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## Next Phase of Downtown Garland Redevelopment to Kick Off in April



Conceptual drawing of Walnut Pedestrian Corridor.



Conceptual drawing of Fifth Street at Austin Street.

Garland City Council has approved plans to begin the next phase of the redevelopment of Downtown Garland in an effort to attract more people and businesses to the area, and improve the quality of life for residents. Construction will kick off in April with infrastructure enhancements to utilities, streets and greenspace at State and Austin streets. In addition, the Landmark Museum (the former Santa Fe depot) and railcar will be relocated to the Walnut Pedestrian Corridor to better showcase both structures. The Landmark Museum will remain closed during the relocation process, which is scheduled to take place from mid-April to August.

### Walnut Pedestrian Corridor

The Walnut Pedestrian Corridor will be developed south of Walnut Street between Glenbrook and Fifth streets along the DART rail line. Landscape improvements will create linkages between recent projects including Richland College, Oaks Fifth Street Crossing, the DART rail station and the Granville Arts Center. A formal name for the corridor will be selected by the Landmark Society and the Cultural Arts Commission that will reflect the important role rail operations has played in Garland's past and current economic development.

### Additional Project Plans

The next phase of mixed-use development for Downtown

Garland, through a partnership with Oaks Properties, will take advantage of transit-oriented development opportunities along Garland's DART rail station. The project will add 158 apartment units next to City Hall in addition to the existing units built in 2008 at Oaks Fifth Street Crossing. The City will provide the site ready for development, and will construct a parking structure with a minimum of 330 spaces to serve the public, residential tenants, and those accessing City Hall.

### City Hall Updates

City Hall renovations also are included in the plans and will consist of reskinning the facility's facade, updating City Hall to current building code and safety requirements, and expanding production facilities for CGTV—Garland's government access channel.

Other enhancements to the area will include updates to streetscape and utility infrastructure, additional pocket parks/open spaces for residents to enjoy, and upgraded parking lot lighting at the Central Library.

Visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) and go to "Programs and Initiatives" then "Downtown Redevelopment" for upcoming details including project schedules, road closures, and new and temporary parking locations. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

## City Elections Set for May 11



Garland voters will elect a new Mayor and two new City Council representatives on May 11. The Mayor's seat, as well as Districts 3 and 7 positions are vacant due to term limits. The Garland City Charter limits City Council members to three consecutive two-year terms.

District 6 incumbent Lori Barnett Dodson is unopposed and will serve her second term. District 8 incumbent Jim Cahill also is unopposed and will begin his second term following the election. Candidates for the remaining vacancies are as follows (in ballot order):

- **Mayor:** Larry Jeffus, Douglas Athas, Delores Elder-Jones, Harry J. Hickey
- **District 3:** Charles C. Egan, Stephen W. Stanley
- **District 7:** Scott LeMay, Manju Shrivastava, John Kirby

### Early Voting

Early voting will be held April 29-May 7. **Garland City Hall will not be an early voting location this year** due to construction projects in the immediate area. The Garland early voting location will be Richland College

Garland Campus located at 675 W. Walnut St., at the following times and dates:

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29-May 4
- 1 to 6 p.m. May 5
- 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 6-7

The last day to register to vote in the May 11 election is April 11. Visit [DallasCountyVotes.org](http://DallasCountyVotes.org) for a list of election day polling locations or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404.

### City Council Candidate Forum

Eastfield College will host a forum for candidates running for Garland City Council at 7 p.m. April 4 at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St. Only candidates in contested races will participate in the forum. It will be broadcast live on CGTV, the City's government access cable channel. CGTV is available on Time Warner Cable channel 16, on Verizon FIOS TV channel 44 and is streamed live at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

Residents may submit questions to be asked during the forum. Questions must be received by March 29 by email to [scook@dccd.edu](mailto:scook@dccd.edu) or by fax to 972-860-8324. Include "Garland City Council Forum" in the subject line. Eastfield College personnel will evaluate the validity of the submitted questions and have the option of combining similar questions or eliminating questions that are inappropriate in nature (such as personal attacks on individuals or questions that are vulgar in nature).

## The City of Garland is Now on Facebook



Like the City of Garland on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the latest and greatest! The City is available through the following social media sites:

### Facebook

- City of Garland, Texas Government
- GarlandParks
- GarlandYouthCouncil

### Twitter

- @GarlandTxGov
- @GarlandLibrary

### YouTube

- GarlandTxGov

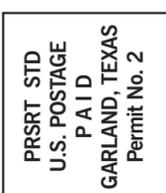
## Drive Alive Dash to be Held April 6

To encourage safe driving among teens, the Garland Youth Council will host the Drive Alive Dash from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 at Firewheel Town Center, 245 Cedar Sage Drive. The theme for the two-mile fun run awareness event is "Life is a Highway, Drive it the Right Way." Teens and their families are invited to participate in the fun run, which will start in the park area.

Online registration is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students under the age of 18. Go to [GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org) to register. The first 200 registrants will receive a free event T-shirt. On-site registration also will be available at the full price of \$15 for all ages. The first 200 people to finish the fun run will receive a free gift bag filled with special offers and discounts from Firewheel Town Center merchants, as well as other giveaways.

After the run, join the Garland Youth Council and "Teens in the Driver Seat" teams from various Garland area high schools to learn more about safe driving for teens. Parents and teens also can take a pledge not to text and drive, and record a video message urging others to take the same pledge.

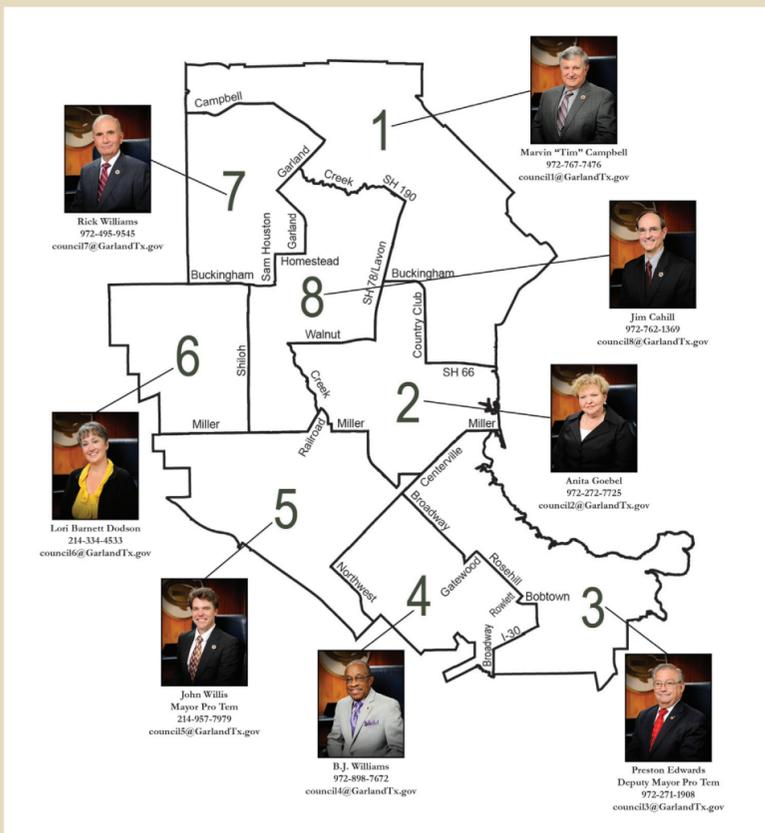
For more information, visit [GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org) or call 972-205-2879. The Drive Alive Dash is sponsored by State Farm Insurance agent Dee Dee Bates and Desi Driving School with special support from the Garland Emergency Corp. The event is also sponsored by Firewheel Town Center.



