



## BUY ONE TICKET-GET ONE FREE

**The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas** - Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

First Weekend of Show Only: Thursday, Sept. 13-Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m.

or Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. • Call 972-642-ARTS or visit [www.artsgp.com](http://www.artsgp.com)



Original coupon (no copies) must be redeemed in person at the Uptown Theater Box Office. Coupon may not be redeemed over the phone or online. Coupon is good for one reserved seat ticket equal to the price of one full-price purchased ticket. May use for multiple buy one-get one free tickets made in one purchase. Coupon must be surrendered at time of purchase. Customer is responsible for any additional ticket costs including processing fees. No additional discounts apply when using coupon.



# THE PIPELINE

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## NEW LOCATION! - KID'S FISHING DAY AND FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH SEPT. 29

Saturday, Sept. 29 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Central Park, State Highway 161 between Arkansas Lane and Warrior Trail

### Kids Fishing Day

Kids ages 16 and younger are invited to Parks and Recreation's fall fishing event. Prizes will be awarded by age divisions (1-6, 7-11, 12-16) in the following categories: biggest fish, smallest fish and most fish caught. Anglers are encouraged to bring their own gear and bait. The lake will be stocked with catfish, but the waters are also home to other species. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first-come basis—while the supply lasts. While the event is free and no pre-registration is required, Parks and Recreation staff will be on hand to register kids in order for them to be eligible for prizes at the end of the event. Adults, or anyone 7 years or older, is welcome to fish after 2 p.m., or any day after the event providing they have a valid Texas fishing license.



### Flight of the Monarch

The migration of the monarch butterfly from North America to Central Mexico is one of the most incredible events in nature each year. Come celebrate this mysterious occasion with the city of Grand of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department at Central Park and support the Central Park Guardians. Activities will include: dedication of the butterfly garden at Central Park, kite flying, a kid zone, vendors, a contest/parade for butterfly costumes and music.



For more information call 972-237-8100 or visit [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com).

## QUARTER HORSE RACING BEGINS

Quarter horse racing at Lone Star Park is Friday, Sept. 14 - Saturday, Nov. 10. Races begin at 6:35 p.m. For more information, call 972-237-RACE or visit [www.lonestarpark.com](http://www.lonestarpark.com).

## SHOW YOUR LIBRARY CARD FOR DISCOUNTS

From Sept. 1-30, some Grand Prairie businesses will offer discounts to residents who show their library cards. The library celebrates National



Scan me with your smart phone

Library Card Signup Week by giving you more reasons to get "the smartest card." The cards are free of charge and available at any of Grand Prairie's public libraries. Some of the special deals offered with your library include:

- A free cup of coffee or tea of the day at the Brass Bean
- \$2 off of any combination ticket at the Palace of Wax/Ripley's Believe It or Not! and a 15% discount on other qualifying purchases including photo and snack bar.
- 25% off at the Tourist Center Gift Shop, 2170 N. Belt Line Road.

Watch the city's website, [www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org) for more information. Grand Prairie public libraries:

### Main Library

901 Conover Dr., 972-237-5700

### Betty Warmack Branch Library

760 Bardin Road, 972-237-5770

### Bowles Branch Library

2750 Graham St., 972-237-7540

## 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.uptowntheatergptx.com](http://www.uptowntheatergptx.com) or call 972-237-8786.

### The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council  
Thursday, Sept. 13-Sunday, Sept. 23

### Seussical

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council  
Thursday, Nov. 29-Saturday, Dec. 9

### Rocky Mountain High: The World of John Denver

Presented by Texas Family Musicals  
The night The Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show  
Friday, Aug. 26 • 7:30 p.m.

### British Invasion

Presented by Texas Family Musicals  
The night The Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show  
Friday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 1 • 7:30 p.m.



## THE GRAND PRAIRIE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

### THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS



Rated PG-13 for adult language  
and adult situations

This happy-go-lucky view of small town vice and statewide political side-stepping recounts the good times and the demise of *The Chicken Ranch* - known since the 1850s as one of the better pleasure palaces in all of Texas. Governors, senators, mayors and even victorious college football teams frequent Miss Mona's cozy bordello until that puritan nemesis Watchdog focuses his television cameras and his righteous indignation on the institution.

Sept. 13-15 and 20-22 at 8 p.m.  
Sept. 16 and 23 at 2 p.m.  
Uptown Theater, 120 East Main Street,  
Grand Prairie, 75050

Reserved Seat tickets \$11, \$16, and  
\$21 with student, senior citizen and  
group discounts available.

Tickets available online at  
[www.artsgp.com](http://www.artsgp.com) or by calling the  
Uptown Theater Box Office at  
972-237-UPTN.

