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

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closings and changes.

## City of Garland Implements Stage 3 Water Restrictions

Texas has just experienced its driest 12 months in decades and water resources have reached a critical stage. Due to current drought conditions and at the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the City of Garland implemented its Stage 3 Water Restrictions effective November 1, 2011. Recent rains and cooler temperatures may make it seem as if the drought is ending, but severe drought conditions remain in effect.



Lavon Lake, November 2011. In a three-month period, we would need 18" to 21" of rain to bring area lakes back within normal capacity.

The North Texas Municipal Water District receives water supplies from Lake Lavon, Jim Chapman Lake, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Bonham and Lake Texoma. As of November 7, Lake Lavon was only 47% full, and it will take between 18 – 21 inches of rain to bring area lakes back to normal levels. In addition, NTMWD is unable pump water from Lake

Texoma due to the infestation of zebra mussels. This lake normally provides approximately a quarter of NTMWD's water supply.

Fortunately for Garland citizens, it is easier to conserve water in the winter. Lawn and garden watering make up as much as 40% of total household water usage. "During this time of the year, most area grass goes dormant and only requires approximately one inch of precipitation per month," states John Baker, managing director of Garland Water Utilities. "I encourage our customers to turn off their sprinkler systems to avoid unnecessary use of water."

The City of Garland's Drought Contingency Plan is contained within the City's Code of Ordinances. Under Stage 3 Drought Conditions, the following actions are mandatory for Garland residents and businesses:

- No operation of ornamental fountains/ponds except to support aquatic life
- No draining or refilling existing swimming pools
- No washing down exterior hard surfaces
- Lawn/landscape watering with sprinklers limited to two designated days per week
  - Sundays and Thursdays for even numbered street addresses
  - Saturdays and Wednesdays for odd numbered street addresses
- Mondays and Fridays for town homes and business complexes having a common irrigation system
- Apartments are to use the property's business office address to determine their watering schedule

No watering lawn or landscape between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. except for hand watering or using soaker hoses

Use of water to wash vehicle is prohibited unless the source of water is equipped with a positive shut-off control device

Use of water that allows runoff or other waste is prohibited

It may take months for area lake levels to return to normal. Garland water customers are urged to continue to conserve water. For information, go to [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com).



Lavon Lake, November 2011. Texas received less than 50% of normal rainfall between October 2010 and September 2011, and the entire state is in an exceptional drought.

## NTTA to Open PGBT Extension

Residents will soon be able to use a new, six-lane toll road that will connect north Garland to south Garland. The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) plans to open the President George Bush Turnpike (PGBT) Eastern Extension in mid-December, allowing motorists to drive PGBT from northwest Garland to Interstate 30.

The 9.9-mile extension is a portion of the outer loop around Dallas and its suburbs. The corridor will extend through Garland, Sachse and Rowlett. Initially planned in 1957, it is part of the Loop 9/State Highway 190 corridor. Construction on the \$958 million dollar project began in August 2008 and will be completed on time, as projected by NTTA.

In addition to providing a quicker commute, the full opening of the extension will also relieve congestion on local and frontage roads. The opening of the entrance and exit ramps at SH 78 in Garland in October immediately began to relieve congestion in northwest Garland.

The NTTA uses cashless tolling on all of its roadways, including the new PGBT Eastern Extension. TollTag holders get the best rates available; ZipCash customers pay 50 percent more than TollTag customers. TollTags also

work on any toll road in Texas. TollTags are available by visiting [www.NTTA.org](http://www.NTTA.org), by calling NTTA Customer Service at 971-818-6882, and through distributors across North Texas, including ACE Cash Express, Kroger, Tom Thumb, and many municipalities.



## Good Ratings = Cost Savings for Tax Payers

The City of Garland has been affirmed with a AAA bond rating from Fitch for its recent General Obligation (GO) refunding bonds issues and all outstanding tax-supported debt. The rating company views the City's economic outlook as stable.

So what does this mean for the taxpayers of Garland?

"Because we have such a good credit rating, the large capital projects we finance by issuing bonds cost less over time. This enables us to save our taxpayers money and improve our services to them," said Assistant City Manager Bryan Bradford.

The City typically issues debt to finance major capital improvement projects such as road projects, building construction and renovation, and utility infrastructure. The AAA rating was vital in achieving a savings of approximately \$1.5 million in the City's most recent bond issue.

Fitch attributes the high rating to the City's "conservative financial management and prudent fiscal policies" for its ability to maintain a stable financial position.

## Library Offers E-books for Multiple Devices

Would you like to read free books from your library on your e-reader? The Nicholson Memorial Library System offers e-books for many types of e-reader devices, including the Barnes & Noble Nook, Sony Reader, iPhone, iPad, and now for Kindle, too!

Most library e-books are available for checkout periods of seven or twenty-one days. Titles automatically return themselves at the end of the checkout period, so they are never overdue, and there are never any fines. Up to ten titles may be borrowed simultaneously.

The process for accessing e-books is simple. Visit the library's website, access the online portal, and click on the *OverDrive*

Downloadable Books link. Search or browse for an e-book and add it to your cart. Be sure to choose the correct e-book format for your reader before adding a book to your cart.

For Kindles, select *Kindle Book*, for other readers use either *EPUB* or *PDF* format. Proceed to the checkout screen, and then enter your Garland library card number and PIN. Confirm the checkout and select either the download option or the *Get for Kindle* link.

The *Get for Kindle* link will transfer Kindle users to the Amazon website. You will need to log in with your Amazon account information to complete the transaction. Access your Kindle Library and find your library book. Click on the button to deliver the book to your Kindle. You will need to either plug your Kindle into your computer or have it connected to wireless Internet.

For e-readers, you will need to download the free Adobe Digital Editions software before downloading your e-book. Instructions for downloading the program to various types of computers are available on the website. Once you have downloaded the software and your book, open the book with Adobe Digital Editions. Plug your e-reader into your computer, then click and drag the cover of your book onto the listing for your e-reader.

On the go? Library e-books can also be used on other devices such as the iPhone and iPad. Download the free OverDrive Media Console, tap the *Get Books* option, select the Nicholson Memorial Library System as your library, and check out a book as previously outlined. Once checked out, select the download option. Your books will be downloaded to the Media Console on your device. It's that easy. Start reading library e-books on your e-reading device by visiting us at [www.nmls.lib.tx.us](http://www.nmls.lib.tx.us) today.



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## Christmas on the Square 2011

Downtown Garland  
**Thursday, December 1**  
**5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

Official Tree Lighting Ceremony  
**Snow Tubing Hills**  
**Photos And Visits With Santa**  
**Horse Drawn Carriage Rides**  
**Choir Performances**  
**Festive Food**  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
**Decoration Station**  
**Children Activities**

 **Holiday Pet Adoption**

Bring an unwrapped toy for the  
**Firefighters' Annual Toy Drive**

**For additional information, go to: [www.christmasonthesquare.com](http://www.christmasonthesquare.com)**

# Message From The Mayor

As we near the end of another year, I reflect on our many challenges and successes. We unveiled a new Garland brand, which features a stylized Firewheel and signifies forward motion, energy and power. The accompanying tagline, "Texas Made Here,"



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mayor@GarlandTx.gov

represents the products, careers, relationships, and opportunities that flourish in Garland.

Garland is fortunate to include a broad base of business and industry within its boundaries, including industrial and manufacturing, and an expanded retail and service industry. I have been fortunate enough to visit these businesses to learn about their products and to assist in finding ways to make them more successful for the benefit of our community. We are also grateful that businesses that choose to locate here remain in Garland. This past year, we celebrated the opening of almost 20 new businesses with the Garland Chamber of Commerce. Each of these businesses strategically chose Garland for their home because of the great services and amenities we are able to provide. I enjoy welcoming and thanking them for choosing Garland when they open their doors.

The City Council held its annual fall retreat in October. City Council members

and staff gathered to discuss topics related to: Envision Garland, future downtown development, and a potential 311 call system for our citizens. As we continue to gather information and begin making plans for these projects, we will keep our citizens informed and provide opportunities to get your input. Keeping our citizens informed and responding in a timely manner with accuracy has always been important to the Mayor and Council.