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## City Council District Map



### City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 200 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast live online and on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week at 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable) or Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS).

## Message from the Mayor



Mayor Ronald E. Jones  
972-205-2400  
[mayor@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:mayor@GarlandTx.gov)

Reflecting on the past six years is bittersweet for me. As my Mayoral term is nearing its end, I am truly grateful for the support I have received while serving this great city of Garland. I have made unforgettable memories, built relationships, and worked endlessly to improve Garland to the best of my ability. Here are some of my proudest accomplishments.

Mayor Bob Day initiated a vision for the redevelopment of Downtown Garland, while I was serving as assistant city manager. The Council and I were able to carry through Phase I of that initiative. As opportunities were presented, the Council and I proceeded with plans for Downtown Redevelopment Phase II. This project is now under way with the addition of 158 apartment units, a new parking structure, and a new façade for City Hall.

When I became Mayor, one of my top priorities was to have an open and transparent government. I introduced the Mayor's Evening In/Out program, which has been a great success. My monthly newsletter kept everyone up-to-date. Connecting with businesses in Garland also was a priority. I set an ambitious goal to visit the top 100 companies in Garland, which I successfully did, and was welcomed back to many for a deeper look. Thank you to all the companies for opening your doors to me!

The City successfully managed through the worst of the recession with no tax increases during the past six years. The unemployment rate has dropped and more than 7,000 new jobs have been added. We had \$93 million in new/retained tax value last year and created/retained 862 jobs, with four major company expansions and eight new businesses. I'm proud of the new City brand we established. "Texas Made Here" speaks to the many things that are produced in Garland, as well as the excellent quality of life assets our community enjoys.

I have been honored to serve as Mayor of Garland for the past six years. I will be forever grateful for the friendships, partnerships and experiences I have been fortunate to be part of. I look forward to being active in the city of Garland and plan to support in any way I can. Garland will always be my home. As always, I am at your service.

**Mayor's Evening In**  
5 to 7 p.m.  
April 24  
Mayor's Office, City Hall  
200 N. Fifth St.  
*To reserve a time, call 972-205-2471 or email [edattomo@garlandtx.gov](mailto:edattomo@garlandtx.gov).*

## Garland Business Profile: Raviani Handbags



Garland Business Profile is based on visits by Mayor Ronald E. Jones to the top 100 businesses in Garland.

Raviani Handbags was founded in 1990 and is a family run business in Garland. Mr. Raviani is the owner and designer of the handcrafted collection of leather goods. He started the business in his early 20s and continues to create beautiful handbags that customers from around the world purchase. His collections have been in Dillard's, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and many other boutique retailers around the country.

The company was started in Richardson and relocated to Garland in 2001 as part of the company's expansion. In addition to leather handbags Raviani Handbags also offers fine accessories including women's small leather goods, travel accessories and footwear.

Committed to providing the highest standards of materials and workmanship, Raviani Handbags is known for its unique and creative designs. The company provides exceptional work while remaining true to the principles of good quality, integrity and excellent customer service. An advantage for Raviani Handbags to remain in Garland is its diverse business community and close proximity to the DFW region.

Raviani Handbags is located at 2701 National Drive. For more information on Raviani Handbags, visit [Raviani.com](http://Raviani.com).



April 18 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Curtis Culwell Center  
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

Community members looking to do business with local vendors, find services to better meet their needs, or learn more about what Garland has to offer will find a wealth of information and resources at the Garland Chamber's 4th Annual Business Expo. The Expo is open to the public and will allow attendees to meet face to face with representatives from some of the top companies in the Garland area.

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

## Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau Relocates to New Office

The Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau and Community Relations Department have relocated to 211 N. Fifth Street, across the street from City Hall. Previously located on the third floor of City Hall, the new location on the street level provides increased visibility and accessibility for Garland visitors and residents.

The Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau, funded through hotel occupancy tax, is responsible for destination marketing. Convention & Visitors programs include marketing, advertising and visitor services. Upcoming projects include promoting Garland at the Society of

Government Meeting Planners, DFW Association Day, and DFW Marketplace.

The Community Relations Department produces the Christmas on the Square event held annually in Downtown Garland and assists nonprofit organizations with planning events in the city. The department also is responsible for graphic design and print services support for City departments.

For more information about the Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau, upcoming events, area restaurants

and accommodations, go to [VisitGarlandTx.com](http://VisitGarlandTx.com) or call 972-205-2749.



## District 4 Community Town Hall Meeting

Council Member B.J. Williams will host the District 4 Community Town Hall Meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 30 at Audubon Recreation Center (Room 102), 342 W. Oates Road. The meeting topic will be fire services and safety.



## Teens Wanted to Serve on Garland Youth Council: Applications Available for 2013-14

The Garland City Council invites young people to apply to serve on the 2013-14 Garland Youth Council (GYC). The Youth Council's mission is to provide a forum that educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business, and allows youth to voice ideas and concerns.

Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2013-14 school year are eligible to apply. Each applicant should submit a completed GYC application and two letters of reference by May 17 to Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs director, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040.

Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, with committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except during the summer). The GYC meets at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. The Mayor and each of Garland's eight City Council members will select two applicants to serve a one-year term.

Applications and meeting agendas are available at Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., in the Public & Media Affairs Department and at [GarlandYouthCouncil.org](http://GarlandYouthCouncil.org). For more information, contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or [dwhite@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:dwhite@GarlandTx.gov).

## CGTV Listings

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.  
April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21
- 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.  
April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20
- Rebroadcast following the 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.

### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m.,  
April 8 and 22, May 13
- Rebroadcast following the meeting  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday –  
9 a.m.



