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COMMUNITY ADOPTS ROLE IN PANDEMIC

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City of Garland Responds to Pandemic

The following is a summary of operations for several City departments, taking into consideration local, county and state regulations in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. City employees who do have to work to provide essential services are taking proper safety precautions. *Conditions are as of April 24 and are subject to change.*

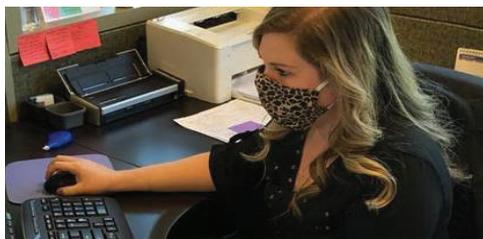
Police and Fire: Fully operational to meet public safety and emergency medical calls in a timely manner.

Health: Public Health Clinic is open for immunizations by appointment only. Call **972-205-3460**.

Animal Services: Shelter visits by appointment only. Call **972-205-3570**.

Environmental Waste Services: Normal cycles for trash, recycling and brush pickup. If carts are overflowing, excess trash and recyclables can be taken to the Recycling Center and Transfer Station, **143 Commerce St.**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Residents are encouraged to avoid trips to the C.M. Hinton Jr. Regional Landfill.

Utility Customer Service: All utility, tax, revenue recovery and building inspection payments are being accepted at the drive-thru payment center at **717 W. State St.** The Charles E. Duckworth Utilities Building is closed to the public. All utility disconnects and late fees were suspended through April. Customers should call **972-205-2671** or email **CustServ@GarlandTX.gov** to discuss their situation.



Water/Sewer/ Garland Power & Light: Continuing to respond to service disruptions and needed repairs.

Streets: Limited to urgent pothole repair to ensure safety.

Code Compliance: Limited to enforcing critical health and safety violations.

Arts: The Granville Arts Center, The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center and the Plaza Theatre are closed until further notice.

Library: All physical locations are closed until further notice. Online services and downloadable materials remain available.

Parks: Firewheel Golf Park, Garland Tennis Center and all athletic fields and outdoor venues are closed until further notice. Parks and greenspaces are open; however, playground equipment, picnic tables and other equipment are not being sanitized. Please maintain proper social distance when utilizing parks and greenspaces.

Recreation and Senior Centers: Closed until further notice. Senior citizens' meal program assistance in both pickup and delivery formats is available. Call **972-205-2769**.

Municipal Court: All court dockets are suspended until further notice. No additional fees are being assessed on citations except time payment fees that are mandated on cases with judgements that are not paid by the 31st day. All requests for defensive driving, deferrals and payment plans are available through Dropbox, mail and email. Calls to the court, **972-205-2330**, are being accepted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



VA North Texas Health Care System Acquires Garland Hospital Facility

The VA North Texas Health Care System has officially taken possession of the former Garland-Baylor, Scott & White hospital located at 2300 Marie Curie Drive. The facility will now be known as Garland VA Medical Center.

Baylor, Scott & White closed the 470,000-square-foot facility in 2018 after exhaustive efforts to sell the hospital failed.

Veterans Affairs officials said that with support from national, regional and local leadership, they were able to create an in-patient COVID-19 overflow unit for up to 200 veterans in unprecedented time — and in time for the COVID-19 peak in North Texas.

“The official acquisition of this donated hospital by Baylor, Scott & White couldn’t come at a more essential time than today,” said Dr. Stephen Holt, Director of the VA North Texas Health Care System.

The longer-term use is for Garland VA Medical Center to have permanent outpatient primary and specialty care services for some of the 184,000 North Texas veterans enrolled in VA health care. That function could be in place this fall.



The site was identified for the possible expansion of veteran medical services in the region in early 2019. Along with an initiative from the City of Garland, a bipartisan North Texas congressional effort helped facilitate efforts with Baylor, Scott & White and VA Central Office to navigate and ultimately finalize the unprecedented donation effort. The donation of the hospital will save the VA system hundreds of millions of dollars.

“We are looking forward to having the VA as a part of our Garland community and the opportunity to serve our veterans,” said Garland Mayor Scott LeMay. “This new facility will bring a long-term result of almost 5,000 jobs to Garland, as well as a much-needed catalyst for renewed development in the surrounding area. I want to thank Mayor Pro Tem Robert John Smith for his efforts in keeping the community informed during this long process. He has worked tirelessly to help facilitate this exchange which will benefit our city for many years to come.”

ON THE COVER

Mayor Scott LeMay accepts a donation of 8,000 bottles of hand sanitizer, a product of the collaboration of four local businesses – Herman Marshall Whiskey, Plastipak Packaging Inc., SixB Labels and Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery. The hand sanitizer is being used by Garland City crews including police officers, firefighters and Garland Power & Light field workers.

Visit GarlandTX.gov for the most recent information regarding City service updates.



Take Care of Your Immune System

The outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) is stressful. Fear and uncertainty can be overwhelming, and a sense of helplessness can emerge.

It is important to remember the simple things you can do to increase your chances of staying healthy.

Of course, the most important way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus. Staying at home and putting distance between yourself and others is critical, especially if you are a person in a higher-risk category, such as older adults or those who have underlying health conditions.

Other steps to protect yourself include cleaning your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and cleaning and disinfecting touched surfaces. Also, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Here are some things you should be doing to stay healthy, regardless of current outbreak conditions:

- Reduce stress. Take breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly and get plenty of sleep.
- Avoid using alcohol and drugs to cope.
- Ask for help if you feel overwhelmed. Chronic stress or anxiety can cause your body to produce stress hormones that can suppress the immune system. The Disaster Distress Helpline, **1-800-985-5990**, is available 24/7, 365 days a year, to provide immediate crisis counseling for people experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

CDC.gov is another source of information on how Public Health officials are working to help stop the spread of diseases.

