

## EPIC CENTRAL PROJECT BLAZES FORWARD



May 2022 aerial photo of EpicCentral

Construction is well underway on the EpicCentral development just west of SH 161 between Arkansas Lane and Warrior Trail. The development will include hotels, a convention center, restaurants and an outdoor open space with a covered stage for events, concerts and programs along with interactive technology for entertainment. At night, visitors will be able to enjoy a light show in the adjacent lake. One EpicCentral restaurant is already open—Chicken N Pickle. Hotel and restaurant estimated opening dates are as follows:

- Loop 9 BBQ – opening late summer 2022
- Vidorra Cocina de Mexico restaurant – opening fall 2022
- The Finch neighborhood restaurant and bar – opening fall 2022
- Serious Pizza, Sliders and Shakes – opening winter 2022
- Poach'd breakfast/brunch restaurant – opening early 2023
- Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites – opening fall 2023
- 13,000-square-foot convention center – opening fall 2023

## LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB

June 4 - 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
- Fun, free programs



## 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 ride. Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 23** - Fish Creek Ride  
Starrett Elementary, 2675 Fairmont

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

## 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.

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

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



## FARMERS MARKET



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

Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables and more. For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit [GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket](http://GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket).

## ICE CREAM CHARITY CHALLENGE

Saturday, July 16 • Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Summer is officially here, and the temperatures are rising rapidly. There's no better way to cool down on a hot summer day than with homemade ice cream! Local Grand Prairie charities and organizations will go head-to-head to see who has the best homemade ice cream recipe. Tickets will be on sale to sample all of the charities' homemade ice cream and vote for your favorite. In addition, enjoy live music, shop the farmers market, and help your favorite charity win some well-deserved money! For more information, visit [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com).

## AUCTION BENEFITING SANTA COP

Saturday, July 16, 5-9 p.m. • Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Pkwy.  
Blue Hawaiian auction • \$20 per person

## HOME REPAIR HELP FOR SENIORS

Seniors age 60 and older who own and occupy their home and meet certain income and other guidelines may qualify for repairs to deteriorated conditions on their home. The program focuses on HUD approved rehabilitation standards and health/safety concerns. Remodeling and cosmetic updates are not allowed. For more information call Housing and Neighborhood Services 972-237-8173.

## 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)



## COUNCILMAN EZEONU'S EPIC SHOWDOWN



Saturday, July 9, 6 p.m.  
The Epic, 2960 Epic Place

Free inaugural basketball game and community event featuring Team Epic vs. Grand Prairie Police Department. Meet Dallas Mavs guests, giveaways, and free food! For more information, visit [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com).

## MOVIES ON THE LAWN

The Epic, 2960 Epic Place  
GrandLawn  
(Located behind The Epic)

Grab your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy watching a movie outdoors on a huge inflatable screen. Free admission. Movie begins at sunset. Additional activities will be available before the movie begins. No coolers allowed. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Thursday, July 7: *Sing 2*  
Thursday, Aug. 4: *Encanto*

## WE'RE HIRING 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).



## 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):

### Magic Show with CJ Johnson

Thursday, July 7

### Grand Prairie Arts Council Summer Theater Camp

July 18-22 and July 25-30

Register at [artsgp.org](http://artsgp.org)

### Moana Jr.

Friday, July 29-Saturday, July 30

*Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council*

In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches Moana's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right. Presented by the the Kids Theater Camp.



## LIBRARY EVENTS



### Mind Your Manners

2nd and 3rd graders

Wednesday July 13

4th and 5th graders

Friday July 15

3-5 p.m., Zoom

Help your child improve their table manners and learn to communicate with peers and adults in a courteous and confident way. Parents are encouraged to participate! This program will take place on Zoom. Please register with Jennifer at [jllusk@gptx.org](mailto:jllusk@gptx.org)

### David Chicken

Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Don't miss this exciting concert with creative movement, educational messages, and general hilarity!

### Field Day

Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Have fun with outdoor, field day activities. Round up your team for big games and a water balloon fight!

### Night at the Museum:

#### Youth Voices in Art

Tuesday, August 2, 5 - 6:30 p.m. |

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Come enjoy a pop-up, come-and-go art gallery at the library featuring young local artists as they tell their stories and community experiences through their art. Email Josh at [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org) for questions.

