

ANNUAL MLK PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Monday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.

Parade begins at City Hall, 300 W. Main Street and continues to David Daniels Elementary, 801 SW 19th St.

A celebration will take place at David Daniels Elementary showcasing talent from Grand Prairie ISD and recognizing community leaders. Participants will receive a free lunch immediately following the event. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com



FREE ICE SKATING



Dec. 1-26, 2023

Tuesday-Friday: 4-8 p.m.

Saturday: noon-9 p.m.

Sunday: noon-8 p.m.

City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

Free skate rentals, Christmas tree, selfie station, hot chocolate and treats.
(Closed Mondays and Dec. 25)

For more information, visit gptx.org/skate

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC: PRAIRIE LIGHTS 2023



Thursday, Nov. 23-Sunday, Dec. 31

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. Halfway through the drive, get out of your car for a stop at Holiday Village, where you will find food, gifts, Santa, and a Lighted Walk-Through Forest. For details, pricing, and to purchase tickets, visit PrairieLights.org.

Grand Prairie residents are invited to pick up an exclusive Prairie Lights \$10 off coupon at one of the following locations.

- The Epic, 2960 Epic Place
- The Summit 50+ Club, 2975 Esplanade
- Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road
- Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.
- Tony Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St.
- Kirby Creek Natatorium, 3201 Corn Valley Road
- Lake Parks Admin, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
- Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Betty Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

Must present an ID or waterbill with your Grand Prairie address. Valid any single day of the 2023 Prairie Lights season. Valid for Car General Admission only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Must be redeemed at the gate, not available for use online.

MAY 2024

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A municipal election will be held on May 4, 2024 for the following seats:

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

Candidates can file for a place on the ballot starting Wednesday, Jan. 17 through Friday, Feb. 16, 2024 by 5 p.m. with the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 W. Main Street.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage collection will shift to the next day during holiday weeks. For more information, visit gptx.org/garbage.

UPTOWN THEATER

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

Pirates on the Prairie

Saturday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.

Rhythmic Souls Tap Company's "A Day in the Life"

Monday, Feb. 19, noon and 2 p.m.

The Zeppelin Project

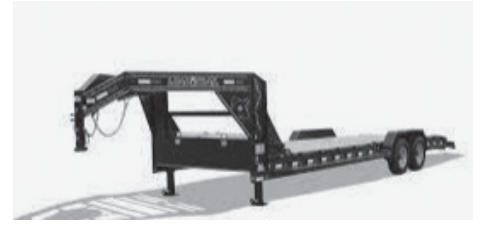
Saturday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

GPFAA Jazz Band Winter Concert

Thursday, Feb. 29, 7 p.m.



OVERSIZED VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS



Did you know the City of Grand Prairie, as well as most cities in the country prohibits or limits the parking of oversized vehicles in all residential districts or areas used for residential purposes? Our ordinance governing this prohibition is in place for a variety of reasons, most importantly neighborhood safety. A hazard is created when an oversized vehicle blocks or impedes traffic on the street or a driver's or pedestrian's visual ability to recognize hazards. Also important are the aesthetics and welcoming appearance of a neighborhood and maintaining the quality of life for everyone in our city.

Our ordinance from Chapter 29.139 of our Code of Ordinances, is summarized as follows:

In all residential districts or areas used for residential purposes, no truck-tractor, road tractor, semi-trailer, commercial vehicle, or truck with a rated capacity in excess of one and one-half (1½) tons according to the manufacturer's classification shall be parked or stored in the street, yard, driveway, or any other area. Travel trailers, campers, recreational vehicles and/or boats, designed for personal use, may be kept in residential districts provided such vehicles are maintained off the street and on an approved driveway so as not to encroach upon the right-of-way. They must be under 36 feet long and 8 feet wide.

This ordinance as well as the entire publication of the Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances may be found by visiting gptx.org.

DECK THE HALLS! 2023 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Celebrate the holidays with the 2023 Grand Prairie Christmas ornament. This year's ornament features Epic-Central.

2023 ornaments are \$15 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 2022 downtown Main Street ornament is also available for \$17. Buy the 2022 and 2023 ornaments together for \$30.



DON'T BE A VICTIM OF JUGGING

Jugging is when suspects watch as people leave banks and ATMs appearing to have made withdrawals. They then follow and break into the victim's vehicle or rob the individual. Things to do and to avoid:

- Be aware of vehicles parked at or near a bank with one or more persons sitting and watching people.
- Watch for vehicles that appear to be following you.
- Call 9-1-1 if you notice suspicious activity.
- Don't leave cash or valuables in vehicles.
- Don't carry money bags or valuables openly.

As always, keep alert to what is going on around you and don't be a target.



