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Message

from the Mayor

Red Light Cameras Are for Safety

Safety is a primary responsibility for any city. While Garland is one of the largest 100 cities in the country, we also have one of the highest safety rankings for a city with a population more than 100,000. I am extremely proud of our police force and, more specifically, how we are leading the state and nation with our best practices, like neighborhood policing, and technology, like red light cameras.

Red light cameras likely will be challenged in the legislature again early next year. If all cities operated their program like Garland, I believe there would be few issues.

Red light violators cause the most dangerous type of accident, sometimes called being "T-boned." Side impacts are the worst, with the least safety equipment to protect the occupants. If the red light runner is speeding, trying to beat the light, the danger is compounded.

Since Garland installed cameras a dozen years ago, red light violations have decreased almost 90 percent at many monitored intersections. Once drivers are reminded, we know that violations decrease at nearby unmonitored intersections. The safety benefit increases more when adjacent cities also have cameras, maybe for miles rather than just an intersection.

We don't operate our program as a source of revenue; and never have. No revenue would be ideal, meaning no one is running lights and that citizens are safer. That's not the reality though; some still do run lights. If there is "revenue," half goes to the state and the other half goes **only** to local public safety programs, like LED traffic lights or school crossing indicators.

Currently, we monitor 12 intersections. Yellow light times are proportional to the speed limit, with longer intervals for higher speeds. All monitored intersections have a period of all-red before the next direction turns green. We want citizens to be safe, to not run lights.

Violations do occur though. Recorded violations are sent to the Police Department for review, and police officer reviews every reported violation. Violations are video recorded, so the officer sees the circumstances of each violation. The same judgment call is made as though the officer was sitting at the light, only with a better perspective. The officer can replay the incident to make a more informed judgment, unlike an officer on-site who only gets to see the scene once. Anyone cited also has the advantage of being able to go to court with a video recording to show the judge.

There are nuanced situations. Maybe the car stopped a little over the line but not in the intersection. While not stopping at a red light before making a right turn is illegal at any time, officers do consider if the driver slowed enough to safely proceed. Many violators who technically broke the law don't always receive a ticket. Officers are empowered to make judgment calls, whether on-scene or reviewing video.

We all fear the red light runner. We know being hit likely will result in injury or death, for ourselves or our passengers, who are often family. If the legislature decides to take away this life-saving safety tool, we know without any doubt that more accidents and deaths will result. Considering the safety gains we have achieved, if the program were to end and old habits return, our chances locally of being in an accident as the result of a red light runner would increase about 10 times. Ten times, if violations returned to the pre-camera days.

During this next legislative session, I will fight to keep cameras as one of our tools—one that has worked extremely well—and I will need your help to tell our story. Please call my office if you have a story you wish to share, or email me at Mayor@GarlandTX.gov.



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Mayor@GarlandTX.gov

Mayor's Evening In
Nov. 30 - 5 to 7 p.m.
Mayor's Office
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

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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. Council meetings will return to City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., on Nov. 14. Plan Commission will return to City Hall on Nov. 28. 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/Spectrum), Channel 44 (Frontier) or Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse).

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Nov. 1 and 15, Dec. 6 and 13
- 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. Nov. 1 and 14, Dec. 5 and 13
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Nov. 14 and 28, Dec. 12
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

“Street Critique” Program Results in Street Improvements

Thank you for your input in our recent “Street Critique” program! We heard your feedback, and we are making many of the improvements you requested.

The following street reconstruction projects were suggested in the Street Critique program and will be included in our 2017-2019 Infrastructure Construction Program:

Street	From	To
Celeste Drive	Dairy Road	Arcady Drive
Bachman Blvd.	Roan Road	White Rock Trail
Chicosa Trail	Wynn Joyce Road	Iroquois Drive
Club Creek Blvd.	Club Creek Circle	Windridge Drive
Mary Jane Lane	Lakecrest Drive	Lyons Road
Shari Lane	Club Creek Blvd.	Luther Lane
Toler Trail	Country Club Road	Luther Lane
Valley Mills Road	La Prada Drive	Grinnell Drive
Cranford Drive	Denton Drive	Saturn Road

In total, the City will spend approximately \$3.8 million during the next three years to complete projects that were recommended as part of the Street Critique program.

Several other repair or reconstruction projects requested have already been completed or were in the planning stages

#GARLANDSTRONG

Very soon, Garland will approach a significant anniversary— one year since the devastating tornadoes struck our city on Dec. 26, 2015. Since the days following the storm, Garland’s residents, friends and neighbors have generously given time, resources and expertise to recovery efforts.

“It’s important for everyone to understand that while we’ve made tremendous strides, recovery from this storm is far from complete,” said Mayor Douglas Athas. “We are so grateful for the generosity and support of so many people in this process. We need to stay with our neighbors in this area until the job is done.”

The #GARLANDSTRONG campaign continues to raise funds to support families rebuilding from the tornado. More than \$140,000 has been raised so far. Anyone can make an online donation at GarlandStrong.com or by writing a check made out to the Garland Tornado Relief Fund and mailing it to City of Garland, Attention Steve Anderson, P.O. Box 461808, Garland, TX 75046-1808.

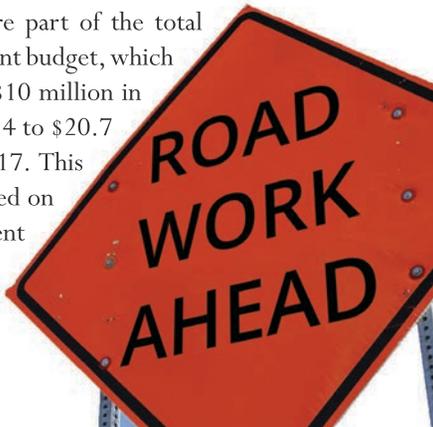
Another opportunity to donate will be available on Thursday, Dec. 1, when the Garland Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Garland program hosts its annual Prayer Breakfast. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. in The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St., in Downtown Garland. #GARLANDSTRONG representatives will be on hand to accept donations. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. For more information about the event, visit GarlandChamber.com.

when the Street Critique program was rolled out. These projects include:

Street	From	To
Naaman School Road*	Brand Road	SH 78
Club Meadow Drive*	Centerville Road	Scott Drive
Centerville Road	Broadway Blvd.	SH 66
Rowlett Road*	Roan RoadLake	Ray Hubbard Bridge
Broadway Blvd.	IH 30	Centerville Road
Broadmoor Drive	Centerville Road	Intervale Drive
Sam Houston Drive*	Belt Line Road	Rich Oak Drive

Projects noted with an asterisk (*) have been completed.

These projects are part of the total street improvement budget, which has grown from \$10 million in Fiscal Year 2013-14 to \$20.7 million in 2016-17. This money will be used on street improvement projects such as those above, in addition to alley reconstruction and alley repair.



Below is a recap of the storm’s impact and the subsequent recovery progress as of Oct. 24, 2016:

- 527 total structures impacted in Garland
 - 102 majorly impacted (40 to 79 percent damaged)
 - 127 destroyed (80 percent or more damaged)
- 314 impacted Garland homes reoccupied as of Oct. 20, 2016
 - 113 Garland households served by the Long-Term Recovery Committee
 - 36 cases open or pending
- \$114,500 in total assistance provided from all resources
- \$42,400 in #GARLANDSTRONG funds distributed
- 212 Garland sites with active reconstruction (includes some homes that are occupied with ongoing repairs)
- 63 demolitions

For more information, visit GarlandTX.gov and click on the 2015 Tornado Information link.



2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Voter Information

Garland residents are reminded that while the majority of the city limits lie within Dallas County, a small area falls within the Collin County boundaries. Find your county’s polling locations for the Nov. 8 Presidential Election at DallasCountyVotes.org, CollinCountyTX.gov/Elections or by calling 214-819-6300 (Dallas County) or 972-547-1900 (Collin County).

