

EPIC WATERS NAMED TOP 3 INDOOR WATER PARK

The City of Grand Prairie is proud to announce that Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark has been awarded a top three spot for the Best Indoor Water Park in USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice 2023 Travel Awards! The top 10 parks received the most votes from 20 indoor water parks nominated by a panel of experts as the best indoor water parks in the United States. To be crowned one of the best, fans were asked to vote for their favorite indoor waterpark online over a four-week period.



"We're thrilled that Epic Waters has been recognized as one of the top indoor water parks in America!" said Mayor Ron Jensen. "The City of Grand Prairie and our partners at American Resort Management have worked hard to create a world-class facility that provides guests with a fun and memorable experience. It's an honor to see these efforts recognized by USA Today, and it further affirms our belief that EpicCentral is on track to becoming a top 5 destination in DFW."

NEW PHOTO SPOT



Great new Photo Opp! Newly installed heART Art at PlayGrand Adventures, 2100 Epic Place. Art by Jodi Pope. Facing Epic Place on exterior of fence surrounding the park.

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.

GP MAJOR LEAGUE CRICKET TEAM REVEALS LOGO

The Texas Super Kings, the lone Texas-based team in Major League Cricket, has revealed its team logo ahead of the inaugural season scheduled to begin on July 13, 2023 at Grand Prairie Stadium (the former AirHogs Stadium), 1600 Lone Star Parkway. The Texas Super Kings logo combines the marquee lone star, representing all of Texas and standing for unity as one state and one country, with the iconic lion of the Chennai Super Kings. More info at visitgrandprairietx.com



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, June 22

Fish Creek Ride
Meet at Starrett Elementary
2675 Fairmont Dr.

Thursday, July 20

Back the Blue Ride
Lloyd Park, 3401 Ragland Road



ICE CREAM CHALLENGE

Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m – 1 p.m.
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

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 the charities' homemade ice cream and vote for your favorite. In addition, enjoy live music, shop the farmers market (opens at 8 a.m.), and help your favorite charity win some well-deserved money! For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

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.

Frozen Jr.

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

July 28-29

Children from the Grand Prairie Arts Council theater camp will perform this enchanting, modern Disney classic. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB

June 3 - 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



LIBRARY SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

All Abilities Playgroup

Select Thursdays at 4 p.m. beginning July 13 • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. For children with disabilities and their caregivers: DIY sensory play activities, stories, crafts and songs. Email Ashley at awyche@gptx.org to register.

Roller Derby Storytime

Saturday, July 15 at 2 p.m. • Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd. The Dallas Derby Devils will tell us about roller derby and show off skating. Please come in your regular shoes, and leave the skating to the professionals.

Wildlife on the Move, Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd. Do you like snakes, tarantulas or hissing cockroaches? Meet and learn about a variety of cool reptiles and creatures from all over the world.

Dallas Zoo: Animal Adventures

Friday, August 8 from 11-11:30 a.m. and 11:45-12:15 p.m. Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. This program will feature six to eight animals including a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles. Email Jennifer at jllusk@gptx.org to register beginning July 10. You may register your family for one program time only.

CULINARY SUMMER CAMP

The Epic, 2960 Epic Pl. • 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- Culinary 101: July 10-14
- World Flavors: July 17-21
- Creating Your Own Menu: July 24-28

Ages 12-15. Let your student gain confidence in the kitchen through this comprehensive course! Each week is designed to build on one another but can be enjoyed in one-week blocks. Limited spots available. For more information and to register, visit JoinTheEpic.com/culinary-arts.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Visit the Friends of the Library Clearance Sale July 13 – 15. Find great books for only .25 apiece!

Thurs. July 13, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri. July 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat. July 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CLEAN PRAIRIE

The Clean Prairie initiative is a partnership and continued commitment between city leadership, residents, and business owners to ensure community cleanliness and orderliness is always valued as a top priority in the City of Grand Prairie.



What you can do to participate at home:

- Maintain landscaping and keep grass cut
- Keep your property litter free and free of clutter
- Maintain fencing and exterior

To learn more about the Clean Prairie initiative, please visit gptx.org/cleanprairie.

