

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION JUNE 20-21

Friday, June 20 - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 21 - 10 a.m.

Friday night enjoy a cultural celebration and youth scholarship award program at David Daniels Academy, 801 SW 19th St., including a 1st-5th grade art contest and 6th-12th grade essay contest.

On Saturday, the Freedom March begins at City Hall Plaza, 317 College St., at 10 a.m. and proceeds to Tyre Park, 2327 Tyre St., for lunch, games, entertainment and swimming.

Contact Preston Dixon 972-237-9599 or Linda Sharp 972-263-9673 for more information.

TANGLE RIDGE CLOSED

JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1



GOLF CLUB • GRAND PRAIRIE TEXAS

This is your last chance to play our bentgrass greens! Tangle Ridge will be closing from June 1 – Sept. 1 to install a new very heat tolerant grass, Champion Bermuda, which will replace the current bentgrass greens. A brand new covered tournament pavilion will be constructed along with the renovation and construction of several new tee boxes. Visit us now and come back in September for a brand new golfing experience!

Lessons/clinics during the summer will be held at the Practice Driving Range at 5720 Lake Ridge Pkwy. (north side of the lake). You can still reach the pro shop at 972-299-6837.

APPLY FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

If you would like to have some input about what's happening in your city, why not apply for a place on one of the city's boards or commissions?

Your experience and expertise are needed on boards that deal with everything from the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport to city parks facilities, housing and senior citizen concerns.

If you would like to volunteer your time to serve the city in this capacity, please apply by June 13. Applications are available by calling the City Secretary's office at 972-237-8035 or online at www.gptx.org/City Secretary.



LYNN CREEK PARK OFFERS GP RESIDENTS FREE ENTRY

Grand Prairie residents can now enter popular Lynn Creek Park, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway, on Lake Joe Pool **free** with a current driver's license with a Grand Prairie, Texas address. This offer is good for one vehicle, up to six people in the vehicle. Customers towing a boat and non-residents will still pay the \$10 entrance fee. Offer is not valid on special event days, July 4, and during Prairie Lights. Other restrictions may apply.

Inside the park, customers will enjoy the new white sand beach, SS Prairie Dog mega-playground, shade structures on the beach, picnic areas and bath-houses. The large picnic pavilions are still rentable within the park by calling 817-467-2104. The day park is open from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily March – October.



1/2 OFF RESERVED TICKET ADMISSION

Bring this coupon to see the best in Minor League baseball as the AirHogs take on the Sioux Falls Canaries.

VALID SUNDAY, JUNE 15 ONLY - GAME BEGINS AT 2:05 P.M.

One person per coupon. Not redeemable for cash.

Grand Prairie AirHogs, 1600 Lone Star Parkway
972-504-9383
www.airhogsbaseball.com

LIVE HORSE RACING AT LONE STAR PARK

Live racing at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie runs Thursday through Sunday until July 27. Join Lone Star Park to celebrate the very exciting third and final leg of the Triple Crown, the Belmont Stakes, running Saturday, June 7. The Randy Rogers Band performs live in concert, Friday, June 13. Admission is \$3 before 9 p.m. and \$15 thereafter.



LONE STAR PARK
at Grand Prairie®

Dad will certainly enjoy his day at the races with an opportunity to win a **free grill** in the Father's Day Fishing Contest on Sunday, June 15. The first 200 men age 21 and older will be eligible to fish in the Father's Day Fish Tank. The dad who catches our specially marked fish will win a free grill! *

*No purchase necessary. Complete rules available upon request.

LEARN TO RESTORE NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

Seminar offered by the National Arbor Day Foundation

Learn progressive techniques for restoring native ecosystems using good design and a clear understanding of ecosystems and ecological systems. This seminar is for conservation engineers, landscape architects, public works officials, ecologists, biologists, wildlife managers, professors, teachers and anyone interested in restoring ecosystems.



Thursday, June 12 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway



Fee: \$129 in advance, \$150 (if registering less than seven days prior to seminar)

Lunch included

To register visit

www.arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/rne/2008/more.cfm
or call 888-448-7337

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY JUNE 14

Has your spring cleaning unearthed unwanted household chemicals? If so, you can bring them to the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, June 14. The event will be held at the Development Center, 201 NW 2nd St. (next to City Hall) from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Register by calling 972-237-8055 or on-line at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

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.

SWIM LESSONS OFFERED AT CITY POOLS

This is the summer to learn to swim. American Red Cross swim classes are offered at four different pools for students 6 months - adult Monday - Thursday.

June 2-12 June 16-26 July 7-17 July 21-31 August 4-14

Registration is first come first serve, so register early due to limited enrollment in each class. Call 972-263-8174 or stop by Kirby Creek Natatorium, 3201 Corn Valley Road.

POOLS OPEN MAY 24

All pools open Memorial Day weekend. Spend the first summer holiday weekend, May 24, all the way through the last summer holiday weekend, Aug. 30, at the pool! On Memorial Day weekend all five pools are open for swimming 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Come in to check out the new fun we have in store for you this summer.

Kirby Creek Natatorium

3201 Corn Valley Road
972-263-8174

McFalls Outdoor Pool

505 Dickey Road
972-264-1203

Bowles Outdoor Pool

2714 Graham Street
972-264-4872

Tyre Outdoor Pool

2327 Tyre Street
972-660-6269

Splash Factory Water Playground

601 East Grand Prairie Road
972-266-5272

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

*Presented by the
Grand Prairie Arts Council*

June 26-28 – 7:30 p.m.

June 29 – 2 p.m.

Chambers Auditorium
Grand Prairie High School
101 High School Dr.

