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## SMOKING ORDINANCE PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 8 • City Hall - City Council Chambers, 317 College St.

The City Council Public Health Advisory Committee is hosting a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in City Council Chambers to receive public comments on the city's proposed new smoking ordinance.

Proposed changes include eliminating smoking in restaurants and city facilities and restricting smoking in other commercial buildings.

If you are unable to attend the public meeting, comments may be submitted by email through Oct. 18 at [smoking@gptx.org](mailto:smoking@gptx.org) or by mail at

City of Grand Prairie, Environmental Quality  
PO Box 534045  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053



## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. • Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.

Recognizing that the proper time to plant trees in Texas is during the fall, our legislature has changed the official date for Arbor Day to the first Friday in November. Join with the Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation Department for a ceremony with free trees, industry professionals, the Texas A&M Forest Service Foresters, leaders in the community and a fantastic concert by Vocal Trash.

Bring the whole family because this is family entertainment. This will be Grand Prairie's 30th year as a Tree City USA. For more information call 972-237-8100 or visit [GrandFunGP.com](http://GrandFunGP.com).

## LUNCH OF HORRORS BENEFITS CHILDREN FIRST

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Pioneer Event Center, 1025 W. Pioneer  
For info. call Children First at 972-264-0604.

## GREEN MEADOWS PETTING FARM

Oct. 8-Nov. 1 • Open Mon.-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Visit [www.greenmeadowsevents.com/locations.php](http://www.greenmeadowsevents.com/locations.php) and scroll to Grand Prairie for more information.

## DISTRICT I

**JORJA CLEMSON**

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Eisenhower Elementary  
2102 N. Carrier Parkway

Hear the news and air your views.

For more information,  
call 972-237-8022.

## SHRED-IT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 a.m.-noon  
Summit parking area  
(SH 161 and Warrior Trail)

Help prevent identity theft by shredding your important documents.

Two trucks will be available for shredding.

Shred-it Day is sponsored by the Grand Prairie Crime Commission, which pays Crime Stopper rewards.

A donation of \$5 is suggested.

For more information,  
call Gary at 972-890-4130.

## ALARM PERMITS

Residents can now pay online for alarm permits at [www.gptx.org/alarmp permit](http://www.gptx.org/alarmp permit), pay by phone at 1-888-604-7888 and reference code 8179, or mail to City of GP Alarm Permit, PO Box 532473, Grand Prairie, TX 75053.



## AUTUMN AT THE UPTOWN



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

*Listen to My Heart*

The Songs of David Friedman

Oct. 3-5

*Little Shop of Horrors*

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Oct. 18-20,

Oct. 25-27

*[Title of Show]*

An original Broadway musical about two

guys writing a show

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Nov. 7-10

*Can a Woman Change a Man*

Nov. 15-16

*Annie*

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Dec. 6-8,

Dec. 13-15

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS HAUNT GRAND PRAIRIE

**Saturday, Oct. 12 • 8 a.m.**

27th Annual Pumpkin Run presented by the Grand Prairie Metro Rotary Club - Lynn Creek Park, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway. A 1-mile Fun Run starting at 8 a.m., 10K run and 5K run/walk starting at 8:30 a.m. For info., visit [www.pumpkinrun.us](http://www.pumpkinrun.us).

**Friday, Oct. 18-Saturday, Oct. 19, and Friday, Oct. 25-Saturday, Oct. 26, Dark - 11 p.m.**

Forest of Fear - Loyd Park on Joe Pool Lake, 3401 Ragland Road  
Free hayrides will tour haunted campsites. \$10 per vehicle admission fee. To reserve a campsite, go online to [www.loydpark.com](http://www.loydpark.com) or call 972-237-4120.

**Friday, Oct. 25 • 6-8 p.m.**

Halloween Community Carnival - Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road. Bounce houses, games, candy and lots of fun. Free.