Finally, we are able to operate each year so successfully because of diligent and hard working employees. Each year our dedicated Human Resources Department staff organizes a day of employee appreciation activities, including an awards ceremony to honor those employees with milestone anniversaries. This year was particularly special in that our City Manager William E. Dollar celebrated 40 years of service with the City of Garland. Congratulations, Bill! And thank you to all your staff!

## Mayor's Evening In

Thursday, January 26

Mayor's Office ~ 7-9 p.m.  
City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street

To reserve a time, call 972-205-2471  
or email [edattomo@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:edattomo@GarlandTx.gov)

## CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

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

**District 2:** Laura Perkins Cox, 214-364-9319, council2@GarlandTx.gov

**District 3:** Preston Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem, 972-271-1908, council3@GarlandTx.gov

**District 4:** Larry Jeffis, 972-686-5698, council4@GarlandTx.gov

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

**District 6:** Lori Barnett Dodson, 214-334-4533, council6@GarlandTx.gov

**District 7:** Rick Williams, 972-495-9545, council7@GarlandTx.gov

## METALWEST: AWARD-WINNING MANUFACTURING PLANT

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



Metalwest is a steel distributor focused in flat-rolled products. The company was founded in 1986 and has 12 strategically positioned locations nationwide to provide its customers with expert product knowledge, fast and efficient distribution, and unprecedented value in flat-rolled metal supply.

The Garland facility opened in 1992. The Dallas-Fort Worth area is one of the largest steel-consuming regions in the south and continues to grow. Metalwest employs more than 250 employees, including 32 people at the Garland plant.

Being a family-owned business is very important to Metalwest. They pride themselves on customer and employee loyalty. In January, the company will join forces with its sister company, TAD Metals, to form

O'Neal Flat Rolled Metals. Congressman Sam Johnson and the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) recently presented Metalwest an award recognizing its achievements in lean manufacturing. Mayor Jones joined them for the award presentation, thanking them for their service to the community and encouraging them to continue to thrive.



Sam Johnson (center), Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones (fifth from right) and Metalwest employees, celebrate Metalwest's recent manufacturing achievements.

## Lawn Care Assistance Program

The City of Garland Code Compliance Department is 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 and have no other assistance available to them to keep in compliance with City codes.

Applications are available 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. Applications must be returned to Code Compliance along with required documents by March 15, 2012. All applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior participation does not automatically reinstate assistance; you must resubmit applications annually for consideration. Space is limited based upon available funding. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. For more information, call 972-485-6400.

## GYC to Focus on Responsible Pet Ownership

The Garland Youth Council will host a presentation on the importance of responsible pet ownership at its January 10, 2012 meeting. The presentation will touch on preparing to bring a pet into your family, the importance of spaying and neutering pets to control pet populations, and various City programs related to pet registration, adoption sponsorships and more.

The GYC holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 West Avenue F at 5:30 p.m. All youth are invited to attend.

The GYC is also planning several service projects for the spring, including participation in the City's annual Spring Trash Bash. For more information about the Garland Youth Council, visit [GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org) or search for Garland Youth Council on Facebook.

### GarlandTx.gov

Bookmark it and visit regularly for the latest city government news and information.

## CGTV Recognized for Charles Duckworth Tribute

CGTV, the City of Garland's government access cable channel, received statewide recognition for television production from the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (TATO).

The documentary, A Tribute to Charles Duckworth, honored him for serving as Garland City Manager from 1965 to 1977. Mr. Duckworth was a leader in the development of public infrastructure for municipal water systems, wastewater treatment, and public power.

In June 2010, the City dedicated the new Charles E. Duckworth Utility Services Building in his honor. Mr. Duckworth and his wife, Billye, joined the dedication festivities.

CGTV provides live coverage and re-broadcasts of City Council Work Sessions and regular meetings, as well as Plan Commission meetings. CGTV programming also includes a variety of informational programs and public service announcements. CGTV programming is available on Time Warner channel 16, Verizon FIOS channel 44, and via live and video-on-demand streaming on the City's website, [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).



## Holiday Schedule

Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**City Offices**  
(including Utility Customer Service)  
Closed Friday and Monday,  
December 23 and 26  
Closed Monday, January 2  
Closed Monday, January 16

**Libraries**  
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday,  
December 23, 24, 25, and 26  
Closed Sunday and Monday, January 1 and 2  
Closed Monday, January 16

**Recreation Centers**  
Open Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26  
Closed Saturday and Sunday, December 24 and 25  
Open Monday, January 2  
Closed Monday, January 16

**Senior Centers**  
Closed Friday and Monday, December 23 and 26  
Closed Mondays, January 2 and 16

**Environmental Waste Services**  
Offices Closed Friday and Monday,  
December 23 and 26  
Closed Mondays, January 2 and 16  
Regular Tuesday through Friday garbage,  
recycling, and brush collection

**Recycling Center**  
Open Friday, December 23,  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Closed Monday, December 27  
Closed Saturdays, December 24 and 31,  
and Monday, January 16

**Transfer Station**  
Open Fridays, December 23 and 30,  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Closed Monday, December 26  
Closed Saturdays, December 24 and 31,  
and Monday, January 17

**C. M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill  
and Wood Waste Facility**  
Open Fridays,  
December 23 and 30,  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Open Monday, December 26  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed Saturdays,  
December 24 and 31,

Closed Monday, January 16



## 2011 Summer Nutrition Program a Huge Success

The 2011 Summer Nutrition Program ended on August 5 after serving more than 60,400 lunches and 7,090 breakfasts to children at 23 sites throughout the community. The City of Garland wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all the churches, recreation centers, apartment complexes, volunteers, business sponsors, City departments and staff that played a role in

making the meal program fun, healthy and nutritious for the children of Garland.

Are you interested in becoming involved with the 2012 Summer Nutrition Program or becoming a site host? If so, contact Garland Fair Housing Services for specific requirements for participation at 972-205-3300, or visit the website at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

## TV Listings ~ CGTV

Meeting dates and times subject to change

### City Council Meetings

Live Broadcast - 7 p.m.  
December 6 and 13, January 3 and 17  
Rebroadcast following the meeting  
Wednesday - 9 a.m., Friday - 7 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday - 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### City Council Work Sessions

Live Broadcast - 6 p.m.  
December 5 and 12, January 3 and 17  
Rebroadcast following the Monday meeting  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9 a.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday - 7 p.m.

### Garland In Focus

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

### Living in Garland

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

### Plan Commission

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

### Billboard - Daily

Daily Schedule posted on City of Garland website  
[GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov)

### Garland City Council Meetings

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

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

Watch the City website, [www.GarlandTx.gov](http://www.GarlandTx.gov), Time Warner Cable Channel 16, or Verizon FIOS Channel 44 for meeting schedule updates.

## 23RD ANNUAL MLK PARADE

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Garland January 14 and 15. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Garland Branch will host its 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and March at 10 a.m. January 14. The 2012 theme is Celebrating God's Drum Major: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Grand marshals for 2012 are Youth Pastor Stafford Counts of Zion Baptist Church in Rowlett; and Pastor Aaron Gaddis, Assistant to the Sr. Pastor at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Garland. The events are free and open to the public. For details, call 972-381-5044 (voice box 5) or visit [www.GarlandTxNAACP.org](http://www.GarlandTxNAACP.org).

### Parade Route

The parade begins on Dairy Road at Garden Drive (near Embree Park) and proceeds north on Dairy Road to Highway 66 (Avenue D) and West (left) on Highway 66 (Avenue D) to First Street. The parade continues north (right) on First Street to Highway 66 (Avenue B), then turns West (left) on Highway 66 (Avenue B) to Fifth Street and North (right) on Fifth Street to Austin Street. The parade ends at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets.

### MLK Commemorative Program

Immediately following the parade and march will be the MLK Commemorative Program at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. The MLK Communitywide Youth Choir, St. Luke AME Puppet Ministry, and Ida Handley Elementary School Choir will perform.

### MLK Youth Extravaganza

The celebration continues on Sunday, January 15 in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts Center. Youth groups from area churches will showcase their spiritual talents in praise dance, step routines and military style drills at 4 p.m.



