

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGE
On October 2, 2023, garbage and recycling pick up days will be:

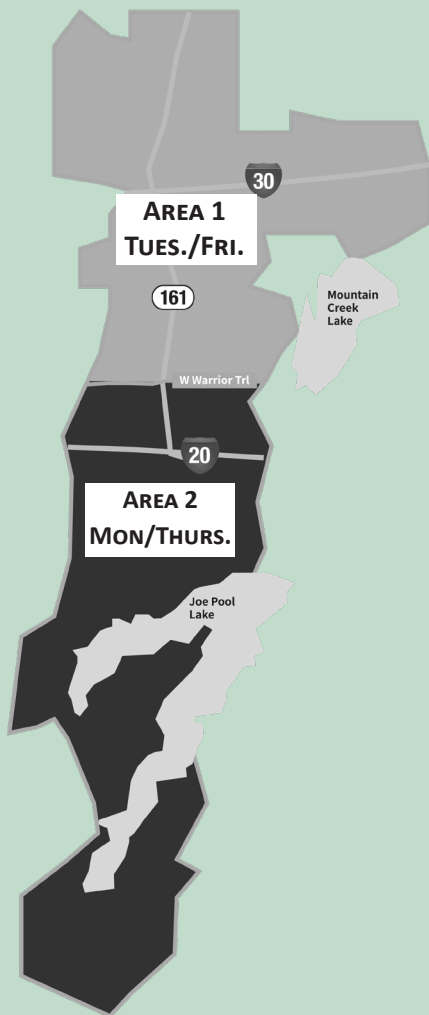
Garbage Collection Routes

Area 1 (North of Warrior Trail)

Garbage Days: Tuesday, Friday

Area 2 (South of Warrior Trail)

Garbage Days: Monday, Thursday



Recycling Route

Wednesday is recycling day for all Grand Prairie residents.



For more information about garbage and recycling collection and holidays, visit gptx.org/garbage or call 972-237-8159.



**COUNCIL MEMBER
KURT JOHNSON
TOWN HALL MEETING**

Thursday, Oct. 12, 6-8 p.m.
Mira Lagos Clubhouse
3025 S. Camino Lagos

Join Council Member Kurt Johnson for a City Council District 6 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie. Scan the QR code to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.



**COUNCIL MEMBER
JORJA CLEMSON
TOWN HALL MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.
City Hall - City Council Chambers
300 W. Main St.

Join Council Member Jorja Clemson for a District 1 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie. Scan the QR code to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.



See your actual water use online 24/7 at gptx.org/H2Know.
Find when you are using the most water and adjust accordingly as needed.
Identify high use and suspected leaks with precise meter readings.

BILL HILLS NAMED CITY MANAGER

Bill Hills has been named City Manager in Grand Prairie, Texas. Hills steps into the position vacated by retiring City Manager Steve Dye. Hills most recently was a Grand Prairie Deputy City Manager.

“I am honored to step into this new role for a city and an employee family I love,” said Hills. “We have a wonderful team, great executive leadership, and a supportive City Council. I look forward to contributing to Grand Prairie’s momentum in this new capacity.”

“If anyone can fill the big shoes left by city managers Tom Hart and Steve Dye, it is Bill,” said Mayor Ron Jensen. “He knows the city, its residents and businesses, our employees, and the City Council. Bill excels at building work families, being innovative, and empowering people.”

“I am so pleased to be able to leave the city and its leadership in a great position as I retire as City Manager to return to policing,” said Dye, who was the city’s Police Chief from 2011-2020, the last two years doubling as a Deputy City Manager. “I’ve learned from and loved my five years in city management and will take that knowledge with me as I return to policing, which is my calling.”

Hills began his career as a code officer with the city of Fort Worth in 1979, and rose through the ranks, joining the City of Grand Prairie as the Code Manager in 1989. He became Housing and Neighborhood Services Director in 1993, and Deputy City Manager in 2020.



FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH



Celebrate the Migration of the Monarch Butterfly at EpicCentral.

Saturday, October 14 • Noon-6 p.m.
EpicCentral, 2961 S. SH 161

- Butterfly releases
- Live music
- Food
- Vendors
- Activities, and more!

Free admission and parking. For info., visit EpicCentral.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays
Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and more. Call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/FarmersMarket.

STREET 'N TREAT

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
City Hall, 200 Block of W. Main St.

Join us for an enjoyable Halloween event downtown. Participants will enjoy free games, face painting, kid’s crafts, and trick-or-treating at City Hall. Prepare to dress to impress, ask “Trick-or-Treat” and bring a bucket for candy!



LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 12: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • Friday, Oct. 13: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Half Price Day!

Find great bargains on hard and paperback books, DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles and games.



WATER RESTRICTIONS



Your help is needed to conserve our water supply. Please adhere to current water restrictions found at gptx.org/waterconservation. The goal of water restrictions is to conserve the city’s water resources until the threat of a drought condition passes. Thank you for conserving water. Every drop counts.

