

EPIC FEST
FEATURING FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH AND CULTURES OF ROTARY

Friday, Sept. 21, 5-11:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
 Epic Central Park, 2960 Epic Place



This free event sponsored by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, welcomes everyone to the new EpicCentral Park and celebrates diverse cultures and backgrounds. Enjoy a headlining performance from the Kumbia Kings on Friday night, live entertainment, educational components, multi-cultural performances on the Rotary International Stage, vendors, lawn games, food and beer gardens.

HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway

Free event includes food, activities for kids and informational sessions on foreclosure prevention, home repairs, down payment assistance and more. Register for a chance to win prizes at gphns.org.



ACCESS HOURLY WATER USE WITH H2Know

A 21st century network of water meters and communication devices will now allow you, our customers, to monitor and manage water usage from an online customer portal accessible from both personal computers and mobile devices. The new system, named H2Know, measures and transmits hourly water usage data—older systems could only provide a single monthly usage total. Why is hourly usage important and how can it help you and our city?



With our new system, you will have the power to:

- Receive automatic alerts of higher than normal usage spikes within a day of their occurrence
- Receive automatic alerts of long term continuous usage (indicating possible leaks)
- Establish a monthly “water budget” and be alerted when you reach or exceed your target
- Monitor usage patterns such as irrigation to better manage the frequency and duration of watering
- Save water and save money!

This system will also help the city find and repair its own leaks, better manage its Water Conservation Programs and provide more useful information when you contact us with questions. To access H2Know, you will have to register and we are eager to help you get connected. Register at gptx.org/H2Know.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY TABLE

Thursday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m.
 Ruthe Jackson Center
 3113 S. Carrier Pkwy.

Grand Prairie residents are invited to the Mayor’s Community Table—a series of meals hosted by Mayor Ron Jensen designed to bring together the community to get to know new people. The city assigns seating to achieve a mix of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and races.

Format: No speaker, no program. Just meet, greet and get to know the people at your table. 30 minute Q&A with Mayor at end of evening.

Cost: Adults and Children \$10/ person. Fajita buffet.

RSVP: By email to: mct@gptx.org, or call 972-237-8012 by August 31, 2018. To ensure a great mix of folks at each table, please provide this info when you RSVP:

Age: 15-20; 20-35; 36-50; 51-65; 66+
 Race: African American; Hispanic; Asian; Caucasian; Other
 Gender: Female; Male

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

The Warmack Branch Library will be closed Monday, Aug. 20-February 2019 so that library expansion can be completed. Visit the library online at gptx.org/library to stay updated on the status of this expansion project. Your library card is good at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr., Shotwell Library at 2750 Graham St., or visit gptx.org/library and use your library card to place an item on hold and pick it up at the Lake Parks Book Locker, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway.

KID'S FISHING DAY

Come reel 'em in on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Mike Lewis Park lagoon. This popular event is free to children 16 and younger. The lagoon will be stocked with catfish and ribbons will be handed out to each participant. There is no registration fee to participate in the Kid's Fishing Day, but there will be an onsite sign up table. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first come first serve basis with a driver's license or credit card deposit. Registration is 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6.



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

With the summer heat giving way to cooler temperatures, you may have excess pool chemicals that you would like to see disposed of properly. The safest and best way to do this is to bring them to a household hazardous waste collection event. The next events will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W. Church (next to City Hall). Registration is required. Please call 972-237-8055 or register online at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

We will accept household and automotive batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, and chemicals (household, landscape, and pool). We will not accept explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. No commercial waste will be accepted.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The City of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling division is hosting free electronics recycling events on Saturday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center parking lot located at 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. Registration is required and the event is open to Grand Prairie residents only (not businesses). Proof of residence in the form of a water bill or driver's license is required. Register at gptx.org/electronics-recycling or by calling 972-237-4578.



Grand Prairie residents (not businesses) can also bring their unwanted electronics to the landfill located at 1102 MacArthur Blvd for free during business hours. For more information on recycling electronics please visit gptx.org/electronics-recycling.