### Billboard

- Daily schedule posted at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov)

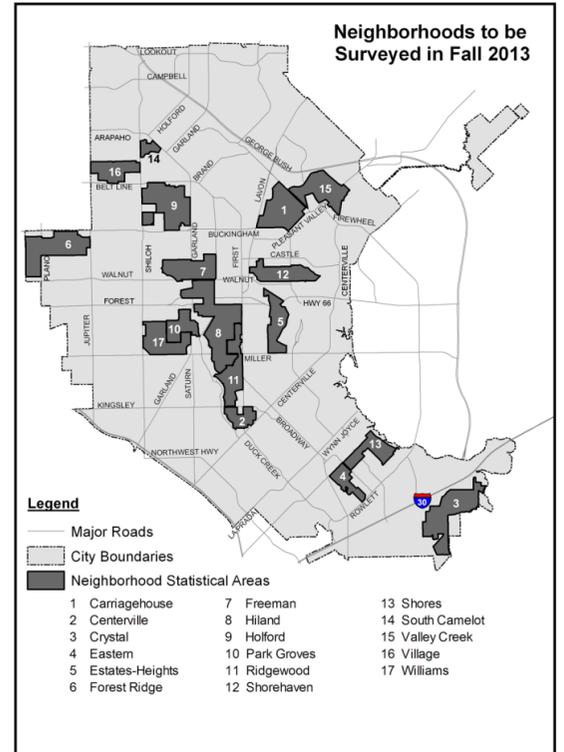
Meeting dates and times subject to change.

## Resident Survey to Help City Identify, Meet Garland Neighborhood Needs

As part of the Neighborhood Benchmarking Program, the City of Garland is in the early planning stages for the Resident Opinion Survey, which will be conducted in 17 neighborhoods this fall. Surveys will be mailed to a random selection of residents within these neighborhoods. Participation is essential to help the City identify and meet neighborhood needs. It also enables local officials to understand the dynamics of each neighborhood and assist in connecting neighborhoods with resources necessary to address their needs.

The map featured at right illustrates the neighborhoods that will be surveyed this fall. Some neighborhoods and subdivision phases where home construction has recently been completed in the past five years also may be included in this year's survey.

For neighborhoods that are included in this year's survey area, neighborhood associations and homeowners associations will have the opportunity to participate in the survey and engage more residents in their area. In July, the City will contact neighborhood association and homeowner association presidents that are registered with the City of Garland prior to June 14, 2013, with additional details about the survey. Associations will have the opportunity to include an additional page of questions they would like to ask residents in their neighborhood. Including additional questions enables associations to identify neighborhood issues and goals, as well as assist in the development of short- and long-term programs for the neighborhood.



If your association is not currently registered, you may register at [GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org) or contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-2108 or [neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov). For more information about the Resident Opinion Survey, call the Organizational Development Department at 972-205-2511.

## City Leaders Made Here: Volunteers Wanted to Serve on Garland Boards, Commissions

Residents who would like to become actively involved in local government may apply to serve on one of Garland's many advisory boards and commissions. Board members assist City Council in carrying out the many functions of city government and help maintain interaction with residents. Members are selected in August to serve two-year terms by the City Council.

All members must file a Code of Ethics Disclosure form with the City Secretary. Those selected will be notified by mail after their appointment. All applications are kept on file for one year. Applications must be completed and hand delivered or mailed by July 1 to the City Secretary's Office, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040. For more information, call the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2403 or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

## Juvenile Curfew Reminder

The Garland Police Department would like to remind parents and teens of the City's Juvenile Curfew Ordinance (26.10). The ordinance sets curfew hours for persons who are 16 years of age or younger. Times are as follows:

- 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday-Thursday
- 12:01 to 6 a.m., Friday and Saturday

## How Do I...

### Report fraud, waste and abuse?

Anonymously report fraud, waste and abuse of City resources 24 hours a day at 972-205-2739.

### Bid on an impounded vehicle?

Auctions for Police impounded vehicles are scheduled for the third Friday of each month at the City Impound Lot, 1630 Commerce St. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. and auctions begin at 9:30 a.m. Auctions may be cancelled without notice. For more information, call 972-205-2415, email [joepippinauctioneers.com](mailto:joepippinauctioneers.com) or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

### Bid for City business as a Minority- and Women-Owned Business?

The goal of Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program is to include minority- and women-owned suppliers to be considered for and awarded City business. For details, call the Purchasing Department at 972-205-2415, email [purchasing@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:purchasing@GarlandTx.gov) or visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

## Streetlight Repairs



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

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

Be sure to provide the following details:

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



### Boards and Commissions Application

Please print or type

Return completed application to: City Secretary's Office, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND RESUME**

Board or Commission of first, second and third choice:

<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment	<input type="checkbox"/> Garland Cultural Arts Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission *
<input type="checkbox"/> Building & Fire Codes Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Garland Youth Council ( <i>special application required</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing & Mechanical Codes Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizens Environmental & Neighborhood Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Standards Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Multicultural Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Library Board	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Board	

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ Business address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Garland resident for \_\_\_\_\_ years. Texas resident for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Are you a registered voter in Dallas County? Yes  No

Voter registration number \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct number: \_\_\_\_\_ City Council District number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes  No

Have you event been convicted of a Class A misdemeanor? Yes  No

Please list any experience that qualifies you to serve in the areas you have indicated.

If you have served on a Garland board or commission, please specify and list dates of service.

List civic or community endeavors with which you have been involved.

What is your educational experience?

What is your occupational experience?

\* Plan Commission members must own property within the city.

I hereby affirm that all statements herein are true and correct. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Ad valorem tax status	Current <input type="checkbox"/> Past due <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Signatures
Status of utility accounts	Current <input type="checkbox"/> Past due <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Tax Clerk
Suit/claim filed in City Secretary's Office	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Accounting Clerk
Date appointed _____		_____	City Secretary
Appointed by _____			
Date notified _____			
Date disclosure form filed _____			

## City Works with Garland Neighborhood on Revitalization Efforts



Residents provide input to help develop the Fifth & Cedar Neighborhood Plan.

As part of the City's initiative to revitalize neighborhoods throughout Garland, City staff worked with residents in the Fifth & Cedar neighborhood to outline a plan to address key issues in the area. Recommendations from the Fifth & Cedar Neighborhood Plan identify activities both the City and residents can engage in to improve upon issues such as street conditions, stray animals, criminal activity, and aging commercial areas.

Highlights include an incentive program for increasing private lighting, rebuilding several streets, and marketing pet education materials to decrease stray animals in the neighborhood. A City Action Plan also was created that lays out activities expected in the immediate future. A similar action plan is being developed by neighborhood residents to direct their activities.

Neighborhood planning plays an important role in bringing residents together to proactively address the issues that face their neighborhood. Envision Garland, the city's Comprehensive Plan, supports neighborhood planning and other activities that engage residents and enhance neighborhood health.