The Garland Public Health Clinic, **206 Carver Drive**, not only provides low-cost immunizations for infants, children and adults but also accepts most insurance plans. Call **972-205-3370** for more information.

Clinic Information

Open for immunizations by appointment only. Call **972-205-3460**.

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The public gathering restrictions put in place to keep people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of Garland's arts venues, libraries, recreation centers and senior centers. As of the deadline for this publication, all regular programs have been suspended. Therefore, no event notices are listed in this edition of the *Garland City Press*. Please visit GarlandTX.gov for timely updates on restoration of these programs.

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BOND HIGHLIGHTS

Projects Continue

Projects approved by voters in the \$423.7 million May 2019 bond election continue to move forward and are on or ahead of schedule.

In the first year of the bond program, the concentration is to design projects (architectural or engineering) ahead of construction. Several project design contracts went to the Garland City Council for approval in April.

Naaman School Road, which is being improved between State Highway 78 and Spring Creek, is in the design phase. Design progress continues for the police evidence and property building and the animal shelter and adoption facility.

Work at Audubon Recreation Center and field lighting at Central Park will move into the construction phase in the next few months. While the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a short-term construction slowdown, the City does not anticipate impacts on project schedules.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS NOW VIRTUAL

Due to COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, City Council and Plan Commission meetings have transitioned from their traditional site at Garland City Hall to a virtual format. The City Council also added weekly special meetings for updates on the City's response to COVID-19. Go to GarlandTX.gov for links and updates.

CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast – 6 p.m. May 4 and 18, June 1 and 15
- Rebroadcast the following Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

City Council Regular Meetings

- Live broadcast – 7 p.m. May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16
- Rebroadcast the following Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Meetings – 7 p.m. May 11, June 8 and June 22
- 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.

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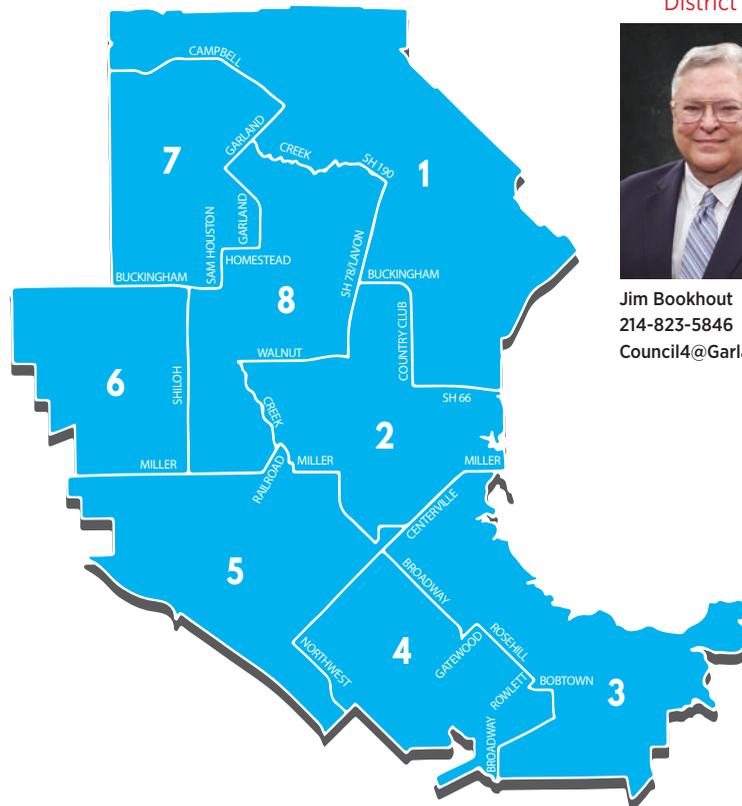


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The 2020 census is happening now. You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone or by mail.

El censo 2020 está sucediendo ahora. Puede completar su cuestionario en línea, por teléfono o por correo.

Cuộc điều tra dân số năm 2020 đang diễn ra. Quý vị có thể hoàn thành bảng câu hỏi trực tuyến, qua điện thoại hoặc qua đường bưu điện.

Learn more at 2020CENSUS.GOV

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Garland City Council *Postpones May 2 Election*

The Garland City Council postponed its general election six months to Nov. 3 to keep voters from gathering during a time of concern over the spread of COVID-19.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott authorized those holding May 2 elections to postpone their election to Nov. 3.

“I strongly encourage local election officials to take advantage of these waivers and postpone their elections,” Gov. Abbott said. “Right now, the state’s focus is responding to COVID-19 — including social distancing and avoiding large gatherings.”

Garland voters will decide representatives for Council Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5. They’ll also consider a proposal to repurpose park land at 3925 W. Walnut St. as the new site for the Walnut Creek Branch Library.

Candidate filings for the election remain valid and there will be no additional filing period. Applications for mail-in ballots are still valid for those over 65 and those voting by mail due to disability. The voter registration deadline for the election is extended to Oct. 5. Early voting will be Oct. 19-30.

Candidates are as follows, listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot (U indicates unopposed):

District 1	David Gibbons (U)
District 2	Deborah Morris Koni Ramos-Kaiwi
District 4	B.J. Williams Jim Bookhout
District 5	Rich Aubin (U)



In January, both the Park Board and Library Board unanimously approved the plan to use land adjacent to Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St., as the site for relocation of the Walnut Creek Branch Library. By law, voters must approve any plan to use park land for purposes other than a park.

