

Grand Prairie TEXAS

State of the city 2008-2009



Top 10 Accomplishments of 2008

- 1 Opened the historic Uptown Theater to rave reviews.
- 2 Launched a new weekly news show, GP Update, on GPTV Channel 16 and gptx.org.
- 3 Built QuikTrip Ballpark and enjoyed a successful first season of the Grand Prairie AirHogs minor league baseball team, American Association Southern Division Champions.
- 4 Broke ground on the new Public Safety Headquarters and Active Adult Center.
- 5 Saw the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax for parks complete the 3.2-mile Lone Star Trinity Trail in the entertainment district; open Wide World of Parks mega-playground at QuikTrip Ballpark; celebrate the 5-mile Good Link Trail between Mike Lewis and Waggoner parks; install the Fish Creek playground on Allegro Lane; update outdoor swimming pools with mega-slides; and add a diving board at Kirby Creek Indoor Pool.
- 6 Invested \$4.5 million through the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax for street improvements on 12 streets, three alleys and 53 leveling projects to pave the way to smooth driving.
- 7 Opened the Belt Line overpass at Main and Jefferson streets.
- 8 Began driving on State Highway 161 frontage roads.
- 9 Continued to make strides in public safety: for the first sustainable time in a decade Police were fully hired; added filing police reports online for citizens; appointed new Gang Unit; shifted to 12-hour workdays, putting more officers on the street; and added a second police dog, Sara, who specializes in narcotics.
- 10 Received credit rating upgrade from Standard & Poor's and Fitch to "AA+" and "AA positive outlook."

Top Goals for 2009

- 1 Celebrate the city's 100 years of incorporation with celebrations all year, including the main festival March 28, 2009.
- 2 Open the new outdoor event gardens at the Ruthe Jackson Center.
- 3 Build a new Market Square and farmers' market downtown.
- 4 Begin building Lake Rescue Fire/Police Facility near Lynn Creek Park.
- 5 Open the Warrior Trail connection from Carrier Parkway to State Highway 161.
- 6 Ask voters to revote the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax for street improvements.
- 7 Open new joint fire station with Cedar Hill.
- 8 Build Hill Street through to Randol Mill Road.
- 9 Cut Kingswood Blvd. through to State Highway 360 from Great Southwest Parkway.
- 10 Punch Crossland Blvd. across State Highway 161.

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The 1/4 cent sales tax for streets comes before voters in 2009.



Grand Prairie Parks received Best in Nation Gold Medal Award.



Historic Uptown Theater reopens as a performing arts center.

2008 Grand Prairie Accomplishments

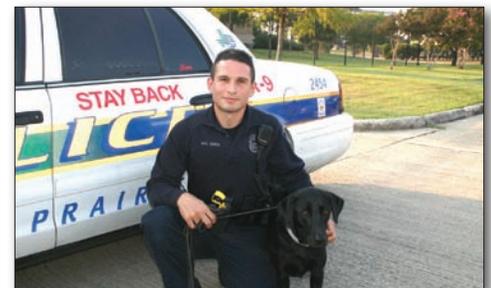
- Renovated Tangle Ridge Golf Course greens to Champion Bermuda.
- Added hybrid vehicles to fleet, saving money and the environment.
- Issued 554 residential permits; 36 new commercial permits; added 2 million square feet of new commercial space; and added 328 new apartment units.
- Added a "sky box" to Police for crime prevention.
- Renovated the entry and lobby and created a teen area at Main Library.
- Installed red light cameras at dangerous intersections and rail road crossings.
- Completed design and broke ground on the new Public Safety Headquarters and Active Adult Center.
- Launched DFW promotion campaign for a Grand Prairie Staycation, awarding a Grand Prairie vacation package worth more than \$1,500.
- Offered Grand Prairie residents free entry to Lynn Creek Park.
- Added new compressed air foam systems (CAFS) to fire fighting arsenal.
- Kicked off a year of special programs, events and classes at the Main Library, attracting thousands of new customers.
- Began construction of the Ruth Jackson Center outdoor event gardens.
- GPISD opened new Crosswinds High School campus.
- Hosted the United States Specialty Sports Association Boys 13AAA World Tournament, bringing 35 teams to Grand Prairie.
- Offered free tours of the city's historic Copeland Home every first Saturday of the month.
- GPISD began construction of new Dubiski Career High School facility – scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.
- Installed new traffic signals at six intersections.
- Celebrated improvement in 24 of 25 areas in GPISD TAKS scores, seeing two campuses move to Exemplary, 11 campuses become Recognized and all campuses rated Acceptable.