RECYCLE RIGHT - EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY

Recycling contamination is when the wrong items are placed into the recycling bin or when the right items are prepared the wrong way like food residue in containers. Remember that the items that go into your recycling bin must be empty, clean and dry. That means that plastic and glass containers and tubs must be free from food and liquid residue. Recyclable containers with any food waste, liquids, oil and grease will contaminate good recyclables and will have to be sent back to the landfill. Paper towels used to wipe down liquids, oil and grease cannot be recycled. Styrofoam is also not accepted for recycling. For more information on recycling right, please visit: gptx.org/recycling.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is right around the corner! On Tuesday, Oct. 2, this annual event will bring together community members, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics in order to strengthen neighborhood spirit and first responder community relations. To sign up your neighborhood, please contact the GPPD Community Services Division at 972-237-8677 or register online at gptx.org/NNO.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for 5-mile bike rides: gptx.org/getfitgp. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride. Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.



Tuesday, Aug. 28

Nottingham Ride
Meet at Larson Elementary
2620 Avenue K

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Lynn Creek Park Ride
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St., is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. For info., call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.



Saturday, September 1

Football fun all day!

Saturday, September 8

Craft Fair Day

Saturday, September 15

Mexican Independence Day

Saturday, September 22

Fresh produce and goods.

Saturday, September 29

Farmers Market 9th Birthday party



BE A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE EPIC

Join now at JoinTheEpic.com and receive a comfy Epic T-shirt, and a pre-opening tour to experience firsthand how recreation has been reimaged at The Epic. Your membership will start when The Epic opens this fall.

The Epic is located next door to the incredible Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark. An Epic membership provides you with access to top-of-the-line cardio and strength training fitness equipment, lap swimming, toddler splash areas, relaxing spa whirlpool, open play basketball and futsal courts, traditional indoor walking track and elevated adventure training track, indoor and outdoor functional fitness zones, and entertainment rooms designed exclusively for kids and teens.

Ready to take your membership to the next level? Epic upgrades will be available for unlimited group fitness, EpicFit CrossFit, VIP parking, and unlimited KidsPlay babysitting. Join now at JointheEpic.com.

10TH ANNUAL TASTE OF GRAND PRAIRIE

Thursday, Sept. 27

Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road

4 p.m. - Senior Citizens, 5 p.m. - General Public

6 p.m. - Live Entertainment



Enjoy amazing food from local restaurants, meet local businesses and ride on spectacular carnival rides. All food samples are free. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Senior Citizens, \$5 Students (K-12). An unlimited rides wristband can be purchased for an additional \$5. Rain or shine! For more information, call the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce at 972-264-1558 or go to tasteofgrandprairie.com.

GP SENIOR GAMES

Friday, Oct. 19-Sunday, Oct. 21 • Register now-Oct. 7

EpicCentral and various off-site venues.

Competitive recreational events including pickleball, golf, cycling, basketball, softball, bowling and more. Visit GrandFunGP.com/GPSeniorGames

PET WASTE POLLUTION

Did you know that pet waste contains bacteria and parasites? When it rains, pet waste and waste associated pathogens have the potential to wash down the storm drains and into our streams, rivers, and lakes – untreated! In addition, pet waste is high in nutrients, which cause high algae growth in our waterbodies. This results in cloudy, colored water and can cause drinking water to smell bad and taste funny.

Not only do wildlife live in our streams, rivers, and lakes, but City of Grand Prairie residents swim in and get their drinking water from these waterbodies!

What you can do to prevent pet waste pollution:

- Pick up the pet waste and put it down the toilet
- Bury it (up to 6 inches deep)
- Put it in the trash
- Never leave pet waste when taking your pet for a walk or to the park – make sure you always carry plastic bags with you, so you can pick up the waste and dispose of it properly.

For more information, please visit our website at gptx.org/EnvironmentalQuality/petwaste or call the Environmental Quality Division at 972-237-8055.

FUN EVENTS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Daddy Daughter Hair Class

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Come spend some quality time with your daughter and learn how to do a variety of basic hair styles. Registration required, please email kolabode@gptx.org.

Book Buddies

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Session I: September 11, 18, 25

Session II: October 9, 16, 23

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

For Grades 1-3

Students in grades 1-3 are welcome to come and practice their reading skills through reading aloud, playing games and interacting with our volunteer buddies. Registration is required, please email aohobson@gptx.org.

