

**NEW DEVELOPMENT**

**Andretti Indoor Karting and Games** will open a 96,000-square-foot facility of its newest design that will feature an indoor climate-controlled kart track, arcade, virtual reality games, laser tag and duckpin bowling. Plans are to open by end of 2023. This will be the company’s second location in DFW and seventh nationwide.



**Bass Pro Shops** will build a new 100,000-square-foot retail store, with a unique completely custom design, that will be the outdoor retailer’s fifth location in the region and 15th location in Texas. The new location is expected to open in the spring of 2024.



**Blue Goose Cantina** will open in the original Texas Roadhouse building at  
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**PRAIRIE LIGHTS 2022**

Thanksgiving night through New Year's Eve  
 Opens nightly at 6 p.m.  
 Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake  
 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy



Be dazzled by Prairie Lights as you drive through 4 million lights set along 2 miles of path. Hundreds of all-new displays in shapes of all kinds line and arch over the roads. Halfway through the drive, get out of your car for a stop at Holiday Village, where you will find food, gifts, Santa, and Lighted Walk-Through Forest. The show’s finale is the world’s largest light tunnel!

For additional details, pricing, and to purchase tickets, visit [PrairieLights.org](http://PrairieLights.org).

**2022 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT**

Celebrate the holidays with the 2022 Grand Prairie Christmas ornament. This year's ornament features downtown Main Street with art created by Anna Whitman.

Ornaments are \$17 and may be purchased at the Trunk Stop shop inside the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center, 2170 N. Belt Line Road. The Tourist Information Center is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



The downtown design is also available on notecards, greeting cards, magnets and stickers for sale at the Trunk Stop shop.

**FARMERS MARKET**

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

Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles and more. **The Farmers Market will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.** Enjoy the holiday market on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Saturday, Dec. 10 is the last day of the 2022 Farmers Market season. Info.: 972-237-4599 or visit [GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket](http://GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket).

**SNOW HO HO**

Children and their families are invited to Grand Prairie libraries for holiday crafts, activities and games. Meet special guests, take fun photos and enjoy the magic of the season. For more information visit [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library).

**Monday, Dec. 5, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.**  
 Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.

**Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
 Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

**Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.**  
 Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE/  
 RECYCLING COLLECTION**

There will be no garbage or curbside recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 24. Please set out your garbage and/or recycling on your next regularly scheduled collection day, which will be Monday, Nov. 28 for garbage and Thursday, Dec. 1 for recycling.



## 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):

**A Christmas Story - The Musical** - Dec. 2-11

*Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council*

**The Ultimate Christmas Variety Show** - Monday, Dec. 12

Remember all the wonderful Variety shows we all grew up on in the 70's & 80's? Now is your chance to see them live and re-created by Las Vegas' number one impersonators of all time

## TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Friday, Nov. 25 - Sunday, Dec. 11

Texas Trust CU Theatre

1001 Texas Trust Way

Don't miss Cirque du Soleil's exhilarating spin on the beloved Christmas tale about the wonders of sharing and friendship. This show is a flurry of Christmas cheer and fun with hugely lovable characters that will introduce audiences to the magic of Cirque du Soleil. 25 performances. Tickets start at \$44. Visit [axs.com](http://axs.com) for tickets and showtimes.



## FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: [gptx.org/electronics-recycling](http://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, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, 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](http://gptx.org/WQ/HHW).

No commercial waste will be accepted.

## NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your natural Christmas tree at the following Grand Prairie drop-off locations Dec. 26, 2022 - Jan. 9, 2023:

- **IKEA**, 1000 IKEA Way
- **Grand Prairie Landfill**, 1102 MacArthur Blvd.

Please remove all ornaments, stands and plastic bags. Artificial trees or trees sprayed with artificial snow cannot be accepted for recycling. Acceptable trees will be recycled into mulch. Free mulch is available at the landfill to all Grand Prairie residents. Trees may also be left at your curb on your normal garbage collection day. However, these trees will not be recycled into mulch and will be collected as garbage. For more information, please call 972-237-8151.

