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# MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



- ABC News came to Garland in September to share the story of an American icon, the Stetson hat. Its national audience toured Hatco, which employs more than 200 workers and makes about a million felt and straw hats every year. A Milano hat from Garland was also presented to *The Tonight Show's* Jimmy Fallon in September.

- Garland Officer Wendy Sheriff was named KRLD-AM Community Hero in September for her work helping homeless individuals and those with mental health issues get access to the services they need. A Garland Police Department Facebook post garnered more than 1,000 likes and 148 shares, and Fox4 (KDFW-TV) featured officers' work with the homeless.
- *D Magazine* featured the Garland Guzzler in its September issue, noting that "old Downtown Garland, if you've never been, is a charming spot on its way back to being a real destination of the sort that can't be re-created in the gleaming exurbs." Fox4 (KDFW-TV) and NBC5 (KXAS-TV) also provided coverage of the Guzzler, Garland's 0.5K race.
- In addition to the thousands who lined the streets of Downtown Garland to witness the annual Labor Day Parade, an estimated 683,000 saw coverage on one of four local television stations that featured the event in their broadcasts.
- The City of Garland was honored by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors at its 34th annual Government Programming Awards event Sept. 25 in Tampa, Florida. Garland took first place in the Public Education Category, earning the Award of Excellence, for its video *New Pet Ordinance*. Garland earned second-place awards in the children/young adults, instruction/training, community awareness, event/program promotion and public service announcement categories.

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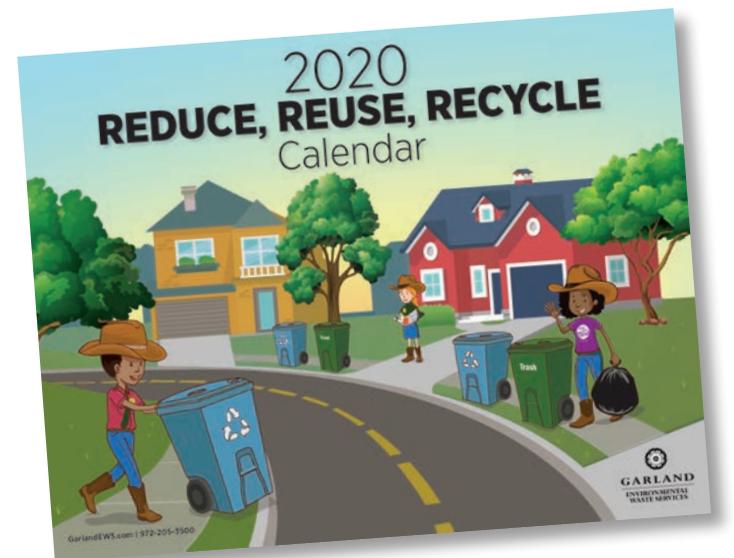
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If you did not receive a calendar, contact Environmental Waste Services at 972-205-3500 or [EWS@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:EWS@GarlandTX.gov).



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# Election Day Mobile Voting

The Nov. 5 election will offer more flexibility at the polls in Garland and throughout Dallas County.

Dallas County has switched from precinct-based polling locations to countywide Vote Centers. That means a Garland voter can weigh in from any polling site in the county on Election Day, rather than being limited to an assigned polling site based on the precinct where they live.

County officials devised the plan through a series of public meetings, including one right here in Garland last May.

Garland voters will help decide the fate of 10 proposed state constitutional amendments Tuesday, Nov. 5. There are also trustee elections for voters in the western sliver of Garland who are served by the Richardson Independent School District. Early voting ends at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

For Garland to get its fair share from the federal government for the next 10 years, you have to be counted in Census 2020.

"The money follows the count of the people," said Cynthia Cruz, partnership specialist for the Dallas Regional Census Center.

Letters will go out in March, inviting each household to participate online, by phone or mail in the official count of those living in the United States. Representation in the legislature and the annual split of some \$675 billion in federal programs is based on the census.

Members of the Community Multicultural Commission were appointed as the City's Complete Count Committee. They will work to inform residents that the census can be taken in 13 languages and that information is kept confidential. They will also strive to include traditionally undercounted populations, such as children under 5.

After letters, online and written attempts to obtain the count, census workers will go door-to-door in late spring to fill in gaps. Jobs are currently available for that work, paying \$17 to \$22 an hour. Visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for more information.

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## CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

### Work Session

Mondays preceding  
Tuesday Council meetings,  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

### Regular Meeting

7 p.m. first and third  
Tuesdays of each month,  
City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St.

### City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 16
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

### City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Nov. 5 and 19, Dec. 3 and 17
- Rebroadcast the following Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Plan Commission

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. Nov. 11 and 25, Dec. 9
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m.

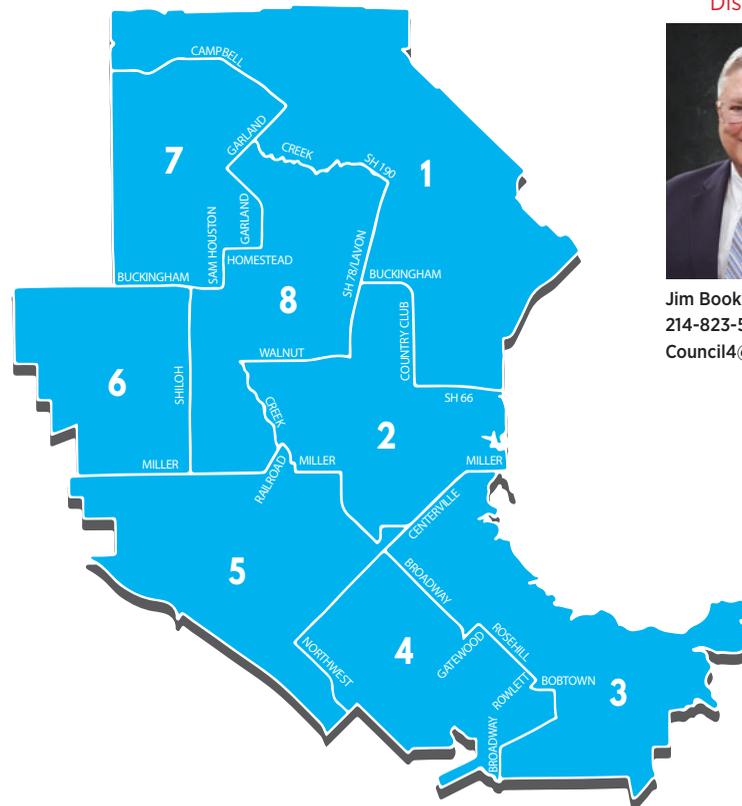
### CGTV Listings

Channel 16 (Spectrum),  
Channel 44 (Frontier) or  
Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse),  
GarlandTX.tv

» Meeting dates and times  
subject to change.

