program will be special as this will be Garland's 40th year to host the event. Those in attendance will have a chance to win a weather radio during one of many raffles throughout the day.

The program is free and open to the public. No advanced registration is necessary and lunch will be available for purchase from food trucks. Even if you don't become an active storm spotter, you will learn how storms work and visual clues you can identify to keep you and your loved ones safe.

For information, contact the Office of Emergency Management at oem@GarlandTx.gov. Follow the National Weather Service Office in Fort Worth on Facebook and Twitter (@NWSFortWorth).

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.





SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US:

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LONG TERM AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

DEEP REHAB BUILD
2016 S. FIFTH ST.



NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILD
102 & 104 MCKINLEY DR.



WHO

HELPS RETURNING VETERAN FAMILIES BY GIVING THEM THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED IN AN OWNER OCCUPIED HOME BY PROVIDING AFFORDABLE FINANCING ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY.



BENEFITS

A CATALYST FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE AND UPKEEP. PROVIDES STABLE HOME OWNERSHIP TO THOSE WHO MANY NOT OTHERWISE HAVE THE OPTION.



PARTNERS



AWARDS

2015 NCDA AUDREY NELSON AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY INNOVATIVE BLOCK GRANTS FOR ZERO ENERGY READY AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

2015 NCDA JOHN SASSO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2015 US DOE HOUSING INNOVATION AWARD FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY



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Wind Power for GP&L Customers

Wind energy is now part of Garland Power & Light's power resource mix. The Spinning Spur 3 wind farm, located west of Amarillo, and the Los Vientos V wind farm, located west of McAllen, are providing GP&L with up to 100 megawatts of power, about 20 percent of the utility's annual energy needs.

"These renewable resources have diversified our power portfolio at competitive prices and will benefit our customers for years to come," said GP&L General Manager & CEO Jeff Janke.

In December 2016, the Salt Fork development located east of Amarillo is scheduled to begin providing GP&L with up to 35 megawatts of additional wind energy. The energy from all three projects is being acquired through long-term power purchase agreements. GP&L continues to evaluate renewable energy opportunities that will provide power at competitive prices.



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 or call 972-205-2929. More energy efficiency tips can be found at gpltexas.org/utilconstips.html.



gp&L
EnergySaver
PROGRAM

Help others by donating to the P.A.I.D. Program

The City of Garland has helped many local utility customers who need bill payment assistance through the Provide Aid in Dollars, or P.A.I.D. Program. We can do more with your help. Please consider donating to the P.A.I.D. Program on your next Garland utility bill.

"We have many customers who have lost their jobs, are on a fixed income, or are going through other hardships," said Mary Morgan, Customer Service Contact Representative. "The P.A.I.D. Program makes it a little easier for qualifying customers to pay their electric bills."

To donate, look for the P.A.I.D. section on your utility bill payment stub. You can round up to the nearest whole dollar or write in a specific dollar amount.

P.A.I.D. Program Contribution (Optional)	Total Amount Enclosed
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Streetlight Repairs

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

972-205-3483
info@gpltexas.org

Be sure to provide the following details:

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



Preparing for Winter Weather

While we all appreciate the break from summer heat and enjoy the occasional snowman construction project, freezing rain, snow and ice can cause traffic accidents, hypothermia and other hazards. But don't get your mittens in a twist. The City of Garland Office of Emergency Management offers a few tips to help you prepare for winter weather:

- Wrap exterior pipes and drip your interior faucets when the temperature dips below 33 degrees to keep pipes from freezing and bursting
- Have emergency lighting: flashlights or lanterns with a supply of batteries or fuel
- Have emergency heating equipment approved for indoor use, to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning
- If you must be outside, dress to fit the weather conditions with layered, wind-resistant clothing, a hat and gloves or mittens.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities
- Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, slurred speech, drowsiness and exhaustion

For information, visit Garland-OEM.com.

It is time to DOO the Right Thing...

They may be cute, but they do pollute!

When it rains, pet waste can wash into storm drains and go directly into lakes and streams without being treated. This pet waste may contain bacteria, parasites, and viruses. Clean up dog waste in the yard at least once a week and dispose of it in the trash.

For information, contact the **Garland Stormwater Hotline** at 972-205-2180.