For more information: 972-642-ARTS  
[www.artsgp.com](http://www.artsgp.com)

## COMEDY CLUB AT UPTOWN THEATER

Wednesdays through Sept. 26

Doors open at 7 p.m., Show begins at 8 p.m.  
Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.



Get a good laugh at the Graff Chevrolet Ultra Lounge  
Comedy Club featuring emcee Vince Vance on Wednesdays  
at the Uptown Theater.

Here's your chance to tell a joke, do a comic routine or just join the audience for loads of fun. Comedians will compete for the title of funniest comic, a chance to be a headliner, win prizes and cash awards. Take a load off your mind and have Vince Vance and his crazy comics make you laugh. For tickets, reservations or a comedy spot, email [dvoet@gptx.org](mailto:dvoet@gptx.org).

## TREASURE TRUNK SEPT. 28

Friday, Sept. 28 • The Summit, 2975 Esplanade

Want to make some extra money? Here is your chance. Join us for Treasure Trunk. Vendors will sell their goods out of their trunk and will be allowed to bring a small table that'll fit within their parking spot. The profit the vendor receives will be theirs to keep. A cost of \$25 will be required in order to reserve your spot. For more info call The Summit at 972-237-4147.

## MIXED UP BURGERS NOW AT AIRPORT



Mixed-Up Burgers (formerly known as Patty Shack Burgers) has changed their name, but still has the same amazing food, superior service and ownership. Their original location at 510 E. Ave. K Grand Prairie, has re-opened since the tornado and has expanded the restaurant to accommodate all of their customers. They also added their second location at the beautiful, new city of Grand Prairie Airport Terminal, 3116 S. Great Southwest Parkway. The airport location is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner whereas the original location serves up lunch and dinner. Visit their website [www.mixedupburgers.com](http://www.mixedupburgers.com) for more information.



GRAND PRAIRIE MEMORIAL GARDENS  
*And Mausoleum*

For a limited time, get a 10%  
discount on all pre-need items.

3001 S. Belt Line Road  
Offer expires October 31, 2012. Call  
972-237-3001 for more details or visit  
[GrandPrairieMemorialGardens.com](http://GrandPrairieMemorialGardens.com).

## MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS OCT. 11-13



9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12,  
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Pre-registration is required. Deadline is Oct. 1.  
\$25 registration fee for Grand Prairie residents.  
\$40 registration fee for non-residents.

Training locations (over three days):

Development Center, City Landfill, Kirby Creek Nature Center

Participants will receive:

Excellent training featuring nationally known instructor Larry Wilhelm  
Composting book  
Compost thermometer  
T-shirt and lunch on Saturday, Oct. 13

To register, call 972-237-8061, email [composting@gptx.org](mailto:composting@gptx.org)  
or register online at [www.gptx.org/composting](http://www.gptx.org/composting).

## FREE FALL GARDENING CLASSES

Are you interested in fall landscaping tips? Look no further than right here in your community at Charley Taylor Rec Center, 972-264-6890. As we approach our fall series, we have tips and tricks everyone can use. Join Susan Henson, City Horticulturalist and Certified Arborist, as she launches her informative sessions for the fall series. Please call 972-264-6890 to register.  
Sept. 6 – Fall Gardens Are Fun - Less work more fun!  
Sept. 13 – Landscape Design I - Learn the fundamentals of landscape design.  
Sept. 20 – Landscape Design II - Increase your home's value.  
Oct. 4 – Organic Gardening.



## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER SPECIAL AT ANIMAL SHELTER



School's out, the sun is shining and summer is in full swing. You've got nothing to do and nowhere to go...ah, the dog days of summer are upon us.

Add a little excitement into these lazy days with a new pet! There's finally a reason to look forward to these blistering days. Prairie Paws Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Trail, will run a

Dog Days of Summer special throughout the month of August and will offer \$20 off all dog and cat adoptions every day that it is hotter than 100 degrees. There's nothing cooler than rescuing a loveable pet from the shelter!

The Prairie Paws Adoption Center is open Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m. for lunch). For more information visit [www.gptx.org/paws](http://www.gptx.org/paws) or call 972-237-8575.

## PHOTO CONTEST FOR CITY CALENDAR

Amateur and professional photographers who live in Grand Prairie are invited to enter the 2012 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries will be accepted through Oct. 1, 2012. High resolution photos must feature Grand Prairie.

E-mail with your name, address, phone number to [asprinkles@gptx.org](mailto:asprinkles@gptx.org). Or mail prints to: Amy Sprinkles, Communications and Marketing, City of Grand Prairie, P.O. Box 534045, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053

## PROTECT AGAINST MOSQUITO BITES

Mosquito season in the Dallas-Fort Worth area typically runs from May to October, with peak activity in August. Defend yourself from West Nile Virus by using the 3Ds:

### Deet

Use insect repellents that contain DEET or any other EPA approved insect repellent.

