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Mayor Charles England  
and Grand Prairie First Lady Janice England

Grand Prairie City Council



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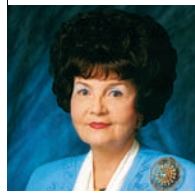
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Rick Sala  
At Large



Ruthe Jackson  
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# GRAND PRAIRIE ★ TEXAS ★ 2008

Because of you, Grand Prairie continues to grow, prosper and enjoy success every year. We have a lot to look forward to in 2008:

- Introduce a **weekly news show** on Channel 16 GPTV.
- Open the restored historic **Uptown Theater** as an arts center.
- Open a **farmer's market** in downtown Grand Prairie at NW 2nd St. and Main St.
- Complete **Lone Star Trinity Trail**.
- Design **Lynn Creek Parkway**, a new road from Lake Ridge Parkway to SH 360.
- Design **Lake Ridge Parkway** widening from four to six lanes from Joe Pool Lake to Great Southwest Parkway.
- Design **Great Southwest Parkway** widening from Sara Jane Dr. to Bardin Road, including new turn lanes at I-20.
- Begin construction of **Warrior Trail** across SH 161.
- See the Grand Prairie **AirHogs** play their first game in May 2008.
- Break ground on the new **Prime Retail Outlet Mall** at Great Southwest and I-20.
- Complete design on the **new Police Headquarters and Active Adult Center**, approved by taxpayers in 2007.

Here's to another great year in Grand Prairie.

Sincerely,

Charles England  
Mayor

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81.4 sq. miles
Population	161,571
Median Age	32
Avg. Price of New Home	\$250,000
Avg. Household Income	\$58,395

DEVELOPMENT

New Single Family Building Permits Issued	1,158
Value of Average Single Family Permit	\$218,901
New Commercial/Industrial Sq. Ft. (projects underway and proposed)	3,449,103
Value of Commercial/Industrial Permits (projects underway and proposed)	\$133,348,219
Number of New/Retained Jobs	3,263

TOP TEN TAXPAYERS

Bell Helicopter-Textron
Texas Utilities
Prologis Macquarie Tex LP
Catellus Commercial Group LLC
AT&T/Southwestern Bell/Cingular
Hanson Pipe & Products
Vought Corporation
Lockheed Martin
Calwest Texas Properties
Wal-Mart

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)	
City of Grand Prairie	\$0.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.465000
Arlington ISD	\$1.278000
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.400000
Mansfield ISD	\$1.450000
Dallas County	\$0.567214
Tarrant County	\$0.636277

RETAIL SALES TAX RATES

City	1.00000
AirHogs Ballpark	0.12500
Active Adult Center	0.12500
Parks Improvements	0.25000
Street Improvements	0.25000
Crime Control District	0.25000
State	6.25%
Total Sales Tax	8.25%

GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Grand Prairie ISD	2,895
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control	2,600
Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie	1,400
Poly-America, Inc.	1,350
Bell Helicopter-Textron	1,086
Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.	600
Renaissance Hospital of Grand Prairie	600
Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.	515
Hanson Pipe & Products, Inc.	512
Republic Beverage Company	500
Wal-Mart	480
Pollock Paper Distributors	455
American Eurocopter	455
SAIA Motor Freight Line, Inc.	450
Arnold Transportation Services	450

OPERATING BUDGET (2006-2007)

General Fund	\$97,100,623
Water/Wastewater	\$43,860,997
Other	\$48,928,394
TOTAL	\$189,890,014

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	420
General Employees	859
Total Full Time	1,279
Total Seasonal/Part-Time	152

LIBRARIES

Main Library Total Collection	142,650
Warmack Branch Total Collection	40,825
Bowles Branch Total Collection	8,515

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	4,989.25
Number of Parksites	57
Rounds of Golf Played	72,204
Ruthe Jackson Center Events	1,081
Loyd Park Campers	89,025
Lynn Creek Park Attendance	109,497
Cemetery Spaces Sold	263

UTILITIES

Water Production (Avg. Gallons/Day)	25.1 million
Fire Hydrants	6,204
Miles of Water Lines	800.05
Collection Line	752 miles
Customer Accounts	42,686

