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DISTRICT I CLEMSON TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m.
City Hall - City Council Chambers, 317 College St.

Hear the news and air your views.
For more information, call 972-237-8022.



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, October 6
Health Fair

Saturday, October 13
Free Pumpkin Day for first 75 guests with additional purchase

Saturday, October 20
Pink Out Strolling with the Mayor

Saturday, October 27
Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a 5-mile bike ride: 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, Sept. 25
Lynn Creek Park Ride, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Farmers Market Pink Out Strolling with the Mayor event supporting Breast Cancer Awareness:

Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

FAVORITE FALL GP EVENTS

Kid's Fishing Day
Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
2410 N. Carrier Parkway
Free for children ages 16 and younger.

Dalworth Block Party
Friday, Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m.
Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.

Pumpkin Run - 10K, 5K and 1-Mile
Saturday, Oct. 13 • Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
Register at pumpkinrun.us

Street N' Treat
Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. • Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.
Free games, face painting, kid's crafts and trick-or-treating

Forest of Fear
Friday, Oct. 19-Saturday, Oct. 20 and Friday, Oct. 26-Saturday, Oct. 27
Campgrounds transform into a drive through of creative Halloween displays. Hayrides on Saturday only - sundown until 10 p.m. \$10 per vehicle entry.



SHRED-IT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 13, 8-11 a.m.
Between The Summit and
Public Safety Building
2559 Esplanade
\$5 per box.

All proceeds benefit Crime Stoppers.

ARBOR DAY

Friday, Nov. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Kirby Creek Nature Center
3201 Corn Valley Road

Celebrate the City of Grand Prairie's 34th year as a Tree City USA. Free trees and informational booths. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



**OCT. 6
NOV. 3
9-11 AM**



**Register at
972-237-8055 or
gptx.org/WQ/HHW**

**ACCEPTED: cooking oil, batteries, paint, cleaners
NOT ACCEPTED: commercial waste, medicines, bullets
For a complete list go to GPTX.ORG/WQ/HHW**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The City of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling division is hosting free electronics recycling events on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 3 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.

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

The Warmack Branch Library is closed until 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.

GET FIT

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so be aware! Check out the Get Fit website to learn how to reduce your risk of developing breast cancer at gptx.org/getfitgp.



UPTOWN THEATER

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



Sister Act

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council
Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-14

RECYCLE RIGHT

*Keep Tangles Out of
Your Recycle Bin*

Tangles like plastic and metal hangers, hoses, extension cords and Christmas lights are not accepted for recycling. They get wrapped in the machinery at the Materials Recovery Facility, shutting down operations and thus increasing costs. For more information on recycling correctly, please visit <https://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/recycling/curbside-recycling> or call 972-237-8061.

FIGHT THE BITE

When you're outside this month trick-or-treating, raking leaves or just enjoying some cooler temperatures, remember to remove



all standing water from your yard and remove objects like toys or flower pots that can collect rainwater to avoid mosquito breeding sites.

#FightTheBite

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 10: 5-7:30 p.m. Members Only
Thursday, Oct. 11: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12: Noon-5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 14: 1-5 p.m.



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.

WATER CONSERVATION CLASSES

DIY Rain Barrel Class

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9-10:45 a.m. • Public Works Training Center, 317 N. Belt Line

\$50 per barrel (take home barrel after class)

Learn the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and reduce the effect your stormwater has on the environment. Participants will build and take home a 55-gallon rain barrel. Register at gptx.org/watersmart

Texan Plants

Saturday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-noon

Public Works Training Center, 317 N. Belt Line • Free Class

Learn how to grow native wildflowers, trees, shrubs and perennials to make your garden the envy of the neighborhood. Register at gptx.org/watersmart

ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

October is a special month for the dogs at Prairie Paws! Besides the holiday sweaters and treats, the promise of a better life makes Adopt a Shelter Dog Month special for our pups. Here are some of the ways you can help us celebrate:

Adopt. If you are ready to open your heart and home to an animal in need, please consider adopting a pet today.

