

## WATER SHOW INSTALLATION AT EPIC CENTRAL

Installation of the water show at EpicCentral will begin soon, with completion expected in late summer 2022.

To begin the process, the lake with the Willow Tree artwork in it between The Summit and the Public Safety Building will be partially drained in mid to late February. The city will drain about three feet of water, leaving about five feet of water in the center of the lake so that the fish do not have to be relocated. The city's Parks, Arts & Recreation Department has worked closely with an aquatic life consultant to ensure conditions remain safe for the fish. The lower water level will allow workers to install the foundation and mechanics for the water show.

Outside the Lines (OTL), a design-build specialty construction company, designed the water show and is also installing it. OTL is an industry leader in creating one-of-a-kind water features, rock work, and themed environments worldwide. Details about the water show will be released summer 2022.



## FARMERS MARKET SEASON GRAND OPENING



Market Square, 120 W. Main St.  
Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Farmers Market in downtown Grand Prairie will reopen for the season featuring your favorite returning vendors as well as several new vendors and live entertainment! The market will open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays through mid-December.

For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit [GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket](http://GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket).

## THE BIG EVENT



Sign up before March 1, 2022 at [gptx.org/bigevent](http://gptx.org/bigevent) with a service project or to volunteer at the Grand Prairie Big Event from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 26, 2022. Teams of volunteers will help residents with qualifying service projects in this one-day city-wide community service project aimed to help those in need. Volunteers are preferred in pre-established groups, but smaller groups and individuals may also volunteer. Jobs may include yard work, spring-cleaning or litter patrol, or other work outside a home that requires no power tools. All jobs are vetted in advance, in Grand Prairie, one-time only.

## SPRING INTO GARDENING



Learn more about gardening and work on some fun plant-related activities. To register, email Josh at [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org). Classes will be 2-3 p.m. at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

**March 19** - Growing with Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful

**April 9** - Native flowers for pollinators

**May 7** - Terrarium building

## PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PUTTING GARBAGE OUT TOO EARLY

Putting garbage or recyclables at the curb too early for garbage collection is a city code violation. Placing these items out days before scheduled times causes litter to scatter, attracts animals and is aesthetically unpleasing. All garbage and recycling must be put out by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day but no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before your collection day.

*UDC Sec. 26-111(4)*

## FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, March 5, April 9, 9-11 a.m.  
City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: [gptx.org/electronics-recycling](http://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

Saturday, March 5, April 9, 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](http://gptx.org/WQ/HHW).

No commercial waste will be accepted.



## TOP 10 BENEFITS OF GROWING A VEGETABLE GARDEN

1. Save Money – The KGPB Garden Program is free to join and we provide the seeds, bed space, and supplies
2. Exercise – Maintaining a vegetable garden really does count as exercise
3. Mental Health – Spending time outdoors can increase happiness and reduce stress
4. Nutrients – Homegrown veggies have more vitamins and minerals than veggies that have traveled hundreds to thousands of miles to the grocery store
5. Safety - You know what's in your food
6. Environment - Minimize your carbon footprint by eating locally
7. Reduce Waste - Recycle your kitchen scraps into gardener's gold through composting
8. Picky eaters – Children are more likely to try a new vegetable if they helped to grow it
9. Community – Meet cool people in a socially distanced outdoor space
10. Charity – Help feed Grand Prairie's hungry by donating 10% of your harvest to a local food pantry

Don't have the space for a garden? The Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Community Garden Program has space for you! The program is free to join and all supplies are provided. We just ask that you donate 10% of what you grow to a local food pantry. Visit [gptx.org/kgpb](http://gptx.org/kgpb), email [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org) or call 972-237-4546 to get started.

## TRASH OFF

Saturday, April 2  
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Clean house and get rid of your junk during Trash Off. Residents are allowed an unlimited number of trips to the landfill. Trash Off is a great way to dispose of all those bulky items that won't fit in the garbage!

Proof of residence in the form of a current water bill or driver's license is required.

### Special Fee Information

We will accept automobile tires for a \$1 disposal fee. Disposal fees of \$5 or \$10 are required for larger tractor/trailer tires.

We accept computers, printers and fax machines.

Construction and roofing material will be accepted from commercial businesses for a fee of \$32 per ton. (Contractors may not use this day to avoid paying Landfill fees).

Call 972-237-8330 for more information.

A graphic for the 'Healthy Pandemic Habits Art Contest'. It features a stylized house outline with a heart and a person running inside. Text includes 'HEALTHY PANDEMIC HABITS ART CONTEST', 'Submission deadline: March 18', and a QR code with 'SCAN HERE'.

GetFit GP has just the thing to get you out of your creative funk! We invite you to show healthy habits you have started during the pandemic. Contest is open to all ages. All forms of art are accepted. Art must incorporate GetFit GP logo. For complete guidelines, visit [gptx.org/getfitpartcontest](http://gptx.org/getfitpartcontest) or call 972-237-8055.