SIGN UP FOR OZONE ALERTS

Air North Texas, a regional public awareness campaign and partnership that seeks to improve air quality in North Texas, sends out pollutant-specific air pollution alerts when pollutants such as ozone cause air quality to reach the unhealthy range.



Want to sign up for free today?

1. Visit the Air North Texas website or scan the QR code below
2. Click on "Sign up for Air Pollution Alerts"
3. Fill out the form



SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

The Grand Prairie City Council passed an updated Short-Term Rental 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 the tenancy of 30 or fewer days for a fee. Short-term rentals are usually 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 notice must include a 24-hour local contact that can be called when issues arise at the 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.



NO FIREWORKS



Grand Prairie Police and Fire Marshals will be out strictly enforcing fireworks violations by issuing citations and confiscating fireworks during the 4th of July holiday.

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.

VOLUNTEER FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

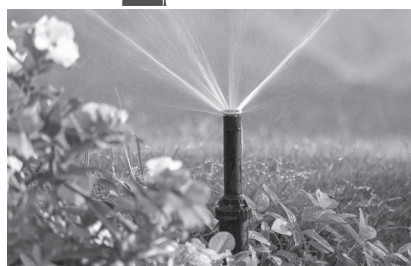
Applications are now being accepted for appointments to city boards and commissions. Volunteer members of boards and commissions act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on issues such as housing, parks, development, public health and aging. Apply online at gptx.org/Boards-and-Commissions by June 30, 2023. For more information, call 972- 237-8035 or email GPCitySecretary@gptx.org.

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

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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.



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 applied for a mid-cycle modification to better its rating from a class 5 to a 4. As a result of the increased floodplain management activities shown for this mid cycle modification the city has been awarded a class 4 ranking, taking effect in October of 2023, which will qualify residents for up to a 30% discount on flood insurance premiums for properties. 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 email floodplain@gptx.org, or the city's website at gptx.org/floodplain.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PID)?

A PID allows for improvements and a higher degree of maintenance within the PID area which presumably enhances property values.

With the establishment of an advisory body, the property owners within the PID have control over the types of improvements, level of maintenance, and amount of assessments to be levied against the property owners.

Assessments are usually collected by the city's tax collecting agent and are deposited into a specific PID fund. Revenue collection is simple since a homeowner's association does not have to perform fee collection. Also, the PID allows for an interest charge and lien on unpaid assessments. This ensures a dependable revenue source for the PID. In most instances, mortgage companies include PID assessments within the property owner's escrow payment and pay the assessment at the same time that ad valorem taxes are paid.

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.

AUCTION BENEFITING SANTA COP

Saturday, July 29, 5 p.m. • Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway
Epic Blue Hawaiian Live Auction • \$20 per person

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

For small business resources and entrepreneur classes, visit gptx.org/smallbiz.

EXTREME HEAT AWARENESS

Texas can experience some intense summers with high humidity percentages. This will increase the feeling of heat temperatures. Prepare for these high humidity and heat days coming this summer by taking these precautions:



- Learn to recognize heat illness and exhaustion signs.
- Identify community cooling locations such as local libraries.
- Cover windows in your home to block heat.
- Double check the weather strip located on your doors and replace as needed.
- Use window reflectors.
- Stay hydrated.
- Bring extra water supply when attending outdoor events.

If you are unable to afford your cooling costs, weatherization or energy-related home repairs, contact the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for possible assistance.

For local weather and important updates, please sign up for our local Emergency Alert System (EAS) by registering for AlertGP at gptx.org/AlertGP. Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org.

A+ DANCE

Charley Taylor Recreation Center
601 E. Grand Prairie Rd.

Ages 6-12. Come out and learn Hip-hop, modern and praise dance from legendary instructor Alexandria Dave!

\$30/month

Must have valid youth membership (\$7/Per Year)

For more information or to schedule a one-time free trial class, call 972-339-3770 or visit GrandFunGP.com/Charley-Taylor
