

MEN'S CRICKET T20 WORLD CUP IN GP

Grand Prairie will host cricket fans from around the globe this summer as one of the cities hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. This is the first Cricket World Cup held in North America and the marquee opening match of the tournament will be in Grand Prairie Stadium, 1600 Lone Star Parkway, on Saturday, June 1 with the United States facing Canada. To accommodate these games, an additional 6,000 seats will be added to Grand Prairie Stadium this summer.



The four matches taking place at Grand Prairie Stadium this summer are:

- United States vs. Canada – Saturday, June 1
- Netherlands vs. Nepal – Tuesday, June 4
- United States vs. Pakistan – Thursday, June 6
- Sri Lanka vs. Bangladesh – Friday, June 7

For more information: visitgrandprairietx.com/cricket

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, May 27 • Gather at 9:30 a.m.
 Ceremony begins at 10 a.m.
 Veterans Memorial, 925 Conover Dr.

Join us to pay tribute to the Grand Prairie service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The dedicated Brass Honor Bell will be rung after the reading of each name of Grand Prairie service personnel lost during the many battles for our freedom. The Grand Prairie Police Honor Guard will honor our service personnel with a 21-gun salute and Taps will be played. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, an all-American lunch of hot dogs and lemonade will be provided by the Grand Prairie Rotary Clubs.



DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE CITY

In EpicCentral, **The Hilton Garden Inn** and **Homewood Suites** hotels operated by Concord Hospitality are now open. Both hotels share the **Grand Prairie Events and Convention Center**. A **Residence Inn by Marriot** is also now open just south of Main Event. **Serious Eats – Shakes Sliders and**



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COUNCIL MEMBER JACQUIN HEADEN TOWN HALL MEETING



Thursday, May 9, 6-8 p.m.
 Grand Prairie Events and
 Convention Center
 2925 State Highway 161

Join Council Member Jacquin Headen for a City Council District 2 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie. Scan the QR code to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.



MAY 4, 2024 ELECTION

A General Election shall be held in the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, on May 4, 2024, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at which the following offices will be on the ballot:

- Council Member, District 5
- Council Member, District 6
- Council Member, Place 8 At Large

Early Voting dates:

April 22 – April 30, 2024

Election info: gptx.org/election



UPTOWN THEATER

Enjoy events at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 W. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-237-8786 or visit uptowntheatergp.com.

The Kings of Queen

Thursday, April 25

Experience the foremost Queen tribute in the country.

The Producers

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

June 21-23 and June 28-30

Mel Brooks' 2001 musical filled with crowd-pleasing musical numbers.



FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays • Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles, and more. Call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.

MARTY PARTY

In Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day

Featuring the Purple Martin

Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Summit, 2975 Esplanade Dr.

The event will feature various activities and vendors. Lunch included.



MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.-noon • Veterans Center, 925 Conover Dr.

All new moms and moms-to-be are invited to a free Mother's Day celebration. Event door prizes will include essential baby items. No registration required. For more information, please visit gptx.org/getfitgp.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, June 1, 9-11 a.m.

Behind 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, June 1, 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.



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. Rides begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit gptx.org/getfitgp.

Epic Ride

Thursday, April 11

Epic Waters Indoor Water Park

2970 Epic Place

Tyre Ride and Community Fair

Thursday, May 23

Tyre Park, 2327 Tyre St.

Enjoy a community fair at the park.

SUMMER READING CLUB KICK OFF CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 1

10 a.m.-noon

Main Library

901 Conover Dr.

- Crafts
- Adventurous Activities
- Photo Ops



MOUNTAIN CREEK LAKE CLEANUP



Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mi Familia Park, 2402 Cardiff St.

This is a water-based cleanup.

Paddlers may bring their own kayak, canoe, etc. Free rentals available.

A Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Event

Register: <http://bttr.im/i2cc2>

NEW HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE

*The History of the African American Experience
and Perspective in Grand Prairie*

A new Grand Prairie history book is now available for purchase for \$35. The book examines the history of the African American experience and perspective from 1852-2023. Commissioned by the City of Grand Prairie, author Warren Landrum combined research, historical documents, and interviews to craft the story from the first African American to arrive in Grand Prairie, Mose Jordan in 1952 through the decades to today.