## 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](http://uptowntheatergp.com):

### Melody Von Beethoven

Presented by Rhythmic Souls Tap Company  
Sunday, March 6

### Cabaret (for mature audiences)

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council  
March 18-27

### Cruising Steady: The Music and Friendship of Aretha Franklin and Smokey Robinson

Saturday, May 7



## LIBRARY EVENTS

### Preschool & Kinder Ready

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom  
Thursdays at 1 p.m.  
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.  
And they're off! Watch your child become more independent and confident as they start initiating games and play, carrying on conversations, telling simple stories and making predictions. To register for the Zoom programs, please go to: [rebrand.ly/PSKRZOOM](http://rebrand.ly/PSKRZOOM). For children ages 4-6 years old.

### Skate, Pedal and Roll

Thursday, March 17, 4-6 p.m.  
Ages 5 and up  
Shotwell Library/Bowles Park  
2750 Graham St.  
Bring your bike, roller skates or skateboard to Bowles Park for some fun activities on wheels. Helmets required. Email Camille at [cplemmons@gptx.org](mailto:cplemmons@gptx.org) for information.

### Late Night at the Library

Select Fridays from 6-8 p.m.  
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.  
Join us for these fun programs to wind down from the week with other adults. All Late Night at the Library events are for ages 21 and up and there will be a \$5 cash-at-the-door cost. To register, email Josh at [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org).  
March 11: Wine and Craft  
April 22: Pub Trivia

## LIBRARY CARDS

Grand Prairie library cards are free to all, no matter where you live or work. There are two ways to get a card:

- Apply for a physical card at any library location. You'll receive your card right away.
- Apply online at [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library) to receive a card number by email within 24 hours. This is a great option for users who mainly want to access the ebooks and streaming media of our eBranch. For assistance, call 972-237-5707.

## Ozone Season

What it is and what you can do to help.



### What is it?

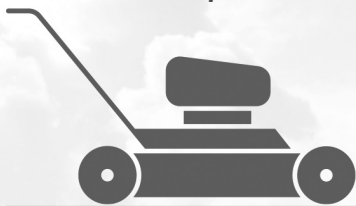
Ozone season is a period from March through November in which ground level ozone occurs when pollutants emitted by cars and other sources chemically react in the pressure of sun light.

### What does it mean for you?

All the accumulating air pollutants can cause sore throat, inflame and damage airways, and aggravate lung diseases such as asthma.

### What you can do

Have a simple and clean spring!



Mow in the evenings.

Use environmentally safe paints and cleaning products.



Fuel your car early in the morning or late at night.

## INSURE YOUR PROPERTY FOR FLOODING

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Residents that live in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)/Floodplain are required to buy flood insurance if they have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender, but anyone who lives in Grand Prairie, including renters, can purchase NFIP flood insurance. Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover flood damage and unfortunately, many property owners do not find out until it's too late that their policies do not cover flooding. Following the 2015 Grand Prairie flood events, 90 percent of flood damages reported to the city were outside the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). So what can you do? Purchase flood insurance. Every property is vulnerable to a flood and flooding can happen anywhere, at any time. That's why it's important to secure flood insurance, even if you live in an area with low-to-moderate flooding risk. NFIP defines covered flooding as any temporary event where the surface of normally dry land is partially or completely underwater, affecting two or more acres of land, or two or more properties.

Flooding can be caused by:

- Overflow of inland (lake or river) or coastal waters
- Pooling or runoff of surface waters from any source, such as heavy rainfall
- Mudflows
- Collapse of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water due to wave or water currents

The NFIP offers a separate policy that protects your single most important financial asset— your home or business. A specific FEMA flood insurance rider must be purchased through an insurance agent to obtain these policies, but City of Grand Prairie residents can get a 25% discount on this policy due to its participation and rating in the Community Rating System. Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies and agents and is backed by the federal government. Typically, a 30-day waiting period is required when purchasing a new policy but here are a couple of exceptions:

- If you initially purchased flood insurance while securing, adjusting, or renewing a loan for your property, there is no waiting period.
- Coverage goes into effect when the loan is closed and if you live in an area newly affected by a flood risk map change.

Additionally, the 30-day waiting period may not apply if your property experiences flood damage caused by wildfire in your community. Keeping these exceptions in mind, plan so you are not caught without insurance. The policy does not cover losses caused by a flood that occurred prior to the policy becoming effective. In addition, you cannot increase your insurance coverage once a flood has begun.

More information about obtaining flood insurance can be found by contacting your insurance agent or visiting: [floodsmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider](http://floodsmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider) and more info on the city of Grand Prairie's flood management and CRS activities are available at [gptx.org/floodplain](http://gptx.org/floodplain).

## 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](http://gptx.org/AlertGP).

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## LEARN THE SIGNS OF, AND BASIC TREATMENTS FOR FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA

Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers and toes.

- Signs: Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin.

- Actions: Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad.

Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

- Signs: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech or drowsiness.
- Actions: Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.
- Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or [oem@gptx.org](mailto:oem@gptx.org)



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