### Dress

Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing outside during dusk and dawn hours.

### Drain

Remove all areas of standing water. Change water in wading pools, pet dishes and birdbaths several times a week.

For more information call Dallas County Health and Human Services at 214-819-2100 or visit [www.dallascounty.org/hhs](http://www.dallascounty.org/hhs).

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After-School program is a five-day-a-week program during the



school year that provides your child, ages 5-12, with homework time, a snack and recreation. Staff from Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 610 E. Grand Prairie Road, pick up from nearby Lee Elementary and offer van pick-ups from Bowie, Crockett and Williams. Children will be provided with snack, homework help, organized games, crafts, movies, computers and more. Payment is due weekly. Pickup will begin once liability form, membership fee, and first week fee is paid. The fee is \$20 per week for Lee Elementary School and \$30 per week for Bowie, Crockett and Williams. Call 972-264-6890 for more information.

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## FLOOD-RELATED ISSUES

### Drainage System Maintenance

It is illegal in the City of Grand Prairie to dump any type of debris into a canal, stream, river or drainage ditch. This debris can become entangled in culverts and shallow streambeds, canals or drainage ditches and impede drainage causing the flow of water to back up. Citizens of Grand Prairie should also keep drainage ditches on their property free of debris, foliage and vegetation that would impede the flow of water. Debris dumping should be reported to the City of Grand Prairie city's Public Works Department at 972-237-8154.

### Flood Information

Citizens of the City of Grand Prairie can obtain flood information concerning flooding, flood maps, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, flood insurance requirements and inquiries, and flood zone determinations from the City of Grand Prairie's Engineering Department located at the Development Center or by calling 972-237-8141.

Elevation Certificates of all properties in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's) are available and on file at the Office of the Engineering Department and copies are available upon request.

Real time river gauge information can be obtained through the following websites: <http://70.128.162.108:81/mapfs.html> or [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov).

### Flood Protection Assistance

Concerned citizens and the general public can obtain information on flood protection assistance from the City of Grand Prairie's Office of Planning and Development or the Engineering Department by calling 972-237-8255 or 972-237-8141. Flood protection assistance provided by the City of Grand Prairie is site-specific flood and flood related data, data on historical flooding in the neighborhood and similar information so inquirers can relate the flood threat to their problems.

### List of Services Provided:

1. Provide a list of names of contractors and consultants knowledgeable or experienced in retrofitting techniques and construction.
2. Provide materials or how to select a qualified contractor and what recourse citizens have if they are dissatisfied with the contractor's performance.
3. Make site visits to review flooding, drainage and sewer problems and provide one-on-one advice to property owners.
4. Provide advice and assistance on retrofitting techniques, such as elevating buildings above flood levels or the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), dry floodproofing, wet floodproofing and protecting basements from sewer backup. Also, information on the installation of barriers, levees, and flood walls around individual buildings or structures is available.

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## GP POLICE DEPT. KICKS OFF NEW ACADEMY

For the first time ever, the city of Grand Prairie Police Department is conducting its own Police Academy for police recruits. Previously, the city sent its new police hires to regional police academies, which do an excellent job. However, operating its own police academy allows the Grand Prairie Police Department to observe its police recruits on a daily basis during their 28-week academy and facilitates an 8-week Lateral Police Academy for experienced officers. Operating an in-house academy is cost effective for the city and allows police recruits to become more indoctrinated and knowledgeable regarding the city of Grand Prairie in their first weeks of employment.

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## PRAIRIE LAKES GOLF ACADEMY

### Juniors:

Saturday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29  
(4 session series - \$60)  
Sessions from 9-10 a.m.

### Beginning Adults:

Thursday, Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27  
(4 session series - \$80 )  
Sessions from 6 -7:30 p.m.

October Schedule TBA. For more information or to sign up, call 972-263-0661 or drop by Prairie Lakes Golf Shop, 3202 SE 14th Street.

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE DISPOSAL

Paint is by far the most common item brought to our household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events. Remember, you can dispose of latex (water-based) paint by taking the lid off, letting it dry completely, and placing it in your trash. Oil-based paints and solvents should be brought to a collection event or taken to the Environmental Collection Center in Fort Worth.

Along with proper disposal, one of the most important things you can do is to reduce the amount of paint waste you generate.

Our next HHW events will be **Saturday, Sept. 8,** and **Saturday, Oct. 13,** from 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center located at 206 West Church St. We will accept household and automotive batteries, 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.** You can register by calling 972-237-8055 or on-line at [www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW](http://www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW).