



 Grand Prairie  
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Sunrise. Sunset. Or midday. The sun always shines brightly on Grand Prairie.  
Photo by Derek Townsend







**YOU KNOW IT...HELP US TELL OTHERS:**

Grand Prairie is a great place to live! Family friendly, fun galore, perfect location, more amenities than most cities, affordable housing and a bright future. We appreciate your confidence in your city and look forward to a great 2015 together.

**HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF THE CITY'S TOP GOALS FOR 2015:**

- ★ Design and construct a new Fire Station No. 10 at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa
- ★ Complete construction of The Lodge and Loyd Cabin at Loyd Park
- ★ Continue to encourage retail development on Main Street downtown
- ★ Plan and design The EPIC recreation center and indoor/outdoor water park
- ★ Begin widening MacArthur Boulevard from two to four lanes from I-30 north to Hunter-Ferrell Road.
- ★ Begin construction of I-30 frontage roads from NW 7th Street to Belt Line
- ★ Complete the Lone Star/Campion Trail Connector Project
- ★ Complete digital signs at Carrier and I-20, Lynn Creek and Lake Ridge and Carrier and Roy Orr
- ★ Expand kennel capacity at Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center



Mayor Ron Jensen and Rebecca Jensen

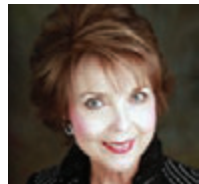
Best Regards,

Ron Jensen, Mayor



Lake patrol at Lake Joe Pool. Photo by Mark Beseda

**GRAND PRAIRIE CITY COUNCIL**



Jorja Clemson  
Place 1



Jim Swafford  
Place 2



Lila Thorn  
Place 3



Richard Fregoe  
Place 4  
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Place 5  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem



Jeff Wooldridge  
Place 6



Greg Giessner  
At Large



Jeff Copeland  
At Large



**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**  
TOM HART, CITY MANAGER



TOM COX  
DEPUTY  
CITY MANAGER



ANNA DOLL  
DEPUTY  
CITY MANAGER



ANDREW  
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CITY MANAGER

# 2014 TOP TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Opened the new Fire Station No. 1 on Main Street
- ★ Re-opened the newly remodeled and expanded Dalworth Recreation Center
- ★ Opened Lake Ridge Parkway fully from I-20 to Great Southwest Parkway
- ★ Opened the Camp Store at Loyd Park
- ★ Opened a spay and neuter clinic for animal guests at Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center
- ★ Voters approved a ¼ cent sales tax to build The EPIC recreation center and indoor/outdoor water park
- ★ Completed the Gas-to-Energy station at the Landfill
- ★ Completed SH 161 traffic signals at multiple locations
- ★ Completed the Park and Ride on I-30 just east of Belt Line Road



Keeping Grand Prairie safer.  
Photo by Jeffery Sodoma



How wet can you get? Photo by Alicia Hills



Beautiful nights in Grand Prairie.  
Photo by Derek Townsend







Sunsets are pure gold at the Summit.  
by Jim Schroeder

# JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Snowfall at the Grand Prairie Public Safety building. Photo by Patrick Ormsby	1 New Year's Day ← GPISD Student Holiday → City Offices Closed	2	3
4	5 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m. GPISD Student Holiday	6 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	20 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31






A new Fire Station No. 1 now open on Main Street.  
Photo by Mistydown Jurik



# FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	3 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21	
22	23					27	28
	Fire Station No. 1 grand opening. Photo by Bob Fitch						





Welcome from fish tale sculpture at Lake Joe Pool.

Photo by James Simmons



# MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	3 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7	
8 Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	9 ←	10	11 School Spring Break	12 →	13	14	
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Farmers Market Opens	
29	30	31 Fountiful Bowles Park. Photo by Randall Gilbert					







On the start line at Get Fit GP fun run.

Photo by Whitney Fowler



# APRIL 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Raise your hands at Main Street Festival. Photo by Erica Torres	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Student Holiday	Eggstravaganza
Easter	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.			10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Main Street Festival
26	27	28	29	30		
				Main Street Festival is a whirl! Photo by Veronica Hagedorn		



Somewhere under the double rainbow at Mike Lewis Park.  
Photo by Sharon Collins



# MAY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>A walk in the park... Mike Lewis Park</p> <p>Photo by Helen Myers</p>	1	2  Cinco de Mayo Celebration
3	4  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	5  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9  City Election Day
10  Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<p>Memorial Day City Offices Closed</p> <hr/> <p>School Holiday</p>					







Behind every great boat...is a lake.

Photo by Derek Townsend

# JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	2  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3  GPISD Last Day of School	4  AISD, MISD Last Day of School	5  CHISD Last Day of School	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
Father's Day	28	29	30			<p>Standing watch. Photo by Donna Graham</p>
						



GPISD Superintendent Dr. Susan Hull, Mayor Ron Jensen, and City Council members Jeff Wooldridge and Greg Giessner take the "Ice Bucket" challenge.