Protection Against Whooping Cough

New baby in the family? Be sure to surround him or her with a “cocoon” of protection against diseases such as pertussis! Unfortunately, unvaccinated adults and family members—including parents and grandparents—are often the ones who spread pertussis (whooping cough) to infants. Pertussis can be dangerous, especially for babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated.

Early symptoms of whooping cough may include a runny nose, low-grade fever, and mild, occasional cough, but in infants, apnea may be the only symptom. After one or two weeks, the cough gets worse and occurs in strong coughing “fits” that may be followed by a “whooping” sound, especially in older children and adults. After coughing, a person may vomit, have difficulty catching his breath, or become blue in the face. This type of coughing can last for more than six weeks. In fact, in some countries pertussis is known as the “100 day cough.”

Pertussis may be diagnosed by an examination and a lab test called a PCR (polymerase chain reaction). There are several antibiotics available to treat pertussis. Because 75% of the babies who get pertussis contract it from a family member, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that adolescents and adults who have close contact with an infant should be vaccinated with Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine. These family members and/or caregivers should receive Tdap at least two weeks before beginning close contact with the infant. The ACIP also recommends that all pregnant women be immunized with Tdap during pregnancy.

Immunity can wane over time, putting even the previously vaccinated at risk. The best way to protect the very young and others at risk for complications is to make sure your Tdap vaccination is up-to-date. Ask your healthcare provider about the pertussis vaccine or call Garland's Public Health Clinic at 972-205-3370.

“Cocooning” is an easy way that family members can work together to prevent the spread of whooping cough to babies!



Lawn Care Assistance

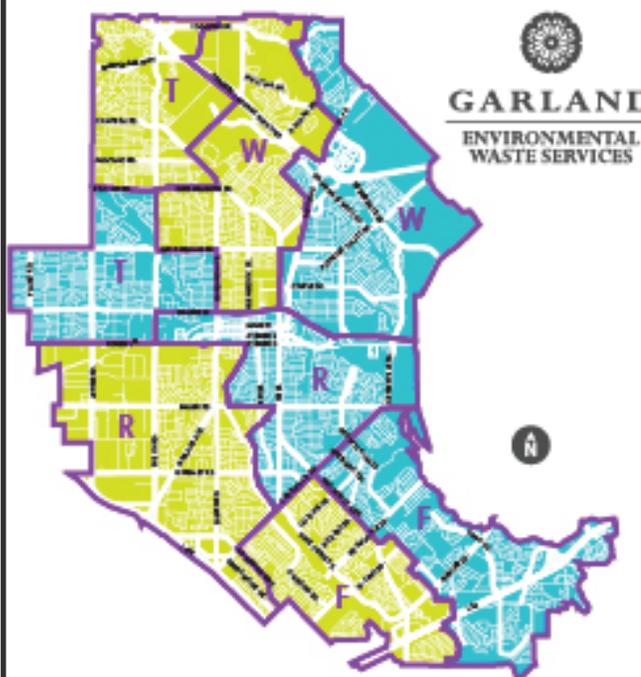
The City of Garland Code Compliance Department is now taking applications for the Lawn Care Assistance Program. This program will provide summer mowing for seniors (60 years of age and older) and disabled Garland homeowners who are physically and/or financially unable to maintain their yards to comply with City codes and who have no other assistance available.

Applications may be picked up at the Code Compliance Office, 210 Carver Street, Suite 101. Citizens who are unable to pick up an application may call 972-485-6400 and request that an application be mailed.

Submit applications to: Code Compliance-Lawn Care Assistance Program, 210 Carver Street, Suite 101, Garland, Texas, 75040. Application packets must be filled out completely and returned to Code Compliance along with required documents by March 11, 2016. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be complete and all required documentation must be provided at time of submission. The list of required documents will be in the application packet. Please note that prior participation does not automatically reinstate assistance; homeowners must resubmit applications annually for consideration. Space is limited based upon available funding and need. Funds are made available through a Federal grant program; consequently, Code Compliance is only able to approve the number of citizens the funds will allow. **For more information, call 972-485-6400.**



2016 RECYCLING SCHEDULE



GARLAND
ENVIRONMENTAL
WASTE SERVICES

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■ CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS: Collection services slide forward one day following City-observed holidays.
PLEASE NOTE: City offices are closed Jan. 18 and May 30, but EWS will follow a normal collection schedule; no delay in services.

Determine your collection week by finding your home's location on the map below.
Recycling collection occurs every other week on the same day as trash.