Early voting will occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 4. Early voting will be held in Garland at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd., and the Richland College Garland Campus, 675 W. Walnut St.

The City of Garland reminds Texans that voters who cannot obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID now have additional options when voting in person. See a complete list of acceptable photo ID and supporting documentation on the City Secretary’s election page at GarlandTX.gov. Contact the City Secretary’s Office at 972-205-2404 with any questions.



29th Annual Leadership Garland PRAYER BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 1, 2016 7:30 TO 9:00 A.M.
THE ATRIUM AT THE GRANVILLE ARTS CENTER
300 N. FIFTH ST., GARLAND, TX 75040

WELCOMING THE STRANGER
SPEAKERS: CAMERON & KAITLYN MULLENS
FOUNDERS OF FOR THE NATIONS: REFUGEE OUTREACH

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: ASHLEY WHITE

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.GARLANDCHAMBER.COM
OR CONTACT LIZA CENICEROS AT (469) 326-7477

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How We GROW GARLAND

City Council Returning to City Hall

The Garland City Council and Plan Commission will get a special treat this holiday season—a return to City Hall for their meetings and Work Sessions.

Although construction continues in various parts of City Hall, the Council Chamber, Work Session Room and lobby area will be ready for public use in mid-November. Council is scheduled to hold meetings in the newly renovated Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., on Nov. 14. The Plan Commission will return Nov. 28.

The updated City Hall lobby will include a kiosk for viewing public meeting agendas and other City announcements, as well as a media wall for viewing CGTV, the City's government access cable channel. Technology upgrades for the public

meeting spaces are complete, but the new CGTV production studio is still awaiting lighting and other equipment.

Meanwhile, work continues on the new building across from City Hall, located at 203 N. Fifth St. The building will house Garland's Economic Development Department on the first level and five townhome-style apartments on the upper two floors. Construction is scheduled for completion as early as the first quarter of 2017.

For continued updates about Downtown Redevelopment activities, visit GarlandTX.gov and click on the Downtown Redevelopment button.



View of SW corner of City Hall lobby



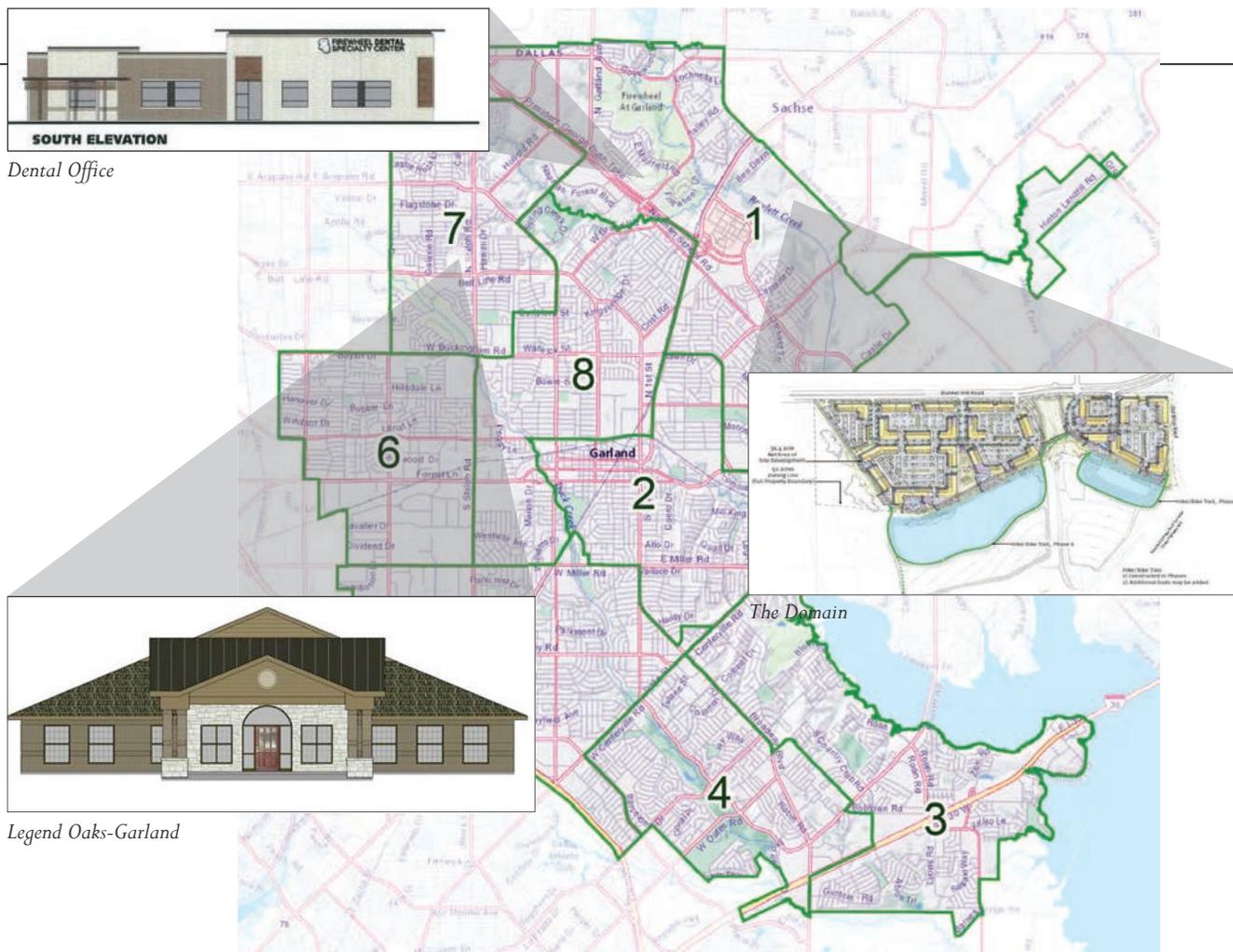
View of NW corner of City Hall exterior

What's Being Built There?

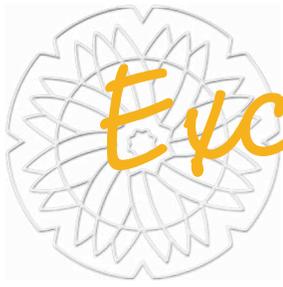
Garland is buzzing with new development. Here are a few projects underway in Garland:

- Currently under construction along the north side of President George Bush Turnpike, just east of Olive Garden, is a proposed dental office.
- Located along Bunker Hill Road, just west of Miles Road, Phase 1 of "The Domain" includes a multi-family development that will soon be under construction. Ultimate build-out will include approximately 1,000 dwelling units with private outdoor recreational amenities. Parking areas will be oriented internally within the site and thus screened from Bunker Hill Road behind the multi-family buildings.
- A skilled nursing facility, Legend Oaks-Garland, is currently under construction at 2625 Belt Line Road.

Renderings shown are for illustrative and conceptual purposes only.



Legend Oaks-Garland



Excellence Made Here!

Garland Earns Statewide Recognition for Video Production

The City of Garland brought home 12 trophies from the 15th Annual Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (TATO) Programming Awards held Sept. 20 in Austin, Texas.

The City received first-place awards in four categories, including Overall Excellence in Programming, Profile of an Organization/Department, Public Education and Instruction/Training. A complete list of the winning videos with links is available at GarlandTX.gov.

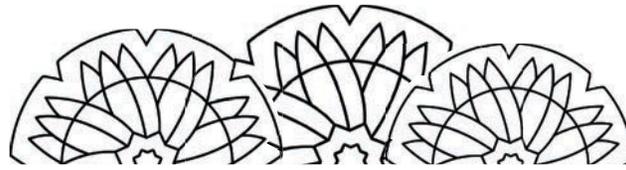
The CGTV video production team, part of the Public & Media Relations Department, strives to tell Garland's story and help people learn more about Garland. Videos are available on the City's website by clicking on the CGTV Videos button and on the City's YouTube channel and Facebook page. CGTV is available on AT&T U-verse channel 99, Frontier FIOS channel 44 and Spectrum channel 16, as well as via live streaming at GarlandTX.gov.

