

"The Nature Center"  
by Bradley Kent

# Dream Big Play Hard 2012



Grand Prairie  
 — T E X A S —  
 Dream Big ★ Play Hard  
 2012



"My best friend"  
by Derek Townsend





Dream Big ★ Play Hard



"Where 50+ Plays"  
by Harry Englert

With \$1 billion in road projects underway, Grand Prairie is on the road to success and prosperous times. SH 161 should open in early 2012, signaling more development. Our top goals for 2012 include:

- Begin design of IH 20 frontage roads between Carrier and Beltline Road
- Begin design of Wildlife Parkway between Beltline Road and SH 161
- Begin design of the widening of Camp Wisdom between Carrier and east city limits
- Remove the existing dogleg at Camp Wisdom Road and Robinson Road
- Begin Palace Parkway connection from Palace/Belt Line to I-30 looping around vacant property on northeast corner of I-30 and Belt Line and linking into new I-30 frontage road
- Complete design and right-of-way acquisition for the widening of MacArthur from the Trinity River to IH-30
- Develop Neighborhood Police Officer Program and Problem-Solving Unit to enhance Community Policing Efforts
- Develop new police patrol beats to enhance police service commensurate with increase in population
- Complete renovation of City Council Chambers
- Design Waterwood Road extension

I am so proud to be Mayor of this "funderful" city and look forward to another world-class year.

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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**2011 TOP TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



Began **\$1 billion** in road projects

Opened a **new airport terminal**

Began construction of new **Paragon Outlet Mall**

Hired new **Police Chief Steve Dye**

Broke ground on **Parkland Clinic**

**AirHogs** won American Association of Professional Baseball National Championship

Began **renovation of downtown storefronts**, restoring them to their 1950s glory

Renovated **Kirby Creek Nature Center** gardens

Kicked off **weekly events at Farmers Market**, drawing thousands to downtown

Began construction of **IH 30 frontage roads** between Beltline Road and MacArthur



"Fountain at night"  
by Mike Hutchins



"Daisies"  
by Kay Gilbert



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.



The newly renovated City Council Chambers will open in summer 2012.





*"Flying high at the new Grand Prairie Airport terminal"*  
by Cami McKillop

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  New Year's Day	2  GPISD Student Holiday City Offices Closed	3  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16  Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	17  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			<i>"Sign of the Times"</i> by Chrissy Cook Gomez	
						



*“What once was old is new again in downtown Grand Prairie”  
by Whitney Fowler*



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	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 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 AISD, CHISD Holiday Presidents' Day	21 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	 <i>“In the Dugout” by Dawn Foster</i>		





*"Hitting all the right notes"*  
by Steve Adams

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# M A R C H 2 0 1 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>"Lady Bug"</i> by Brenda Watkins			1	2	3
4	5  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	6  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11  Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	12  ←	13	14  AISD, GPISD, MISD, CHISD School Spring Break	15  →	16	17
18	19	20  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31  Farmers Market Opens





*"Fresh fruits and veggies Saturdays at Farmers Market in downtown Grand Prairie" by Lidia Trujillo*

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## A P R I L 2 0 1 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  April Fool's Day	2  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	3  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6  Good Friday	7  Eggstravaganza
8  Easter	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			<i>"Market Square Fresh" by Nichole Schmiedeskamp</i>		





*"Heading for a photo finish at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie"*  
by Gary Kelly

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# M A Y 2 0 1 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
	6	7 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	8	9	10	11
13 Mother's Day	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 
27	28 Memorial Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	29	30	31 AISD, MISD Last Day of School	"Farmers Market Crawfish Boil" by Amy Sprinkles 	





*"The Grand Prairie AirHogs win it all in the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball League"*  
by Brad Barton

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# J U N E 2 0 1 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>"We are the champions"</i> by Brad Barton</p>				<p>1</p> <p>CHISD Last Day of School</p>	<p>2</p>
3	<p>4</p> <p>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>GPISD Last Day of School</p>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>17</p> <p>Juneteenth Celebration Father's Day</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30





*"You get a line and I'll get a pole..."*  
by Rosemary Reed

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# J U L Y 2 0 1 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4  Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park <hr/> Independence Day City Offices Closed	5	6	7
8	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	31		<i>"Wildflowers"</i> by Derek Townsend		



"Double the fun in Grand Prairie"  
by Bill Hills



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# AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Make a wish"</i> by Michelle Lee</p> 			1	2	3	4
5	<p>6</p> <p>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	<p>21</p> <p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



"Lake Joe Pool is funderful"  
by Tom Hart



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>"Precious pups and cats await you at Prairie Paws" By Whitney Fowler</p>		1
2	3  Labor Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	4  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
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"Hobgoblins invade Main Street at Street and Treat"  
by Kelly Eddlemon