**Do you have a lien against your property?**



The City of Garland web site contains a listing of property owners with open abatement liens. Abatement liens are filed when a property owner fails to pay for work the City provided to take care of his/her property according to the City of Garland Code of Ordinances. This includes failure to mow, trim, clean, remove debris, repair, and such other miscellaneous work required for compliance with local code. These properties may be subject to further action.

The open abatement liens listing can be found on the City of Garland home page at:

**GarlandTx.gov**  
(Click on Online Services)  
**972-205-2696**

You may also check your property status with the Dallas County Clerk's Office at:  
[www.roamdallaspropertyrecords.com](http://www.roamdallaspropertyrecords.com)

## Fair Housing Wraps Up 2010-2011

During the fiscal year that ended on September 30, a total of 59 new complaints alleging housing discrimination were filed, and 12 complaints were on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year. Fair Housing Services intervention resulted in successful resolution of 24 complaints, either on mutually agreeable terms or withdrawn with resolution. The department investigated 36 cases which resulted in a determination of "no cause" to believe housing discrimination occurred. Two complaints were administratively closed.

A total of 415 inquiries were received, which may have resulted in a complaint being filed. Fair Housing team members reached 1,842 residents directly through informative presentations. Additionally, service referrals were provided to 3,610 residents.

The City of Garland continued its commitment to fair housing through its administrative and operational enforcement of the Fair Housing Ordinance, the federal Fair

Housing Act, and ongoing implementation of strategies to remove barriers to housing choices in the community, and participated in the development of a new Analysis of Impediments study.



## Registered for CodeRED?

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

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

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

## Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention

The City of Garland is committed to the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse. Report anonymously fraud, waste, and abuse of City resources 24 hours a day. **972-205-2739**

## City of Garland Official Appointed to State Committee

Vikki Yeatts, MSN, RN, Public Health Administrator for the City of Garland, was selected by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to serve as a member of the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee established by Senate Bill 969 in the 82nd Legislative Session.

In an announcement letter to Ms. Yeatts from David L. Lakey, M.D., Commissioner of the Texas DSHS, Dr. Lakey stated, "I look forward to meeting with you and having the benefit of your expertise and experience in advising me and the Department on public health funding and policy issues in Texas."

"With Vikki's appointment to this critical state allocation committee, Garland will be well served. She will assure that municipalities are not forgotten when the funds are allocated and policies drafted," said Richard Briley, Garland managing director of health.



## Animal Services News

### 2010-2011 Milestones

As the fiscal year drew to a close at the end of September, staff and management at Garland Animal Services took time to reflect on milestones and significant indicators for 2010-11. The most significant numbers are the increase in calls for service (21,716 calls) and the rise in the number of animals entering the Garland Animal Shelter (9,925). Staff alone can never find enough homes for the animals that arrive at the shelter. We need a community-wide effort to solve this problem, so help us out with the pet-friendly resolutions for 2012.

- Be a responsible pet owner – Spay/neuter your pet(s) and keep them up-to-date on rabies vaccination and city registration.
- Be a smart pet owner – Always keep your pets on a leash in public and keep your fence in good shape so your animals cannot escape.
- Be a kind pet owner – Adopt animals from the Garland Animal Shelter or another local animal shelter.

If you want to add a pet as a family member during the holidays, don't forget to shop at the Garland Animal Shelter – we never run out of adoptable pets. Pets from the Garland Animal Shelter also make great holiday presents!

### Garland Pawsibilities

Garland Pawsibilities, a local volunteer group that works with the Garland Animal Shelter to place animals and promote responsible pet ownership, reached a milestone in October. Pawsibilities has worked with Garland Animal Services for many years to place unwanted animals through offsite adoption events. The relationship between Garland and Pawsibilities grew in 2011, when the group was given a lease to the former fire station at 3136 South Shiloh Road. Pawsibilities has since operated offsite adoption clinics at the old firehouse and, on October 20, held the first of what we hope are many low-cost spay and neuter events.

"Forty-four animals were sterilized at this inaugural low-cost spay and neuter event. We hope our efforts can be increased through

donations and volunteer efforts from Garland's citizens," said Adrienne Erwin, the president of Garland Pawsibilities. Pawsibilities plans to hold monthly low-cost vaccination and spay/neuter events at the Garland facility, according to Erwin.

"We are excited that Pawsibilities' volunteer base and donations have allowed them to provide these events at their Garland facility," said Jason Chessher, deputy director of Health over the Garland Animal Shelter. "At its core, pet overpopulation is a community problem resulting from irresponsible pet ownership. The low-cost spay and neuter clinics hosted by Pawsibilities helps our community to address that problem while promoting responsible pet ownership," Chessher added.

Also in 2010-11, Pawsibilities placed 241 animals from the Garland Animal Shelter. Visit [www.GarlandPaws.org](http://www.GarlandPaws.org) to learn more about Garland Pawsibilities offsite adoption events and low-cost clinics. Look for the angel tree on the Pawsibilities webpage to help an animal for Christmas.



Adrienne Erwin, President of Garland Pawsibilities (right) with veterinary staff performing low-cost sterilizations.

### Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special thank you to the citizens and organizations that have donated more than \$2,500 in the months of September and October. All donations are used to sponsor animals for adoption or to provide care and comfort for animals.

Notable donations include: Jeffrey Corser - \$240; Lori Dodson - \$100; Jon Finco - \$200; Janice Hall - \$100; Don Herbert - \$80; Adrienne Mosley - \$80; Nevada Powell - \$80; Bonnie & Ernie Voth - \$100; and Rick Williams - \$80.

## What's New in Your District?

The City of Garland broadcasts a series of Council District Updates with Garland City Council members from September through December. Each program is hosted by a Council member and includes a "state of the district" address.

The programs air on the City's government access cable channel, available on Time Warner channel 16 and Verizon FIOS channel 44, and via live and video on demand streaming on the City's website, [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

Remaining program dates in this series are as follows:

December 13 – Rick Williams, District 7

Jim Cahill, District 8

The Mayor will broadcast his State of the City address March 1, 2012.

## City Press Co-Editor Retires

This issue of the *Garland City Press* is the final issue to be produced with the full-time attention of Donna Irwin. Ms. Irwin is retiring from the City after 30 years of dedicated service to Garland's residents.

Ms. Irwin began her career here in November 1981, assisting in the library with the acquisition and processing of books and materials. After a year, she moved to the City's Public Information Office to produce publications and brochures including a small, quarterly citizen newsletter. In the early 1990s, that publication evolved into a bi-monthly newspaper which would include information from all City departments.

The *Garland City Press* debuted in December 1993. It was (and still is) mailed to every residential and business address within the city limits. Ms. Irwin was in charge of much of the writing, layout and design of the *City Press* for that first issue, a role that has continued for the next 18 years.

"Producing the *Garland City Press* has always been the most enjoyable part of my work at the City," said Ms. Irwin. "But it's never been 'mine.' I've shared this project with many people over the years. It's been a fun job, particularly having the opportunity to create the overall style of the *City Press* and many of the advertisements for City departments and events."

Of course, Ms. Irwin has done much more than produce publications. She has been involved in many of the special events the City has hosted over the years. She says she is particularly proud of her involvement in Star Spangled Fourth and Christmas on the Square. "Those were wonderful events that showcased our downtown area. It was hard work, but fun; even when I had to be an elf!"

Ms. Irwin will retire at the end of December and looks forward to spending

more time with her six grandchildren and traveling with family and friends.

"During 30 years with the City, I've made a lot of very good friends," said Ms. Irwin. "I don't want to say 'I'll miss them,' because I plan to stay in touch and see them often."

"For Donna, the *Garland City Press* has been a labor of love," said Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs manager and *Garland City Press* editor. "We will miss seeing her smiling face each day. And we thank her for her dedication to her personal mission to provide Garland's residents with information about City events and activities. But most of all, we want her to enjoy her well-deserved retirement to the fullest!"



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## 2011 NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

For the past nine years, Garland has hosted the Neighborhood Summit to showcase strategies and success stories for advancing positive change in communities. This year's Summit focused on principles and practices of neighborhood transformation, drawing from tools and techniques of national and local experts. We would like to thank the more than 100 residents, community leaders, and city staff members from Garland and surrounding communities who came together on Saturday, October 22 to share experiences, ideas, and wisdom with such passion.