**Friday, Oct. 25 • 5-7 p.m.**

Trick or Trail - Tony Shotwell Life Center (formerly Bowles Life Center), 2750 Graham St. Trick or Treat along the Bowles Park trail and enjoy a haunted house and games inside the recreation center. Free.

**Saturday, Oct. 26 • 1-3 p.m.**

Kirby Creek Pumpkin Swim - Kirby Creek Natatorium, 3201 Corn Valley Road  
Jump in and swim with hundreds of pumpkins in our heated indoor pool. Pick out your favorite and take it home. Limit one pumpkin per swimmer. \$3 per person.

**Thursday, Oct. 31 • 6-9 p.m.**

Street 'N Treat - Market Square, 120 W. Main St.  
Games, bounce houses, candy, prizes and food. Free for all ages.

**Thursday, Oct. 31 • 5:30-10:30 p.m.**

Terror at the Uptown - Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.  
Come downtown for a good old-fashioned scare. \$5 per person.  
Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council, [www.artsgp.org](http://www.artsgp.org).

## SONGS OF DAVID FRIEDMAN AT UPTOWN

Thursday, Oct. 3-Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.

Friedman's songs have been performed by artists as diverse as Diana Ross, Barry Manilow, Nancy LaMott, Petula Clark, Kathie Lee Gifford and Jason Alexander and have become standards throughout the world of television, radio, recording and cabaret.

*Listen to My Heart* has been performed Off Broadway, Upstairs at Studio 54 and at numerous locations in America and England.

For more information about Friedman, visit [middermusic.com](http://middermusic.com). For tickets, visit [www.uptowntheatergp.com](http://www.uptowntheatergp.com) or call 972-237-8786.

## PARKLAND HEALTH WALK-IN CLINIC

Parkland's E. Carlyle Smith Jr. Health Center at Grand Prairie, 801 Conover Dr., now has a walk-in clinic open 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information call 214-266-3400. No appointment is needed.

## 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:

Oct. 5 Empty Bowls

Oct. 12 Harvest Fair

Oct. 19 Pumpkin Craze

Oct. 26 Monster Mash

Oct. 31 Street 'N Treat

Nov. 2 Chili Cook Off

Nov. 9 Fall Fruits and Veggies

## HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION PROPER STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF POOL CHEMICALS

Pool chemicals can become a hazard when wetted by a small quantity of water or when they are improperly mixed. Most pool chemicals are intended to be added to large quantities of water. If a small amount of water splashes or drips onto a chemical, it may trigger a strong reaction resulting in a fire or release of toxic vapor. Inadvertent mixing of chemicals may occur due to spillage or leakage. It is essential to ensure chemicals are stored in a cool dry place, containers are in good condition, and that incompatible chemicals are separated from each other.

A safer alternative is to convert your existing pool to a salt water system. Salt water pools are more expensive initially, but less costly to maintain than traditional pools and greatly reduce the amount of hazardous chemicals you have to purchase, store, and handle.

Unwanted pool chemicals can be disposed of at our next household hazardous waste collection events on Saturday, Oct. 5, and Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 West 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. Please call 972-237-8055 or go online to [www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW](http://www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW) to register.

## KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Please note that it is illegal to sweep or blow grass clippings into the street and hence the city storm drains. The city code specifically states that it is unlawful to allow any grass clippings, leaves, or debris to collect on any curb, gutter, storm inlet, storm drain, or watercourse. The clippings and debris can clog storm drains causing street flooding and environmental issues in our waterways.

## HEARTWORM DETECTION AND PREVENTION

Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the heart and pulmonary arteries of dogs and other mammals. The disease is not spread directly from dog to dog, but it is spread by mosquitoes. When a mosquito bites an animal infected with heartworms, they take in the animal's blood and eventually spread the disease by biting another animal. If you suspect your dog or cat may have heartworms, seek the advice of a qualified veterinarian immediately. With prompt detection, needless suffering can be prevented. Consult your veterinarian for an appropriate prevention program for your pet.

**It's against the law  
and hurts us all!**

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## FALL BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale will be Thursday, Oct. 17-Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.



**Tuesday, Oct. 15,** 5-7:30 p.m.: Special Preview Sale for Friends members. Family memberships are available at the door for \$10.

**Thursday, Oct. 17:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Open to the general public

**Friday, Oct. 18:** Library closed

**Saturday, Oct. 19:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Open to the general public

**Sunday, Oct. 20:** 1-5 p.m. Open to the general public. Half price day!

For more information, call 972-237-5700.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY KILLS MOSQUITOES

In July 2013, the city of Grand Prairie purchased a revolutionary tool, that kills the mosquito larvae or renders them flightless.

The Larvasonic emits sound waves into pools of stagnant water. The sound waves resonate at the frequency of mosquito larvae internal air volume, causing the larvae to burst and be killed or left flightless.

The city of Grand Prairie is using aerial photos to find vacant and un-kempt swimming pools and backed-up drainage ditches in which mosquitoes are likely breeding. They then travel to the site, apply a larvicide and send sound waves into the pool with the Larvasonic.

For more information about the Larvasonic, or to report a stagnant pool or drainage ditch, call 972-237-8550 or visit [gptx.org](http://gptx.org).

## FLASHING YELLOW LEFT TURN ARROW SIGNALS

Flashing yellow left turn arrow signals are coming to Grand Prairie by early October. The green arrow provides a protected left turn from oncoming traffic while the flashing yellow arrow indicates left-turning traffic must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning. The steady yellow arrow and steady red arrow work the same as they always have.



Drivers will see one of the following indications as they approach a signal with a flashing yellow left-turn arrow display:

- Steady Red Arrow –** Drivers turning left must stop and wait.
- Steady Yellow Arrow –** Drivers are warned the left-turn signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles in the intersection should complete their turn.
- Flashing Yellow Arrow –** Drivers are allowed to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light.) Drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning!
- Steady Green Arrow –** Proceed with left turn; drivers making a left turn have the right-of-way. This sequence may be skipped if no left-turning vehicles are detected by the signal system.

For more information, call the city of Grand Prairie Transportation Department at 972-237-8139 or email [skarimi@gptx.org](mailto:skarimi@gptx.org).

## PARANORMAL AUTHOR VISITS AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Main Library, 901 Conover Dr., will feature paranormal author visits this Halloween season:

- **Monday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.** - Rita Cook, author of the books *Haunted Fort Worth*, *Haunted Dallas* and many others.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.** - Mitchell Whittington, author of *Ghosts of North Texas* and editor of books like *Haunted Encounters: Ghost stories from around the world*.

For more information, call 972-237-5700.

## NEW 3M CLOUD eBook LIBRARY



Grand Prairie Library cardholders now have access to popular and bestselling ebooks that can be read on a PC, Mac, phone, laptop or tablet. By downloading the free 3M Cloud Library app, cardholders can access books from authors like Lee Child, Jody Picoult, John Grisham, Eric Jerome Dickey and many more.

Visit [www.gptx.org/library](http://www.gptx.org/library) or [ebook.3m.com](http://ebook.3m.com) to download the necessary app. Readers can have up to three ebooks checked out at one time. For more information, call 972-237-5700.

## HOME DECORATING CLASSES AT LIBRARY

The Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road, is featuring home decorating classes this fall. Upcoming classes include:

- **Saturday, Oct. 12, 2-3 p.m.**  
*New Traditional Style in Interiors*  
Dona Rosene from Dona Rosene Interiors presenting
- **Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
*Pillow Magic* presented by Debra Holster, Branch Manager and member of the American Sewing Guild, Quilters Guild of Arlington
- **Saturday, Oct. 19, 2-4 p.m.**  
*Tablescaping* presented by Carol Jansen from Williams-Sonoma

For more information, call 972-237-5770.

## NEW CREMATION GARDEN AT CEMETERY

Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens will open a new cremation garden in spring/summer 2014 with 888 cremation niches, a scattering garden and remembrance wall. For more information, call 972-237-3001.



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**

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