

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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Grand Prairie
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2016 IN REVIEW

TOP 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Broke ground on IKEA
- Opened Fire Station No.10 on South Grand Peninsula Dr.
- Began construction on The Epic life center, water park and all-accessible playground
- Remodeled the Grand Prairie Memorial Library
- Grand Prairie Fire Department was one of 203 cities in the U.S. to achieve an ISO 1 rating, lowering insurance rates for residents and businesses
- Began extension of SH 360 south
- Continued Live Life Grand DFW-wide ad campaign
- Began widening MacArthur Boulevard from I-30 to Hunter-Ferrell Road
- Began construction of I-30 frontage roads from NW 7th St. to Belt Line Rd.
- Continued redevelopment of Main Street

MORE 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Designed a remodel and expansion of the Charley Taylor Recreation Center
- Updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
- Replaced fitness equipment at recreation centers
- Continued planning, design and fun-raising for the PlayGrand Adventures Playground Project
- Completed Fish Creek Linear Park Trail Central Segment
- Became one of 150 agencies in America to be a Certified Parks and Recreation Agency
- Expanded Main Street Fest into a 3-day event
- Installed a library-books-on-hold pickup locker near Joe Pool Lake
- Developed a successful foster care program at Prairie Paws
- Expanded the Council Briefing Room
- Began video archiving City Council briefing meetings
- Began implementing body worn cameras for police officers
- Created Grand Prairie Police Mounted Patrol Unit
- Completed three-year training for Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team
- Initiated the Fire Department's Swift Water Response Team
- Achieved 133 animal adoptions from the Waggin' Wagon
- Created 2017 Animal Services calendar with the Fire Department
- Began Police Department's Surveillance Camera Registration Program
- Received Office of the Governor/Texas Crime Stoppers award for Most Cases Cleared and Best Website in the Police Department
- Celebrated the inaugural Police Department Cowboy Cops rodeo for Special Olympics
- Began operation of the city's Motorola P25 radio system
- Implemented cyber security measures to secure city databases and computers
- Completed conversion of fiber communication network from ATM to Ethernet for traffic signals and CCTV cameras
- Designed a Traffic Management Center upgrade
- Constructed traffic signals at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa and Lake Ridge and South Grand Peninsula for Fire Station No. 10
- Made signal modifications at SH 360 and Camp Wisdom, SH 360 and Lynn Creek, SH 360 and New York and SH 360 and Ragland
- Completed signal design modifications at Belt Line and I-30, I-20 and Belt Line and the new IKEA location at Mayfield
- Completed 214 traffic studies
- Finished timing optimization at 94 traffic signals
- Received Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers' Association
- Conducted successful bond sales for \$37,125,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016; \$33,705,000 Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016; \$6,730,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2016; \$17,625,000 Water and Wastewater System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2016
- Upgraded two-thirds of the city to AMI (smart) water meters that will provide hourly water use reading to help customers control water usage



2016 AWARDS

2016 American Heart Association Gold Award for Fire Department EMS response times • 13th Place Best City for Families in U.S., WalletHub.com • 30th Best City in U.S. for Jobs, ranked by WalletHub.com • Best Place to Retire, Forbes Magazine • #1 Farmers Market in Texas, American Farmland Trust • #18 Best City for Hispanic Entrepreneurs, Dallas Business Journal • National Davey Award for Live Life Grand TV Commercial • National League of Cities Cultural Diversity Award for Mayor's Community Table

(2016 accomplishments continued)

- Achieved upgraded debt issue from Fitch for The Epic from AA- to AA and Parks Venue debt issue from AA to AA+
- One of 13 Texas communities to host the Don't Mess with Texas 30th Anniversary Trash and Treasure Hunt, where 80 volunteers collected 800 pounds of litter from Walnut Creek hiking and paddling trails
- Awarded the 2016 Air North Texas Partner of the Year from NTCOG
- Had a record-smashing year for Prairie Lights 2016
- Enjoyed most attendance ever for Main Street Fest in 2016
- Launched successful "Miles for Smiles" campaign benefiting PlayGrand Adventures with GPISD
- Secured 2017 State Arbor Day Celebration
- Completed Initial Assessment for CAPRA Certification for Parks Department through NRPA
- Received Large Agency of the Year award to Grand Prairie Citizens on Patrol, by Texas Citizens on Patrol Association
- National Gold Medal finalist for best parks in nation

