

# PRAIRIE PULSE

October 2023



## PARKing Day

Thank you to the Planning Department for hosting a fun lunch, food trucks and activities at the Farmers Market on Sept. 15.

## What's Inside

**Benefits Enrollment Begins Oct. 23**  
Sign up by Nov. 3, 2023

**Run and Walk Events in GP**  
Downtown, 5K-9 and Prairie Lights

**Employee Vaccine Clinic**  
Flu shots and More!

**Upcoming Events**  
See October Happenings

## New GP Restaurants, Fun and More!

Explore EpicCentral, 2951 S. SH 161, and enjoy great new restaurants open now and coming soon:

- **Vidorra Cocina de Mexico** is scheduled to open in fall 2023.
- **Serious Eats Pizza, Sliders and Shakes** will open in late 2023.
- **The Dippy Egg** is scheduled to open in early 2024.
- **The Finch Grill & Raw Bar** is now open, featuring steak, chicken, fish and more.
- **Loop 9 BBQ** is open.
- **Hilton Garden Inn, Homewood Suites and a new convention center** will open in late 2023.



For more information about the EpicCentral development, visit [EpicCentral.com](https://www.epiccentral.com).

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, Oct. 3

Fall into Gardening:  
Tips to Grow On - Free Class  
6-7:30 p.m.

[RSVP to attend virtually](#)

### Thursday, Oct. 5

Candlelight Vigil - Violence Awareness  
GPPD Victim Services  
6-7 p.m.

Public Safety Building  
1525 Arkansas

### Thursday, Oct. 5

Music on Main Concert Series  
Jade Flores  
6:30-8 p.m.

City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

### Friday, Oct. 6

Late Night at the Library:  
Murder Mystery  
6-8 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

\$5 cash at the door

Email: [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org) to register

### Saturday, Oct. 7

Touch a Truck

Touch and climb into large  
trucks, police vehicles, fire trucks  
and construction vehicles.

Free event

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Epic Parking Lot, 2960 Epic Pl.

### Saturdays

Farmers Market

8 a.m.-1 p.m.

120 W. Main St.

[GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com)

### Tuesday, Oct. 10

City Council Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.

City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

The graphic is a collage of images and text related to annual enrollment. It features a large stylized 'S' shape in the background. The text includes 'ANNUAL ENROLLMENT', 'SAVE THE DATE', 'ENROLLMENT OPENS: 10.23.23', and 'MUST BE COMPLETED BY: 11.03.23'. Images include a group of people, a fire truck, and a city skyline at night.

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## HOW TO PREPARE FOR ENROLLMENT:

- 1. Ensure you are able to log into Lawson**
  - Contact IT at x8001 if you need login assistance
- 2. Access Lawson Employee Self Service (ESS) through Raving Fans**
- 3. Contact Information**
  - Go to "Life Events" and select the "Move" option
  - Update address and phone number
- 4. Emergency Contacts**
  - Go to "Personal Information" and select the "Emergency" option
- 5. Dependents**
  - Go to "Personal Information" and select the "Dependents" option
  - Contact HR if you need to remove a dependent
- 6. Beneficiaries**
  - Go to "Benefits" and select "Beneficiary"
  - If you update your beneficiary in Lawson ESS, be sure to update your TMRS and 457 plan beneficiaries directly through their portal

**CONTACT YOUR HR BENEFITS TEAM WITH ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS**  
[benefits@gptx.org](mailto:benefits@gptx.org) | 972-237-8192

## Good to Know Info...

### Garbage and Recycling Collection Change

Beginning Oct. 2, 2023, garbage pick up days in GP will be:

Area 1 (North of Warrior Trail) - garbage days: Tuesday, Friday

Area 2 (South of Warrior Trail) - garbage days: Monday, Thursday

Beginning Oct. 2, 2023, recycling collection day for the entire city will be on Wednesday. Visit [gptx.org](http://gptx.org) for more information.

### October Fall Cleaning Events for GP Residents

**Trash Off - Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Grand Prairie Landfill, 1102 MacArthur Blvd.

Residents are allowed an unlimited number of trips to the landfill.

*Proof of residence in the form of a current water bill or drivers license is required.*

**Shred Day - Saturday, Oct. 28, 8-11 a.m.**

City Service Center, 1821 S. SH 161

Shred documents for \$5 per box (normal office size)

*Proceeds benefit Grand Prairie Crime Stoppers*



# Friendship Hours Volunteer Clean Up Event

Friday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m.-noon

Learn more about Friendship Hours and sign up for our upcoming Street Clean Up.

[Register here](#) by the end of day on **October 4, 2023.**

## Strollin' with the Mayor - Pink Out

Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Mayor Ron Jensen on a 2-mile walk through downtown.

Free event. Wear your favorite pink gear!



## 5K-9 Run

Brought to you by Grand Prairie Animal Services Prairie Trotters

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m.

Grand Prairie Animal Services, 2222 W. Warrior Trail

Dog Friendly Event! - \$35 per participant (one dog per participant is free)

[Register at gptx.org/5K9](https://gptx.org/5K9)

For more information, call 972-237-8648.



## Prairie Lights Sneak-A-Peek 3 Mile Run/Walk

Saturday, Nov. 18 (Runners & Fast Walkers)

Sunday, Nov. 19 (Walkers & Strollers)

Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake

5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy.

Early Registration: Sept. 8 – Oct. 20

Late Registration: Oct. 21 – Nov. 17

Be the first to see all new displays at Prairie Lights as you run, jog, walk or stroll through the lighted park. Registration is limited each night. Visit [PrairieLights.org](https://PrairieLights.org) for more information.



## New Development

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### Other New Development:

At the Epic Grand Crossing development east of SH 161 near Arkansas

Lane, **Einstein Bros. Bagels** plans to open in November 2023, **Pizza Patron** and **Frost Bank** plan to open soon, and **Pei Wei** and **Crumbl Cookies** plan to open in 2024.

- **Shake Shack** will open in October 2023 just west of Raising Cane's on 1550 Mayfield Road and Esplanade.
- **Andretti Indoor Karting and Games** plans to open in December 2023 at 1670 S. Forum Dr.
- **Bass Pro Shops** plans to open in May 2024 at 3720 S. SH 161.
- **Big Shots Golf** will be under construction soon at 1015 Ikea Place.

# Employee Flu Vaccine Clinic

## Flu + New Covid Omicron Booster

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7 a.m.-10 a.m.  
City Service Center, 1821 SH 161

Thursday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 300 W. Main St. - Conference Room C



Insured family members are welcome. Please bring a copy of your insurance card and driver's license.

Other vaccines available:

- Flu Vaccine
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- HPV (Gardasil)
- Pneumonia (Pevnar 20)
- Shingles (Shingrix)
- Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis
- B12 Injection (\$25)

## Health Screening Fair

City of Grand Prairie Working on Wellness is having a Health Screening Fair for employees. [Register on the Raving Fans site](#) or click the image below.

**WOW**  
WORKING ON WELLNESS  
CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

# HEALTH SCREENING FAIR

**Tues., Oct 17,  
and Wed., Oct 18**

**City Hall East  
Conference Rooms  
300 W Main St**

**Screenings Available**

- Blood Pressure
- Cardiovascular
- Carpal tunnel
- Breast Exams
- Hearing
- Skin Cancer
- Vision

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Oct. 12-15

Fall Book Sale

Oct. 12: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 13: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 14: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

### Thursday, Oct. 12

Kurt Johnson Town Hall Meeting

City Council District 6

6-8 p.m.

Mira Lagos Clubhouse

3025 S. Camino Lagos

### Saturday, Oct. 14

Strollin' with the Mayor

Pink Out

Celebrate Breast Cancer

Awareness Month with Mayor

Ron Jensen on a 2-mile walk

through downtown

9 a.m.

Farmers Market

120 W. Main St.

### Saturday, Oct. 14

Flight of the Monarch Festival

Free Admission and Parking

Saturday, Oct. 14, noon-6 p.m.

Epic Central, 2961 SH 161

[More info.](#)

### Thursday, Oct. 17

Jorja Clemson Town Hall Meeting

City Council District 1

6-8 p.m.

City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

### Tuesday, Oct. 31

Street N' Treat

Free games, face painting, kid's

crafts and trick-or-treating

6-8 p.m.

City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

[Grand Prairie Community Calendar](#)