### Back To School SPLASH

Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m. - noon

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

We will close out the summer with this fun-filled back-to-school celebration. Join us for crafts, games, face painting, STEM activities, and a visit from some of Grand Prairie's first responders!

## GRASS HEIGHT MAXIMUM: 10 INCHES

The maximum height for grass in Grand Prairie is 10 inches. It is unlawful for any person with ownership in a property in the City of Grand Prairie to have grass, weeds, rubbish or brush at a height greater than 10 inches, or for property to appear unsightly or unsanitary along, upon or across the sidewalk or street.

Seven days after a property owner has been given notification of high grass, Code Compliance will issue citations and may have the property mowed. The resident will be billed and charged a \$150 administrative fee.



## TIPS FOR PREVENTING VEHICLE BURGLARIES

*Grand Prairie Police Community Services*

- Park your car in the garage
- Park in driveway of residence
- Keep doors locked
- Park in well-lit areas
- Add video surveillance where you park your car
- Adjust the security system of your car to activate from vibrations
- Do not leave items in vehicles, especially in plain view.



For more information on crime prevention contact Grand Prairie Community Service Officers:

**Officer JD West**

Phone: 972-237-8966

E-mail: [jwest@gptx.org](mailto:jwest@gptx.org)

**Officer K. Dixon**

Phone: 972-237-4172

E-mail: [kdixon@gptx.org](mailto:kdixon@gptx.org)

**Officer E. Molina**

Phone: 972-237-8963

E-mail: [emolina@gptx.org](mailto:emolina@gptx.org)

## NATIONAL PARENTS DAY AT EPIC WATERS

Sunday, July 24 • Epic Waters, 2970 Epic Place • [EpicWatersGP.com](http://EpicWatersGP.com)

Celebrating parents in an epic way with family activities all day.



## BUILDING RESPONSIBLY

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As a participating community, the city has adopted Floodplain Management practices that limit the development allowed in the 1% annual chance floodplain. The 1% annual chance floodplain (100-year floodplain) also known as the base flood is defined as the area inundated by a storm that has a 1% chance of occurring in any year.

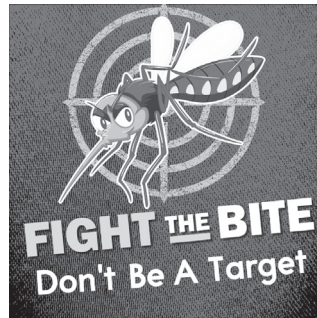
All development in the City of Grand Prairie needs local and state permits. The City's ordinances and building codes guide and regulate construction in floodplains. Without these provisions, flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) would not be available.

The city Stormwater Division is available to review and provide advice to property owners pertaining to flooding issues, development, renovations, and flood protection measures. For more information please contact Grand Prairie Stormwater at 972-237-8321 or visit city website [www.gptx.org/Departments/Floodplain](http://www.gptx.org/Departments/Floodplain).

## FIGHT THE BITE: KEEP MOSQUITOES AWAY

Mosquitoes are often just seen as pests, but they are a major health threat. Mosquitoes can cause Dengue, Zika, Chikungunya and West Nile. Together let's STOP mosquitoes from breeding. Backyard Checklist for Eliminating Mosquitoes:

- Unclog gutters
- Drain flower pot dishes
- Apply mosquito dunks, bits and briquettes to drains
- Dump plastic wading pools
- Dispose of unused tires or drill holes in them
- Dump containers in yards
- Check for leaky faucets
- Replace water in bird baths and animal dishes daily
- Check screens on windows and doors for tears



## PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Your pets are an important member of your family, so they need to be included in your family's emergency plan. To prepare for the unexpected, follow these tips with your pet in mind:

- Know a safe place to take your pet before emergencies and disasters happen.
- Plan with neighbors and relatives to make sure someone can care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to.
- Keep several days' supply of food and water, along with a water bowl in your pet's kit.
- Include a leash, collar, and ID tag for your pet in your pet's kit.
- Plan for your pet's sanitation needs such as pet litter and plastic trash bags.
- Keep a picture of you and your pet and their favorite toys, treats, and bedding in their kit.

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

*Grand Prairie*  
— T E X A S —  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## 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

## CLEAN AIR ACTION DAY

Commit to taking action for cleaner air at [www.airnorthtexas.org](http://www.airnorthtexas.org)

August 3

