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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **October is National Community Planning Month ... be a part of the *Growing the Vision!* Workshop**

**Garland, Texas** – The City of Garland continues opportunities for public input related to the *Envision Garland* comprehensive plan project. This fall's *Growing the Vision!* workshop is scheduled during National Community Planning Month.

How do you get to work or school? Where do you live? Where do you shop? Many citizens do not realize that these decisions are all impacted by planning.

October has been designated National Community Planning Month by the American Planning Association (APA) as a way to highlight the role of planners and planning in our community. The month-long celebration is an opportunity to recognize how planning shapes Garland, including the work of planners and the planning profession in creating communities of lasting value.

Residents, businesses, and property owners are invited to participate in this upcoming community workshop, referred to as – Growing the Vision! The purpose of the upcoming workshop is to gain deeper insight into previous comments. The workshop format will be similar to the summer's Community Visioning Workshop, that is, presentations and discussion, including a hands-on activity. There are four different opportunities to participate. Each workshop will have identical discussions; the various dates and locations are intended to aid public attendance.

Throughout the *Envision Garland* comprehensive plan project many topics have surfaced time and again. These reoccurring topics will form the basis for the *Growing the Vision!* Workshop content.

#### **Growing the Vision!**

Participants are encouraged to attend one of these Garland workshops:

##### **Tues., Oct. 14**

6 – 8:30 p.m.  
S Garland High School  
(600 Colonel Dr)

##### **Thurs., Oct. 30**

6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Naaman Forest High School  
(4843 Naaman Forest Blvd)

##### **Tues., Nov. 11**

6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Seller Middle School  
(1009 Mars Dr)

##### **Sat., Dec. 6**

9:30 a.m. – 12 noon  
Bradfield Elementary School  
(3817 Bucknell Dr)

During the Community Visioning Workshop participants shared their ideas on Garland. They emphasized Garland as a unique and diverse place that combines a “small town” feel along with the conveniences and amenities of a larger city. Other topics cited include mobility, sustainability, urban design, and the importance of key investments in infrastructure, neighborhoods, and identifiable centers throughout the community.

For more information about the *Growing the Vision!* workshops call 972-205-2445, send an email (EnvisionGarland@ci.garland.tx.us) or visit the website ([www.EnvisionGarland.org](http://www.EnvisionGarland.org)). For more information about community planning, visit the APA web site ([www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)).

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