Late Night at the Library

Brought to you by the Friends of the Library

Select Fridays, 7 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Join us for these non-traditional, after hours programs to explore new topics, have fun and make new friends. All events are 21 and older with a \$5 cash-at-door cost to enter. Registration required, please email kolabode@gptx.org.

- September 7: Yoga and Wine
- October 5: Books and Brew with Division Brewing
- November 2: Sip and Spell
- December 7: Craft and Wine

LANDSCAPE DESIGN CLASS AT LIBRARY

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

City Horticulturist Susan Henson presents a free Landscape Design Fundamentals course. Fall gardening takes less water, weeding and insect control. Presented by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department.

RABIES AND YOUR PET

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. The virus is secreted in saliva and is usually transmitted to people and animals by a bite from an infected animal. All mammals are susceptible to rabies, but sufficient vaccination programs have dramatically reduced the number of rabies cases.

Cats and dogs older than three months must be vaccinated against rabies. The first rabies shot must be repeated (a booster) after one year. Rabies shots after that are good for three years. Cats and dogs must wear a current rabies tag. Work with your vet for the best vaccination schedule for your pet.

You can also reduce the possibility of exposure by not letting your pets roam and by not leaving exposed garbage or pet food outside, as it may attract wild or stray animals with rabies. If you see a wild animal acting strangely, do not approach it. Call Animal Services at 972-237-8575 to report a case. For more information, or for information about vaccination clinics in Grand Prairie, visit gptx.org/paws.

FLOOD WARNINGS, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The ability to safely evacuate residents during a disaster depends on a strong disaster preparedness program and requires the cooperation of all affected citizens. Evacuations require the establishment of emergency shelters for evacuees. Coordination among city departments during disasters is critical in order to maintain essential city services.

The City of Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management provides information on the city's outdoor warning siren system, expected citizen responses to alerts, citizen preparation for possible disasters, evacuation measures, and shelter locations. Information may be accessed at <http://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/emergency-management>.

The City of Grand Prairie has three low-water crossings with flood-warning systems that warn drivers of high water and flooded roadways. On Riverside Drive near Highway 360, the city has installed "Water over Road when Flashing" signs with flashing lights that are triggered by rising water levels. The lights warn citizens of hazardous or flooding conditions. The city has installed similar water depth actuated flashing lights with signage on Carrier Parkway at Cottonwood Creek (near McFalls Park). The city recently added automated gates on Carrier Parkway that close the road when water is on the road. In the event that the gates close and a driver gets caught in between the gates, the driver should approach the gate slowly to trigger the gate to open.

During periods of heavy rainfall, the City of Grand Prairie's street drainage crew is on-call 24-hours a day and inspects roadways to monitor flooding. City crews use barricades to close roads that are inundated with water and to discourage traffic from driving through these areas. The city also uses its real-time rain and stream gauge monitoring system to assist in determining road closures. The monitoring system consists of 21 rain and stream gauges located throughout the city.

If flooding is imminent and evacuation is advised, the City of Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management will notify affected citizens through local radio and cable TV. The city receives information from NOAA Weather Station Radio 24 hours a day and from the National Weather Service offices in Fort Worth, Texas. The local contact number for the National Weather Service is 817-429-2631. Please call in reference to evacuation notices, procedures and shelters.

PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2019 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through October 1, 2018. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2019 City calendar.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie and be suitable for publication. 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, email address and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified by December 2018. The calendar will be printed in December 2018.

Email or mail entries to:

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Communications and Marketing
City of Grand Prairie
P.O. Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
asprinkles@gptx.org

QUARTER AUCTION BENEFITS SANTA COP

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Doors open at 6:30, Begins at 7 p.m.
Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier

Use quarters to bid on auction items.
For info.: 817-269-8827.

Traders Village
55th Annual
NATIVE AMERICAN POW WOW
SEPT. 14-16
FREE ADMISSION, \$4 Parking
2602 Mayfield Rd., Grand Prairie
VISITGRANDPRAIRIETX.COM
1-800-288-8FUN