



*Live  
Life* **GRAND  
PRAIRIE**  
— 2020

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Last year was Epic with accomplishments, and sets the stage for a great 2020. Major development continued along SH 161, including six retail centers and more than 50 new restaurants and retail stores, with more on the way. One of those 2020 developments should be the start of a public-private partnership to bring two hotels and conference center with restaurants along the boardwalk to Epic Central Park, creating more excitement and synergy along our central core.

***In recognition of our achievements and actions, Grand Prairie gathered accolades in 2019, including:***

**1<sup>st</sup> Most Dynamic Small City in U.S.**

- *point2homes.com*

**4<sup>th</sup> Hardest Working City in U.S.**

- *Kempler Industries*

**7<sup>th</sup> Happiest City in U.S.**

- *WalletHub.com*

**7<sup>th</sup> Most Surprising Cities in U.S.  
Where You Can Make A lot of Money**

- *GOBankingRates.com*

**10<sup>th</sup> Best City in Texas for  
Living the American Dream**

- *smartasset.com*

**11<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Retire in U.S.**

- *self-made.io*



Family friendly, fun, affordable to affluent homes and more amenities than most, Grand Prairie is where we...

Live Life Grand,

Ron Jensen  
Mayor, Grand Prairie

## TOP 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Opened the wave pool at Epic Waters.
- Continued 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.
- Reopened an expanded and renovated Warmack Library, Prairie Paws Adoption Center and Charley Taylor Recreation Center.
- Opened Palace Parkway extension from Belt Line Road east to I-30.
- Implemented a facial recognition software program for police to more effectively identify wanted persons.
- Opened a new City Hall, linking existing City Hall to Development Center.
- Began widening Great Southwest Parkway from four to six lanes from Sara Jane to Mayfield Road (complete 2020).
- Welcomed more than 50 new restaurants and retail stores along SH 161.
- Opened FireHouse Gastro Park restaurant in historic Fire Station #1.
- Renovated Fire Station #6; replaced Fire Station #4.

## TOP 2020 GOALS

- Open PlayGrand Adventures, a playground for people of all abilities (early 2020).
- Manage resources within a new 3.5% property tax cap imposed by the state of Texas, which means fewer funds available for city improvements and services.
- Add a litter crew.
- Implement new online permitting software for Planning, Zoning, Building Inspections and Code Compliance.
- Promote the 2020 Census to accurately count Grand Prairie residents, securing vital federal funding.
- Ask voters whether or not to continue the ¼ cent Crime Control District Sales Tax.
- Through a private-public partnership, develop two hotels with a conference center and restaurant row in Epic Central Park.
- Widen Seeton Road from Mira Flores to Day Miar Road, from two-lane asphalt to three-lane concrete road.
- Widen Camp Wisdom Road from Carrier Parkway to Belt Line (FM 1382) from the existing two-lane asphalt road to a four-lane concrete road.
- Begin construction to replace Fire Station #3.



## GRAND PRAIRIE CITY COUNCIL

*Front Row Left to Right*

**Jim Swafford, District 2; Jorja Clemson, District 1;  
Mayor Ron Jensen; Greg Giessner, At Large - Place 8**

*Back Row Left to Right*

**Michael Del Bosque, District 3; John Lopez, District 4;  
Jeff Copeland, At-Large - Place 7; Cole Humphreys, District 5;  
Jeff Wooldridge, District 6**



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

*Left to Right*

**Anna Doll, Deputy City Manager;  
Bill Crolley, Deputy City Manager;  
Tom Hart, City Manager;  
Steve Dye, Deputy City Manager**








**New Year New You at The Epic**  
*Live Life Grand*

# JANUARY

2020

February 2020

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			<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> City Offices Closed GPISD Student Holiday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> City Offices Closed GPISD Student Holiday	<b>21</b> <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 
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Lunar New Year Photo by Amber Carrillo



**Remodeled Warmack Library**  
*Photo by Komatsu Architecture*

# FEBRUARY

2020

March 2020

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 <p><b>Reading Buddies</b> Photo by Jessica Garcia</p>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Presidents Day	<b>18</b>  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  State of the City Address 6:30 P.M.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  



**Big Event**

*Photo by Jordan Smith*



# MARCH

2020

## APRIL 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Grand Prairie</b> TEXAS	2	3 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	4	5	6	7
8 <b>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b> Spring Forward	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>GPISD Spring Break</b>						
15	16	17 <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>The Big Event All-City Volunteerism Day</b> <a href="http://gptx.org/bigevent">gptx.org/bigevent</a>
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Cyclin' with the Mayor Photo by Charlene Solis



**Main Street Fest**

*Photo by Nikki Funderburk*

# APRIL

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MAY 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>April Blooms</b> Photo by Nadine Vaughn</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	8	9	10 Good Friday GPISD Student Holiday	11
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17 Main Street Fest	18 Main Street Fest
19 Main Street Fest	20	21 City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	22	23	24	25
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**Cinco de Mayo**

*Photo by Lety Woods*

# MAY

2020

## JUNE 2020

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					1	2 <b>City Election Day</b> <a href="http://gptx.org/elections">gptx.org/elections</a>  <b>Cinco De Mayo</b> Parade and Festival
3	4	5  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	6	7	8	9
10  <b>Mother's Day</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	20	21  <b>Last Day of School</b> GPISD Students	22	23
24	25  <b>Memorial Day</b> City Offices Closed GPISD Student Holiday	26	27	28	29	30  
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**Officer A.J. Castaneda Memorial**



*Photo by Bob Fitch*

# JUNE

2020

## JULY 2020

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14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Community Policing Photo by Chelsea Kretz



**Out of the Blue**

*Photo by Derek Townsend*



# JULY

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## AUGUST 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Epic Waters Wave Pool</b> <i>Live Life Grand</i></p>			1	2	3	4  <b>Independence Day</b> <b>Lone Stars &amp; Stripes</b> <b>Fireworks at Lone Star Park</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11  <b>City Offices Closed</b>
12	13	14  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	15	16	17	18
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**Yoga in the Park**


*Photo by Nikki Funderburk*

# AUGUST

2020

## SEPTEMBER 2020

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16	17	18  City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	19	20	21	22 
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Hatch Chile Fest Photo by Gladys Sosa



**Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark**

*Live Life Grand*

# SEPTEMBER 2020

## OCTOBER 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Epic Waters</b> Photo by Bob Fitch</p>	<b>1</b>  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Labor Day</b> City Offices Closed GPISD Student Holiday	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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## Heat Wave

*Photo by Bob Fitch*

# OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER 2020

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 <p><b>Fire Next Gen</b> <i>Photo by Claudia Garibay</i></p>				1	2	3
4	5	6  National Night Out	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
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 BOO! Halloween <b>Grand Prairie</b> TEXAS



**FireHouse Gastro Park**



*Photo by City of Grand Prairie Staff*



# NOVEMBER 2020

## DECEMBER 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prairie Lights Open Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	<b>27</b> City Offices Closed	<b>28</b> 
GPISD Thanksgiving Break						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				FireHouse Gastro Park Photo by Gladys Sosa	

CELEBRATING THE SEASON



**Prairie Lights**  
*Live Life Grand*

# DECEMBER

2020

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 <p><b>Prairie Holiday</b> <i>Live Life Grand</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
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		<p><b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.</p>				
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				<p><b>Christmas Eve</b> City Offices Closed</p>	<p><b>Christmas Day</b> City Offices Closed</p>	
<b>GPISD Winter Break</b>						
27	28	29	30	31		
				<p><b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Prairie Lights</b> Last Day</p>		
<b>GPISD Winter Break</b>						





