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# Message

## from the Mayor

Historically, this is an important year for our city. Garland was incorporated on April 18, 1891 so we have been celebrating our 125th birthday. This is also the 100th anniversary of the Bankhead Highway, the transcontinental highway that started at the White House and ran through Garland to San Diego. The route through Garland mainly followed Main Street and Garland Avenue south to Dallas. There is a historical marker on the downtown square recognizing the highway's importance to the growth of our community.

The City Council welcomed two new Council Members, David Gibbons in District 1 and Richard Aubin in District 5. Both will have big shoes to fill as we thank outgoing Council Members Tim Campbell and Billy Mack Williams for their service to the City Council and the City of Garland. Both have given their best and we will miss them. The Council met for our annual City Council Retreat to discuss our goals and objectives for the upcoming budget year. This will be another big year of growth and progress for Garland.

The summer months are officially upon us and it is one of the best times of year to see families out playing and exploring our city. Whether it is through our parks and recreation centers,

our bike and walking trails, shopping, or catching a performance at the Granville Arts Center, it's great to see residents and visitors enjoying our attractions. If you are looking for something fun for family and friends to do this summer, visit our new Convention and Visitors Bureau website at [www.visitgarlandtx.com](http://www.visitgarlandtx.com).

The City of Garland has been active, very active! We recently beat every other community in Texas by winning the "It's Time Texas Community Challenge" for large cities (population 100,001-300,000), with more points than even the largest cities. I am very proud of our city and community for accepting the challenge and excelling, and pushing each other to be healthier and more active.

One of the best things about being Mayor is connecting one-on-one with the community. I enjoy attending events and representing our great city, locally and across the country, but I like listening to the brags, ideas, needs, and expectations of our citizens. I continue to host Mayor's Evening In and invite you to come and share your ideas for Garland.

**Remember: Grow Community. Grow Opportunity. Grow Garland.**



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**Mayor's Evening In**  
**May 26** - 5 to 7 p.m.  
**June 23** - 5 to 7 p.m.  
Mayor's Office  
City Hall 200 N. 5th St.  
To reserve a time, contact  
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### City Council Meetings

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

### CGTV Listings

#### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. May 3 and 17, June 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. May 2 and 16, June 6 and 20
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

#### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

## City Celebrates Contributions of Retiring Leaders

The City of Garland is celebrating the contributions of two members of its senior leadership team who are retiring.

Senior Managing Director Neil Montgomery oversaw Planning and Community Development, Building Inspection, Neighborhood Services, the Garland Housing Agency and the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

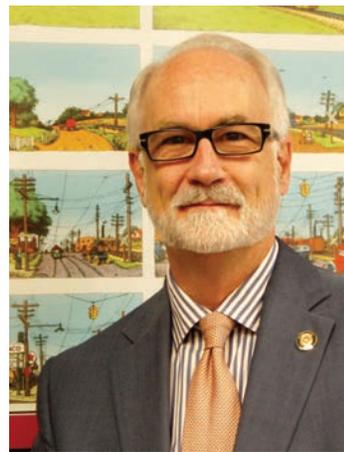
Neil came to Garland in 1988 as a Development Administrator. He was promoted to Director of Planning in 1992 and became Managing Director over Planning and Development in 1994. He was elevated to Senior Managing Director in 2012.

Neil's last day was Friday, April 1. Many of his past and present employees, other City staff, elected officials and family celebrated his 28 years of serving Garland at a reception on March 30.

David Schuler, Chief Financial Officer, has served the City of Garland since 1978, beginning as a management accountant. He was named Chief Financial Officer in 2015. David holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce), and he holds Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant designations. Prior to working for the City, David worked in public accounting in Texarkana for two years and for a manufacturing company in Dallas for two years.

David will retire as of May 13, 2016.

"These leaders have done great things for this organization and this city," said City Manager Bryan L. Bradford. "Each of them has contributed to Garland's growth. Their legacies will be platforms from which we will continue to build a great community for the future."



Neil Montgomery



David Schuler

## Stay Alert to Severe Weather Conditions

Springtime in Texas is usually the most active for severe weather. To best protect yourself and your family against dangerous weather conditions, you should make a habit of checking the weather forecast daily and familiarizing yourself with weather terminology. It will not only help you decide what clothing to wear, it could help save your life.

### Watches vs. Warnings

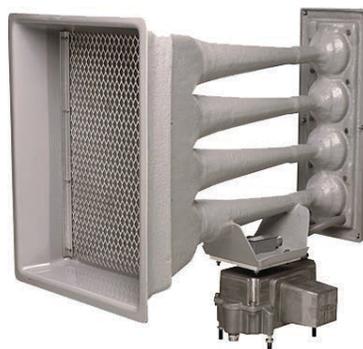
The National Weather Service (NWS) forecast office for Garland is located in Fort Worth. Its team of meteorologists are on hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week to monitor weather conditions. The NWS issues two basic types of weather alerts: watches and warnings.

- A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, or timing is still uncertain. The "watch" is essentially your initial alert from the NWS that things could get ugly in your area later. You should take these watches seriously and begin to prepare a plan of action for your family. You also should make sure that you stay alert to the weather conditions by checking local media outlets or ensuring that your NOAA All-Hazards weather radio is on and has backup power. Ensure that your family members all know about the potential for the weather to change.
- A warning is issued when a hazardous weather event is occurring or imminent. The "warning" means that weather has become so dangerous that it now poses a threat to life or property. You should take immediate action to protect yourself and others.

### Warning Methods

Before, during and after a disaster, it is critical that you listen for the most local, up-to-date information from emergency officials.

Garland residents and businesses have many ways to receive warnings, alerts and critical disaster information. The City of Garland uses a comprehensive approach to warning that uses as many of the available methods as possible to reach the greatest number of residents. Each warning system has unique capabilities and limitations, so it is crucial that you have several ways to receive the warnings.



## City Council Swearing-In

Council members representing Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 will be sworn in during the Garland City Council's Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. The meeting will be held in the Goldie Locke Room of the Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St.

David Gibbons is the new council member representing District 1. Anita Goebel, an incumbent, will enter her final term representing District 2. Mayor Pro Tem B. J. Williams, also an incumbent, will enter his final term as the representative for District 4. Richard Aubin will be the new council member representing District 5.