Voters approved a \$10.9 million relocation and expansion of the Walnut Creek Branch Library in the City’s May 2019 bond election. In subsequent months, the City has been looking for property that would accommodate a 16,000-square-foot building and parking — ideally with access to a major street and within a mile of the existing library. However, those conditions for relocation proved difficult in built-out West Garland.

The Hollabaugh Park site was presented as highly visible, large enough for the library and parking lot and within the one-mile radius for continued service to the Walnut Creek Branch community. Parks and library officials also touted the potential for programs that could be uniquely crafted to a dual site.

Questions?

If you have election questions, contact the City Secretary at 972-205-2404 or Dallas County at 214-819-6300 or DallasCountyVotes.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON GARLAND

Nicholson Memorial Library System Earns 2019 Texas Achievement of Library Excellence Award

For the 15th consecutive year, the Nicholson Memorial Library System has been awarded the Texas Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.

The award is given every year for the previous fiscal year. Of the 571 public library systems in Texas, only 53 received the award. Our library system has received this award every year since 2005, the year it was established. Garland’s library system consistently performs in the top 10% of Texas libraries.



The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center Named Winner in 2020 WeddingWire Couples’ Choice Awards

The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center is a winner of the 2020 WeddingWire Couples’ Choice Awards. The accolade represents the top wedding professionals in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism, as reviewed by couples on the WeddingWire site.

WeddingWire, a website marketplace that connects couples with local wedding professionals, analyzed reviews across more than 20 service categories to find the most highly rated vendors. The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center has won this award nine times in the last 11 years.



Garland Power & Light Earns Tree Line USA Utility Status

Garland Power & Light has been named a Tree Line USA utility in honor of their commitment to proper tree pruning, planting and care. Tree Line USA, a partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes utilities for delivering safe and reliable electricity while maintaining healthy community forests.

To earn the status, GP&L met industry standards for quality tree care, provided annual worker training in best tree care practices, sponsored a tree planting and public education program, maintained a tree-based energy conservation program and participated in an Arbor Day celebration.

Garland Welcomes New Director of Emergency Management

Mistie Gardner joined the City Feb. 10 as the Director of Emergency Management. She works in conjunction with public safety and related City, community and local partners. She has played a significant role as the City has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mistie has served in emergency management and public safety for the past 24 years, most recently as the emergency management coordinator for the City of Richardson.

Mistie earned a degree in Emergency Administration and Planning from the University of North Texas. She is designated by the International Association of Emergency Managers as well as the Emergency Management Association of Texas as a Certified Emergency Manager.



Among her work in multiple local, regional, statewide and national committees, she is a former Vice Chair of the North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team and a member of the State of Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team.

Apply Now for Boards and Commissions

Do you want to make a difference in your City? The Garland City Council is currently accepting applications to the following:

- **North Texas Municipal Water District Board:** Applications for a Garland representative to the Board of Directors of the North Texas Municipal Water District are being accepted through May 25. The term starts June 1 and runs through May 31, 2022. To qualify for the position, an applicant must reside in Garland and own taxable property. Applications should include a letter of interest and a resume.
- **Texas Municipal Power Agency Board:** Applications for a Garland representative to the Board of Directors of the Texas Municipal Power Agency will be accepted from May 11 through June 2. The term starts July 18 and runs through July 18, 2022. To qualify for the position, an applicant must reside in Garland. Applications should include a letter of interest and a resume.
- **Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board:** Applications for two Garland representatives to the Board of Directors of Dallas Area Rapid Transit will be accepted May 11 through June 2. The two-year term runs through June 30, 2022.
- **Garland Health Facilities Development Corporation and Garland Economic Development Authority:** Applications for six-year terms expiring Aug. 31, 2026, are being accepted through May 25.
- **Garland Civil Service Commission:** Applications for a three-year term are being accepted through May 25.

Application forms can be found on the City Secretary's page at GarlandTX.gov. They can be submitted to René Dowl, City Secretary, by email to RDowl@GarlandTX.gov or by mail to **City Hall, 200 N. Fifth St., Garland 75040**.

- **Garland Youth Council:** Applications for a one-year term on the Garland Youth Council are available at GarlandYouthCouncil.org and are being accepted through June 5. Two letters of recommendation must be included. Mail applications to City Hall, Attn: Elisa Morales, **200 N. Fifth St., Garland TX, 75040** or email them to GYC@GarlandTX.gov.



Downtown Square Design

Concept plans for long-awaited improvements to the Downtown Square were presented to the Garland City Council in April, following public engagement efforts with residents and business leaders in the area.

Council unanimously approved the concept plan, which envisions features such as a performance plaza, recreational lawn, shaded pavilion, imaginative play area, space for small gatherings and special programs, as well as an artfully illuminated promenade.

The area between State, Main, Fifth and Sixth streets has long been referred to as the Downtown Square. Removal of an aging building along the east half of the property in 2017 expanded the footprint of the space significantly and has provided a glimpse of the potential for the full block.



Residents are flocking to Downtown to enjoy the lawn for concerts, participate in public art projects and community events, and frequent surrounding shops and restaurants. A full-time residential component in recent years has sparked both nightlife and vibe.

The revitalization of the Downtown Square seeks to create a pedestrian-friendly environment, maximize activation of the space, and enhance the economic vitality of the district. The vision is to create an experience that extends from business front to business front, anchored by an urban respite. The iconic history of the Downtown Square continues as a gathering place in the heart of the community.