Garland's Wastewater Treatment Department Receives Excellence Awards

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) presented the Garland Water Utilities Duck Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Gold Peak Performance Award for 2015.

The Gold Award honors treatment plants that achieved 100 percent compliance during the calendar year. For Duck Creek, this encompasses more than 4,000 permit parameters per year. The award demonstrates the hard work of every treatment employee and their commitment to being good stewards of the environment.

More information about the City's Wastewater Treatment Department is available at GarlandWater.com.



Pneumococcal Disease Prevention for Adults

Cold weather brings increased health risks for all of us, including colds, flu and pneumonia. Fortunately, we can protect ourselves with these healthy living practices.

Try to stay away from sick people. Likewise, if you are sick, stay away from others as much as possible to keep them from getting sick. You also can prevent respiratory infections by:

- washing your hands regularly;
- cleaning surfaces that are touched frequently;
- coughing or sneezing into a tissue or into your elbow or sleeve;
- limiting contact with cigarette smoke; and
- receiving vaccination for influenza and pneumococcal infection.

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that can cause mild to severe illness in people of all ages. Common signs of pneumonia can include cough, fever and trouble breathing. Pneumococcal disease also can result in other serious infections such as meningitis and bloodstream infection (sepsis).

About 1 million U.S. adults contract pneumococcal pneumonia every year, and 5 to 7 percent die from it.

Older adults, young children and people who smoke cigarettes are at higher risk for pneumococcal disease. People who have underlying medical conditions, including asthma, diabetes or heart disease, also are susceptible to pneumococcal disease. If you are a smoker or have a long-term health problem such as diabetes, heart disease or asthma, you may need to be vaccinated. If you are 50 or older, you may need to be vaccinated.

The Garland Public Health Clinic, located at 206 Carver Drive, has vaccines for all ages, including pneumococcal vaccines and the flu vaccine. Call the clinic at 972-205-3370 for more information.



In addition to these holiday suggestions, follow these do's and don'ts year-round to keep your neighborhood healthy and friendly!

- Keep your property free of debris, high grass and junk cars.
- Know the names and phone numbers of at least two neighbors on your block or street.
- Don't speed on residential streets.
- Don't leave your trash and recycle bins on the curb after the trash pickup day.
- Remove all holiday lights when the holiday season ends.
- Call the police if you witness any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
- Supervise your children when playing in the neighborhood.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times.

For more information about maintaining a healthy neighborhood, contact Code Compliance at 972-485-6400 or the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-2445.

Great neighbors make great neighborhoods! As we approach the holidays, follow these tips to make your neighborhood the best it can be.

- Let your neighbors know of holiday parties you may be hosting, and keep them in mind when considering music and other noisy activities. Ask your guests to be considerate of your neighbors and to not block driveways.
- Holidays and parties can create extra trash. If yours tends to overflow, make arrangements with a neighbor whose doesn't or who will be out of town to keep your streets trash-free.
- Use the holidays as an opportunity to introduce yourself to neighbors. This is a great time to try out a new cookie recipe or craft you've had your eye on. If you'll be out of town, notify a trusted neighbor and provide your contact information in case of an emergency.

PRE-SUMMIT MIXER

Friday, Nov. 11, 6 to 8 p.m.
Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery
507 W. State St.

Before the conference, get a taste of what's to come. Mix and mingle with neighborhood leaders and City staff in a casual setting as you enjoy the creation of a street mural by professional artist Anat Ronen.

Check GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org for details!

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT 2016

Building Homes BIGGER Than Houses



Saturday, Nov. 12, 1 to 5 p.m.

Daugherty Elementary School, 500 W. Miller Road

Join us for the 14th Annual Neighborhood Summit! Be inspired at this free conference while meeting community leaders, City officials and neighborhood experts.

Great neighborhoods are made by great neighbors, so come and learn how you can lend a hand in creating a neighborhood you are proud to call home.

Keynote Speaker Evan Weissman is the founding executive director of Warm Cookies of the Revolution, the world's first civic health club. Warm Cookies of the Revolution uses innovative events and programming to create opportunities for citizens to exercise their "civic health." Events range from "What's Brewin'? (a dumb name for great program on budget priorities and beer)," to "Stompin' Ground Games, a Neighborhood Olympics of Art and Civic Pride."

Free to Attend

Register today and find more information at GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org.

Schedule:

12:30 p.m.	Registration Opens
1 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions
1:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Evan Weissman, Warm Cookies of the Revolution, Denver, CO
2:30 p.m.	Breakout Session 1
3:30 p.m.	Breakout Session 2 and Tour
4:30 p.m.	Awards/Recognitions
5 p.m.	Dismiss

Neighboring in the 21st Century: Learn new strategies for turning strangers into neighbors.

Activating Assets—Building Your Home from the Ground Up: Learn to identify and activate the assets and resources within your neighborhood.

Home Is Where the "Art" Is: Expressing Neighborhood Identity Through Community Art
Learn to express yourself as a neighborhood and some practical tips for incorporating public art with neighborhood projects and events.

Home Is Where the "Art" Is—Chalk Art 101
Professional artist Anat Ronen will lead you in a hands-on workshop teaching the basics of sidewalk chalk art.

Neighborhood Pride Tour: Be inspired as you see the expressions of neighborhood pride and identity by Travis College Hill Addition and New World Crime Watch. Limited spaces available.

Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant

Letter of Intent Deadline Is Jan. 23, 2017

Before everyone is whisked away by the holidays, start talking with your neighbors about possible projects you'd like to complete in 2017. The Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant allows registered neighborhood groups (voluntary or mandatory) to apply for matching funds for neighborhood enhancement projects on public property. **Application deadline is March 20, 2017. Visit GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org for forms and more details.**



MEET & GREET

Dec. 1, 6 to 7 p.m.
The Generator Coffeehouse

This come-and-go event is a time for neighborhood leaders to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and enjoy a free cup of cocoa.

To register, visit GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org or call 972-205-2445.

Christmas on the Square



5:30 TO 9:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, DEC. 1

F E A T U R I N G

Snow Hills, Snowman Building,
Photos with Santa, Holiday Foods, Children's Crafts,
and Garland Firefighters Association Toy Drive

TREE LIGHTING AT 7 P.M. • CHOIR PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

DOWNTOWN GARLAND SQUARE
between State and Main streets and Fifth and Sixth streets

Event parking is free and available at the following locations:
City Center Parking Garage, Fifth Street Parking Garage, Central Library, Senior Center,
First Baptist Church on Glenbrook, and DART on Walnut Street

Sensory-Friendly Tree Lighting
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SENSORY DISORDERS

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 in the Downtown Square
RSVP Required. Email COTS@GarlandTX.gov

ChristmasOnTheSquare.com

Free Holiday Movies
7 p.m., Plaza Theatre
Dec. 2
White Christmas
Dec. 3
Elf

City of Rowlett
Performers present
It's a Wonderful Life
Dec. 8-11
Plaza Theatre
GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com

Jingle Bell
Run 5K
8 a.m. Dec. 10
Downtown Square
GarlandParks.com

Christmas Presence
Crafts and
Living Nativity
5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 17
First Baptist-Garland
Fbcg.org

