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THE PIPELINE

City of Grand Prairie Monthly Citizen Newsletter

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FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 21 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Central Park, on State Highway 161
between Arkansas Lane and Warrior Trail



Grand Prairie will celebrate the annual migration of the monarch butterfly from North America to Central Mexico. This free event will include monarch butterfly releases, kite flying, a kid zone with a bounce house and crafts, vendors, food, a contest and parade for butterfly costumes. A special guest, Lucas Miller, recognized as an “American Masterpiece” by the National Endowment for the Arts, will be on hand to teach about monarch butterflies, wetlands, animal defenses, endangered species, symbiosis, and other nature-related topics through a blend of music puppetry, projected images and “zoological, stand-up comedy.”

For more information, contact Mae Smith at 972-237-8107 or fmsmith@gptx.org.

FREE FALL GARDENING CLASSES



Are you interested in fall landscaping tips? Look no further than right here in your community at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road. 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. 5 Landscape Design II – Placing the right plants in the right places.
- Sept. 12 Organic Gardening 101 – Treating pests while saving the environment.

TREASURE TRUNK

Friday, Sept. 27-Saturday, Sept. 28 • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Summit, 2975 Esplanade

Do you want to make some extra money? Vendors will sell their goods out of their trunk and will be allowed to bring a small table that will fit within their parking spot. The profit the vendor receives will be theirs to keep. A cost of \$25 for one day or \$40 for both days will be required in order to reserve your spot. For more info call The Summit at 972-237-4147.

TASTE OF GRAND PRAIRIE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Thursday, Sept. 26

Senior citizens hour: 4-5 p.m.
Open to the public: 5-8:30 p.m.

The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce and city of Grand Prairie are proud to host the 5th Annual Taste of Grand Prairie and Community Spotlight at QuikTrip Park.

This event will highlight and promote local businesses. Come see and taste the best of our community, public silent auction and win lots of door prizes! This year's event will include more than 50 exhibitors from Grand Prairie and the surrounding areas. Our senior citizens hour from 4-5 p.m. allows senior citizens to enjoy preferred parking, seating and a leisurely stroll through the event before the public arrives. We open to the general public from 5-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

Booth spaces are available for restaurants, businesses and individual crafters! For more information please visit www.tasteofgrandprairie.com.

SUMMER SIZZLES AT THE UPTOWN



Enjoy a spectacular show at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets, visit www.uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

Tribute to Dolly Parton

Sept. 7

Little Shop of Horrors

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council Oct. 18-20,
Oct. 25-27

Annie

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council Dec. 6-8,
Dec. 13-15

RUMMAGE SALE BENEFITS CITIZENS ACADEMY

Saturday, Sept. 14 • 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • The Summit, 2975 Esplanade

This first annual rummage sale benefits the Grand Prairie Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Citizen Police Academy graduates who join to promote community relations, increase community involvement and assist and support the Grand Prairie Police Department.

Items for sale include toys, clothing, furniture, home accents, kids bikes, baby items. The event will also feature hot dogs, a bounce house, drinks and cotton candy.

PRAIRIE LIGHTS SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Prairie Lights, our popular drive-through holiday light park, will be open Thursday, Nov. 28-Tuesday, Dec. 31. Last year, more than 168,000 visitors attended this family-oriented event. Sponsorships are available. Your company name will be included in all media for Prairie Lights and be seen by visitors from more than 280 cities.



If you are an individual volunteer, or belong to organizations, teams, and clubs, Prairie Lights can be a GRAND way to give back to your community and have some fun. Volunteers are needed to do a variety of jobs. Ten volunteers are needed nightly. Each volunteer receives a ticket to come back another weekday night and see Prairie Lights as a guest!

Please call Beverly Grogan at 972-237-8329 or email at bgrogan@gptx.org.

FREE MEDICATION DISPOSAL



Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. A majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, as well as the home medicine cabinet.

Bring your medications for free disposal to the Grand Prairie Police Department, 1525 Arkansas Lane, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. An employee will assist you through the disposal process.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION

Do you have unused fertilizers and lawn chemicals taking up space in your garage or storage shed? You could save them for next year, but



why not switch to organic products instead? To ensure surplus chemicals do not wind up in creeks or streams, you may bring them to a household hazardous waste collection event for disposal. The next events will be held **Saturday, Sept. 14, and Saturday, Oct. 5** from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W Church Street (next to City Hall).

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.

Register by calling 972-237-8055 or on-line at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

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, tamales, jellies, relishes, candles and more.

Upcoming specials include:

Sept. 7 Ballet Folklorico
Sept. 14 Fresh fruits & veggies
Sept. 21 Pet parade
Sept. 28 Composting in Texas
Oct. 5 Empty Bowls
Oct. 12 Harvest Fair
Oct. 19 Pumpkin Craze



FREE FLIGHTS FOR YOUTH AT YOUNG EAGLES RALLY SEPT. 14

Saturday, Sept. 14 • 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Grand Prairie Municipal Airport, 3116 S. Great Southwest Parkway

To secure your flight today, call Michelle Daniel at 817-718-6995 or email mpdaniel@prodigy.net.