» Meetings are broadcast  
at GarlandTX.gov via live  
streaming and on-demand,  
and on CGTV with several  
rebroadcasts during the week  
of the meeting.

## City Council Members



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# FY 2019-20 Annual Operating Budget

The budget is balanced as required by state law and reflects City Council's policy framework.

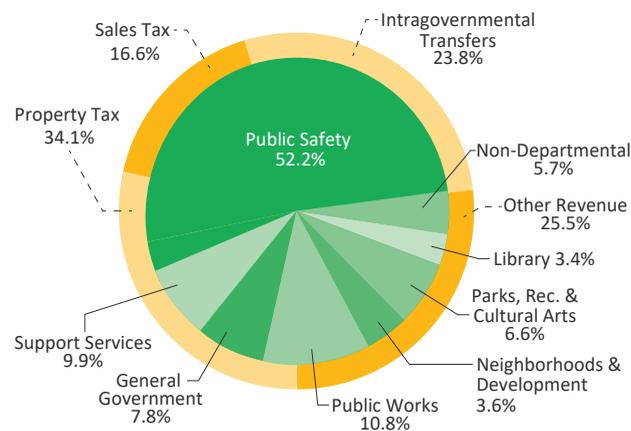
In accordance with the priorities expressed by the City Council, the FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget increases street program funding to \$28.1 million, provides citywide litter control, and initiates a Home Improvement Incentive Program.

This year's budget is a financially sound plan that provides a high level of value and service to the community. The City's Adopted Budget is based on a tax rate of 76.96 cents per \$100 of valuation and includes a 6.5-cent increase in the City's Debt Service tax rate to implement the voter-approved 2019 Bond Program.

## What's New for the Adopted Budget in FY 2019-20?

- Ensure debt service funding to implement the 2019 Bond Program.
- Recognize the budget impact of growing civil service retirement payouts.
- Provide necessary funding for public safety overtime needs.
- Supplement general fund revenues to help compensate for legislative actions.
- Establish reserves above the 30-day minimum in the General Fund.

## General Fund: Where It Comes From and What It's Used For



## Total Consolidated Budget (All Funds) \$767.7 Million

### General Fund \$185.5 M

The services paid from the General Fund include basic City services such as police, fire, parks, library, transportation, health, animal care and code enforcement.

### Utility Funds \$482.3 M

The City of Garland's utility departments are comprised of Garland Power & Light, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Stormwater Management and Environmental Waste Services.

### Combined Funds \$767.7 M

The Combined Budget includes the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Grant Funds.

## Monthly Utility Cost for a Typical Garland Resident

Utility Services	2018-19 Monthly Rate	2019-20 Adopted Rate	Monthly Dollar Change	Description
Electric Utility	\$130.29	\$130.29	\$0.00	Based on 1,300 kWh per month
Water Utility	63.91	63.31	-0.60	Based on an average of 7,500 gallons per month
Wastewater Service	41.63	42.48	0.85	Based on an average of 7,500 gallons per month
Trash Collection	19.58	20.58	1.00	Residential customer using 96-gallon cart
Stormwater Fee	3.23	3.59	0.36	Mid-sized residential lot
<b>Total Monthly Rate</b>	<b>\$258.64</b>	<b>\$260.25</b>	<b>\$1.61</b>	

To learn more about the FY 2019-20 Annual Operating Budget, visit [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov).



## Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

Now is the time for residents to provide input as to what types of trails and bikeways they want Garland to develop in the coming years.

On the heels of public input meetings at Audubon Recreation Center and Central Library in late October, residents are asked to take an online survey to help establish goals and objectives for the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan.

Go to [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) to take the survey.

Those who use existing trails may, in the coming weeks, also notice devices counting the amount of traffic along those paths. Those will help with projecting priorities and feasibility for developing trail and bikeway corridors.

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

## Neighborhood Parking Enforcement

Parking problems in residential neighborhoods are a frequent source of resident complaints to the City. The Garland City Council plans to approve a program to begin civil enforcement of parking ordinances throughout the city.

Over the coming weeks, deputies of the Garland City Marshal's Office will begin issuing warnings to vehicles that are parked in violation of the City's parking ordinances. After a warning period, deputy marshals will issue parking citations to vehicles that are parked in violation of the parking ordinances.

The City's website will be updated in the near future to provide a link to the City's parking ordinances. Likewise, the eAssist portal on the City's website will be updated to allow residents to report parking problems and violations to the City. Upon receipt of a complaint or report of a parking problem, a deputy marshal will be dispatched to investigate and take appropriate action.

The primary violations that occur in neighborhoods are vehicles parked across the sidewalks, oversized vehicles and trailers parked on neighborhood streets, vehicles parked blocking driveways and alleys, and vehicles parked blocking fire hydrants. The City's goal is to reduce improper and illegal parking throughout the city and make parking easier for our residents and visitors. Please help us by parking your vehicle in compliance with the City's parking ordinances.

For further information on the City's parking enforcement program, visit the City's website at [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov).

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# Garland Neighborhoods Continue to Shine

Garland has a Neighborhood of the Year, and many other neighborhoods continue to build on the momentum.

Neighborhoods USA recognized Garland's Orchard Hills Neighborhood Association as national Neighborhood of the Year in the Physical Revitalization category.

Garland was ranked No. 3 in the country in financial services website *GOBankingRates*' recent list of "The 20 Best (and Worst) Places to Live If You're Trying to Save Money."

The study looked at incomes and costs of living in more than 100 American cities. Costs of housing, food and transportation were factored into the rankings.

Not only was Garland in third overall, it has the largest median household income among the top 11 cities on the list.