Detailed design is anticipated to take approximately 12 months, after which bidding for construction would begin. Up to 15 blocks of streetscapes will also be improved to enhance the overall pedestrian experience throughout the core of Downtown.

WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?

Garland is buzzing with new development.



1 Under construction along the east side of Firewheel Parkway, across from the Firewheel Town Center, is Firewheel Lofts. The development will consist of approximately 319 units.



2 Under construction at the east side of Broadway Boulevard and Colonel Drive is a Scooter's Coffee drive-thru.



3 Coming soon at the northeast side of the Interstate 30 and Bush Turnpike interchange and along Zion Road is a recreational vehicle resort, including approximately 183 RV pads and a clubhouse with amenities.

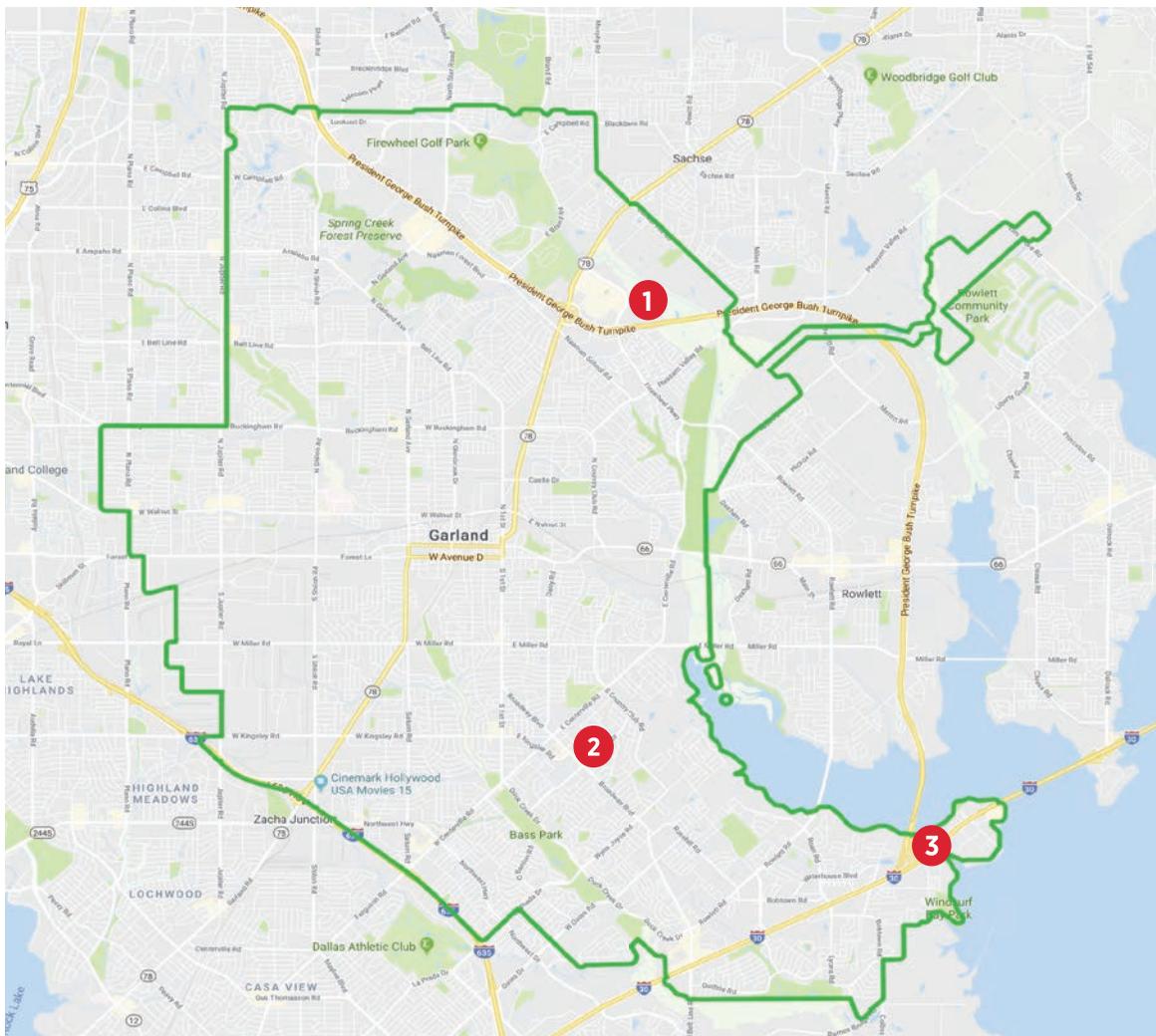


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635 East Project Set to Begin

A \$1.7 billion upgrade will soon break ground to bring relief to Garland's busiest traffic corridor. The 635 East project will widen and improve Interstate 635 between Central Expressway and Interstate 30. Most of the project's 11 miles are in Garland.

The freeway itself will be widened to five lanes with one tolled managed lane in each direction. The interchange at Interstate 30 will be rebuilt.

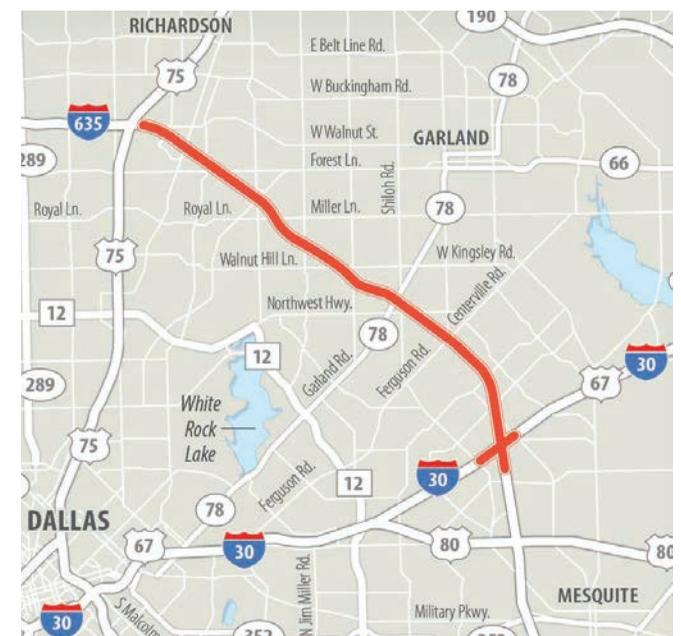
Moreover, the corridor will feature continuous two- and three-lane frontage roads. Areas near South Garland Avenue and the Mesquite border have never had frontage roads.

Preparation of work zones for construction has begun. City-owned property at 3159 S. Garland Ave. is being leased to the contractor and will allow Garland's exits to be moved up on the timeline.

One of the first signs of major construction work that residents will see is the closing of the current HOV/managed toll lanes to traffic. Utility relocations are also scheduled to begin in the upcoming months.

The contractor, Pegasus Link Constructors, says major lane closures will be performed during the overnight hours and weekends when traffic is lighter. Text "635 East" to 31996 to sign up to receive alerts on closures. More information about the project can be found at 635east.com.

The project is scheduled for completion in late 2024.



GOOD NEIGHBORS MADE HERE:

Facing the Coronavirus Together

In the face of a global pandemic, good neighbors are needed more than ever. In Garland, we are witnessing extraordinary demonstrations of neighborliness. Social distancing does not mean social disconnectedness. We can stay connected and healthy.



Touch Base Virtually

A friendly check-in from a neighbor is always welcome. This can be done by phone calls, texts, emails, Facebook, Nextdoor, or even signs in your window. Let's get creative, y'all!

Be sure to find ways to touch base with your neighbors, see if their needs are being met, or pass along some words of encouragement. Use larger neighborhood group communication networks to boost morale and connect those with needs to those who can help. Nextdoor recently released a "Help Map" to allow neighbors to offer help to those in need.



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Share Kindness

Social media has been hopping with acts of kindness among neighbors, and you can be part of that. You can pool resources, leave kind messages, share art or music — there are always ways to be kind regardless of the circumstances. To help others with ideas, be sure to post your coronavirus kindness efforts on social media with #GarlandGoodness and #GoodNeighbors.

Stay Informed

The City of Garland (GarlandTX.gov) and Dallas County (DallasCounty.org) regularly update their websites with the most recent information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.gov) is also an excellent source for current information; however, take care to not overload yourself with coronavirus updates.

For more ideas on how to stay connected in your neighborhood, visit GarlandNeighborhoods.org.

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Tuberculosis Testing

In the early 1900s, tuberculosis killed one out of every seven people in the United States and Europe. While the number of TB cases in the United States has been declining since the 1940s when the first treatments were developed, the disease is still around.

The higher-risk category for TB infection includes:

- People who have spent time with someone who has TB disease.
- People from a country where TB disease is common (most countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia).
- People who live or work in high-risk settings (for example: correctional facilities, long-term care facilities or nursing homes, and homeless shelters).
- Health care workers who care for patients at increased risk for TB disease.
- Infants, children and adolescents exposed to adults who are at increased risk for latent TB infection or TB disease.

There are two kinds of tests to detect TB bacteria in the body: the TB skin test and TB blood tests. A positive result on either test requires a follow-up evaluation to determine if the person has TB disease.

- The TB skin test is performed by injecting a small amount of fluid (called tuberculin) into the skin on the lower part of the arm. Within 48 to 72 hours, a trained health care worker can determine whether there is a reaction on the arm.
- A TB blood test is performed by drawing a person's blood and sending it to a laboratory for analysis.

On May 17, 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published updated recommendations for screening of health care personnel for TB. The changes in recommendations reflect the overall decrease in the number of people diagnosed with TB disease and the low incidence of TB due to occupational exposure among health care personnel in the United States.

Information on TB testing recommendations is available at CDC.gov/tb/.

Located at 206 Carver Drive, Garland Public Health Clinic provides both TB skin tests and TB blood tests. Call 972-205-3370 for more information.

West Nile in Dallas County

Health officials warn that mosquitoes trapped in Dallas County have tested positive for West Nile virus, the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the United States. It is transmitted by mosquito species that bite during the evening to morning hours.

You can reduce your risk of West Nile virus by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

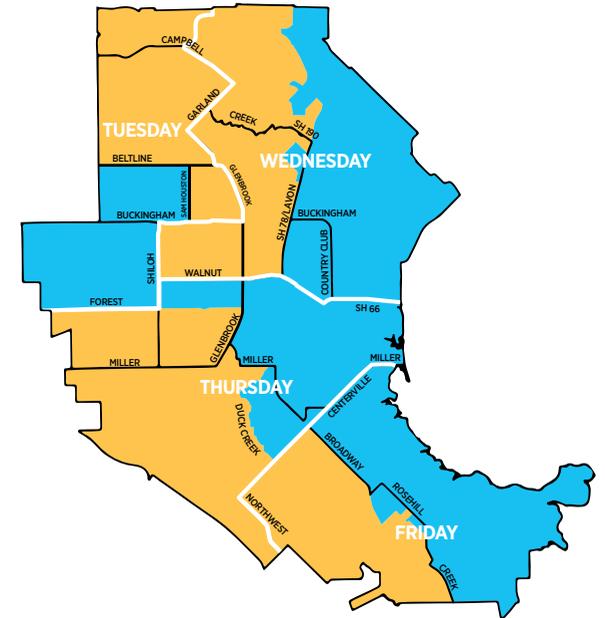
Use an Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent with an active ingredient listed as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow the product instructions. If you are also using sunscreen, apply the sunscreen first.

Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months. Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, or cut or irritated skin. Adults: spray the repellent onto your hands, then apply to a child's face.

Mosquito-proof your home. Use screens on windows and doors. Eliminate standing water, where mosquitoes lay eggs. Empty and scrub, turn over, cover or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots or trash containers.

To report standing water issues, stagnant swimming pools, high mosquito activity or dead birds, email EnvHealth@GarlandTX.gov or submit information through the Garland eAssist app.

2020 Recycling Schedule



- Recycling collection occurs every other week on the same day as trash.
- To determine if you are a blue or yellow recycling week, visit MyGarland: maps.garlandtx.gov/maps/mygarland.

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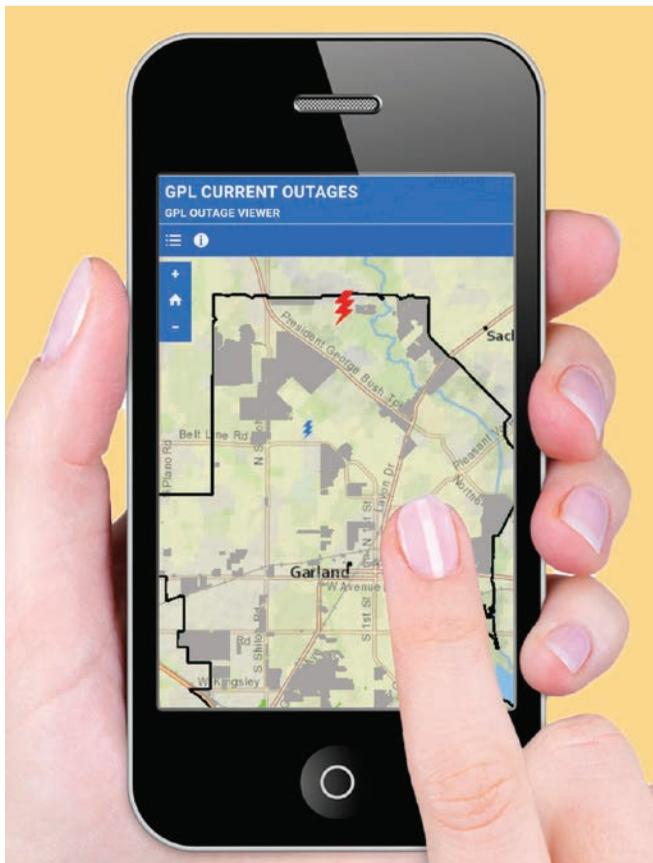
- Blue Collection Week
- Yellow Collection Week
- The Recycling Center, Transfer Station, Hinton Landfill and EWS Administration are closed in holiday observance.

Environmental Waste Services holidays are subject to change. Check GarlandEWS.com for updates.

Keep It Flowing: IT'S YOUR DUTY

City Ordinances require that each property owner keep drainage channels and/or drainage and floodway easements traversing or adjacent to their property clean and free of debris, silt and any other substance that may impede the flow of storm waters or result in unsanitary conditions. This includes all necessary mowing, weeding, litter pickup and other normal property owner responsibilities.

To learn more, visit GarlandStormwater.org.



Visit GP&L's **Online Outage Center**

On GP&L's website, gpltexas.org, click on "Outage Center" in the top navigation bar.

In the GP&L Outage Center, customers can:

- View current power outages on the Power Outage Map. A lightning bolt icon indicates the general area of an outage and number of customers affected.
- Learn how to report a power outage by text message.
- Watch a video to learn about GP&L's outage restoration process.
- Find tips to prepare for power outages and electric safety information.
- Learn what to do if a home's electric meter base has been damaged in a storm.



New Facility for Gas Collection at C.M. Hinton Jr. Regional Landfill

In January, the Garland City Council authorized an agreement to sell landfill gas to Morrow Renewables. The landfill gas will be converted into methane suitable for use in residential, commercial and industrial settings. This agreement will result in a more efficient capture of landfill gas, which in turn will lessen the environmental impact of the landfill over the next 20 years.

