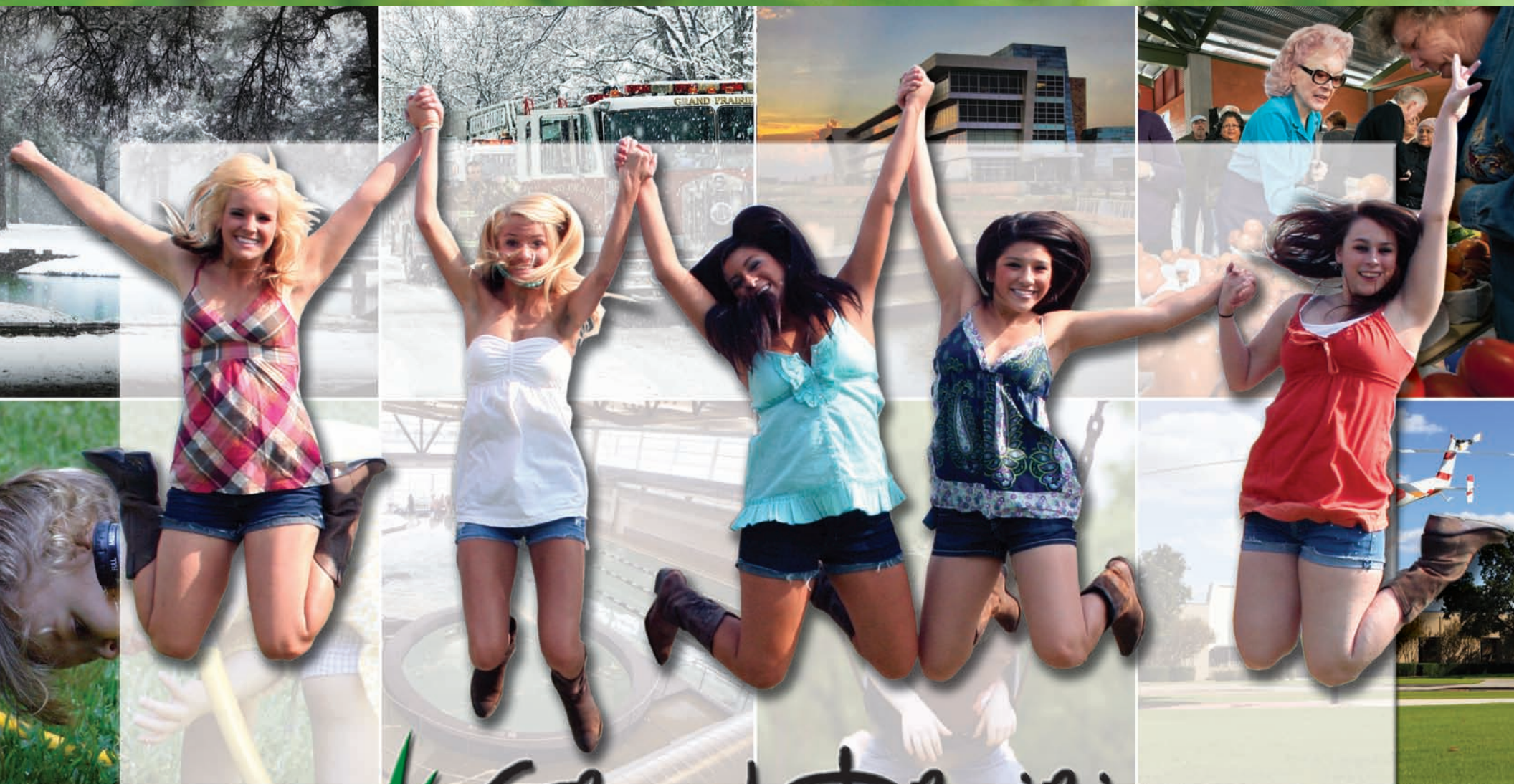


Dream Big  
2011  
Play Hard



"Lizzy in the Iris"  
Photo by Rachel Wright



**Grand Prairie**  
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# Grand Prairie

T E X A S

Dream Big ★ Play Hard



"Public Safety Building" by George Spray

In 2010 we opened several world-class city facilities, continued work on SH 161, dealt with a shaky economy and launched new special events in downtown, including Fall Indie Fest and the Hatch Chile Festival. With signs that the economy may be improving, we move forward into 2011 with enthusiasm:

- Work with downtown merchants to restore Main Street facades to their 1950s glory.
- Open a new terminal at Grand Prairie Airport.
- Extend Lake Ridge Parkway from Polo to I-20.
- Widen Lake Ridge Parkway from Polo to Joe Pool Lake.
- Open January Lane extension between SH 161 and Randol Mill.
- Extend Crossland Boulevard from Robinson Road to SH 161.
- Remove the existing dog-leg along Camp Wisdom Road and Robinson Road.
- Extend Forum Drive from Waterwood Drive to SH 161.
- Begin construction of Gifford Street from Bagdad to MacArthur; and extension of Bagdad to I-30.
- Begin building Sara Jane Parkway from its east dead end looping up to Forum Drive.
- Connect Sara Jane between Great Southwest and SH 360 behind the land for the outlet mall.
- Build Lynn Creek Parkway from the entrance of Lynn Creek Park west to SH 360.
- Begin drainage improvements and repaving Freetown Road from Robinson Road to Corn Valley Road.
- Build a Park and Ride lot on I-30, just east of Belt Line Road; extend NE 15th Street from Tarrant to I-30 alongside new Park and Ride.
- Begin building frontage roads on I-30.

Clearly, you can see that with these road construction projects, the face of Grand Prairie will be changing in terms of access. However, let us never lose our hometown feel, our "funderful" reputation, our world-class friendliness.

Sincerely,

Charles England, Mayor



Mayor Charles England and Grand Prairie First Lady Janice England

## Grand Prairie City Council



Mark Hepworth  
Place 1



Jim Swafford  
Place 2



Bill Thorn  
Place 3



Richard Fregoe  
Place 4  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem



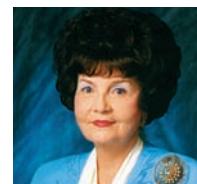
Tony Shotwell  
Place 5



Ron Jensen  
Place 6



Greg Giessner  
At Large



Ruthe Jackson  
At Large  
Mayor Pro Tem

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### Demographics

Land Area	80 Square Mi.
Population	169,350
Median Age	32
Median Household Income	\$51,012

### Development

New Single Family Building Permits Issued	478
Value of Average Single Family Permit	\$217,698
New Commercial/Industrial Sq. Ft. (projects underway and proposed)	629,704

### Top Taxpayers

Bell-Helicopter, Inc.
Oncor Electric Delivery
Vought Aircraft
Republic Beverage
Prologis
Lockheed Martin Corp.
Duke Realty Ltd. PS
AT&T Communications
Cardinal Health 200 LLC
CCDA Waters LLC

### Municipal Employees

Police/Fire Civil Service	430
General Employees	715
Seasonal/Part-Time	92
Crossing Guards	72

### Libraries

Main Library Total Collection	154,191
Warmack Branch Total Collection	50,173
Bowles Branch Total Collection	9,749

### Property Tax Rates

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)	
City of Grand Prairie	\$0.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.465000
Arlington ISD	\$1.335000
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.440000
Mansfield ISD	\$1.496000
Dallas County	\$0.2431
Tarrant County	\$0.26400



"Batter Up at QuikTrip Ballpark" by Brad Barton

### 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	3,300
Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control	3,000
Poly-America, Inc.	1,800
Bell Helicopter-Textron	1,300
Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie	1,200
City of Grand Prairie	1,100
Triumph Aerostructures -	
Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.	700
American Eurocopter	500
Republic National Distributing	500
Siemens Energy and Automation	500
Wal-Mart	500

### Operating Budget (2010-2011)

(Total appropriations and reserves)	
General Fund	\$97,215,594
Water/Wastewater	\$51,080,182
Other	\$53,301,909
TOTAL	\$201,597,685

### Parks and Recreation

Acres of Park Land	5,002
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	62,349
Ruthe Jackson Center Events (more than 105,000 guests)	922
The Summit Members	4,900
Special Events Attendees	25,388
Cemetery Spaces Sold	249

### Utilities

Water Production (Avg. Gallons/Day)	24.5 million
Fire Hydrants	7,134
Miles of Water Lines	776
Miles of Collection Line	752
Customer Accounts	44,228

### Solid Waste

Tons of Garbage Disposed	164,080
Tons of Commercial Recycling (at Landfill)	24,978
Tons of Residential Recycling	
at the Landfill	5,337
at the Curb	3,748
at Drop Sites	1,049

### Transportation

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	71,140
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	48,800



City Manager's Office (l to r): Mike Foreman, Assistant to the City Manager; Andy White, Assistant to the City Manager; Cathy DiMaggio, City Secretary; Anna Doll, Deputy City Manager; Tom Hart, City Manager; Tom Cox, Deputy City Manager.



