

NEW FIRE STATION No. 10

City officials broke ground on July 2 for a new Fire Station No. 10 located at the corner of Balboa and Grand Peninsula Drive. The \$5 million, 12,000-square-foot facility will house 18 firefighters and paramedics, and feature four truck bays. Architecture for the building will be a nautical theme with a tower element resembling a light house. The new station is scheduled to open in May 2016.



MAYOR INVITES RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY TABLE

Grand Prairie residents are invited to the second Mayor's Community Table on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. at the Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway.

These dining experiences are hosted by Mayor Ron Jensen with the goal to bring together the community to get to know new people. The first event was a lunch in May attended by 130 residents. The city assigns seating to achieve a mix of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and races.

The cost of the event will be \$10 per person. To attend, RSVP to 972-237-8012 or pmarcum@gptx.org by Sept. 16.

To ensure a great mix of attendees at each table, please provide the following:

- Age: 20-35; 36-50; 51-65; 66+
- Race: African American; Hispanic; Asian; Caucasian; Other
- Gender: Female; Male

FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY CADILLAC OF ARLINGTON

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Central Park, 2975 Esplanade

Grand Prairie will celebrate the annual migration of the Monarch Butterfly at Central Park, State Highway 161 and Arkansas Lane and Warrior Trail. Along with our selected performers, this FREE festival will celebrate the fun, festive, family atmosphere of Grand Prairie with LIVE! music and a headlining performance by four-time Grammy nominee Trout Fishing in America.



Butterfly releases will be at noon, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Enjoy kite flying, bumper boats, arts and crafts, food, a KID ZONE and so much more.

Remote parking to the event and shuttle service dropping off and picking up at the entrance will make traveling quicker for all.

For more information, contact Mae Smith at 972-237-8107 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENRICHMENT TEAM

The city of Grand Prairie Neighborhood Enrichment Team (NET) is a NEW collaborative effort between city departments focusing on nuisance and chronic problem properties that have not responded to traditional methods of compliance. The Police Department, Code Enforcement, Fire Department, Housing and Neighborhood Services, Building Inspections, Environmental Services, Animal Services, Public Works, City Attorney and Parks, Arts and Recreation Department are all part of the NET program.

To be considered a "Nuisance or Chronic Problem Property," the property must exhibit repeated non-compliance, constitute a long term public nuisance, or is of such a severe nature that the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens and businesses of the city of Grand Prairie is at risk.

To report a complaint or concern: 972-237-8296 for assistance.



SHRED-IT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-noon

Parking area between The Summit and Public Safety Building
SH 161 and Warrior Tr.

Limit 5 boxes per household
\$10 donation suggested.

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

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

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 97755.** For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

Rockin' 88's

Featuring Ron Dilulio backed by an orchestral ensemble

Sept. 12

Young Frankenstein

It's alive! The electrifying adaptation of Mel Brooks' monstrously funny film will leave you in stitches.

Oct. 2-4, 9-11

Tied Up in Knotts

Karen Knotts will take you on a wild journey as she describes what life was like growing up as the daughter of legendary Don Knotts.

Oct. 17

FALL GARDENING SERIES

City Horticulturist Susan Henson teaches at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr., on Tuesdays in September, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 8 - Fall into Fun Gardening
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Landscaping on a Dime
- Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Right Tree Right Place
- Tuesday, Sept. 29 - Pruning with a Purpose

ONLINE LESSONS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Grand Prairie Libraries offer online learning resources that are free with your library card, from morelibrary.org.

- Brainfuse Grand Prairie: Live online homework help, tutoring, writing critique, language lab, and skill-building.
- Pronunciator: More than 50 languages offered, in self-paced classes for all ages and levels.
- Lynda.com: Video tutorials in programming, business, web design.
- Learning Express Library: tutorials, practice tests, GED preparation.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for monthly bike rides as part of the Get Fit GP community wellness initiative. Rides are 5 to 6 mile routes each month.

Upcoming rides include:

- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m. • Larson Elementary, 2620 E. Avenue K
 - Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m. • Central Park, 2975 Esplanade
- Visit gptx.org/GetFitGP for information and to see routes.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Saturday, Sept. 12, 8-10 a.m.
Chick-fil-A, 3041 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.

Join your neighbors and Grand Prairie police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know officers in your neighborhood.

For information, call 972-237-8966 or 972-237-7545.

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
120 W. Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Ballet Folklorico from Mosaic Dance Academy and Mariachi Del Sol from the GPFSA

Performances live on stage in honor of hispanic heritage month.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Grand Prairie Celebrity Cook Off

Come out and see your local heroes battle it out on the Farmers Market stage for bragging rights, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

GRAND-toberfest - Lots of fall fun and performances by the Dallas Czech Orchestra on stage.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Grand Prairie Celebrity Cook Off

Finals- Cheer your favorites on to victory, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, visit gptx.org/farmersmarket

KIDS FISHING DAY

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mike Lewis Park
2600 N. Carrier Parkway

Come reel 'em in at the Mike Lewis Park lagoon. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories. There is no registration fee. A limited number of rods and reels will be available. For info. call 972-237-8100.

LOW COST ANIMAL VACCINATIONS

Low cost animal vaccination clinics are available at Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Tr., 10 a.m.-noon on the following dates:

Saturday, Sept. 12

Saturday, Oct. 10

For more information, call 972-237-8575.

