



Grand Prairie TEXAS Live Life Grand



Neighborhood National Night Out. Photo by Rebecca Jensen



Grand Prairie City Council

Seated (left to right):
 Richard Fregoe, District 4; Jorja Clemson, District 1;
 Jim Swafford, District 2; Jeff Wooldrige, District 6

Standing (left to right): Greg Giessner, At Large;
 Jeff Copeland, At Large; Ron Jensen, Mayor;
 Cole Humphreys, District 5; Mike Del Bosque, District 3.

A Message from the Mayor

Last year was Epic with accomplishments, and sets the stage for a great 2019. The opening of IKEA and Epic Waters Indoor Water Park sparked major development along SH 161, including six retail centers and more than 50 new restaurants and retail stores in 2018-2019. Closing out 2018, The Epic fitness, arts and entertainment center opened to rave reviews.



Mayor Ron Jensen and Rebecca Jensen

Speaking of rave reviews, Grand Prairie gathered a bunch in 2018, including:

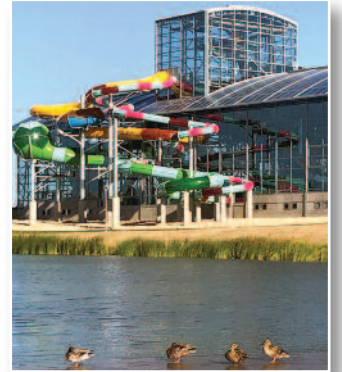
- ★ 2nd Happiest City in Texas and 10th Happiest City in the U.S., WalletHub.com
- ★ Gold Medal for best parks in nation
- ★ Top 50 Best Places to Raise a Family in the U.S., WalletHub.com
- ★ Top 50 in Nation Best Place to Retire, WalletHub.com
- ★ Top 5 Cities in Texas for First-time Home Buyers, WalletHub.com
- ★ #1 Best Place to Retire in U.S., Self-Made.io
- ★ 1 of 8 DFW Downtowns Poised for Greatness, D Magazine
- ★ Least Hipster City in the U.S., MoveHub.com

Hey, we will take Happiest over Hipster any day!

Family friendly, fun affordable living with more amenities than most, Grand Prairie is where we...

Live Life Grand,

Ron Jensen, Mayor



Epic Waters Indoor Water Park
 Photo by Patrick Greenwade

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Top Ten 2018 Accomplishments:

- ★ Opened Epic Waters Indoor Water Park
- ★ Opened The Epic Arts, Fitness and Entertainment Center
- ★ Began construction of I-20 frontage roads from SH 161 to Beltline Road
- ★ Began construction of I-30 frontage roads from SH 161 to MacArthur Blvd.
- ★ Began adding another north and south lane to SH 360 from I-20 to I-30
- ★ Opened extension of SH 360 south to US 287
- ★ Widened MacArthur Boulevard from I-30 to Hunter-Ferrell
- ★ Launched city's first Big Event, a city-wide volunteer day
- ★ Opened expanded and remodeled Tony Shotwell Library, Charley Taylor Recreation Center and Prairie Paws Animal Shelter
- ★ Introduced H2Know, an Automatic Water Meter Reading System, making water use and account information available to water customers in real time from their computer or smart device



Grand Prairie City Manager's Office

(from left to right)
 Anna Doll, Deputy City Manager;
 Bill Crolley, Deputy City Manager; Tom Hart, City Manager;
 Steve Dye, Deputy City Manager and Police Chief

Top Ten 2019 Goals:

- ★ Christen Epic Waters year-round indoor water park's wave pool
- ★ Open PlayGrand Adventures, a playground for people of all abilities (late summer 2019)
- ★ Continue construction of I-20 and I-30 frontage roads, and the addition of north and south bound lanes to SH 360 from I-20 to I-30
- ★ Reopen an expanded and renovated Warmack Library
- ★ Open Palace Parkway extension from Beltline Road east to Interstate 30
- ★ Implement a facial recognition software program for police to more effectively identify wanted persons
- ★ Begin construction of a new City Hall, linking existing City Hall to Development Center
- ★ Widen Great Southwest Parkway from four to six lanes from Sara Jane to Mayfield Road (complete 2020)
- ★ Welcome more than 50 new restaurants and retail stores along SH 161
- ★ Open Fire House Gastro Park restaurant in historic Fire Station #1





Lunar New Year celebration at Asia Times Square.
 Photo by Ricky Saldivar
 Photo by Jon Williamson