"American Eurocopter"  
by Gregg Smith

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## 2010 AWARDS



- ★ Named "Playful City USA" for the third year in a row
- ★ Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Reaccreditation
- ★ Texas Environmental Health Association Certificate of Achievement – Educational Program
- ★ International Council on Active Aging
- ★ Aging North America's Most Innovative Active Aging Program – The Summit
- ★ North American Hazardous Material Management Association Government Partnership – City of Grand Prairie Environmental Services
- ★ Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers Silver Star – Most Creative with Least Dollars Spent: Billboards  
Silver Star – Cable PSA: Don't Drink and Drive  
Exceptional Achievement – Web Site
- ★ 3CMA City County Communications and Marketing Association  
Savvy Best in America – Printed Publications: World Class Parks book  
Savvy Best in America – Photography: World Class Wisdom book  
Silver Circle Award – TV PSA: Don't Drink and Drive
- ★ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Honorable Mention – National Law Enforcement Partner of the Year
- ★ NAHRO National Award of Merit Program Innovation – Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- ★ Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Silver for Transparency in Government
- ★ Texas Recreation and Parks Society Promotional Award for outstanding marketing – Prairie Lights Sneak-a-Peek 5K Run

## 2010 TOP TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dream Big ★ Play Hard

Opened the 60,000-square-foot **Summit** activity center for active adults age 50+ at SH 161 and Warrior.

Opened the **Public Safety Building** at SH 161 and Arkansas.

Opened the **Lake Parks Rescue Center**

featuring **Fire Station #7** at the Lynn Creek Park entrance.

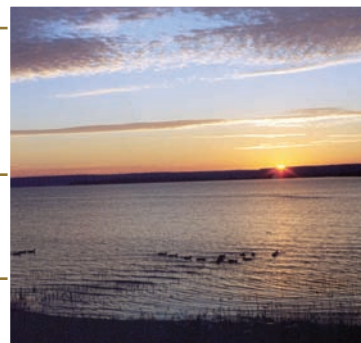


"The Library"  
by Maribela Cantu

Opened **Central Park** at SH 161 between Warrior and Arkansas, a 172-acre park with lakes, waterfalls and trails.

Cleared former Army-Navy store site to make way for a new **Dallas County Courthouse** to be built downtown.

Completed **Mayfield Road** widening from SH 360 to Great Southwest Parkway.



"Sunset" by David Kasten

Opened **Arkansas Lane** as a widened four-lane divided road from Robinson Road to Carrier Parkway.

Cleared former police station to make way for a **Parkland Clinic**.

Offered **4GOV** and **4HOME homeownership programs** to put owners in formerly foreclosed homes.

Began construction of a new **Airport terminal**.



“A Winter’s Blanket in Mike Lewis Park”

by Sharon Collins

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# J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>“Tubing” by Bob Fitch</p> 				<p>1</p> <p>New Year’s Day</p>
2	<p>3</p> <p>CHISD Holiday City Offices Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	5	6	7	8
9	<p>10</p> <p>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>MISD Student Holiday</p>	15
16	<p>17</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>AISD Student Holiday City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>Uptown Theater – The Improvised Shakespeare Company</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Uptown Theater – The Improvised Shakespeare Company</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Uptown Theater – The Improvised Shakespeare Company</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



"Fire Rescue 24/7"  
by Derek Townsend

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# F E B R U A R Y 2 0 1 1

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	11	12
13	14  Valentine's Day	15  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21  AISD, CHISD Holiday Presidents Day	22  State of the City at The Summit	23	24	25	26
27	28  Lynn Creek Park Opens for Season				"Loyd Park Bridge" by Jaymz Yates	



"Public Safety Building at Sunset"  
by Jonathon Williamson

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# M A R C H 2 0 1 1

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	11
13 Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 AISD, GPISD, MISD, CHISD School Spring Break	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 "Inch Worm" by Ashley Nabors		



"Fresh Fruits and Veggies Saturdays  
at Farmers Market in  
Downtown Grand Prairie"  
by Mark Bumgarner

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# A P R I L 2 0 1 1


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>"Lepidoptera" by Debbie Carroll</p>	1  Uptown Theater – Mother Load	2  Uptown Theater – Mother Load
3  Uptown Theater – Mother Load	4  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	5  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16  Games of Grand Prairie
17	18	19  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22  School Holiday	23
24  Easter	25	26	27	28	29	30  Uptown Theater – Rhythmic Circus



