

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Your help is needed to conserve our water supply. **Please adhere to current water restrictions found at gptx.org/waterconservation.** The goal of water restrictions is to conserve the city's water resources until drought conditions improve and the city water system has recovered to normal operating conditions.



Thank you for conserving water. Every drop counts.

PAWS IN THE PARK AND MOVIE ON THE LAWN



Saturday, Sept. 17, 6-11 p.m.
 Grand Lawn at EpicCentral
 2960 Epic Place

EpicCentral will host the 2nd Annual Paws in the Park followed by Movies on the Lawn. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are invited to take part in the tail waggin' fun. Furry friends will have the opportunity to cool off in a splash zone dog park. Owners will have the opportunity to gather important information on how to care for their dogs and enter a free raffle that will include fun items for their pups. At sunset, a special movie will be shown on the big screen with sweets and treats available for purchase. A photo contest for cutest pup will be held leading up to the event. For info.: GrandFunGP.com.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for 5-mile bike rides. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual rides. Meet at 6 p.m. Rides begin at 6:30 p.m.



Thursday, Aug. 25

Nottingham Ride - Larson Elementary
 2620 E. Avenue K

Thursday, Sept. 15

Mountain Creek Ride - Mi Familia Park
 (Mountain Creek Park) Pavilion, 2402 Cardiff



COUNCIL MEMBER EZEONU

TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting
 Thursday, Sept. 8, 6-8 p.m.
 Warmack Library
 760 Bardin Rd.

Join Council Member Junior Ezeonu for a City Council Place 8 At Large Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON

TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting
 Thursday, Sept. 29, 6-8 p.m.
 Mira Lagos Clubhouse
 3025 Camino Lago

Join City Council Member Kurt Johnson for a City Council District 6 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie.

Grand Prairie MUSIC ON MAIN

Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.
 First Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 1, Oct. 6

Bring your lawn chair to the Farmers Market for fun, free outdoor concerts. Concessions available. Visit gptx.org for featured artists.

UPTOWN THEATER

Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-237-8786 or visit uptowntheatergp.com:

Juried Art Show

Saturday, Sept. 3- Friday, Sept. 30

State Fair

Friday, Sept. 16-Sunday Sept. 25

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

The farm family Frake heads for the Iowa State Fair. As the fair proceeds, so do romances. Must sweethearts separate when the fair closes?

Rhythmic Souls Tap Company (Dance Performance)

Monday, Oct. 10

Back in Time: The Huey Lewis Experience

Saturday, Oct. 15, Doors open: 6:30 p.m., Showtime: 7 p.m.

Dallas-Fort Worth's only tribute band dedicated to bringing you the energetic sights and sounds of Huey Lewis and the News. This 8-piece band of seasoned musicians has been wowing audiences with their rockin' rhythm section, blues harmonica, sizzling horns and all the sights, sounds and hits of Grammy Award Winning Artist, Huey Lewis!

FARMERS MARKET

Market Square, 120 W. Main St.
Open Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles and more.

For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket.



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, Sept. 10, 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: gptx.org/electronics-recycling or 972-237-8159

Accepted: computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players, TVs (no exposed parts please), cellphones

Not accepted: hazardous materials, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners, refrigerators

Grand Prairie residents can also bring their recyclables to the landfill any time Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, Sept. 10, 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: 972-237-8055

or online at gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

No commercial waste will be accepted.



KID'S FISHING DAY

Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mike Lewis Park

2600 Block of N. Carrier Pkwy.

Come reel 'em in at the Mike Lewis Park pond. This popular event is FREE to children 16 and younger. The pond will be stocked with trout. There is no registration or entry fee to participate, but there will be an on-site sign-up table. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first-come first-served basis with a driver's license or credit card deposit. Registration is 9-10 a.m. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

JOIN OUR GRAND TEAM!

APPLY TODAY!

The City of Grand Prairie is now hiring full-time and part-time positions! To see available jobs and apply, scan the QR code or visit gptx.org/jobs.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Tuesday, Oct. 4

National Night Out will be back this year featuring contests, giveaways, music and games. Don't miss this fun community event. For more information, visit grandprairiepolice.org/nno.



DO YOUR PART ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES AND OZONE POLLUTION.

Summer weather is sunshine and warm temperatures, but when these combine with air pollution, it also can mean an increase in air pollution and ozone action days. Summer is also the optimal time for mosquito bites. You can protect yourself and your family by following a few simple practices:

Air Pollution in the form of ground level ozone occurs when we have both high temperatures and emissions of certain gases like from cars. For people who work or exercise strenuously outdoors or have respiratory conditions, ozone can be a threat to their health as well as an environmental concern. Sign up for air pollution alerts at airnorthtexas.org to find out if it will be an ozone action day. Ozone action days occur when the air becomes unhealthy and measures should be taken to limit time outside.

Mosquitoes in our area can carry West Nile Virus and other viruses, so it is important that we stay alert to protecting against bites.

Dress: Wear long, loose fitting, light-colored clothing when outdoors.

DEET: Use insect repellent products containing "DEET" following the product label for application.

