

Rockin' the Main Street Festival.
Photo by Jon Williamson



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A Message from the Mayor

In 2017 we will continue to live life grand as we celebrate these big deals: opening of EPIC recreation center and EPIC WATERS indoor water park; opening of IKEA Grand Prairie; and completion of SH 360 extension to SH 287. And with interest in land along SH 161 reaching new peaks, we look forward to announcing more great things in 2017.

Family friendly, fun galore, perfect location, affordable to affluent housing, more amenities than most other cities and a bright future...this is your Grand Prairie! We appreciate your confidence in the city and look forward to a great 2017.

Here's a snapshot of the city's top goals for 2017:

- ★ Open The Epic Life Center and Epic Waters
- ★ Shop at IKEA Grand Prairie and new Walmart Supercenter
- ★ Drive south to US 287 on SH 360
- ★ Dine at FnG Eats in historic Fire Station No. 1 on Main Street
- ★ Expand the Shotwell Library
- ★ Begin expansion of the Prairie Paws Animal Shelter
- ★ Further decrease crime in the city
- ★ Equip all police officers with Body Worn Cameras
- ★ Pursue retail and restaurant development



Mayor Ron Jensen and Rebecca Jensen



Best Regards,



Ron Jensen, Mayor

Grand Prairie City Council



Ron Jensen
Mayor



Jorja Clemson
Place 1
Mayor Pro Tem



Jim Swafford
Place 2



Lila Thorn
Place 3



Richard Fregoe
Place 4



Tony Shotwell
Place 5



Jeff Wooldridge
Place 6
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem



Greg Giessner
At Large



Jeff Copeland
At Large

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City Manager's Office

Tom Hart, City Manager



Tom Cox
Deputy
City Manager



Anna Doll
Deputy
City Manager



Gina Alley
Senior Assistant
to the
City Manager

2016 Top Accomplishments

- ★ 13th Place Best City for families in United States, ranked by WalletHUB.com
- ★ Best Place to Retire, Forbes Magazine
- ★ #18 Best City for Hispanic Entrepreneurs, reported by Dallas Business Journal
- ★ 8th Safest City in Texas of 34 cities with populations more than 100,000
- ★ Created Grand Prairie Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit
- ★ Citizens on Patrol award for Best Large Agency program in Texas
- ★ Opened Fire Station No. 10 at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa
- ★ #1 Farmers Market in Texas, according to American Farmland Trust
- ★ Cultural Diversity Award Best in Nation for Mayor's Community Table
- ★ Designed a remodel and expansion of Charley Taylor Recreation Center
- ★ Updated Parks and Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
- ★ National Recreation and Park Association Gold Medal Finalist for Best Parks in Nation
- ★ Completed Fish Creek Linear Park Trail central segment
- ★ Parks and Recreation became one of 150 agencies in the United States to become a certified agency
- ★ Fire Department initiated the Swift Water response team
- ★ Grand Prairie Fire Department was one of 203 cities in the United States to achieve an ISO 1 rating, lowering insurance rates for residents and businesses in the city
- ★ Fire Department received 2016 American Heart Association Gold Award
- ★ Fire Department Hazardous Materials response team completed three year training
- ★ Remodeled the Grand Prairie Memorial Library
- ★ Installed a library-books-on-old pickup locker near Joe Pool Lake



Breaking ground for construction of the new IKEA Grand Prairie store.

Live Life Grand



Mayor Jensen leads the pack at Get Fit GP.

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Always farm fresh.

Photo by
Donna Graham



Lunar New Year celebration at Asia Times Square.
Photo provided by Asia Times Square

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January 2017


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 GPISD Student Holiday City Offices Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31		Main Library Family Place. Photo by Randy Gilbert		

Fire Station #10.
Photo by Misty Jurik



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February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
	5	6 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28			Future Fireman. Photo by Valerie Spears	



Enjoy concerts at Verizon Theatre.
Live Life Grand

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March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Ride and roll. Live Life Grand	1	2	3	4
5	6 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9 State of the City	10	11
12 Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	13	14	15 School Spring Break	16	17	18
19	20	21 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Lone Star Park Thoroughbred racing.
Photo by Gary Kelly

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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Main Street Festival. Photo by Valerie Spears					1 Farmers Market Opens
2	3 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 GPISD School Holiday/ Bad Weather Make-up Day	15
16 Easter	17	18 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Main Street Festival	22 Main Street Festival
23 Main Street Festival	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Cyclin' with the Mayor.
Photo by Brandon Huether

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May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 City Election Day	14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20 Mother's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26 GPISD Last Day of School
27	28	29 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	30	31 Fresh food at Farmers Market. <i>Live Life Grand</i>		



Cheering for the home team.
Live Life Grand

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June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Fun and games at The Summit <i>Live Life Grand</i>		1	2	3
4	5 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10 Dragon Boat Races
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
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July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Trail blazing. <i>Live Life Grand</i>	1
2	3 Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park	4 Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park Independence Day City Offices Closed	5	6	7	8
9	10 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 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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Police mounted patrol.
Photo by Bob Fitch

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August 2017

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 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	12
13	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31 Get away to a city golf course. <i>Live Life Grand</i>		

Flight of the Monarch.
Live Life Grand



Monarchs fill the air.
Photo by Kevin Fletcher



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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Monarchs. Photo by Jon Williamson		1	2	
3	4 Labor Day City Offices Closed	5 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23
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Park Playing at Mike Lewis Park.
 Photo by Candice Race



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October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	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 BOO! Halloween			Schools of choice at GPISD. <i>Live Life Grand</i>	

Honoring veterans.
Photo by Derek Townsend



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November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Crosstown rivals. <i>Live Life Grand</i>	1	2	3	4
5 Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	6 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
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19	20	21 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Prairie Lights Opens Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	24 City Offices Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Have a very prairie Christmas.
 Photo by Randy Gilbert



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December 2017

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



Warm weather ahead.
Live Life Grand

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2018 at a Glance

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Big city access. Small town atmosphere.
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Get Fit GP.
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The Summit active senior center
in Grand Central Park
Photo by Roz Henwood





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Helpful Numbers

Airport (Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591
Animal Services	972-237-8575
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-751-4040
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-871-7399
Building Inspections	972-237-8230
Car Tags - Dallas County	214-751-4040
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	972-237-8369
Drivers License	972-253-4171
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	972-237-4120

Libraries

Main Library	972-237-5700
Warmack Library	972-237-5770
Shotwell Library	972-237-7540
Marriage License - Dallas County	214-751-4040
Marriage License - Tarrant County	817-548-3928
Municipal Court	972-237-8600
Parks & Recreation	972-237-8100
Planning	972-237-8255
Police (911 for emergencies)	972-237-8790
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
Irving ISD	972-600-5000
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Solid Waste	972-237-8151
Streets	972-237-8525
Taxes - Dallas County	214-653-7811
Taxes - Tarrant County	817-884-1194
Tourism	972-595-5400
Transit - The Grand Connection	972-237-8546
Transportation	972-237-8139
Water Bills	972-237-8200
Water/Wastewater	972-237-8413
Water Emergency	972-237-8400



Super fun in Grand Prairie parks.
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Download the FREE My GPTX app
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Panoramic Grand Central Park.
Photo by Cesar Llaga

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