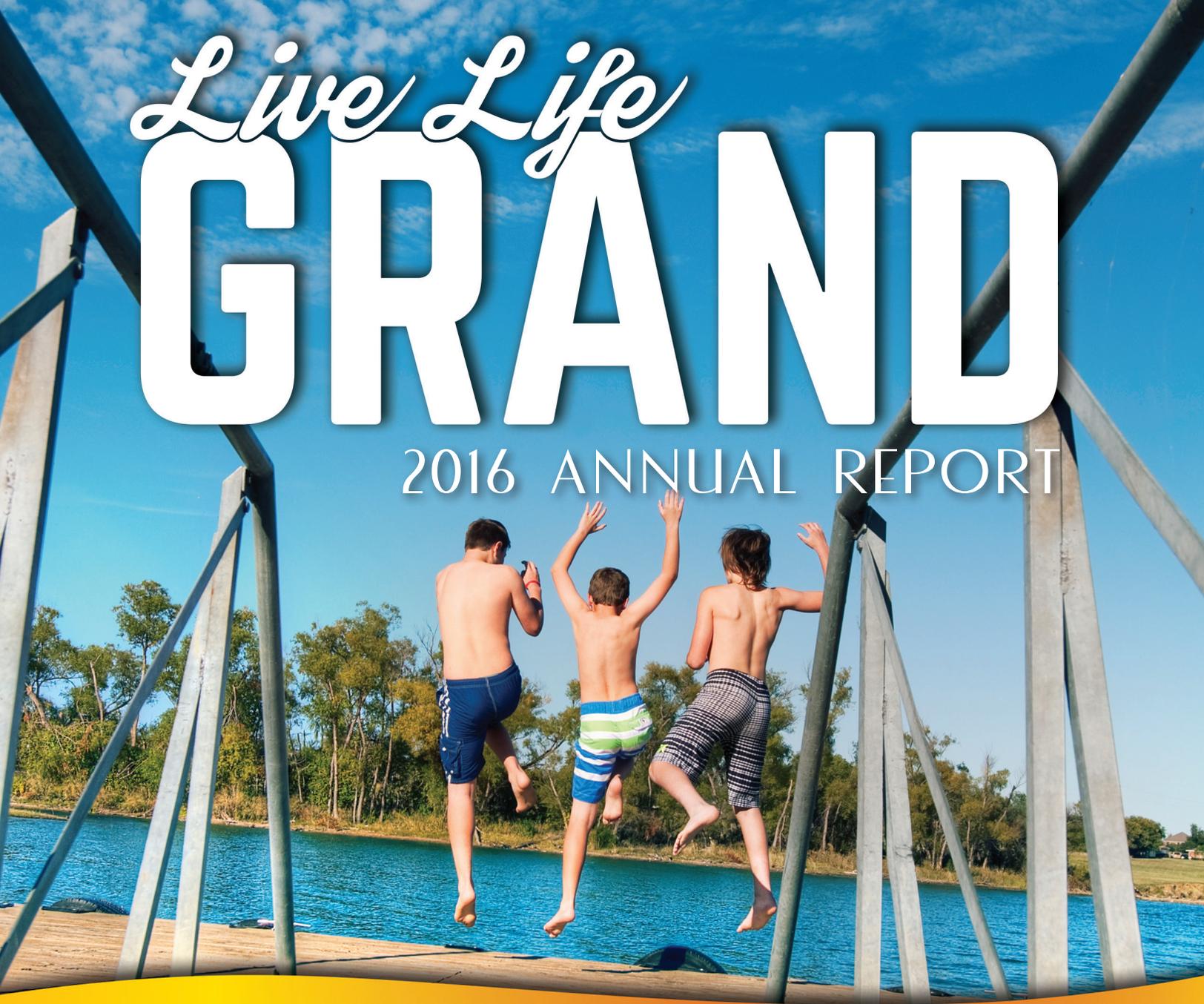


Live Life

GRAND

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Grand Prairie
— T E X A S —

2015 IN REVIEW

In 2015 Grand Prairie ranked among the best in the nation for the following, when analyzed by WalletHub.com, a leading personal finance outlet, against the 150 largest U.S. cities by 19 key metrics such as diversity, leisure and median annual income:

1st Place: Starting a career

4th Place: Monthly median starting salary

5th Place: Number of entry-level jobs

6th Place: Housing affordability

6th Place: Workforce diversity

10th Place: Best City for Families

TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Landed IKEA at corner of SH 161 and Mayfield Road, to open in 2017
- Began building Fire Station #10 at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa
- Opened the Lodge and Loyd Cabin at Loyd Park
- Broke ground on extension of SH 360 from Camp Wisdom to SH 287
- Broke ground on The Epic life center, water park and all-access playground
- Completed the Lone Star/Campion Trail
- Completed digital signs at Carrier and I-20; Lynn Creek and Lake Ridge; Carrier and Roy Orr
- Achieved highest water/wastewater bond rating, AAA, with both Fitch and Standard & Poor's
- Continued façade improvements and redevelopment of Main Street
- Named 10th Safest Major City in Texas (of 34 cities with 100,000 or more population) by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program