All new Tangle Ridge Golf Course greens in 2008.



Lone Star Trinity Trail opened in the Entertainment District.



Police add a second police dog, Saka, specialized in narcotics.



2008-2009 Grand Prairie City Council

(standing left to right)

Bill Thorn, District 3 • Tony Shotwell, District 5 • Rick Sala, At Large
Richard Fregoe, District 4 • Jim Swafford, District 2

(seated, left to right)

Mark Hepworth, District 1 • Ruthe Jackson, At Large
Mayor Charles England • Ron Jensen, District 6

- Targeted the reduction and elimination of underage alcohol and drug use through the city's non-profit organization, Grand Prairie Impact.
- Created the new Halloween Nights walk-through lighted display special event.
- Conducted 19,520 code enforcement investigations; made 33,125 code inspections; issued 5,201 garage sale permits, investigated 232 illegal dump sites and enforced 47 site cleanups.
- City Councilwoman Ruthe Jackson was awarded the coveted United States President's Call to Service Award at the Keep Texas Beautiful annual conference, and received the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality's Texas Environmental Excellence Award for an Individual.

- Completed a \$7 million, 8.5 million gallon per day sewage pumping station on the Peninsula.
- Invested more than \$2 million in replacing deteriorating water and wastewater lines.
- Completed a water conservation demonstration garden at the Water Utilities Pumping Facility on Belt Line Road.
- Renovated a water well to provide additional reliable water supply and mitigate costs of purchased water.
- Completed several new water transmission lines to enhance fire protection and improve water distribution.
- Negotiated a new water supply contract with Mansfield.
- Renovated city's Annex Building.

Goals for 2009

- Celebrate the historic Uptown Theater's first year of operation.
- Attend the American Association of Professional Baseball's All-Star Game at the AirHogs' QuikTrip Ballpark.
- Continue construction of our new Public Safety Headquarters and Active Adult Center.
- Celebrate GPISD opening the new Dubiski Career High School.
- Conduct Citizen Satisfaction Survey.
- Extend Lynn Creek Parkway from Lake Ridge Parkway to State Highway 360.
- Widen Lake Ridge Parkway to six lanes from the lake to Interstate 20.



Grand Prairie named a Best Place to Live in USA by Money Magazine.

City Manager's Office

(left to right)

Assistant to the City Manager Mike Foreman
Assistant to the City Manager Andy White
City Secretary Cathy DiMaggio
Deputy City Manager Anna Doll
City Manager Tom Hart
Deputy City Manager Tom Cox





Opened the Belt Line overpass over Main and Jefferson streets.



The AirHogs minor league baseball team's inaugural season was a hit!



City will celebrate its centennial in 2009 with a festival and other activities.

- Widen Mayfield Road from Great Southwest Parkway to State Highway 360.
- Widen Great Southwest Parkway from Sara Jane Parkway to Bardin Road, including new turn lanes at Interstate 20.
- Restore the historic Loyd Home as a rental cabin in Loyd Park.
- Build a new Air Traffic Control Tower and Airport Terminal at Grand Prairie Airport.
- Break ground on the new Prime Retail Outlet Mall on Interstate 20.
- Build a new playground at Charley Taylor Recreation Center.
- Install a new perimeter fence at the Veterans Memorial.
- Construct a \$9 million wastewater collection system south of Lake Joe Pool.
- Build a new treated water supply line with Mansfield.
- Construct \$3 million in water and wastewater improvements.
- Rehabilitate one water storage tank to improve water quality.
- Invest more than \$5 million to improve existing streets.
- Widen Camp Wisdom Road from Robinson Road to Carrier Parkway, and take out the two 90 degree turns at Robinson.
- Widen Arkansas Lane to Arlington.
- See new frontage roads, some in construction and some already open, on Interstate 30 and Interstate 20.
- Widen MacArthur Blvd. from Interstate 30 to Irving.
- Widen Hunter Ferrell Road from Belt Line Road to MacArthur Blvd.