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### Ways to Stay Informed

- Stay aware of forecasted weather conditions.
- Ensure your NOAA All-Hazards weather radio is programmed and has backup batteries.
- Register your home phone, business phone and cell phone for CodeRED and Weather Warn alerts (subscribe at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov)).
- Listen to emergency radio stations.
- Follow us on Twitter (@[garlandtxgov](https://twitter.com/garlandtxgov)) or contact [Garland@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Garland@GarlandTx.gov).
- Join the Garland E-news mailing list (subscribe at [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov)).

Our comprehensive warning system can only be effective if you understand the benefits and limitations of the alerting methods available. No one warning method is perfect, and no one warning method can be guaranteed never to fail. By taking a systematic approach and getting information from more than one source, you are much more likely to receive the warning, even if there is a failure in one of the components.

**For more information on how to best prepare for a disaster, visit the City of Garland Office of Emergency Management webpage at [www.garlandtx.gov/gov/lq/safety/emergency](http://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/lq/safety/emergency).**

# How We GROW GARLAND

## *Downtown Garland Redevelopment Update*

Exterior walls and fresh landscaping are giving those who frequent Downtown Garland a glimpse of what is to come with Downtown Redevelopment plans.

New landscaping and streetscape features along Austin Street are now complete, while the extension of the front of City Hall is becoming more clearly defined. Many infrastructure updates for the building also are nearing completion, and the front elevator inside City Hall is now reopened to the third and fourth floors.

The apartment structures across the street from City Hall are expected to be completed during the summer and should be occupied after the first floor office complex is complete later this year. As exterior construction winds down, the portion of Fifth Street that runs in front of City Hall is expected to reopen when exterior construction winds down.

Meanwhile, the new plaza at the Granville Arts Center should be complete in mid-summer, allowing patrons to enter the facility from Austin Street.

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



## *What's Being Built There?*

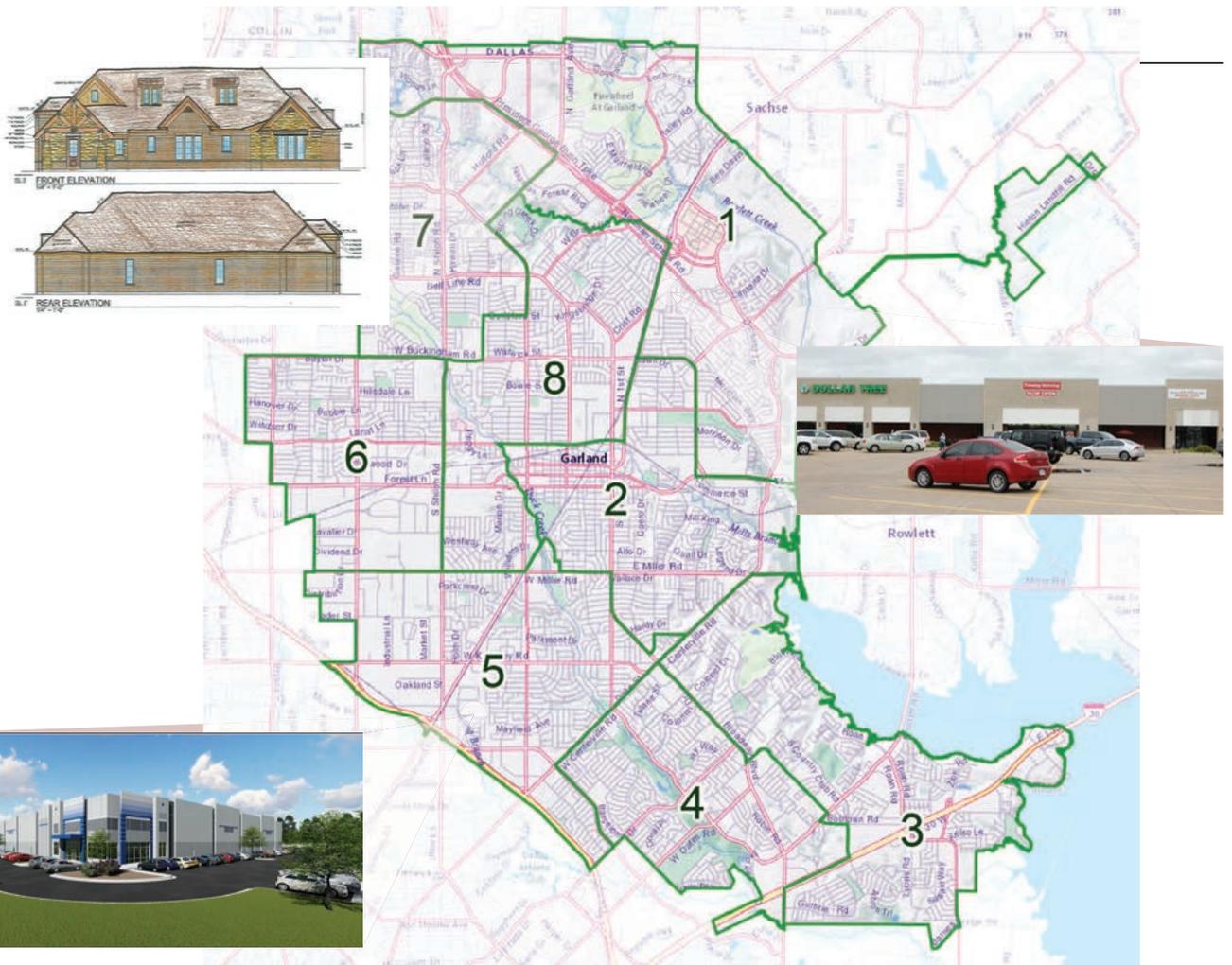
Garland is buzzing with new development these days, which often prompts people to ask “What’s being built there?” Here is a short list of a few projects getting underway in Garland:

Soon to be under construction is an approximately 496,000 square-foot office/warehouse building to be located near Leon Road and Towngate Drive.

Currently under construction is a new building for a hair salon to be located along the west side of Murphy Road at 1234 Thomasville Court.

Tuesday Morning and Dollar Tree are now open at the former Albertson’s location at 3046 Lavon Drive. The building will soon include an Urban Air Trampoline as well.