MORE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Awarded the American Heart Association Gold Standard for EMS service
- Started Cyclin' with the Mayor April-November to advance resident wellness
- Hosted two Mayor's Community Tables to connect community
- Began the Mayor's Teen Council
- Offered self-check to library customers
- Offered live online homework help, BrainFuse, through Library System
- Opened a GPISD Parent Resource Center at the Warmack Library
- Advanced early literacy through new programming in the libraries
- Conducted a Live Life Grand advertising campaign to raise awareness of Grand Prairie in DFW, increase property values and boost pride in town
- Redesigned city and tourism websites
- Launched My GPTX mobile app
- Issued 424 building permits, building more than a home a day
- Approved building permits for 7 apartment or condominium complexes, totaling 2,000 new units
- Have 6.6 million square feet in commercial/industrial development in the queue
- Reduced crime by 9% in 2015, down 42% since 2010
- Tested body cameras for police
- Increased number of police patrol beats to decrease response time and increase police coverage
- Initiated citywide video surveillance camera registration program
- Created Cops-N-Kids Fishing
- Received Champion of Change award at the White House for GPPD Youth Boxing (only 7 pairs chosen nationally)
- Mentored Midnight Basketball at the YMCA
- Formed the Neighborhood Enrichment Team for improved quality of life
- Created GPPD Senior Safety Program
- Created the GPPD Safe Exchange Zone
- Received COPS Award for Best Large Agency Program in the State (third year in a row)
- Implemented new citywide digital radio system for enhanced public safety
- Formed the Police Bicycle Unit
- Implemented GPPD Foot Patrols throughout the City
- Designed I-20 frontage roads between SH 161 and Belt Line Road
- Designed Wildlife Parkway from Belt Line to Lower Tarrant. Start construction in 2018
- Designed Camp Wisdom widening to four lanes between Carrier and FM 1382. Build in 2016
- Completed Freetown Road from SW 3rd Street to Carrier Parkway
- Designed Oakdale from Roy Orr to SH 161 to remove 90-degree curve
- Celebrated opening of Gas-to-Energy Plant at Landfill



- Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful (KGPB) won 2nd Place in the 2015 Keep Texas Beautiful Governor's Community Achievement Award for best grass roots efforts
- KGPB received highest recognition as a Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate with its Gold Star Award
- KGPB achieved Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Recognition by exceeding KAB's standards of merit
- Collected more than 13 tons of litter from stream, street and cemetery cleanups with help of volunteers
- Collected 174 tons of litter
- Recycled 12,000 tons of concrete
- Installed Prairie Horses sculptures at the landfill by artist Randy Meador
- Completed the City HeARTs documentary film funded by the National Endowment for the Arts
- Mulched 90,600 cubic yards of trees and shrubbery at the landfill
- Assisted 60,976 customers at landfill scale house
- Recycled 378.94 tons of metals, electronics, tires, batteries and paper at the landfill
- Completed 2,034 sterilizations at Prairie Paws Adoption Center
- Adopted 1,955 animals at Prairie Paws Adoption Center
- Sent 1,044 animals to rescue organizations from Prairie Paws
- Achieved 100 adoptions from the Prairie Paws Waggin' Wagon
- Responded to 13,980 Animal Service calls
- Logged 2,714 volunteer hours at Prairie Paws
- Fixed more than 30,000 potholes
- Cleaned more than 77,000 linear feet of creeks and channels
- Striped 570,000 feet of road
- Repaired/replaced 2,200 signs
- Installed more than 10,000 raised pavement markers
- Picked up more than 4,000 tons of brush at 11,500 locations
- Started an update to the city's FEMA Community Rating System, which will allow residents to purchase flood insurance at a discounted rate
- Installed backup generators at Fire Stations #2 and #8, Main Library, Shotwell Recreation Center and Equipment Service Center
- Replaced Municipal Court and Equipment Service Center roofs

2016 GOALS

TOP GOALS

- Open Fire Station #10 at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa
- Continue redevelopment of Main Street
- Recruit a destination restaurant for the historic Fire Station #1 on Main Street
- Begin construction on The Epic life center, water park and all-accessible playground to open in 2017
- Remodel the Grand Prairie Memorial Library
- Install a library-books-on-hold pickup locker near the lake
- Continue Live Life Grand DFW-wide ad campaign
- Widen MacArthur Boulevard from I-30 to Hunter-Ferrell Rd. Open 2018
- Begin construction on I-20 frontage roads from SH 161 to Belt Line Rd. Open 2018
- Widen Camp Wisdom from Carrier to FM 1382. Open 2018
- Begin construction of I-30 frontage roads on southside from NW 7th St. to Belt Line Rd.