The books are available for purchase here:

- Grand Prairie Tourist Center, 2170 N. Belt Line Road
- Main Library, 901 Conover
- Grand Prairie Historical Museum, 1516 W. Main
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

The history of Grand Prairie has been documented in two previous books. Still, neither includes much about the African American experience which was not traditionally covered in mainstream media in the 1800s-mid 1900s. Grand Prairie was fortunate to have two of the first freedmen communities following the Emancipation Proclamation in Bear Creek and Freetown, with Dalworth following the turn of the century. Many of the ancestors of those founding families still live in town today. Through interviews, questionnaires, excerpts from historic *It Happened in Grand Prairie* videos, and news articles, the author was able to craft the chronology of the African American experience in Grand Prairie, which is presented in this new book.

CLEAN AIR ACTION DAY JUNE 7

Ozone season has begun! Beginning in March through November, ground-level ozone reaches its highest concentration. Help reduce ozone pollution this season by taking part in Clean Air Action Day on Friday, June 7. Clean Air Action Day occurs on the first Friday of June every year to bring the community together to do at least one thing to help improve air quality. Here are some actions you can take on Clean Air Action Day:

- Carpool
- Combine trips/driving less
- Fuel before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Reduce idling
- Bring your lunch to work

Find more ways you can take action and take the pledge at airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday. When taking the pledge, be sure to include that you are a Grand Prairie resident!



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.

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/boardsandcommissions by June 3, 2024. For more information, call 972- 237-8039 or email GPCitySecretary@gptx.org

FREE MICROCHIPS FOR PETS

Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: noon-6 p.m.

Prairie Paws Adoption Center
2222 W. Warrior Tr.

Grand Prairie residents only

Required: Owners valid driver license or ID, proof of pet's current rabies vaccine. No appointment needed.



NEW DEVELOPMENT

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Slices is scheduled to open in May 2024 and the **Dippy Egg** will open in fall 2024.

Design work will begin in fall 2024 on **Rosa's Café** on the southwest corner of SH 161 and Mayfield. **Mountain Mike's Pizza** will open in EpicEast, and Asia Times Square will open a **new concert venue**, **85c Bakery Café**, **BB.Q Chicken** and **OMI Korean BBQ**.

Andretti's Indoor Karting and Games will open next to IKEA in May 2024 and **Bass Pro Shops** at Mayfield Groves, just south of IKEA will open in June 2024.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please note that garbage and recycling collection will shift during the week following Memorial Day, which falls on May 27 this year. There will be no garbage pick up on Monday, May 27.

- **Recycling** will be picked up on Thursday, May 30
- **Residents south of Warrior Trail** will receive garbage pick up on Tuesday, May 28 and Friday, May 31.
- **Residents north of Warrior Trail** will receive garbage pick up on Wednesday, May 29 and Saturday, June 1.

May-June 2024 Garbage and Recycling Pick Up Schedule:

May 2024							June 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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For more information, visit gptx.org/garbage or call 972-237-8159.

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 2-¼” or less, should be mowed at a setting of 1-½”.

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 see the city website at gptx.org/composting.

FIRE DEPT. ACHIEVES ISO#1 RATING AGAIN

The City of Grand Prairie Fire Department received ISO#1 rating again this year. Grand Prairie is one of three cities in the entire state that have held this status of ISO#1 and the American Heart Gold Plus Award for eight years. This equates to insurance savings and superior customer service for residents. The renewal of this ISO#1 status this year means that residents will continue to enjoy savings in insurance rates for the next seven to 10 years. For more information about Grand Prairie’s ISO rating, visit gptx.org/iso.

WILDFIRE SAFETY

Wildfires are unplanned fires that burn in natural areas like forests, grasslands, or prairies. These dangerous fires spread quickly and can devastate not only wildlife and natural areas, but also communities.

Safety tips:

- Signup for AlertGP to receive real-time emergency alerts during an emergency at gptx.org/alertGP
- Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands what to do if you need to evacuate quickly.
- Have enough supplies for your household, including a first aid kit, ready for emergencies.
- You may have to evacuate quickly due to a wildfire. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will go.

During a fire:

- Pay attention to emergency alerts and notifications for information and instructions.
- Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to do so!
- Do not return home until authorities say it is safe to do so.

Questions? Contact Grand Prairie’s Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org



GARDENING CLASS

Grow Heat-Loving Veggies with Less Water with Amanda Maron, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Coordinator

Saturday, June 8, 2-3 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Register: jrudd@gptx.org