"The city is also tied for the second-lowest local transportation costs," the survey said of Garland, "which allows residents to save even more of their incomes."

The list was published by *GOBankingRates* Aug. 27, then repurposed by the Business Insider site two days later as "The 17 Best U.S. Cities to Live a Nice Life and Still Save Money, Ranked."

"For a small town feel just outside of Dallas, Garland, Texas, is a good option for savers," Business Insider wrote.

Garland was also ranked as one of the best cities to buy a family home by financial services website *SmartAsset.com*. The city came out 19th among the largest 100 American cities in a study that factored change in home values, rent costs, percentage of homeowners who are burdened by housing costs, housing costs as a percentage of household income, percentage of homes with at least two bedrooms and average effective property tax rate.



## BOND PROGRAM STATUS

The City Council on Sept. 17 announced AECOM would be its partner in delivering \$423.7 million in bond projects that voters approved in May.

AECOM will provide professional services to meet the Council's request to deliver all 2019 bond projects in seven to 10 years, to provide efficiencies in the project delivery process and to provide public transparency on the status of all projects.

Bond projects in progress:

- The architectural design and construction administration for the \$12 million Animal Shelter (approved)
- \$2 million for the construction and installation of LED lighting for the soccer fields at Winters Park; the work will start in November once the fall soccer season ends, with plans for completion in February, in time for the spring season (approved)
- Downtown Square design (approved)
- The architectural design for the \$18 million Police Evidence and Property Facility (awaiting approval)
- The Construction Manager Services for the \$18 million Police Evidence and Property Facility (awaiting approval)
- The review of potential sites selected by City officials for the relocations of two fire stations and the Walnut Creek Branch Library (awaiting approval)



## Reconductor Project

Construction on a transmission power line running from north to south Garland will begin Nov. 25 and is scheduled for completion by March 31. The Texas Municipal Power Agency line is being upgraded to support reliability of the Texas electric grid.

Work on the transmission line begins at Ben Davis Substation north of Firewheel Town Center and proceeds south, generally running along State Highway 78, except in the Downtown area where it follows the railroad line. Daytime lane closures will be limited to one lane along Highway 78 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Short nighttime lane closures will be needed for the crossings of Highway 78, President George Bush Turnpike and Avenue B.

 See map to the right for area of this scheduled project.

If you have questions, contact [info@gpltexas.org](mailto:info@gpltexas.org).

# WHAT'S

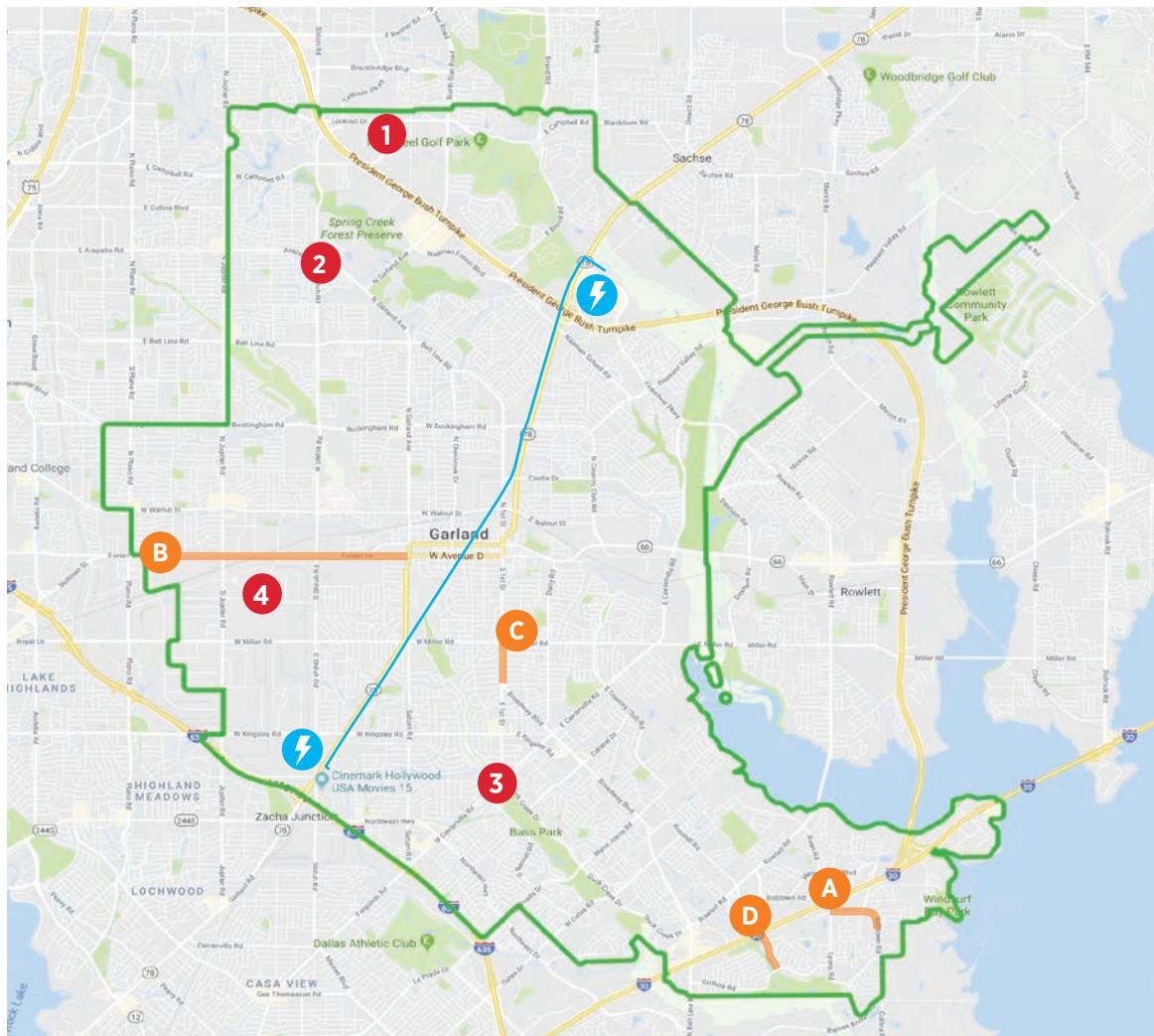
Garland is buzzing with new development.



