

MAY 12, 2012

CRIME CONTROL SALES TAX

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - NOT A NEW TAX...

In 2007, voters approved a ¼ cent sales tax for a Crime District that was used to build the Police and Fire Public Safety Building, 1525 Arkansas Lane. State law requires such a tax initially can only be approved for five years, with the ability to ask voters to renew for 5, 10, 15 or 20 years.



Therefore, on the May 12 ballot, voters will be asked whether or not to continue the ¼ cent sales tax for 10 more years, which will be used to pay off the Public Safety Building debt.

Crime Control and Prevention District Referendum

What you'll see on the ballot: Whether the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten (10) years and the Crime Control and Prevention District Sales Tax should be continued for ten (10) years.

What that means: Voters will vote for or against continuing a ¼ cent sales tax for 10 more years to pay off the debt used to build the Police and Fire Public Safety Building.

- If the referendum is approved, Grand Prairie's sales tax does not increase. It stays 8.25%. The city would continue paying off the debt on the Public Safety Building using sales tax.
- If the referendum fails, the city would either have to cut about \$5 million a year from its budget and/or raise property taxes 3-6 cents for the next 10 to 20 years in order to pay off the building's debt. Sales tax would drop ¼ cent.
- People who shop in Grand Prairie help pay for the Public Safety Building by paying sales tax.
- When paid off, the ¼ cent sales tax would go away or voters could approve other uses.

For more info, visit: www.gptx.org/crimetax

12 de mayo de 2012

IMPUESTO SOBRE LAS VENTAS PARA EL CONTROL DEL DELITO

Edificio de Seguridad Pública No es un impuesto nuevo

En 2007, los votantes aprobaron un impuesto sobre las ventas de ¼ de centavo para crear un Distrito de Control y Prevención del Delito, que se usó para construir el Edificio de Seguridad Pública de la Policía y los Bomberos, ubicado en 1525 Arkansas Lane. La ley estatal establece que inicialmente ese impuesto solo puede aprobarse por cinco años, con la posibilidad de solicitar a los votantes que lo renueven por 5, 10, 15 ó 20 años.

Por lo tanto, en las elecciones del 12 de mayo, se consultará a los votantes si desean que continúe o no el impuesto sobre las ventas de ¼ de centavo por 10 años más, el cual se usará para cancelar la deuda de la construcción del Edificio de Seguridad Pública.

REFERÉNDUM SOBRE EL DISTRITO DE CONTROL Y PREVENCIÓN DEL DELITO

En la papeleta electoral usted encontrará lo siguiente: Si el Distrito de Control y Prevención del Delito de la ciudad de Grand Prairie, Texas, debe continuar por diez (10) años y si el impuesto sobre las ventas del Distrito de Control y Prevención del Delito debe continuar por diez (10) años.

Esto significa: Los votantes votarán a favor o en contra de continuar con un impuesto sobre las ventas de ¼ de centavo durante 10 años más para cancelar la deuda por la construcción del Edificio de Seguridad Pública de la Policía y los Bomberos.

- Si se aprueba el referéndum, el impuesto sobre las ventas de Grand Prairie no aumentará. Se mantendrá en 8.25%. La ciudad continuará cancelando la deuda de la construcción del Edificio de Seguridad Pública mediante el impuesto sobre las ventas.
- Si el referéndum fracasa, la ciudad deberá reducir aproximadamente \$5 millones anuales de su presupuesto o aumentar los impuestos sobre la propiedad entre 3 y 6 centavos durante los próximos 10 a 20 años para cancelar la deuda de la construcción del edificio. El impuesto sobre las ventas bajaría en ¼ de centavo.

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UPTOWN THEATER TICKETS ON SALE

Enjoy popular artists and diverse musical genres in the fabulous Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. Purchase tickets now for great events coming soon. For tickets, visit www.uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

The Foreigner

Starring Johnny Crawford from *The Rifleman*
Saturday, June 10 • 7:30 p.m.

America the Beautiful

Saturday, July 4, Friday, July 13, Saturday, July 14 • 7:30 p.m.

The Night the Music Died

Saturday, July 28, Sunday, July 29 • 7:30 p.m.

Rocky Mountain High: The World of John Denver

Sunday, Aug. 26 • 7:30 p.m.

British Invasion

Friday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 1 • 7:30 p.m.