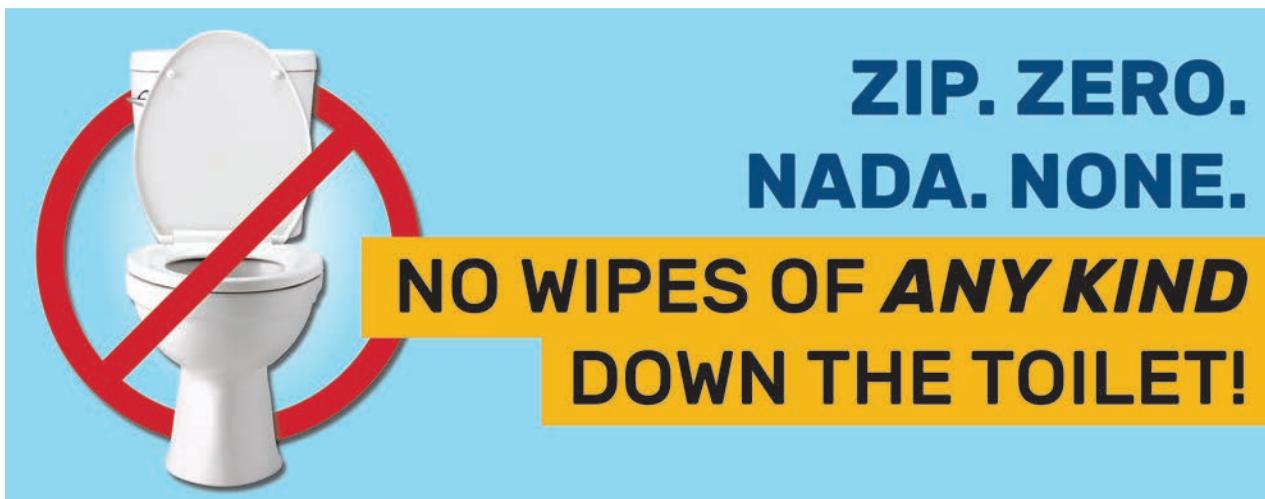
Municipal waste (mostly household waste) that is buried in a landfill decomposes over time. One byproduct of waste decomposition is gas, commonly referred to as landfill gas. Landfill gas can be a significant problem in terms of nuisance odors to neighbors. And landfill gas emission can release large amounts of "greenhouse gas" into the atmosphere. Federal and state regulations require landfills to take significant measures to capture landfill gas.

Garland's C.M. Hinton Jr. Regional Landfill currently collects landfill gas through a system of 77 gas wells. Landfill gas is pulled from these wells by negative pressure and flared (burned) on-site.

As a result of the agreement with Morrow Renewables, a purification facility will be constructed at the landfill to harvest and process landfill gas into useable methane gas that will be pumped into the gas delivery system that serves the greater North Texas region. The result will be a more efficient gas collection system, less landfill gas emission into the atmosphere, subsequently fewer odor nuisances to landfill neighbors, and an environmentally friendly renewable energy source. We are excited about the partnership.

The construction and permitting process for the purification facility is expected to take about two years.

To learn more, visit GarlandEWS.com.



Defend Your Drains: **No Wipes in Pipes**

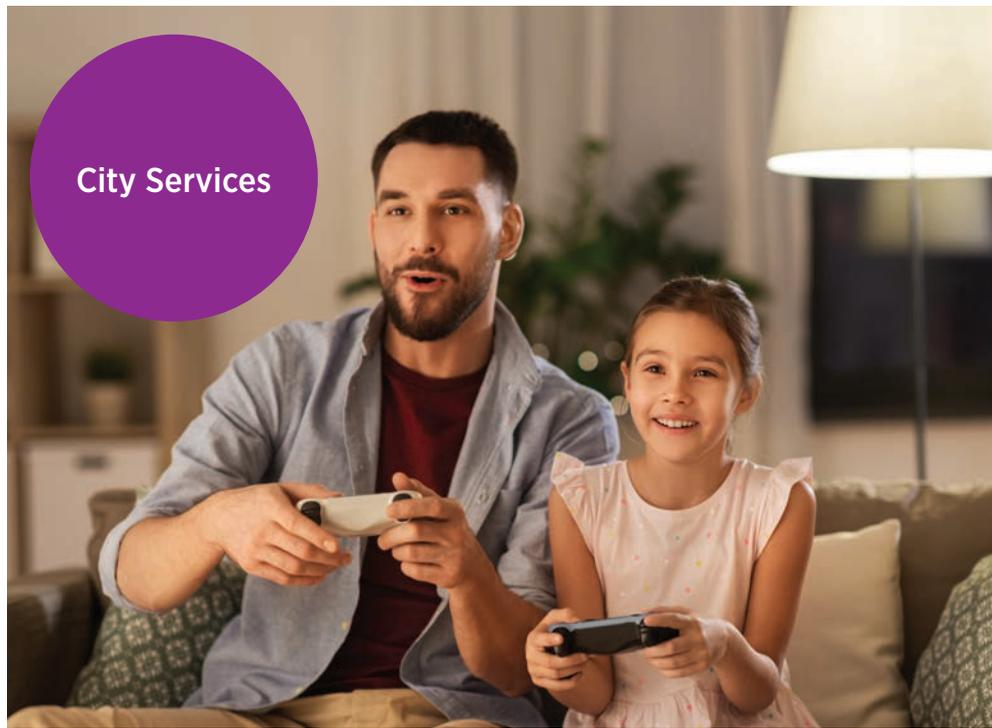
Garland Wastewater reminds you that flushing ANY KIND of wipes can cause a backup of the sanitary sewer system.

ALL WIPES go in the trash, NO exceptions, no matter what the label says.

Thank you for your help as we work together to stay healthy and safe.

To learn more, visit GarlandStormwater.org.

City Services



GP&L Provides Value to Customers and Community

Since 1923, Garland Power & Light has served as the City's municipally owned electric utility. This status provides numerous benefits to GP&L customers and the Garland community:

- GP&L provides reliable electric service, proven by reliability scores that beat national averages. When power outages do occur, local crews provide the most immediate service.
- GP&L keeps rates competitive, without confusing or hard-to-meet usage requirements.
- A portion of GP&L's revenue is returned to the City's general fund to support municipal services.
- GP&L supports education, the arts and other community programs in Garland.

Learn more about Garland Power & Light at gpltexas.org.

¿Se pregunta cómo desechar algún artículo?

GarlandWasteWizard.com es una herramienta excelente para ayudar a nuestros habitantes a saber cómo desechar los artículos de modo ecológico y legal.