Coming soon at the southwest corner of Campbell Road and Lookout Drive will be a multi-family development consisting of about 435 units.



Under construction along Arapaho Road near Holford Road is an independent living and assisted living facility consisting of 290 and 110 units, respectively.



# BEING BUILT THERE?

**3** Coming soon at 138 W. Centerville Road will be a retail/pharmacy building.

**4** Coming soon along Marquis Drive between Jupiter and Shiloh roads is a distribution center consisting of two buildings totaling more than 350,000 square feet. Kings Road will be extended northward to connect Marquis Drive with Miller Road.



# Taking It to the Streets

Projects scheduled to begin in November/December

- A** **Bobtown Road**, Lyons Road to the asphalt pavement  
*Concrete street repair*
- Dukeswood Drive alley**, Idlewood Drive to Limestone Lane alley  
*Alley reconstruction*
- First Street**, Casalita Drive to Southwood Drive  
*Concrete street repair*
- B** **Forest Lane**, Garland Avenue to the west city limits  
*Concrete street repair*
- Maple Glen Drive**, Boca Raton Drive to Tacoma Drive  
*Street reconstruction*
- Meadow Green Drive**, O'Shannon Lane to Talley Road  
*Street reconstruction*
- Morning Star Lane**, Northridge Drive to Wynn Joyce Road  
*Concrete street repair*
- North Court**, Rich Oak Drive to the south end of the street  
*Street reconstruction*
- Sunrise Drive**, Northridge Drive to Wynn Joyce Road  
*Concrete street repair*
- Syracuse Drive**, Vanderbilt Drive to the north end of the street  
*Street reconstruction*
- Yale Drive**, Forest Lane to Edgewood Drive  
*Concrete street repair*

## Ongoing projects

- C** **First Street**, Broadway Boulevard to Miller Road  
*Concrete street repair*
- Linda Drive**, Dairy Road to High Star Drive  
*Street reconstruction*
- Perdido Drive alley**, from San Carlos Drive to San Clemente Drive  
*Alley reconstruction*
- D** **Rosehill Road**, Guthrie Road to Interstate 30  
*Concrete street repair*
- San Carlos/San Clemente alley**, Perdido Drive alley to Sevilla Drive  
*Alley reconstruction*

Neighborhoods  
& Development



The American Planning Association's National Community Planning Month was celebrated in October. To highlight the importance of planning in our communities, this year's theme was planning for infrastructure that benefits all.

Infrastructure is defined broadly, from roadways to transportation systems to housing. Well-planned infrastructure projects strengthen communities, boost the economy, expand opportunity and promote equitable development. For instance, ensuring that all residents in a community have safe and affordable housing options advances economic and social equity goals.

Planning has a significant impact on our day-to-day life and can be summed up as comprehensive, community-focused choices that enhance the spaces where people live, work and play.



## Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet at **Christmas on the Square**



● **6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**  
Rosalind Coffee TX, 107 N. Sixth St.

Swing by Rosalind Coffee TX before Christmas on the Square for the end-of-the-year Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet! This come-and-go event is a time for neighborhood leaders to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and enjoy a cup of cocoa on us.

Visit [GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandVitalNeighborhoods.org) to RSVP or contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality for more details at [Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods@GarlandTX.gov) or 972-205-2445.

# Neighborhood Summit

## *Building Neighborhood Leadership*

Register now for the 2019 Neighborhood Summit on **Saturday, Nov. 9**, in Plano! In partnership with Plano and Rowlett, the City of Garland invites you to "Build Neighborhood Leadership."

Visit [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org) to register. Registration is **FREE** and spaces are limited, so sign up today.

Topics include:

- Succession Planning
- Engaging Our Diverse Neighborhoods
- Strategic Communication
- Leadership and Conflict Resolution
- Engagement and Event Planning on a Budget

Don't miss out on the Garland Pre-Summit Mixer the night before at **6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8**, at **The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.** Garland Neighborhood Award winners will be announced while you enjoy dinner on us. RSVP at [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org).



[NTXNeighborhoodSummit.org](http://NTXNeighborhoodSummit.org) or [GarlandNeighborhoods.org](http://GarlandNeighborhoods.org)



## LEND A HAND

### Garland Board & Volunteer Fair

Enjoy an evening of networking with dozens of nonprofit, civic and community organizations. These organizations are seeking volunteers and/or board members.

**FREE**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 25**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**

The Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St.

Register your organization at [KiwanisClubofGarland.org](http://KiwanisClubofGarland.org).



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## Save Energy & Money with GP&L's EnergySaver Program

Proper home weatherization keeps you comfortable while conserving energy and saving you money on utility bills. Garland Power & Light's EnergySaver Program may help offset the cost of weatherization projects, such as adding ceiling insulation, installing Energy Star® doors or windows, or replacing ductwork.

Visit [gpltexas.org/EnergySaver](http://gpltexas.org/EnergySaver) or call **972-205-2929** to learn more.

Other ways to save energy this winter:

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees. Each degree warmer will increase your energy use by 6 to 8%.
- Reverse your ceiling fans to spin clockwise and circulate warm air. Find the switch on the fan's motor housing.
- Open drapes and blinds during the day to let sunlight in, but keep them closed after dark to keep heat inside.
- When not using the fireplace, keep flue dampers closed to prevent heat loss out of your home.

Visit [gpltexas.org/EnergyTips](http://gpltexas.org/EnergyTips) for more ways to save energy.

## Garland Wastewater Treatment Plant Recognized for Best Project

A construction project to reduce emissions and eliminate odor complaints from the City's Rowlett Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant has been recognized by a leading industry association.

The publication, *Engineering News-Record (ENR)*, featured the Biosolids Rehabilitation and Odor Control project in its mid-October issue. *ENR* reports on the top design firms, both architects and engineers, and the top construction companies and projects in the United States and around the world. On Oct. 29, City staff traveled to Houston to receive the 2019 Best Projects Award for the Texas/Louisiana region.

The project not only decreased odors coming from the plant, which is always a challenge, but also made significant improvements in the amount of material that has to be taken to the landfill. The new process greatly decreases the amount of water mixed in with the leftover "sludge." This means fewer trips to the landfill, less wear and tear on the trucks doing the hauling, conservation of landfill space, reduced emissions from truck traffic and decreased costs in tipping fees for landfill disposal.