CYCLIN' AND STROLLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Thursday, Sept. 21

Join Mayor Ron Jensen and Councilman Mike Del Bosque for a free community fair and bike ride. There will be a raffle for one adult and one children's bike. Free hotdogs, chips, Kona Ice, games, and more!
Community Fair at 5:30 p.m.
Bike ride begins at 6:30 p.m.
Mi Familia Park, 2402 Cardiff



Saturday, Oct. 14

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Mayor Ron Jensen on a 2-mile walk downtown. There will be vendors, characters, face painting, Kona Ice, and more! Don't forget to wear your favorite pink gear!
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.
Community Fair at 9 a.m. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

TOUCH A TRUCK

*Presented by the Grand Prairie Police Department,
Crisis Response Ministry, and the
Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association*

Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Epic Parking Lot, 2960 Epic Place



Come out for this free child-friendly opportunity to touch and climb into large trucks, police vehicles, fire trucks and construction vehicles.

GRAND PRAIRIE ANIMAL SERVICES EVENTS

Come to Grand Prairie Animal Services this fall for the following events:

Grand Prairie Animal Services
2222 W. Warrior Trail

Sunday, Oct. 22 - 3rd Annual Howl-O-ween Pawty
Wednesday, Nov. 1- Thursday, Nov. 2 - Día de los Muertos. Bring a photo of a deceased pet
Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 5K-9 Run
To register, visit gptx.org/5K9



For more information, call 972-237-8648 or visit gptx.org/paws

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICK OFF PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
EpicCentral, 2961 S. SH 161

Kick off National Night Out with the Grand Prairie Police Department. Enjoy food trucks, booths, lawn games, music, dancing, entertainment, and fun.



SHRED DAY



Saturday, Oct. 28. 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
City Service Center
1821 South State Highway 161
Shred documents for \$5 per box
*Proceeds benefit
Grand Prairie Crime Stoppers*

CATALYTIC CONVERTER ETCHING

Saturday, Oct. 28. 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
City Service Center
1821 South State Highway 161

Etching a serial number on your vehicle's catalytic converter is a proactive approach to reducing thefts. Etching takes approximately 15 minutes.

Cost is \$15 per vehicle.
Limited to 50 vehicles.

*Proceeds benefit
Grand Prairie Crime Stoppers*

CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2024 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2023.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie and be suitable for publication. Photos will be used in city publications. Credit will be attributed in calendar, but may not be possible in other publications and uses. Winning photos will be published in the calendar. No cash awards will be offered. Entrants must include name, address, email address and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2023. The calendar will be printed in December 2023. Email high-resolution image to: cmckillop@gptx.org.



TEXT 972-640-4789 FOR CITY INFO.

Skip a phone call and use your mobile phone's text messaging service to quickly access information and report issues.

To get started simply text the word Hi to 972-640-4789. You will be prompted to send a message containing keywords relevant to your request, such as: WATER BILL, BRUSH PICKUP, ELECTIONS, PERMITS, CODE VIOLATION, POTHOLES, or MISSED GARBAGE COLLECTION.



Receive Text Alerts

Residents can also sign up to receive city-wide text alerts. Text GRANDPRAIRIE to 91896 to be added to the notification list.

BURBANK GARDENS BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Thursday, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m. • Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St.

Meet with city staff from Code, Environmental Quality, Housing, and Solid Waste to find out how you can get more involved in your community. There will be raffle prizes, kids' activities, hotdogs, chips, and more!

Litter Pick Up

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9-11 a.m.

For more information,
call 972-237-8055.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND FLOOD ASSISTANCE

The city's Stormwater Department provides a comprehensive flood information program to the public. Residents may access flood-risk information and other floodplain related information by visiting the City's Stormwater Department online at www.gptx.org/departments/floodplain, by phone at 972-237-8321, or by meeting with a department representative in person. Would you like to know the flood zone of your property and determine your flood risk? The city website also provides a link to map information service enabling all residents to determine the flood zone of a specific property. Electronic maps may be viewed and printed online for free at the FEMA Flood Map Store at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. These FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are also available for viewing at City Hall. In addition to providing flood zone determinations for specific addresses, the city's Stormwater Department can provide floodplain permit application information on proposed or existing structures, data on historical flooding in the city and copies of available Elevation Certificates for some structures. City staff can assist residents in non-technical reviews of individual properties, as well as provide guidance on floodproofing and other mitigation techniques to reduce flooding. The city mails annually flood insurance information to homeowners in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), lenders, real estate companies, and insurance companies. Flood insurance is available for all properties located in the City of Grand Prairie, including properties located outside the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain, or SFHA. Cost of flood insurance can be determined by contacting an insurance agent that can write FEMA flood insurance policies.

MURDER MYSTERY AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
A fun, after-hours murder mystery theatre performance with other adults. All Late Night at the Library events are for ages 21 and up, and there will be a \$5 cash-at-the-door cost. To register, email: jrudd@gptx.org.

UPTOWN THEATER

120 E. Main St.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Presented by the

Grand Prairie Arts Council

October 20-29

A sweeping score and powerful story make this musical an instant classic.
972-237-8786 • uptowntheatergp.com

COMPOST 101 CLASS

Saturday, Oct. 12, 3-4 p.m.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the sustainable gardening movement and unlock the secrets of composting. To register, email: jrudd@gptx.org.

SHADE MAKERS CLASS

Saturday, Nov. 4 and

Saturday, Nov. 18

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Join the Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry Council and Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful for the two-day Shademakers class. To register, visit gptx.org/shademakers.

GET A FLU SHOT

Every year, flu vaccination prevents illnesses, medical visits, hospitalizations, and deaths. Protect yourself and your loved ones against the flu. Get your flu shot today.

To learn more, visit <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/influenza-flu/influenza-flu-vaccination>.