Es fácil de usar. Vaya al sitio web indicado arriba, donde encontrará la herramienta "Waste Wizard" (asistente de desechos). A la derecha en la barra de menú verde, en la parte de arriba de la herramienta, encontrará un menú de idiomas. Haga clic en el menú y seleccione Español. Ingrese el nombre del artículo que desea desechar y le dirá cómo reciclar o desecharlo. La herramienta hasta tiene una lista alfabética de artículos para ayudarle a identificarlos.

GarlandWasteWizard.org

**ARE YOU PUZZLED
ABOUT
WHERE TO DISPOSE CERTAIN ITEMS?
DON'T BE STRESSED, USE
THIS NEW TOOL AT
GARLANDWASTEWIZARD.ORG.**



Remember to Slow Down to Get Around

Texas' "Move Over or Slow Down" law includes municipal solid waste collection vehicles, highway maintenance and construction vehicles, and utility service vehicles.

When passing these types of vehicles, a motorist must either slow down to 20 mph below the posted speed limit or move out of the lane closest to the vehicle to keep traveling at its current speed. If the posted speed limit is less than 25 mph, a motorist must either reduce their speed to 5 mph or move out of the lane closest to the vehicle to keep traveling at its current speed.

These rules apply when passing:

- An emergency vehicle with its lights flashing.
- A stationary tow truck using its equipment (even if its lights are not flashing).
- A TxDOT or highway maintenance or construction vehicle with its lights flashing.
- A utility service vehicle with its lights flashing.
- A stationary solid waste or recycling vehicle while it is collecting (even if its lights are not flashing).

Violation of this law is a misdemeanor with fines up to \$200 or more, depending on damages.

When you see a trash, brush and bulky, or recycling truck, please remember to:

- Slow down.
- Look for workers before attempting to pass.
- Check for traffic approaching from the opposite direction before attempting to pass.
- Avoid prohibited activities like texting and talking on the phone, and other distractions like adjusting your radio or programming your GPS.

MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN REBASAR O REDUCIR VELOCIDAD



Solid waste and
recycling vehicles
*Residuos sólidos y
vehículos de reciclaje*



Police, fire and
emergency vehicles
*Policías, bomberos y
vehículos de emergencia*



Utility vehicles
Vehículos utilitarios

When approaching an emergency response, utility or solid waste collection vehicle with its lights flashing, a motorist must:

MOVE OVER and out of the lane closest to the vehicle.
or
SLOW DOWN to 20 mph below the posted speed.

Al acercarse a un vehículo de respuesta a emergencias, de servicios públicos o de recolección de desechos sólidos con sus luces encendidas, el conductor debe:

REBASAR y salir del carril más cercano al vehículo.
o
REDUCIR la velocidad a 20 mph por debajo del límite de velocidad publicado.

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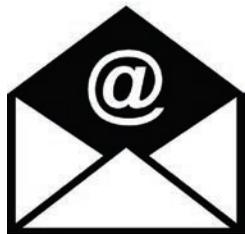
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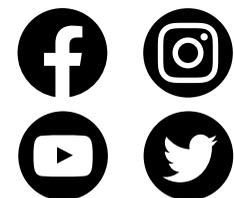
Garland eAssist

Report issues, get information and submit questions online or through an app on your smartphone. Visit GarlandTX.gov and click on the eAssist button or download Garland eAssist from your app store.



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 and see what interests you most!

GarlandTX.gov

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE PRECAUTIONS



Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Stay home if you are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Consider maintaining social distancing of 6 feet with all persons.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover coughs and sneezes, and then wash your hands. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve instead of your hand.



Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious foods and manage your stress.



Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.

For updated COVID-19 information and other resources, go to GarlandTX.gov.

MEDIDAS PREVENTIVAS PARA ENFERMEDADES CONTAGIOSAS



Lávese las manos con frecuencia, usando jabón y agua por un mínimo de 20 segundos.



Quédese en casa si está enfermo.



Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz o la boca con manos sucias.



Considere mantener una distancia social de 6 pies con cualquier persona.



Evite el contacto cercano con personas enfermas.



Tápese cuando tosa o estornude, y luego lave sus manos. Tose o estornude en su codo o manga en lugar de su mano.



Duerma lo suficiente, manténgase activo físicamente, beba suficientes líquidos, coma alimentos nutritivos y controle su estrés.



Limpie y desinfecte con frecuencia los objetos y las superficies.

Para información actualizada de COVID-19 y otros recursos, visite GarlandTX.gov.

Các biện pháp phòng ngừa các bệnh truyền nhiễm



Rửa tay thường xuyên bằng xà bông và nước ít nhất 20 giây.



Ở nhà nếu bản thân bị đau ốm.



Tránh dùng tay chưa rửa sạch chạm vào mắt, mũi hoặc miệng.



Xem xét giữ khoảng cách giao tiếp xã hội 6 feet với tất cả mọi người.



Tránh tiếp xúc gần với những người đang bị đau ốm.



Che miệng khi ho và hắt hơi, và sau đó rửa tay. Ho hoặc hắt hơi vào khuỷu tay hoặc tay áo của mình thay vì vào tay.



Ngủ nhiều, hoạt động thể chất, uống nhiều nước, ăn các thức ăn dinh dưỡng và quản lý sự căng thẳng của bản thân.



Thường xuyên lau sạch và khử trùng các vật và bề mặt.

Để có thêm thông tin về các hướng dẫn phòng ngừa đau yếu, hãy vào trang GarlandTX.gov/DiseaseInfo.



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