For more information about the Fifth & Cedar Neighborhood Plan, contact Senior Neighborhood Planner Roger Sexton at 972-205-2119 or [rsexton@garlandtx.gov](mailto:rsexton@garlandtx.gov).

## Garland Neighborhood Management Academy Classes to be Offered

Garland Neighborhood Management Academy (GNMA) is an education and training program that equips community partners with information to sustain vital neighborhoods in Garland. GNMA courses follow three education tracks: Citizen Engagement, Leadership Development, and Neighborhood Management. Classes are open to all Garland residents, businesses and community organizations.

### Upcoming Classes

#### Financing a Remodeling Project – April 23

Have great ideas for a home improvement project but limited resources? Participants will learn important do-it-yourself tips, as well as advice on how to prepare and apply for home improvement loans at your local financial institution.

#### Community Engagement – May 14

This course addresses the challenges involved with

engaging other residents beyond a monthly neighborhood meeting. How do you bring people together to accomplish a shared vision and act in the best interest of the neighborhood? It is easy for people to talk about what should happen, but translating talk into action can be challenging. Participants will discover strategies for community-building and engaging neighbors.

#### Grassroots Leadership Series – Coming this Fall

Learn about:

- How to become a 21st century leader
- Leadership assessment and discovery
- Organization evaluation and capacity planning
- How to make a difference: vision, resources, action

To register, call 972-205-2108 or email [GNMAclass@garlandtx.gov](mailto:GNMAclass@garlandtx.gov).

## City to Sponsor Summer Nutrition Program

To promote children's health and nutrition, the City of Garland will offer the Children's Summer Nutrition Program free to Garland residents 18 years and younger. Nutritious meals will be served five days a week from June 10-Aug. 9 (excluding July 4) at Garland parks, recreation centers and community churches. No enrollment or registration is required. A list of this year's meal service sites and times will be available in the June issue of the *Garland City Press*.



The program will emphasize the 3E's for optimal health and nutrition: Education, Exercise and Eating Right. The City of Garland will sponsor the Children's Summer Nutrition Program in partnership with City departments and area organizations. Call 972-205-3335.

## Fight the Bite: Defense Against Mosquitoes

Drain standing water around the house weekly; it's where mosquitoes lay eggs. This includes: tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, toys and puddles.

**DUSK & DAWN** are when mosquitoes that carry the virus are the most active, so limit outdoor activities or take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

**DEET** is an effective ingredient to look for in insect repellents. Always follow label instructions carefully.

**DRESS** in long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk or in areas where mosquitoes are active.

West Nile Virus disease is rare, but if you have symptoms including high fever, severe headache and stiff neck, contact your health care provider immediately.

To report standing water issues, stagnant swimming pools, high mosquito activity, or dead birds, call the Garland Health Department Mosquito Hotline at (972) 205-3720.

## Animal Services News

Garland Animal Services has received a grant from PetSmart Charities for \$82,000 to provide free sterilizations for dogs owned by residents that live in the 75041 zip code. The City contracted with the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection to provide sterilization services at the Pawsibilities offsite adoption center located at 3136 S. Shiloh Road. Low-cost sterilizations also are available for residents who live outside of the targeted area. Visit [GarlandPawsibilities.org](http://GarlandPawsibilities.org) for more information on how to take advantage of these free or low-cost services.

### Prep Pets for Summer

Be sure to check on your animal's accommodations to prepare them for hot weather this summer. Outdoor animals must have access to water and shelter. Make sure your animal has a shady spot to rest in during the heat of the day. Perform a detailed inspection of your fence to make sure it is escape-proof, and also make sure your animal is currently registered with Garland Animal Services. Registration is a lost pet's ticket home. For more information, visit [GarlandAnimalServices.org](http://GarlandAnimalServices.org).

### Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special

## Sign Up for Automatic Bank Draft

The Automatic Bank Draft program saves you time by doing the work of paying your monthly City of Garland Utility bill for you—leaving you time to do more important things with family and friends.

With Automatic Bank Draft, your bank or savings account is drafted for the amount of your monthly utility bill. You will continue to receive your bill each month, and the date the funds will be withdrawn is noted on the bill. Automatic Bank Draft is free, and you can elect to discontinue the program at any time.\* Enrollment is quick and easy.

**Step 1** – Use the form included with the April utility bill, or print out the online form at [GarlandPower-Light.org/paymentdraft.html](http://GarlandPower-Light.org/paymentdraft.html).

**Step 2** – Complete the enrollment form and return it and a voided check to the address on the form.

*\*Check if your financial institution will charge any related fees. Your Garland utility account needs to have a zero balance, and you will need a checking or savings account to participate in the Automatic Bank Draft program.*

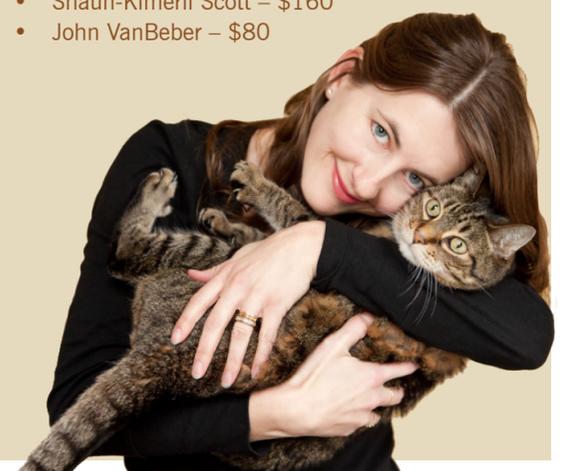
## Check Out GP&L's EnergySaver Program

With summer approaching, now is the time to make your home more energy efficient. GP&L customers can use the EnergySaver Program to make many of these improvements more affordable.

The EnergySaver Program provides utility bill credits for qualifying upgrades on central air conditioning units and heat pumps, window unit air conditioning, and home weatherization improvements. Weatherization upgrades include adding ceiling insulation, installing Energy Star® windows or doors, covering windows with solar screens or film, and replacing ductwork.

"By making energy efficiency improvements to their homes, our customers can decrease energy use and save on their electric bills," said GP&L Commercial Account Administrator David Koliba. "I encourage our customers to make these types of improvements because the investment they make in energy efficiency can save them money for years to come."

The EnergySaver Program also provides bill credits for commercial lighting upgrades. Businesses can reduce power use by 30% or more with a retrofit to more energy efficient lighting technology. Learn more about the EnergySaver Program at [garlandpower-light.org/energysaver](http://garlandpower-light.org/energysaver) or call 972-205-2929.



## Environmental Waste News

### Red Bin Recycling Overflow

Clear or white plastic bags may be used for overflow recycling that will not fit in the red recycling bin(s). Place bags on top of or beside the red bin(s) on collection day. No black bags.