FOR RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATION GO TO:
garlandenvironmentalwaste.com

For information, call 972-205-3500 or email EWSCustomerService@GarlandTx.gov.

DO RECYCLE:

- All paper
- Glass containers
- Aluminum and steel, including empty aerosol cans
- All plastic bottles, containers, and lids #1-5 & 7

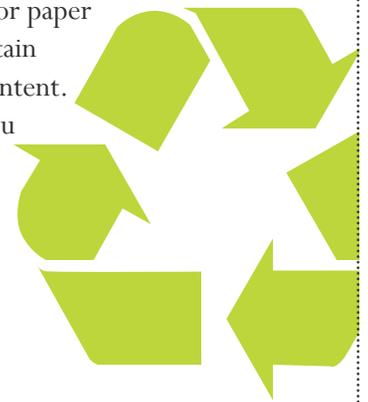
DONT RECYCLE:

- Styrofoam
- Wax-coated food containers
- Plastic shopping bags
- #6 plastics

Make 2016 Your Year of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling!

Make a difference by recycling more at home, at school, and at work. Encourage your family, friends, and coworkers to recycle more and choose reusable products instead of disposables. Here are some great tips to make 2016 your year of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling:

- Recycle all paper (junk mail, magazines, envelopes, food boxes), bottles and cans (aluminum, metal and plastic #1-5 & 7).
- Buy products with little or no packaging and buy the largest size you can use. This not only saves on the amount of materials being thrown into the trash or recycling cans, but also saves money!
- Buy reusable quality products such as non-disposable cameras, reusable or electric razors, reusable dishes, mugs, and utensils, and have your child carry lunch in a reusable lunch box.
- Bring your own mug to get coffee. Paper cups waste money and landfill space. Plus, bringing your own cup to local coffee houses can save you money.
- Use reusable water bottles instead of buying bottled water
- Buy used goods from resale shops. This is an inexpensive way to get assorted merchandise, and retro fashions are always coming back into style.
- Use reusable shopping bags for groceries and other errands. Keep some bags in your car for unplanned shopping trips. If you get paper or plastic bags from the store, try to reuse them before you recycle them.
- When possible, avoid single-use items such as paper towels and napkins. Use microfiber cleaning cloths or fabric rags, and cloth napkins.
- Buy products that are made with recycled materials. Look for paper products that contain post-consumer content.
- Take only what you need (refuse unneeded giveaways, bags, or flyers).



Be Sure to Place Your Containers Properly

Park It • Point It • Space It

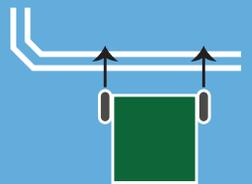
Park It

Containers placed on the street should have their wheels against the curb.



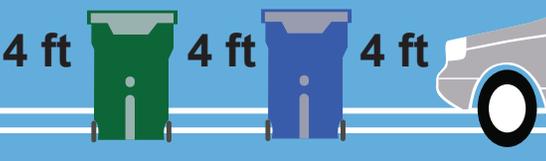
Point It

Position the container with wheels toward your house.



Space It

Give at least 4 feet of clearance on all sides from other objects.



All trash and recyclable items must be inside the containers.



Containers placed in the alley must be within your property line.



Library

Programs & Events

All Libraries will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Children/Youth Programs

Spring Storytimes | Jan. 11 through April 30

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.



Meet Pete the Cat, Jan. 11-16 • Children are invited to meet Pete the Cat from the popular picture book series during the first week of the spring storytime season. Pete will appear at each Toddler, Preschool, and Family Storytime.

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 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- Jan. 2, Calder Mobiles
- Feb. 6, Greek Vases

Tween Scene • Designed for youth ages 10-13. Consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes.

February: Origami

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

Books and Beyond, 2 p.m., Central Library • A free program for children ages 6-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. Each theme incorporates concepts from STEAM learning: science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Please note that children six years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

- Jan. 30, Volcano Science
- Feb. 20, Squishy Circuit Technology

Adult Programs

Jane Austen Events • Fans of Jane Austen can celebrate the release of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies* with two Austen-themed events at the Nicholson Memorial Library System's Central and South Garland Libraries. Both events are free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Attendees with children should note that "Zombie Jane Austen" will be wearing extensive makeup, which might alarm small children. No registration is required.

