

*Live  
Life*

# GRAND PRAIRIE 2021



City Hall Central  
Photo by Sierra Godfrey

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

2020 was a most unusual year. The COVID-19 pandemic shut us down and canceled the many events and programs for which Grand Prairie is so well known. We learned to wear masks, socially distance, and my hands have never been cleaner. Almost all city employees are considered essential, and they kept working day and night to deliver our world class services, products and programs, often in new and innovative ways. I've said it all year, and believe it will make a huge difference as we venture into 2021...if you can be anything, be kind. Think of others. Take care of yourself and your family.

**Even during crisis, Grand Prairie continued to gather accolades, including:**

**94% of residents surveyed love our GP quality of life** - City phone survey

**#3 Happiest City in Texas** - *WalletHub.com*

**#17 Best City to be Stuck at Home** - *LawnStarter.com*

**#8 Best Staycation in USA** - *WalletHub.com*

**#1 Farmers Market In Texas** - *American Farmland Trust*

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 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Opened PlayGrand Adventures, a playground for people of all abilities.
- Managed operations during the COVID19 pandemic to reduce impact.
- Offered free COVID19 testing to people who live and work in Grand Prairie for 24 weeks, conducting about 15,000 tests.
- Promoted the 2020 Census to count Grand Prairie residents, securing vital federal funding.
- Voters passed the ¼ cent Crime Control District Sales Tax.
- Secured Chicken N Pickle to build its first destination restaurant and entertainment center in North Texas, featuring pickleball courts and farm fresh chicken cuisine, pulled pork and burgers in Epic Central.
- Added Community Inclusion Coordinator to City Manager's Office to oversee city's inclusion, diversity, equality and justice efforts.
- Celebrated Mayor Jensen's 70th birthday with 70 days and 70 ways residents could support our community.
- Increased homestead exemption from 7.5% to 10% reducing property tax impact to citizens.
- Moved into newly rebuilt Fire Station #4 (Feb 2020).

## TOP 2021 GOALS

- Through a private-public partnership, develop two hotels with a conference center and restaurant row in Epic Central Park.
- Re-open The Summit Jan 2, 2021 with pandemic health and safety protocols in place.
- Offer glamping in Yurts at Loyd Park.
- Expand parking at Warmack Library.
- Move into newly constructed Fire Station #3.
- Open additional lanes on SH360 from I-20 to I-30.
- Open City Hall East (former Development Center) featuring development and public works services.
- Design Dechman Street extension from Westchester to Bardin.
- Implement new online permitting software for Planning, Zoning, Building Inspections and Code Compliance.
- Implement new highway safety apparatus in Fire Department for enhanced roadway safety.



## 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*

**Cheryl DeLeon, Deputy City Manager  
Tom Hart, City Manager  
Bill Hills, Deputy City Manager  
Steve Dye, Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer  
Andrew Fortune, Assistant to the City Manager**





**Adventures at Asia Times Square**

*Photo by Jovelyn Roden*

# JANUARY

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 <p><b>Asia Times Square</b> <i>Photo by Matthew Loh</i></p>					<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Day</b> City Offices Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.</p>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> City Offices Closed</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.</p>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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**Bowles Park Foggy Trail**

*Photo by Bob Fitch*



# FEBRUARY

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<b>Badges and Books</b> <i>Photo by Mark Beseda</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>Valentine's Day</b>	<b>President's Day</b>					
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Fired up! Photo by Claudia Garibay



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28	29	30	31		 <p> <b>Welcome Katrina, first female Hispanic GP Firefighter</b>  <i>Photo by Claudia Garibay</i> </p>	



**#1 Farmers Market in Texas**

*Photo by Chris Chastain*

# APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Farm fresh food</b> <i>Photo by Nikki Funderburk</i></p>				1	2  Good Friday	3
4  Easter	5	6  City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	7	8	9	10
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**Serve and protect**