Tickets: \$14 adults, \$11 children and students (ages 1-21) and seniors 55 and older.
Group rate: 10 or more tickets for \$10 each.

For tickets call
972-642-2787 or visit
www.artsgp.com



2009 PHOTO CONTEST NOW OPEN

The incorporated city of Grand Prairie will be 100 years old in 2009 and the city's annual photo calendar will celebrate that. We are particularly looking for photos with historic significance, such as:

- Old photos of people, places and events from early and mid-century Grand Prairie
- New photos of historic places in Grand Prairie

Amateur and professional photographers must live in Grand Prairie and the photos must be taken in and of Grand Prairie to enter the 2009 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2008. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2009 City Calendar. A list of historic landmarks in Grand Prairie can be found at:

www.gptx.org/HistoricalMarkers.aspx

Photo must feature Grand Prairie:

- History, including old family photos, photos of early and mid-century places, people and events in Grand Prairie, photos that tell a story about the settling of Grand Prairie, etc.
- New photos of historic places in Grand Prairie
- City services, facilities, programs, employees at work
- City events
- Pretty places in Grand Prairie
- GPISD students, facilities, activities (only one month in calendar may feature the schools)

Format may be an original print or 300 DPI TIF file on CD or e-mail with your name, address, phone number to asprinkles@gptx.org. Prints can be returned if return address is on back of photo.

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 and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2008. The city calendar will be printed in December 2008.

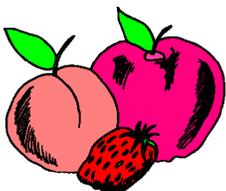
Send entries to:

Amy Sprinkles
Marketing and Public Information
City of Grand Prairie
P.O. Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
asprinkles@gptx.org



For more information, go to www.gptx.org/photocontest

FARMERS MARKET MOVES TO LIBERTY BELL PLAZA



Homegrown fresh fruits and vegetables are now available beginning May 22 at Farmers Market open at 8 a.m. every Thursday and Saturday in Liberty Bell Plaza on the south side of City Hall, 317 College St. Market vendors accept Tarrant County WIC vouchers.

FREE LUNCH OFFERED FOR KIDS

Free Summer Lunch Program for kids 18 years old and younger will be available June 2-Aug. 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at:

Charley Taylor Recreation Center
501 E Grand Prairie Road
972-264-6890

Dalworth Recreation Center
2021 Spikes Street
972-264-7670

Bowles Life Center
2750 Graham Street
972-237-7529

Grand Prairie Boys & Girls Club
100 Enterprise
971-623-1698

Prairie Estates Town Homes
1325 Daja Lane
972-602-1107

Kids must eat food on site. The healthy lunch is provided by Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Division and the City of Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation Department. For information, call 972-237-8100.

GP AWARDED GRANT FOR YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

Grand Prairie is one of two Dallas-Fort Worth area cities to receive the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Community Outdoor Outreach Program (Co-Op) grant designed to help children from urban areas experience the outdoors. The city's Parks and Recreation Department will offer four one-week camps for youth ages 9-17 at Loyd Park.

For more information call Mar-shawn Wilks at 972-264-7670 or email mwilks@gptx.org.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Include the entire family in planning now. Don't wait for an emergency. Three important principles every family should regularly practice are:

1. **Get a Kit**
2. **Make a Plan**
3. **Be Informed**



Get a Kit

Water	One gallon per person for at least three days
Food	Three-day supply of non-perishable food and can opener
Radio	NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both and a flashlight
First aid kit	Include a whistle to signal for help and local maps with a compass
Dust mask	Used to filter contaminated air; plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
Garbage bags	Moist towelettes and plastic ties for personal sanitation
Small tool kit	Include wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

* More detailed information may be obtained at:
www.ready.gov/america/getakit/kit-print.html

Make a Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. This must be practiced and discussed to ensure that everyone understands the family plan.

Be Informed

Learn about the emergency plans that have been established for Dallas County and continue to read Pipeline for updates in Grand Prairie. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. For more information, visit us on-line at <http://www.gptx.org/EnvironmentalServices/WaterQuality/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx>.

SKATE PARK SUMMER CAMPS

Alliance Skate Park, 1002 Lone Star Parkway, hosts events and summer camps where you can learn directly from professional riders. Call 972-262-4479 or visit www.allianceskateparks.com/grandprairie.

June 30: BMX Schools Out Contest August 4-8: Bike/Skate Camp
July 7-11: Bike/Skate Camp August 18-22: Bike/Skate Camp
July 21 -25: Bike/Skate Camp

VECTOR CONTROL

A vector is an organism that does not cause disease itself, but which spreads infection by conveying pathogens (disease causing organisms) from one host to another. Vectors are found everywhere—mosquitoes, cockroaches, rodents and flies transmit disease to humans.

Vector control is any activity that humans perform to eliminate or control them. Warming temperatures and rainy days will trigger the development and arrival of many species. Don't let them catch you off guard. Here are some examples of the things you can do to avoid vectors:

- Dispose of cans, plastic containers, pots or any water-holding container.
- Remove leaf debris from yards and gardens.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs.
- Make sure window and door screens fit properly and are in good condition.
- Change the water in birdbaths twice weekly.
- To minimize mosquito bites use insect repellent containing DEET.
- Keep garbage cans covered at all times.
- Pet droppings and malodorous materials must be picked up immediately to prevent flies and other insects from swarming around the house.

Mice and rats transmit diseases through their fleas, dried droppings and body fluids. Rodents live where they can obtain food and water. They come into the house through outdoor openings in search of food and tolerable temperatures.

Avoid them by keeping your yard clean, cover any outdoor walls openings, and keep your garbage can covered.