MAIN STREET FESTIVAL APRIL 28

Saturday, April 28 • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

We're closing Main Street for good old fashioned fun at Farmers Market. Festival includes performances by Vince Vance and the Valiants, an art show, games, rides, bands, food, bounce houses, face painters, balloon artists, entertainment and arts and crafts. Admission and parking are free. Food, drink, art, crafts, gifts and Farmers Market wares are available for purchase. Tickets to the 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. showing of the Uptown Theater's "A Musical Tribute to Roy Rogers starring Roy Rogers Jr. and Dustin Rogers" are available for purchase in advance online at www.uptowntheatergp.com for \$30-\$35 each. For more information call 972-237-8100 or visit www.gptx.org/farmersmarket.



CRAWFISH BOIL MAY 12

Saturday, May 12 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Let the good times roll with a crawfish boil at Farmers Market Saturday, May 12. Crawfish will be accompanied by potatoes and corn. For more information call 972-237-8100 or visit www.gptx.org/farmersmarket.

FARMERS TABLE DINNER MAY 22

Tuesday, May 22, 6-10 p.m. • Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Chefs, local farmers and food artisans will join together to create a one-of-a-kind farm-to-table dinner. Set in Market Square, the elegant Farmer's Table will feature several of Farmers Market's finest chefs donating their time and talent to prepare a feast of food from Farmers Market in support of Farmers Market and downtown redevelopment.

Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$80 each for the collaborative dinner. Dinner will include wines, desserts and bountiful foods. Proceeds will benefit enhancing Farmers Market and downtown Grand Prairie. Invitations will be mailed the first of May. To RSVP and prepay, call 972-595-5402.

FARMERS MARKET

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

Get a fresh start every Saturday morning at the Farmers Market and enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, coffee, tea, tamales, jellies, relishes, grass-fed meats, homemade soaps, candles and more.

Upcoming events include:

- April 28 Main Street Festival
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 12 Crawfish Boil
- May 19 Arts Council Art Show
- May 22 Farmers Table
- May 26 Fresh Breads
- June 2 Homemade Pimento Cheese

FREE PET ADOPTIONS AT PRAIRIE PAWS



Cats and dogs will be "Staying Alive" at Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, 2222 W. Warrior Trail, as part of the **Saturday (and Friday) Night Fever** special promotion May 11-12, when we'll stay open late, extending hours until 8 p.m., and offer FREE adoptions.

Animals will be micro chipped and will receive 5-in-1 and kennel cough vaccinations for dogs and the 3-in-1 and kennel cough vaccinations for cats. For more information call 972-237-8575 or visit www.gptx.org/paws.

FREETOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Roadway, water and drainage infrastructure improvements are in progress for Freetown Road from Robinson Road to Carrier Parkway.

Freetown Road will be closed to through traffic during construction. For more information, visit www.gptx.org/freetown.

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- Las personas que compran en Grand Prairie ayudan a pagar el Edificio de Seguridad Pública con el pago del impuesto sobre las ventas.
- Cuando se cancele la deuda, el impuesto sobre las ventas de ¼ de centavo se eliminará o los votantes podrían aprobar otros usos.

Para obtener más información, visite: www.gptx.org/crimetax

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION MAY 28

Monday, May 28 • 10 a.m.

Grand Prairie Veterans Memorial, 925 W. Conover

Join the Parks and Recreation Department with a meaningful ceremony at the Veterans Memorial as we pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

The ceremony will feature a bagpiper, 21-gun salute, flyover, photo display, free lunch, free trees and military memorabilia for sale.

The Memorial Day Service is presented by the Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation Department, the Metro Rotary Club of Grand Prairie, the Grand Prairie Rotary Club and the Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum. For more information call 972-237-8100.



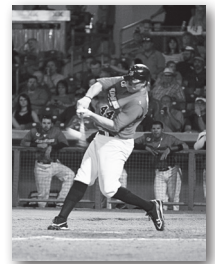
GREET VETERANS AT RUN FOR THE WALL

Residents are encouraged to line the south side of Interstate 20 and Great Southwest Parkway frontage road between 5-6 p.m. Saturday, May 19 to meet and greet 500 veterans of war as they Run for the Wall in a cross-country motorcycle ride that comes through Grand Prairie. Send them off on Sunday, May 20 8:30-9:30 a.m. by lining the south side of I-20 from Great Southwest Parkway to the Fish Creek/Dechman overpass. For more information call 972-641-2889.

AIRHOGS PARKS AND REC NIGHT

Monday, May 21,
and Thursday,
July 26 at 7:05 p.m.

QuikTrip Park
1600 Lone Star
Parkway



Join your Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation Department as the Grand Prairie AirHogs take on the El Paso Diablos. See how you can get your FREE tickets at www.GrandFunGP.com or by calling

4-GOV OPEN HOUSES

Saturday, June 2 • 9 a.m.-noon

Federal, state, county, city or school district employees working in Grand Prairie have the opportunity to view and purchase foreclosed homes.