- Feb. 6, 2 p.m., Central Library • University of Dallas Professor Theresa Kenney will speak about Austen, her life, and her works, in her lecture *Jane Austen: the Influences that Shaped Elizabeth Bennett in Pride and Prejudice*. In addition to teaching classes on Austen's novels, Kenney is a lecturer for the north Texas chapter of the Jane Austen Society. She is an expert on Jane Austen's works as well as her life story.

- Feb. 6, 3 to 5 p.m., South Garland Branch • Austen fans can meet "Zombie Jane Austen." Patrons can discuss Austen novels, have their personal copies of her work "signed," take photos with the zombie version of the author, and enter a drawing to win a gift card to AMC Theaters at Firewheel.



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. 14, *Lady & the Tramp* • This vocal duo will present an oldies review, featuring rock, pop, and country hits of the 1950s and 60s. The group will cover tunes by artists such as Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Bobby Darin, Carly Simon, and Carole King.
- Feb. 18, *The Dixie Swing Band* • Composed of eight members who specialize in New Orleans-style Dixieland music, the band will present an hour of tunes from its extensive song list.



Performing Arts

Shows & Events

At the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Garland Symphony Orchestra presents Clarinetist Brent Buemi | 8 p.m. January 15

• Concert IV of the Symphonic Treasures season features local musician, Brent Buemi who graduated with a Master of Music Degree in Clarinet Performance at Southern Methodist University. **Tickets are \$17.50-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.**

Garland Civic Theatre presents "The Man with Bogart's Face" | Jan. 21-Feb. 13 • The hard-boiled mystery by Andrew J. Fenady offers a plot full of twists and turns, intrigue, greed and deadly danger. The production will run Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 22-Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. with Sunday performances on Jan. 24 and 31, at 2:30 p.m. Additional Thursday performance at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 21. **Tickets are \$22 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.**

XD2 Dance Studio's 1st Annual Winter Gala | 3 p.m. Jan. 23 • A premiere showcase of the 2016 Company Dancers. Tickets, \$10, are available beginning Jan. 4 at the studio office, 1802 Pleasant Valley Road. **For more information, email codi@xd2dance.com.**

Royalty Dance Academy presents "Peter Pan: The Ballet" | Jan. 30-31 • Based on J.M. Barrie's "The Boy Who Would Never Grow Up," this ballet includes sword fights, mermaids and great dancing. Performances are 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 31. **Tickets, \$12-25, are available at RoyaltyDanceAcademy.com or by phone at 972-771-3855.**

Garland Symphony Orchestra presents Pianist Sara Daneshpour | 8 p.m. Feb 19 • Concert V of the Symphonic Treasures season features the 11th Annual Great Movie Scores Quiz and highly-acclaimed pianist, Sara Daneshpour. Tickets are \$17.50-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.

The Column Awards | February 21 • Honoring the best in North Texas Theater, John Garcia's The Column Awards returns to the Granville Arts Center to celebrate the fantastic performances and productions of 2015. Tickets will be available at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com beginning Jan. 18.

At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Free Movie at the Plaza – "Groundhog Day" | 7 p.m. February 2 • Bill Murray stars in the hilarious comedy about an arrogant weatherman who's forced to relive February 2 in a never-ending

time loop. Will he figure out a way to break the time loop or be cursed to relive the same day for eternity? Find out in 1993's "Groundhog Day". Admission is free and open to the public.

Free Movie at the Plaza - "Roman Holiday" | 7 p.m. Feb. 13 • In this romantic comedy, a bored and sheltered princess (Audrey Hepburn) escapes her guardians and falls in love with an American newsman in Rome (Gregory Peck). Nominated for seven Academy Awards, 1953's "Roman Holiday" is a beloved, Hollywood classic. Admission is free and open to the public.

C.O.R.P. presents Charlotte's Web | Feb. 19-21 • All the enchanting characters are here: Wilbur, the irresistible young pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher; Fern, a girl who understands what animals say to each other; Templeton, the gluttonous rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; the Zuckerman family; the Arables; and, most of all, the extraordinary spider, Charlotte, who proves to be "a true friend and a good writer." Determined to save Wilbur, Charlotte begins her campaign with the miracle of her web in which she writes, Some pig. **Tickets are \$10 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.**

C.O.R.P. presents "Midsummer/Jersey" | Feb. 26-28 • "A Midsummer Night's Dream" set on the boardwalk of a seaside town in modern-day New Jersey. The story revolves around the impending wedding of the Governor, the love affairs of four beach-bound high school crushes, a crew of fairies, and the staff of the local salon. The night takes a magical turn when Oberon and Puck arrive on the scene, ready for mischief-making, armed with a powerful love potion. Who knows what will happen in a show backed by pop music and including an iPhone-obsessed wood sprite? **Tickets are \$12 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com or 972-205-2790.**



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February 6, 2016
The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center

Dance 1
Ages 4 - 7
5 p.m.

