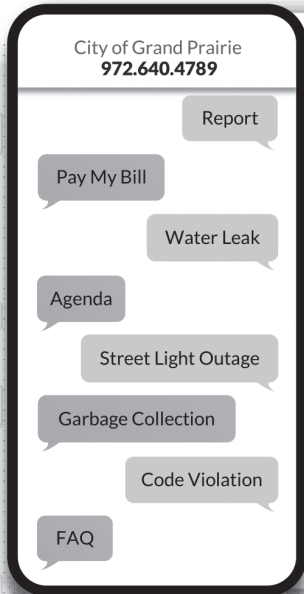


Get Fast Assistance
Text the City of Grand Prairie

TextMyGov™



Find Information & Report Issues

Skip a phone call and use your mobile phone's text messaging service to quickly access information and report issues.

Simply text the word **Hi** to the city's smart texting number or send a message containing keywords relevant to your request, such as: **WATER BILL, BRUSH PICKUP, ELECTIONS, PERMITS, CODE VIOLATION, BARKING DOG, POTHOLE, or MISSED PICKUP.**

24/7 Texting Service

Smart texting technology identifies keywords texted in to provide immediate assistance. It can relay information back to you or guide you through a few steps to submit a report.

Get Started

Text **Hi** to the City of Grand Prairie at:

972.640.GPTX

Save our number to your phone and text **Hi** anytime you need it.

FARMERS MARKET



Open Saturdays

Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and more. Call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/FarmersMarket.

HATCH CHILE FEST

Saturday, August 12

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. The festival will feature both raw and roasted Hatch chiles sold by the pound, live music, food, drinks and much more!

For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

! Get updates delivered directly to your phone

Additional service option

Sign up to receive city-wide text alerts!

Text **GRANDPRAIRIE** to **91896**

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent to join the text message notification list, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply **YES** to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text alert notifications a month. Notifications may include: **Upcoming Events, Garbage Delays, Road Closures, and Storm Warnings**
- You can text **STOP** at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.



Msg & data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details. View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

TOOL LENDING PROGRAM

Borrow tools for free from the City of Grand Prairie! Our tool lending program is a great way to save money and help the environment. You can borrow tools for a variety of projects, including mowing and yard maintenance, tree/shrub trimming, pressure washing, painting, and household fence repair. For more information and to reserve tools, visit gptx.org/tools or call 972-237-2014.



Grand Prairie
MUSIC ON MAIN

7-8:30 p.m. • Concessions available
Thursday, Aug. 3

In front of City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

Thursday, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Bring your lawn chair for free outdoor concerts. For information on artists performing, visit gptx.org.



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
- Participate in free activities



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-noon
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Let's get together to close out the summer with this fun-filled back-to-school celebration. Join us for an outdoor bubble truck party, crafts, face painting, STEM activities with the Perot Museum, and a visit from some of Grand Prairie's first responders!



LEARN TO GARDEN WITH LESS WATER

Saturday, Aug. 5, 2 p.m. • Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

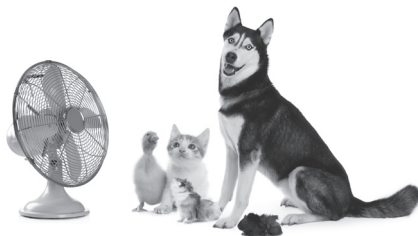
Sign up for this free gardening class and learn how to grow a beautiful garden while conserving water. To register, email jrudd@gptx.org.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR PET PARENTS

With the hot weather setting in, it's important to remember that pet health should be kept top of mind to help ensure a safe season for all. Summer dangers for pets include:

- 1. Fireworks and Thunderstorms** – Loud noises like fireworks are one of the top reasons pets go missing, so secure your pet in an escape-proof place.
- 2. Sun and Heat** – High summer temperatures and bright days can mean dehydration, overheating and scorched paws. Know the signs of overheating (excessive panting, increased heart rate and weakness) and bring your pup indoors or to a cool, shady place.
- 3. Toxic Chemicals** – Insecticides, citronella products and glow sticks are toxic to pets. Keep your pet away from areas where chemicals have been sprayed and ensure dangerous products are out of reach.
- 4. Parties and Barbecues** – If your pet is joining the party, make sure guests don't feed your pet human food (especially grapes, onions, avocado, and chocolate) and ensure alcoholic drinks are kept out of your pet's reach.
- 5. Hot Cars** – Even with the windows open an inch, a car's temperature can reach over 100 degrees in 10 minutes on an 85 degree day. One quick errand can turn dangerous in minutes, so leave your pet safely at home.