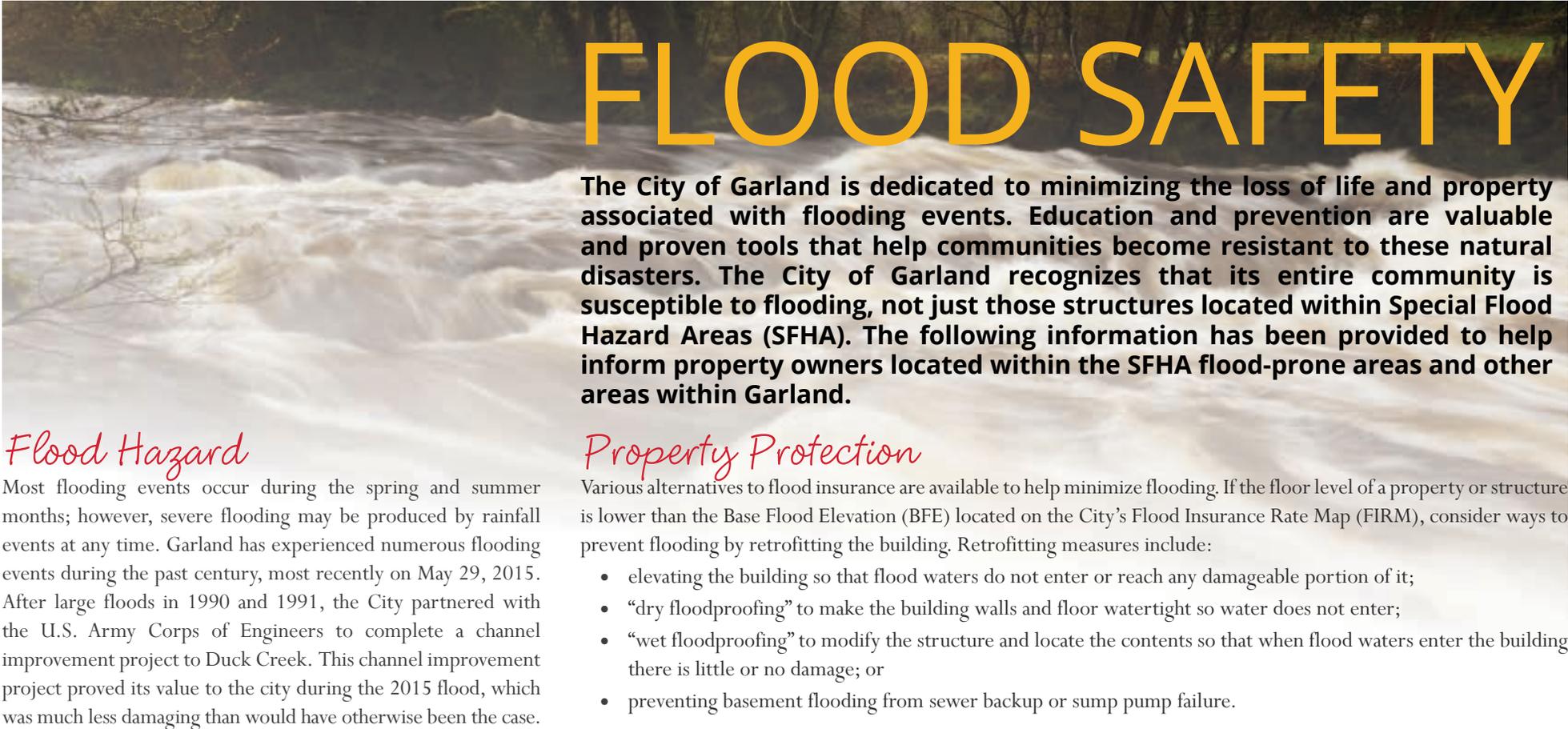
*Deck the Halls
with Buddy Holly*
7 p.m. Dec. 18
Plaza Theatre
866-967-8167
Stardomentertainment.tix.com

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FLOOD SAFETY

The City of Garland is dedicated to minimizing the loss of life and property associated with flooding events. Education and prevention are valuable and proven tools that help communities become resistant to these natural disasters. The City of Garland recognizes that its entire community is susceptible to flooding, not just those structures located within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). The following information has been provided to help inform property owners located within the SFHA flood-prone areas and other areas within Garland.

Flood Hazard

Most flooding events occur during the spring and summer months; however, severe flooding may be produced by rainfall events at any time. Garland has experienced numerous flooding events during the past century, most recently on May 29, 2015. After large floods in 1990 and 1991, the City partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete a channel improvement project to Duck Creek. This channel improvement project proved its value to the city during the 2015 flood, which was much less damaging than would have otherwise been the case.

Large floods also have occurred on Rowlett and Spring creeks; however, these floods have not been as damaging as those along Duck Creek due in part to the strict land use controls in place for area development.

Flood Insurance

Federal flood insurance is highly recommended. Basic homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. The City of Garland participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which means that federally subsidized flood insurance is available to everyone in Garland. There is a 30-day waiting period before a policy becomes effective. Some home owners have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank or loan company when they obtained a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies cover the building's structure and not the contents within. Remember that a flood insurance policy must be renewed each year.

The mandatory purchase requirement of flood insurance applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in an Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair or improvement of any publicly or privately owned buildings in an SFHA, including machinery, equipment, fixtures and furnishings contained in such buildings. If a building is located in an SFHA, the agency or lender is required by law to have the recipient purchase a flood insurance policy on the building.

For more information about flood insurance, visit or contact GarlandTX.gov, FEMA.gov/nfip, the Nicholson Memorial Library System, an insurance agent or the City of Garland Engineering Department. Do not wait for a flood to occur. Act now to protect property from flood damage.

Property Protection

Various alternatives to flood insurance are available to help minimize flooding. If the floor level of a property or structure is lower than the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) located on the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), consider ways to prevent flooding by retrofitting the building. Retrofitting measures include:

- elevating the building so that flood waters do not enter or reach any damageable portion of it;
- "dry floodproofing" to make the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter;
- "wet floodproofing" to modify the structure and locate the contents so that when flood waters enter the building there is little or no damage; or
- preventing basement flooding from sewer backup or sump pump failure.

Information on retrofitting is available through the Nicholson Memorial Library System, as well as on the internet. Note that retrofitting may require a permit from the Building Inspection Department.

Flood Protection Assistance

For information on flood protection assistance, contact the Engineering Department at 972-205-2170. Services provided include:

- names of contractors/consultants who are knowledgeable or experienced in retrofitting techniques and construction;
- information on how to select a qualified contractor and what recourse residents have if they are dissatisfied with a contractor's performance; and
- site visits to review flooding, drainage and sewer problems and advice to property owners.

Advice and assistance are available on retrofitting techniques such as elevating buildings above flood levels or the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), dry floodproofing, wet floodproofing and protecting basements from sewer backup. Also, information on the installation of barriers, levees and floodwalls around individual buildings or structures is available.

Natural and Beneficial Functions

Garland's undisturbed floodplain areas and wetlands provide a variety of benefits to the human and natural ecological systems. They provide flood storage and conveyance, and reduce flood velocities and peak levels. Water quality is improved through the wetlands' ability to filter nutrients and impurities from runoff and process organic wastes. Local streams and wetlands provide breeding and feeding grounds for fish and wildlife, create and enhance waterfowl habitat, and protect habitats for rare and endangered species. Garland's floodplains also provide open space for various recreational uses. Some protected areas in the city are protected because of their natural floodplain funding. Areas within the city that are mapped in the National Wetlands Investment or as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be viewed at fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapofr.html and criticalhabitat.fws.gov/crithub.

