

MAY 6, 2017

1/4 CENT SALES TAX FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION

Not a New Tax... Reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Grand Prairie at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets for eight years.

Early voting is April 24-May 2

Election day is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 6

For more voting information and a complete listing of polling locations, go to www.gptx.org/election, or call 972-237-8035.

6 DE MAYO, 2017

1/4 DE CENTAVO IMPUESTO DE VENTAS PARA MAJORAR

LAS CALLES ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL

No un Nuevo Impuesto... Reautorización del impuesto local sobre las ventas y el uso en la Ciudad de Grand Prairie a un cuarto del uno por ciento para continuar destinando ingresos al mantenimiento y la reparación de las calles municipales por ocho años.

Se puede votar temprano desde el 24 de Abril al 2 de Mayo.

El día de elección es el Sábado, 6 de Mayo de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

Para más información sobre votación y una lista completa de ubicaciones para votar, favor de ir a nuestra pagina de Internet www.gptx.org/election o llamar al 972-237-8035.

NGÀY 06 THÁNG 5 NĂM 2017

1/4 CENT THUẾ TIÊU THU CHO VIỆC CẢI TIẾN ĐƯỜNG XÁ

BẦU CỬ ĐẶC BIỆT

Không phải là thuế mới. Tái phê chuẩn việc thuế tiêu thụ của địa phương được sử dụng ở thành phố Grand Prairie theo tỷ giá của một phần tư của một phần trăm để tiếp tục cung cấp nguồn lợi tức để bảo trì và sửa chữa các đường xá thành phố cho tám năm tới.

Bỏ phiếu sớm từ ngày 24 tháng 4 đến ngày 2 tháng 5.

Ngày bầu cử là 07:00 a.m - 07:00 p.m Thứ bảy, ngày 6 tháng 5.

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về bầu cử và danh sách đầy đủ của các địa điểm bỏ phiếu, vào www.gptx.org/election. Hoặc gọi 972-237-8035.

MAIN STREET FEST



Friday, April 21, 5 p.m.-midnight
 Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-midnight
 Sunday, April 23, noon-8 p.m.
 Downtown Grand Prairie
 200 Block of W. Main St.

The City of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department is hosting the 6th Annual Main Street Fest on the 200 block of W. Main Street and surrounding areas. The festival will celebrate the fun, festive, family atmosphere of Grand Prairie with live performances on the Main Stage and Direct Energy Stage. Headlining performances by Pat Green, Reckless Kelly, La Mafia, and Tejas Brothers! Carnival rides, Arts & Crafts Area, Business Expo, Food and Beer Gardens, a KIDZONE and so much more! This family-friendly event kicks off on Friday, April 21 at 5 p.m. For updates and information, visit MainStreetFest.com and facebook. com/MainStreetFest.

CYCLIN' WITH MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for 5-mile bike rides. Visit gptx.org/getfitgp.

Tuesday, April 25 • 6 p.m.

North Grand Prairie Ride

Meet at Eisenhower Elementary

Tuesday, May 23 • 6 p.m.

Lone Star/Campion Trail Ride

Meet at Lone Star Park

COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER



Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline

Julie Johnson chronicles the life story of Patsy Cline

May 13

The Phat Pack

A show filled with Broadway American standards, Las Vegas favorites and original songs featuring Broadway singers Bruce Ewing, Ted Keegan and Randal Keith

June 3

All Shook Up

Inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley

June 16-18,
23-25

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 29 • 9:30 a.m. gathering, 10 a.m. ceremony begins

Honor the men and women who have given their lives for our great nation. After the ceremony, enjoy hot dogs, lemonade, chips and cookies provided by local Rotary Clubs. For info., call 972-237-8100 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION

The city's next household hazardous waste collection event is on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W 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. Register by calling 972-237-8055 or online at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The city's free electronics recycling event is Saturday, May 20, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center parking lot, 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. Visit gptx.org/recycling.

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. - noon • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
For more information, call 972-237-5700 or gptx.org/library.

CRAWFISH BOIL JUNE 3

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.
Freshly boiled crawfish with potatoes and corn sold by the pound.

FARMERS MARKET



Farmers Market
120 W. Main Street

The Farmers Market is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays from April through December, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honeys, pastries, desserts, pastas, spices, chips and salsas, tamales, candles, soaps and much more!

Craft Fair Day - April 29

For more detailed information on ways to become a vendor, contact the Grand Prairie Farmers Market at 972-237-4599 or farmersmarket@gptx.org.

HOME REPAIR HELP FOR SENIORS

Seniors age 60 and older who own and occupy their home and meet certain income and other guidelines MAY qualify for repairs to deteriorated conditions on their home. The program focuses on HUD approved rehabilitation standards and health/safety concerns. Remodeling and cosmetic updates are not allowed. For more information call Housing and Neighborhood Services 972-237-8166.

GPISD PRE-K

Online applications for the 2017-2018 school year open Monday, April 3 at 8 a.m. Free half-day and full-day pre-K (Qualifications Apply) and Tuition-Based All-Day Pre-K available at various campuses.

Text PREK to 972-687-7735 for updates and answers to all of your questions, including transportation questions or visit gptx.org/pre-k.

LAWN CARE - DON'T BAG IT!

As we return to spring and the promise of green lawns, the immediate thought might be, "What do I do with the grass clippings I will be collecting?" The short answer is don't collect it! By leaving the clippings on the lawn and allowing them to work their way back into the soil, you will help produce a naturally good looking lawn. There is no need for chemical fertilizers if done consistently. The rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the leaf surface at any one time. For example: common Bermuda grass when 2-1/4" or less, should be mowed at a setting of 1-1/2".



If your lawn has started sprouting weeds already, apply the mowing principles mentioned, and bag the weeds and grass clippings collected for your compost pile, as this is rich in nitrogen and is an essential component of composting. The composted material in turn provides a valuable natural soil amendment that can be used in your garden and also on your lawn as needed to reduce weeds. This continuous cycle provides an effective way to manage your yard waste. For more information on "Don't Bag It!", yard waste or composting classes, please see the city website at gptx.org/composting.

CLEAN UP AT MOUNTAIN CREEK PARK

Get Fit Grand Prairie encourages fresh air and fitness in the month of May, so come enjoy some fresh air and meet some cool people with Get



Fit and Young Women's Leadership Academy by participating in Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful's Adopt-a-Stream cleanup at Mountain Creek Lake Park. The cleanup event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. Please meet near the basketball court at the intersection of Hardy Road and Avenue D. Long pants, layers appropriate for weather, and close-toed shoes are recommended. Sunscreen and insect repellent are also recommended. Volunteers are asked to register on Better Impact, <http://btr.im/i2cc2> For more information, please email: kgpb@gptx.org or call: 972-237-8152.

PET DISASTER SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS

Disaster can strike at any time, and since your pet is a part of the family, it is important to make sure they are prepared in case of an emergency. Whether it is a house fire, a tornado, or a flood, there are some key things to keep in mind for pet safety.

Keep your cat and dog's collars on at all times and be sure leashes are near the entrance. If you do not wish to keep your pet's collar on at all times, be sure they are microchipped. If your pet is microchipped and escapes during an emergency, Animal Services or other emergency responders are more likely to get your pet back to you as soon as possible.

It is best to keep a pet carrier or cage near an entrance way for a quick getaway, such as in a fire or flood. Be prepared by making sure the carrier or cage has towels or blankets in it.

Create a disaster kit for your pet,

- Three-seven days' worth of food
- Two portable/collapsible bowls (for food and water)
- Veterinarian information
- Copy of your pet's vaccination records and list of medications (if applicable)
- Extra collar or harness and leash
- A current picture of your animal(s)
- Water bottles
- Poop collection bags
- Pet first aid kit

You can get a free pet alert window sticker from the ASPCA website (aspc.org), which will help emergency personnel know what they need to look for when they enter your home.

In case of a fire, NEVER go back inside for your pets. Leave the doors open when you exit and call for them from a safe distance. Always let professional emergency responders know if any animals are trapped or were left inside.

LOOK FOR ONE OF THESE **ACTIVE INGREDIENTS**

Active ingredient
Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection
DEET
Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the US)
IR3535
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) Do not use OLE or PMD on children under the age of 3
2-undecanone

Find the insect repellent that's right for you by using EPA's search tool*.

* The EPA's search tool is available at: www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you

WARNING SIRENS

The city's Outdoor Warning Siren System may be activated for any kind of emergency – not just severe weather. People often have the misconception that the sirens are meant to be heard indoors. However, the siren system is intended to be heard outdoors. You may not hear it inside or in noisy areas.

When you hear the Outdoor Warning Siren System, you should immediately go inside and tune to local news or radio for additional information so you can make a decision on what actions you should take. Then, go to the lowest level, most interior space of your home or office.

The Outdoor Warning Siren System consists of 26 strategically placed sirens that are activated for one or more of the following conditions:

- A tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service in the City of Grand Prairie
- Tornado, funnel cloud or rotation reported by a reliable source
- Destructive winds in excess of 70 mph
- Reports of hail larger than 1.75 to 2 inches
- Chemical spill
- State or national emergency
- Other emergencies as appropriate

The City of Grand Prairie tests the city's outdoor warning siren system on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. unless there is inclement weather.

To receive emergency notifications indoors, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All Hazards and Weather Alert Radio with the Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) feature is recommended. The NOAA radio allows you to keep up to date on all types of emergencies. You can purchase one at many local retailers starting around \$20. NOAA radios with the SAME feature can be programmed to provide emergency information specific to your area. The codes for our four counties are (www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/):

Dallas County: 048113

Tarrant County: 048439

Johnson County: 048251

Ellis County: 048139

If you have questions, visit our website at:

<http://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/emergency-management/warnings/warning-sirens>

Or contact Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management at
Phone: 817-237-8333, Email: oem@gptx.org

FLASH FLOOD RISKS

Did you know that in certain flooding conditions, a vehicle can be washed away in less than 12 inches of fast-moving floodwater? Conditions that cause floods include heavy rain for several hours or days that saturate the ground. Flash flooding is dangerous because it occurs suddenly due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area and provides little time for affected residents to evacuate their home or business. Flash floods are dangerous to drivers as their cars can be flooded and swept off the road when attempting to drive across a flooded roadway. Flash floods happen suddenly. Roadways can quickly be covered in swiftly moving floodwater, making them unsafe and impassable. Most flood-related deaths are due to motorists attempting to cross a flooded low-water crossing or road. Know your flood risk, and "Turn Around, Don't Drown®"!

COFFEE WITH A COP

Saturday, May 20
8-10 a.m.
Whataburger
3825 S. Carrier



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.

OFF STREET PARKING

Please remove any vehicle, boat or trailer parked in



any part of the yard that is on the grass or dirt. All vehicles must be parked on an approved surface for your area. UDC 10.6.1, 10.6.3

ANIMAL VACCINATIONS

Saturday, May 6 and Saturday, May 20
3-5 p.m., Prairie Paws Adoption
Center Conference Room
2222 W. Warrior Tr.
972-237-8575



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