Fundraise. Raise funds for our Animal Welfare Fund or donate toys or supplies. We have a list of items needed and tips on how to fundraise on gptx.org/paws.

Volunteer. We understand that not everyone can adopt a dog this October, but the good news is that you can still help find loving homes for pets in need by volunteering! Volunteers help with shelter maintenance, animal stimulation and educating our guests.

For more information, visit gptx.org/paws or call 972-237-8575.

gptx.org | [YouTube.com/cityofgptx](https://www.youtube.com/cityofgptx) | [Facebook/grandprairie](https://www.facebook.com/grandprairie) | [Twitter\(@gp_tx\)](https://twitter.com/gp_tx)

LIBRARY EVENTS



Don't miss these great events coming to the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.:

Late Night at the Library

21 and older only. \$5 at the door

Books and Brew with Division Brewing - Friday, Oct. 5

Sample different types of beer and learn about the beer making process.

Sip and Spell - Friday, Nov. 2

Bring a team and test your spelling knowledge or come solo and meet new people.

Donuts, Dogs and Cats Too!

Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-noon

Fired Up for Reading

Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon

Visit with the Grand Prairie Fire Department as they show their gear and vehicles and read their favorite book.

GENEALOGICAL

SOCIETY EVENT

Family History Day

Friday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Spend the day or drop in to watch live-streamed presentations from family history teachers. <https://gpgstx.org/>



Grand Prairie Municipal Airport
3116 S. Great Southwest Parkway

Now open for breakfast and lunch.
Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Closed Sundays. Serving pancakes, eggs to order, omelets, breakfast burritos, burgers, sandwiches, salads and desserts.

FLOOD INSURANCE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the Community Rating System (CRS), which is a program within the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This voluntary incentive program recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's actions meeting the three goals of the CRS program:

- 1) Reduce flood losses,
- 2) Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and
- 3) Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

Community participation in the CRS program is in addition to its participation in the NFIP. Participation in the NFIP does not automatically include participation in the CRS.

The City of Grand Prairie has a CRS rating of 5, which qualifies residents for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums for properties located in the 1% annual chance floodplain, or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). FEMA performs an in-depth review the City's CRS program every three years. The City submits an annual update with appropriate documentation to FEMA.

Para información en español, por favor visite el enlace en la página web de gptx.org: <https://www.gptx.org/floodplain>.



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 entries to:
aspinkles@gptx.org

CREATE A COMMUNICATION PLAN

Your family and friends may not be together when disaster strikes. That's why it is important that you find out what kinds of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and make a plan to help you stay in touch, stay safe and reunite after the event.



Here are a few easy steps to start your emergency communication plan:

1. Discuss family/household plans for disasters that may affect your area and plan where to go. Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family that includes phone numbers, email accounts and social media accounts.
2. Pick an emergency meeting place. Things to consider: Decide on safe, familiar places where your family can go for protection or to reunite.
3. Make sure these locations are accessible for household members with disabilities or access and functional needs.
4. If you have pets or service animals, think about animal-friendly locations.
5. Post a copy in a central location in your home, such as your refrigerator or family bulletin board.
6. Practice your plan. Have regular household meetings to review your emergency plans, communication plans and meeting place after a disaster, and then practice, just like you would a fire drill.

Make your Plan! Personalize your own communications plan with the forms found at these websites:

<http://www.thinkprepareact.com/plan/>

<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

If you have questions, contact Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management at Phone: (972) 237-8333 / Email: oem@gptx.org

DONATE TO WATER BILL HELP FUND

Donate as little as \$1 per month with your water bill payment to help Grand Prairie families who cannot pay their water bills. To make your donation, email your name, address and the amount of your donation to waterhelp@gptx.org. This program is sponsored by the City of Grand Prairie in cooperation with Grand Prairie United Charities. For information, call 972-237-8200.

GP SENIOR GAMES

October 19-21 • Register until Oct 7

The Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will host the Inaugural 2018 Grand Prairie Senior Games for adults over the age of 50. Events will take place at The Summit, The Epic, and many other facilities throughout the city. For more information and to register, please visit GrandFunGP.com/GPSeniorGames