GARLAND

2013
Neighborhood Story Contest

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to residents of Garland, business and property owners, and registered neighborhood groups.

Eligible submissions include short stories no less than 500 words (must include pictures); videos, not to exceed five (5) minutes; scrapbooks/photo albums with a narrative.

HOW TO ENTER: Your submission should tell the significance of an individual, group, or project to your specific neighborhood or the city of Garland (e.g., this can be demonstrated by acts of service to the neighborhood, pride in caring for their property, volunteerism within Garland or specific service organizations located in Garland).

If sharing a story about a project, explain the origin of your project, and the contributions of other neighbors to its success. Indicate if there are opportunities to replicate the project in other neighborhoods. If you are part of a neighborhood group, you should include the vision statement and an explanation of how the project aligns with neighborhood goals.

Include in your story what inspires you about the person, individual, group or project. Include details that explain why the story is unique.

Include a cover sheet with your submission that provides the following information:

- **Contestant Name**
- **Category of Submission [Individual or Group]**
- **Title of Story**
- **Contact Information – Mailing Address, Email Address, and Phone Number**

All Entries must be received by 5 pm, September 26, 2012. Submit entries to the Public & Media Affairs (City Hall, 4th Floor), 200 N. Fifth Street, Garland.
Mailing Address: PO Box 469002, Garland, TX 75046-9002

A**ll participants must complete an "Authorization to Use Image" Form.**

JUDGING: All eligible entries received by the deadline will be judged by a panel of qualified judges based on the following criteria: (i) **Social Capital**: How well the project/actions of the individual demonstrate the value of volunteerism and service (0-50 points); (ii) **Narrative:** How well the narrative describes the person or project; and communicates the significance, intensity of effort, and various facets of the community, project, or person (0-50 points); and (iii) **Innovation**: Has the group or person devised a way in the community that adds value to the quality of life in the neighborhood and Garland (0-20 points).

WINNER NOTIFICATION: All submissions will be highlighted during the month of October and winners will be announced at the 2013 Neighborhood Summit on October 26. All contestants will receive one complimentary ticket to attend the Summit.