



Welcome to the February Newsletter! This month highlights seasonal reminders and ways to stay connected as we look ahead to the weeks to come. Thank you for being an important part of our city, we're glad you're here.



Download the [Garland City App](#) for all our city happenings, sports, & alerts!

### Park & Rec

We can't wait to see our athletes back on the fields - sign up and be part of an exciting season!

- Registration has begun for Spring Soccer through March 1st.
- Upcoming registration for Girls Slow Pitch Softball and T-Ball & pitching Machine begins on March 1st and ends May 1st.
- Football Registration begins May 1st and ends on July 1st.

**Online Registration Only:**

<https://www.garlandcityyouthsports.com>

**SAVE THE DATE**

- ★ Dog License & Vaccine Clinic will be held on

**March 7, 2026!**

The Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held on

**April 18, 2026!**

- ★ A community America 250 celebration will be held on

**July 5, 2026!**

- ★ The Garland City Wheat & Beet Days will be held on

**August 7 - 8, 2026!**

*We are looking for volunteers to help plan this year's event. Contact Jeanette Atkinson at [jeanette@garlandutah.gov](mailto:jeanette@garlandutah.gov) to get involved and be part of the fun.*

### America 250 Celebration

America 250 celebration has "The pen in mightier: writing a revolution" display at the state capital.

Walk 250 \* Go to [america250.utah.gov](http://america250.utah.gov), programs, walk 250, then start the walk 250 challenge. Log your mileage. We will have a prize for those in Garland that complete the 250 mile challenge.

### Join Us to Plan City Wheat & Beet Days

Garland City Wheat & Beet Days planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 PM in the City council room. Come get involved in our great city!

**The Northern Utah Neighborhood Improvement Program (NUNIP)** has been helping households for over 20 years. Qualified applicants will receive a grant of up to \$25,000 to make repairs to their homes. **NO REPAYMENT IS REQUIRED!** NUNIP is funded through Federal Home Loan Bank and administered by Neighborhood Nonprofit Housing Corporation. Call Suzanne at 435-799-8116 or visit <https://nnhc.org/improve-a-home> for more information.

**American Legion Post 76 is announcing the Utah Boys State Program**

Apply February 1 - April 15, 2026!



Scan the QR code for more information or reach out to John McClellan at 435-282-0360 & Chris Brasted at 801-510-5717!

### Library

Register for library events at [garland.lib.utah.gov/calendar](http://garland.lib.utah.gov/calendar).

Browse the calendar, choose an event, and sign up!

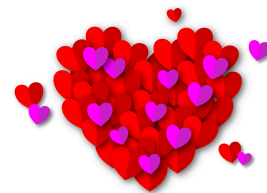
To see all of the exciting activities, visit [garland.lib.utah.gov](http://garland.lib.utah.gov).

- Join PreK/Toddler Storytime Mondays @ 10:30 am
- Join the Reading Challenge via the Beanstack app or visit the library for a paper tracker!
- Children's Activity Tuesday @ 5:30 Feb 10th & 24th **\*registration required**
- Beginner Spanish Class Tuesday 4:30 Feb 3rd & 17th
- Intro into the Escape Room Activity Feb 4th
- Library Chef Feb 18th @ 6:00

**Tremonton-Garland New Non-Emergency Dispatch**

**Number will begin February 2, 2026 -**

**801-395-8221**



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 4th** - City Council Meeting 6 & 7 PM

**February 10th** - Planning & Zoning Meeting 7PM

**February 14th** - Valentine's Day

**February 16th** - City Office & Library CLOSED in observance of President's Day

**February 18th** - City Council Meeting 6 & 7 PM

## **New Non-Emergency Dispatch Number: Weber Dispatch – 801-395-8221**

As many of you know, the Garland Fire and the Tremonton/Garland Police will begin using a new dispatch center starting **February 2, 2026**. Please make note of the new non-emergency phone number for Garland listed above.

We want our community to know that this decision was made only after extensive consideration, evaluation, and preparation.

**You will not experience any reduction in service or delays.** While there has been misinformation circulating about communication issues or slowed response times, it is, quite simply, inaccurate.

Our fire department officers have participated in multiple meetings, planning sessions, and trainings with the Weber Dispatch Center. The system has been tailored to meet Garland's needs. Many of our firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics already work full-time in counties south of Box Elder that use nearly identical systems—and can confidently assure you that the rumors being shared are simply untrue.

Below are a few of the concerns raised on social media, along with clear explanations:

- **Concern: The system is slow and will delay dispatching.**

Emergency 911 calls are automatically routed to the appropriate dispatch center. Occasionally, a cell call may hit the wrong tower—but that already happens—and the call is simply transferred with minimal delay. This system takes minimal input to start units enroute. Dispatchers verify the address, incident type, and essential details within seconds, after which units are immediately paged. Dispatchers then continue gathering additional information while emergency crews are already en route. In fact, **96% of 911 calls are fully processed in under one minute**. Every call type has predetermined recommendations for which units respond, and dispatching is computerized and extremely fast, taking place while the dispatcher is still on the 911 call.

- **Concern: Communication problems or channel changes will cause delays.**

Clear communication during an emergency is one of our highest safety priorities. If this system created a communication risk, we would not adopt it. The idea that channel changes are difficult or dangerous is incorrect; firefighters routinely switch channels as part of normal operations—including today when coordinating with Box Elder on larger incidents. We have also rebuilt our radio templates so that all the fire channels, including Weber and Box Elder, are grouped together for fast, intuitive access. Garland and Tremonton Fire work together daily; channel changes will actually be *less* frequent than under the current setup. Our other most frequent aid comes from Fielding Fire; however, Fielding assisted Garland only 3 times in 2025, and Garland was never called into Fielding for assistance. So that is, quite honestly, a moot point. For major incidents, Weber 911 assigns overflow channels to other agencies—not to the units on the large incident—making our operations even simpler.

- **Concern: Weber won't know Garland addresses, and units won't be routed correctly.**

Today's dispatch mapping systems are highly advanced—far beyond what the public uses on smartphones. These systems provide precise addressing, routing, and location guidance regardless of the dispatcher's physical location. Routing information is then sent to phone apps and tablets on all our apparatus, providing crews with turn-by-turn guidance to incidents anywhere in our district.

We ask that you place the same trust in us that you do when we respond to you or your loved ones in an emergency. We would never support a change that posed a risk to our personnel or our community. This system is safe, efficient, and ultimately an improvement for Garland and for our partner agencies in Box Elder County.

If you have questions, I welcome them. You may contact me at [sharrington@garlandfd.com](mailto:sharrington@garlandfd.com) or **435-466-0059**. The only request I make is that you do not reach out anonymously. Open, respectful communication helps us serve you better, and I will always be transparent in return.

Thank you,  
Steve Harrington



Garland Fire Chief