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# OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12
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 BOO! Halloween		<i>"Let's go Uptown"</i> by Gary Kelly	



*"In honor of those who serve"  
by Allen Sheffield*



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

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





*"Shining bright at Prairie Lights"  
by Mike Bumgarner*

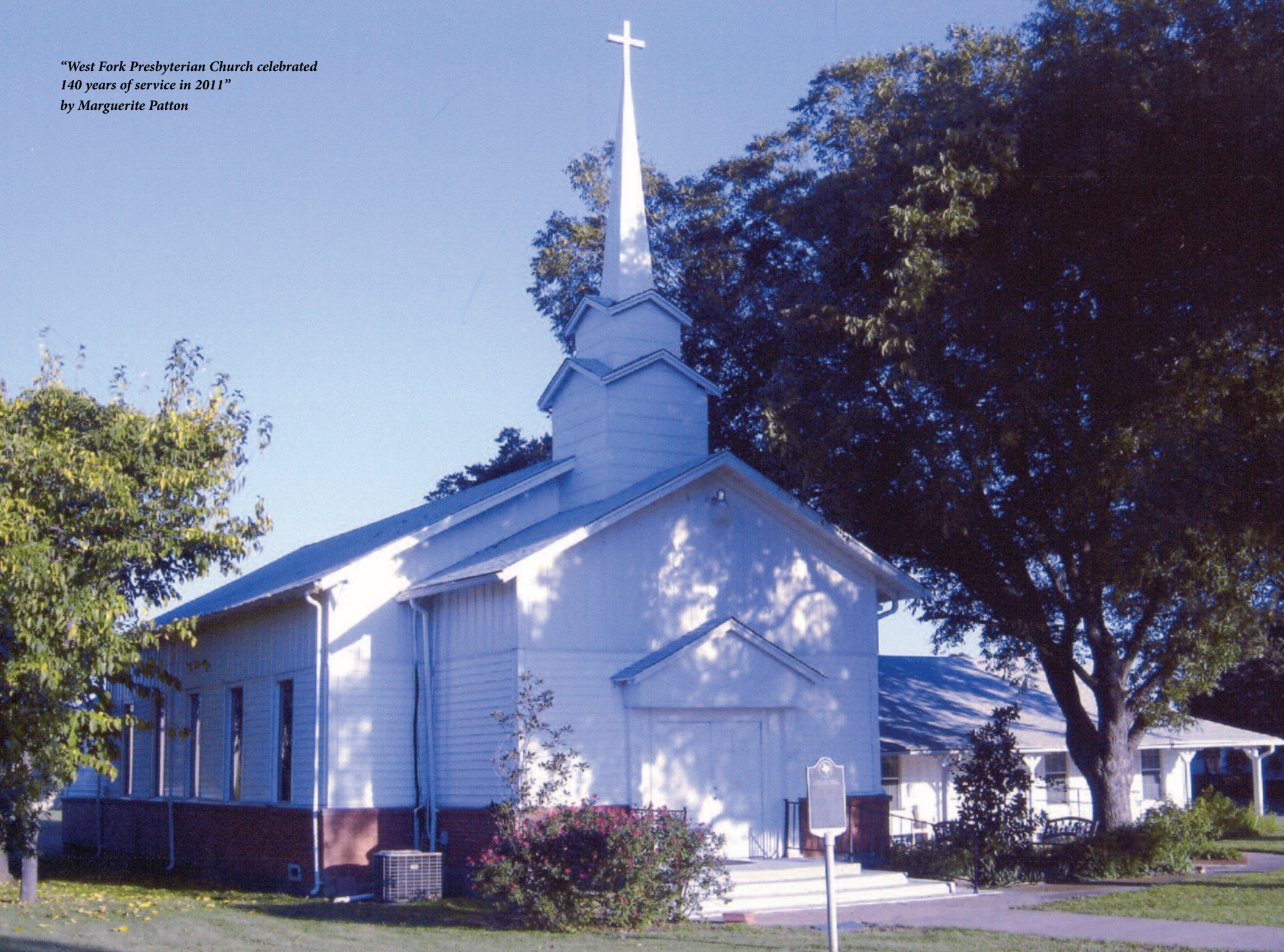
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# D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>"It's Christmas time in the city"</i> by Sharon Elliott				1  Holiday Market at Farmers Market
2	3	4	5	6	7	8  Holiday Market at Farmers Market
9	10	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15  Holiday Market at Farmers Market
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			← GPISD School Holiday →			
23	24 Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day City Offices Closed				



“West Fork Presbyterian Church celebrated  
140 years of service in 2011”  
by Marguerite Patton



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## 2 0 1 3 A T A G L A N C E

JANUARY						
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DECEMBER						
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*“In the heat of battle”  
by Derek Townsend*

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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 911 for emergencies	972-237-8300
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

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



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