

NEW GP RETAIL AND RESTAURANTS

The **Finch Grill & Raw Bar** is now open in EpicCentral, located at 2951 S. SH 161, offering a variety of chef-prepared steaks, chicken, fish, and more. Plus, a rotating selection of fresh oysters are flown in daily for all to enjoy. Happy hour is Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Also in EpicCentral:

- **Loop 9 BBQ** is also now open
- **Vidorra Cocina de Mexico** is scheduled to open July 1, 2023
- **Serious Eats Pizza, Sliders and Shakes** is expected to open Sept. 1, 2023

For more information about the entire EpicCentral development, visit EpicCentral.com

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NOW HIRING:

PARKS & RECREATION SEASONAL JOBS

Seasonal jobs now starting at \$15-\$17 an hour! Grand Prairie’s national award-winning Parks, Arts & Recreation Department is now hiring summer workers for recreation centers, aquatic facilities, Lynn Creek and Loyd parks on Joe Pool Lake, Prairie Lakes Golf Course, and more. Exciting work, indoors and outdoors. **Apply today at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/grandprairietx/SeasonalPosition>.**

Open positions include:

- Aquatics Instructor
- Golf Cart Attendant
- Fitness Attendant
- Lake Park Attendant
- Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard
- Pool Cashier
- Recreation Aide
- Camp Counselor
- Head Golf Cart Attendant
- Maintenance Worker
- Camp Supervisor
- Pool Manager

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, May 18

Lone Star/Campion Trail Ride
 Meet at Action Park Grand Prairie
 1002 Lone Star Parkway

Thursday, June 22

Fish Creek Ride
 Meet at Starrett Elementary, 2675 Fairmont Dr.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



Friday, June 16, 6-8 p.m.

Dalworth Recreation Center
 2012 Spikes St.

Free event featuring vendors, music, activities and cookout sponsored by In-N-Out Burger.

Saturday, June 17

Parade begins at City Hall
 300 W. Main St.

10 a.m. (lineup at 9 a.m.)

Parade travels to the Dalworth Community, ending at Tyre Park. Enjoy free food, vendors, entertainment for the kids, and free swimming!

For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

PAY LESS FOR INTERNET

A federal program is now available to help get households



connected to the internet without a heavy price tag.

Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission created the Affordable Connectivity Program to make internet service more affordable.

Eligible households can enroll to receive a monthly benefit of \$30 on their internet service.

For more information, visit affordableconnectivity.gov



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:

School of Rock

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

June 16-25

Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school.

SUMMER READING CLUB KICK OFF

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-noon
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Come out to the Main Library for the Summer Reading Club Kick Off Party. Have fun with face painters, photos with favorite characters, crafts, activities and so much more.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Check out these fantastic programs available at Grand Prairie libraries:

Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St. - 10:30 a.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. - 1 p.m.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 5 - Professor Brainius

Laugh and learn with music, comedy, science experiments and lots of fun

Monday, June 12 - Petting Zoo with Country Critters Farms

See and pet farm animals outdoors. Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Monday, June 19 - Mago Ali: Taking Magic to the Next Level

An astonishing, bilingual magic show performed by the incredible Mago Ali.

Monday, June 26 - Cowboy Ken

Lively show of cowboy songs, tall tales, historical facts and trick roping.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, May 13, June 3, 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, May 13, June 3, 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.



GPPD SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Sign up for the Grand Prairie Police Department Summer Sports Camp.



July 10-27, 2023

YMLA at

Kennedy Middle School
2205 SE 4th St.

All skill levels

- Ages: 8-16 years
- Co-ed
- Basketball, football and soccer



Free program. To sign up, scan QR code, visit grandprairiepolice.org/sportscamp or contact Officer W. Jackson at wjackson@gptx.org.



NEW HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS

The Grand Prairie Historical Museum, 1516 W. Main St., is now open Monday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. For more information, visit <https://gphotx.org>.

VIA GRAND PRAIRIE CELEBRATES 1 YEAR

Via Grand Prairie is celebrating the completion of one year serving the citizens of Grand Prairie. Since launching in April 2022, Via GP has provided more than 119,000 rides.

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



OTHER NEW DEVELOPMENT

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- **Hobby Lobby** is scheduled to open by Kohls on the east side of SH 161 in May 2023
- **Pei Wei, Einstein Brothers Bagels** and **Crumbl** will open in Epic Crossing on Arkansas and SH 161
- **Blue Goose Cantina** has opened in the former Texas Roadhouse on I-20
- **Shake Shack** plans to open on Mayfield and SH 161
- **Andretti Indoor Karting and Games** will open next to IKEA in late 2023
- **Voodoo Brewery** will open across from IKEA
- **Bass Pro Shops** will open in mid-2024
- **Steak and Ale** has announced they will open their first Texas location on I-30 in 2024
- **Bennigan's** has announced they will open their first Texas location on I-30 in 2024
- **Black Bear Diner** will open a home-style restaurant next to Texas Roadhouse on I-20

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.

