

Grand Prairie PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION

Prairie Lights

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LYNN CREEK PARK @ JOE POOL LAKE

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2022 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Celebrate the holidays with the 2022 Grand Prairie Christmas ornament. This year's ornament features downtown Main Street with art created by Anna Whitman.

Ornaments are \$17 and may be purchased at the Trunk Stop shop inside the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center, 2170 N. Belt Line Road. The Tourist Information Center is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The downtown design is also available on notecards, greeting cards, magnets and stickers for sale at the Trunk Stop shop.



MY HEALTH PASSPORT

The Get Fit GP community health initiative has partnered with local businesses to offer a free My Health Passport for anyone whose new year's resolution is to live a healthier lifestyle. The My Health Passport features many local discounts such as discounted gym memberships and buy one get one free offers to a variety of local restaurants. Offers on the passport are valid January 1, 2023 - February 28, 2023.

Download the My Health Passport by visiting gptx.org/getfitgp.



COUNCIL MEMBER JACQUIN HEADEN TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m.
 The Epic Recreation Center
 2960 Epic Place

Join Council Member Jacquin Headen for a City Council District 2 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie.

MAY 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A municipal election will be held on May 6, 2023 for the following seats:

- Council Member District 1
- Council Member District 3
- Council Member Place 7 at Large

Candidates can file for a place on the ballot starting Wednesday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, with the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 W. Main Street.

BOOK CLEARANCE SALE

The Friends of the Grand Prairie Library Winter Clearance Sale will be at the Main Library January 12-14, 2023.

Thursday, Jan. 12 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Find great bargains in both fiction and nonfiction.



MAKE 2023 AN EPIC START - JOIN THE EPIC

Enjoy 20% off all annual memberships to The Epic, 2960 Epic Place.
Excluding Combo passes to EpicWaters and The Epic
Offer valid for redemption January 2-31, 2023

CITY CALENDARS AVAILABLE FREE

2023 city calendars will be available in late December 2022 (check the city website, gptx.org for updates). Residents may pick up a free calendar at several city locations while supplies last:

- City Hall Central, 300 W. Main St.
- Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.
- Shotwell Rec Center and Library, 2750 Graham St.
- The Epic, 2960 Epic Place
- Lake Parks Administration, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

The calendar features the winning photos from the calendar photo contest. All highlight Grand Prairie places or people and are taken by Grand Prairie residents. For more information, you may contact asprinkles@gptx.org

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, Jan. 7, 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, Jan. 7, 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.



NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your natural Christmas tree at the following Grand Prairie drop-off locations Dec. 26, 2022 - Jan. 9, 2023:

- **IKEA**, 1000 IKEA Way
- **Grand Prairie Landfill**, 1102 MacArthur Blvd.

Please remove all ornaments, stands and plastic bags. Artificial trees or trees sprayed with artificial snow cannot be accepted for recycling. Acceptable trees will be recycled into mulch. Free mulch is available at the landfill to all Grand Prairie residents. Trees may also be left at your curb on your normal garbage collection day. However, these trees will not be recycled into mulch and will be collected as garbage. For more information, please call 972-237-8151.



CITY PUBLIC WORKS

NOW HIRING

APPLY TODAY!

- Water Utility Crew Leader
- Water Utility Heavy Equipment Operator
- Streets Equipment Operator
- Water Maintenance Worker
- Utilities Construction Inspector
- Other Public Works positions

\$17.82 per hour minimum, extra pay for certification, in-house CDL training and more.

To apply, scan this QR code or visit gptx.org/jobs



COAT DRIVE FOR KIDS



Help collect 100 new coats and jeans for kids!

Dec. 1-31, 2022

Sizes to fit kids K-12

Please bring your new coat with tags to:

- City Hall Central, 300 W. Main St.
- Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Benefiting Kids Inc.

TWO EPIC ATTRACTIONS, ONE EPIC PRICE!

Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark and Bolder Adventure Park at EpicCentral are excited to announce the new Epic Adventure Pass which offers:

- One-day general admission to Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark, PLUS
- One-day BLUE Ticket admission to Bolder Adventure Park with an option to upgrade to a Black Diamond adventure for an additional fee.

Cost: \$49.99 plus tax.

Epic Adventure Passes are now available online from both attractions' websites. Passes are valid any regularly scheduled operating day now through February 28, 2023. Guests are encouraged to check park websites for days and hours of operation.

EpicWatersGP.com | BolderPark.com

WHAT IS A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PID)?

WHERE CAN I FIND PID MEETINGS?

A PID is a tool for neighborhoods to upgrade the appearance and maintenance of public areas. Funds from a special assessment paid by property owners are used to provide enhanced landscaping, signage, irrigation, entry features and perimeter fences. Improvements are determined by a resident advisory board, who are volunteers.

All PID meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome! Sign up to receive e-mail notifications when the PID meeting schedule has been updated by visiting our website at gptx.org/pid, click on PID Meeting Schedule or any PID page, click on Subscribe to this page, enter your e-mail address, and click on Subscribe.