RADIAL CAFE



Visit the Radial Cafe at Grand Prairie Municipal Airport, 3116 S. Great Southwest Parkway for breakfast and lunch. Enjoy great views of aircraft operations on the runway and ramp while you eat. Menu items include American and Mexican food including pancakes, eggs to order, omelets, breakfast burritos, burgers, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

COMMUNITY

GARDEN PROGRAM

It's not too late to get your green thumb started! July is a great time to plant heat loving veggies like sweet potatoes, corn, okra, peppers, and black-eyed peas. There are still 122 growing days between July 1 and our average first frost date at the end of October. Be sure to check the days to harvest for your specific vegetable variety.

Join the KGPB Community Garden Program for FREE by emailing amaron@gptx.org Visit our website to learn more: gptx.org/kgpb

H₂Know

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



NEW ELEVATED WATER TANK



Construction is underway on a new 149-foot elevated water storage tank just east of SH 161 and north of Marshall Drive. Scheduled to be complete and online in October 2024, the new tank will hold 2 million gallons of water, double the capacity of the old tank, and will serve EpicCentral, Traders Village and surrounding neighborhoods. According to engineers from Freese and Nichols, it will increase water quality and provide additional operational flexibility in the city's water system. A logo will be painted on the top portion of the tank, and the entire structure will be lit with RGB lighting that can be changed for holidays and special celebrations. It will also feature an area for Fire Department rappelling training. Once the new tank is online in 2024, the old water tank will be demolished.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICK OFF PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 23, 6-8 p.m.
Epic Lawn, 2960 Epic Place

Kick off National Night Out with the Grand Prairie Police Department. Enjoy food trucks, booths, lawn games, music, dancing, entertainment, and fun.



Sign Your Neighborhood Up for a Block Party

On October 3, 2023 residents are encouraged to organize block parties for National Night Out. This annual event is a great opportunity for residents and law enforcement to partner up against crime, visit with neighbors, police officers, firefighters, EMS paramedics and city officials. Block parties are 5-8 p.m. To register your neighborhood for a National Night Out Block Party, visit grandprairiepolice.org/nno or use the QR code.



CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

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

Thursday, July 20

Back the Blue Ride - Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Road

Thursday, August 17

Nottingham Ride - Larson Elementary, 2620 E. Avenue K



MAINTAIN YOUR ALLEY AND EASEMENT

It is the property owner's responsibility to keep weeds, grass, brush, or other vegetation from growing taller than 10 inches between the property line and the alley. The property owner is also responsible for this maintenance between the property line and the curb of any other public right of way. For info., call Code Compliance at 972-237-8296.

CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2024 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2023.

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 2023. The calendar will be printed in December 2023. Email high-resolution image to: cmckillop@gptx.org.

WATER BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Donate as little as \$1 per month with your water bill payment to help Grand Prairie families who cannot pay their water bills.



To make your donation, use the QR code above or visit the city website at gptx.org/waterbillassistance, find the Water Bill Assistance Program and click on the donation links. This program is sponsored by the City of Grand Prairie in cooperation with Grand Prairie United Charities. For information, call 972-237-8200.

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. 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. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (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,



Mayor Ron Jensen
City of Grand Prairie

OZONE SEASON

From now through November, ground-level ozone will reach its highest concentration. High levels of ground-level ozone can have negative effects on our environment and human health, particularly on young children and those with respiratory conditions. During ozone action days, it is encouraged to limit outdoor activities or plan activities to be in the morning or in the evening when ozone levels are lower.



Be in the know of when we are experiencing an ozone action day by signing up for air pollution alert at airnorthtexas.org/signup.

FIGHT THE BITE: DON'T BE A MOSQUITO BREEDER

Mosquito Fact of the Month: Mosquitoes’ life cycle, from egg to adult, takes about 8-10 days.



How quick is that! This is why it is important for residents to do their part in preventing mosquitoes from breeding in their backyards. The best and effective ways in doing so is by doing the following:

Drain- Remove all areas of standing water and change the water in pet dishes and birdbaths several times a week.

Mow- During the summer months, residents should mow their lawn weekly to prevent mosquitoes from resting and hiding in their backyards.

How is the city helping fight the bite? Learn more at gptx.org/fightthebite.