**Cheers to 2021!**

*Live Life Grand*

# 2021 AT A GLANCE

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## JUNE

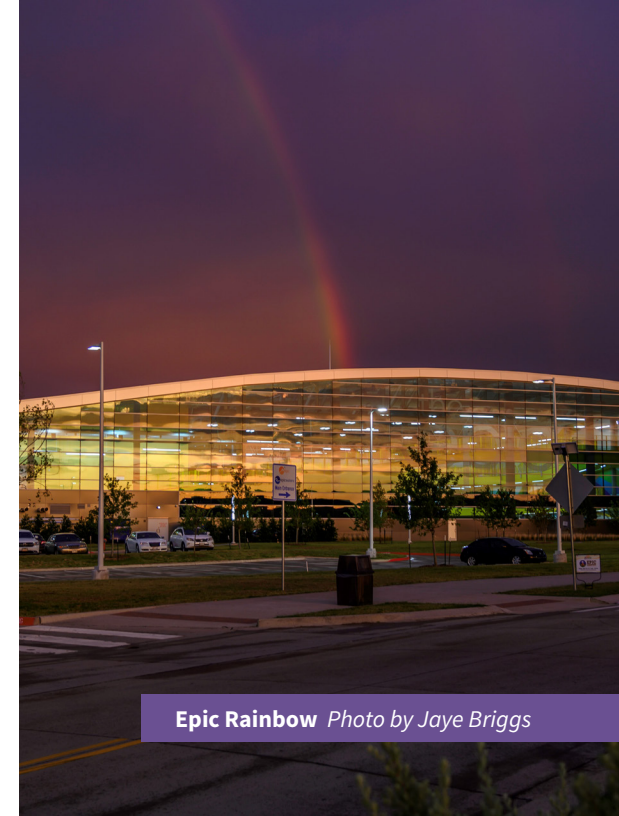
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## SEPTEMBER

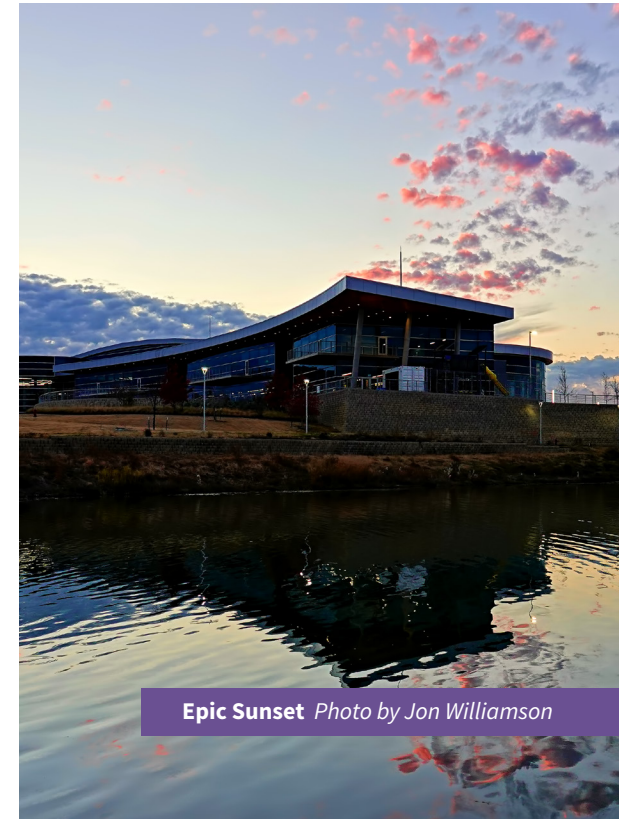
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Epic Rainbow Photo by Jaye Briggs



Epic Sunset Photo by Jon Williamson



**National Night Out**

*Photo by Rebecca Jensen*

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

Airport (Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591
Animal Services	972-237-8575
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-653-7099
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-884-1550
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	972-237-8086
Drivers License	972-343-2520
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

Grand Prairie Libraries	
Main Library	972-237-5700
Warmack Library	972-237-5770
Shotwell Library	972-237-7540
Marriage License - Dallas County	214-653-7099
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
School Districts	
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	817-884-1100
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

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# Bienvenidos



Día de los Muertos Photo by Eliseo Berumen

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Life* **GRAND  
PRAIRIE**