

## HATCH CHILE FESTIVAL

Saturday, Aug. 13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (or until sold out)  
 Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Get your hot, roasted Hatch chiles at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market's annual Hatch Chile Festival featuring raw and roasted Hatch chiles sold by the pound, live music, food, drinks and much more!

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and much more. The market is open every Saturday, March to December, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 972-237-8084 or visit [gptx.org/farmersmarket](http://gptx.org/farmersmarket).

## 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, July 21**  
 Loyd Park Back the Blue Ride  
 Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Road

**Thursday, Aug. 25** - Nottingham Ride, Larson Elementary, 2620 E. Avenue K



## HEADEN ELECTED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2



On May 7, 2022, Jacquin Headen was elected to serve as City Council Member for District 2. She was sworn into office on May 17 and will serve a three-year term. For more information about the Grand Prairie City Council, visit [gptx.org/council](http://gptx.org/council).

## LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB



Now- August 31

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. • Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.  
 Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.

Fun, free programs • Read books and audiobooks to earn prizes • Free activities



Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.  
 First Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6

Bring your lawn chair to the Farmers Market for fun, free outdoor concerts. Concessions available. Visit [gptx.org](http://gptx.org) for featured artists.

## MOVIE ON THE LAWN

**Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-10 p.m.** • The Epic Grandlawn, 2960 Epic Place • Movie: Encanto • Free Admission

Grab your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy watching *Encanto* outdoors on a huge inflatable screen. **Movie begins at sunset.** Activities will be available before the movie begins. No glass or alcohol. Concessions available.

## SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

Grand Prairie recently passed a new Short-Term Rental ordinance that requires property owners to obtain permits before renting out their properties. They are required to notify neighbors within 200 feet of the property that they intend to rent out the property and they are required to post a phone number for a 24 hour contact.

More information, including a map of all short-term rentals can now be found online at [gptx.org/short-term-rental-permit](http://gptx.org/short-term-rental-permit).



## RIDE ANYWHERE IN GRAND PRAIRIE FOR \$3



Book rides straight from your phone.

Schedule a ride ahead of time or leave within minutes—your choice.

Ride anywhere in Grand Prairie without needing a car.

Via Grand Prairie does not replace the Grand Connection transportation system for seniors and people with disabilities in Grand Prairie.

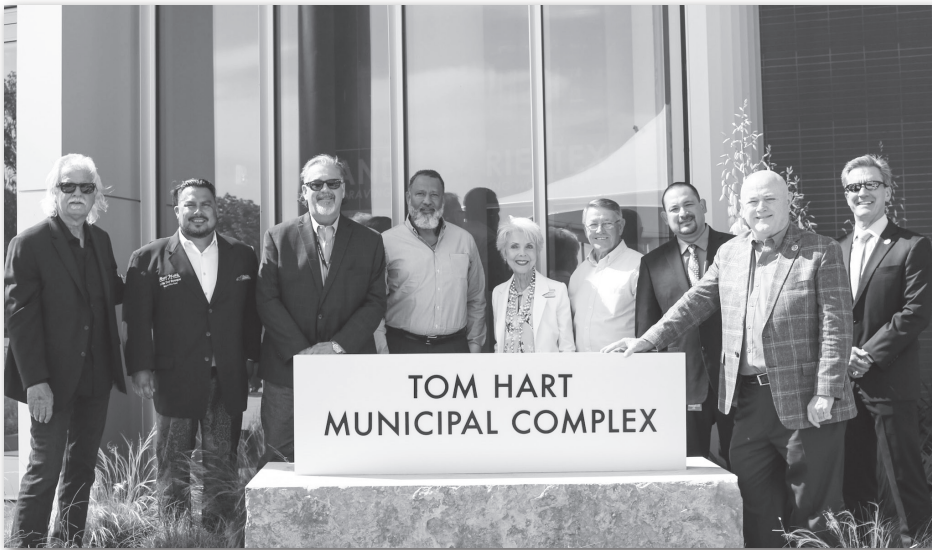
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Grand Prairie app or call 214-253-0874 to get started.

[gptx.org/viagp](http://gptx.org/viagp)



## CITY HALL COMPLEX NAMED FOR FORMER CITY MANAGER TOM HART



The City Hall Municipal Complex was dedicated to former City Manager Tom Hart on Tuesday, May 17. Pictured l-r: Mayor Ron Jensen and City Council members Mike Del Bosque, Jeff Copeland, Kurt Johnson, Jorja Clemson; Former City Council Member Dennis King; Council Member John Lopez; Tom Hart and City Manager Steve Dye.

## PRAIRIE PAWS PASSPORT FREE KIDS ACTIVITY

Travel around Grand Prairie on a GRAND adventure with the Prairie Paws Passport event, hosted by The Grand Prairie Animal Services and Adoption Center. This activity for school-aged children is completely

free to participate. The prize for completing 10 of the tasks in the passport is a Prairie Paws prize pack filled with all sorts of fun goodies. The event runs from June 1 - August 31. Passports can be printed from home or picked up in person at the Prairie Paws Adoption Center or at any of the Grand Prairie Libraries. For more information visit [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws).



## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE-THRU

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-noon  
Dalworth Recreation Center  
2012 Spikes St.

Customers will drive through the Stanton Garden Parking Lot and receive backpacks filled with school supplies. No registration is needed. Limit two backpacks per vehicle.

