

LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Grand Prairie Public Libraries offer a Summer Reading Challenge for readers of all ages! Kids earn coupons and prizes as they read. Teens and adults are entered into the Grand Prize Drawing for a Kindle Fire. The drawing will take place at the end of the summer, so the more you read the more times you're entered!

Summer activities for kids start off with a bang at the **Kickoff Party at Bowles Park outside the Tony Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St., 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, June 7.** Kids can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge as they enjoy fun games and activities like a DJ, face painting and more. The Prairie Paws Waggin' Wagon will also be on site.

FOR KIDS:

Every Monday, beginning June 16, amazing performers such as Pint Size Polkas, The Pipdillys, Critterman, Joe McDermott, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, David the Magic Guy and Ronald McDonald will entertain.

FOR TEENS:

A variety of programs at all branches "Spark a Reaction" in teens this summer. From Grossology to Zombie Survival, Lego Challenge, Duct Tape Club, Legos Makerspace, Teen Gaming, Movie Madness and Robot Wars.

FOR ADULTS:

Adult readers discover the "Literary Elements" at their library, with a variety of free programs including dramatic readings and book discussions.

Seating may be limited, especially at the Warmack Branch. Some programs may require registration or a free ticket. Library phone numbers are: Main Library - 972-237-5700, Bowles Branch - 972-237-7540, Warmack Branch - 972-237-5770. For more information, contact your local library, or visit gptx.org/library.



FARMERS MARKET

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market has fun planned all month long! Come out to enjoy a cooking demonstration at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday in June. If you're still hungry for more, horticulturist Susan Henson will host an herb gardening class on Saturday, June 28 at 9 a.m.



The Grand Prairie Farmers Market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and much more. The market is open every Saturday, March to December, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Friday, June 20-Saturday, June 21
Tyre Park, 2327 Tyre St.

Celebrate with a free fish fry and music on Friday, 7-11 p.m., and then head out to the parade on Saturday at 10 a.m. featuring free food, music and entertainment. For more information, call Preston Dixon at 972-877-5049.

SOUL FOOD FEST

Saturday, June 21
Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge

Featuring delicious food and recognized artists. \$10 per vehicle - cash only. Visit ilovesoulfood.com.



CRAWFISH BOIL

Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

The Crawfish Boil will feature a beer, water and soda garden, Zydeco band, gift market, bounce house and games. Tasty authentic crawfish prepared by Dustin Clement's Heads or Tails Cajun Crawfish will be sold for \$10 a pound and will be accompanied with potatoes and corn. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

OUTDOOR POOLS OPEN MAY 24

All outdoor pools will be open weekends beginning Saturday, May 24. Pools will be open on weekdays beginning Monday, June 9. For more info., call 972-263-8174 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER



Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. **For the latest Uptown Theater news and offers, text "UPTN" to 90210.** For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

Hello Dolly! June 13-15,
Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council June 20-22

America the Beautiful
Presented by Texas Family Musicals July 11-13

Roy Orbison Revisited
Presented by Texas Family Musicals July 18-20

WATER AND WASTEWATER LINE INSURANCE BUYER AWARENESS

Many homeowners have been receiving mailers from companies offering insurance on the water and wastewater lines that run from your home to the street. The letters often look and read official and imply insurance on the lines is required by the city or that the company is endorsed by the city.

The city does **not** require property owners to have insurance on the water and wastewater lines running from the house to the street and the city does **not** endorse any company should you choose to get such insurance.

If you choose to get insurance of this nature, be sure to read the contract carefully and clearly understand when and if the insurance will pay to fix repairs.

Here are the facts:

1. The water and wastewater lines that run from your house to the property line are yours and your responsibility to fix should they break, clog or malfunction.
2. Many companies, including the company that insures your home, offer insurance for these type repairs. Analyze these offerings carefully. The city does **not** endorse or recommend any specific company for this purpose.
3. Or, should a repair be needed you may elect to pay a contractor or plumber to fix and not carry insurance for this purpose.

