

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Hobby Lobby will open a store on the east side of SH 161 next to Kohls with an opening scheduled for the end of 2022. **Dutch Brothers Coffee** will open in late summer 2022 just north of Twin Peaks on SH 161 and **Lucky's Hot Chicken** is building a restaurant just north of Dutch Brothers. **Salad N Go** will open on the east side of SH 161 and Warrior Trail. **Rosa's Mexican Café** will open on the southwest corner of Mayfield and SH 161, **Bahama Bucks** shaved ice company will open on SH 161 just south of Forum and **Tropical Smoothie Café** will open on Camp Wisdom west of Lake Ridge. A groundbreaking is expected in late 2022 on an **Alamo Drafthouse** movie house, restaurant and brewery near SH 360 and I-20. **Siemens** will invest \$10 million to expand its Grand Prairie manufacturing hub adding 25,000 additional square feet of space to its existing 750-employee facility. The plant manufactures circuit breakers and equipment that supports power infrastructure in some of the country's data centers, industrial sites and health care facilities. The expansion is scheduled to be complete by late 2023.



The city now owns the Calvary Baptist Church campus downtown just west of the City Hall complex and a Request For Expressions Of Interest (RFEI) has been issued to solicit ideas from developers about their vision for the site. The Bella Vista Hotel on Main Street just east of SH 161 is also now owned by the city. It is in the process of being razed with the goal of future redevelopment toward the continued revitalization of the downtown corridor.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for 5-mile bike rides. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride. Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21 - Grand Peninsula Ride
 Dalton Elementary
 2607 N. Grand Peninsula Dr.



Thursday, May 26 - Lone Star/Campion Trail Ride
 Alliance Skatepark, 1002 Lone Star Parkway

**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
 GENERAL ELECTION
 MAY 7, 2022**



The general election will be held May 7, 2022 with the following on the ballot:

Mayor

Ron Jensen
 Rabbi DeLeslie

Council Member District 2

Jacquín Headen
 Lazaro Gonzalez
 Dennis King

Council Member District 4

John Lopez

All offices are for a three-year term.

Early voting by personal appearance:
 April 25-May 3, 2022

Election day voting: May 7, 2022.

Election locations and information:

Dallas county

<https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/early-voting-information/>

Tarrant County

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/Upcoming-Election-Information/Early-Voting-Reports.html>

Ellis County

<https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/629/Upcoming-Elections>

CRAWFISH BOIL

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Enjoy a crawfish boil, water and soda garden, live music, gift market, arts and crafts, and games at Market Square. Tasty authentic crawfish prepared by Dustin Clement's Heads or Tails Cajun Crawfish will be sold for \$10 a pound while supplies last, and will be accompanied with potatoes and corn. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. - noon
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Kick off the summer by joining the Summer Reading Club and have fun with face painters, photos with favorite characters, ocean-themed activities and so much more. The library will be offering free programs for all ages all summer long that you won't want to miss. And don't forget to turn in your reading logs in exchange for the chance to win prizes!



GPPD FREE SUMMER SPORTS CAMP



July 11-28, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Grand Prairie High School
101 Gopher Blvd.

The Grand Prairie Police Department will host the GPPD Summer Sports Camp for children ages 8 - 16 years old ONLY (all skills levels).

The camp, run by Grand Prairie Police Officers, will provide a healthy environment using physical activity to create bonds between students and officers, outside of the school setting.

The camp is free of charge and lunch will be provided free of charge.

Proper attire: Shorts or leggings, T-shirts, proper cleats, or basketball shoes. Shin guards suggested for soccer players.

Participants are required to bring their own water bottles.

Daily Schedule:

- Soccer 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Basketball 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Football 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

All lunches will be served during the GPISD summer meal program times.

Registration will open in May 2022. Register: grandprairiepolice.org

FARMERS MARKET



Market Square, 120 W. Main St.
Open Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables and more. For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket.

VOLUNTEER FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Applications are now being accepted for appointments to city boards and commissions. Volunteer members of boards and commissions act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on issues such as housing, parks, development, public health and aging. Apply online at gptx.org/Boards-and-Commissions by June 10, 2022. For more information, call 972-237-8035 or email GPCitySecretary@gptx.org.



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

May 14, 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: gptx.org/electronics-recycling or 972-237-8159



Accepted: computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players, TVs (no exposed parts please), cellphones

Not accepted: hazardous materials, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners, refrigerators

Grand Prairie residents can also bring their recyclables to the landfill any time Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

May 14, 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: 972-237-8055 or online at gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

No commercial waste will be accepted.



HOME REPAIR HELP FOR SENIORS

Seniors age 60 and older who own and occupy their home and meet certain income and other guidelines may qualify for repairs to deteriorated conditions on their home. The program focuses on HUD approved rehabilitation standards and health/safety concerns. Remodeling and cosmetic updates are not allowed. For more information call Housing and Neighborhood Services 972-237-8173.



gptx.org | [YouTube.com/cityofgptx](https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofgptx)



| [Facebook/cityofgptx](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgptx)



| [Twitter\(@gp_tx\)](https://twitter.com/gp_tx)



UPTOWN THEATER

Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-237-8786 or visit uptowntheatergp.com:

Cruising Steady: The Music and Friendship of Aretha Franklin and Smokey Robinson
Saturday, May 7

Bonnie & Clyde: A Musical Comedy
Friday, May 13



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



Monday, May 30

Gather at 9:30 a.m.

Ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

Veterans Memorial, 925 Conover Dr.

Join us for the city's annual Memorial Day Celebration! This year's Memorial Day will be hosted in-person as well as live-streamed on the GrandFunGP Facebook page. Join us as we take this time to honor the service of our veterans and their families who have sacrificed to protect and defend this country. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

SPRING CLEANUP - PARKS AND TRAILS

Celebrate Park and Trails Cleanup Month with Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful during the month of May! We have many ways for you to get involved, including free kayak rentals for our event on Saturday, May 14. Visit our website for more information and to register for events: <http://bttr.im/i2cc2>

NEW ZONE AT PLAYGRAND ADVENTURES

Construction of a new play zone is underway at PlayGrand Adventures at EpicCentral. Tranquil Adventures will offer a passive place intended for gathering and repose, where over-stimulation and excitement can be calmed with imaginary play within a tranquil and separated zone while maintaining a social atmosphere that might encourage personal interaction. This zone will offer whimsical playhouses, a sensory art wall, spinning, and a play hill that will allow an individual to maintain their attention to their tasks which is so important in play.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation for future growth, visit PlayGrandAdventures.com.

STREETS AND READS

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.-noon

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Get swept up in reading with the city's streets and water departments as they show us how their heavy equipment works and demonstrate how they keep us safe. See how a streetlight is changed using a bucket truck, watch how tree limbs are picked up by the brush truck, learn what problems stormwater and flooding can cause, and see the wastewater camera truck. Plus a whole lot more! This program will take place outside.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EPIC WATERS



Enjoy these spring events at Epic Waters indoor waterpark, 2970 Epic Place:

Mother's Day - May 8

Enjoy a day of Mommy and Me activities, food and beverage specials, and even a keepsake item for you to remember your day (while supplies last).

Memorial Day - May 30

Gather up your crew and spend your Memorial Day at Epic Waters as we remember those who honorably served our country. Our Epic Crew will be serving up delicious food specials, hosting exciting activities and entertainment, and much more. Don't forget, all veterans and active military personnel can enjoy 15% off their regularly priced admission ticket with our Epic Heroes discount.

For more information, visit EpicWatersGP.com

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Come enjoy a pop-up, come-and-go art gallery at the library featuring a diverse range of local and prominent artists as they tell their stories and community experiences through their art. No registration required, please email Josh at jrudd@gptx.org for questions.

LAWN CARE - DON'T BAG IT!

As we return to spring and the promise of green lawns, the immediate thought might be, “What do I do with the grass clippings I will be collecting?” The short answer is don’t collect it. By leaving the clippings on the lawn and allowing them to work their way back into the soil, you will help produce a naturally good looking lawn. There is no need for chemical fertilizers if done consistently. The rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the leaf surface at any one time. For example; common Bermuda grass when 2-1/4” or less, should be mowed at a setting of 1-1/2”.

If your lawn has started sprouting weeds already, apply the mowing principles mentioned, and bag the weeds and grass clippings collected for your compost pile, as this is rich in nitrogen and is an essential component of composting. The composted material in turn provides a valuable natural soil amendment that can be used in your garden and also on your lawn as needed to reduce weeds. This continuous cycle provides an effective way to manage your yard waste. For more information on Don’t Bag It!, yard waste or composting classes, please see the city website at gptx.org/composting.

FLOOD SAFETY

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. It is the most common natural disaster in the United States. Here are some quick tips to practice flood safety for the upcoming rainy season

- Evacuate when advised by authorities or if you are in a flood or flash flood prone area
- Never drive or walk-through flooded streets; Do not go through flood waters
- Make a family emergency communication plan including pets
- Have emergency supplies at home, at work, and in the car
- Know what to do before, during, and after a flood
- Flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect
- Listen to local officials by radio, TV or social media

Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org



Grand Prairie
— T E X A S —
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MONITOR AND MANAGE WATER USE

Grand Prairie water customers can monitor and manage water usage from the H2Know online portal 24/7 on their personal computers and mobile devices. The H2Know system measures and transmits hourly water usage data.



With H2Know customers can:

- Receive automatic alerts of higher than normal usage
- Establish monthly budget with alerts when reached maximum total
- Identify high usage and suspected leaks with precise meter readings
- Monitor usage patterns such as irrigation to better manage frequency and time
- Save water and money!

To access H2Know, register at gptx.org/H2Know

DO I NEED A PERMIT?



Visit gptx.org/codecompliance for:

- Online garage sale permits: Starting Jan. 1, 2022 all Garage Sale Permit applications will go through a review process. Please Allow 24 hours for approval before printing your permit. Permits must be printed from the dashboard on the city website.
- Banner sign application

Visit gptx.org/buildinginspections for:

- Construction permit
- Certificate of occupancy
- Business sign applications

REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS



Receive alerts about severe weather, emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the City of Grand Prairie's emergency notification system, AlertGP.

This system enables the city to provide critical information quickly in various situations such as severe weather, unexpected road closures and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phone, email address, or through text message. Subscribe to AlertGP for FREE at gptx.org/AlertGP.