"Helping Mom in the Yard"  
by Lidia de la Cruz-Trujillo

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# M A Y 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <u>AISD Holiday</u> Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	3 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <u>Memorial Day</u> City Offices Closed School Holiday	31			<p>"Sunset at The Summit" by Eric Johnson</p> 	





“Popular Salt-Water Pool, Lap Lanes, Resistance Whirlpool and Therapeutic Jacuzzi at The Summit”  
by Warren Augenbaugh

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# J U N E 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 “A Race to the Finish” by Ernesto Santamaria	2  AISD, MISD, CHISD Last Day of School	3  GPISD Last Day of School	4
5	6  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	7  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18  Juneteenth Celebration
19  Father's Day	20	21  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



“Get into the Swing at Friendship Park”  
by Erin Overton

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# J U L Y 2 0 1 1



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		“Lake Joe Pool” by Katia Delgado 	1	2				
3	Independence Day City Offices Closed  Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31								



"Jump for Joy"  
by Amy Sprinkles

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# AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	2 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
						<p>"In the Dugout at Charley Taylor Ball Fields" by Jose Cisneros</p>



"Friday Night Lights"  
by Robert Mitchell

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# S E P T E M B E R 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Go Team!" by Steve Adams</p> 				1	2	3
4	<p>5</p> <p>Labor Day City Offices Closed</p> <p>School Holiday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	7	8	9	10
11	<p>12</p> <p>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	<p>20</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



"The Summit, How 50+ Plays"  
by Kevin Brown

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# O C T O B E R 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				"Sniffer Pup" by Michelle Lee		1
2	3  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8
9	10  Columbus Day GPISD/AISD Holiday	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22  Taste of Grand Prairie
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31  BOO! Halloween					



"The Stage is Set at the Uptown  
for Plays, Concerts, Entertainment  
and Movies"

by Kelly Eddlemon

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# N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	7 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Prairie Lights Opens Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	25 City Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30			"Willow Tree at Central Park" by Maria Dibble



"The Cardinal"  
by Pat Barnes

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# D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			"Prairie Lights - Visions of Sugar Plums" by Gordon Graham	1	2	3
4	5 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	←		School Holiday		→	
					Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed	Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	←		School Holiday		→	
Christmas Day	Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed					New Year's Eve



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### Helpful Numbers

Airport (Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591
Animal Services	972-237-8575
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-875-2100
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-871-7399
Building Inspections	972-237-8230
Car Tags - Dallas County	214-653-7811
Car Tags - Tarrant County	817-884-1100
Chamber of Commerce	972-264-1558
City Council and Mayor	972-237-8022
City Manager's Office	972-237-8012
City Secretary	972-237-8035
Code Enforcement	972-237-8296
Communications and Marketing	972-237-8086
Drivers License	972-264-6598
Economic Development	972-237-8160
Engineering	972-237-8141
Environmental Services	972-237-8055
Fire	972-237-8300
911 for emergencies	
Graffiti Hotline	972-237-8599
Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens	972-237-3001
Health Clinic	214-819-2000
Housing & Neighborhood Services	972-237-8176
Human Resources	972-237-8192
Illegal Dumping	972-237-8064
Information Technology	972-237-8382
Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful	972-237-8152
Landfill	972-237-4550
Lake Parks	817-467-2104



"Bluebonnets!"  
by Andrzej Migacz



"Feeding Frenzy at the  
Lynn Creek Marina"  
by Gordon Graham

### Libraries

Grand Prairie Library	972-237-5700
Betty Warmack Branch	972-237-5774
Bowles Branch	972-237-7540
Marriage License - Dallas County	214-653-7559
Marriage License - Tarrant County	817-548-3928
Municipal Court	972-237-8600
Parks & Recreation	972-237-8100
Planning	972-237-8255
Police	972-237-8790
911 for emergencies	
Public Works	972-237-8154
Purchasing	972-237-8269
Recycling	972-237-8061
Ruthe Jackson Center	972-237-7500
Schools	
Grand Prairie ISD	972-264-6141
Arlington ISD	682-867-4611
Mansfield ISD	817-299-6300
Cedar Hill ISD	972-291-1581
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Solid Waste	972-237-8151
Streets	972-237-8525
Taxes	
Dallas County	214-653-7811
Tarrant County	817-884-1194
Tourism	972-263-9588
Transit - The Grand Connection	972-237-8546
Transportation	972-237-8139
Water Bills	972-237-8200
Water/Wastewater	972-237-8413



"Market Square"  
by Ernesto Santamaria



"Church"  
by Bob Fitch



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