Jon Edmonds speaks about community development to those gathered for the summit.

Students from Coyle Middle School attended with their English teacher, Regina Abello. The students participated in the Summit to study relationships between local government and communities. They will be required to write an English paper describing their conference experience.



Coyle Middle School students.

Visit [GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org) for information on speakers and workshops. Thank you to our sponsors: Garland Chamber of Commerce, Garland Power & Light, and the American Planning Association – North Texas Chapter

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### GNMA Graduates Recognized

The City of Garland recognized Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) Graduates at the 2011 Garland Neighborhood Summit.

Pinnacle Award Recipients (for completion of all three GNMA education tracks) were Fran Brown from District 6 and Anita Goebel, a resident of District 2.

District 1 resident Patricia Lewis, Wayne Martin from District 5, Connie Pence from District 8, and Vicki Power of District 4 were recognized for completing the Neighborhood Management track.

Those completing the Leadership Development track were Susie Rutherford of District 5, Lorre Antoine of District 6, and District 3 residents Liz Kay and Fred Vinas.

Recognized for completing both the Leadership Development and Neighborhood Management tracks were Betty Roberts of District 5 and Sandra Purdom from District 8.



From left: John Willis, Councilman District 5, Lorre Antoine, Susie Rutherford, Hubert Hartin (accepting for Fred Vinas, Liz Kay, Fran Brown, and Martin Glenn, Deputy City Manager.

## GNMA City Government 101 Certification Track

Understanding municipal government operations can be somewhat overwhelming. City Government 101 is an eight-week series that provides participants with a guided tour of Garland's departments, programs, and services that in partnership with residents make Garland neighborhoods vital neighborhoods.

- *Welcome to Garland*  
1/28/2012 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- *Managing Municipal Government*  
1/31/2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- *Public Safety*  
2/18/2012 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- *City Utilities*  
2/28/2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- *Vital Neighborhoods*  
3/10/2012 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- *Public Works*  
3/27/2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- *Development Services*  
4/10/2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- *Parks & Recreation / Arts & Leisure*  
4/24/2012 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Email [gnmaclass@garlandtx.gov](mailto:gnmaclass@garlandtx.gov) or call 972-205-2108 to register.

### Important Notice for GP&L Customers!

In the event of an outage, your phone number is the key to helping us serve you better. When you call the Emergency Outage number, 972-205-3000, the easiest way to report a power outage is by using your phone number. We can use it to identify your service address to note the outage and initiate service restoration. Unfortunately, we do not have current phone numbers for many of our customers.

Help us help you! We need for you to confirm or update the phone numbers associated with your service address.

The easiest way to confirm or update your phone numbers is to use our Online Account Management tool located on [GarlandUtilities.org](http://GarlandUtilities.org). You can also email the phone numbers to [custserv@garlandpower-light.org](mailto:custserv@garlandpower-light.org). Make sure you provide the account number to which the phone numbers apply. Customers without Internet access may call 972-205-2671.



## Fire Safety for the Holidays

Here are some precautions from FireSafety.gov to keep your family safe and your holidays cheerful.

### To Prevent a Cooking Fire

- Stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves.
- Keep curtains, towels and pot holders away from hot surfaces; store flammable cleaners away from heat sources.
- Turn pan handles inward to prevent spills.

### To Put Out a Cooking Fire

- Call 911 immediately.
- Slide a lid over flames to smother a grease or oil fire; turn off heat and leave lid on until pan cools.
- Extinguish other food fires with baking soda. Never use water or flour.
- Keep the oven door shut and turn off the heat to smother an oven or broiler fire.

### Maintain Your Holiday Lights

- Inspect lights for frayed wires and bare spots.
- Do not link more than three light strands.

### Holiday Decorations

- Select a fresh tree and properly dispose of any dead needles or leaves.
- Use nonflammable or flame-retardant decorations placed away from heat vents.
- Use only flame retardant artificial trees.

### Fireworks

- Use outdoors only, away from dry grass.
  - Have water or a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Remember: It is illegal to light fireworks inside the Garland city limits, except for professional, permitted fireworks displays.

### Minority/Woman-Owned Businesses

The goal of the City of Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program is to include minority and woman-owned suppliers in every segment of the City procurement process, affording them an opportunity, on a competitive basis, to be considered for and awarded City business. Contact the Garland Purchasing Department at 972-205-2415 or email [purchasing@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:purchasing@GarlandTx.gov) or logon to [GarlandPurchasing.com](http://GarlandPurchasing.com).

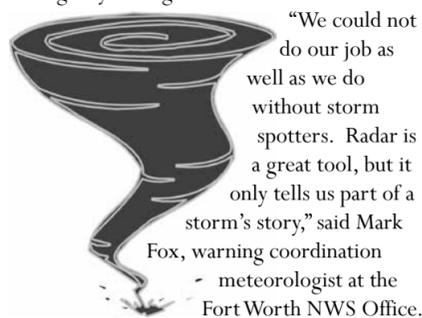
## Skywarn Storm Spotter Training

The 2011 severe storm season devastatingly illustrated the impact that weather can have. From Tuscaloosa to Joplin to the severe storm system that passed through North Texas in May, we experienced hail, damaging thunderstorm winds, and flooding that took their toll on life and property.

The 2012 severe spring weather season is fast approaching. Are you ready for whatever this year has in store? Do you have a severe weather plan for your home and your workplace? Can you recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado is possible?

Do you want to become part of the severe weather warning system in your county?

As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service in Fort Worth will answer these and many other questions at the Skywarn severe storm program on Saturday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program will be held at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland, and is sponsored by the Garland Office of Emergency Management.



"We could not do our job as well as we do without storm spotters. Radar is a great tool, but it only tells us part of a storm's story," said Mark Fox, warning coordination meteorologist at the Fort Worth NWS Office.

"Spotter observations complement the data we use to analyze storms. The combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them."

The program is free and open to the public. No registration or sign-up is needed for this event and it is appropriate for all age groups.

The National Weather Service in Fort Worth provides forecasts, warnings, and weather services for 46 counties in north and north-central Texas. For more information on severe weather and the National Weather Service, visit the Fort Worth Forecast Office's website at <http://www.weather.gov/fortworth> and on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/US.NationalWeatherService.FortWorth.gov>.

## Winter Energy Conservation Tips

- Set your thermostat at 68° in the winter. Each degree warmer will increase your energy use 6-8%.
- Clean or replace filters for your heating/cooling system at least once a month. Dirty filters will make your system work harder and run longer than necessary.
- Make sure you have adequate insulation in the attic. Since heat rises, as much as 60% of heat can be lost in the wintertime in poorly insulated homes.
- When not using a fireplace, keep flue dampers closed to prevent heat loss.
- Storm windows and doors can reduce the amount of cooling or heating lost through single-pane glass by 50%.
- Install or replace weather stripping around doors, re-caulk around windows, install electrical outlet gaskets, and seal plumbing penetrations on exterior walls to keep your home airtight.
- For more energy conservation tips, visit [garlandpower-light.org](http://garlandpower-light.org).

## Police Impounded Vehicle Auctions

Auctions for Police impounded vehicles are scheduled for the third Friday of each month at the City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce Street. Gates open at 8:30 a.m., and the auction begins at 9:30 a.m. Vehicles must be removed from the lot by noon the following Monday. All vehicles will be sold for cash to the highest bidder without warranty or guarantees and are offered as/where is. Auctions may be cancelled without notice. Call 972-205-2415 for more information, or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) or [www.joepippinauctioneers.com](http://www.joepippinauctioneers.com). Look for bicycles at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) or [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com).

## GARLAND...HISTORY MADE HERE PRESENTED BY GARLAND POWER & LIGHT

### Garland resident carries football talent to the NFL

When Bobby Boyd grew up on Avenue C in Garland, he had no way of knowing he would take his experience playing neighborhood football all the way to the National Football League and the world champion Baltimore Colts.

On his way to the NFL, Boyd was a star with the Garland High School Owls, supporting the team to the state playoffs his junior and senior years. At the time, the team was not divided into offensive and defensive squads. "I was the offensive left halfback and a defensive safety, resulting in a lot of field time!" said Boyd.