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





# Excellence Made Here!

## Governor's Community Achievement Award

The City of Garland has received second place for the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA), in the category of communities with a population above 180,000. Keep Garland Beautiful (KGB) submitted the document that highlighted the City's efforts and eventually earned the City's GCAA recognition.

Each year since 1986, KGB, in partnership with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has awarded the prestigious GCAA to 10 communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the state. These recognitions include a share of the \$2,000,000 provided by TxDOT to be used for landscaping along local right of ways. To be considered, a community's environmental program is judged on achievements in seven areas:

- Community leadership and coordination
- Public awareness
- Education
- Beautification and community improvement
- Litter prevention and cleanup
- Solid waste management
- Litter law and illegal dumping enforcement

## Special Recognition for Matt Hosek

The City of Garland offers training for its employees in a variety of areas, which can lead to professional development, promotions and sometimes an opportunity to save a life.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, a guest collapsed on the dance floor during a wedding reception at The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center. Having been trained in CPR/AED/First Aid by the City of Garland, Matt Hosek, Events Coordinator for The Atrium, knew exactly what to do. Matt immediately found the building's AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) and ran into the ballroom to render aid to the unconscious guest. An AED is located in each City facility and training is available to all City employees.

Utilizing his recent training, Matt looked for all the signs that the guest had stopped breathing and that the use of CPR and the AED would be needed; he and another guest then initiated CPR compressions. After confirming that someone had called 911, Matt deployed the AED and revived the guest.

The \$2,000,000 is divided among the 10 leading communities based on population, beginning with category one (population less than 3,000), receiving \$90,000, to category 10 (population greater than 180,000), receiving \$310,000. The GCAA places Garland among the highest achieving communities in the largest cities in Texas. Plano received first place for the GCAA, and Arlington was third.



Happily, the wedding party guest survived this traumatic occurrence. Had it not been for the immediate and decisive actions taken by Matt Hosek and the education he had received through the City's CPR/AED/First Aid training, this celebratory event could have ended tragically.

Mayor Douglas Athas and members of the Garland City Council conveyed a Special Recognition upon Matt at the April 5 Council meeting.



## Rene Dowl Receives Trailblazer Award

On April 16, Garland City Secretary Rene Dowl received the 2016 Trailblazer Award from the South Dallas Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.

"We have honored deserving individuals with distinguished awards such as the Trailblazer category that Rene Dowl is receiving for being the first African American to ever hold the position of city secretary for the City of Garland," said Gendolyn H. Daniels, first vice president of the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

Rene's career began with the City of Garland in an administrative role within Garland Power & Light (GP&L), where her ability to handle seemingly impossible tasks and difficult situations made her a standout. Her commitment beyond the workplace to such efforts as the City's United Way Campaign further demonstrated her optimistic, can-do character.

Her demonstrated ability to successfully tackle new challenges prompted the City Council to name her as City Secretary on Jan. 20, 2015. Within her first nine months in the position, Rene accomplished the needed training and certifications, a task that normally takes more than two years. She also enabled her department to reach milestones and goals that had previously seemed unachievable.

Garland City Manager Bryan Bradford said of Rene, "Occasionally, you are fortunate enough to encounter someone whose drive and determination, coupled with a deep desire to make a positive difference in this world, inspires you to be a better person yourself. Rene Dowl is just such a person and I am extremely blessed to not only know her but to be able to work beside her daily at the City of Garland."

The South Dallas Club promotes educational and developmental opportunities that allow women and youth in the Greater Dallas community to reach their full potential.



Left to right: Linda Griffin, GISD; John Baker, Assistant City Manager; Bryan Bradford, City Manager; Anita Geobel, District 2 City Council; Rene Dowl, City Secretary; Lori Barrett Dodson, District 6 City Council; Stephen Stanley, District 3 City Council; B.J. Williams, District 4 City Council

## Animal Services Rescues Tiny Horse

Garland Animal Services Lead Officer Jose Martinez recently commended Animal Services Officers Trent Miller and Brandon Williams for their response to a stray “pony” seen running at large in Garland:

“On Feb. 16, Garland Animal Services received a call about a stray pony running at large in the 3800 block of South Country Club Road. Officer Miller responded and located the animal in question. After 20 minutes of persistent and relentless pursuit, and with the assistance of Animal Services Officer Brandon Williams, the pony was apprehended and moved to safety. Officer Williams then kept the miniature horse, not a 'pony,' at bay until the Dallas Sheriff's Department arrived to impound the animal. Great job to officers Brandon Williams and Trent Miller for ensuring Garland Animal Services'



most important priorities: public safety and animal welfare. Job well done and phenomenal teamwork.

### *Did you know?*

The City of Garland's Code of Ordinances states...

- A yearly permit is required for miniature horses; miniature horses must be registered with the City.
- A miniature horse cannot be greater than 34 inches tall at the withers.
- No more than two miniature horses may be kept at one dwelling unit.
- Males must be neutered by the age of one year, per Article I Section 22.10 Miniature Livestock Regulations (D6) of the Garland City Ordinances.
- Miniature horses may not be kept closer than 30 feet from the nearest residential dwelling.
- Enclosures for miniature horses must be maintained in good condition and constructed to the standards required for small livestock.
- Miniature horses must be vaccinated annually. Both the Eastern and Western equine encephalitis virus, tetanus and rabies vaccinations are required.

**View the City's Animal Services Code of Ordinances at [GarlandAnimalServices.org](http://GarlandAnimalServices.org), and be sure to check out this month's PAWS Newsletter!**

## Pet Adoption Center

813 Main St., Garland, TX 75040

### Pet Adoption Center Volunteers

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

### Adoption Hours:

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

### Low-Cost Pet Sterilization and Vaccination Clinic

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

## It's Block Party Time!

Attention all neighborhood groups—It's block party season! Here are some important points to remember when planning a community block party:

- Before a permit will be issued, your Neighborhood Association Registration Form must have been updated with the Office of Neighborhood Vitality (ONV) within the past year.
- Secure a permit by submitting a special event application to the Building Inspection Department.
- Various City departments may be available to make a special appearance at your block party. Contact the ONV to make arrangements at least one month prior to the scheduled party.
- For tips and best practices, attend the upcoming GNMA class, “How to Host a Successful Block Party” from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Main Street Municipal Building, 800 Main St.