For more information, visit www.gptx.org/4gov

HABITAT BLITZ BUILD

June 4-22

Volunteers are needed to construct two new homes in Grand Prairie for families in need. For more information call 972-237-8129 or 972-237-8168.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS 2 FOR 1 TICKETS ALL SUMMER LONG



Present this coupon at the box office at QuikTrip Park and receive two tickets to an AirHogs 2012 regular season game for the price of one.

Grand Prairie AirHogs Baseball
QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway
Tickets: 972-504-9383 or www.airhogsbaseball.com

CALL BEFORE PLACING ELECTRONICS ON CURB

Got TVs and computers to get rid of?

Just call 817-261-8812 for electronics pickup a day before your regular garbage collection day, set your electronics on the curb on your garbage day and let Grand Prairie Disposal do the rest.

Grand Prairie Disposal will pick up electronics at curbside so that they can be taken to a recycling facility. Responsibly handling electronics such as televisions and personal computers is important because they contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, copper and zinc, which can adversely affect the environment.

This is just one more way that the City of Grand Prairie is working to Expose our Green Side! For more information about electronics recycling call 972-237-8061.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH MAY 12

Celebrate all of the important women in your life with Mother's Day Brunch Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-noon at The Summit, 2975 Esplanade.

Mother's Day Brunch is open to The Summit members, as well as the general public. Treat your mother, wife, or friend to a special celebratory brunch for \$15 per person at The Summit's front desk in advance or \$20 per person on the day of the event. A delicious meal will be prepared by The Summit's Chef Ray. For more information call 972-237-4141.

SUMMIT AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

Experience the casual elegance of The Summit, 2975 Esplanade, for your next wedding or special event. The beautiful ballroom and patio are available to rent for any special occasion. According to one previous rental customer, "The Summit is an excellent place to hold any event, especially a wedding or reunion type of event. It's a gorgeous facility with affordable rates, and the staff is helpful, courteous, and well-prepared." For information call 972-237-4141.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp at Grand Prairie Recreation Centers for children ages 6-12 is June 11-Aug. 25. Camps are \$80 per week, \$75 per week for each additional child. Three locations are available:

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

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

Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St., 972-264-7670

Camps include field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, activities and games.

Pre-register now for \$20 to hold your child's spot in camp and get a T-shirt.

RECYCLING AT YOUR HOME

Free green recycling bins are still available at the following locations:

- Landfill, 1102 MacArthur Boulevard
- Prairie Paws, 2222 W. Warrior Trail
- City Hall, 317 College St
- Lake Parks Operations Center, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
- Fire Station #9, 315 Polo Road
- Bowles Life Center, 2750 Graham St.

Please be sure to pick up the "Expose Your Green Side!" brochure with your bin.

Why we use blue bags for recycling: The color is easily identifiable for the collector and the recyclables can be easily seen. Other bags that are black, brown, white and clear in color are more associated with trash. Such bags left in recycling bins, will not be picked up by the recycling truck.

Blue bags for recycling are available for purchase at several locations in Grand Prairie. This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change:

- Grand Prairie Ace Hardware, 222 S. Center Street - 972-262-4665
- Albertsons, 215 N. Carrier Parkway - 972-642-6555
- Savers Cost Plus (formerly Minyards), 1713 South Beltline Rd. - 972-642-3681

Recycling bins will be picked up by the collector, *anytime between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the day of your recycling service.* It is recommended that bins are put out before 7 a.m., and left out until 6 p.m. (if not picked up), as there is no fixed schedule for your street. Your cooperation and attention to this timing will provide for better service.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION

The next city Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events will be on Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, June 2, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W. Church St. Household and automotive batteries will be accepted as well as pharmaceuticals, motor oil, cooking oil, paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, and household, landscape and pool chemicals. We will not accept explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. No commercial waste will be accepted.

Registration is required. Register by calling 972-237-8055 or online at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW

GRAND PRAIRIE ARTS COUNCIL CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Grand Prairie Arts Council and Market Square announce the 2nd Annual Farmers Market / Market Square Juried Art Show and Sale Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Square, 125 W. Main St.

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Best of Show will be awarded in adult and student categories. All hanging media will be considered including but not limited to oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed-media, drawing, photography, etc. Artwork should focus on the theme: Farmers Market/Market Square. The exhibition is open to adults and secondary students. Entries must be received by May 12.

For official rules and an entry brochure go to: www.artsgp.com or call 972-642-2787.

MAYFEST MAY 19

Saturday, May 19 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Kirby Creek Park, 3303 Corn Valley

Nature and environmental displays, petting zoo, live entertainment and fun for the entire family.