TRASH OFF OCT. 3

Clean house and get rid of your junk during the next Trash Off at the Grand Prairie Landfill on Saturday, Oct. 3. Residents are allowed an unlimited number of trips to the landfill that day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of residence in the form of a current water bill or driver's license is required. Contractors may not use this day to avoid landfill fees. For more information, please call 972-237-8151.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION

Going organic in your lawn and garden? Bring your unwanted lawn chemicals to a household hazardous waste collection event for disposal. Our next events will be held 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Development Center, 206 W. Church (next to City Hall). Registration is required. Please call 972-237-8055 or register online at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

We will accept household and automotive batteries, 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, pharmaceuticals, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. No commercial waste will be accepted.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The city of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling Division is hosting free electronics recycling events on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 3, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center parking lot located at 206 W. Church St. Items accepted are computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players and TVs. Items that cannot be accepted are any hazardous material, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners and refrigerators. **No registration is required and the event is open to Grand Prairie residents and small businesses.** Proof of residence in the form of a water bill or driver's license is required.

Grand Prairie residents (not businesses) can also bring their unwanted electronics to the landfill, located at 1102 MacArthur Blvd., for free during business hours. For more information on recycling electronics please visit gptx.org/recycling.

TELL MOSQUITOES TO "BUZZ" OFF

An important part of mosquito control around your home is making sure that mosquitoes don't have a place to lay their eggs. Because mosquitoes need water for two stages of their life cycle, it's important to monitor standing water sources.

- Get rid of standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays at least once a week to eliminate potential mosquito habitats.
- Drain temporary pools of water or fill with dirt.
- Keep swimming pool water treated and circulating.

The city traps mosquitoes and larvicides standing water through October, so do your part in telling mosquitoes to buzz off.

MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS

The city of Grand Prairie will be offering a new master composter certification in partnership with the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR). To be eligible for the certification, participants must complete 20 hours of education, 16 in class and 4 outside of class, as well as 20 hours of eligible volunteer activity to include composting at the Kirby Creek Nature Center. In class opportunities are offered in Grand Prairie on Sept. 19 and 26. Participants should plan to attend both sessions. They will be held at the landfill, located at 1102 MacArthur Blvd. Lunch will be provided. There is a \$25 registration fee for Grand Prairie residents and \$40 fee for non-residents. Payment for the class must be received by Sept. 12. Check must be made payable to the City of Grand Prairie. There must be a minimum of 12 participants for the class to be held. Refunds will be issued if the class is cancelled.

For more information or to register online, please visit gptx.org/composting or call 972-237-4566.

HAVE YOU LOGGED ON YET?

Log into gptx.org/getfitgp to learn about monthly health topics, eating healthy, and upcoming activities for you and your family hosted by the city and other community partners. Find fun videos and games online for the kids. Pledge to Get Fit monthly and be eligible for prizes.



Lloyd Park Lodge at Joe Pool Lake is now accepting reservations for your special event. For info. call 972-237-4120 or LloydPark.com

NEW DEVELOPMENT

The city has approved the site plan for a new 190,000-square-foot **WalMart Supercenter** east of State Highway 161 between Arkansas Lane and Pioneer Parkway.

Construction is scheduled to begin soon on a new **Aldi** grocery store at Great Southwest Parkway and Bardin Road.

QuikTrip will begin construction soon on a gas station and convenience store on Lake Ridge and Interstate 20.

Emerus is opening a 29,332-square-foot emergency hospital on Kingswood and SH 360. The hospital will provide emergency care services and nursing care for patients who require an overnight stay of longer than 24 hours. Construction is scheduled to begin soon.

Uplift Academy will expand its downtown Grand Prairie campus with a new 63,000-square-foot high school building north of Church Street between 2nd and 4th Streets.

State Farm will open an office on Lake Ridge, south of Grand Peninsula just south of the memory care center.

Construction is set to begin soon on the 247-unit **Reserve at Grand Prairie Apartments** at the northeast corner of SH 360 and Outlet Parkway.

A new 304-unit **Timberview Ranch** apartment complex is under construction at SH 360, north of Crossroads Church.

The first phase of the 199-unit **Enclave** apartments at Mira Lagos East is under construction at the southeast corner of Grand Peninsula and Balboa. A second 108-unit phase is also planned for the site.

Construction will begin soon on the 334-unit **Quadrangles** apartments at the southeast corner of I-20 and Endicott.

A new 249-unit **Villas of Grand Prairie** apartment complex is planned for Arkansas Lane and SH 161.

A 302-unit **Residences at 3000 Bardin** condominium development is planned at the northwest corner of Endicott and Bardin.

PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2016 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2015. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2016 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 2015. The city calendar will be printed in December 2015.

Email or mail entries to:
Amy Sprinkles
Communications and Marketing
City of Grand Prairie
P.O. Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
asprinkles@gptx.org

LAKE PARKS UPDATE

Due to May flooding at Joe Pool Lake, Lynn Creek Park and Loyd Park have been fully or partially closed this summer. Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to get the parks back to normal and open for Labor Day weekend. This schedule is subject to change. Visit facebook.com/LoydPark or facebook.com/LynnCreekPark.



Thursday, Sept. 24, 4-8:30 p.m.

AirHogs Ballpark

1600 Lone Star Parkway

Tickets \$10 general admission,

\$5 for seniors and students

Senior citizen hour is 4-5 p.m.

Food samples are free.

For info. visit tasteofgp.com

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