FREE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY DAY PASS

Offer expires 1/31/2024. Admits one-person age 18 or over. Present pass to Guest Services with valid ID to redeem. Valid for one-time-use on date of pass redemption only. Valid for self-directed amenities and GroupFit classes. Fees apply for CrossFit 2960, babysitting services, special events, programs, personal training, rentals, upgrades, and guests. Not redeemable for cash. Non-transferable. Must adhere to all facility policies and the code of conduct. Multiple offers cannot be redeemed by the same person.

JointheEpic.com



NEW WATER FACILITY TO SPUR GROWTH SOUTH



City officials, representatives from Freese & Nichols, Inc. and Felix Construction recently celebrated completion of the Heritage Pump Station near Highway 287 and SH 360. The station will eventually provide water for nearly 26,665 homes. The storage tank holds equivalent to three Olympic-sized pools.

BOYS AND GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Register now for Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation youth basketball leagues at grandfungp.com/youth-athletics.

Ages: 3U – 5U

Fee: \$75 per player/ includes jersey
Charley Taylor Recreation Center
601 E. Grand Prairie Road

Ages: 8U – 10U

Fee: \$85 per player/ includes jersey
Location: Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.

Ages: 12U Boys and 12U Girls

Fee: \$85 per player/ includes jersey
Location: Tony Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St.



BOOK CLEARANCE SALE

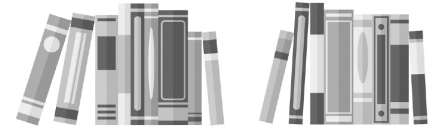
The Friends of the Grand Prairie Library Clearance Sale features great bargains for only 25 cents each.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

January 11: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

January 12: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

January 13: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Crafting Corner

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Come and create a piece of art or learn a new craft at the library. Bring your friends and have fun creating with us. Email Josh at jrudd@gptx.org to register.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1 p.m.

Cozy Blanket Making

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Harlem Renaissance Wooden Collage

Vision Boards

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 5-6 p.m.

Unleash your imagination and turn your dreams into colorful reality with our vision board workshop. For students in grades 6-12.

Ukulele Club

Warmack

Library, 760

Bardin Road

Jan. 4, Feb. 1,

Feb. 29, March

28, April 25

Shotwell

Library, 2750

Graham St.

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 14, April 11, May 9

Participants are expected to know basic chords and strumming for this intermediate program. Registration is required – contact Camille at cplemmons@gptx.org.

For ages 8 and older.



WHAT IS A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PID)?

A Public Improvement District (PID) operates in this manner:

- PIDs are governed by City Council.
- A resident advisory board is appointed annually.
- The annual budget/five-year plan/assessment rate is prepared by the board and approved by City Council in September.
- Residents are notified of proposed assessment and invited to a public hearing before the City Council prior to setting the rate.
- All PID board meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome!
- The meeting schedule for all PIDs is posted on the city website at gptx.org/pid/schedule.
- To receive e-mail notifications when the PID meeting schedule has been updated, please visit 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".



PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

Decorating your home and business is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase the chances of a fire. Did you know that almost 1/3 of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems? Nearly half of holiday decoration fires occur when placed too close to a heat source.



Help prevent home fires during the holidays with these fire safety and prevention tips:

- Use battery-operated flameless candles which can look and feel like real candles.
- Inspect your holiday lights. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Ensure your tree does not block exits and cannot be knocked down easily.
- Water your tree daily. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and fast.
- Ensure your tree is at least 3 ft. away from fireplaces, heaters, candles, and heat vents.

Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or OEM@GPTX.org

NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Recycling drop-off locations for your natural Christmas tree (beginning December 26, 2023 to January 8, 2024):

- 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 curbside 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 972-237-8159.

KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-noon

Adopt-a-Stream
Friendship Park, 525 Polo Rd

Saturday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-noon

Adopt-a-Stream of Beacon Branch
4848 Thames Dr.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m.-noon

Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge
4340 Endicott Dr.

Register for all clean up events at <http://bttr.im/i2cc2>

Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-noon

Fruit Tree Pruning Class - Gateway Garden, 2404 N Carrier Pkwy
Registration: amaron@gptx.org



LIFE IS GRAND MAGAZINE

Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation's Life is Grand magazine is available at all city recreation centers and libraries, or scan the QR code to read it online.



FREE GREASE FUNNELS

Fats, cooking oil, and grease (FOGs) can clog drains. When a sewer pipe is clogged, raw sewage can come up through cleanouts or city manholes, contaminating soil and waterways. Be sure to pick up a FREE grease funnel (available through Dec. 29, 2023) at Grand Prairie libraries and City Hall and pour your FOGs into non-leaking containers with lids instead. Save the container in the fridge or freezer until the next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in March 2024. Required HHW pre-registration at 972-237-8055. Questions call 972-237-2042. Get your free funnels at these locations:

- City Hall, 300 W. Main St.
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.
- Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.



As winter weather approaches, take time to sign up to receive important alerts from the City of Grand Prairie. AlertGP is a free service that will notify you by phone, email or text about emergencies affecting the Grand Prairie area. To sign up, use this QR code or visit gptx.org/alertgp.