*Photo by Mark Beseda*

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 <p><b>Wedding Ready at Ruthe Jackson Center</b> <i>Photo by Nikki Funderburk</i></p>						<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>City Election Day</b> <a href="http://gptx.org/elections">gptx.org/elections</a></p>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Cinco de Mayo</b></p>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>30</b>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> City Offices Closed</p>					



**Happy Campers at Loyd Park**

*Photo by Chris Chastain*

# JUNE

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<b>20</b>  Father's Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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Flutter by  
 Warmack Library  
 Photo by Gladys Sosa



**Lakeside at Lynn Creek Park**

*Photo by Chris Chastain*





**Go Places at the Grand Prairie Tourist Center**  
*Photo by Gladys Sosa*

# JULY

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**AUGUST 2021**

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4  Independence Day	5  Holiday City Offices Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13  City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	14	15	16	17
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**Downtown Mural**

*Photo by Gladys Sosa*



**Fish Creek Trail**  
 Photo by Nikki Funderburk

# AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER 2021

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**PlayGrand Adventures in Epic Central**  
*Photo by Chris Chastain*

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 <p><b>Play Fully at PlayGrand</b> Photo by Nikki Funderburk</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6  <b>Labor Day</b> City Offices Closed	7  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21  <b>City Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.	22	23	24	25
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**Fish Creek Linear Park Trail**

*Photo by Adrian Pedersen*

# OCTOBER

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 <p><b>Cold Ducks</b> <i>Photo by Karen Cox</i></p>					1	2
3	4	5  National Night Out	6	7	8	9
10	11	12  City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	13	14	15	16
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31 BOO! Halloween						



**Día de los Muertos**

*Photo by Valerie Spears*



# NOVEMBER 2021

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7 Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving City Offices Closed	26 City Offices Closed	27
28	29	30		Celebrate and Honor Photo by Eliseo Berumen		



**Start the New You Now**

*Photo by Live Life Grand*

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 <p><b>Pickleball Prairie Popular</b> <i>Photo by Live Life Grand</i></p>			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14  City Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24  Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25  Christmas Day
26	27  Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed	28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve	



**Happy Birthday 2022!**  
*Photo by Live Life Grand*

# 2022 AT A GLANCE

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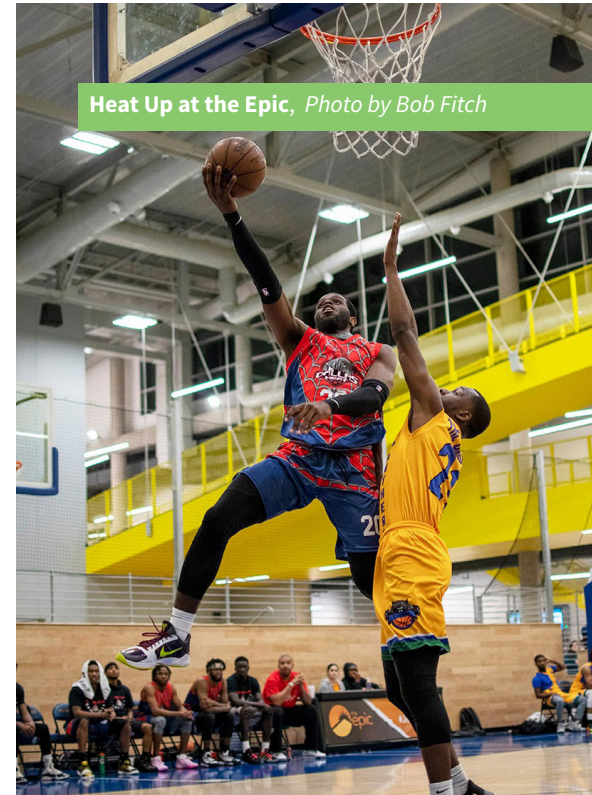
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Cool Off at Epic Waters, Photo by Live Life Grand



Heat Up at the Epic, Photo by Bob Fitch



**Leap**

*Photo by Lorenzo Pipkin*

## 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 Compliance	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 (Parkland)	214-266-3400
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	817-884-1550
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	972-237-8527
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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