Garland fans paid close attention to the gridiron action. "If I walked across the square, people would come up to me and ask why I made certain moves the Friday before," he said. After graduation, Boyd went to The University of

Oklahoma, where he was part of a team that won 47 consecutive games. He played both quarterback and defensive back for the Sooners.

When he was drafted by the Colts in 1960, the high-profile team was fresh off the 1958 and 1959 NFL championships.

"They had won two championships in a row," said Boyd. Coach Don Shula named Boyd (who was playing as a defensive cornerback) as a team captain. Boyd played with the Colts for nine years, then worked with the team as an assistant coach for another five years.

While he was playing with the Colts, he made more interceptions in one year than anyone else in the history of the NFL. "I played with a lot of good people," he said. "That's how you get records like that." When Boyd retired, he had a career total of 57 interceptions, a record that is still ranked 10th overall.

When the team moved to Indianapolis, Boyd decided to remain in Baltimore, where he had gone into business with quarterback Johnny Unitas. "We had four restaurants, so I wanted to stay with that for a while," said Boyd. He lived in Baltimore another seven years before moving back to Garland, where he opened two businesses, including a trophy company.

Throughout his life, Boyd has received accolades for his sports prowess. He was named to the All-State Football Team his junior and senior years in high school; to the Garland Sports Hall of Fame in 1987; to the Oil Bowl Hall of Fame in 1993 (for his play in the Oil Bowl, the all-star team of Texas and Oklahoma players); and to the Texas High School Hall of Fame in 1994.

Boyd looks back fondly on his early days in Garland. "We played football twice a day on the lot next to the Valle family's house," he said. "The Valles had five sons, and I learned an awful lot of football playing with them!"

### Streetlight Repairs

Notice a streetlight that is out or damaged?

Contact GP&L at 972-205-3483 or email [info@garlandpower-light.org](mailto:info@garlandpower-light.org).

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



# 2011 HEALTHY LIVING EXPO RECAP

In September, the City of Garland, Baylor Medical Center at Garland, the Garland Chamber of Commerce and the Garland Independent School District teamed up to host the 2011 Healthy Living Expo at the Special Events Center. The event featured information booths and activities related to safe, healthy lifestyles and good environmental stewardship. More than 3,000 people from Garland and the surrounding area visited the Expo. Here's a statistical recap of the activities:

- Health Screenings**
- 455 Blood Pressure Screenings
  - 410 Blood Sugar Screenings
  - 155 Bone Density Screenings
  - 400+ Cholesterol Screenings
  - 700 Flu Shots administered
  - 100+ Hearing Tests
  - 200+ Height/Weight/BMI Screenings



More than 2,500 screenings, evaluations, tests, and shots were administered during the Healthy Living Expo.



More than 3,000 area citizens attended the Healthy Living Expo.

- 300 Memory Evaluations
  - 150+ Vision Screenings
- Other Services**
- 4 Tons Electronics Recycled
  - 381 Eyeglasses Donated
  - 4 Dogs Adopted
  - 300 lbs Expired/Unused Medications Collected for Disposal
  - 11,000+lbs Paper Shredded
  - 400 Pairs Shoes Donated

- City Departments Participating**
- Animal Services / Garland Pawsibilities
  - Community Multicultural Commission
  - Environmental Waste Services/ Keep Garland Beautiful
  - Fire Department
  - Garland Power & Light
  - Office of Emergency Management
  - Office of Environmental Quality
  - Office of Neighborhood Vitality
  - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts
  - Police/Citizens Police Academy Alumni
  - Stormwater Management
  - Water/Wastewater Utilities
  - Garland Youth Council



GP&L's new hybrid bucket truck idles 75% less than a regular truck during bucket operations. Additionally, when the truck is moving less than eleven miles per hour, it operates off a battery, resulting in up to 60% savings in fuel.



Healthy You!  
Healthy Earth!



At the Expo, visitors had the opportunity to drive one of the City's new GM Volts. The Volt is an extended range plug-in hybrid vehicle that will travel about 35 miles on an electrical charge and over 300 miles on its gasoline generator.

## Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain!

Fried turkey is a popular and festive entrée that will have a place on many dining room tables in Garland this holiday season. But beware. What happens to your home's plumbing after the meal could upset your stomach. (See photo at right.)

When you pour fats, oil or grease (FOG) down the kitchen sink, pipes may become blocked. When pipes become blocked it can become very costly for you and the City. Clogged sewers can also lead to overflows, which can runoff into the street and into the storm drain system consequently polluting Garland creeks and streams.

### How you can reduce the harmful effects of FOG:

- Filter and freeze used cooking oil once it has cooled and reuse it for another meal.
- Small amounts of cooking oil can be soaked up with a paper towel and thrown in the trash.
- Dispose of cooking grease and fat by pouring into a sealed container, allow to cool and solidify, then discard in trash.

• You may take your collected cooking oil that will not solidify to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center located at 11234 Plano Road. Please transport in a tightly sealed container.

For more information or to report stormwater pollution, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.



A pipe that has become clogged by FOG (fats, oil, and grease).

# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

## Recycle Your Live Tree

Residents can drop off live Christmas trees and wreaths for recycling at the Drop-Off Recycling Center, 1426 Commerce Street. All trees are chipped and mulched and returned to Garland residents at no charge.

Trees can be dropped off at the Recycling Center from Tuesday, December 27 through January 7, free of lights, decorations and bags. EWS will provide a dedicated container for tree recycling at this site.

Residents can also place trees at the front curb, separate from other items, by 7 a.m. on their designated brush collection day.

Free mulch can be picked up at the Recycling Center or at the Hinton Landfill. Bring your own containers and shovels for do-it-yourself loading.

## Holiday Recycling

Holiday celebrations often generate more need to dispose of waste. Environmental Waste Services reminds residents that the Transfer Station, 1434 Commerce Street, is closed on Saturdays. On Saturdays, residents can take trash and bulky waste items to the C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill, 3175 Elm Grove Road in Rowlett. The landfill is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both facilities are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please note, the Drop-Off Recycling Center, located at 1426 Commerce Street, is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, shredded paper bagged in clear bags, telephone books, oil and oil filters and used motor oil. During the holiday period, residents can also recycle non-metallic wrapping paper rather than throwing it in the trash.

Check page 2 of this issue of the *Garland City Press* for holiday hours and closings.

## EWS Wins State Recycling Award

The State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) has honored Garland's Environmental Waste Services (EWS) Department with its 2011 Environmental Leadership Award for having the outstanding solid waste program in the state.

The award recognizes the Workplace Recycling Program, an initiative that brought single stream recycling to all City of Garland

offices. From May 2010 through May 2011, EWS deployed standardized recycling containers to all employees and all City facilities. As a result of this project implementation, recycling in City offices has increased 20%. The Workplace Recycling Program was funded with a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Awards were presented on October 4, in conjunction with the annual Recycling Summit, at an awards ceremony held at the Texas State Capitol Building in Austin. Nine other recycling businesses and communities were honored in the areas of composting, special events, youth education and sustainability.

"We are honored to receive this prestigious award and thank all City employees who have made the Workplace Recycling Program a success," said Lonnie Banks, EWS managing director.



Maia Corbett, Star Executive Director, (left) presents the 2011 Environmental Leadership Award to Glenna Brown, EWS Programs Manager.

## Recycle

Plastic Bottles    Chipboard    Cans    Glass Bottles    Newspaper

Separate paper from other recyclables.

Cardboard and telephone books are not accepted curbside. Take to Recycling Center at 1426 Commerce Street.

Questions? 972-205-3500

## Do Not Recycle

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

[www.GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://www.GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com)

## Trash Bash Draws Record Number of Volunteers

More than 700 volunteers blanketed Garland on October 22 to make our city sparkle by picking up litter and other debris in neighborhoods and parks, at schools, and along city roadways at the Fall Trash Bash.

Volunteers from scouting groups, neighborhood associations, families, church groups and individuals picked up more than three tons of litter. Following the community clean up, Keep Garland Beautiful hosted a volunteer appreciation picnic.

