

FREE ICE SKATING IN DOWNTOWN GP

Dec. 1-26, 2023

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/downtown



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. 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 details, pricing, and to purchase tickets, visit PrairieLights.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



COUNCIL MEMBER JACQUIN HEADEN TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m.

The Summit Ballroom
 2975 Esplanade Dr.

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.



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. 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.** Enjoy the holiday market on Saturday, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. Saturday, Dec. 16 is the last day of the 2023 Farmers Market season. For more info., call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket.

NEW CITY ORDINANCE: MANDATORY MICROCHIPPING

In an effort to ensure that animals are reunited with their owners, the City of Grand Prairie has implemented mandatory microchipping for ALL cats and dogs residing in the city. **The ordinance is in effect now and citizens must comply by Dec. 10, 2023.** All residents have 60 days to comply. *Continued on page 2*



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

White Christmas

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Dec. 8-10, 15-17 • Doors Open: 6:30 p.m., Showtime: 7:30 p.m.



DONUTS WITH SANTA

Saturday, Dec. 19, 8-10 a.m.

Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd.

Snap a picture and enjoy donuts with Santa! \$10/person, pre-registration required. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

FUN, FITNESS AND LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY

Jingle Bell Bash

Thursday, Dec. 07, 5-6:30 p.m. - for all ages

Dance the night away at our holiday celebration featuring games, face painting and a special Baile Folklorico dance performance.

Charla con un Abogado de Inmigración

Sabado, 9 de diciembre, 2023, 2-3 p.m.

¡Venga a charlar con un experto abogado de inmigración para aprender más sobre el proceso de inmigración y sobre sus derechos en los Estados Unidos! Vamos a tener tiempo para las preguntas y respuestas específicas. Tendremos cuidado para niños de seis años en adelante. Contacte a Josh a jrudd@gptx.org si busca más información.

Winter Wonderland

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, 4-5:30 p.m. - for all ages

Explore the magic of the library at this holiday program consisting of winter crafts, games and activities.

Come visit with Santa and adventure into our winter petting zoo.

Family Yoga

Thursday, Dec. 14, 5-6 p.m. - for ages 5 and older

Wind down and come together with family yoga brought to you by Oak Cliff Yoga, a once-a-month family practice that are sure to brighten your week. Please email Jennifer to register: jlusk@gptx.org and bring your own mat.

CODE COMPLIANCE INQUIRY ONLINE

The Code Compliance Department's online Code Inquiry Status is available 24/7 at gptx.org/codecompliance



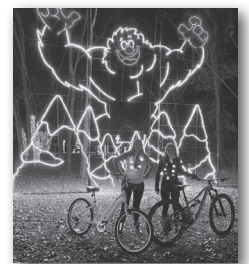
CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Monday, Nov. 20

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for the Prairie Lights ride, dress festive and decorate your bike. The 2.8-mile route

will take you along a trail lit by over 4 million holiday lights to enjoy with your family!

Lynn Creek Park
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
Meet at 6 p.m.
Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.



GRAND HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



Thursday, Dec. 7, 3-7 p.m.

Veterans Center, 925 Conover Dr.
Come to the Grand Holiday Craft Fair where you will be able to purchase fun holiday crafts from vendors and make DIY bath bombs. Bring your family and friends to take pictures with Santa, eat holiday cookies and drink hot cocoa!

MANDATORY MICROCHIPPING

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Free microchipping is available at Grand Prairie Animal Services, 2222 W. Warrior Tr. for Grand Prairie residents with proof of residency. Grand Prairie Animal Services is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturdays noon- 6 p.m. For more information:

- Call 972-237-8575
- Visit gptx.org/paws or scan the QR code
- Follow Grand Prairie Animal Services on Facebook @gpas-tx



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 4 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 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 and more information about obtaining flood insurance can be found by contacting your insurance agent or visiting floodsmart.gov.

ANTIFREEZE RISK FOR PETS

Protecting our precious pets from harm is one of the many responsibilities that come along with animal ownership. Please remember that poisons and toxins can be hiding in places we don't even think about. Automobile antifreeze, which contains Ethylene glycol, can be toxic for an animal. Even a few sips of this sugary sweet substance can be deadly, so don't let your animal drink from gutters or puddles.

SEED AND PLANT SWAP

Sponsored by
Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful (KGPB)

Saturday, Dec. 9, noon-2 p.m.
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

The second annual KGPB Seed and Plant Swap is back! New and experienced gardeners are invited to this free event. Guests are encouraged, but not required, to participate by bringing labeled seeds and plants to share with the community. Seed envelopes will be provided to take home your new treasures. Details and free registration are available at gptx.org/kgpb.

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 972-237-2024. 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.

PIPELINE DIRECT

Scan this QR code to sign up for more city news in the Pipeline Direct bimonthly email newsletter.



November 2023

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Please have your garbage and recycling out by 7 a.m.

(South of Warrior Trail / Sur de Warrior Trail)

Garbage Days: Monday, Thursday
Días de Basura: Lunes, Jueves

(North of Warrior Trail / Norte de Warrior Trail)

Garbage Days: Tuesday, Friday
Días de Basura: Martes, Viernes

Recycling Day: Wednesday
Día del Reciclaje: Miércoles



gptx.org
 (Collection Map /
 Mapa de Recolección)

City Holidays: Collection will shift to the next day for each service day within the holiday week.
Días Festivos en la Ciudad: La recolección se trasladará al día siguiente para cada día de servicio dentro de la semana festiva.

For more information about Garbage Collection and Holidays, please visit:

gptx.org/garbage

Para más información de la Recolección de Basura y los Días Festivos, por favor visite:

[972-237-8159](tel:972-237-8159)

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.