2017 GOALS

TOP GOALS

- Open The Epic Life Center and Epic Waters
- Shop at IKEA Grand Prairie and new Walmart Supercenter
- Drive south to US 287 on SH 360
- Expand the Shotwell Library
- Begin expansion of the Prairie Paws Animal Shelter
- Work with TxDOT on I-20 frontage road construction from Carrier Parkway to Belt Line Road and I-30 frontage road construction from NW 7th St. to Belt Line Road

MORE GOALS

- Equip all police officers with body worn cameras
- Broaden social media outreach to further develop community policing efforts
- Pursue retail and restaurant development
- Implement citywide Information Security Program
- Expand the Fleet Service Garage
- Collect and index all city street signs into the GIS system
- Complete Traffic Management Center upgrade
- Begin construction of NE Green Oaks and Riverside
- Begin construction of IKEA and Mayfield roads
- Complete construction of Roy Orr and Oakdale
- Work with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to complete signal modifications at SH 360 from Camp Wisdom to Ragland
- Complete traffic signal construction on MacArthur Boulevard at Landfill and I-30
- Pursue additional improvements to city buildings, climate control systems and power dependability
- Pursue opportunities for savings on existing bond issues
- Monitor the 2017 Legislative Session to track all municipal bills
- Expand the American Express Small Business Saturday event for retailers to promote the day after Black Friday
- Implement tourism policing bicycle unit
- Begin renovation on Charley Taylor Recreation Center, including police boxing facility
- Become "CAPRA" Certified Parks and Recreation Department through NRPA (one of 200 in America)



2016 BY THE NUMBERS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81 sq. miles
Population	184,620
Median Age	31.3
Median Household Income	\$56,028

DEVELOPMENT

New Single-Family Building Permits Issued	397
Value of Average Single-Family Permit	\$308,908
New Commercial/Industrial Square Feet	4.8 Million

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	475
General	785
Seasonal/Part-Time	171
Crossing Guards	85

RETAIL SALES TAX RATES

City	1.000%
Central Park/Epic	0.250%
Parks Improvements	0.250%
Street Improvements	0.250%
Crime Control District	0.250%
State	6.250%
TOTAL Sales Tax	8.250%

OPERATING BUDGET (2016-2017)

General Fund	\$126,395,145
Water/Wastewater	\$72,024,244
Other Funds	\$132,673,669
TOTAL	\$331,093,058

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)

City of Grand Prairie	\$.6699980
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.595000
Arlington ISD	\$1.390080
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.516000
Mansfield ISD	\$1.510000
Dallas County	\$0.654704
Tarrant County	\$0.6266207
Average Annual City Property Tax Paid on a \$133,278 home with \$5,000 Homestead Exemption	\$859

LIBRARIES

Main Collection	124,632
Warmack Collection	84,388
Shotwell Collection	7,329
E-books & E-video	11,131
Cardholders	86,494
Computer Hours Used	79,544
Books Checked Out/Year	307,491

GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Grand Prairie ISD	4,100
Lockheed Martin Corp.	2,500
Poly-America Inc.	2,000
City of Grand Prairie	1,300
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.	1,200
Lone Star Park	950
Triumph Aerostructures-Vought	900
Republic National Distributing	700
Bureau of Prisons Admin.	650
Airbus Helicopters	600
Walmart	600
Forterra Pipe & Products Inc.	550
General Motors LOC Center	500
Siemens Energy & Automation	500
Pitney Bowes Presort Services	450

TOP TAXPAYERS

Grand Prairie Premium Outlets LLC
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.
Lockheed Martin Corp.
Poly America LP
Duke Realty LTD PS
Oncor Electric Delivery
Mars Partners Ltd.
2803 Riverside Apt Investors LLC
MBS-Stone Lake LTD
PRCP-Dallas St Laurent LP

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,010
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	81,723
Special Events Attendees	251,947

UTILITIES

Water Production	25.7 million gallons/day
Fire Hydrants	7,604
Miles of Water Lines	893
Miles of Collection Line	872
Customer Accounts	47,502

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport	
Takeoffs/Landings	61,835
Grand Connection	
Bus Passengers	49,331

SOLID WASTE

Tons of Garbage Disposed	198,529
Tons of Commercial Recycling	97,768
Tons of Residential Recycling	5,907



2016-2017 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, Senior Assistant to the City Manager Gina Alley, City Manager Tom Hart, Deputy City Manager Tom Cox, City Secretary Cathy DiMaggio