Drainage System Maintenance

It is illegal in Garland to dump any type of debris into a stream, creek or drainage ditch. Debris may become entangled in culverts, shallow streambeds or drainage ditches, causing the flow of water to back up. Residents and property owners also should keep drainage channels and ditches on their property free of debris, foliage and vegetation that would impede the flow of water. Debris dumping may be reported to the Engineering or Stormwater departments by calling 972-205-2170 or 972-205-2180.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development in Garland must be permitted and must conform to all requirements of the City and any other applicable public agencies. Contact the City's Planning Department at 972-205-2445 or Engineering Department at 972-205-2170 for advice before building, filling or developing. The flood damage prevention ordinance (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31, Article VII) has special provisions regulating construction and other developments within floodplains. Without these provisions, flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will not be available to Garland property owners. Development in the floodplain without a permit is illegal; such activity may be reported to the Engineering Department at 972-205-2170.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the City of Garland require that any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement of a structure (the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the start of the construction of the improvement) must conform to all of the same construction requirements as a new building and be constructed above the minimum Base Flood Elevation (BFE) listed on the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

The City of Garland requires by ordinance that any substantial improvement or substantial damage improvement must have a building permit. Substantial damage means damage of any origin sustained by a building or structure when the cost of restoring the building to its pre-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the building before the damage occurred. Substantial damage is determined regardless of the actual repair work performed. Building permit information is available at the Building Inspection Department, 800 W. Main St., or by calling 972-205-2300.

Flood Safety Tips

Learn the safest route from your home or business to higher, safer ground, and stay tuned to reports of changing flood conditions.

- If emergency officials tell you to evacuate or leave your home, go immediately to a safe shelter, hotel or relative's house.
- Turn off all utilities, gas and electricity at the main switch. Stay away from power lines and electrical lines. Be alert for gas leaks.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than in any other location. Vehicles also push water into homes and cause additional property damage.

Flood Warning System

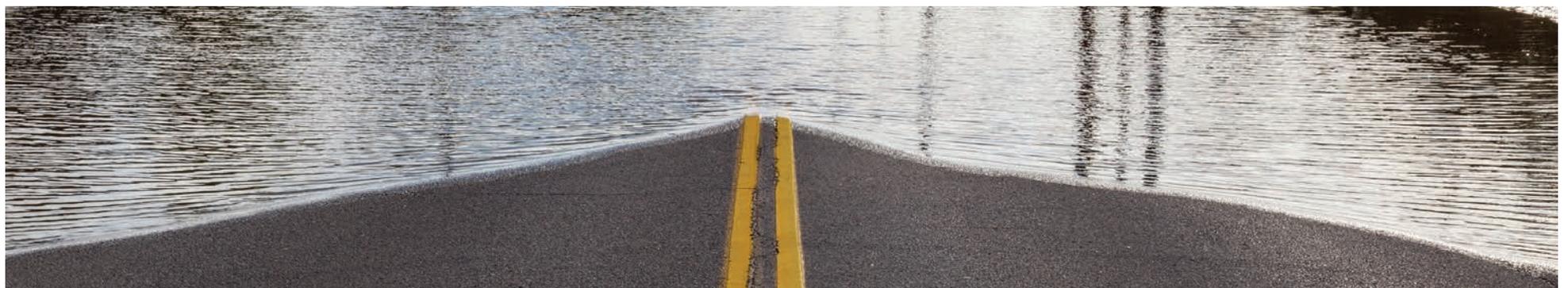
If flooding is imminent and evacuation of any part of Garland is advised, the Office of Emergency Management will notify residents through CodeRed, a 24-hour automated telephone system. A pre-recorded message will inform affected residents who are signed up for CodeRed of flooding hazards or other emergency situations, including any action necessary such as evacuation. To sign up for CodeRED, visit GarlandTX.gov, click on the CodeRED icon and follow the prompts. Additionally, the City will receive information from NOAA Weather Station Radio broadcasts, weather information at 162.400 MHZ, 24 hours a day from the National Weather Service Offices in Fort Worth.

Flood Information

Information on flooding, flood maps, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, flood insurance requirements and flood zone determinations is available at the Engineering Department, 800 W. Main St., or by calling 972-205-2170.

Elevation certificates of properties in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) are on file at the Engineering Department, and copies are available upon request. If a property does not have an Elevation Certificate on file, or if the existing certificate has been superseded by map changes, a new Elevation Certificate may be obtained from the City or from a private surveyor. Fees for the completion of a new certificate may apply; contact the Engineering Department for more details. Real-time river gauge information is available at USGS.gov.

FEMA.gov | NOAA.gov | Weather.gov



Winter Energy Savings

Colder weather means your home's heating system will be working harder to keep you warm and comfortable. Now is a good time to make home weatherization upgrades to lower your home's energy consumption and save money on your utility bills.

Home weatherization upgrades include insulating your ceiling, weather-stripping doors, replacing ductwork and upgrading to ENERGY STAR doors and windows. GP&L's EnergySaver Program can help offset the cost of these and other home weatherization projects and energy efficiency upgrades.

Home weatherization upgrades save you money year-round. Customers may also qualify for a utility bill credit through GP&L's EnergySaver Program.

To view EnergySaver program requirements and to print an application, visit gpltexas.org/energysaver.html. For more information, email energyadvisor@gpltexas.org or call 972-205-2929.



it doesn't stop at the kitchen sink



Holiday season can be hard on the diet—and on pipes and sewer systems. When fats, oils and grease are washed down the drain, they stick to the insides of pipes, then harden and build up until they cause clogs and sewer backups. This can lead to sewage overflow into homes, streets and creeks. Even a small amount of grease, fat or cooking oil can clog drains, resulting in smelly backups in your home's sewer system that can cost hundreds of dollars to repair.

Collect used cooking oil and grease in a tightly sealed container and deliver it to one of the Cease the Grease stations at the Recycling Drop-Off Center. In addition to protecting pipes and pocketbooks, residents who recycle cooking oil are making a powerful choice. Cooking oil that is donated to the Recycling Drop-Off Center is converted into biodiesel for school buses or clean electricity for one of the Dallas County wastewater treatment plants. Containers for grease collection are available at each Cease the Grease station, however, the majority of donors use the cooking oil's original bottle.

Recycling Drop-Off Center
1426 Commerce St. Garland, TX 75040
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Garland's Cease the Grease stations were built by students in Naaman Forest High School's 2015-16 Advanced Flexible Manufacturing course, taught by Aaron Boatwright. As part of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle goal of the project, the stations are made primarily from reclaimed fence wood.

Learn more about Cease the Grease by calling 972-205-3500 or visiting CeaseTheGrease.org.



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



Tree Recycling for Garland Residents

Every year, North Americans purchase 33 million fresh-cut Christmas trees and, after the holidays, most end up in the landfill. This year, Garland Environmental Waste Services (EWS) encourages residents to help free up space in the landfill by dropping off trees for recycling. The trees will be ground into mulch, which will enrich gardens and more easily return nutrients to the earth.

Garland residents may bring their trees to the Recycling Drop-Off Center from Dec. 27, 2016, through Jan. 7, 2017. Trees also can be dropped off at the Wood Recycling Facility during regular business hours. Both tree recycling services are free of charge.