### Recycling Plastic Bottles with Plastic Lids

Residents may now leave the tops on plastic bottles that are recycled. New processing technology allows recovery of both the plastic bottles and lids.

### Proper Separation of Brush at the Curb

Spring tree trimming season is here, and residents are reminded to place shrub and tree trimmings in a separate, distinct pile from all other bulky waste left at the curb. The brush is collected separately and ground into mulch at the Wood Recycling Facility. Mulch is then available at no charge to Garland residents at the Drop-Off Recycling Center, 1426 Commerce St., or at the C.M. Hinton Landfill, 3175 Elm Grove Road, in Rowlett. Please bring a shovel to load the mulch.

### Commercial Trash Service

Need trash or recycling services for your business? Call EWS Commercial Sales Representative Page Nelson at 972-205-3742. EWS can meet your needs, big or small.

### Automated Single Stream Recycling Program (Phase II)

This summer, approximately 12,000 additional customers will receive 96-gallon blue carts for their recycling. EWS will announce the roll-out dates and areas that will receive the blue carts in the June/July issue of the *Garland City Press*.



## Save the Date: Healthy Living Expo



Sept. 21 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Curtis Culwell Center  
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.  
For exhibitor applications, visit  
[GarlandGoesGreen.org](http://GarlandGoesGreen.org)

Learn about the importance of personal and environmental health issues at the Healthy Living Expo. Updates will be available in future issues of the *Garland City Press* and at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

## Don't Brush Off Water Conservation

Did you know that the average bathroom sink faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute? You could easily save up to 8 gallons of water a day by simply turning off the tap while you brush your teeth in the morning and at night. This simple practice could save a family of four up to 11,680 gallons of water a year.

On average, a Garland household uses 8,000 gallons of water a month. This means if you turn off the tap while you brush your teeth, you could save enough water to cover the cost of one month's water use. That's like getting a month of "free" water.



## Earth Friendly Events for Garland Residents

### Trash Bash – April 13

It's time for Garland residents to roll up their sleeves and get down and dirty with Keep Garland Beautiful (KGB) from 8:30 to 11 a.m. April 13 for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off.

"Keep Garland Beautiful sponsors the annual spring citywide cleanup event to pick up litter on roadways, waterways, vacant lots, parks and neighborhoods," said Betty Roberts, president of the KGB Board of Directors. "We are looking for individuals, church and scouts groups, school and civic organizations, and homeowner teams to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual item collected and most litter collected by a group."

The registration form is available at [KeepGarlandBeautiful.org](http://KeepGarlandBeautiful.org). KGB will furnish trash bags, gloves and litter tongs for volunteers. The volunteer recognition picnic will begin at 11 a.m. at Granger Recreation Center Annex, 1310 W. Avenue F. Sponsors of the 2013 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off are Keep Garland Beautiful, Garland Environmental Waste Services, Garland Stormwater Management, and Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup.

### Electronics Recycling, Paper Shredding Event – April 20

Garland residents may bring old or surplus electronics, computer equipment and documents that need to be shredded to the collection event that will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Homer Johnson Stadium, 1029 E. Centerville Road.

Drop off computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, printer cartridges, scanners, radios, televisions, DVD players, VCRs, cell phones, land phones and other electronic equipment. Residents also may drop off eyeglasses for donation to the Lion's Club and all types of household batteries. Secure document shredding will be done onsite, and all shredded paper is recycled. A limit of four boxes per vehicle will be accepted for the shredding service.

Environmental Waste Services sponsors the annual electronics collection event to promote proper disposal of electronics, which contain metals, plastics and other materials which can be recovered and reused through safe collection and disposal. Volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic and help unload vehicles quickly and conveniently. Visit [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com) or call 972-205-3500 for more information.



## Recycle Right: Cut Contamination

It is important to recycle right. Recycling incorrectly or putting items in the wrong recycling container is a problem that impacts the quality of acceptable materials. Incorrect recycling also impacts the revenue stream that helps offset the costs of providing Garland's recycling service.

Putting non-recyclable materials in the recycling container contaminates the entire recycling stream. Recycling contamination means people are placing non-recyclables in their recycling containers such as baby diapers and household trash. These non-recyclables also include items contaminated by food, such as greasy pizza boxes, half-filled soda cans, light bulbs, and foam products such as meat trays, plates, cups, and food clamshells. The biggest contaminant faced by recycling centers is plastic shopping bags. Plastic bags can jam the sorting equipment and cause downtime at the processing facility.

Take plastic bags back to the store where you got them. Most stores have a recycling bin for the bags. When handled properly, plastic bags can be recycled and made into more plastic bags, but they are not a friendly item in the City's residential recycling program.

Garland's recycling commodity processor, along with Environmental Waste Services staff, perform a quarterly audit on the quality of recyclable materials. Garland's current contamination rate is 24%, which means almost one-fourth of the materials collected are not recyclable and lead to additional sorting time and resources. Additionally, the revenue paid to the City is decreased due to contamination.



Guidelines for recycling in Garland can be found at [GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com](http://GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com), or residents can call EWS Customer Service at 972-205-3500 with questions about acceptable materials for recycling.



### Help keep creeks and lakes clean by following these automobile procedures:

- Keep vehicles maintained to reduce leaks and emissions.
- Use absorbent products to clean up spills.
- Take used motor oil and filters to Garland's Recycling Center at 1426 Commerce St.
- Use commercial car washes.



## Do you DOO the right thing?

Please pick up waste in your yard and on walks.

Pet waste in the yard washes into the storm drains, which leads to area creeks and lakes. In addition to carrying harmful bacteria, it could result in reduced oxygen levels for aquatic life.

# Garland Symphony Orchestra



The sensuous rhythms and exotic melodies of Spain will highlight the 24th concert season of the Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO), which will run through May 10. Titled *Viva España*, the 2012-13 season will feature native Iberian composers such as Albéniz, Granados and Turina, as well as many composers from other nations.

### Upcoming Performances

- **April 19, 8 p.m.** – The GSO will present such pieces as Beethoven's *Leonora Overture No. 3* and Mozart's *Overture to Don Giovanni*. The performance will feature violinist, Stirling Trent performing Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*. The orchestra will be led by guest conductor, Maestro Jesús Medina.
- **May 10, 8 p.m.** – Join the GSO for a spectacular season finale! The GSO will feature Bizet's *Carmen Suite No. 2* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espanol*. Pianist Konstantine Valianatos will perform Liszt's *Rhapsodie Espagnole*. The orchestra will be led by guest conductor Juan Carlos Lomónaco.

All performances will be held at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. For more information, visit [GarlandSymphony.org](http://GarlandSymphony.org) or call 972-926-0611.

