



## WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

City of Grand Prairie outdoor warning sirens are tested at 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting. The sirens are in three zones, north, central and south. One zone is tested each month. Once per year, usually in March, all zones are tested at one time. For questions about outdoor warning sirens, contact Tonya Hunter, Emergency Management Coordinator, at 972-237-7595 or [thunter@gptx.org](mailto:thunter@gptx.org). For additional information on emergency preparedness, visit [www.gptx.org/disasters](http://www.gptx.org/disasters)

## DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

New school supplies and clothing/uniforms are being collected now through Aug. 12 to help kids in need return to school in August. From Pre-K to high school seniors, you can donate "Tools for Schools" at these Grand Prairie locations:

- United Charities**, 1417 Densman St.
- City Hall**, 317 College St.
- Main Library**, 901 Conover Dr.
- Warmack Branch Library**, 760 Bardin Rd.
- Bowles Life Center**, 2750 Graham St.
- Charley Taylor Recreation Center**, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd.
- Dalworth Recreation Center**, 2012 Spikes
- The Summit**, 2975 Esplanade



Check [www.gpsid.org](http://www.gpsid.org) to find school supply lists. Tools for Schools is a cooperative effort sponsored by Grand Prairie philanthropic and non-profit organizations, the city of Grand Prairie and GPISD.

## LEAVE YOUR 'FOOTPRINT' AT CENTRAL PARK

Help Grand Prairie manage, build, protect and preserve Central Park by becoming a Central Park Guardian. The Central Park Guardian fund will help improve and enhance the park's natural beauty and increase citizens' and guests' quality-of-life for many years to come.



## FARMERS MARKET

The new, expanded Farmers Market is now open on Thursdays 8 a.m. until sellout and Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Square, 120 W. Main St. (on the corner of Main and NW 2nd streets). Shop the market for fresh, locally grown produce, meat, poultry, eggs, honey, soaps, coffee, baked goods and more. Visit [www.gptx.org/farmersmarket](http://www.gptx.org/farmersmarket).

*Dream Big ★ Play Hard*

## HATCH CHILE FESTIVAL



**Saturday, August 21**  
Festival 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The world-famous crop, the hatch chile, makes its way to Grand Prairie! Come to Main Street in downtown for a day full of food, fun and entertainment.

- Cooking demonstrations by the Dread Head Chef
- Roasted chiles for sale
- Stage with entertainment
- Obstacle course and inflatables for the kids
- Arts and crafts
- Food, beer and wine

For more information, visit [www.GrandFunGP.com](http://www.GrandFunGP.com).

**This summer,  
puppies and kittens are here.  
Come adopt!**



**Prairie Paws Adoption Center**  
2222 W. Warrior Trail  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
972-237-8575



[gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws)

[www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)



## TRY OUT THE SUMMIT FREE!

*Grand Prairie's Premier 50+ Club*

One free day-pass to The Summit (for ages 50 and older)

Valid Monday – Friday after 3 p.m. or anytime Saturday and Sunday

Limit 2 guests per coupon • Offer expires: September 30, 2010

Guest 1:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

GP Resident? Yes No

Guest 2:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

GP Resident? Yes No



For more information about The Summit, call 972-237-4141 or visit  
[www.GrandFunGP.com](http://www.GrandFunGP.com)

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Grand Prairie's After School Programs will run Monday-Friday throughout the school year beginning, Monday, August 23, 2010. The Parks and Recreation Department offers three great locations for you to choose from:

### **Bowles Life Center, 2750 Graham St. • 972-237-7529**

Will pick up from Garcia, Travis, Fannin and Adams. Includes a daily snack, homework help, library and computer lab time as well as fun in the Bowles Aerobics Room, Game Room, and Gym. Fee is \$20/week per child.

### **Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road 972-264-6890**

Will pick up from Crockett and Hobbs. Activities include homework help and activities in the gym and game room. Fee is \$30/week per child.

### **Dalworth, 2012 Spikes • 972-264-7670**

Will pick up from Daniels, Roark and Anderson. Activities include homework time, snacks, organized games, crafts, movies, computers, field trips and more. Fee is \$30/week per child.