MORE GOALS

- Design a remodel and expansion of the Charley Taylor Recreation Center
- Update Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
- Replace fitness equipment at recreation centers
- Continue planning, design and fundraising for the PlayGrand Adventures Playground Project
- Complete Fish Creek Linear Park Trail 'Central' Segment
- Expand the 50- to 64-year-old membership at The Summit by 15%
- Become one of the 150 agencies in America to be a Certified Parks and Recreation Agency
- Expand Main Street Fest into a 3-day event promoting downtown
- Implement body worn cameras for police officers
- Implement Tourism Policing Bicycle Unit
- Increase volunteerism at Prairie Paws and for the Waggin' Wagon events
- Develop a successful foster care program at Prairie Paws
- Design expansion of Shotwell Library
- Expand the City Council Briefing Room
- Begin video archiving City Council Briefing Meetings
- Install new HVAC for Parks Administration Building
- Add online booking to tourism website: visitgrandprairietx.com



2015 BY THE NUMBERS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81 sq. miles
Population	182,610
Median Age	31.3
Median Household Income	\$56,028

DEVELOPMENT

New Single-Family Building Permits Issued	424
Value of Average Single-Family Permit	\$257,280
New Commercial/Industrial Square Feet	6.6 M

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	437
General	719
Seasonal/Part-Time	165
Crossing Guards	74

RETAIL SALES TAX RATES

City	1.000%
AirHogs Ballpark	0.125%
Active Adult Center	0.125%
Parks Improvements	0.250%
Street Improvements	0.250%
Crime Control District	0.250%
State	6.250%
TOTAL Sales Tax	8.250%

OPERATING BUDGET (2015-2016)

(Total appropriations and reserves)

General Fund	\$114,262,251
Water/Wastewater	\$63,469,069
Other	\$123,096,668
TOTAL	\$300,827,988

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)

City of Grand Prairie	\$.6699980
Grand Prairie ISD	\$ 1.465000
Arlington ISD	\$ 1.348110
Cedar Hill ISD	\$ 1.525000
Mansfield ISD	\$ 1.527100
Dallas County	\$ 0.663875
Tarrant County	\$ 0.641397
Average Annual City Property Tax Paid on a \$115,000 home with homestead exemption	\$704.88

GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Grand Prairie ISD	3,700
Lockheed Martin Corp.	2,600
Poly-America Inc.	2,000
City of Grand Prairie	1,250
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.	1,200
Lone Star Park	950
Hanson Pipe & Products Inc.	950
Triumph – Vought	900
Republic National Distributing	700
Bureau of Prisons Admin.	650
Airbus Helicopters	600
Walmart	600
Siemens Energy & Automation	500
Pitney Bowes Presort Services	500

TOP TAXPAYERS

Grand Prairie Premium Outlets LLC
Poly America LP
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.
Duke Realty
Lockheed Martin Corp.
Prologis
Catellus Development Corp.
Mars Partners Ltd.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,016
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	72,843
Special Events Attendees	258,370
Cemetery Spaces Sold	309

SOLID WASTE

Tons of Garbage Disposed	182,300
Tons of Commercial Recycling at the Landfill	88,319
Tons of Residential Recycling	448

LIBRARIES

Total Collection	
Main Library	91,300
Warmack Library	35,839
Shotwell Library	6,575
E-books	3,100
Cardholders	83,130
Computer Hours Used	87,006
Books Checked Out/Year	
Physical	270,986
E-books	11,725

UTILITIES

Water Production	23.9 M gal/day
Fire Hydrants	7,489
Miles of Water Lines	804
Miles of Collection Line	798
Customer Accounts	46,395

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport	
Takeoffs/Landings	66,748
Grand Connection	
Bus Passengers	49,082



2015-2016 CITY COUNCIL

(standing, left to right) Tony Shotwell, District 5; Greg Giessner, At Large; Jeff Copeland, At Large; Jeff Wooldridge, District 6; Richard Fregoe, District 4
(seated, left to right) Jorja Clemson, District 1; Jim Swafford, District 2; Ron Jensen, Mayor; Lila Thorn, District 3



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

(left to right) Deputy City Manager Anna Doll, Assistant to the City Manager Gina Alley, City Manager Tom Hart, Deputy City Manager Tom Cox, City Secretary Cathy DiMaggio