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January 2019

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



Public Safety Building reflects excellence.
Photo by Jon Williamson

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February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Community policing. Photo by Mark Beseda			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
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				Valentine's Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Presidents Day	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
24	25	26	27	28		
						



Double rainbow over GP.
Photo by Bob Fitch

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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Purple Martin Sanctuary at the Summit. Photo by Gisela Fregoe	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	← School Spring Break →					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				The Big Event All-City Volunteerism Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						Warmack Library Grand Re-opening



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April 2019

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 Farmers Market Opens
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14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Good Friday GPISD School Holiday	20
21 Easter	22 GPISD School Holiday	23	24	25	26 Main Street Fest April 26 – 28	27 
28 Main Street Fest	29	30			Main Street Fest. Photo by Don Smarto	



Cinco de Mayo downtown.
Photo by Jon Williamson

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May 2019

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



GP is EPIC.
Photo by Bob Fitch

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June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Juneteenth. Photo by Denise Gambrell		1
2	3 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
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16 Father's Day	17	18 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
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Fire flies.
Photo by Derek Townsend



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July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Independence Day Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park City Offices Closed	5	6
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13	14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
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Kayaking at Loyd Park.
Photo by Derek Townsend

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August 2019


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Hatch Chile Fest at Farmers Market. Photo by Amber Carrillo	1	2	3
4	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11			14	15	16	17
18		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	Hatch Chile Fest Farmers Market.
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Epic Fest's Flight of the Monarch.
Photo by Johnny Rodriguez

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September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day City Offices Closed	3 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
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 Epic Fest: Flight of the Monarch	28 Epic Fest: Flight of the Monarch
29	30		 <p>Cheer for the home team. Photo by Live Life Grand</p>			



Shotwell Life Center and Library Trunk or Treat.
Photo by Van Huynh stz

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October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 National Night Out. Photo by Isobel Rios	2	3	4	5
6	7 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31 Shotwell Library Things. Photo by Van Huynh BOO! Halloween		



Traffic Signal Box art project.
Photo by Derek Townsend

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November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Joe Pool Lake. Photo by Lawrence Sanchez				1	2
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Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
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		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
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				Prairie Lights Opens		
				Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed	



Prairie Lights.
Photo by Live Life Grand

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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7 Holiday Market at Farmers Market
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15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Holiday Market at Farmers Market
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	← School Holiday →					
		Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	Christmas Day City Offices Closed			
29 Prairie Lights Last Day	30	31 New Year's Eve City Offices Closed			Prairie Lights. Photo by Live Life Grand	



Itty Bitty Run during Parks Summer Camp.
Photo by Jose Hernandez.

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2020 at a Glance

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Ready to play ball.
Photo by Sandi Morrison

July

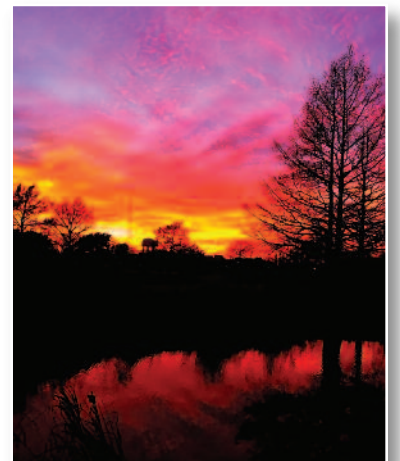
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December sunset.
Photo by Silvia Rodriguez

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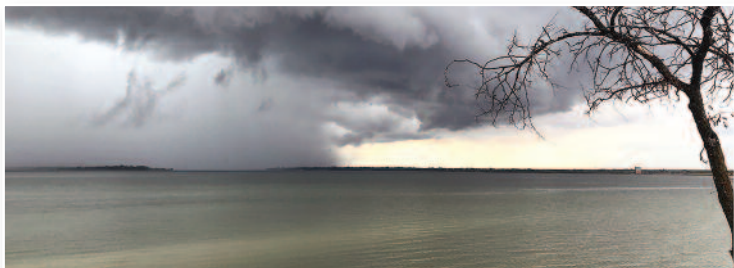


Uptown Theater downtown.
Photo by Patrick Lopez

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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	214-653-7811
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	972-253-4171



Storm over Lake Joe Pool. • Photo by Beth Tragus

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, Arts & 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



Summit lights.
Photo by Liliana Comejo

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