**The ONV offers various assistance to neighborhood groups. Email [Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov) or call 972-205-2445 for more information. To download a permit and registration forms, visit [GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org).**

## Neighborhood Vitality NEWS

**How to Host a Successful Block Party:** May 5 | 6 to 8 p.m. | MSMB Building, 800 Main St. Learn to party with a purpose by learning the best practices and event-planning basics. Your neighborhood group will have an opportunity to win a free bounce house rental for your next neighborhood block party.

**Home Maintenance 101:** June 11 | 9 to 11 a.m. | The Home Depot–Firewheel Home Maintenance is the key to preventing many costly home repairs. During this free workshop, learn from The Home Depot experts about roof maintenance, smartscaping, flooring and more.

**Neighborhood Leader Networking:** June 16 | 6 to 8 p.m. | Duckworth Building, 217 N. Fifth St. The ONV provides opportunities for Garland neighborhood leaders to network, exchange ideas and hear City updates at its quarterly Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet events.

**Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Program (NVMG)** Registered neighborhood groups, voluntary or mandatory, may apply for matching funds to complete enhancement or beautification projects on public property. A new requirement in this process is to submit a Letter of Intent two months prior to the application deadline. Letters of Intent for the fall application deadline are due July 1.

### Neighborhood Organizing Assistance

Organizing a neighborhood group is an effective way to engage your neighbors in community and city activities. If you are interested in forming a voluntary neighborhood group, or in revamping your current group, contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality.

**For more information or to register, visit [GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org) Office of Neighborhood Vitality | 972-205-2451 | [Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTx.gov)**

## Now Accepting Applications for Citizen Police Academy

The Garland Police Department is accepting applications for the fall 2016 Citizen Police Academy, scheduled to run Aug. 11-Nov. 3. The class meets weekly on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 1. During this free program, participants will learn about the many divisions within the Police Department, have an opportunity to drive a Garland police vehicle on a timed course, and shoot a department-issued Glock pistol. Additional highlights of the program include a ride-along with a Garland police officer, an observation of the 911 call center and an opportunity to visit the Garland jail.

To apply, contact Officer Mike Hatfield at [Hatfieldm@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:Hatfieldm@GarlandTx.gov) or visit [GarlandPolice.gov](http://GarlandPolice.gov) (community programs page) for an application.



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

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



## Fite the Bite!

### *Defend Yourself Against Mosquitoes*

The Garland Health Department is conducting weekly surveillance for mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus (WNV) and Zika Virus. West Nile Virus (WNV) is spread to humans through the bite of an infected Culex species mosquito. Common symptoms include high fever, severe headache, and stiff neck. Contact your health care provider immediately if you are concerned that you might have WNV. Zika Virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. Common symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis. If you have travelled to a country with active Zika transmission within the past 28 days, are exhibiting symptoms or are pregnant, contact your health care provider immediately.

### *Tips to Fite the Bite:*

- **DRAIN** standing water around the house; it's where mosquitoes lay eggs! This includes tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, toys and puddles.
- **DUSK & DAWN** are when mosquitoes are most active, so limit outdoor activities or take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.
- **DEET** all day, every day. Whenever you are outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved repellents and follow label instructions.
- **DRESS** in long, loose and light-colored clothing when outside.

# FIGHT THE BITE!



To report standing water issues, stagnant swimming pools, high mosquito activity or dead birds, call the Garland Health Department Mosquito Hotline 972-205-3720 or submit information through the Garland eAssist app.

## Summer Nutrition Program to Begin June 2016

The City of Garland's Summer Nutrition Program again will provide free summer meals at various locations throughout Garland. The program offers quality lunch meals which alternate between hot and cold entrees; select sites also will offer cold breakfasts. All meal sites are "open sites" and do not require registration to participate. Meals are free to children ages one through 18 years and must be consumed onsite. Participating locations include various City parks, recreation centers, churches, apartment complexes and other community centers. In addition to free meals, most sites also will offer enrichment programming designed to encourage reading, exercise and healthy living.

The 2016 Summer Nutrition Program will be offered for nine weeks from June 6 to August 5, 2016 (excluding July 4). A complete list of program sites, dates and times will be available mid-May on the City of Garland website, [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov).

For information on the Summer Nutrition Program, call 972-205-3335.



## Your Time is Valuable!

### *Pay Your Utility Bills "Automatically"*

For Garland utility customers, Automatic Bank Draft is a convenient way to pay your monthly bill. The program does the work of paying your utility bill for you—leaving you time to do more important things.

After enrolling, your bank or savings account is drafted for the amount of your bill each month. The date the funds will be withdrawn is noted on your statement. Automatic Bank Draft is free, and you may elect to discontinue the program at any time.\*



### *Enrollment is quick and easy:*

Step 1: Print out the online form at [www.gpltexas.org/paymentdraft.html](http://www.gpltexas.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.

## Garland Power & Light

### *Providing Value to Garland*

Garland Power & Light (GP&L), the City's municipally-owned utility, is a valuable asset to the Garland community, serving residents and businesses in Garland since 1923. GP&L provides reliable electric service with reliability scores that beat national averages. Ongoing line maintenance and proactive tree trimming practices minimize power outages; when outages do occur, local crews provide customers with the most immediate service.



A benefit for GP&L customers is the ability to speak in person with customer service representatives at the Downtown Garland customer service office and drive-thru payment center. GP&L customers also can depend on competitive electric rates. Additionally, a portion of GP&L's revenues are returned to the City's general fund for municipal services.