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

The Grand Prairie City Council passed an updated Short-Term Residential Rentals ordinance on May 17, 2022. The updated ordinance requires short-term rental operators to obtain a city permit.

A short-term rental is the use of a residential unit for tenancy of 30 or fewer days for a fee. This includes homes or other units, such as a garage apartment or backyard cottage, listed for rent on Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway and similar websites.

Once a homeowner has been issued a short-term rental permit, they are required to distribute by hand, a notice to neighbors within 200 feet of the short-term rental property.

The City of Grand Prairie's website page gptx.org/str contains comprehensive information about short term rentals including:

- A map of short-term rental properties in Grand Prairie
- The city's short-term rental ordinance
- The short-term rental application process
- Online short-term rental application and payment portal

For more information, contact City of Grand Prairie Code Compliance at 972-237-8098 or email: strpermits@gptx.org.



ANNUAL MLK PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Monday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.
Parade begins at City Hall Complex
300 W. Main St.

Celebration to follow at
Dalworth Recreation Center
2012 Spikes St.

Presented by the Grand Prairie NAACP. For more information, call 972-237-4760 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN UP A GP STREAM



Volunteer with Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful (KGPB) to clean up litter from a Grand Prairie stream. To register for an event, go to: <http://bttr.im/i2cc2>

Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m.-noon
Friendship Park, 525 E. Polo

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m.-noon
Beacon Hill HOA, 4848 Thames

Saturday, Jan. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge

GARDENING CLASSES

Join Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful at the library to learn more about gardening and work on fun, plant-related activities!

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.
Growing Herbs Indoors

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m.
Seed Starting 101

Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
Compost 101

Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Spring Vegetable Growing



As winter weather approaches, take time to sign up to receive important alerts from the City of Grand Prairie. AlertGP is a free service that will notify you by phone, email or



text about emergencies affecting the Grand Prairie area. To sign up, use this QR code or visit gptx.org/alertgp.

REPORT POLLUTION

Have you ever seen paint running down the street into a stormdrain, an abandoned drum on the side of the road, or an unidentifiable liquid in a gutter and wondered who you could call to take care of it? The city's Environmental Quality Division remedies human and environmental health hazards. Just call 972-237-8055 to report your pollution concerns. Your earth thanks you!

VIA GRAND PRAIRIE

Schedule a ride anywhere in Grand Prairie for \$3. Scan the QR code to download the Via Grand Prairie app or call 214-253-0874 to get started. Via Grand Prairie does not replace the Grand Connection. More info.: gptx.org/viagp



PROTECT NATURAL FLOODPLAINS

Grand Prairie's floodplains are an important asset. They provide open space, aesthetic pleasure, and areas for active and passive uses. Floodplains also provide flood storage and stormwater conveyance as well as reduce flood velocities and flood peak flows. In addition, local marshes and wetlands provide breeding and feeding grounds for fish and wildlife, create and enhance waterfowl habitat, and protect habitats for rare and endangered species.

The city's ordinances and building codes guide and regulate construction in floodplains. Any development, such as moving or filling in areas with dirt, removing trees or building a structure in or within 200 feet of the FEMA floodplain or any stormwater conveyance system requires a permit. The Stormwater Department, and Code Compliance monitor activities associated with protecting the city's floodplains and waterways. The city's Stormwater Department works to educate residents regarding development and floodplain functions/protection activities.

The city offers residents a household waste recycling program to eliminate junk, litter, and debris left in yards which clog storm drains and block natural waterways. Removing these items along with tree trimmings and brush debris aides in preventing overbank flooding in low-lying areas and waterways. A stream dumping ordinance prohibits littering in the drainage system and in bodies of water. Dumping and unpermitted development can create flooding issues and harm the environment, therefore please report suspicious activities such as illegal dumping, and/or development without a permit to 972-237-8321. For more information on protecting floodplains and development requirements, visit gptx.org/Departments/Floodplain.

HOLIDAY PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION

- Be aware of package delivery times
- Don't leave packages unattended on porches or in vehicles
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other

ADULT UKULELE LESSONS

Wednesdays, Feb. 22-March 8
6-7 p.m.

Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.

Check out a ukulele or bring your own. Registration opens February 8. Contact Camille at cplemmons@gptx.org or 972-237-7542.

ONLINE SHOPPING CYBERSECURITY

As we begin preparing for this holiday season, there are some things you can do to prevent online shopping scams. One of the best ways to avoid holiday online shopping scams will be to use a credit card rather than a debit card. Debit cards will draw directly out of your bank account making it harder to retrieve the stolen funds once they have been deducted from your account.

While picking out the perfect items for your loved ones, be sure to consider a few things before providing your payment details.

- Shop through trusted sources
- Utilize multifactor authentication
- Keep your device software updated
- Use strong passwords

Though it is the season of giving, also beware of fraudulent charity opportunities. Be sure the charity you are giving to is reputable!

Do not provide payment details over the phone or through suspicious emails. If you believe you have received a suspicious or phishing email, report it to us-cert.gov/report-phishing.

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