



Bond Highlights



The Garland Animal Shelter & Adoption Center

The Garland Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, the most anticipated project from the City's record \$423.7 million bond election, is now open at 1902 State Highway 66.

The Animal Shelter ribbon-cutting was the highlight of the five-site Build Garland Day celebration on Feb. 11.

With the new facility, the City has doubled its capacity for animals and advanced by decades to become a premier care-giver in the region. Garland Animal Services has moved from a tucked-away location on a back street to a modern presence along a six-lane highway.

"I can't be any more proud or pleased with any project that we've done. Ever," Mayor Scott LeMay said.

And now that the animals are settled and the move is official, we're inviting everyone to a housewarming of sorts. But while the **Grand Bonanza** will be an opportunity to tour the new facility, we're also hoping some of our guests "hook up" to create a permanent family connection and home outside the shelter.

The Grand Bonanza will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19. The shelter's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

You can Make Your Mark as part of the celebration! For as little as \$100, the shelter will display a brick with your name, your company's name or your way to honor a special person or furry friend. Or you can sponsor a bench, a kennel or even a meet-and-greet room! Email ADunphy@GarlandTX.gov to donate.



"Build Garland Day is a special way to celebrate and to let everyone know that we are taking action on their requests," the Mayor said.



Build Garland Day 2022

By the time they reached the Animal Shelter on Feb. 11, City officials had toured four other sites that same day, marking rapid progress in completion of bond projects approved by voters.

Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, is the second recreation center to reopen after bond program enhancements. Facility upgrades include a new floor in the basketball gym (pictured left); upgraded kitchen and equipment; a new shaded patio; an updated front desk and a roof.

Build Garland Day continued at Dorfman Park, 701 Spring Lake Drive, where the playground is among nine where upgrades

are completed. Dorfman's playground is highlighted by an inviting wooden lion-shaped climbing structure that is the only one of its kind in the United States.

Other completed playgrounds can be found at Bisby, Bob Hall, Douglas, Duck Creek Greenbelt, Grissom, Lou Huff, Oaks Branch and White parks. Seven other playgrounds are under construction. In all, 25 playgrounds are being renovated by mid-2023 as part of \$117 million being invested in parks through the 2019 Bond Program.

The ribbon-cuttings also included the fully renovated Transportation Operations &

Maintenance Facility. The 1950s building was brought up to all industry standards, with workspace enhanced to better accommodate the signal operations and sign-making processes (pictured lower left) that keep Garland traffic on the move.

City officials also revisited one of the original Build Garland Day sites – following up a 2021 groundbreaking for a new Police Property & Evidence Building with a tour of the building under construction. The City is doubling its capacity for interior storage and also streamlining evidence handling and providing a safe and secure environment for officers.



Senior Center

The Garland Senior Activity Center renovation will provide an upgraded location for seniors of Garland to enjoy social and leisure activities and human service opportunities. It is currently closed to the public as work on the interior of the facility is in full swing, and has been completely emptied out so the construction team can start adding the upgrades that will bring the Garland Senior Activity Center to life!

When work on the facility is complete, it will have a new fitness center, upgrades to the kitchen, lighting, millwork, flooring and front desk reconfiguration.

For updates on these and all 2019 bond projects, visit BuildGarland.com.