

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

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Garland Rocks!

The State of Affairs in Garland, Texas

“Garland is home to more than 225,000 people and is the second largest city in Dallas County and the tenth largest in Texas. A strong pioneer spirit has led Garland through more than a century of opportunities and challenges. Residents and visitors enjoy first-class cultural, entertainment and recreational venues, including the Granville Arts Center, the Nicholson Memorial Library System, Firewheel Golf Park and the Garland’s award-winning Parks and Recreation Department. All of these amenities rely on the city’s solid base of sound infrastructure, excellent city services, and responsive, locally-owned utilities, anchored by Garland’s Environmental Waste Services, Garland Power & Light, and its Water and Wastewater Utility. As the city progresses into its second hundred years, it continues to evolve as a thriving economic center eager to embrace its rich and varied cultural tapestry.”

[CNN and Money Magazine: 2008 list of the Top 100 Places to Live]



GDWC President Martha Crump with Mayor Jones

The May Meeting of the GDWC speaker, Mayor Ronald Jones reported on the “State of the City.” Garland is healthy and moving forward. City Planning prepared for the economic downturn in 2009. In the area of transportation, the 190 Toll way construction scheduled completion is by December 2010, connecting the 190 Toll way to I-30 and opening up shopping venues, housing and apartment developments.



Mayor Jones with Pat Seehorn

The DART Blue Line is to be completed by November of 2011. Economically, Garland outperforms Texas in general, and Texas performs better than the nation. Garland's economy is balanced with retail, space industry, manufacturing, and high-tech industry. Garland is a top producer in the area of companies vital to the military defense of the country. Eighty-five percent of medical devices (prosthetics) are made in Garland. In retail, Firewheel continues to expand, and Firewheel is sponsoring Garland's Fourth of July celebration. The mayor said he would continue to focus on public safety, arts, education, and making sure city government is open and transparent
Thank you, Mayor Jones for your continued superior leadership for the City of Garland!

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EDITORIAL

The past month has been difficult for all Americans, especially those living and depending on the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf disaster affects us all and will continue to affect us for many years. We mourn the loss of 11 workers during the original explosion. We mourn the loss of flora and fauna. We mourn the loss and irreparable damage of the Gulf and the Gulf Coastal areas. At the same time, there are those individuals - naysayers of the highest degree who deny the extent of the damage and the necessity of review and make changes in the regulatory process. And culpability. Anger grows to rage as the Head of BP stated he would like his life back [ed. to where it was], reports of lack of assistance to victims, billions paid to stock holders, and reports of BP going out of business. Our attention has been taken away from the wars raging in the Middle East; the state of the economy, unemployment, the world climate, health, education, the arrogance of a former President admitting approval to torture [water boarding] of war criminals and a multitude of additional issues. Within this past month, there have been some glimmers of hope. Several terrorists have been stopped before harming us. The perpetrator of the Disaster at Ft. Hood is on trial. The Economy is showing signs of recovery. As many surrounding communities [to Garland] report dire straights resulting in loss of employment, higher taxes, cuts in services and education, Garland reports a very stable and growing community. CNN and Money Magazine released their 2008 list of the "Top 100 Places to Live:Garland is 67th". A report given by Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones, at the May Garland Democratic Women's Club, outlined our positive state of affairs reported in part on page one of this edition of the, **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE**. Certainly there are difficulties brought by the nation's difficulties, but the pioneer spirit of steadfastness in our citizens and with the exemplary leadership by the Mayor and City Government, "Garland Rocks!"

The call to action is clear. Every voice counts. Government is by the people and of the people.

All the people.

*** Rachel Baker Ford, Editor

July 4th "Star Spangled Celebration"

Patriotic Fireworks, Music Family Fun at
Firewheel Town Center - July 3rd
Events All day - Fireworks at 9:00 pm

Stamp Out Child Hunger

Garland Fair Housing sponsoring 15th annual Summer
Nutrition Program. Thanks to Kraft Foods for
donating \$500.00 of products.