Each child is required to have a membership to the recreation center that they are attending. Please call for more details.

## PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON CITY HAZARD PLAN

The city of Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management has scheduled a public meeting on the development of the city's hazard mitigation action plan as part of a grant program administered by the Department of Homeland Security. Grand Prairie residents are invited to learn more about the hazard mitigation program and provide input into the planning process on **Thursday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.** at the City of Grand Prairie City Hall, City Council Chambers, 317 W College, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

For more information on the meeting or on hazard mitigation planning, contact Tonya Hunter, Emergency Management Coordinator, at 972-237-7595.

## LITTLE WOMEN AUDITIONS

The Grand Prairie Arts Council announces open auditions for *Little Women, the Musical*. Friday, July 30, 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, July 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Arts Council will be casting seven females ages 16-65 and four males age 16-70. No appointment is needed and you need to attend only one audition date. Rehearsals begin Aug. 9. Performances will be Sept. 23-26 and Sept. 30.-Oct. 3 at the Uptown Theater. For complete role and casting information, visit [www.artsgp.com](http://www.artsgp.com) or call 972-642-ARTS.

**TO REPORT GRAFFITI,  
CALL THE GRAFFITI  
BUSTERS HOTLINE  
972-237-8599**

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

The city of Grand Prairie is in the process of formulating the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, a tool that is used coordinate and guide development regulations for land use, transportation and public facilities. As part of this process, the city's Planning and Development Department will be holding a series of meetings to provide general information and obtain feedback. Meeting dates are:

**Thursday, July 22 • 7 p.m.**

Westridge Baptist Church, 1700 N. State Highway 161

**Tuesday, August 24 • 7 p.m.**

City Council Chambers, 317 W. College Street

For more information, call the Planning and Development Department, 972-237-8255.

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## NEW BRUSH PICKUP FEES

New brush pickup fees became effective on July 1. City brush crews travel the city from north to south every month picking up your brush that has been hauled to the curb. Once a month, crews will pick up 5 cubic yards (about the size of a small sub-compact car) or less of brush for free. Second pickups, out of schedule pickups and oversized pickups will be \$85 for each 5 cubic yards of brush. Following natural disasters, the fees will be waived as reasonable. The fees are added to your next water bill.



You may also discard your brush and yard trimmings with your regular garbage pickup. Tree limbs and brush must be less than 6 feet in length, bundled in no more than 50 pound bundles and placed next to your household garbage. Bagged leaves and shrubs will be collected with household garbage but not grass clippings.

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## SCHOOL ZONE FLASHER TESTING

School zone flashers will be tested on Monday, August 5, in preparation for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Did you know that veterans and their spouses may qualify for a pension to cover the cost of senior living?

- The Aid and Attendance Benefit is available for veterans and their spouses.
- Helps cover the cost of care and living in a senior community or your home.
- Please call **972-237-2515** to speak to our team of VA-trained personnel.

**2305 Corn Valley Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051 • 972-237-2515**

*A Grand Prairie Housing Finance Corporation property*

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## ART SHOW

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Grand Prairie Arts Council  
2010 Open Juried Art Show & Sale**

Exhibit dates are September 12 – 25, 2010 at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive, 75051. *More than \$3,000 in cash prizes will be available!*

The exhibition is open to all artists age 18 and older. All media will be considered including but not limited to oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed media, 3-dimensional, photography, drawing-all media, etc. Each artist may submit up to three entries for a \$30 entry fee. Entry postmark deadline is August 18, 2010.

An entry brochure is available online at [www.artsgp.com/Juried Art Show.htm](http://www.artsgp.com/JuriedArtShow.htm) or contact GPAC at 972-642-ARTS.