## Performing Arts Shows and Events

### The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.

**Hope Clinic Prayer Breakfast • 7 a.m. May 1.** Hear updates of news from Hope Clinic, a faith-based medical clinic serving the underserved of Garland. For reservations, call 214-734-0266.

### Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

**Lights... Camera... Fashion... A Fabulous Experience • 7 p.m. April 12-13.** The South Garland High School Southern Belles will present this dance production. For tickets email [kluinn@garlandisd.net](mailto:kluinn@garlandisd.net).



**Epiphany Dance Arts • 7:30 p.m. April 27.** This elegant evening of performance dance will tell several stories full of struggle and longing, giddiness and hope, and beauty and truth. Call 972-379-9332 or visit [EpiphanyDanceArts.org](http://EpiphanyDanceArts.org).

**Patty Granville Awards • 7 p.m. April 30.** Awards for four categories of theatre: Musical, Drama, Comedy and Children's Show will be presented to GISD high school students. The event is free and open to the public.

**Things I am Thankful For • 2 p.m. May 11.** A piano, vocal and keyboard event. Free. Visit [TishYourWeaverOfDreams.com](http://TishYourWeaverOfDreams.com).



**Mexican Images • 7 p.m. May 18.** Behold this artistic production with traditional Mexican choreography by México 2000 Ballet Folklórico dance groups. Call 972-429-1082 or email [info@mexico2000.net](mailto:info@mexico2000.net).

### Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

**Indian Fine Arts Academy • 4 p.m. April 7.** The Indian Fine Arts Academy will present *Kunnakudi Balamurali Krishna*. Visit [ifaadfw.org](http://ifaadfw.org).

**Indian Fine Arts Academy • 4 pm April 14.** The

Indian Fine Arts Academy will present *Sangita Kalanidhi Trichur Ramachandran*. Visit [ifaadfw.org](http://ifaadfw.org).

**Texas Gospel Jamboree • 7:30 pm April 19.** Enjoy an evening of faith, family and inspirational Country Music. Visit [TheGarlandOpry.com](http://TheGarlandOpry.com) or call 214-923-5892 or 972-494-3835.

**Jazz Concert • 7:30 p.m. April 20.** See performances by Jazz and ballad artist Rachel Lyon, and Jazz saxophonist Hank Francis. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**Elvis Tribute Artist Kraig Parker • 7:30 p.m. April 26.** Come see Elvis performer Kraig Parker with special guests Ed Enoch and the Stamps Quartet. Call 817-243-2220 or visit [TheKingLives.com](http://TheKingLives.com) to purchase tickets.



**Tarangini • 5 to 7:30 p.m. April 27.** Enjoy an evening of dance with music by Kashish. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at <http://tinyurl.com/tarangini2013>. Call 817-514-0309.

**Young American Voters Foundation • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4.** Panel discussions will take place on Local Government and Education. Participants in the panel discussion include Garland City Mayor Ronald Jones, Garland City Councilmember B.J. Williams, State Advisor Edward Okpa, Dallas City Councilmember Jerry Allen, Dallas City Councilmember Vonceil Jones Hill, and Richardson City Councilmember Amir Omar. The event is open to the public and free to attend. For registration visit [YAVFoundation.com](http://YAVFoundation.com) or call 972-375-6862.



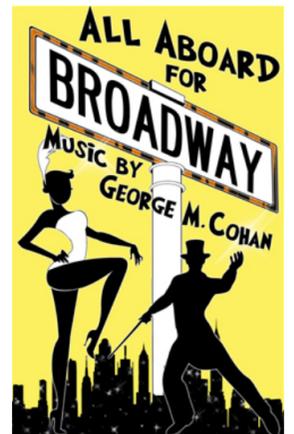
**The Samurai Maiden • 7:30 p.m. May 24.** Presented by the Heritage School of Classical Ballet and MillerMuller Ballet. Call 214-861-7221 or visit [mmballet.com](http://mmballet.com).

## Garland Civic Theatre

Join Garland Civic Theatre April 11-May 4 for the musical *All Aboard For Broadway*. In 1917, Producer Mr. Zweibach was putting on a Broadway show. On the way to the audition, Mary, a sweet ingénue, meets Harry, a tunesmith, and the sparks start to fly.

To escape loan sharks, Harry enlists in the war in Europe, leaving Mary behind to star in Zweibach's patriotic Broadway revue. The fireworks explode like the 4th of July in the All-American musical featuring some of the best songs of George M. Cohan including *You're a Grand Ol' Flag*, *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandee*, *Over There*, and *Give My Regards to Broadway*.

Performances on the first and second Thursdays are at 7:30 pm. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$27 with group rates available. To purchase tickets call the Granville Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.



**Granville arts center**

**The Atrium Banquet Hall**

**The Arts Center**

**Plaza Theatre**

**Rental Information 972-205-2780**

**Ticket Information 972-205-2790**

**300 N. Fifth Street - Garland, Texas**

Visit [GarlandArts.com](http://GarlandArts.com) to stay up-to-date on arts in Garland. Email Atrium and theatre rental inquiries to [Arts@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Arts@GarlandTx.gov).

## 2013 Garland Cultural Arts Commission Announces Visual Arts Award Winners

The Garland Cultural Arts Commission (GCAC) announces the winners of the 2013 GISD High School Art Competition. Cash awards were presented at a reception in March honoring the students who entered the competition. This year, approximately \$2,300 was given to first, second and third place high school senior winners. Judges for the art show were professional artists Shug Jones and Julie Dilling. Winners are as follows:

**Best of Show:** Lizbeth Lopez and Blake Salazar

### Drawing/Black and White

- 1st Place: Blake Salazar
- 2nd Place: Victoria Simmons
- 3rd Place: Nhat Nguyen
- Honorable Mention: Kristin Bural, Holly Kiefer, Quentin Salamino

### Drawing/Color

- 1st Place: Bibi Aragaw
- 2nd Place: Nick Bowker
- 3rd Place: Brittney Sybert
- Honorable Mention: Caitlin Gray, Haley Rodriguez, Heather Herrera

### Painting

- 1st Place: Lizbeth Lopez
- 2nd Place: Diana Cenicerros
- 3rd Place: Rebekkah Rice
- Honorable Mention: Victoria Simmons, Mireya Salazar



### Sculpture

- 1st Place: Maston Williams
- 2nd Place: Valerie Rodriguez
- 3rd Place: Shannon Johnson
- Honorable Mention: Ashley Amor

### Printmaking/Photography/Computer Art

- 1st Place: Monica Perez
- 2nd Place: Laura Davila
- 3rd Place: Mario Lopez

### Multi-Media

- 1st Place: Holly Kiefer
- 2nd Place: Harley Greer
- 3rd Place: Sherilyn Tirados
- Honorable Mention: Spencer Breedon

### Ceramics

- 1st Place: Ashley Amor
- 2nd Place: Natalie Vidales
- 3rd Place: Christie Ngo

## City Holiday Schedule: Memorial Day

**City Offices** (including Utility Customer Service) – Closed May 27

**Libraries** – Closed May 27

**Recreation Centers** – Closed May 27

**Senior Centers** – Closed May 27

**Swimming Pools** – Open May 27

**Environmental Waste Services** – Offices closed May 27; Regular Tuesday-Thursday garbage, recycling, and brush and bulky goods collection

**Recycling Center** – Closed May 27

**Transfer Station** – Closed May 27

**C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood Recycling Facility** – Closed May 27



## Lifeguards, Swim Instructors Wanted

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is hiring staff for the summer pool season! Guest services positions start at \$7.75 per hour, and lifeguards and swim instructors start at \$8.75 per hour. Lifeguard classes will be offered beginning April 22 and May 11. Apply online at [GarlandHR.com](http://GarlandHR.com) or call 972-205-2750 to sign up for a class.