**Garland Youth Council Gains
State-Wide Recognition**

Garland Rocks!

**City Leadership Development
Program Wins State Award**

City Branding & Marketing Campaign

The City of Garland and the Garland
Convention and Visitor Bureau working to
attract visitors and businesses.

Environmental News:

1. Trash Off Huge Success
2. Free Mulch Available at Recycling Center
3. Recycling for Electronic Equipment
4. EWS teaching Gardening at nutrition Center

Envision Garland:

Centers of Activity & Vital Neighborhoods

Identifying areas of the city for Activity Centers & A goal of creating
liveable neighborhoods

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Meet the SBOE and Mavis Knight

Willa's Words by Willa Kulhavy

In hopes of hearing an encouraging word about the possibility of saving Texas school children from the social study standards established by the Texas State Board of Education, I went to hear Mavis Knight speak to the North Dallas Texas Democratic Women on May 27th.

Mavis Knight is SBOE District 13 Representative for Southwest Dallas County and Southeast Tarrant County. She has served on the Board for 7 years using her intelligence and experience in service with educational institutions to mitigate the damage done to Texas public education by the political agenda of the "social conservative" majority. Mavis Knight's term of office lasts until 2013. With an ever present sense of humor, she remains steadfast in the fight for the children of Texas.

How tough and dedicated must she be? This is an unpaid full time job – if you include all the necessary research and consultation with education advisors as well as meetings. Representatives get meals and travel expenses including lodging paid when on SBOE business. Mavis is one of five Democrats on the 15 member board. The 2 moderates on the board usually vote with the Democrats.

"You know, you wouldn't really expect a board like this to need an enforcer, would you? Well, they have one. Once in a blue moon, a social conservative steps out of line. Bradley will take 'em aside and they have another vote and they're back in."

(Referring to David Bradley, an insurance agent and real estate development developer from Beaumont and SBOE Chair of the Committee on School Finance which is responsible for investing the Texas Permanent School Fund)

When Knight was asked if Thomas Ratliffe who defeated Don McLeroy (social conservative super chief) and George Clayton who beat Geraldine Miller would improve the Board, she was noncommittal except for saying that Miller was often "pretty good".

(Miller represents District 12 which is north and east Dallas County, Rockwall, and parts of Collin County.)

Both Ratliffe and Clayton won the Republican SBOE primary. Reports indicate they both won due to the heavy support of teachers and PTAs and were impressive in their support of public schools at the League of Women Voters candidate forum. Clayton, an English teacher who is now an administrator at North Dallas High School was most impressive and will challenge, *The Enforcer*.

Some facts presented by Mavis:

- SBOE will change with redistricting. Districts have to be equal in population,
- Role is to adopt policies for over 1,000 school districts.
- Pat Hardy, District 11 Weatherford & Bob Craig, District 15 Lubbock are moderates
- People will pay more attention to SBOE now.
- At least one legislator is going to prefile a bill to abolish SBOE
- Legislature may vote against funding books which will result in requests for supplemental materials.
- Students need to compete globally. Republicans do not want to discuss global learning.
- Board meets quarterly but committee meetings are more frequent.
- TEA website has web cast of SBOE meetings.
- TEA is responsible for carrying out SBOE orders.
- Governor appoints Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner appoints SBOE Committee Chairs.
- Not all states have statewide standards
- Only 3 textbook publishers remain.
- Other states will ignore Texas Standards due to Electronic publishing.
(California has statewide standards and have stated they will not use Texas Text Books.)
- Schools have to pay part of cost of books if not 100% conforming to SBOE standards list.
- Commissioner of Ed is only one with power to revoke charter school's charter.
(There is a court case to revoke charter that began in 2002 and is still open.)
- Phys Ed no longer required for graduation.

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

Subject: The Gulf Coast
Date: Sat, 05 Jun 2010
From: President Barack Obama
<info@barackobama.com>

To: The Nation

Yesterday, I visited Caminada Bay in Grand Isle, Louisiana -- one of the first places to feel the devastation wrought by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. While I was here, at Camerdelle's Live Bait shop, I met with a group of local residents and small business owners. Folks like Floyd Lasseigne, a fourth-generation oyster fisherman. This is the time of year when he ordinarily earns a lot of his income. But his oyster bed has likely been destroyed by the spill.

Terry Vegas had a similar story. He quit the 8th grade to become a shrimper with his grandfather. Ever since, he's earned his living during shrimping season -- working long, grueling days so that he could earn enough money to support himself year-round. But today, the waters where he has worked are closed. And every day, as the spill worsens, he loses hope that he will be able to return to the life he built.

Here, this spill has not just damaged livelihoods. It has upended whole communities. And the fury people feel is not just about the money they have lost. It is about the wrenching recognition that this time their lives may never be the same.

These people work hard. They meet their responsibilities. But now because of a manmade catastrophe -- one that is not their fault and beyond their control -- their lives have been thrown into turmoil. It is brutally unfair. And what I told these men and women is that I will stand with the people of the Gulf Coast until they are again made whole.

That is why, from the beginning, we have worked to deploy every tool at our disposal to respond to this crisis. Today, there are more than 20,000 people working around the clock to contain and clean up this spill. I have authorized 17,500 National Guard troops to participate in the response. More than 1,900 vessels are aiding in the containment and cleanup effort. We have convened hundreds of top scientists and engineers from around the world. This is the largest response to an environmental disaster of this kind in the history of our country.

We have also ordered BP to pay economic injury claims, and this week, the federal government sent BP a preliminary bill for \$69 million to pay back American taxpayers for some of the costs of the response so far. In addition, after an emergency safety review, we are putting in place aggressive new operating standards for offshore drilling. And I have appointed a bipartisan commission to look into the causes of this spill. If laws are inadequate, they will be changed. If oversight was lacking, it will be strengthened. And if laws were broken, those responsible will be brought to justice.

These are hard times in Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast, an area that has already seen more than its fair share of troubles. The people of this region have met this terrible catastrophe with seemingly boundless strength and character in defense of their way of life. What we owe them is a commitment by our nation to match the resilience they have shown. That is our mission. And it is one we will fulfill.

Thank you,
President Barack Obama

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GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE OUT & ABOUT



GWDC Meeting May 19, 2010
Speaker The Honorable Mayor, Ronald E Jones
Topic: The Great City of Garland, Texas



GWDC Pres Martha Crump & Etta J. Mullin for Judge Co.Court #5



Mayor Jones & Wes Johnson,
(Wes is running for J.P., Prec 2, Pl 2)



Mayor Jones & Cynthia Martin, wife of James Martin for Judge - 254th Family Court



GWDC Secretaries & Candidates
The Hon. Elizabeth Crowder, Judge -Co Court #7 & Etta J. Mullin Candidate for Judge -Co Court #5



Tom Berry, Candidate for US Congress District 5



The Hon. Judge Lorraine Raggio,
Theresa Daniels SD16 Chair,
Grier Raggio, Candidate for US Congress Dist 32



Tanya Parker, Candidate District Judge, 116 District



John Lingenfelder, Candidate for the US House, District 3 with Delores Elder-Jones



The Hon. Carol Kent Texas House District 102,
Ken Poulin, & George Freeman, Candidate for JP, Prec 3, Pl 2



Mark Greenberg, Candidate, Judge Co Court at Law #5



Happy Birthday Day, Sally
Sally Jackman & Peggy Henger

GADC CLUB CORNER BULLETIN BOARD

Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010, 7:00 PM
Discussion: Getting Out the Vote
All are welcome. Bring a friend or two!
Garland Women's Activities Building 713 Austin St.
(at Glenbrook), Downtown Garland
Contact@aol.com or call Fran Donnell: 972-414-8822.