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## PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Amateur and professional photographers who live in Grand Prairie are invited to enter the 2011 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2010.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie:

- Entertainment attractions, parks, events
- City services, facilities, programs, employees at work
- Pretty places in Grand Prairie
- GPISD students, facilities, activities (only one month in calendar may feature the schools)

Format may be 8 x 10 inch print or 600 DPI TIF file on CD or e-mail with your name, address, phone number to [asprinkles@gptx.org](mailto:asprinkles@gptx.org). Prints can be returned if return address is on back of photo. Send entries to:

Amy Sprinkles  
Communications and Marketing  
City of Grand Prairie  
P.O. Box 534045  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053  
[asprinkles@gptx.org](mailto:asprinkles@gptx.org)

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## BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, Aug. 28 • 9 a.m.-noon  
**Grand Prairie High School**  
**101 High School Dr.**  
 For more information, call  
 972-891-4678

## DALWORTH CARNIVAL

Thursday, Aug. 19 • 4-6 p.m.  
**Dalworth Recreation Center**  
**2012 Spikes**  
 972-264-7670

### Kitten Sale!



Adopt two  
 kittens for  
 \$100 and  
 adoptee will  
 receive \$100  
 in medical vouchers.

Prairie Paws Adoption Center  
 2222 W. Warrior Trail  
 Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
 972-237-8575

[gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws)



Coupon redeemable  
 for a limited time.



GRAND PRAIRIE MEMORIAL GARDENS  
*And Mausoleum*

For a limited time, get a 10% discount  
 on all pre-need items at  
 Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens

3001 S. Belt Line Road  
 Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

Call 972-237-3001 for more details or visit  
[www.grandprairiememorialgardens.com](http://www.grandprairiememorialgardens.com)

## UPTOWN THEATER 2010-2011 ART SERIES

The historic Uptown Theater in downtown Grand Prairie, 120 E. Main St., has lined up an outstanding array of shows for its 2010-2011 Arts Series. Season tickets, which include all six shows, plus two bonus shows and an Indie Fest weekend pass, are on sale now at [www.uptowntheatergp.com](http://www.uptowntheatergp.com) or by calling 972-237-8272. Season tickets are \$175 for rows C-U and \$300 for rows A-B per person. Individual ticket sales will also be offered the week before each show.

**Trout Fishing in America** 8 p.m. Friday, July 30  
 Keith Grimwood (bass) and Ezra Edlet (guitar) are Trout Fishing in America. On the heels of their fourth Grammy nomination and the release of a children's book/CD, the duo bring fun and energy to the stage.

**Big Beats** 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14  
*The Summit, 2975 Esplanade*

The Big Beats were the first rock 'n' roll band to sign with Columbia Records and were an instant hit with their performance on Dick Clark's American Band Stand.

**Fall Indie Fest** Oct. 8-10

**Girls with Guitars** 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23

**Runt of the Litter**  
 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19  
 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20  
 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20

**Christmas on Main Street** 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3

**Improvised Shakespeare Company**  
 8 p.m. Friday, Jan., 21  
 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22  
 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22  
 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23

**Mother Load the Show**  
 8 p.m. Friday, April 1  
 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2  
 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2  
 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3

**Rhythmic Circus** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30

## KIRBY CREEK GARDEN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers at the city of Grand Prairie's Kirby Creek Nature Center are harvesting this summer's crop from the organic vegetable garden. Nature's bounty in all her vibrant colors is making an appearance in the form of zucchinis, tomatoes, sweet peppers, potatoes, squash and eggplant.

No experience is needed to volunteer, except the capacity to weed, till and amend the soil with compost, plant seeds, mulch and weed some more before harvest! Most volunteers typically include those who have completed 14 hours of Master Composter training over one weekend day and two evenings. An additional 40 hours of volunteering in the garden and other opportunities in the city, provides a path to certification as a city of Grand Prairie certified Master Composter. Master Composters receive instructional materials, and a Shepherd's bin (valued at \$25), to encourage backyard composting that can be shared with friends and neighbors.

For more information about signing up for the next Master Composter class (Oct. 7-9, 2010), volunteering at Kirby Creek or caring for your lawn and yard, please contact Vijit Singh at [vsingh@gptx.org](mailto:vsingh@gptx.org) or call Vijit at 972-237-8061.