During WWII, Grand Prairians built record numbers of air-planes at North American.



Established in the 1920s, the Dalworth School system, home of the mighty Dalworth Dragons, was incorporated into the GPISD in 1966.



The Grand Prairie-Cedar Hill Joint Fire Station opens in 2009.



Market Square, featuring farmers' market, will open summer 2009 in downtown.



Construction of a new Public Safety Headquarters and Active Adult Center continues through 2009.

Grand Prairie by the Numbers 2008

Demographics

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| Land Area | 81.4 sq. miles |
| Population | 166,654 |
| Median Age | 32 |
| Avg. New Home Price | \$233,005 |
| Avg. Household Income | \$50,181 |

Development

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| New Single Family Building Permits Issued | 554 |
| Value of Average Single Family Permit | \$232,464 |
| New Apartment Units | 328 |
| New Commercial/Industrial Sq. Ft. (projects underway and proposed) | 1,955,506 |
| Number of New/Retained Jobs | 975 |

Top Ten Taxpayers

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| Bell-Helicopter-Textron |
| Prologis/Catellus |
| Oncor Electric |
| Republic Beverage |
| Hanson Pipe and Products |
| Duke Realty |
| Towns of Riverside |
| Cardinal Health 200 Inc. |
| Lockheed Martin |
| First Industrial Texas LP |

Property Tax Rates

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| (Per \$100 Assessed Property Value) | |
| City of Grand Prairie | \$.669998 |
| Grand Prairie ISD | \$ 1.46500 |
| Arlington ISD | \$ 1.27200 |
| Cedar Hill ISD | \$ 1.50000 |
| Mansfield ISD | \$ 1.45000 |
| Dallas County | \$ 0.22810 |
| Tarrant County | \$ 0.26400 |

Retail Sales Tax Rates

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 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 | <u>6.25</u> |
| Total Sales Tax | 8.25% |

Grand Prairie's Top Employers

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| Grand Prairie ISD | 3,200 |
| Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control | 2,600 |
| Poly-America, Inc. | 1,400 |
| Bell Helicopter-Textron | 1,300 |
| City of Grand Prairie | 1,250 |
| Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie | 1,200 |
| Vought Aircraft Industries | 700 |
| Siemens Energy & Automation | 600 |
| Hanson Pipe & Products, Inc. | 500 |
| Wal-Mart | 500 |
| American Eurocopter | 500 |
| Pollock Paper Distributors | 500 |
| Arnold Transportation Services | 500 |
| SAIA Motor Freight Line, Inc. | 500 |

Operating Budget (2008-2009)

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| General Fund | \$97,576,519 |
| Water/Wastewater | \$47,688,002 |
| Other | \$48,227,534 |
| TOTAL | \$193,492,055 |

Municipal Employees

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| Police/Fire Civil Service | 425 |
| General Employees | 716 |
| Total Full-Time | 1,269 |
| Total Seasonal/Part-Time | 128 |

Libraries

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| Main Library Collection | 149,177 |
| Warmack Collection | 43,086 |
| Bowles Collection | 10,844 |



Wide World of Parks opened at Quik Trip Ballpark in 2008.

Parks and Recreation

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| Acres of Park Land | 5,002 acres |
| Number of Parksites | 56 |
| Rounds of Golf Played | 71,673 |
| Ruthe Jackson Center Events | 1,105 |
| Loyd Park Campers | 18,691 |
| Lynn Creek Park Attendance | 343,952 |
| Cemetery Spaces Sold | 247 |

Utilities

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| Water Production (Avg. Gallons/Day) | 25.1 million |
| Fire Hydrants | 7,010 |
| Miles of Water Lines | 800.05 |
| Collection Line | 752 miles |
| Customer Accounts | 43,739 |

Solid Waste

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| Tons of garbage disposed | 180,585 |
| Tons of commercial recycling | 30,697 |
| Tons of residential recycling at the landfill | 4,362 |
| Tons of residential recycling at the curb | 4,247 |
| Tons of residential recycling at drop sites | 1,253 |

Transportation

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| Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings | 101,090 |
| Grand Connection Bus Passengers | 42,469 |



AirHogs win the Southern Division Championship.