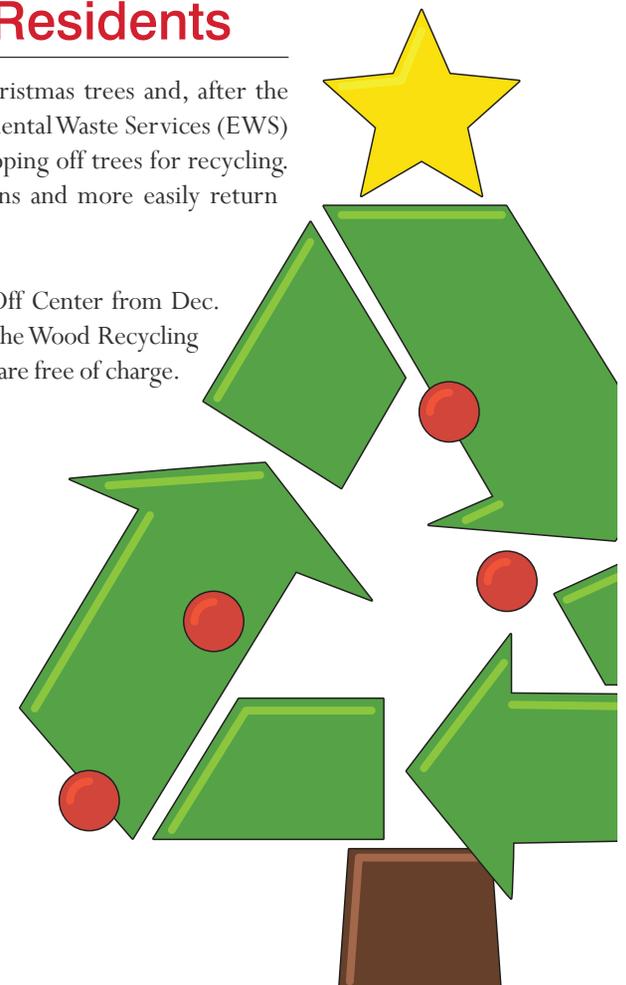
Recycling Drop-Off Center
1426 Commerce St., Garland, TX 75040
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wood Recycling Facility
3175 Elm Grove Road, Garland, TX 75089
Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

When dropping off trees, residents should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Trees should be free from lights, ornaments and other decorations.
- Only bring wood waste from the household where you reside; residents must unload all wood waste themselves.
- For proof of residency, provide a valid driver's license with a Garland home address or a Garland utility bill.

Call 972-205-3500 for more information.



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2,000
ATTENDEES

300
LUNG FUNCTION
SCREENINGS

80 HEARING
SCREENINGS

100 FLU SHOTS
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500 BODY MASS
INDEX TESTS

1,100
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THROUGH
OUTDOOR
RECYCLE ROW

Collected:

- 22,658 pounds of shredding
- 38,570 pounds of electronics
- 3,840 pounds for Goodwill
- 300 pounds of batteries
- 774.75 pounds of medications
- 211 pairs of eyeglasses

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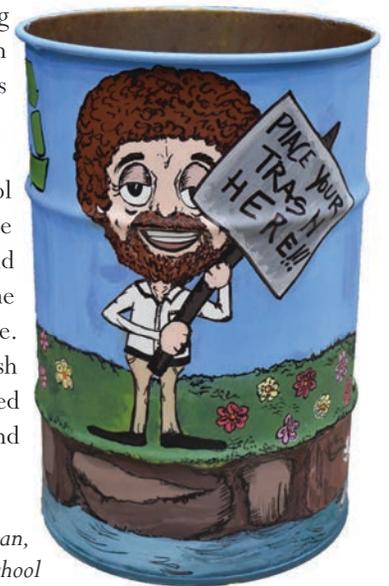
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CONSERVE & PROTECT RUNNERS

Thanks to the generosity of several runners, \$289 was donated to the #GARLANDSTRONG tornado recovery fund.

Trashy Can Art

Garland's Stormwater Management Department invited Garland ISD high schools to participate in the Trashy Streets Make Trashy Creeks Art Contest. The contest was created to bring awareness to the effect of litter in Garland's public waterways. Four high schools participated in the contest. Each school was asked to design a trash can using imagery inspired by ways the community can keep waterways clean by not polluting. Examples of Garland's litter problem included cigarette butts, plastic bottles, plastic bags and fast food wrappers/bags. Schools learned that much of the litter in our city is thrown from cars, dropped in parking lots or left behind at sporting events. The litter then flows into our creeks through storm drains.

Garland High School won the \$500 first-place prize and North Garland High School won the \$300 second-place prize. Each of the four trash cans will be displayed at various Garland Recreation Centers.



First-place trash can,
Garland High School

Clothing Collection Drive

Unwanted clothing and shoes piling up? Garland Environmental Waste Services will host a textile collection competition in celebration of America Recycles Day, a program of Keep America Beautiful.

Bag clothes and take them to Garland's Recycling Drop-Off Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

"More than 50 percent of unwanted textiles in the U.S. are sent to the landfill, taking up almost 5 percent of landfill space," said Managing Director of Environmental Waste Services Lonnie Banks. "By donating clothes, residents help free up space in the landfill, reduce their carbon footprint and extend the life of materials."

Along with clothing, shoes, backpacks, caps, hats, pots, pans and purses, stuffed animals also may be dropped off on Nov. 19. Material does not have to be in pristine condition. For example, clothing with holes or stains can be turned into oil rags.



Recycling FAQs

Environmental Waste Services (EWS) Recycling Supervisor Robert Orona answered a few of Garland's commonly asked questions about recycling contamination.

Q: What is "recycling contamination?" Why does it matter?

A: It is anything placed in recycling collection that should not be there, such as household trash. We do not always spot recycling contamination until the cart is emptied into the truck or the truck is emptied at the recycling drop-off facility. When a load contains too much contamination, the load is sent to the landfill to protect the safety of the people handling the material.

Q: What are the most common types of contamination found in our recycling bins?

A: Brush, food waste, clothing and electronics. The worst are dirty diapers and pet waste.

Q: What are the most unusual items EWS has found in blue recycling carts?

A: A shopping cart, bicycles, baby items and a complete set of luggage, to name a few. Luggage, clothes and toys are not recyclable in our blue carts, but could be donated.

Q: Anything else we should know?

A: EWS greatly appreciates residents taking time to recycle, and we want to help our community understand how to do so properly. Residents with blue carts can look on the lid of the container to find a list and pictures of recyclable items. GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com also contains more information on Garland's residential recycling program.

Water Schedule Nov. 1-March 31

- Once-a-week outdoor watering allowed.
- Never water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Hand water, soaker hose and drip irrigation are allowed any time.

GarlandWater.com

Library

Programs & Events

All Libraries will close at 6 p.m. on Nov. 23 and remain closed through Nov. 25.

The Central Library will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 to accommodate Christmas on the Square parking.

All Libraries will close Dec. 23-26 and Jan. 1-2.

While the library is closed, patrons may access the Library Online at Library.GarlandTX.gov or call 972-205-2514 to renew items.

Children & Family Programs

Fall Storytimes | Through Nov. 26

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.



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

November: Life-Sized Scrabble®

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

Adult Coloring, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and Dec. 6, South Garland Branch Library • Adult coloring is one of the most popular trends today. In addition to being a great way to

relax and de-stress, it's just plain fun. Drop in to the library's adult coloring programs and try it for yourself. The library provides all the supplies; you provide the creativity.

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 Explorers program and is limited to 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- Nov. 5, Pop Art Portraits
- Dec. 3, Cylinder Wall Art

Books and Beyond, 2 p.m. Nov. 12, Central Library • Children ages 6-12 participate in book discussions and activities related to Pioneer Life.

International Games Day, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 19, North Garland Branch Library • This year the library will offer a variety of card games and board games to play, in addition to video game systems such as Nintendo Wii and Xbox Kinect. This event is open to game enthusiasts of all ages. Registration is not required.

STEAM Family Movies, 3 p.m., South Garland Branch Library • Families can enjoy free movies that incorporate STEAM concepts this fall. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to each event, and seating will be limited. No registration is required, and all ages are welcome to attend. Free popcorn and water are available while supplies last.

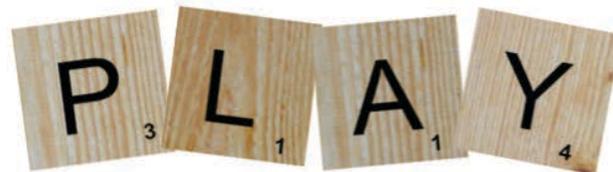
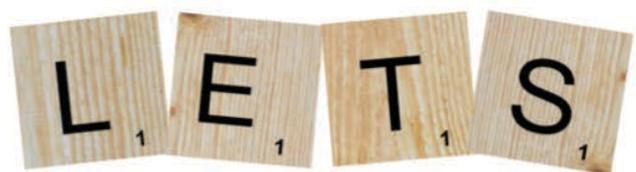
- Nov. 19, *Zootopia*
- Dec. 10, *Ice Princess*

Visit the Library's Booth at Christmas on the Square, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1, Downtown Square • Children can enjoy making free holiday crafts. Be sure to stop by for information about library services and programs and meet a character from children's literature.

Build a Sweet House, 6 p.m. Dec. 7, Central Library • Children ages 6-12 are invited to decorate their own gingerbread houses. All supplies provided. Registration is required and opens Nov. 23. Space is limited.

Pokémon Gym Badge Challenge • Ages 18 and under can participate in a Pokémon-themed scavenger hunt that will consist of eight activities. Participants will earn one badge for each activity completed. Scavenger hunt task lists can be picked up at the Children's Desk. The activities and badges earned will be different, so dedicated Pokémon fans are encouraged to attend both events and earn the maximum number of badges.

- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 20, Central Library
- 1 to 8 p.m. Dec. 27, South Garland Library



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.

- Nov. 17, *Early Brass* • Early Brass is a large brass choir of nine to 12 musicians who play trumpets, trombones, French horns and tubas. The band is affiliated with the North Dallas Trombone Choir, which appeared at Senior Social Hour in 2015. For this event, the band will present one hour of music from their extensive repertoire.
- Dec. 15, *Larry Ratliff* • A professional film critic since 1983, Larry Ratliff uses presentation software and movie clips to revisit classic holiday films such as *The Polar Express* and *White Christmas*. Ratliff served as a movie feature writer for the *San Antonio Express-News* from 1996 to 2009. His previous presentations at Senior Social Hour have included a critique of *Casablanca* and an overview of Academy Award-winning films.

Open Cockpit: Survival Stories of WWI, 2 p.m. Nov. 5, Central Library • Storyteller Gary Whitaker will present a series of survival stories based on the real-life experiences of Arthur Gould Lee, a pilot in the Royal Air Force, squadron 46, who achieved the rank of captain in 1917. This program is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance.



Holiday Maker Festival • Prepare for the holiday season by attending up to two craft workshops:

- **Holiday Card Workshop**
6:30 p.m. Nov. 29, Walnut Creek Branch Library
- **Book Wreath Class**
2:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Central Library
- **Paper Ornaments Workshop**
6:30 p.m. Dec. 8, South Garland Branch Library
- **Jewelry-Making Class**
2:30 p.m. Dec. 17, North Garland Branch Library

Workshops are open to adults ages 18 years and older. Registration is required to attend each workshop and begins two weeks prior to each event. Individuals may register for a maximum of two workshops.

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.



Celebrate the Holidays at the Branding Iron

Enjoy a private dining experience here in Garland. Book your holiday, corporate or social event today!



Holiday celebration dates available from Nov. 18-Jan. 1. Several menu options starting at \$14.95 per person to suit a variety of occasions are offered. Reservations are available for parties of 25 to 80. For more information or to book an event, contact Teresa Boardman at 972-205-3917.

**Branding Iron Restaurant
Firewheel Golf Park
1535 E. Brand Road**

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AND ABUSE**

to City of Garland's Audit Department

Callers not required to identify themselves.

972-205-2739

FraudHotline@GarlandTX.gov



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Fraud Hotline
PO Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046

Beware of Solicitation Scams

The Garland Police Department reminds residents to stay alert for possible solicitation scams. Persons soliciting in the city of Garland are required to adhere to the following guidelines, per Chapter 26 Article V of the City of Garland Code of Ordinances:

- All solicitors must have a Garland Police Department-issued photo ID visible at all times during solicitation.
- It is unlawful to engage in solicitation of a home or business if a notice is posted stating "No Solicitors" or "No Solicitation(s)" in letters no less than two-thirds of an inch (2/3") in height, and in accordance with subsection 26.53(A).
- If a resident has expressed in a clear, affirmative manner that they are not interested in the solicitation, the solicitor(s) shall immediately end the home solicitation and promptly depart from the residence.
- Solicitors shall not engage in a home solicitation more than 30 minutes before sunrise or less than 30 minutes before sunset. For commercial home distributions, a time is presumptively unreasonable if it occurs before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- It is unlawful for any person to employ, use or otherwise put into service a child who is age 15 or younger. Children age 15 or younger should not engage in home solicitation or commercial home distribution unless the child is soliciting within 1,000 feet of the child's home; or if the child is actively supervised by an adult at least 18 years of age who is within 100 feet of the child; or

if the child has written consent from a parent or legal guardian for a charitable purpose.

- Solicitor(s) may not engage in a commercial home solicitation that involves the use of false, misleading, fraudulent or deceptive acts.

Violation of any guidelines set aside by Chapter 26 Article V of the City's Code of Ordinances can result in denial or revocation of a solicitor's permit. Complaints should be reported to 972-205-1658 or emailed to GPDAlarmsUnit@GarlandTX.gov. If immediate help is needed, call 911.

Violation of the Ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$2,000. Each person wishing to solicit is required to have a City permit and a thorough background check to determine approval based on the provisions of the City Ordinance. Permits are issued per person, not for the company as a whole.



Performing Arts Shows & Events

At the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Garland Civic Theatre presents *Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical* | Nov. 4-5 • This exciting musical is based on the life of the legendary Rosemary Clooney. **Tickets: \$27 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**



Sungha Jung and Trace Bundy Concert | 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 • World-renowned finger-style guitarists Sungha Jung and Trace Bundy come together for a rare performance! Sungha Jung of South Korea and Trace Bundy of Boulder, Colorado, are two of the most innovative and entertaining touring guitarists. **Tickets: \$27-35 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance, \$30-38 at the door.**

Garland Symphony Orchestra | 8 p.m. Nov. 18 Concert II of Garland Symphony Orchestra's 2016-2017 season features pianist Stephen Beus performing Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21*. **Tickets: \$17.50-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

Garland Civic Theatre presents *Cinderella: The Musical* | Nov. 25-Dec. 17 • Romantically challenged Prince Freddy has returned to his kingdom and is being pressured by his father to choose a bride at the upcoming royal ball. At the ball, Cinderella and Prince Freddy dance and fall in love, but chaos erupts at midnight when every girl loses a glass slipper! **Tickets: \$27 available at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

Dallas Ballet Company presents *The Nutcracker* | Dec. 2-11 • Dallas Ballet Company presents their 30th annual performance of the holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. **Tickets: \$25 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-**

205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.

