

PRAIRIE PULSE

November 2022



Pumpkin Decorating Contest Group Winner
Best Pumpkin Patch
Municipal Court - "Crazy Peanut Patch"

What's Inside

Nominate Employees

Awards Banquet set for January

Coat Drive for Kids

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Cyclin' with the Mayor

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Enjoy Live Music

Message from the Manager

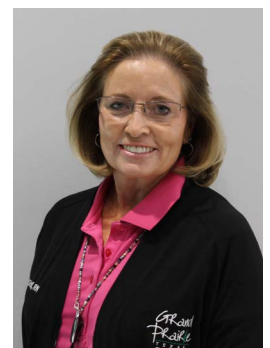
From City Manager Steve Dye

City Christmas Ornament

Available at the Tourist Center

New City Nurse

Employee health is important, the person that oversees such matters is Patricia Shull, the Public Health Nurse in the Public Health and Environmental Quality Department. Some of Patricia's work includes medical health education, analyzing health-related trends, and providing services for employees. The department has organized events for employee health in the past, Patricia mentioned an event at the landfill. "We had Mansfield Hospital nurses come out and *Continued on page 2*



Nominate Employees for Awards

Nominate employees for awards now until November 11.

Mark your calendar for the Employee Award Banquet on Jan. 26, 2023.

[Employee Awards Nomination Form](#)



Upcoming Events

Saturdays through Dec. 10

8 a.m.-1 p.m. **The Market will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 26**
Farmers Market
120 W. Main St.

Weekends through Dec. 17

Quarter Horse Racing
Lone Star Park
1000 Lone Star Parkway
lonestarpark.com

Wednesdays through Dec. 14

Yoga for All
6-6:45 p.m.
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.
Bring your own mat or towel
To register, email:
aholstead@gptx.org

Saturday, Nov. 5

The Thunder Rolls
Garth Brooks Impersonator Show
6:30 p.m.
Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.
[Purchase Tickets](#)

Friday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Veterans Park
925 Conover Dr.
[Watch virtually on Facebook](#)

Saturday, Nov. 12

Free COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Clinic
Noon-3 p.m.
Veterans Park Event Center
925 Conover Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 17 -Nov. 20

Grand Prairie Live
Experience live music across the city
[More information](#)

Nurse

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do heart education for men. Employees were very appreciative of that, and they really enjoyed it." Patricia and her department will continue to hold events targeting employee health. "Our focus here is medical health education and providing services for employees—we are going to offer screenings, like the biometric screenings that include blood pressure and cholesterol. We also want to offer public education especially on heart health, diabetes, pregnancy services, and maternal and child health."

For any health questions contact Patricia Shull at pshull@gptx.org or call her at 972-237-8509

Grand Prairie Live

Grand Prairie is celebrating the one year anniversary of becoming a Certified Music Friendly Community. Music lovers can experience live music in six different venues across the city.



Thursday, Nov. 17

Buscando Talento Con David Olivarez
Market Square
120 W. Main St.
7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Buscando Talento Con David Olivarez
Market Square
120 W. Main St.
10 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Squeezebox Bandits
Firehouse Gastro Park
321 W. Main St.
8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18

Intocable
Texas Trust CU Theatre
1001 Texas Trust Way
8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Selena
Uptown Theatre
120 E. Main St.
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 20

Los Palominos, Solido, Shelly Lares and Monica Saldivar
Traders Village
2602 Mayfield Rd.
Noon

New Development

Andretti Indoor Karting and Games will open a 96,000-square-foot facility of its newest design that will feature an indoor climate-controlled kart track, arcade, virtual reality games, laser tag and duckpin bowling. Plans are to open by end of 2023.

Bass Pro Shops will build a new 100,000-square-foot retail store, with a unique completely custom design, that will be the outdoor retailer's fifth location in the region and 15th location in Texas.

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Annual Enrollment

Annual enrollment for employee benefits:
November 7-23, 2022
Watch [Raving Fans](#) for more information

Cyclin' with the Mayor - Prairie Lights Ride

Monday, Nov. 21 • Ride begins at: 6 p.m.
Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway, 75052
Join Mayor Jensen for a ride through Prairie Lights. Gates open at 4:45 p.m. and close at 5:45 p.m.