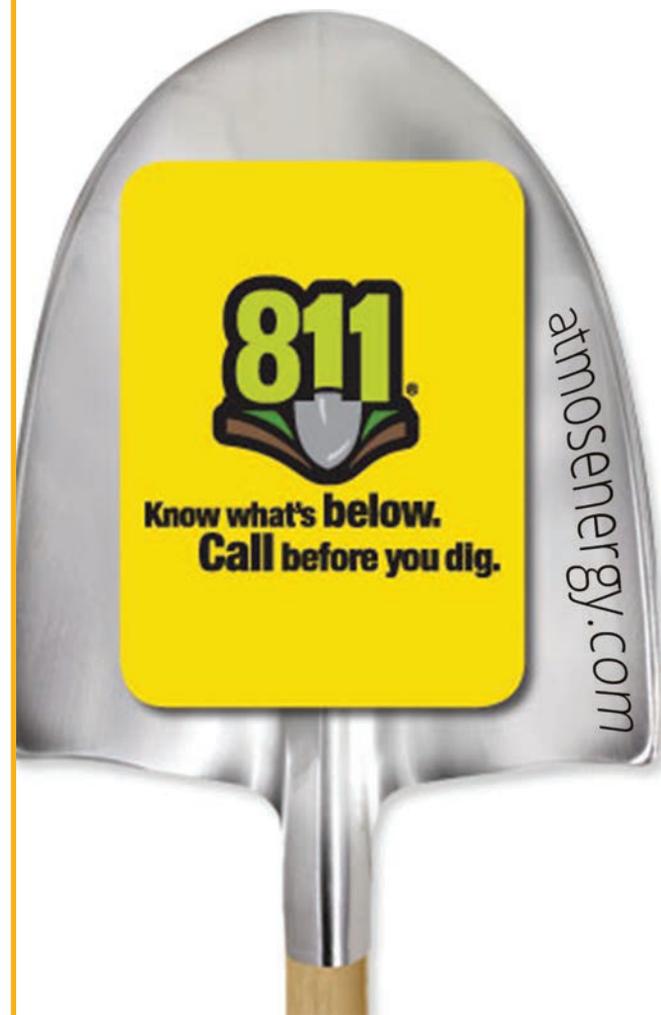
## Keep Cool, Save Money

### *with A/C Maintenance*

As the temperatures rise, most Texans will use an air conditioning (A/C) system to stay cool and comfortable while inside. A well-maintained A/C system will cool your home more efficiently, saving you money on utility bills. Late spring or early summer is a good time to schedule annual A/C maintenance with a licensed HVAC technician.

Other simple steps to keep central A/C systems running efficiently are cleaning or replacing filters every month, and using a garden hose to rinse off any dust or dirt built up on the outside condenser.

If you are considering upgrading to a high efficiency A/C system, GP&L's EnergySaver Program offers utility bill credits for qualifying central and window A/C units. To view complete program requirements and print applications, visit [gpltexas.org/energysaver.html](http://gpltexas.org/energysaver.html). For questions, email [energyadvisor@gpltexas.org](mailto:energyadvisor@gpltexas.org) or call 972-205-2929.



# #GarlandStrong:

## Tornado Recovery Update

It's been more than four months since a devastating tornado hit south Garland, damaging more than 1,100 structures and destroying more than 120 homes.

For some families and businesses, rebuilding is well underway. For others, the process has barely begun as they work their way through the insurance and assistance processes. Though FEMA denied disaster assistance to individual property owners, area nonprofits, businesses and community members have stepped up to offer financial support and volunteer manpower.

Through the #GarlandStrong fundraising campaign, everyone from individuals to major corporations have given generously to a fund set up specifically to assist Garland residents with unmet financial needs. Atmos Energy kicked off the fundraising drive with a spectacular \$50,000 donation. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas presented a \$20,000 check in late April. Contributions of any amount can be made online at [GarlandStrong.com](http://GarlandStrong.com). For more information, visit the City's website (click on the Tornado Information link), email [GarlandStrong@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:GarlandStrong@GarlandTx.gov), or call 972-205-2879.

"The City of Garland is committed to rebuilding and restoring these neighborhoods and working with the

community to help residents recover," said Garland City Manager Bryan L. Bradford.

Also, look for a #GarlandStrong booth at several upcoming events in Garland including the monthly Marketplace scheduled for the third Saturday of each month on the Downtown Square.

#GarlandStrong funds will be dispersed to help cover assistance gaps based on recommendations from case managers after insurance and other assistance has been applied. A committee of Garland-area nonprofit leaders will assess the recommendations and the available funding to determine how the funds are distributed. The #GarlandStrong campaign will get a boost from WFAA. Channel 8 will broadcast their 4 p.m. news from the tornado impacted area on Thursday, May 5, highlighting recovery and rebuilding efforts.



“ We realize that full recovery is a long process, but we will continue to work with impacted individuals and families while they restore their lives. ”

BRYAN L. BRADFORD, CITY MANAGER

## Facts & Figures

*as of April 22, 2016:*

**98 cases opened** by long-term recovery case managers

**\$82,870.92 of aid provided** by case managers

**55 demolition permits issued**

**266 repair/reconstruction permits issued** (on existing foundation)

**\$107,500 #GarlandStrong funds raised**

**\$0 #GarlandStrong funds dispersed** (disbursements not expected to begin until mid-May)

## Medieval Times in Garland

Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22  
Audubon Park, 342 W. Oates Road

Medieval Times Dallas is making a special visit to Garland for a free performance for all ages and the presentation of a special gift to the #GarlandStrong Campaign. Meet the Knights, King and Princess, His Majesty's Royal Falconer and three of the King's finest horses. Enjoy free food, a chance to test your archery skills, and other activities.

For information, call 972-205-2750.



**Medieval Times**  
DINNER & TOURNAMENT

## Ways to Help

The City of Garland is selling #GarlandStrong wristbands for \$5, T-shirts for \$10 and yard signs for \$20. All proceeds go to the #GarlandStrong fundraising campaign.

Watch for #GarlandStrong booths at various local events. See the #GarlandStrong and City of Garland Facebook pages for schedules. These items also can be purchased at City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

For information, contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or [DWhite@GarlandTx.gov](mailto:DWhite@GarlandTx.gov).



## Garland's GREAT Homes Program Addresses Neighborhood Vitality

The City of Garland has a unique tool to help with the rebuilding and revitalization of the storm-damaged neighborhoods: **the GREAT Homes Program.**

Through this program, the City can purchase and rebuild as many as six homes in the impacted neighborhoods. These rebuilt homes will include state-of-the-art energy efficiency features which make them more affordable to own. They will be resold to middle-income families utilizing attractive financing tools.