## YOGA FOR ALL

Wednesdays  
July 13, July 27 and Aug. 10  
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Join us for beginner-friendly, gentle yoga classes. We will explore mindfulness, yoga postures and breath meditation in each class. This class is open to people of all levels, body types and abilities. Bring your own mat, beach towel or blanket for practicing. Classes will move outside as weather allows. Email [aholstead@gptx.org](mailto:aholstead@gptx.org) to register for this program.

## 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](http://uptowntheatergp.com):

### 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?

### Back in Time: The Huey Lewis Experience

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!



## FOSTER A PET FROM PRAIRIE PAWS

Prairie Paws Adoption Center is always in need of individuals or families who can foster an animal in need. As a foster parent to a Prairie Paws animal, you help prepare a pet for a forever home and directly assist in creating a better future for our community's animals and the families that who love them.

If you are interested in becoming a foster volunteer, please visit [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws) and fill out the Foster Program Volunteer Form. Once Prairie Paws staff receives the application, they will review it and someone from the Prairie Paws team will contact you.

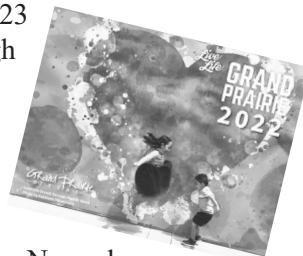


## CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

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](mailto:asprinkles@gptx.org)

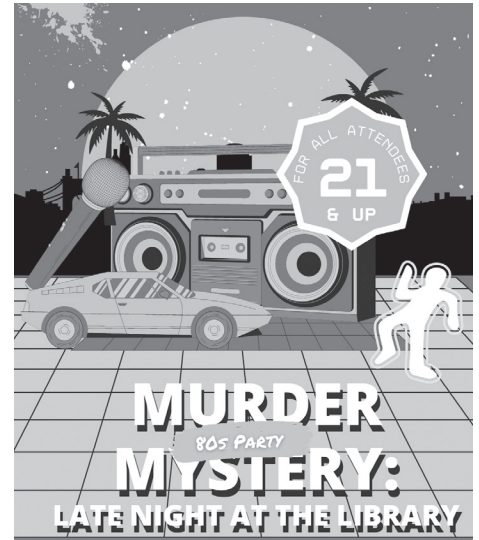


## ACCESS YOUR WATER METER ONLINE

See your actual water use online 24/7 at [gptx.org/H2Know](http://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

## MURDER MYSTERY: LATE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY



Friday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m.  
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.  
For ages 21 and older

Come in your 80's attire for the *I Love the 80's to Death* murder mystery. Light refreshments and alcoholic drinks will be served. \$5 exact change entrance fee at the door. To register, email [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org)

## JOIN OUR GRAND TEAM!

Live Life **GRAND!**

### 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 below, or visit [gptx.org/jobs](http://gptx.org/jobs).





## COMMUNITY CATS - TNR PROGRAM

To humanely decrease the stray cat population, Grand Prairie Animal Services and volunteers coordinate a free community cat fix program called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).

The TNR program involves (1) trapping all or most of the cats in a colony, (2) getting them sterilized and (3) releasing them. Cats returned to the community are tipped on the left ear to identify them as sterilized.

Once fixed, these cats are better neighbors. They are not as likely to engage in problem behaviors like yowling, fighting, or spraying. Best of all, they will not be reproducing and increasing the number of homeless cats.

TNR is supported by numerous cities and counties as the only proven way to effectively control feral cat population growth

If you find a cat that is alone, has a shiny coat, and seems well fed, it most likely belongs to one of your neighbors. Cats are very good at finding their way home and will eventually make their way back. There is no law in Grand Prairie against free-roaming cats, so please leave stray cats where you found them. For more information, call 972-237-8575 or visit [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws).



## COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM AND FLOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a subset of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This voluntary incentive program recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's actions meeting the three goals of the CRS: 1) Reduce flood losses, 2) Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and 3) Promote the awareness of flood insurance. Community participation in the CRS is in addition to participation in the NFIP. Participation in the NFIP does not automatically include participation in the CRS. The city just went through a 5-year verification of its CRS program activities and as of June 2022, the City of Grand Prairie has a CRS ranking of 5, which qualifies residents for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums for properties located in the 1% annual chance floodplain, or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The city's Stormwater department provides a comprehensive flood information program to residents which helps the city meet the 3 goals of the CRS program. Residents may access flood risk and assistance information by visiting the city's Stormwater Department and meeting with a department representative in person, by phone at 972-237-8321, or the city's website at [www.gptx.org/floodplain](http://www.gptx.org/floodplain).

## GARDENING CLASS - SEED STARTING

Saturday, Aug. 6, 2-3 p.m.  
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Join Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful at the library to learn more about seed starting and work on some fun plant-related activities with us. Email Josh at [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org) to register for this program.



## EXTREME HEAT SAFETY

There is hot, and then there is hot! Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. In extreme heat your body works extra hard to maintain a



normal temperature, which can lead to death. Extreme heat is responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. Remember:

- Older adults, children, and sick or overweight individuals are at greater risk from extreme heat
- Humidity increases the feeling of heat
- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated
- Take cool showers or baths
- Never leave people or pets in a closed car on a hot day
- If you're outside, find shade and wear a hat to protect your face

Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or [oem@gptx.org](mailto:oem@gptx.org)

## BEGINNER UKULELE FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays, July 26  
and Aug. 9  
Shotwell Library,  
2750 Graham St.

If you want to play an instrument, nothing's easier or more fun than the ukulele. We'll learn easy chords and simple songs to get you started. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of a limited number at the library. To register, email Camille at [cplemmons@gptx.org](mailto:cplemmons@gptx.org).