## National Library Week is April 14-20

National Library Week is April 14-20—a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries and librarians to communities, schools and colleges nationwide. A public library is the heart of any community. Libraries offer free resources to help people find jobs and learn new skills. Libraries offer students access to many premium reference databases, online homework help, downloadable books, and a variety of print resources. Residents of all ages and backgrounds find a welcoming environment for enlightenment, entertainment, and life-long learning at their public library. Visit the four locations of the Nicholson Memorial Library System and speak with any librarian to see how the library can benefit you and your family.



## Library Programs and Events

### Children & Youth Programs

**Spring Storytimes Schedule** • Storytimes will be held through April 27 at the following library locations:

**Central Library, 625 Austin St.**

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

**North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.**

- Wee Read, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime, Fridays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Fridays, 11 a.m.

**South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.**

- Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
- Family Storytime, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive**

- Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.



**GISD Art Shows** • Through May 16, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. The South Garland Branch Library will host the annual Garland ISD Art Shows.

**Bookmark Design Contest** • April 15-27. Children in kindergarten-8th grade are encouraged to participate in a bookmark design contest—Draw Your Favorite Story @ the Library. Design templates and contest rules will be available beginning April 15 at the Children's Desks at all Garland public libraries. Designs must be submitted by April 27 and winners will be announced May 13. Bookmarks submitted must be original artwork and drawn in black ink. Call 972-205-2516 for details.

**Tween Scene** • Tween Scene is for ages 8-12 and consists of book discussions and activities related to fun and interesting themes. The program takes place twice a month at various library locations on Thursday afternoons and evenings. The theme for April is Humorous Books and Duct Tape Wallets. Activities are as follows:

- **April 4, 6:30 p.m.** – South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.
- **April 11, 4 p.m.** – North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

**Fancy Nancy and Your Favorite Super Hero** • 2 p.m. April 15, Central Library, 625 Austin St. Children ages 4-12 may participate in several activities related to Fancy Nancy or super heroes such as tiara and mask crafts, personalized bat symbol creation, a relay race, and a photo booth.

**Books and Beyond** • 2 p.m. April 20 and 3 p.m. May 18, Central Library, 625 Austin St. Free program for children ages 7-12 that consists of book discussions and activities related to monthly themes. In recognition of National Poetry Month, April's theme will be poetry. Mysteries will be the theme for May.

### Block Party in the Library

Children ages 4-12 test their building skills and stretch their imaginations. Each program challenges participants to use building blocks to create structures based on a theme within one hour. The program is free and will begin in May at the following times and locations:

- **May 21, 5 to 6 p.m.** – Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood
- **May 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** – Central Library, 625 Austin St.
- **May 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** – North Garland Branch Library, 3845 North Garland Ave.,
- **May 25, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** – South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.,

Children ages 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Supplies will be provided. Call 972-205-2516.

**Creative Kids Group** • 2 to 3 p.m. June 11-July 30, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. For children ages 7-12. Program will feature a different class each Tuesday where children will learn a new creative skill and then practice with hands-on activities. Registration is limited, and children may register for only two programs per month. Registration begins May 1. Call 972-205-3933.

### Adult Programs

**Senior Social Hour @ the Library** • 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. This free program series for senior citizens is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events are open to those 55 years of age or older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Donations of gently used items for the Friends of the Library book sale are accepted during the programs. Call 972-205-2502. Upcoming events include:

- **April 18** – Mike Hatfield, community relations officer with the Garland Police Department, will cover a variety of safety tips followed by a question and answer session.
- **May 23** – The Peanut Butter Jam Band consists of varying combinations of singers and banjo, bass, guitar and keyboard players. They will present the music of the Big Band era.

**Spring Card Craft Class** • 2 to 4 p.m. April 13, Central Library, 625 Austin St. Learn how to make greeting cards at this hands-on workshop. Class is limited to 15 participants and registration is required. Call 972-205-2501 or visit the Reference Desk at the Central Library.

**Book Discussion Group** • 7 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. Booklovers are invited to join Page Turners—the library's book discussion group—which meets the fourth Thursday of every month. Call 972-205-2502. Upcoming discussions include:

- **April 25** – *Only Time Will Tell* by Jeffery Archer
- **May 23** – *Before I Go to Sleep* by S.J. Watson

## Technology Programs @ the Library

The following workshops and computer classes are part of the library's Tech-Know How program series, which offers educational technology events each month.

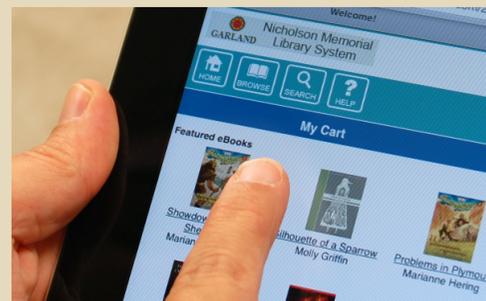
**App-titude: Maximizing Your Smartphone IQ** • 10 to 11:30 a.m. April 20, Central Library, 625 Austin St. What apps are out there, and what do they do? Library staff will answer these questions and introduce you to popular apps in a variety of categories. Bring a smartphone or tablet and begin downloading apps right away!

**Facebook 101** • 10 to 11:30 a.m. May 11, Central Library, 625 Austin St. This class will introduce participants to Facebook, explain the process of setting up an account and creating a profile, cover privacy settings, and demonstrate how to find friends. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-2501.

**I Plugged It In, Now What? Getting Started with Computers** • 7 p.m. April 4, Central Library, 625 Austin St.; 10 a.m. May 18 South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Develop basic computer skills such as using a mouse, opening and closing programs, and desktop navigation. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-2501.

**Up and Running: Getting on the Internet** • 7 p.m. April 18, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. Discover the ins and outs of getting online, identify website components and practice basic Internet searches. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-3931.