## COAT DRIVE FOR KIDS



Help Collect 100 new coats and jeans for kids!

**Dec. 1-31, 2022**

Sizes to fit kids K-12

Please bring your new coat with tags to:

- City Hall Central, 300 W. Main St.
- Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

*Benefiting Kids Inc.*

## CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR - PRAIRIE LIGHTS

Monday, Nov. 21

Ride begins at 6 p.m.

Lynn Creek Parkway

5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Tis' the season to get a unique sneak peek of Prairie Lights by joining Mayor Ron Jensen for the Cyclin' with the Mayor Prairie Lights ride. Participants are encouraged to dress festive and decorate their bikes. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride.

## JOIN OUR GRAND TEAM! APPLY TODAY!

The City of Grand Prairie is now hiring full-time and part-time positions! Full time beginning at \$17.82/hour, plus benefits including paid leave, retirement and health insurance. To apply, scan the QR code or visit [gptx.org/jobs](http://gptx.org/jobs).



## ONCE-A-MONTH BRUSH PICK UP

For the convenience of Grand Prairie residents, the Streets Department operates a Brush Pickup Program. This once-per-month service provides curbside pickup of tree limbs and brush that are not bundled or bagged, no larger than 10 inches in diameter, no longer than 5 feet in length and the pile is no larger than a VW Beetle.

This is for brush and tree limbs that are too large for the city's twice-weekly trash collection, which must be bundled, weigh less than 50 pounds and be no more than 6 feet long. This service is for residents who trim their own brush and limbs. For residents who hire a contractor or tree service, the vendor must haul away what they trim. The City of Grand Prairie does not provide brush pickup services for private gated communities or private mobile home communities.

Place your brush at the curb (no alley pickup) by 7 a.m. on your designated Monday. You may place brush out up to one week early.

The Brush Service Crew will not pick up grass clippings, leaves, weeds, flowers, wire, landscape timbers, fencing, plastic bags or other foreign materials. Brush must be neatly piled (not scattered) at least 2 feet from utility poles, low hanging trees, fences, gas/water meters, fire hydrants, mailboxes and sprinkler heads, along with any other obstacles that would prevent collection. Brush cannot at any time block sidewalks, right-of-way, or the view of oncoming traffic. Brush will not be picked up if parked vehicles or other obstructions are present. Zoned pickup weeks and program details are on the city's website: [gptx.org/brushpickup](http://gptx.org/brushpickup).



TREE LIMBS AND BRUSH:  
NO LARGER THAN 10  
INCHES IN DIAMETER,  
NO LONGER THAN  
5 FEET IN LENGTH



• TOO BIG  
• TOO MUCH

## HOLIDAY COOKING SAFETY

While cooking your favorite holiday meals, remember that a fire can become life-threatening in just two minutes, and a residence can be engulfed in flames in five minutes.

Be sure to follow these fire safety tips:

- Ensure your smoke alarm has replaced batteries and is enabled while cooking
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and know how to use and maintain it
- Plan two ways to escape each room in the event of a fire or smoke
- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food and turn off the stove afterward
- Never leave children unattended near operating stoves or burning candles, even for a short time
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll or use a blanket/towel to smother the flames

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



STAND BY YOUR PAN

If You  
**SEE**  
Something  
**SAY**  
Something



Call 911 to report suspicious activity immediately.

## SANTA PAWS SLEEPOVER



Bring a furry friend home for the holidays! From Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, spread some holiday cheer and let a pet in need spend a week in your home! Registration is now open, [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws).

## FILL THEIR STOCKING

Nov. 29-Dec. 23  
Help us collect items to fill the stockings for all our pets! For item details visit [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws).



## DONUTS WITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9-10 a.m.  
Charley Taylor Recreation Center  
601 E. Grand Prairie Road

For ages 5-12. Enjoy donuts, a holiday craft and a photo with Santa. Register by Dec. 2. \$5 per person. Info.: [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com)

## WINTER WONDERLAND CHRISTMAS EVENT

Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-noon  
Dalworth Recreation Center  
2012 Spikes St.