## Happy Birthday, Garland!

The City of Garland celebrated two major milestones during the third annual Garland Heritage Celebration in April. The City's 125th birthday was commemorated with official proclamations, cake and all the trimmings. The Heritage Celebration also marked the 100th anniversary of the historic Bankhead Highway as the Antique American Independent Automobile Association's vintage car tour stopped on the Downtown Square. The weekend of fun included historic tours, live music, free movies and much more! Here are just a few photos captured during the weekend's festivities.



State Representatives Kenneth Sheets, Angie Chen Button and Cindy Burkett helped Garland celebrate 125 years.



*Did you know?*

## The City of Garland Code of Ordinances States...

Each property owner shall keep the drainage channels and/or drainage and floodway easements traversing or adjacent to his property clean and free of debris, silt, and any other substance which may impede the flow of stormwaters or result in unsanitary conditions. This includes all necessary mowing, weeding, litter pickup, and other normal property owner responsibilities.



# LIVE Well Go Green

# EXPO

Exhibitors

Vaccinations & Health Screenings

Recycle Row

Stop & Learn Demonstrations

Outdoor Fest

H2O 5K Race



SATURDAY  
**SEPT. 24, 2016**

Curtis Culwell Center  
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.  
[GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org)

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**GO GREEN**  
TWEETS

NEW WINNER CHOSEN EVERY MONTH

1. Follow [@GoGreenGarland](https://twitter.com/GoGreenGarland).
2. Every Friday from May–August, tweet a pic of yourself doing an activity that supports the environment.
3. Tag [@GoGreenGarland](https://twitter.com/GoGreenGarland) and [#EarthFriendlyFriday](https://twitter.com/EarthFriendlyFriday).
4. Get others to like or retweet your post.

Go to [GoGreenGarland.org](http://GoGreenGarland.org) for contest details.

## What Should You Do With These Products?

Common household hazardous waste includes: aerosol sprays, ammonia, auto fluids, batteries, computers, detergents, drain cleaners, glues, household cleaners, lighter fluid, paints, pesticides, pool chemicals, spot removers, stains, varnish and wood sealers.

- Keep products in their original containers with original labels.
- Store in a cool, dry place.
- Keep products out of reach from children and pets.
- Secure lids tightly.
- Always use products as directed on the label.

Never pour these products on the ground, driveway, street, or in a storm drain. Improper disposal allows waste to go down the street into a storm drain, which leads to our local waterways. Not only is this illegal, but it is harmful to the environment. **To report any illegal discharges to the storm drain, call the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180.**

When it is time to clean out your home, all hazardous products should be taken to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center. This service is free to all Garland residents.

**Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center**  
11234 Plano Road, Dallas, TX 75243  
214-553-1765

Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Thursdays:  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Second and fourth Saturdays:  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**Is it time to replace your washing machine?**

Before you shop for a new clothes washer, visit [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com) to see what washers qualify for the water conservation credit program.

[GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com)

**GARLAND WATER UTILITIES**

## Water Conservation & Protection

The Water Utilities and Stormwater Management departments remind you of a few guidelines to help conserve water and prevent water pollution.

- Garland residents are allowed to water **two days** per week on any day through Oct. 31.
- Never run irrigation or sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. nor during a rain event. However, watering with a hand-held hose using an automatic shutoff nozzle, soaker hose or drip irrigation is allowed at any time.
- Repair any leaks or broken sprinkler heads.
- Do not overwater your lawn or overuse fertilizers and pesticides; more is not better!
- Mow the top 1/3 of your lawn each time and leave the clippings on your lawn for nutrients.
- Keep chemicals and grass clippings off the sidewalk, driveway and street. Once water carries chemicals and clippings to the storm drain, they will pollute waterways and cause problems for our aquatic habitat.

Visit [GoGreenGarland.com](http://GoGreenGarland.com) for information.

**Streetlight Repairs**

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

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

Be sure to provide the following details:

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

**GPL**

# Library

## Programs & Events

All Libraries will be closed  
Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

## Children/Youth Programs

**Summer Storytimes** | June 6 through July 30  
Contact the nearest branch library for times.

### Central Library

625 Austin St., 972-205-2517

### North Garland Branch Library

3845 North Garland Ave., 972-205-2804

### South Garland Branch Library

4845 Broadway Blvd., 972-205-3933

### Walnut Creek Branch Library

3319 Edgewood Drive, 972-205-2585



**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** • Kids can experience stories and crafts in the company of their favorite stuffed animal friend. They may also leave their stuffed animal at the library overnight for additional fun. Each remaining animal will be photographed enjoying the library. Parents may collect the animals two days after the event.

- 6:30 p.m., May 3, Walnut Creek Branch
- 6:30 p.m., May 4, Central Library
- 6:30 p.m., May 5, South Garland Branch
- 10:30 a.m., May 7, North Garland Branch

**Art Explorers, 2:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Branch Library** • Children ages 6-12 will learn about different types of art, then create their own masterpieces. Registration is required to attend each Art Explorers program and is limited to 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person beginning two weeks prior to each event.

- May 7, Salvador Dali Melted Clocks
- June 4, Light and Shadow Sculptures

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

### June: Olympic Challenges

- 6:30 p.m., June 9, South Garland Branch
- 4 p.m., June 16, North Garland Branch

**Afternoon Board Games, 1 p.m. June 14, Central Library** • Youth ages 6-12 are invited to play various types of board games.

**“Drive-In” Movie, 10:30 a.m. June 18, Central Library** • Children and their families can have a “drive-in” movie experience. To emphasize the “drive-in” experience, attendees will decorate large cardboard boxes like cars, with paper plates for tires and steering wheels and large circles for lights. The children will then sit in the boxes and watch the film *Minions*. Water and popcorn will be served while supplies last. Attendees may bring their own boxes to decorate or use those provided by the library. They may take their “cars” home at the end of the program. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the event. Seating is limited. No registration is required, and all ages may attend this event.

**Life-Sized Candy Land, 6:30 p.m. June 23, North Garland Branch** • Children and their families are invited to play a life-sized version of the Candy Land board game. Candy Land players will be placed into groups and given a spinner and game pieces. Participants will take turns drawing from the card deck before moving to the appropriate spaces on the full-scale game board. Once players have finished the game they will have the opportunity to make a candy-themed craft.

**Block Party at the Library, 1 p.m., June 28, Central Library** • Children ages 6 through 12 test their building skills and stretch their imaginations while having fun by using building blocks to create structures based on a predetermined theme within one hour. All supplies provided. For more information, call 972-205-2516.

## Adult Programs

**Senior Social Hour @ the Library, 2 p.m., Central Library** • A free program series for senior citizens sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Events are open to anyone 55 years of age or older. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Call 972-205-2502.

- **May 19, Ballet Folklorico** • Ballet Folklorico is an educational dance company that strives to increase the awareness of folklorico as an educational art form. In addition to dancing, Ballet Folklorico performers will answer audience questions about the dance form and will describe its unique place in history, geography, and culture.
- **June 30, Heritage Fife and Drum Corps** • The Heritage Fife and Drum Corps is a Dallas-area

volunteer reenactment band that specializes in the preservation and presentation of military and popular music from historical periods. The program will consist of one hour of Revolutionary War-era music played on drums and two fifes. A discussion from the conductor concerning the significance of the musical pieces will accompany the performance.

**Adult Special Events** • Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, all events are free and open to the public. Call 972-205-2502 for details.

**Adult Coloring** • The library provides all the supplies; you provide the creativity. These events are open to adults ages 18 and older. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

- 6:30 p.m. June 6, Central Library
- 6:30 p.m. June 7, North Garland Branch
- 6:30 p.m. June 16, South Garland Branch
- 3:30 p.m. June 25, Walnut Creek Branch

**Hair Ballad Allstars, 7 p.m. June 9, Central Library** • Enjoy the songs of 1980s artists performed by the Hair Ballad Allstars, an acoustic duet. Audience members will be encouraged to sing along at this high-energy, hour-long performance.

**Rocky Film Screening, 6:30 p.m. June 14, Central Library** • Celebrate the fortieth anniversary of *Rocky* with a free screening of the film. The film is rated PG, but due to elements of violence this event is recommended for adults. Children may attend if accompanied by an adult. Doors open 15 minutes prior to the event. No registration is required, but seating is limited. Popcorn and water will be available while supplies last.

**Greeting Card Workshop, 6:30 p.m. June 21, Central Library** • The workshop consists of a demonstration of greeting card construction techniques followed by an extended period of craftwork. The library will provide all craft supplies. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to the event. To register, call 972-205-2501.

**Origami Workshop for Adults, 6:30 p.m. June 30, South Garland Branch** • The workshop will begin with some instruction in paper folding techniques. The library will provide all the supplies. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to the event. To register, call 972-205-3931.

## Summer Reading Program

**Summer Reading and Fun for Kids** • This year's Summer Reading Program for children and teens is called *On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!* Children, infants through age 11, and teens, ages 12 through 17, are encouraged to participate. Starting June 4, participants may pick up the first of four reading logs at any Garland Library Children's Desk. The first 125 children and teens to register at each library location on June 4 receive a special prize. Once participants have read for at least 20 minutes a day for 7 days, they can exchange their log for an age-appropriate prize and additional reading log. The last day to get a log is July 23, and the final day to redeem prizes is July 30.

### Special Performers for Children and Families

#### 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Central Library

- June 6, Musician Willy Welch
- June 13, Magician Will Baffle
- June 20, Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- June 27, Raptors of North Texas

#### 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, South Garland Library

- June 8, Musician Willy Welch
- June 15, Magician Will Baffle
- June 22, Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- June 29, Critterman Animal Show

#### 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Walnut Creek Library

- June 9, Musician Willy Welch
- June 16, Magician Will Baffle
- June 23, Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- June 30, Zooniversity Animal Show

#### 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, North Garland Library

- June 11, Musician Willy Welch
- June 18, Magician Will Baffle
- June 25, Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- July 2, Zooniversity Animal Show

**Summer Reading Program for Adults** • Adults can join in the fun, too, with *On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!* for adults. Beginning June 4, adults ages 18 and older may pick up a Bingo card at the Adult Services Desks of any Garland library and start completing reading challenges and other activities. Participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes for each Bingo card they complete. A total of four Bingo cards can be completed. Adults will also have the opportunity to enjoy special events like crafts programs, movies, and live musical entertainment.



## Summer Fun at Firewheel Golf Park

Head to Firewheel Golf Park any time this summer to play a round at Garland's only public golf park! Play the Bridges Course to enjoy the best bentgrass greens in North Texas, according to *AvidGolfer* magazine. **Book your tee time at [GolfFirewheel.com](http://GolfFirewheel.com) or by calling 972-205-2795.**

### Kids Programs

#### Junior Golf Clinics – \$125

Learn how to play and enjoy golf! All aspects of the game will be covered—from the driving range to the putting green and the golf course. For golfers of all levels, ages 7-16

- 8 to 11:30 a.m. June 20-23
- 8 to 11:30 a.m. July 18-21
- 8 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 15-18

#### The First Tee – \$40

This program meets weekly for five weeks. Young people are introduced to the game of golf, while learning and reinforcing core values through character-building activities. For golfers of all levels, ages 7-16

For dates & times, call the Pro Shop at 972-205-2765

#### Junior Summer Pass – \$49

Golfers age 17 and younger may sharpen their skills and enjoy the outdoors with a Junior Summer Pass at Firewheel Golf Park.

Juniors may play golf at the Old and Lakes courses any time Monday–Friday or after 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Rounds are \$5 each (cart not included). Valid May 1–Sept. 30.

### Adults

#### Player Development Program – \$59 per month

Build your golf skills at the Old and Lakes courses after 4 p.m. Monday–Friday. Enjoy unlimited practice at the driving range (practice balls included) or play for \$13 (cart included). Valid May 1–Sept. 30.