Scott Mayberry led the Garland Fourth Ward LDS Church to victory with the most bags of litter collected by a group, turning in 93 bags of litter. Virginia Lawless won the award for most bags of litter collected by an individual, and Girl Scout Troop 1337 won the KGB award for the most unusual item found, which was a sacrificial icon.

"Keep Garland Beautiful wants to thank all of our volunteers who helped make this

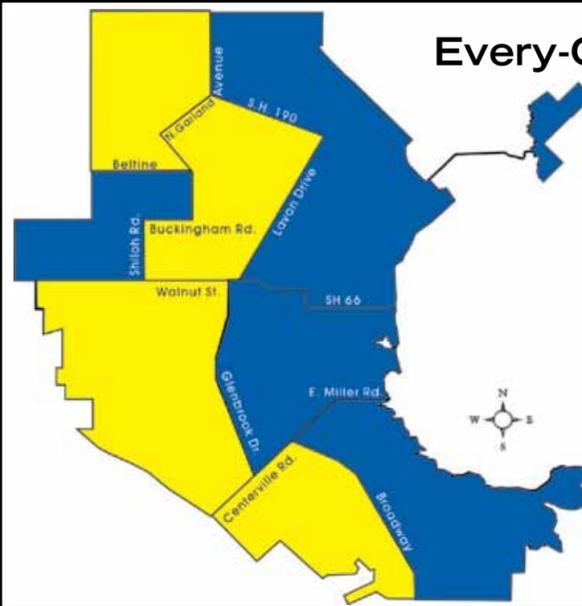
event so successful," praised Betty Roberts, KGB president. "Our city benefits significantly from the volunteers who take pride in their neighborhoods, schools, churches and businesses. We also want to thank our sponsors who helped defray the cost of the picnic through generous donations."



Conrad Alvarez, KGB board member, helps volunteers unload trash collected at the Fall Trash Bash.



## Every-Other-Week Recycling Schedule January - February 2012



January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1. Check the map at left to see if you live in a yellow area or a blue area.
2. Check the yellow and blue recycling weeks on the calendar above.
3. Set out recycling on your yellow or blue weeks on the same day as you set out your trash.
4. Check the February edition of the *Garland City Press* for a complete 2012 recycling calendar.

# COMMUNITY/ARTS

## “The Nutcracker” at the Granville Arts Center

The Dallas Ballet Company will present special 25th anniversary performances of the holiday classic, *The Nutcracker* at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. Performances are set for December 2 at 7:30 p.m., December 3 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and December 4 at 2 p.m.



Featured guest artists are Sterling Hyltin, principal dancer with New York City Ballet, and Jason Fowler, former soloist with New York City Ballet. Both are Dallas natives. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 972-205-2790 or visit the website at [www.DallasBalletCenter.com](http://www.DallasBalletCenter.com).



## Garland Square Pickers

Got those mid-winter jammin' blues? Join the Garland Square Pickers for the Fifth Annual Jim Paul Miller Memorial Bluegrass Show on Saturday, January 21, at the Plaza Theatre, 521 West State Street on the Square in Downtown Garland. A full slate of talent will be presented for your listening and jammin' pleasure... a fabulous evening of pickin' and grinnin' entertainment. Of course, there will be jammin' in the lobby and on the sidewalk if it isn't snowing! Open 'jamming' begins at 5 p.m. with "on stage" performances starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information call 972-571-3942 or email [pepperkay@aol.com](mailto:pepperkay@aol.com).



## DON'T MISS THE SHOW!

### Granville Arts Center Fifth and Austin Streets

December 10 ~ 6 p.m.

*Christmas in México/Navidad en México* presented by México 2000 Ballet Folklórico. This choreographic montage mixes the biblical story of the birth of Jesus Christ with traditional dances from México and other countries. The play will include traditional Mexican Christmas songs. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for seniors and children younger than age 6. Call 972-429-1082 or email [info@mexico2000.net](mailto:info@mexico2000.net).



January 6 ~ 7 p.m.

*Clay Cooper's Country Music Express* from Branson, Missouri, is on the road again in 2012 and will make its first stop in Garland. Cooper, originally from Wylie, Texas, is excited to bring his show home. Entertainment will include singing, dancing, rope-twirling, gun-slinging, comedy and country music. Visit [www.ClayCooperTheatre.com](http://www.ClayCooperTheatre.com) or call 877-317-2604 for tickets and information.



## GCT PRESENTS "HAIRSPRAY" AND "DEATH BY CHOCOLATE"



Garland Civic Theatre continues its production of *Hairspray* in the small theatre of the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. Performances are set for December 1

Thomas Meehan, the music and lyrics by Marc Shaiman, and lyrics by Scott Wittman.

Garland Civic Theatre is a member of American Association of Community Theaters and Texas Non-profit Theatres. Season sponsors include Garland Cultural Arts Commission and *The Dallas Morning News*. Underwriters include Linda Braga, Dunn and Dill, Dr. Lisa Garner, and Garland Power & Light. Visit the GCT website at [www.GarlandCivicTheatre.org](http://www.GarlandCivicTheatre.org) or call 972-485-8884 for additional information.



at 7:30 p.m. and December 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m., with 2:30 p.m. matinees on December 4 and 10. Tickets are \$26 and are available at the Arts Center Box Office, 972-205-2790. Discounts are available for KERA members and groups of 10 or more.

*Hairspray's* loveable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad, has a passion for dancing and wins a spot on the local TV dance program, *The Corny Collins Show*. Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can a larger-than-life adolescent manage to vanquish the program's reigning princess, integrate the television show, and find true love (singing and dancing all the while, of course!) without musing her hair?

The production is directed by Kyle McClaran and costumes are by Ryan Matthieu Smith. The book is by Mark O'Donnell and

### Death By Chocolate

Garland Civic Theatre will present *Death By Chocolate* in the small theatre of the Granville Arts Center. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on January 19 and 26 and 8 p.m. on January 20, 21, 27, and 28 and February 3, 4, 10, and 11. Matinees are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on January 22 and 29 and February 5 and 11. For further information, call 972-485-8884.

## GSO CONCERTS

The Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO) continues its 2011-12 season with *The Bard and the Band*. Join the GSO in exploring the orchestral literature written for,



about, and in response to the plays of William Shakespeare. All concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Brownlee Auditorium of the Granville Arts

Center, Fifth and Austin Streets, in Downtown Garland. Call 972-205-2790 for tickets.

### December 16

The GSO will perform Lars-Erik Larsson's *A Winter's Tale*, Ralph Vaughan-Williams' *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, and an audience-sung Holiday Carol sing-along.

The GSO will feature vocalist Donnie Ray Albert, baritone. Now in his 36th year of performing professionally, Albert has sung baritone roles and concerts in some of the world's most prominent opera houses and symphony halls. He has received three Grammy Awards and was honored by the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Chapter Louisiana State University Alumni Association for his outstanding musical achievement. Louisiana State University School of Music selected Albert as the 1992 Alumnus of the Year.

### January 20

The GSO will perform Liszt's *Hamlet*, Tchaikovsky's *Hamlet Fantasy-Overture*, and Rachmaninoff's *Variations on a Theme by Paganini* featuring Ning An as piano soloist.

Pianist Ning An, First Prize Winner of the 2003 William Kapell Piano Competition, made his concerto debut at the age of 16, performing the Rachmaninoff Second Piano Concerto with the Cleveland Orchestra. He has since appeared with the London Symphony Orchestra, Warsaw Philharmonic, the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Belgian National Symphony, and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. A semi-finalist in the 2005 Van Cliburn Competition, Mr. An was the Third Prize winner of the 1999 Queen Elizabeth Music Competition and First Prize Winner in the 2000 National Chopin Piano Competition. In addition, he received the Alfred Cortot Prize at the 2000 International Chopin Competition.

[www.GarlandArts.com](http://www.GarlandArts.com)

Visit regularly and keep up-to-date on the world of arts in Garland. For theatre rental inquiries, send email to [arts@garlandtx.gov](mailto:arts@garlandtx.gov).

## "Pollyanna"



Garland Civic Theatre's Children On Stage will present *Pollyanna* in the small theatre of the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. Performances are 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on December 28, 29, and 30. For tickets, call 972-205-2790.