Cookies, hot cocoa, trackless train, pictures with Santa and more. For information, visit [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com).

See your actual water use online 24/7 at [gptx.org/H2Know](http://gptx.org/H2Know). Receive automatic alerts of higher than normal use. Save water and money.



## VIA GRAND PRAIRIE

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.



## FLOOD INSURANCE AND COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

According to the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS), Grand Prairie is one of the best rated cities in Texas for reducing flood losses and providing flood insurance savings for residents. The City of Grand Prairie has achieved the Class 5 rating by voluntarily participating in floodplain management activities such as:

- Higher standards for development in flood prone areas.
- Ongoing drainage system improvements throughout the city that are designed to reduce structural flooding and stormwater pollutants.
- Protection of wetlands
- Public outreach

In addition to the CRS program, the City of Grand Prairie participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The rate that the city receives in the CRS program qualifies our residents to receive a discount on flood insurance rates. The better the city's rating in CRS the larger discount our residents can receive on flood insurance rates. Residents who live in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)/Floodplain are required to buy flood insurance if they have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender, however, following the 2015 Grand Prairie flood events, 90 percent of flood damages reported to the city were outside the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). To protect your home, consider purchasing flood insurance. Approximately 25 percent of structures that flood each year belong to policyholders whose properties are not located in a SFHA. Not all insurance agents offer this rider. Those who offer the rider have agreed to provide the insurance coverage at a specific rate determined by FEMA. This means that you do not have to "shop around" to get the best deal. The cost will be the same no matter which insurance company you choose.

### Flood Insurance Facts:

- Typically, a 30-day waiting period is required when purchasing a new policy.
- Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies and agents and is backed by the federal government.
- Insurance rates are based on your property's flood zone and its risk of being flooded.
- Standard homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. A specific FEMA flood insurance rider must be purchased through an insurance agent to obtain this protection.
- Because the City of Grand Prairie participates in the NFIP, flood insurance is available for all properties located in the city.
- If you're renting a home or apartment, flood insurance contents coverage is available from the NFIP to protect your valuables and belongings.

More information on the City of Grand Prairie's flood management activities is available at [gptx.org/floodplain](http://gptx.org/floodplain) and more information about obtaining flood insurance can be found by contacting your insurance agent or visiting [fema.gov/nfip](http://fema.gov/nfip)

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2536 West I-20 in early 2023.

In the Epic East Town Crossing shopping center on the east side of SH 161 next to Kohls, **Hobby Lobby** will open a store in May 2023 and **Pop Shelf** will open a home goods, seasonal décor and party store in June 2023. **Lucky's Hot Chicken** is scheduled to open next to the new Dutch Brothers Coffee on SH 161. **Salad N Go** will open on the east side of SH 161 and Warrior Trail and **Rosa's Mexican Café** is scheduled to open on the southwest corner of Mayfield and SH 161. **Alamo Drafthouse** will open a movie house, restaurant and brewery near SH 360 and I-20 with construction beginning in early 2023. **Braums** will open a new 6,000-square-foot store on the north side of Camp Wisdom, east of Magna Carta. **Jersey Mike's** will open in the Epic West shopping center west of SH 161 and south of Mayfield. **Five Guys** will also open a restaurant in Epic West scheduled to open by January 2023. **Golden Chick** has opened a new restaurant on Belt Line just north of I-30.

In EpicCentral, at SH 161 and Warrior Trail, **Loop 9 BBQ** is opening in January 2023. Several other new restaurants will be opening by the end of 2023. **Bolder Adventure Park** is open inside a 66,000-square-foot air supported dome on Warrior Trail west of SH 161. Check [EpicCentral.com](http://EpicCentral.com) for updated information.

The former Texas AirHogs minor league baseball stadium is undergoing a privately funded \$13 million renovation and will open as a **Major League Cricket Stadium** in summer 2023 operated by USA Cricket and Major League Cricket. The renovated stadium will have a natural grass field, modified seating capacity and additional restrooms.