For more information about the Young Eagles Rally and Experimental Aircraft Association, visit www.eaa34.org.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Bowles Life Center

The Bowles Life Center, 2750 Graham St., will offer an after school program 3-6 p.m. during the 2013-2014 school year. Bowles will pick up daily from Garcia Elementary, Travis Elementary and Harmony Science Academy. The after school program includes daily pick up, a snack, homework help and organized activities in the gymnasium, aerobics room, computer lab, Bowles Branch Library and meeting rooms. The after school program is for youth ages 6-12. Tuition is due weekly. Fee: Garcia Elementary \$20/week/child; Harmony Science Academy and Travis Elementary \$30/week/child. For more information, call 972-237-7529.



Charley Taylor

The after-school program at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road, is a Monday-Friday program from 3-6 p.m. for ages 5-12 during the school year. The program provides your child with homework time, a snack and recreation. We pick up from nearby school 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 and first week fee is paid. Fee: \$20/week (Lee) \$30/week (Bowie, Crockett & Williams). For more information, call 972-264-6890.

SUMMER HEAT TIPS FOR DOGS



If your dog is outside on a hot day, make sure he has a shady spot in which to rest in. Dog houses are not good shelter during the summer as they can trap heat. You may want to fill a child's wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in.

Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can rise to more than 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.

Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.

Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.

Try to avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.

Dogs that are brachycephalic (short-faced), such as Bulldogs, Boxers,

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KIDS FISHING DAY



Saturday, Sept. 28 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mike Lewis Park

2600 N. Carrier Parkway

Kids ages 16 years old and younger are invited to Parks, Arts and Recreation's fall fishing event at Mike Lewis Park. 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 lagoon 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 17 years or older, are welcome to fish after 2 p.m., or any day after the event provided they have a valid Texas fishing license. For more information call 972-237-8100 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

TEXAS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Grand Prairie EMS is now taking patients to Texas General Hospital, 2709 Hospital Blvd., in Grand Prairie.

Texas General Hospital is focused on specialty services such as cardiology, colon and rectal surgery, gastroenterology, gynecology, orthopedics, pain management and spine surgery.

For more information about the hospital, call 469-999-0000 or email admin@texasgeneralhospital.com.

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2014 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2013. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2014 City Calendar.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie and be suitable for publication. Photos will be used in city publications. Credit will be attributed in calendar, but may not be possible in other publications and uses. Winning photos will be published in the calendar. No cash awards will be offered. Entrants must include name, address, email address and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2013. The city calendar will be printed in December 2013.

Send entries to:

Amy Sprinkles
Marketing and Public Information
City of Grand Prairie
P.O. Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
asprinkles@gptx.org

WAGGIN' WAGON ANIMAL ADOPTION TRAILER

The Prairie Paws Adoption Center Waggin' Wagon will travel around Grand Prairie with cats and dogs making animal adoptions more convenient for customers. All animals on the trailer will cost \$70 for adoption. Most animals will be sterilized and have their rabies vaccination. Waggin' Wagon employees will accept cash, checks and all credit cards except American Express as payment for the adopted pets.



Watch for the Waggin' Wagon at these locations:

Sept 14	PetSmart, 2309 I-20 Frontage Rd
Sept 21	Farmers Market Pet Parade, 120 W. Main St.
Sept 28	Petco, 5236 S State Highway 360
Oct 5	Home Depot, 3850 S. Carrier Parkway
Oct 12	Petco, 5236 S. SH 360
Oct. 19	Longhorn Harley Davidson, I-20 and Great Southwest
Oct 26	Petco, 5236 S. SH 360
Nov. 2	Abundant Life Church Fall Outreach Craft Fair (3-6 p.m.)
Nov. 9	Petco, 5236 S. SH 360
Nov. 16	PetSmart, 2309 I-20 Frontage Road
Nov. 23	Petco, 5236 S. SH 360

The Grand Prairie Arts Council Presents

2013 OPEN JURIED ART SHOW AND SALE

You are cordially invited to attend the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony for the Grand Prairie Arts Council's Annual Art Show and Sale.

Sunday, Sept. 15 - 2:30 p.m., Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover
Exhibition Open: Sept. 15-30 during normal library hours.

Regional artists will exhibit more than 100 pieces of artwork, and winners will be announced. Free and open to the public, entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

HEAT TIPS FOR DOGS

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Japanese Chins, and Pekingese, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-faced dogs. Keep your brachycephalic dog inside with air-conditioning.

Heatstroke

Heatstroke can be the serious and often fatal result of a dog's prolonged exposure to excessive heat. Below are the signs of heatstroke and the actions you should take if your dog is overcome.

Early Stages:

- Heavy panting.
- Rapid breathing.
- Excessive drooling.
- Bright red gums and tongue.
- Standing 4-square, posting or spreading out in an attempt to maintain balance.

Advanced Stages:

- White or blue gums.
- Lethargy, unwillingness to move.
- Uncontrollable urination or defecation.
- Labored, noisy breathing.
- Shock.

If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should immediately try to cool the dog down:

- Apply rubbing alcohol to the dog's paw pads.
- Apply ice packs to the groin area.
- Hose down with water.
- Allow the dog to lick ice chips or drink a small amount of water.
- Offer Pedialyte to restore electrolytes.

Check your dog's temperature regularly during this process. Once the dog's temperature has stabilized at between 100 to 102 degrees, you can stop the cool-down process.

If you cannot get the dog cooled down and you begin to see signs of advanced heatstroke, take the dog to the veterinarian immediately.