Dance 2
Ages 8 - 12
7:30 p.m.

\$16 per person
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www.garlandparks.com 972-205-3090

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GARLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

Christmas on the Square



Holiday Memories Made Here

Thousands of visitors enjoyed the City of Garland's official tree lighting ceremony during Christmas on the Square on Dec. 3.

Festival goers were given color-changing, LED wristbands that added to the musical light show on the Downtown Square. The free event featured snow hills, snowman building, photos with Santa, choir performances and much more.

The festivities continued throughout the month of December with nightly holiday light displays and several seasonal events, such as movies and plays at the Plaza Theatres and locally-sponsored family events on the Square.

Videos from the 2016 event can be viewed at ChristmasontheSquare.com.

Spring Break Adventure Camp | March 7 - 11

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Ages 8 - 12 Yrs, \$80 per person, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Discover and participate in local group adventures including fishing, geocaching, hiking, disc golf, and more. Contact 972-205-3991 or arc@garlandtx.gov.

Step Aerobics | January 5 - 28

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m., Ages 16 Yrs and up, \$30 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Dr. Aerobic exercises provide an invigorating full body workout. Contact 972-205-2770 or brc@garlandtx.gov.

Yoga | Ongoing

Tuesdays, Ages 18 Yrs and up, \$7 per week, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Shape up your body and mind through prescribed postures and poses, meditation, and controlled breathing. Pre-registration required. Contact 972-205-3090 or frc@garlandtx.gov.

Childcare and Babysitting Safety | January 23

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Ages 11 - 13 Yrs, \$47 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Training includes a workbook, CPR/First Aid, diapering, and feeding. Receive a completion card at the end of class. Contact 972-205-2771 or grc@garlandtx.gov.

After School with Sylvan | Monthly

Mondays/Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Ages 6 - 14 Yrs, \$169 per month, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Tutoring focus includes Math Edge or Reading Edge. Fee includes diagnostic assessment and ongoing progress updates. Contact 972-205-2772 or hrc@garlandtx.gov.

Boxing for Kids | January 9 - 30

Saturdays, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m., Ages 6 - 12 Yrs, \$22 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Learn the basics including proper stance, movement, and explosive techniques from a certified coach. Contact 972-205-2721 or hhrcc@garlandtx.gov.



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27th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Parade and March*

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Garland, Texas unit will host its 27th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and march on Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10 a.m.

Parade Route



The theme is "Pursuing King's Dream in 2016." H & R Block's Regional Director, Mr. Scott Herzog, will serve as grand marshal. Following the parade at 11:30 a.m., the celebration moves to the Granville Arts Center with a program featuring the MLK Communitywide Youth Choir led by clinician Reuben Lael Griffin. This event is free and open to the public.



MLK Youth Extravaganza

on Jan. 17

The MLK celebration continues in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center. Youth groups from area churches and the Garland ISD will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance and athletic talents in step routines at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, 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, call 972-381-5044, voice box #5, or visit www.garlandtxnaacp.org.**

Upcoming Events

- 1/4 City Council Work Session*
- 1/5 City Council Meeting*
- 1/11 Plan Commission*
- 1/15 Impounded Vehicle Auction
City of Garland Auto Pound
1630 Commerce St.
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City Offices Closed
- 1/19 City Council Work Session*
- 1/19 City Council Meeting*
- 1/25 Plan Commission*
- 1/27 Mayor's Evening In
Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 2/1 City Council Work Session*
- 2/2 City Council Meeting*
- 2/8 Plan Commission*
- 2/15 City Council Work Session*
- 2/16 City Council Meeting*
- 2/19 Impounded Vehicle Auction
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* Meetings located at Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg., 217 N. Fifth St.



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- City Offices (including Utility Customer Service)
- Libraries
- Recreation Centers and Senior Center
- Environmental Waste Services Offices
 No garbage, recycling or brush/bulky goods collection
 Jan. 1; Friday routes will be collected on Saturday.
- Recycling Center
- Transfer Station
- C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood Recycling Facility

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