## Performing Arts

### Shows & Events

**At the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.** Garland Symphony Orchestra presents pianist Daniel del Pino | 8 p.m. May 13 • The final concert of Garland Symphony Orchestra's *Symphonic Treasures!* season features Daniel del Pino performing Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in Bb Minor." **Tickets are \$17.50-37.50 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or 972-205-2790.**

*Mexican Weddings* | 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. May 29 • México 2000 Ballet Folklórico proudly invites you to attend its newest production, *Mexican Weddings*. This spectacular folk dance concert will feature dance traditions in various festive settings in the following regions: Queretaro, Veracruz, Mayan Dances, Durango, Hidalgo, Tabasco, Coyutla, Sonora, Guerrero, Yucatan, and an authentic Fiesta in Jalisco! **Tickets are \$12-15 at [Mexico2000.net](http://Mexico2000.net). Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the performance. For information, call 214-384-2537 or 214-364-2629.**

Garland Summer Musicals presents *Fiddler on the Roof* | June 17-26 • The legendary Broadway classic has touched audiences worldwide with its humor, warmth and honesty. Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters, and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores. Performances dates/times: 8 p.m. June 17-18 and 24-25, 2:30 p.m. June 19 and 26. **Tickets will be available at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com) or 972-205-2790.**

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

*Give Me That Old Time Rock 'n' Roll* | 2:30 p.m. May 15 • The 50s and 60s come alive again in Downtown Garland, as three great acts perform golden oldies! David Allen, ranked in the Top 10 Elvis Tribute Artists in the world by Elvis Presley Enterprises, performs some of the King's biggest hits. Also performing are Shake, Rattle & Roll, an award-winning, all-female doo-wop group. The exciting a cappella group, 4 Ever Young, will sing your favorite doo-wop tunes as well. This event will be emceed by local radio personality, Alan Price of *Alan's Golden Oldies* radio. **Tickets are \$15-20 at [bobby-socks-entertainment.ticketleap.com/rock/](http://bobby-socks-entertainment.ticketleap.com/rock/). For information, call Tavia Spivey at 903-720-0803.**

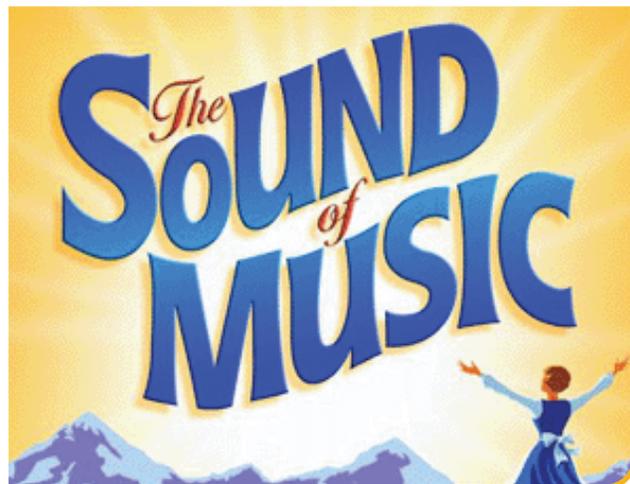
*Passport to Wonder* | 7 p.m., June 1 • The Garland Host Lions Club presents *Passport to Wonder* starring David Hira! *Passport...* is an inspirational

journey for kids of all ages, featuring David Hira showcasing street performance styles from around the world. **Tickets are \$11 by calling Jim Viel at 972-432-8982.**

*Cash & The King* | 7 p.m. June 18 • *Cash & the King* pays tribute to two of the biggest icons of American popular music: Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley. Classic hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s come alive in this all-new rock 'n' roll show with award-winning performances by David Allen (Johnny Cash) and Kraig Parker (Elvis Presley). Who knows? June Carter may even pop in for a surprise song or two! **Tickets are \$15-40 at [stardom-entertainment.ticketleap.com/cash-and-the-king](http://stardom-entertainment.ticketleap.com/cash-and-the-king). For information, call 817-251-1316.**

C.O.R.P. presents *Beauty and the Beast* | June 24-26 • *Beauty and the Beast* tells the classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. **Tickets are \$18 at [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790, or at the door on the night of the performance.**

Breitling Youth Theater presents *The Sound of Music* | June 27-29 • When a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval captain. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry. **Tickets are available at [ActingForChildren.org](http://ActingForChildren.org) or 972-658-3915. Show dates/times are subject to change.**



## Garland Cultural Arts Commission

### Visual Arts Awards

The Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. announced the winners of the 2016 GISD High School Senior Art Competition. Cash awards were presented during a reception on March 4 at the Granville Arts Center, honoring the students who entered the competition and their instructors. This marks the 29th year of the GCAC, Inc. Awards. Over \$2,500 was given to First, Second and Third Place high school senior winners.

The GISD Visual Arts Show was coordinated by Chad Wilkinson, Lead Art Teacher for GISD. The judge for the Garland Cultural Arts Commission Art Show was professional artist Shug Jones.



Pictured (front row, left to right): Ricardo Faz, Hanna Lara, Zaria Steele, Devon Dalton, Mercedes Freiheit, Vy Nguyen, Kathia Muniz, Marquise Smith (back row, left to right): Diana Munoz, Paola Romero, Celeste Gomez, Haley Medina, Catherine Lines, Tess Omer, Baylee Neal, Jackie Whittle, Josilyn Chavez



Best of Show – Peyton Hatchett, Naaman Forest High School



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### APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING!

The Garland City Council wants to hear from the city's youth and invites Garland teens to apply to serve on the Garland Youth Council (GYC). Garland residents who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2016-17 school year are eligible to apply. Applicants should submit a completed GYC application and two letters of reference by May 6 to Beth Dattomo, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland, TX 75040.

[GARLANDYOUTHOUNCIL.ORG](http://GARLANDYOUTHOUNCIL.ORG)



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Send comments or questions to: Dorothy White, Public & Media Relations, City of Garland, PO Box 469002, Garland, Texas 75046-9002.



## Upcoming Events

- 5/2 City Council Work Session\*
- 5/3 City Council Meeting\*
- 5/9 Plan Commission\*
- 5/16 City Council Work Session\*
- 5/17 City Council Meeting\*
- 5/23 Plan Commission
- 5/26 Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.
- 5/30 Memorial Day City Offices Closed
- 6/6 City Council Work Session\*
- 6/7 City Council Meeting\*
- 6/13 Plan Commission\*
- 6/20 City Council Work Session\*
- 6/21 City Council Meeting\*
- 6/27 Plan Commission\*
- 6/23 Mayor's Evening In Mayor's Office, 200 N. Fifth St.

\* Meetings located at Locke Room, Duckworth Bldg., 217 N. Fifth St.