Photo by Bob Fitch





# JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Splashdown at Joe Pool Lake. Photo by Stacie Pack	1	2	3  City Offices Closed	4  Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park <hr/> Independence Day
5	6  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
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This is not your father's Dalworth Recreation Center.  
Photo by Tim Shinogle

# AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>Having fun is easy at the new Dalworth Recreation Center. Photo by Brandon Huether</p>					1
2	3  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	4  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24  First Day of School	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					





Imagination lets Monarchs take flight.  
Photo by Dayanira Moreno



# SEPTEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Labor Day City Offices Closed	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			A very hungry caterpillar at Flight of the Monarchs. Photo by Amy Sprinkles





Nightly light show in downtown Grand Prairie.  
Photo by Noel Salazar



# OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



No tricks, just treats at Farmers Market!  
Photo by Jody Lancaster

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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
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31  BOO! Halloween





Proudly, we honor and remember.  
Photo by Letty Woods



# NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	2  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	3  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Prairie Lights Opens  Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	27  City Offices Closed	28
29	30			<p>Recruiting future officers. Photo by Whitney Fowler</p>		





Prairie Lights is holiday magic.  
Photo by Mark Bumgarner

# DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> City Hall Plaza sparkles. Photo by Brandon Huether	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Holiday Market at Farmers Market
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Holiday Market at Farmers Market
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  School Holiday	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	<b>25</b>  Christmas Day City Offices Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  School Holiday	<b>31</b>  New Year's Eve		







The majestic Monarch.  
Photo by Debbie Johns

# 2016 AT A GLANCE

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Boo!  
Photo by Nicole Porter

## APRIL

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Reading is Fun-damental  
Photo by Dayanira Moreno

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Grand Prairie has natural beauty!  
Photo courtesy Michelle Lee

## OCTOBER

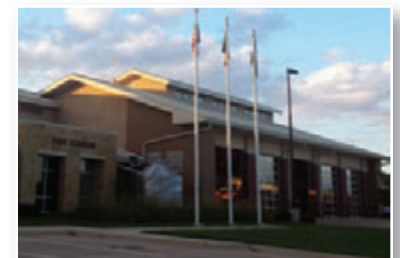
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Fire Station No. 7 at sunset.  
Photo by Marcela Ortega





I'm swimming! I'm swimming!  
Photo by Jim Holland

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

Airport (Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591	Marriage License - Dallas County	214-653-7099
Animal Services	972-237-8575	Marriage License - Tarrant County	817-548-3928
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-875-2100	Municipal Court	972-237-8600
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-871-7399	Parks & Recreation	972-237-8100
Building Inspections	972-237-8230	Planning	972-237-8255
Car Tags - Dallas County	214-653-7811	Police (911 for emergencies)	972-237-8790
Car Tags - Tarrant County	817-884-1100	Public Works	972-237-8154
Chamber of Commerce	972-264-1558	Purchasing	972-237-8269
City Council and Mayor	972-237-8022	Recycling	972-237-8061
City Manager's Office	972-237-8012	Ruthe Jackson Center	972-237-7500
City Secretary	972-237-8035	Schools	
Code Enforcement	972-237-8296	Grand Prairie ISD	972-264-6141
Communications and Marketing	972-237-8086	Arlington ISD	682-867-4611
Drivers License	972-264-6598	Mansfield ISD	817-299-6300
Economic Development	972-237-8160	Cedar Hill ISD	972-291-1581
Engineering	972-237-8141	Irving ISD	972-600-5000
Environmental Services	972-237-8055	Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Fire (911 for emergencies)	972-237-8300	Solid Waste	972-237-8151
Graffiti Hotline	972-237-8599	Streets	972-237-8525
Grand Prairie		Taxes - Dallas County	214-653-7811
Memorial Gardens	972-237-3001	Taxes - Tarrant County	817-884-1194
Health Clinic	214-819-2000	Tourism	972-595-5400
Housing & Neighborhood Services	972-237-8176	Transit – The Grand Connection	972-237-8546
Human Resources	972-237-8192	Transportation	972-237-8139
Illegal Dumping	972-237-8064	Water Bills	972-237-8200
Information Technology	972-237-8382	Water/Wastewater	972-237-8413
Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful	972-237-8152	Water Emergency	972-237-8400
Landfill	972-237-4550		
Lake Parks	972-237-4120		
Libraries			
Main Library	972-237-5700		
Warmack Library	972-237-5770		
Shotwell Library	972-237-7540		



The new Dalworth Recreation Center gym is grandtastic! Photo by Tim Shinogle

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2015