SOLID WASTE

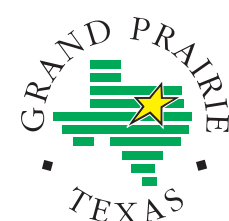
Tons of garbage disposed	187,349
Tons of commercial recycling	33,438
Tons of residential recycling at the landfill	7,597

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	86,781
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	40,026



"Black-eyed Susans" by Allen Sheffield





Grand Prairie's future is sunny.  
Photo by Ronnie Gentry

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## TOP 10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2007

Completed renovation of **Uptown Theater exterior**, and began interior design of the \$3.5 million project to transform the former movie house into a fine arts center in 2009.

Built a **new home every 8 hours**, issuing permits for 1,158 homes, and \$133 million in commercial/industrial space.

**Paid off the debt** to build Lone Star Park 18 years early, which allowed citizens to pass a 1/4 cent sales tax for a new **Police Headquarters**, a 1/8 cent sales tax for a new **Senior Center** and a 1/8 cent sales tax for a new **minor league baseball stadium**.



Installed **red-light cameras** at dangerous intersections and railroad crossings.



Opened **Central Bark**, Grand Prairie's first Dog Park.

Opened **Trinity Boulevard** from Belt Line Road to SH 360.

With TxDOT, completed the \$9.5 million **Good Link Trail** from Waggoner to Mike Lewis parks, which includes 75 acres in park land expansion, 4.8 miles of paved trails, bridges and elevated boardwalks, four new picnic pavilions and more than 1,300 native trees.



Extended **Fish Creek Trail** three miles to connect with Arlington's four-mile trail.

Welcomed **Lake Prairie Town Center**, a power center at Camp Wisdom and SH-360 featuring Super Target, Home Depot and 24 Hour Fitness.



Landed **Prime Retail Outlet Mall**, to build at Great Southwest and I-20 and open by 2009 holiday season.



Fish Creek Trail links Grand Prairie and Arlington  
for biking and hiking.  
Photo by Sharon Elliott



DECEMBER 2007

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# January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day City Offices Closed GPISD/AISD/MISD Holiday Break	2 GPISD/AISD/MISD Holiday Break	3	4	5
	6	7	8 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
13	14 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18 MISD Student Holiday	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Offices Closed GPISD/AISD/MISD Student Holiday	22 AISD Student Holiday City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30	31		

"Parkhill Park" by Diana Hughes



State-of-the-art firefighting includes thermal imaging in Grand Prairie.

Photo by Derek Townsend

JANUARY							MARCH						
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# FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"Pond" by George Spray			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.			Valentine's Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Presidents' Day AISD/MISD Student Holiday	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					





Parks blossom as a major part of Grand Prairie's high quality of life.  
Photo by Fred Young

FEBRUARY							APRIL						
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# MARCH 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"Warmack Library" by Julie Ezar and Tammy Lalonde				1  Lynn Creek Park Opens
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		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	←		GPISD/AISD/MISD Spring Break			→
	St. Patrick's Day	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Easter Sunday	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
30	31					

The crowds shout with joy for youth sports in Grand Prairie.  
 Photo by Matthew Livingston



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# APRIL 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6	7 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	8	9	10 Thoroughbred Racing Begins Lone Star Park	11 AISD Student Holiday	12
13	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18 MISD Student Holiday	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30	 "Butterfly" by Nichole Myers		

Central Bark – the park that’s really going to the dogs!  
Photo by Evonne Luddeke



APRIL							JUNE						
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# MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"Cinco de Mayo" by Susan Kerbow		1	2 MISD Student Holiday	3 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
4	5 AISD Student Holiday	6 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Air Hog's Home Opener	17
18	19	20 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23 MISD Student Holiday	24
25	26 Memorial Day City Offices Closed GPISD/AISD/MISD Student Holiday	27 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	28	29	30 GPISD Last Day of Classes	31



How wet can you get at Grand Prairie's popular Splash Factory?  
Photo by Kathi Reinbold



MAY							JULY						
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# JUNE 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	MISD Last Day of Classes	AISD Last Day of Classes		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Juneteenth Celebration
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
29	30				"Juneteenth" by Bob Fitch	

Sunsets help attract the thousands who are moving to Estes Peninsula on Joe Pool Lake in Grand Prairie.  
 Photo by Eric Johnson



JUNE



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# JULY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
			City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.			Lone Stars & Stripes Festival Lone Star Park
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
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Thoroughbred Racing Ends Lone Star Park						

"Fireworks" by Harry Englert

Grand Prairie Police hired 28 new officers in 2007 to protect and serve 24/7.  
 Photo by Eric Hansen



JULY							SEPTEMBER						
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# AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"National Night Out" by Justin Gardner			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	National Night Out				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
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31	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					

Prairie Lakes Golf Course proves that not all munis are created equal.  
 Photo by Dennis and Cheryl Moore



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# SEPTEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Labor Day City Offices Closed GPISD/AISD/MISD Holiday	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Quarter Horse Racing Begins Lone Star Park	
28	29	30				
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.		"High School Football" by Mark Bickston			

The lights are aglow on the Good Link Trail Bridge connecting Mike Lewis and Waggoner Parks.  
 Photo by Rory Holmes

SEPTEMBER

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# OCTOBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"Grandma's Rose" by Patrick Greenwade	1	2	3	4
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12	13	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31	
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.				BOO! Halloween	

Grand Prairie celebrates the renovation of the historic Uptown Theater into a performing arts venue.  
Photo by Steve Adams



OCTOBER							DECEMBER						
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# NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		"Veterans Memorial" by Allen Sheffield				1
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Daylight Saving Time Ends Fall Back		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	Veteran's Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30				Prairie Lights Opens Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed	Quarter Horse Racing Ends Lone Star Park



Holiday lights are always brighter at Grand Prairie's Prairie Lights.  
Photo by Bradley Barton

NOVEMBER



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JANUARY 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day City Offices Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	 <p>"Oasis" by Tara Allen</p>		



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### Helpful Numbers

Airport (Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591	Libraries	
Animal Services	972-237-8575	Grand Prairie Library	972-237-5700
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-875-2100	Betty Warmack Branch	972-237-5774
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-871-7399	Bowles Branch	972-237-7540
Building Inspections	972-237-8230	Marketing and Communications	972-237-8140
Car Tags - Dallas County	214-653-7811	Marriage License - Dallas County	214-653-7559
Car Tags - Tarrant County	817-884-1100	Marriage License - Tarrant County	817-548-3928
Chamber of Commerce	972-264-1558	Municipal Court	972-237-8600
City Council and Mayor	972-237-8022	Parks & Recreation	972-237-8100
City Manager's Office	972-237-8012	Planning	972-237-8255
City Secretary	972-237-8035	Police	972-237-8790
Code Enforcement	972-237-8296	911 for emergencies	
Drivers License	972-264-6598	Public Works	972-237-8154
Economic Development	972-237-8160	Purchasing	972-237-8269
Engineering	972-237-8141	Recycling	972-237-8151
Environmental Services	972-237-8055	Ruthe Jackson Center	972-237-7500
Fire	972-237-8300	Schools	
911 for emergencies		Grand Prairie	972-264-6141
Graffiti Hotline	972-237-8599	Arlington	682-867-4611
Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens	972-237-3001	Social Security	800-772-1213
Health Clinic	214-819-2000	Solid Waste	972-237-8151
Housing & Neighborhood Services	972-237-8176	Streets	972-237-8525
Human Resources	972-237-8192	Taxes	
Illegal Dumping	972-237-8064	Dallas County	214-653-7811
Information Technology	972-237-8382	Tarrant County	817-884-1194
Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful	972-237-8152	Tourism	972-263-9588
Landfill	972-237-4550	Transit – The Grand Connection	972-237-8546
Lake Parks	817-467-2104	Transportation	972-237-8139
		Water Bills	972-237-8200
		Water/Wastewater	972-237-8413