## Annual Chamber Prayer Breakfast

The Garland Chamber of Commerce will present its 24th annual Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on December 8 at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. The guest speaker will be Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade. Each attendee is asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Garland Fire Fighters Association toy drive. The annual breakfast benefits the Chamber's Leadership Garland program, which teaches its participants how to give back to the Garland community in various capacities.

For information, contact Jami Manners at [jami.manners@garlandchamber.com](mailto:jami.manners@garlandchamber.com) or 469-326-7477.

## Rankin Brothers Christmas Show

Voted Branson, Missouri's Best Show for 2009 and 2010 by [BransonShowAwards.com](http://BransonShowAwards.com), The Rankin Brothers Classic Christmas Show returns to Garland on December 13. The show, which lasts about two hours, starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Brownlee Auditorium at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland.

The Rankin Brothers were also awarded Best Duo Act 2009, and Mark Rankin was named Branson's Entertainer of The Year. The Rankin Brothers, their cast of three female vocalists (The Rankinettes), and their all-star band authentically replicate the sounds of the original artists. The first half of the show contains rock-n-roll hits from Elvis, Buddy Holly, Neil Diamond, The Everly Brothers, The Righteous Brothers, Roy Orbison, Simon and Garfunkel, Chuck Berry and more! The second half of the show features Christmas Classics from Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, Andy Williams, Burl Ives, Nat King Cole, Brenda Lee and more.

Tickets are \$33 for adults and \$15 for ages 12 years and under. Tickets are \$24 each for groups of 20 or more. Tickets are available through the Arts Center Box Office. The Box Office number is 972-205-2790 and the hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and two hours before the performance.



### Plaza Theatre 521 West State Street

December 2 ~ 7 p.m.

*The Party Never Ends* featuring The K3 Sisters Band, presented by Bruce Ray Productions (BRP). This is a CD release concert featuring award-winning sisters Kaylen, Kelsey and Kristen Kassab. Enjoy a feature-length concert of original pop hits, inspirational favorites, and the newest recordings from the girls' second recording project. Special guest Dallas Highland Dancers also will perform. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 214-668-2798, or at [www.K3Sisters.com](http://www.K3Sisters.com). Discounts are available for KERA members and groups of 10 or larger. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Garland Independent School District elementary school fine arts programs.



December 9 and 10 ~ 7:30 p.m.

*Shimmers in the Snow: A Winter Celebration* presented by Epiphany DanceArts. This family friendly dance concert will feature beautiful choreography set to classic Christmas songs such as *Carol of the Bells*, *Oh Holy Night* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. For more information visit [www.EpiphanyDanceArts.org](http://www.EpiphanyDanceArts.org). Tickets are available online or by calling 972-379-9332. Save 15 percent with discount code: PLAZA (Children/Seniors: \$10; Adults: \$22).



December 14 and 15 ~ 1 p.m.  
December 16 and 17 ~ 7 p.m.

*Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Clause*, presented by the Breiting Youth Theatre. Tickets for the December 14 and 15 performances are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Admission for the December 16 and 17 shows are \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children younger than two years of age are admitted free. For tickets, call 972-658-3915 or visit [www.ActingForChildren.org](http://www.ActingForChildren.org).



January 6 ~ 8 p.m.

*Annual One Night Only Citywide Revival*, presented by the Women of Zion - Full Gospel Holy Temple Church. Pastor Elder J.C. Reedy and First Lady Evangelist V.J. Reedy will present the revival, which features Bishop Herman Murray, Jr. (pictured) and the Soul Harvest Choir. Doors open at 7 pm. Admission is free. For more information, call 972-494-2821 or 214-783-5296.



## Garland Women's Activities Building

713 Austin Street

Room rentals for club meetings, banquets, reunions, showers, weddings, and receptions

Contact Karla Pajot

972-272-5024

[gwab@verizon.net](mailto:gwab@verizon.net)

## GISD FACULTY ART SHOW

The Art Faculty of Garland Independent School District will exhibit their personal artworks December 8 through January 30 at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. The annual show will benefit the Kay Shwarts and Terri Smith Scholarship Fund for deserving senior

art students in Garland ISD. The public is invited to donate a tax-deductible gift toward this scholarship fund at the show.

Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and during all performances. For information, call 972-205-2780.

# Garland Wins Parks and Recreation Awards

The Garland Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department was honored with several awards for providing outstanding customer service to the community at the 2011 Texas Recreation and Park Society Regional Conference in November. The program recognizes Dallas-area parks and recreation departments for excellence. Garland received the following awards:

**Recreation Facility Design Excellence – Harris Hollabaugh Recreation Center.** The west Garland recreation center opened in December 2010 providing recreation services to residents in the area. Although funds were limited, the design team developed an outstanding facility that meets the diverse needs of the community.



**Part-Time Employee of the Year – Joyce Kendall,** Surf and Swim concessions manager. Kendall has been providing outstanding service to Surf and Swim guests as the concession manager since the facility opened in 1984.



**Horizons Award – Travis Cunniff,** recreation specialist. Given to staff with less than five years of experience, Cunniff was awarded for providing excellent customer service at Holford Recreation Center. He has worked in Garland since 2008.



**Recreation Professional of the Year – George Deines,** aquatics/athletics manager. Deines has managed Garland's pool and sports operations

since 2007 and has a history of outstanding performance since entering the parks and recreation profession in 2000. He has made many innovative improvements to facilities, operations and service delivery since he came to Garland.



**Advocate of the Year – Jack Sparkes,** Rowlett Creek Trail steward. As part of the Dallas Off-Road Bicycle Association, Sparkes and his team of volunteers maintain 14 miles of mountain bike trails in the Rowlett Creek Greenbelt. He has logged more than 3,500 volunteer hours since he began constructing and maintaining off-road bicycle trails at Rowlett Creek 16 years ago.



For more information about Garland parks and recreation services, visit [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) or call 972-205-2750.

## FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK



### Breakfast with Santa at the Branding Iron

December 17  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Reservations Required  
972-205-3958

Breakfast Buffet  
Photo with Santa  
Arts and Crafts



Experience the New Tradition at Firewheel Golf Park - Bridges Course. The newly-renovated 9-hole Tradition Course at 1535 East Brand Road features bent grass greens, white sand bunkers, and a waterfall, among the many improvements. Call 972-205-2795 for your tee time.

## Firewheel Golf Park Renovates Traditions Course

Golf enthusiasts can now enjoy newly planted Brent grass greens, dodge redesigned white sand traps, and enjoy many other aesthetic updates at the reopened Traditions Course at Firewheel Golf Park.

Renovations began almost a year ago to replant greens, improve drainage, update irrigation systems, and replace cart paths. Other improvements included aesthetic features such as rock lined drainage areas, plantings of drought-tolerant flora and fauna and pond features. In addition, an extensive tree-trimming program was undertaken to enhance play and the natural beauty of the course.

The Traditions is one of three unique nine-hole courses at the Firewheel Bridges facility on Brand Road. The Tradition's sculpted fairways are lined with oak and pecan trees, and have a pair of creeks meandering throughout. The Bridges is the crown jewel of the Firewheel Golf Park experience. This is

the first renovation of a course at the Bridges since it opened in 2001.

On November 1, Firewheel celebrated the reopening of the course with Mayor Ronald E. Jones presiding over the ribbon-cutting ceremony and hitting the inaugural tee shot off the first hole of the Traditions.

The Firewheel Golf Park is a premier facility offering 63 holes of championship golf consisting of the Old Course, the Lakes Course and the Bridges Courses. The Bridges Courses include the Traditions nine, the Champions nine and the Master's nine. Firewheel offers tournament and outing opportunities, dining at the Branding Iron Restaurant and Grill 64, along with professional golf lessons. To find out more, visit [GolfFirewheel.com](http://GolfFirewheel.com) or call 972-205-2795.



## Annual Toy Drive

Donations of new toys and clothes to assist local needy children will be accepted at any Garland Fire Station and the GFD Administration Building, 1500 East SH 66. To ensure that items get to the children by Christmas, please try to make your donations by December 21. The Garland Fire Fighters' Association and the Garland Fire Department have been working together for almost 30 years to help needy Garland families at Christmas.



Give a smile for Christmas. Donate.

