

PRAIRIE PULSE

March 2024



What's Inside

Summer Camps

Get ready for summer with activities for kids

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Be prepared for the event that shadows over all others this year.

Seasonal Jobs

Parks and Rec is looking for summer employees to help at all locations.

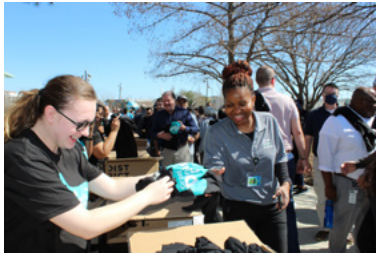
Message from the Manager

From City Manager Bill Hills

Upcoming Events

March Happenings

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Grand Prairie Proud pep rallies in February! The world class service that all employees provide is appreciated. Our city would not be the same without everyone working together to create raving fans and demonstrate our pride in Grand Prairie!



Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Adopt-a-Stream
Volunteer Event
9 a.m.-noon
Johnson Creek
[Register Here >](#)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Badges and Books
Meet Grand Prairie Police
Officers and see their vehicles
and tools they use.
10-11:30 a.m.
[More info >](#)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Pocket Prairies and Pollinator
Gardens Class
2-3 p.m.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
Email jrudd@gptx.org
to register.

TUESDAYS, MARCH 5, MARCH 19, APRIL 2

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Late Night at the Library
Loteria for ages 21 and older.
\$5 cash at the door
6-7 p.m.
Email jrudd@gptx.org
to register.

MARCH 9-16

Concerts, Library Events and
Dinosaurs in the Park
EpicCentral, 2961 SH 161
Visit EpicCentral.com for
more information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Citizen Police Academy –
Spanish Class
6:30 p.m.
[Apply here >](#)

SUMMER CAMPS '24

JUNE 3 – AUGUST 9

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1

Summer Camp at GP Recreation Centers is always full of new activities and tons of fun for kids! With movies, crafts, games, and field trips, summer with the City of Grand Prairie can't be beat. Limited spots available. For more information visit GrandFunGP.com.

The Epic
972-339-3742

Tony Shotwell
Life Center
972-237-7529

Dalworth Recreation Center
972-339-4762

Charley Taylor
Recreation Center
972-237-4760



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8, 2024

On April 8, 2024 at approximately 1:42 p.m., Grand Prairie will experience a total solar eclipse that will last an impressive 3 minutes and 35 seconds. Solar eclipse glasses are on sale now at the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center at 2170 N. Belt Line Road. Check gptx.org/solareclipse for events and safety information.

Flexible Spending Accounts

Don't forget to **submit receipts no later than Sunday, March 31**, for qualifying expenses incurred from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Visit naviabenefits.com to submit your receipts today.

Nutrition

The WOW Committee is kicking off the year with nutrition as the focus. Good nutrition is essential in keeping current and future generations of Americans healthy across their lifespan. People with healthy eating patterns live longer and are at lower risk for serious health problems such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and obesity. For people with chronic diseases, healthy eating can help manage these conditions and prevent complications.

[Click here](#) to submit your quarterly pledge for a chance to win a prize! One winner will be selected at random each month of the quarter.

NOW HIRING SEASONAL JOBS

Grand Prairie
TEXAS
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION



Grand Prairie's national award-winning Parks, Arts & Recreation Department is now hiring summer workers for recreation centers, aquatic facilities, Loyd and Lynn Creek Parks on Joe Pool Lake, golf courses and more. Seasonal jobs start at \$15-\$17 an hour. Exciting work, indoors and outdoors.

Apply today at gptx.org/jobs.

A Whole New Way to Get Healthy

Omada is a personalized program designed to help you reach your health goals, whether that's losing weight or improving your overall health. You'll get a dedicated health coach and the latest technology to support you in making lasting changes that fit your life, one step at a time. Omada is available to eligible employees* at no cost.

You'll receive your own: Personalized program, professional health coach, connected smart scale, weekly online lessons, online community

Visit omadahealth.com/gptx to learn more.

**Eligibility: Employees and dependents 18+ and enrolled on the city's*



Save the Date - Employee Health Fair

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

RUTHE JACKSON CENTER - 3113 CARRIER PKWY

Vendors | Screenings | Food Trucks | Raffle Prizes

Be on the lookout for email communication with further details.

Message from the Manager

Thank you for participating in the Grand Prairie Proud pep rallies. Grand Prairie Proud is an extension of the Raving Fans program, and as I stated at the pep rallies, I truly believe that to create raving fans, we all must be proud of what we do.

Congratulations to all award winners at the Police Banquet and Fire Prom. Your dedication and tireless efforts serving our city around the clock do not go unnoticed. I am so appreciative of each of you for your service to our community.

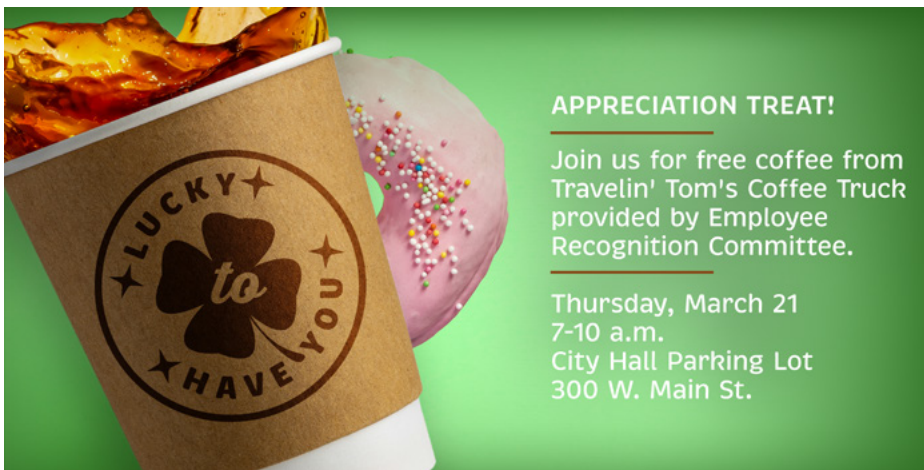


As we embark on the budget process, it has come to our attention that we are experiencing a slight downturn in sales tax revenue. However, I don't think this will have a great impact on the city this year. I urge you to support our local businesses by shopping Grand Prairie and encouraging your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. The sales tax revenue generated from our local businesses directly benefits our city and its future.

I'm excited to share that we have exciting development, growth, and new initiatives on the horizon. More details will be unveiled during the State of the City address on March 7.

If you will be traveling for spring break, stay safe and enjoy the time with your families. I appreciate all that you do each day to provide world class service for our citizens and remember to be Grand Prairie Proud in all that you do..

Bill Hills
City Manager



APPRECIATION TREAT!

Join us for free coffee from Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck provided by Employee Recognition Committee.

Thursday, March 21
7-10 a.m.
City Hall Parking Lot
300 W. Main St.

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY MARCH 14

Citizen Police Academy -
English Class
6:30 p.m.

[Apply here >](#)

MARCH 15-17 AND MARCH 22-24

9 to 5: The Musical
Featuring music and lyrics by
Dolly Parton

[Info. and Tickets >](#)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day at
EpicCentral
EpicCentral, 2961 SH 161
Visit [EpicCentral.com](#) for
more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AND TUESDAY, MARCH 21

History and Perspective
of the African American
Experience in Grand Prairie
Learn about Grand Prairie's
newest history book and
meet the author.

March 19

6-8 p.m.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

March 21

6-8 p.m.
Warmack Library
760 Bardin Rd.

MARCH 22-24

Spring Concerts
EpicCentral, 2961 SH 161
Visit [EpicCentral.com](#) for
more information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Night at the Museum:
Women Voices in Art
A free pop up come-and-go
art gallery highlighting artists
in the community
5:30-7 p.m.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.