Garland Democratic Women's Club

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Visitors Welcome. Siciliano's Taste of Italy,
2210 West Buckingham, Garland, Texas 75042
Contact: Jimmie Smith gemsmith@airmail.net
Phone: 972-226-337

HD #112 Democrats Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Siciliano's Taste of Italy
2210 West Buckingham, Garland, Texas 75042
Business Meeting will include a short talk by Jeff
Dalton (Dallas County Races) and David Reazin
(Precinct computer lists) Group discussion on how
we can help the candidates this summer and fall.
Bring a friend!

Please RSVP: Contact: Peggy Henger 972-276-5944
pjhenger@tx.rr.com or Ed Miler 972-238-8983
limonoids@yahoo.com.

State Convention

June 25 & 26, 2010 Friday & Saturday
Texas State Democratic Convention at American
Bank Center, Corpus Christi.

SD 16 Pre-Convention Meeting Potluck

Monday, June 14th 7:00 pm
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union #100 Hall
3629 W. Miller Rd, Garland, TX
Potluck dinner for SD16 delegates and alternates.
Socialize and hear those running for the SD16
representatives on Convention Committees & SDEC
committee members. Chicken & drinks provided.
Bring sides & desserts. Contact: Theresa Daniel,
Delegation Chair - tmdaniel34@aol.com

The Convention 2010 Caucuses

SD16 Caucus at 3:00 pm, Friday June 25th.
Bayview Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Omni Bayfront
SD23 Caucus at 3:00 pm, Friday June 25th.
Watergarden B, 2nd Floor, American Bank Center
SD2 Caucus at 3:00 pm, Friday June 25th.
Riviera 1, Lobby Level, Omni Marina

GADC Saturday Get Together

Each Saturday Morning 9:30 am to 12:30pm
Drop in and Chat about the issues over coffee and
goodies. All are welcome. Bring a friend or two!
The Generator: 107 N 6th Street, Garland
Contact: Mark Edwards medwards@yahoo.com

DCDP "Keep it Blue" School

Join the DCDP coordinated Campaign by
attending one of the two sessions. Attendees will
learn about available plans and volunteer
opportunities available as we GO FOR A
THREE-PEAT, sweeping Dallas County election for
a third time. Sign up today for one of these 3-hour
sessions. Beverages and refreshments provided.

DCDP "Keep it Blue" Schools

Tuesday, June 29, 2010 6:30-9:30pm
Saturday, July 10, 2010 9am-12noon
Sessions will be held at DCDP Headquarters,
4209 Parry Avenue in Dallas.

RSVP win2010@dallasdemocrats.org.

Fundraiser for Barbara Ann Radnofsky Candidate for Texas Attorney General

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Trinity Hall, 5321 East Mockingbird Lane, Dallas
Please RSVP: rsvp@radnofsky.com



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Plano, TX 75075
Phone 469-656-5418
john@lingenfelderforcongress

General Election Reception for Judge Mark Greenberg Democrat for County Court at Law # 5

Thursday, June 17, 2010 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
The home of Joni & Marty Rose
6831 Fisher Rd, Dallas, TX 75214
Please RSVP: rsvp@democracytoolbox.com

Campaign Fundraiser for Tonya PARKER
Democratic for Judge, 116th Civil District Court
Thursday, June 24, 2010, 5:30-7:30pm
Brooklyn Jazz Café 1701 S Lamar Street Dallas, 75215
Beverages & Light Appetizers
RSVP: www.tonyaparkerforjudge.com



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Garland is a northeastern suburb of Dallas, TX. The GADC is a club, representing Democrats, in Garland and the surrounding cities of Mesquite, Sachse, Murphy, Rowlett, Rockwall and parts of Northeastern Dallas. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7:00 PM.

The Women's Activity Building
 713 Austin Street, Garland, TX 75040