Remember, buyer awareness is important when it comes to unsolicited direct mails trying to sell you something.

ONE MOSQUITO. ONE BITE.

That's all it takes to change someone's life forever. The threat of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus has risen in recent years due to volatile weather patterns and vulnerable populations of humans, birds, and animals. In many cases, the disease causes minor symptoms in patients, but for some, the disease can rapidly advance and cause life-long neurological damage. There is increased risk to young children, seniors, those with immunosuppression. There are currently no vaccines to protect against any of the mosquito-borne viruses except yellow fever.

Remove standing pools of water from around your business or home where mosquitoes breed, including environments like old tires, buckets, unused swimming pools, or bird baths. You can also use an EPA-approved mosquito repellent, make sure your home is equipped with window screens and wear protective clothing that covers the skin. Learn more at gptx.org/fightthebite.

THE GRAND PRAIRIE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

HELLO DOLLY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



8 p.m.

Friday, June 13, Saturday, June 14
Friday, June 20, Saturday, June 21

2 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, Sunday, June 15
Saturday, June 21, Sunday, June 22

Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of *Hello Dolly's* opening on Broadway at the St. James Theatre, and the Grand Prairie Arts Council proudly honors this landmark musical by making it part of our 35th Anniversary Season, as GPAC's 2014 Summer Musical.

Reserved seat tickets \$11, \$17, \$22 - group discounts available by phone. Tickets are available online at artsgp.org or by calling the Uptown Theater Box Office at 972-237-8786.

For more information: 972-642-ARTS or artsgp.org

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions are in effect in the city of Grand Prairie:

- No watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Even numbered addresses may water on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday and Fridays.
- Handheld and soaker hoses are allowed to be used any time.
- Residents and business are prohibited from watering their lawns anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information, visit gptx.org/waterwise.

WEATHER WARNINGS ON THE GO

Imagine this: You're driving down the highway, humming along to your favorite tunes, when the cell phone stowed in your bag suddenly makes a strange noise. To investigate, you take the next exit and safely pull over to check the screen. Good thing you did: Your phone just alerted you to a tornado a few miles away in same county you're driving through.

Sound plausible? It is. America's wireless industry is helping to build a Weather-Ready Nation through a nationwide text emergency alert system, called Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), which will warn you when weather threatens. For more information, visit NOAA.gov.



1. What are WEA messages?

WEA are emergency messages sent by an authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier.

2. Why are WEA important to me?

Alerts received at the right time can help keep you safe during an emergency. With WEA, warnings can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way, without need to download an app or subscribe to a service.

3. What types of alerts will I receive?

- Extreme weather, and other threatening emergencies in your area
- Presidential Alerts during a national emergency

4. How will I know the difference between WEA and a regular text message?

WEA messages include a special tone and vibration, both repeated twice.

5. How will I receive alerts if I don't have a WEA-capable device?

WEA is only one of the ways you receive emergency alerts. Other sources include NOAA Weather Radio, news broadcasts, the Emergency Alert System on radio and TV programs, outdoor sirens, and other alerting methods offered by local and state public safety agencies.

If you would like additional information about emergency preparedness, please contact the Office of Emergency Management, 972-237-7595, e-mail cwheeler@gptx.org or visit gptx.org/disasters.

HHW COLLECTION DAY JUNE 7

Pool chemicals can become a hazard when wetted by a small quantity of water or when they are improperly mixed. 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.

Unwanted pool chemicals can be disposed of at our next household hazardous waste collection events to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Development Center located at 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 gptx.org/WQ/HHW to register.

CITY HOSTS

GUYS NIGHT OUT AT QUIKTRIP PARK

Hey guys! The City of Grand Prairie is hosting a "Guys Night Out" at a AirHogs baseball game



at QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway on June 17 at 7:05 p.m. Increase your awareness of preventable health problems and early detection and treatment of diseases among men and boys. Learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and receive healthy eating tips and other important information regarding men's health. To get your free tickets to the game, visit the Get Fit tent at city events, or pick up a voucher at your local recreation center or the Parks Administration building, 400 College St. Bring the family and tell your friends to join us! For additional information please go to gptx.org/getfitgp.