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.



LAWN CARE - DON'T BAG IT!

As we return to spring and the promise of green lawns, the immediate thought might be, "What do I do with the grass clippings I will be collecting?" The short answer is don't collect it! By leaving the clippings on the lawn and allowing them to work their way back into the soil, you will help produce a naturally good looking lawn. There is no need for chemical fertilizers if done consistently. The rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the leaf surface at any one time. For example; common Bermuda grass when 2-1/4" or less, should be mowed at a setting of 1-1/2".

If your lawn has started sprouting weeds already, apply the mowing principles mentioned, and bag the weeds and grass clippings collected for your compost pile, as this is rich in nitrogen and is an essential component of composting. The composted material in turn provides a valuable natural soil amendment that can be used in your garden and also on your lawn as needed to reduce weeds. This continuous cycle provides an effective way to manage your yard waste. For more information on "Don't Bag It!", yard waste or composting classes, please visit gptx.org/composting.

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.

ICE CREAM

CHARITY CHALLENGE

Saturday, July 15
Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Calling all GP charities! The Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will host an ice cream challenge between local charities for a chance to win money for their great cause. Each charity will be given the opportunity to create a one-of-a-kind ice cream flavor to be voted on by anyone who would like a taste! All the necessary tools and ingredients to make the ice cream will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please email Kellie McAliney (kmcaliney@gptx.org) for an application. Application deadline: Friday, June 16.

CRIME TIP



Keep garage doors closed to keep thieves out of your garage. Never leave garage doors open when not in use!

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

Texas Flood Awareness Week is May 22-26, 2023. Flood Awareness Week is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of floods and flash floods. Each year during this week Grand Prairie participates in activities to promote flood awareness. One of those activities is Wear Blue Wednesday. This year's Wear Blue Wednesday Day is on May 24, 2023, and we encourage residents to wear any shade of blue to promote flood awareness in Texas. Severe weather and flooding can happen at any time and Grand Prairie has experienced significant flooding events in the past. It is vital that Grand Prairie residents stay weather alert and prepare for potential sudden flooding and unexpected acts of Mother Nature.

When severe weather happens, City of Grand Prairie departments like Grand Prairie Stormwater, the Office of Emergency Management, Streets, and Fire-Rescue activate to manage the city's flood protection systems and processes.

The City of Grand Prairie, the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), and the National Weather Service (NWS) urge drivers to always follow these flood safety tips:

- Turn Around, Don't Drown®
- It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.
- Heed all warning signs.
- Don't underestimate the power of water.
- Always be aware of your surroundings when driving.
- Use extra caution when driving or walking at night in storm conditions.

Residents can prepare for severe weather or flooding by knowing the implications of flood watches and warnings, having a preparedness kit of supplies, and developing a plan on how to reach family and friends during an emergency.

For more information Contact Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org or the Stormwater Department at 972-237-8141 or gptx.org/floodplain.



KITTEN SEASON IS HERE!



Unless there is an immediate threat, please leave kittens in place where their mother can find them, especially if they are too young to eat on their own. If you must intervene with kittens, you can help by providing in-home foster care until the kittens are 8 to 10 weeks of age. For more information visit gptx.org/paws.

SECURE CONFINEMENT FOR YOUR DOGS

It's a Must!



Animals should be kept inside, enclosed within a fenced-in yard, or walked on a leash when not in an escape-proof enclosure such as a kennel. To keep your dog from escaping or causing mischief try:

- A pet or child safety gate
- Crate training
- Exercise pen
- Outdoor dog run that is 100 sq. ft. for one dog and an additional 30 sq. ft. for each additional dog.

According to city ordinance Sec. 5-20 (c), it is a violation to place a dog in an area where the fencing or kennel materials are of insufficient height, durability, strength or spacing to keep the animal from being completely confined. City ordinance Sec. 5-55 (b) states that any animal while outside must have adequate shelter and water. Balconies are not adequate enclosures. Visit gptx.org/paws for a full list of city ordinances.

OZONE SEASON

Ozone season is in full effect! Beginning in March through November, ground-level ozone reaches its highest concentration. High levels of ground-level ozone have a negative effect 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. Here are some clean air actions you can do to help reduce air pollution.

- Carpooling on major commutes
- Fuel your vehicle before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Refraining from idling
- Bring your lunch to work

For more information, please visit airnorthtexas.org.



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

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