**Signed, Sealed and Delivered: An Intro to Email** • 7 p.m. May 9, Central Library, 625 Austin St. Learn the basic functions and uses of email, discover how to detect junk email, and sign up for an email account. Registration is required and begins two weeks before the class date. Call 972-205-2501.



## Senior Center Activities

**Delta Charlie's Dinner & Flight** - 3 to 7 p.m. April 15. Experience a 20-minute aerial tour of downtown Dallas from Executive Airport. Dinner and transportation are included. Cost is \$59.

**Best Little Courthouses in Texas: Wise & Montague County** - 8 a.m. April 26. Tour some of Texas' finest courthouses. Transportation and lunch are included. Cost is \$59.

**Beach Getaway** - May 13-17. Grab a beach towel and sunscreen for a beach vacation to Panama City, Fla. Cost is \$425 (double); airfare not included.

**Talk Tuesday** - Learn about various topics that are important to senior citizens. Call for upcoming dates and topics.

The Garland Senior Activity Center is located at 600 W. Avenue A. Call 972-205-2769.

## Firewheel Golf Park

Now is a great time to come out to Firewheel Golf Park! The courses are in great shape and new golf carts have arrived.

**Mother's Day Brunch at The Branding Iron**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | May 12  
For reservations, call 972-205-3958



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| <p><b>Buy one green fee and cart fee for The Old or Lakes Course get one free.</b></p> <p>Valid any time Monday-Thursday and after 2 p.m. Friday-Sunday.</p> <p>Limit one coupon per customer.</p> <p>Expires April 30, 2013.</p> | <p><b>One free large bucket of range balls.</b></p> <p>Valid at The Old &amp; Lakes Course or The Bridges Course.</p> <p>Limit one coupon per customer.</p> <p>Expires April 30, 2013.</p> | <p><b>One free appetizer at The Branding Iron Restaurant.</b></p> <p>Valid Tuesday-Sunday after 5 p.m.</p> <p>Limit one coupon per family.</p> <p>Expires April 30, 2013.</p> |
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## Recreation Center Programs and Events



**Collaborative Dance** • April 2-25, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m., ages 6-17, \$35 per child, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. Learn a new routine each week based off popular dance moves from pop culture and dance central. Call 972-205-3991 or email arc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Homeschool PE** • April 4-25, Thursdays, 2 to 3 p.m., ages 7-14, \$27 per child, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Learn basic skills of different sports and physical fitness activities. Call 972-205-2770 or email brc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Kickboxing** • April 4-25, Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., ages 9 and older, \$27 per person, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Demonstrations and exercise focus on essential aerobic kickboxing movement, techniques and conditioning. Call 972-205-3090 or email frc@GarlandTx.gov.

**LIFE Tae Kwon Do** • April 6-27, Saturdays, ages 5 and older, 9 to 11 a.m., \$20 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn jumps, kicks, and punches that sharpen body awareness, build confidence and improve control. Call 972-205-2771 or email grc@GarlandTx.gov.



**Point & Shoot Photography** • April 6-27, Saturdays, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., ages 18 and older, \$28 per person, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place.

Learn how to frame, compose, and shoot better photographs. Call 972-205-2772 or email hrc@GarlandTx.gov.

**Beginning Running** • April 16-May 23, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., ages 16 and older, \$32 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Instruction includes distance and interval exercises and plyometric training. Call 972-205-2721 or email hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

### Special Events

**Get out and PLAY Garland Photo Contest** • April 1-12. Shutterbugs of all ages can showcase their work for the community to enjoy. Photos must be taken within Garland city limits or by a Garland resident and may be up to 8"x10" in size. Submissions must be mounted on poster board with a one inch border; one picture per board. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each category and best in show. All entries must be submitted at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Winners will be announced April 19. Call 972-205-2771 or email grc@GarlandTx.gov.

Youth Division (18 and younger) \$3 per entry (up to four photos per category); Adult Division (19 and older) \$5 per entry (up to four photos per category). Categories: People/Children, Nature/Plants, Animals/Wildlife, Scenery including Cityscapes, Abstract/Composite, and Mobile Phone Pictures

**Cinco de Mayo** • Enjoy local Folklorico dance groups, live music, and tasty traditional treats. Call 972-205-2721 or email hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.



23<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**TASTE OF GARLAND**

7 to 10 p.m. | April 13  
Curtis Culwell Center  
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

Enjoy all-you-can eat cuisine provided by local restaurants, door prizes, and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Tables of 10 are available for \$200. Proceeds benefit Garland Crimestoppers. For tickets or more information, contact Joe Harn at 972-485-4868 or harn@GarlandTx.gov.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April		<b>1</b> City Council Work Session	<b>2</b> City Council Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> City Council Candidate Forum – City Hall	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Drive Alive Dash – Firewheel Town Center
	<b>7</b> Indian Fine Arts Academy – Plaza Theatre	<b>8</b> Plan Commission	<b>9</b> Garland Youth Council Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Lights... Camera... Fashion... A Fabulous Experience – Granville Arts Center	<b>13</b> Trash Bash Taste of Garland The Hell With My Family Chapter 2 Drama Continues – Plaza Theatre
	<b>14</b> Indian Fine Arts Academy – Plaza Theatre	<b>15</b> City Council Work Session	<b>16</b> City Council Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Senior Social Hour @ The Library Business Expo – Curtis Culwell Center	<b>19</b> Texas Gospel Jamboree – Plaza Theatre GSO Concert – Granville Arts Center	<b>20</b> Electronics Recycling, Paper Shredding Event Jazz Concert – Plaza Theatre
	All Aboard for Broadway – Granville Arts Center				All Aboard for Broadway – Granville Arts Center		
	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Earth Day Plan Commission	<b>23</b> Financing a Remodeling Project (GNMA)	<b>24</b> Mayor's Evening In – Mayor's Office	<b>25</b> Page Turners – Central Library	<b>26</b> Elvis Tribute Artist Kraig Parker – Plaza Theatre	<b>27</b> Epiphany Dance Arts – Granville Arts Center Tarangini – Plaza Theatre
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	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> First Day of Early Voting	<b>30</b> Patty Granville Awards – Granville Arts Center District 4 Town Hall Meeting – Audubon Recreation Center				
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	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> City Council Work Session	<b>7</b> City Council Meeting Last Day of Early Voting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> GSO Concert – Granville Arts Center	<b>11</b> Garland General Election Things I am Thankful For – Granville Arts Center
	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Plan Commission	<b>14</b> Community Engagement (GNMA) Garland Youth Council	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Mexican Images – Granville Arts Center
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> City Council Work Session	<b>21</b> City Council Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Senior Social Hour @ The Library Page Turners – Central Library	<b>24</b> The Samurai Maiden – Plaza Theatre	<b>25</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day – City Offices Closed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	