## Pancakes with Santa



Saturday, December 10  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Central Fire Station  
1029 Austin Street

\$5 per person

(includes photo with Santa)

Open House for children and parents who want to learn more about radio operations sponsored by Garland Amateur Radio Club

## STORYTIMES, STORYTELLERS, AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT STORIES AT THE GARLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Nicholson Memorial Library System

Central Library  
625 Austin Street  
972-205-2517

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

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

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

### Adult Programs

### Library Book Discussion

Community booklovers are invited to join Page Turners, the library's book discussion group, which meets one Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Central Library. Upcoming discussions include: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See on December 8 and *The Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo on January 26. No registration is required. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

### Senior Social Hour @ the Library

The Nicholson Memorial Library System offers a free program series for senior citizens, Senior Social Hour @ the Library, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events in this series are held at the Central Library and 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. For more information, call 972-205-2502.

#### Rose-Mary Rumbley

Storyteller Rose-Mary Rumbley will present *A Christmas Tree Grows in Brooklyn* at 2 p.m. on December 17. Rumbley, a former speech and theatre teacher, minister and author, is a native of Dallas and has performed with Dallas Summer Musicals and Casa Manana. She now tours the speaking circuit and enjoys researching the topics she presents. The presentation will combine



storytelling with book review elements and will consist of stories featuring Brooklyn attractions, such as the Brooklyn Bridge, Coney Island and the Dodgers. Each story also will include a dash of holiday spirit!

#### Myrna Blackwood Hunt

Myrna Blackwood Hunt will entertain guests with an hour of music and comedy at 2 p.m. on January 12. Hunt, a singer and comedienne, began singing at age six. She has shared the stage with performers such as LeAnn Rimes, Tom Jones, Ronnie Milsap, The Gatlin Brothers, and comedians Red Skelton and Bob Hope. Hunt has performed for the Winter Texans, on Norwegian Cruise Lines, and at various charity events. Hunt sings in a range of musical genres including oldies, big band, World War I and II period songs, country and western, and humorous music.



### Children/Youth Programs

### Library Booth at Christmas on the Square

The Nicholson Memorial Library System will have a festive booth at Garland's Christmas on the Square celebration from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, in Downtown Garland. Children are invited to make fun, seasonal crafts and meet Mouse from Laura Numeroff's *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. For information, call 972-205-2517 or visit [www.ChristmasOnTheSquare.com](http://www.ChristmasOnTheSquare.com).



### Spring Storytimes Schedule

Storytimes will be held January 9 through April 28 at the following library locations:

#### Central Library

Toddler Storytime, Mondays, 10 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime, Mondays, 11 a.m.

#### Walnut Creek Branch Library

Family Storytime, Thursdays, 7 p.m.

#### North Garland Branch Library

Wee Read, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime, Fridays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, Fridays, 11 a.m.

#### South Garland Branch Library

Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Family Storytime, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

### Library Holiday Closings

All libraries in the Nicholson Memorial Library System will be closed:  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, December 23, 24, 25, and 26 – Christmas  
Sunday and Monday, January 1 and 2 – New Year's  
Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

# CHEER, DANCE, KICK, PAINT, AND FEED THE BIRDS THIS WINTER!

## All Star Cheer

January 3 - January 24  
Tuesdays, 5 - 6 p.m.  
Ages 7 - 18 years  
\$40 per person  
Audubon Recreation Center  
Develop proper technique for performance cheers and routines that are used at competitions. Contact Audubon Recreation Center at 972-205-3991 or arc@garlandtx.gov.



## Santa's Helpers

December 2, 9, or 16  
Saturdays, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Ages 3 - 5 years  
\$15 per child  
Holford Recreation Center  
Give yourself a break and drop the little elves off for an afternoon of games, festive music, holiday arts and crafts, and a jolly good time. \$5 supply fee payable to instructor. Please contact Holford Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2772 or hrc@garlandtx.gov.



## Tae Kwon Do

December 3 - December 17  
Saturdays, 9 - 11 a.m.  
Ages 5 years and up  
\$18 per person  
Granger Recreation Center  
Learn jumps, kicks, and punches that sharpen body awareness, build confidence, and improve control. Contact Granger Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2771 or grc@garlandtx.gov.



## Abstract Art

January 3 - January 24  
Tuesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.  
Ages 18 years and up  
\$35 per person  
Hollabaugh Recreation Center  
Learn to alter canvas surfaces to achieve three dimensional levels in your artwork. Please contact Hollabaugh Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-2721 or hhrc@garlandtx.gov.



## Spring Creek is for the Birds

The Spring Creek Forest Preservation Society invites youth groups to bring biodegradable birdfeeders to decorate living holiday trees on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Preserve is located at 1787 Holford Road. The event is free. Participants should bring biodegradable birdfeeder ornaments, such as:



- Pine cones coated in peanut butter and rolled in bird seed
  - Strings of fresh or dried cranberries
  - Strings of non-buttered popcorn
  - Suet balls (see recipe below)
  - Birdy shortbread (see recipe at right)
- The ornaments should be hung with cotton yard or string, which birds can use for nest-making.

### No-Melt Suet

1 cup crunchy peanut butter  
1 cup lard  
2 cups quick-cook oatmeal  
2 cups cornmeal  
1 cup white flour  
½ cup sugar  
Melt peanut butter and lard together. Stir in other ingredients. Pour mixture into cookie cutters or form into balls and freeze. Raisins or nuts can be added prior to freezing.

### Birdy Shortbread

½ cup vegetable shortening  
2 cups flour  
½ cup packed brown sugar  
½ cup nutmeats

½ cup cranberries or raisins  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cream together shortening, flour and sugar. Stir in nuts and cranberries. Mixture should be crumbly. Add water if needed. Cut into ornaments and bake until brown, about 15 minutes.

For additional information, visit [www.springcreekforest.org](http://www.springcreekforest.org) or call Ginny Wilcox at 972-271-1133.

## Sweetheart Dance

Dads, granddads and uncles are invited to attend the Sweetheart Dance with their little angel on Saturday, February 4, at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in Downtown Garland. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a professional 5x7 photo, and a halo for each little angel. Ages 4 to 7 will dance from 5 to 7 p.m. Those ages 8 to 12 will take the dance floor from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. You may choose your time if you have an angel in each age group. For information, call 972-205-3991 or email [arc@garlandtx.gov](mailto:arc@garlandtx.gov). Register by February 3 at any Garland recreation center or register online at [www.GarlandParks.com](http://www.GarlandParks.com). Tickets are \$14 per person or \$12 per person when registering online.



## Cardio Dance Party

January 4 - January 30  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.  
Ages 18 years and up  
\$30 per person  
Bradfield Recreation Center  
Tone your problem areas using popular dance routines that achieve the perfect combination of cardio and strength training. Contact Bradfield Recreation Center at 972-205-2770 or brc@garlandtx.gov.



## Boot Camp

January 2 - January 25  
Thursdays  
5:45 - 6:45 p.m.  
Ages 13 years and up  
\$30 per person  
Fields Recreation Center  
Get up and get outside for an invigorating workout including fitness instruction, motivational training, and energizing activities. Contact Fields Recreation Center for more information at 972-205-3090 or frc@garlandtx.gov.



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						2 K3 Sisters Band at the Plaza Theatre "The Nutcracker" at the Arts Center Garland Civic Theatre Presents "Hairspray" at the Arts Center	3 Tree Decorating at Spring Creek Forest Preserve
	4 "Hairspray" at the Arts Center "The Nutcracker" at the Arts Center	5 City Council Work Session	6 City Council Meeting	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Prayer Breakfast at The Atrium The Page Turners at the Library GUSD Faculty ART SHOW December 8 - 20 Granville Arts Center	9 Epiphany Dance Arts at the Plaza Theatre GCT Presents "Hairspray" at the Arts Center	10 Christmas in Mexico at the Arts Center Pancakes with Santa
	11	12 City Council Work Session Plan Commission	13 The Rankin Brothers at the Arts Center City Council Meeting District 7 & 8 Update	14	15	16 Vehicle Auction City Impound Lot GSO Concert at the Arts Center	17 Breakfast with Santa at the Branding Iron Senior Social Hour @ the Library
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