Coat Drive for Kids

Help Collect 100 new coats and jeans for kids!
Now through 31, 2022
Sizes to fit kids K-12
Please bring your new coat with tags to:

- City Hall Central, 300 W. Main St.
- Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Benefiting Kids Inc.



New Development

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In the Epic East Town Crossing shopping center on the east side of SH 161 next to Kohls, **Hobby Lobby** will open a store in May 2023 and **Pop Shelf** will open a home goods, seasonal décor and party store in June 2023. **Lucky's Hot Chicken** is scheduled to open next to the new **Dutch Brothers Coffee** on SH 161. **Salad N Go** will open on the east side of SH 161 and Warrior Trail and **Rosa's Mexican Café** is scheduled to open on the southwest corner of Mayfield and SH 161. **Alamo Drafthouse** will open a movie house, restaurant and brewery near SH 360 and I-20 with construction beginning in early 2023. **Braums** will open a new 6,000-square-foot store on the north side of Camp Wisdom, east of Magna Carta. **Jersey Mike's** will open in the Epic West shopping center west of SH 161 and south of Mayfield. **Five Guys** will also open a restaurant in Epic West by January 2023.

In EpicCentral, at SH 161 and Warrior Trail, **Loop 9 BBQ** is opening in February 2023. Several other new restaurants will be opening through the end of 2023. **Bolder Adventure Park** is open inside a 66,000-square-foot air supported dome on Warrior Trail west of SH 161. Check gptx.org/epiccentral for updated information.

Integral Health Holdings will operate the rebranded **Grand Prairie Medical Center** at the site of the former Texas General Hospital west of Great Southwest Parkway and south of Jefferson. The former Texas AirHogs minor league baseball stadium is undergoing a privately funded \$13 million renovation and will open as a **Major League Cricket Stadium** in summer 2023 operated by USA Cricket and Major League Cricket. The 80,000-square-foot stadium near Lone Star Park is scheduled to include a new natural grass field, modification to the seating capacity and additional restrooms.

Message from the Manager

As we complete the first month of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 we have so much to be thankful for. There continues to be strong interest in Grand Prairie for commercial and retail economic development while we continue putting an equal focus on redevelopment. An enhanced Building Blocks program and an incentivization program for some of our city's blighted retail strip centers are among new programs coming forth soon.

We also have many new projects to look forward to this year. Some highlights include:

- Land has been secured to design and build a Fire Station No. 11 at US 287 and SH 360 (timeline to be determined).
- Fire Station No. 6 will be rebuilt
- A new city mobile app and text line will be launched
- The Main Library entrance and lobby will be remodeled
- A new water tower will be built on Robinson Road
- Davis Road will be realigned along with numerous other roadway projects

Also, I am pleased that we were able to offer merit increases beginning October 28 and we plan to continue to make employee compensation a priority for future budgets.

Thank you all for your dedication and the excellent service you provide. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend as we all have much to be thankful for!

Sincerely,



Steve Dye, City Manager

2022 Christmas Ornament

Celebrate the holidays with the 2022 Grand Prairie Christmas ornament. This year's ornament features downtown Main Street with art created by Anna Whitman.

Ornaments are \$17 and may be purchased at the Trunk Stop shop inside the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center, 2170 N. Belt Line Road. The Tourist Information Center is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The downtown design is also available on notecards, greeting cards, magnets and stickers for sale at the Trunk Stop shop.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 19

Coffee with a Cop

8:30 a.m.

The Woods United Methodist Church

1350 Bardin Road

Thursday, Nov. 20-Dec. 21

Prairie Lights

6-10 p.m.

Lynn Creek Park

5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

[Tickets and information](#)

Friday, Nov. 25-Dec. 11

Twas the Night Before...by

Cirque du Soleil

6-10 p.m.

Texas Trust CU Theatre

1001 Texas Trust Way

[Tickets and show times](#)

Thursday, Nov. 24

Grand Prairie 5K Turkey Trot

7-9 a.m.

Mike Lewis Park

2410 N. Carrier Parkway

Friday, Dec. 2

Christmas Tree Lighting and Ice Skating Rink Opens in City Hall Complex

6-7:30 p.m.

City Hall, 300 W. Main St.

Friday, Dec. 2-Dec. 11

A Christmas Story

7:30 p.m.

Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.

[Tickets](#)