AIRHOGS PLAY BALL!



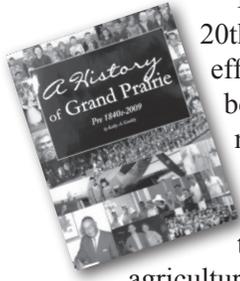
The Grand Prairie AirHogs' first home game of the season is

Monday, May 19, at QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway. Home games will be played until Sept. 1. Single game tickets are available for as little as \$8 per seat. For more information, call 972-504-9383 or visit airhogsbaseball.com.

ALARM PERMITS

Alarm users can now pay online for alarm permits at www.gptx.org/alarmpermits, 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.

NEW HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE



Read how a farming community at the beginning of the 20th century quickly took on a vital role in the World War II effort in *A History of Grand Prairie—Pre 1840s-2009*. The book is a comprehensive look at Grand Prairie from the time nomadic tribes lived on this land near the Trinity River until the beginning of the 21st century. Author Kathy A. Goolsby combed through city records and newspaper archives to document the rich history of a city that evolved from an agricultural community to the 15th largest city in Texas.

A History of Grand Prairie—Pre 1840s-2009, features a century's worth of photos showing the progression of downtown buildings and snapshots of Grand Prairie residents throughout the years. The book is available for purchase at the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center gift shop, 2170 N. Belt Line Road, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUMMER IN THE ARTS 2014

Do you want to inspire your child's creative side this summer? Enroll them in the Grand Prairie Arts Council's Summer in the Arts Program - four weeks of arts programming; including two full-day weeklong workshops taught by professional artisans in visual art and music - strings instruments; and a two-week, full-day Musical Theatre Workshop.

Sessions run Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For ages 6 years old and completed 1st grade - 15 years old.

Each workshop culminates in performances and exhibits.

Summer in the Arts 2014

July 7-11: Art Explosion – Participants create original art pieces using a variety of media, while studying various artists and their techniques, culminating in an art exhibit for family and friends.

July 14-18: Musical Strings Workshop and Showcase - For all skill levels. A strings workshop taught by a team of professional musicians. Participants will spend the week immersed in string instruments. Students will complete the workshop with a showcase for family and friends on July 14.

July 21-25 and July 28-August 2: Musical Theatre Workshop / Children's Production of ALADDIN KIDS – Auditions are held, roles are cast and rehearsals run for two weeks, concluding with two public performances. All students participate in the show.

Public Performances: Friday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m.

Registration, tuition and program details at artsgp.org or call 972-642-ARTS.



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.

Please call **972-237-2515** to discuss your options.

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Save on trash bags and recycle items right on your curb with



Grand Prairie recycle bins available at:

Prairie Paws Adoption Center
2222 Warrior Tr.

City Landfill
1102 MacArthur Blvd.

City Hall - Utility Services
317 College St.

Lake Parks Operations Center
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Fire Station #9
315 E. Polo Road

Tony Shotwell Life Center
2750 Graham St.

Recyclables do not need to be separated--bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail and boxes may go in together. Cardboard boxes need to be flattened and placed under the bin.

What is recyclable?

- **Steel, tin and aluminum cans**
- **Paper items** - newspapers, magazines, coupons, junk mail, envelopes, flattened cereal and cardboard boxes, phone books, etc.
- **Glass items** - all glass bottles, regardless of color, may be recycled. Please rinse all bottles and jars and remove caps and lids.
- **Plastic items** - all plastics marked 1 through 7 are now accepted for recycling. Please look for the number within the recycling symbol on plastic items. You can now recycle your plastic grocery bags too. Styrofoam is not accepted.

For more info., visit gptx.org/recycling