The Garland Water Utilities contractors for this project were Carollo Engineers, Gupta & Associates Inc., Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc., and Archer Western Construction.

The project is also being considered for a national "Best of the Best" award by *ENR*.



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



## Time to Update Your Vaccinations

Did you know you need vaccines throughout your life? Adults need to keep their vaccinations up to date because immunity from childhood vaccines can wear off over time. In fact, you may be at risk for different diseases depending on your age, health conditions, job, lifestyle or travel plans.

Vaccines can lower your chance of getting certain diseases. Vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity and lower your chances of getting certain diseases and suffering from their complications.

For instance:

- Shingles vaccine can help prevent people age 50 and older from getting a painful skin rash caused by the chickenpox virus.
- Flu vaccine lowers your risk of influenza-related heart attacks or other flu-related complications from existing health conditions like diabetes and chronic lung disease. Garland Public Health even has special flu vaccines available for older adults.
- Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) and is especially needed by adults who are around children.

Two different vaccines are also available for adults to help prevent pneumococcal disease, a type of infection caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria. In most cases, only one dose of each is recommended. Ask your health care provider for more information.

Pneumococcal vaccinations are available at Garland Public Health for:

- All adults 50 or older
- Adults 19 through 64 years old with certain medical conditions

Vaccination is one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available. Getting vaccinated can be easier than you think.

The Garland Public Health Clinic at **206 Carver St.** not only provides low-cost immunizations for infants and children through age 18, but also immunizations for adults of all ages. Walk-ins can receive immunizations from **7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Low-cost vaccinations are available for uninsured adults, and most private insurance is accepted. Call **972-205-3370** for more information.

### Clinic Information

**972-205-3370 | HOURS: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
(walk-ins only)**



City Services

# TREE POWER **FREE TREE** GIVEAWAY

The Tree Power Free Tree program teams Garland Power & Light with the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department to provide a free tree to Garland residents in an effort to conserve energy and beautify the community.

**7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or while supplies last)**

**Saturday, Nov. 2**

**Haskell L. Roach Garden Center, 1221 Spring Creek Drive (in Winters Park)**

To receive a free tree, simply prove your Garland residency by providing a valid Texas driver's license (with a Garland address) or a current City of Garland utility bill. Only one tree will be given per household.

The trees are 4- to 6-foot-tall Shumard red oaks, chinquapin oaks, bur oaks and live oaks. Planting and care instructions will be provided.

**Call 972-205-3588 for more information.**



## **Water Meter Replacement** Project Begins

Garland Water Utilities has begun a multiyear capital improvement project to replace aging water meters throughout the city.

Water customers may see the City's meter contractor, Compass Metering Solutions, working between streets and sidewalks installing the new water meters. But residents need not be home for the work to be completed.



Scheduling of these replacements will be by meter read or billing cycle routes. The City reads water meters Monday through Friday each week. Garland is divided into 20 sections, one for each business day of the month. View a map of the sections online at [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com). Currently sections 3 and 14 are underway. As crews prepare to move from one area to the next, updates will be posted on [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com). Meters will be replaced for all customer types, such as residential, commercial, industrial, etc.

**If you have questions or concerns, visit [GarlandWater.com](http://GarlandWater.com) or call Water Operations at 972-205-3210.**



*From left: Saul Garza, Maribel Khedaoui, Ximena Coronado, Amber Knott, Uriel Villalpando, Tiana Lightfoot Svendsen, Aijaz Khan, Pedro Hernandez and Patricia Gonzalez*

## Garland Honored with **Recycling Awards**

The City of Garland was a triple honoree when the North Texas Corporate Recycling Association presented its gR3een Awards at the Dallas Arboretum.

Go Green Garland was recognized for its Earth Day event with the association's Innovative Recycling Event award. The event included tours of the City's recycling center, recycling demonstrations and education on green living. Also featured was a recycled art competition for elementary students to demonstrate and raise awareness of how to reuse items and help care for the planet.

The City's Public & Media Relations Department landed the association's Green Media award for marketing support for its partnership with Garland Environmental Waste Services to promote recycling and resource conservation. The department produced a "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" calendar, social media posts, Facebook Live videos and a "Know What to Throw" video series.

Environmental Waste Services intern Ximena Coronado, a Garland High School senior, was honored as Recycler of the Year. Her efforts helped the Garland Independent School District incorporate cans, plastic bottles and milk cartons into its recycling program. She is an artist who has crafted several environmentally themed pieces.

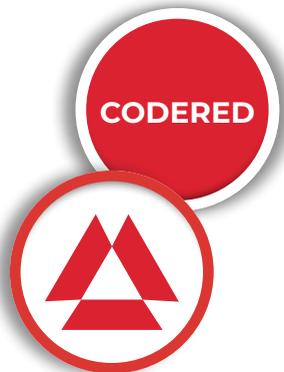


## **CODERED** SUBSCRIPTIONS

Sign up for the CodeRed notification system to receive alerts and updates during emergency events. Stay informed and prepared by opting in for automated severe weather notifications.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to register.

Register online at [GarlandTX.gov](http://GarlandTX.gov) or text **GarlandTX** to 99411 on your smartphone. Residents without internet access can contact Casey Castro at 972-205-2875.



**GarlandTX.gov**



## GENERATOR SAFETY

During a power outage, a generator can be used to keep lights and appliances operating. Misuse of a generator can cause serious safety hazards, so always follow safety instructions provided by the manufacturer.

- Generators emit carbon monoxide, a toxic gas. Never use a portable generator indoors or in a garage.
- Do not connect a generator directly to household wiring. This can create a back-feed onto power lines, endangering the lives of power line workers.
- The safest way to use a portable generator during an outage is to connect appliances, such as a refrigerator, fans or lamps, to the generator.
- To calculate the size of generator needed, add up the starting wattage of all the appliances that will be connected.

Visit [gpltexas.org/generators](http://gpltexas.org/generators) for more safety information.



## Breakfast with Santa

**AT THE BRANDING IRON, FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK**

Crafts for the kids and photos with Santa! Breakfast buffet is \$13.95 for adults and \$7.95 for kids.