Drain: Eliminate ALL standing water. Remove, cover or invert any containers that can collect and hold standing water (bottles, cans, buckets, flower pots, tires, trash containers, etc.) Change water in pet dishes, bird baths, wading pools, etc. Remove litter, leaves, grass clippings, etc. from roof gutters/downspouts and French drain systems so water will properly drain.

Dusk & Dawn: Stay indoors during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

EMERALD ASH BORER

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a destructive and invasive pest that is killing trees in North America. EAB is very aggressive and may kill ash trees within a few years after infestation if not treated.

According to the Texas Forest Service, "urban tree canopy inventories estimate that ash trees comprise approximately 5 percent of the Dallas/Fort Worth urban forest."

The signs of an emerald ash borer infestation are: Tree canopy dieback, thinning, yellowing and browning of leaves, initially in the upper 1/3 of the tree and D-shaped holes in the bark. Trees die within three to five years after becoming infested, but small trees may die within one to two years after infestation. The good news is that they can be saved if caught on time. Efforts to save trees can be improved by identifying infested trees in their first year. Visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/contactus/questions-and-feedback/> or text 937-839-8837.



BRUSH PICK UP

For the convenience of Grand Prairie residents, the city operates a Brush Pickup Program. This once-per-month service provides curbside pickup of tree limbs and brush that are not bundled or bagged, no larger than 10 inches in diameter, no longer than 5 feet in length and the pile is no larger than a VW Beetle. This is for brush and tree limbs that are too large for the city's twice-weekly garbage collection., which must be bundled, weigh less than 50 pounds and be no more than 6 feet long. **To find out your brush pick up week, visit gptx.org/brushpickup.**

This service is for residents who trim their own brush and limbs. For residents who hire a contractor or tree service, the vendor must haul away what they trim.

The City of Grand Prairie does not provide brush pickup services to private gated communities or private mobile home communities.

YOUTH PREPAREDNESS

Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time, often without warning. Youth preparedness and including youth in emergency management is an essential part of engaging the whole community.

- Participating in youth preparedness programs empowers children to become leaders at home and in their schools and communities.
- Children who are prepared experience less anxiety and feel more confident during actual emergencies and disasters.

Visit ready.gov or knowwhat2do.com for emergency preparedness resources, such as family plans, videos, and games to build skills and prepare your family for disasters.

Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org

FLOOD INSURANCE LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Resident,

A flood can devastate your home and your financial stability. Any flood – even a small one – can result in expensive repairs. Floodwaters are a mixture of mud, sewage, animal waste and chemicals. Floods ruin floors, walls, and carpets. Everything from appliances to your furniture may have to be thrown away. You have seen the pictures of household items thrown to the curb following devastating flood events in Texas and across our nation.

Without flood insurance, you are on your own. Your standard homeowner's insurance policy does not cover flood damages. The government will not help you pay for necessary repairs following a flood. The president must declare a flood as a disaster before federal assistance can be made available. Even when floods are declared disasters, financial assistance is typically provided in the form of a loan that you will have to pay back with interest.

Flooding is America's #1 disaster. You don't have to live near a major creek or waterway to be flooded. Severe storms, downed trees, and debris dumped in creeks can all cause flooding. The good news is that flood insurance can be surprisingly affordable. If you live in a moderate-to-low risk area, the typical flood insurance policy costs approximately less than \$500 yearly for building and contents coverage. If you rent and do not own your home, you can purchase "contents only" coverage to protect your belongings.

Anyone in the City of Grand Prairie can purchase flood insurance. You do not have to live in the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain to purchase flood insurance. The majority of private property flood damage reported to the city in 2015 was located outside the 1% annual chance floodplain.

Floods can happen in a short period of time. Flash flooding can happen with very little warning. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) typically has a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance becomes effective. If you wait until a flood is predicted, you may not be able to get flood insurance coverage in advance of the storm.

The city's Stormwater Department provides a comprehensive flood information program to the public. Residents may access flood risk information and other flood information by calling the city Stormwater Department at 972-237-8321, and meeting with a department representative in person, or by accessing the city's website at www.gptx.org/floodplain.

Do you want to know the flood zone of your property to determine your flood risk? The city can provide a map information service enabling all residents the ability to determine the flood zone of a specific property. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for viewing at City Hall. Current FIRMs can be found at the following link on the city's website: www.gptx.org/floodplain and at the FEMA Flood Map Store at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. Don't let a flood wash away your financial future. Get flood insurance.... before it's too late!

Sincerely,



CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2023 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2022.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie and be suitable for publication. Photos will be used in city publications. Credit will be attributed in calendar, but may not be possible in other publications and uses. Winning photos will be published in the calendar. No cash awards will be offered. Entrants must include name, address, email address and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2022. The calendar will be printed in December 2022.

Email high-resolution image to: asprinkles@gptx.org

WATERSMART GARDENING CLASSES

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Fall into Gardening: Tips to Grow On

Thursday, Sept. 22

Trees for Texas

Wednesday, Sept. 28

DIY Rain Barrel Class

To register and for more information, visit gptx.org/watersmart.

ACCESS YOUR WATER METER ONLINE

See your actual water use online 24/7 at gptx.org/H2Know. With H2Know you have the power to:

- Receive automatic alerts of higher than normal use
- Identify high use and suspected leaks with precise meter readings
- Monitor use patterns such as irrigation to better manage frequency and time
- Save water and money