Garland Symphony Orchestra's *Holiday Safari* | 8 p.m. Dec. 16 • Enjoy holiday favorites plus GSO's Annual Holiday Sing-along! It's perfect for friends, families and children of all ages! **Tickets: \$17.50-37.50 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklorico presents *Christmas in Mexico* | 2 p.m. Dec. 17 • This choreographic montage, with more than 100 participants, is a representation of the birth of Jesus Christ. Don't miss numbers such as: *The Annunciation*, *Journey of Mary to Bethlehem* and the *Little Drummer Boy* among others! **Tickets: \$12-15 (presale) and \$20 at the door. To reserve tickets, call 214-384-2537, 214-364-2629 or visit Mexico2000.net.**

At the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. Children's Magic Show with CJ Johnson | 3 p.m. Nov. 6 • The Garland Host Lions Club presents a children's magic show featuring magician CJ Johnson. Award-winning magician CJ Johnson performs family-friendly illusions and side-splitting comedy. **Tickets are \$11. Call Jim Viel at 972-432-8982.**



A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline | Nov. 11-20 • America's favorite Patsy Cline tribute stars America's favorite Patsy Cline, Julie Johnson. This loving tribute to Country Music's most enduring superstar traces the legendary singer's rise from her hometown in Winchester, Virginia, to the Grand Ole Opry and Carnegie Hall. **Tickets are \$25 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or in-person at the Granville Arts Center Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and two hours before each performance.**

White Christmas FREE Movie | 7 p.m. Dec. 2 • Don't miss a FREE showing of the unforgettable *White Christmas*, starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney. **Admission is free and open to the public.**

Elf FREE Movie | 7 p.m. Dec. 3 • Will Ferrell stars as Buddy the elf, a human raised as an elf by Santa, who's determined to save his true father from the naughty list. **Admission is free and open to the public.**

C.O.R.P. presents *It's a Wonderful Life* | Dec. 8-11 • The Company of Rowlett Performers performs the stage adaptation of this holiday favorite. George Bailey, a man whose aspirations are dashed by his loyalty to his hometown, witnesses a reality in which he was never born. **Tickets are \$15 at GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com, 972-205-2790 or at the door of the Plaza Theatre, one hour prior to the performance.**

Breitling Youth Theater presents *101 Dalmations, Kids* | 7 p.m. Dec. 15 • Enjoy a FREE performance of the 101 Dalmatians, Kids. Pet owners Roger and Anita live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen. **Reserve free tickets by calling 972-658-3915 or visiting the contact page at ActingForChildren.org. *Show date/time is subject to change.**

Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly | 7 p.m. Dec. 18 • *Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly* stars Johnny Rogers paying tribute to many artists such as Buddy Holly, Elvis, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash and more! Witness a musical salute to some of the greatest music legends of all time. **Tickets: \$25 at StardomEntertainment.tix.com or 866-967-8167.**



Parks and Recreation

Programs & Events

T-Ball | Monthly • *Tuesdays, 11 to 11:40 a.m., ages 3-4 yrs, \$27 per month, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road* Various techniques and drills teach the fundamentals of hitting, catching and throwing. Students benefit from enhanced hand-eye coordination, improved physical fitness and learning to follow directions and progressive steps. Contact Audubon Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov.

Holiday Arts & Crafts | 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 14 • *All ages, \$10 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive* It's the most wonderful time of the year! Explore hands-on art and create unique Christmas masterpieces. Contact Bradfield Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov.

Basketball Skills | Monthly • *Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ages 8-12 yrs, \$30 per month, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road* Start off with a slam dunk! Learn the basic skills of the game including dribbling, shooting and ball movement. Contact Fields Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov.

Boxing for Kids | Monthly • *Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 to 5:45 p.m., ages 5-8 yrs, \$37 per month, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F* Float like a butterfly; sting like a bee! Learn the basics or build on the fundamentals you

know, including proper stance, movements, and explosive techniques. Contact Granger Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTX.gov.

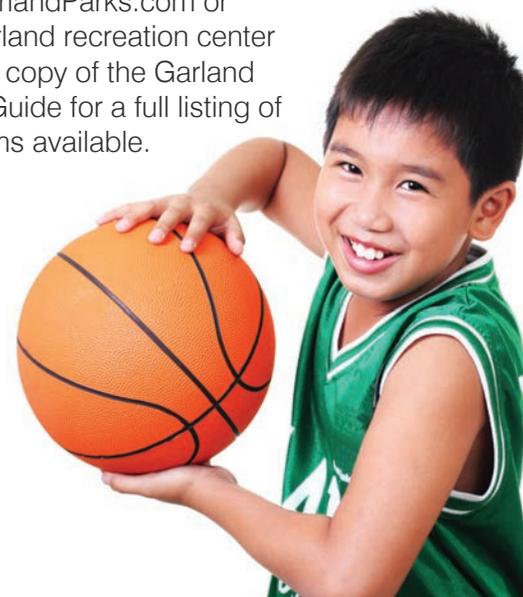
Art of Pencil Drawing | Monthly • *Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 18 yrs and older, \$52 per person, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place* Draw what you see! Master the fundamentals of pencil and ink drawing, including basic forms, values, composition, and light and shadows. Contact Holford Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov.

Ballet & Tap Combo | Monthly • *Tuesdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs, \$35 per month, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St.* Learn the fundamentals of dance! Students will gain knowledge of ballet and tap and obtain rhythm and counting skills through creative movement in an interactive class environment. Contact Hollabaugh Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2721 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov.

Veterans' Day Celebration | Friday, Nov. 11 • *10 a.m., ages 55 yrs and older, Free, Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A* Join fellow senior citizens as we honor our veterans on this special day at the Garland Senior Activity Center. Sponsored by Senior Care Beltline. Contact Garland Senior Activity Center for more information at 972-205-2769 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov.

Seated Exercise Class | Mondays and Thursdays • *Ages 55 yrs and older, Free, Carver Senior Center, 222 Carver Street* Pull up a chair and join the fun in this instructor-led class at Carver. These chair exercises are simple modifications of familiar exercises and a gentle way to build muscle strength and stay flexible. Contact Carver Senior Center for more information at 972-205-3305 or GSAC@GarlandTX.gov.

Visit GarlandParks.com or any Garland recreation center to get a copy of the Garland **PLAY** Guide for a full listing of programs available.



Spring Creek Park Preserve Is for the Birds!

Christmas trees are available for trimming in the Spring Creek Park Preserve.

The Preservation Society of Spring Creek Forest invites youth groups to decorate Eastern Red Cedars, better known as Christmas trees, with biodegradable bird feeder "ornaments." The event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Spring Creek Park Preserve, 1787 Holford Road in Garland. Guided walking tours of the trees will be available from 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to attend either event, and all materials will be provided.

Note:

If you choose to bring bird feeder ornaments from home, they should be biodegradable and ready to hang. Examples of biodegradable bird feeders include:

- Strings of non-buttered popcorn
- Suet balls (see recipe to the right)
- Birdy shortbread (see recipe to the right)

Biodegradable bird feeder ornaments should be hung from cotton, yarn or string—birds will use this later for building their nests. Metal hangers are dangerous for birds and other wildlife that might ingest them.

For more recipes, visit SpringCreekForest.org or call Ginny Wilcox at 972-271-1133.

No-Melt Suet Balls

- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup lard
- 2 cups quick-cook oatmeal
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup white flour
- ½ cup sugar

Melt the peanut butter and lard together, then stir in the other ingredients. Pour the mixture into cookie cutters or form into balls, then freeze. Raisins and/or nuts can be added to the mix prior to freezing if desired.

Birdy Shortbread

- ½ cup vegetable shortening
- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup nutmeat
- ½ cup cranberries or raisins

Preheat oven to 350 F. Cream the shortening, flour and sugar together, then stir in nuts and cranberries or raisins (mixture should be crumbly). Add water if needed. Cut into ornaments and bake until brown, about 15 minutes.

Garland Dog Park - Public Input Meeting

7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 17
Webb Middle School
Cafeteria

1610 Spring Creek Drive,
Garland
(next to Winters Park Soccer Fields)



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PANCAKES WITH Santa

Saturday **10**
DECEMBER

7 a.m. to noon
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 1029 AUSTIN ST. GARLAND, TX

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 @ THE ATRIUM
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Upcoming Events

- 11/1 City Council Work Session*
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- 11/14 Plan Commission Central Library
- 11/14 City Council Work Session**
- 11/15 City Council Meeting**
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving City Offices Closed
- 11/28 Plan Commission**
- 11/30 Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 12/5 City Council Work Session**
- 12/6 City Council Meeting**
- 12/12 Plan Commission**
- 12/13 City Council Work Session**
- 12/13 City Council Meeting**
- 12/25-26 Christmas City Offices Closed

* Meetings located at Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg., 217 N. Fifth St.
 ** Meetings located at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., First Floor