### FIREWHEEL GOLF ASSOCIATION 15TH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Help families in need this holiday season. Drop off new toys at the big sleigh at the Branding Iron during the month of December.

**Reserve your seat now!**

**Saturday, Dec. 7  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Branding Iron Restaurant  
1535 E. Brand Road  
Call 972-205-3958.**

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

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# Events at the Library

All Garland libraries will close at **6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27**, and remain closed **Thursday, Nov. 28**, and **Friday, Nov. 29**, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Central Library will close at **5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**, for Christmas on the Square.

All Garland libraries will close at **6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24**, and remain closed **Wednesday, Dec. 25**, and **Thursday, Dec. 26**, for the Christmas holiday. All libraries will close at **6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31**, and remain closed **Wednesday, Jan. 1**, for New Year's.

## Children/Families

### SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16**  
South Garland Branch Library  
In the film, Miles Morales is a teen in New York struggling with school and friends. After Miles encounters original Spider-Man and NYC savior Peter Parker in the multiverse, Miles must begin training to become the new Spider-Man. The movie is rated PG.



### THE LEGO MOVIE 2

● **6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Walnut Creek Branch Library  
In *The Lego Movie 2*, five years have passed and everything is no longer awesome in Bricksburg. Aliens from the planet Duplo have invaded and are destroying everything faster than it can be rebuilt. It will take all the courage and creativity Emmett, Lucy and Batman have to set things right. The movie is rated PG.

### CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

● **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**  
Downtown Square  
Children can enjoy making free holiday crafts at the Library's booth at the City's annual Christmas on the Square event in Downtown Garland. Stop by the festive booth for information about library services and meet Paddington Bear from the popular children's picture book series by Michael Bond. Visit the Friends of the Library booth for an additional craft.

Due to weather conditions, Christmas on the Square events are subject to change and/or cancellation. For more information, call **972-205-2516**. For more information about Christmas on the Square, go to [ChristmasOnTheSquare.com](http://ChristmasOnTheSquare.com).

## Young Audiences

### ART EXPLORERS (AGES 6-12)

● **2:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and Dec. 7**  
Walnut Creek Branch Library  
Learn about different types of art, then create a masterpiece. November theme: Straw Loom Weaving. December theme: Wycinanki Holiday Paper Cutouts. Supplies provided. Registration required and starts two weeks before the event.

### TWEEN SCENE (AGES 10-13)

Book discussions and activities. November theme: God's Eye Wall Hangings.  
● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7**  
South Garland Branch Library  
● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14**  
North Garland Branch Library

### BOOKS AND BEYOND (AGES 6-12)

● **2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9**  
Central Library  
Book discussions and activities incorporating concepts from science, technology, engineering, art and math. November theme: Technology "Take Apart."

### TEEN "TAKE APART" (AGES 13-17)

● **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20**  
Central Library  
Exercise STEAM technology skills by taking apart obsolete or nonfunctioning pieces of technology — such as old computers, keyboards and phones — and analyzing the parts inside. A laptop will be available for participants to look up the functions of the items they discover.

### HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATION (AGES 6-12)

● **6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18**  
Central Library  
Children are invited to decorate holiday cookies. Participants will be given three pre-baked cookies and a variety of decorating ingredients such as frosting and sprinkles. Attendees take their cookies home. Registration is required to attend and is limited to 24 participants. Registration may be completed by phone or in person at the Central Library beginning Dec. 4. All supplies provided.

### POKEMON Z-CRYSTAL CHALLENGE

● **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28**  
North Garland Branch Library  
Youth ages 18 and younger can earn Pokémon Z-crystals by participating in a Pokémon-themed scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt will consist of eight activities that will help kids learn about their library. Participants will earn one Z-crystal from the Alola region for each completed activity.

## Adult Programs

### RIVER ROCK MAGNETS WORKSHOP

● **2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9**  
South Garland Branch Library  
Turn smooth river rocks into decorative refrigerator magnets using acrylic paints. All supplies provided. Registration is required. Call **972-205-3931**.

**FALL STORYTIMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
Through Nov. 23

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months), **10 a.m. Mondays**  
Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years), **11 a.m. Mondays**

**NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY**  
Wee Read (birth-18 months), **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays**  
Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months), **10 a.m. Fridays**  
Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years), **11 a.m. Fridays**

**SOUTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY**  
Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months), **10 a.m. Wednesdays**  
Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years), **11 a.m. Wednesdays**  
Family Storytimes, **10:30 a.m. Saturdays**

**WALNUT CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY**  
Family Storytimes, **7 p.m. Tuesdays**

### COOK THE BOOK

● **1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12**  
(Vegetarian)  
● **1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
(German)  
South Garland Branch Library  
Learn new recipes and share talents with fellow foodies. Participants choose a recipe from a pre-selected cookbook, available at the library's reference desk, before the event. They prepare the recipe at home and bring it to be enjoyed in a buffet-style meal on the event date.

### HOLIDAY MAKER FEST: GINGERBREAD HOUSE ORNAMENTS

● **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3**  
South Garland Branch Library  
Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 19. Call **972-205-3931**. Limit of two Holiday Maker Fest workshops per individual.

### HOLIDAY MAKER FEST: CROSS STITCH ORNAMENTS

● **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Central Library  
Registration begins Wednesday, Nov. 27. Call **972-205-2501**. Limit of two Holiday Maker Fest workshops per individual.

### HOLIDAY MAKER FEST: SNOWMAN ORNAMENTS

● **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**  
North Garland Branch Library  
Registration begins Saturday, Nov. 30. Call **972-205-2803**. Limit of two Holiday Maker Fest workshops per individual.

### HOLIDAY MAKER FEST: NO-SEW GNOME & SCANDINAVIAN WOOD ORNAMENTS

● **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17**  
Walnut Creek Branch Library  
Registration begins Tuesday, Dec. 3. Call **972-205-2585**. Limit of two Holiday Maker Fest workshops per individual.

## Seniors

### STORYTELLER DORAYNE BREEDLOVE

● **2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14**  
Central Library  
Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with storyteller Dorayne Breedlove. In addition to the art of storytelling, Breedlove is well-versed in music, puppetry and theatre, and has been performing for more than 20 years. For this appearance, Breedlove will present "Living the Life of Aloha," which will consist of stories, music and a hula lesson.

### STORYTELLER ELIZABETH ELLIS

● **2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19**  
Central Library  
Elizabeth Ellis, lauded by *The Dallas Morning News* as the city's premier storyteller, will present holiday-themed tales. Ellis has enjoyed a 30-year career as a storyteller and is a repeat favorite at the National Storytelling Festival. She previously appeared at Senior Social Hour in 2010.

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
625 Austin St., 972-205-2517

**NORTH GARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY**  
3845 N. 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



## Five Steps to Reduce Holiday Waste

Did you know the amount of waste produced in the United States increases by 25% during the holiday season? That's nearly 1 million more tons of garbage each week between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Help Garland reduce waste by taking these five simple steps to green your holidays:

- 1 Give do-it-yourself gifts like jarred baking mixes, homemade candles, or knit scarves and hats.
- 2 Donate unwanted items or money to charity in someone's name. Or donate time to a charity like Good Samaritans of Garland, the Garland Animal Shelter or Keep Garland Beautiful.
- 3 Rethink gift wrap by using a reusable item that can be a part of your gift, like a scarf, tea towel, blanket or backpack.
- 4 Encourage guests to take home leftovers by having reusable containers ready to go, instead of creating food waste.
- 5 Try gifting experiences and time spent together instead of disposable items. You can offer your talents to help a loved one complete a project, bake your favorite holiday recipes together or give plant cuttings to a budding gardener. Memories last a lifetime and don't end up in the landfill.

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Quality of Life

## Events from the Arts

SARAH TUCKER, SOPRANO

● 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Garland Symphony Orchestra's Concert II of the "Music that Grows on You" 2019-20 Season features Sarah Tucker, soprano.

Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

A TUNA CHRISTMAS

● Dec. 5-22

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Garland Civic Theatre presents the hilarious sequel to *Greater Tuna*. It's Christmas in the third-smallest town in Texas with radio personalities Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie reporting on various Yuletide events.

Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE:

A LIVE RADIO PLAY

● Dec. 12-15

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

The Company of Rowlett Performers brings a holiday classic to life as a 1940s radio broadcast. Tickets: [GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the door.

NICHOLAS NEWTON

● 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

Garland Symphony Orchestra's holiday concert features vocalist Nicholas Newton performing holiday favorites and the GSO's annual holiday sing-along. Tickets:

[GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com](http://GarlandArtsBoxOffice.com), 972-205-2790 or at the Granville Arts Center Box Office.



## FREE MOVIES at the Plaza



FREE MOVIE: *WHITE CHRISTMAS*

● 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

The 1954 classic starring Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera-Ellen — celebrated as the most beloved holiday movie of all time — will be presented by the City of Garland. Free and open to the public.



FREE MOVIE: *CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT*

● 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

A famous food writer, who can't boil an egg, poses as the perfect housewife. Her career is on the line if the truth comes out — and it just might as a heroic sailor spends Christmas on her farm. Free and open to the public.



FREE MOVIE: *THE POLAR EXPRESS*

● 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Tom Hanks stars in a holiday tale about a boy's journey on a magical Christmas train. Presented by the City of Garland. Free and open to the public.



FREE MOVIE: *ELF*

● 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Will Ferrell stars in a modern classic about a human raised by elves who seeks to rescue his biological father from Santa's dreaded Naughty List. Free and open to the public.

# Recreation Center events

## OUT-OF-SHAPE FITNESS

- 10 to 10:50 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 5-21

Ages 30 and up

\$23 per month

Audubon Recreation Center,  
342 W. Oates Road

Low-impact movement and repetition are the keys to building endurance, confidence and strength. Designed for everyday people who are not ready for a full workout.

972-205-3991 or ARC@GarlandTX.gov

## THANKSGIVING BREAK CAMP

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 25-27

Ages 7 to 11

\$50 per person

Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive

Enjoy crafts, games, sports and a field trip.

972-205-2770 or BRC@GarlandTX.gov

## WRITING TUTORING

- 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Thursdays

Ages 6 and up

\$30 per day

Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road

Sharpen your writing skills with instruction geared to help you succeed with different ways to write creatively and how to edit your work.

972-205-3090 or FRC@GarlandTX.gov

## YOGA

- 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 5-26

Ages 18 and up

\$35 for the month

Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F

Shape up body and mind through prescribed postures and poses, meditation and controlled breathing.

972-205-2771 or GRC@GarlandTX.gov

## U CAN PAINT

- 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12
- 6 to 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20

Ages 18 and up

\$17 per class

Holford Recreation Center,  
2314 Homestead Place

Complete a new painting on canvas each class. Learn color mixing, brush strokes and time-saving techniques with a master artist.

\$20 supply fee per class.  
972-205-2772 or HRC@GarlandTX.gov

## CHEER COMBO

- 6:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 4-25

Ages 2 to 5

\$35 for the month plus \$16 one-time administrative fee

Hollabaugh Recreation Center,  
3925 W. Walnut St.

Perform floor exercises, games, backbends, front and back tumbling skills, splits and more while learning the basics of cheer and tumbling.

972-205-2721 or HHRC@GarlandTX.gov

## FITNESS PLUS

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Ages 55 and up

Free

Senior Activity Center, 600 W. Avenue A

This low-impact aerobics class is designed to increase flexibility, maintain healthy joints, tone muscles and improve cardiovascular fitness.

972-205-2769 or SAC@GarlandTX.gov

## Register now!

Visit [PlayGarland.com](http://PlayGarland.com) or call your local recreation center.

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## Garland Landmark Museum

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays  
Downtown Garland, 393 N. Sixth St.

Learn about Garland's history at the Landmark Museum. Current exhibits include Arts & Entertainment in Garland: 1800s - Present and Quilt Making in Garland. Special arrangements can be made for private group tours. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 972-205-2992 or visit [GarlandHeritage.com](http://GarlandHeritage.com).



## Seasonal Gatherings

### SANTA'S ARRIVAL

- 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16

Bass Pro Shops, 5001 Bass Pro Drive  
Bass Pro Shops kicks off its Garland holiday season with snacks, giveaways and a tree lighting. Crafts and free photos with Santa will be available that day and then every day through Christmas Eve. [basspro.com](http://basspro.com)

### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

- 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

Firewheel Town Center  
Holiday in the Park and Disney Junior Playdate will be a free event featuring games, prizes, a face painter and balloon artist at Firewheel Town Center, State Highway 78 at the Bush Turnpike. Firewheel Town Center's Santa Photo Experience runs from Nov. 22 to Dec. 24 at 440 Coneflower Drive. Times and photo package prices vary.

### HOME TOUR

- 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5

Eight homes near Downtown Garland Friends of Garland's Historic Magic 11th Street present the Magical Christmas Candlelight Home Tour, complete with horse-drawn carriage rides, choirs, hot cocoa and a vintage Santa. Tickets: \$20 for adults; \$10 for students, available at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

- 7 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.  
The Garland Chamber of Commerce's 32nd annual Leadership Garland Prayer Breakfast features speaker Nick Marino Jr. and musical entertainment by Giordi Frederick. Tickets: \$35 per person, available at [GarlandChamber.com](http://GarlandChamber.com).



### PANCAKES WITH SANTA

- 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14

Central Fire Station, 1019 Austin St.  
A traditional event presented by The Kiwanis Club of Garland and the Citizens' Fire Club of Garland includes all-you-can-eat pancakes plus sausage, milk or coffee, and a photo with Santa. Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, available at [GarlandKiwanis.portalbuzz.com](http://GarlandKiwanis.portalbuzz.com).

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# Special Events

## Save the Date



### CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

● 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5

#### Downtown Garland Square

The 2019 Christmas on the Square Tree Lighting Ceremony kicks off the Christmas on the Square season with school carolers, hot chocolate, and the lighting of the official Christmas Tree on Thursday, Dec. 5. The ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m. so come early and carpool! The City of Garland strives to bring families together by spreading the joy of the holiday season.

For more information about the event, visit [ChristmasontheSquare.com](http://ChristmasontheSquare.com).

### PUPPY PAWS AND SANTA CLAWS

● 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

#### Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place

Is your puppy on the nice list? Join us at Holford Recreation Center for an afternoon of fun with our furry friends. Enjoy making "pawlday" crafts, games, pictures with Santa, vendors and more.

\$8 per dog. Save \$3 when you preregister by Dec. 5. Register one adult per dog. For more information, visit [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) or call 972-205-2772.

### SNACKS WITH SANTA

● 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10

#### Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road

Free fun with Santa! Join us at Fields Recreation Center for an evening of holiday fun. Enjoy making crafts, playing games, taking pictures, instructor-led demonstrations, and having a snack with Santa and his helpers. For more information, visit [GarlandParks.com](http://GarlandParks.com) or call 972-205-3090.

### WINE WALK

● 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2

#### Downtown Garland Square

Sponsored by the Garland Downtown Business Association

### THE URBAN FLEA

● 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9

● 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14

#### Downtown Garland Square

Pop-up flea market in the heart of Garland. Featuring local vendors that specialize in vintage, repurposed, upcycled and hand-crafted goods.

Facebook @theurbanfleatx

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

● Saturday, Nov. 30

#### Downtown Garland Square

### JINGLE BELL RUN 2019

● Saturday, Dec. 7

#### Downtown Garland Square

Sponsored by the Naaman Forest High School Booster Club

For more information, email [SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:SpecialEvents@GarlandTX.gov).

# TOP CYCLOCROSS EVENT

## Is Back at Winters Park

Cyclocross — with its off-road demands, rain-or-shine attitude and obstacles that force the athletes to carry their vehicle — is a unique sport in the world of cycling.

And when the best of the best in the sport come to Texas, they come to the Winters Park Amphitheater. For the sixth consecutive season, Garland hosts the state's only stop on the USA Cycling ProCX calendar.

### 2019 Resolution Cross Cup

● Saturday, Dec. 7 – Sunday, Dec. 8

Races from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Elite division features at noon.

In the buildup to the Resolution Cross Cup, Garland is also a prime player on the local circuit. From September to Dec. 4, the City is hosting all 11 events in the 2019 Creek Cross weeknight series. The series utilizes both Winters Park and the Rowlett Creek Preserve.



# Basketball Tournament

## Coming to Garland

The Parks & Recreation athletic staff is excited to announce it will host the 2020 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Men's 6-Foot and Under Basketball Tournament in March at the newly renovated **Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F**.

The tournament for men who are 6 feet tall or shorter will be the first state-level TAAF tournament Garland has hosted. Staff bid for the tournament at the state association's conference in September.

For more information, email [Athletics@GarlandTX.gov](mailto:Athletics@GarlandTX.gov).



# Worm Composting Class

● 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 18

Texas Worm Ranch, 2636 National Circle

FREE

Are you interested in learning how to compost but don't have a big yard? Discover why you should consider vermicomposting at a two-hour class presented by Garland Environmental Waste Services.

Worm composting is an indoor composting method that uses worms to convert household waste to a fertile soil amendment. Worm composting is perfect for apartment dwellers and people with limited space.

In this class, you will learn how to properly care for the worms, how to prevent issues or odors in your home, how to make the best possible vermicompost, and how to harvest your vermicompost from the worms for use in your gardens and potted plants. Attendees can purchase worm bins and worms from Texas Worm Ranch.

Visit [GoGreenGarland.com/Calendar](http://GoGreenGarland.com/Calendar) for additional compost classes scheduled in the new year!

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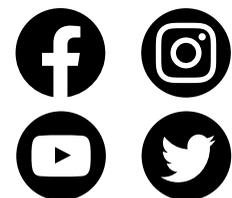
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## Garland City Press Briefs

This weekly newsletter is sent each Sunday evening and contains reminders and updates about City-sponsored events and activities. Register on the City's website. Look for the Enews link.



## Social Media

The City is active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and NextDoor. Check these out by visiting [GarlandTX.gov/social.asp](http://GarlandTX.gov/social.asp) and see what interests you most!

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## Garland Recovers from Oct. 20 Tornado

*“It takes everybody taking care of everybody. City services will get reinstated, people will be kept safe and streets will get clear. But you also have to rely on your neighbors sometimes. Neighbors are out helping each other. And people from across the City who obviously don't know each other are coming together. That's priceless. It's great to see.”*

Mayor Scott LeMay



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