

PRAIRIE LIGHTS 2018

Thanksgiving – Sunday, December 30
5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy.

The always-popular two-mile drive featuring four million lights will be better than ever in 2018 with new custom displays and brand-new attractions.



Times:

Sunday – Thursday (non-holidays): 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and holidays: 6-10 p.m.

*Cars must be in line by closing times to guarantee admission

Vehicle (General) Admission Fees:

Monday-Thursday, non-holidays*, non-holidays*

Cars/Family Vehicles - \$35

Friday-Sunday, prime days*, and holidays*

Cars/family vehicles - \$45

*Holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

**Prime Days: December 10-13 and 17-20

Carnival rides, vendors, food, and an outdoor walk-thru at Holiday Village are now INCLUDED in your vehicle admission fee!

SNEAK-A-PEEK RUN/WALK

Saturday, Nov. 17-Sunday, Nov. 18
6:30 p.m.

Lynn Creek Park at Joe Pool Lake
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Be the first to see all new displays at the 2018 Prairie Lights as you run, jog, walk, or stroll through the lighted park. Saturday, Nov. 17 will be dedicated for runners, joggers, and fast walkers. Sunday, Nov. 18 is set aside for those who want to walk and stroll through the lights. Registration is limited to the first 1,250 participants each night. Early registration is preferred, but on-site registration will be accepted. For more information, please contact Danny Boykin, at 972-237-8084 or visit PrairieLights.org.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m. • Grand Prairie Veterans Memorial, 925 Conover Dr.

The ceremony will include the newly dedicated brass bell presented by the Grand Prairie Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, vintage aircraft flyover provided by the Commemorative Air Force, bagpiper, color guard, 21-gun salute and taps. Punch and cookies will be provided by our local Rotary Clubs.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m.
City Hall Campus, 317 College St.

Have a very prairie Christmas in downtown Grand Prairie with our annual tree lighting, choir performances, photos with Santa and Christmas tree lighting. For info.: 972-237-8115.

DISTRICT 4 FREGOE TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Thursday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Starrett Elementary School • 2675 Fairmont Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.

Grand Peninsula Owners Assoc. Community Center • 2603 N. Grand Peninsula

Residents are invited to either of Councilman Fregoe's meetings. Updates will be provided by the Fire Department, Police Department, Economic Development, Public Works, Transportation and Parks, Arts and Recreation. There will also be time for questions and answers. For info.: 972-237-8022.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

There will be no garbage and recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22. The landfill will be closed on that day. There will be no makeup days. Please put your garbage and recycling out on your next scheduled collection day.

WHY WE FLUSH FIRE HYDRANTS

When you see a fire hydrant wide open allowing water to flow down the street, the city of Grand Prairie is “flushing” the water lines in that area. This process moves water through the pipelines at a fast enough rate to clean the lines, clear stagnant water and ensure the water the city delivers to your home is of the highest quality. We agree and sympathize with our residents who call concerning what may be perceived as “wasting the water,” but rest assured we will only flush the lines when we have to and it is a necessary part of protecting our public health by providing safe, quality consumable water.



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, Nov. 10
Veterans Day Giveaway

Saturday, Nov. 17
Farmers Market

Saturday, Nov. 24
Fruits, vegetables, candles and more

Saturday, Dec. 1
Holiday Gift Market and Empty Bowls Fundraiser

BLUE RED RUN TO HONOR FALLEN OFFICERS

Saturday, Nov. 10, 5:30 a.m. • Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway

Lace up for the Airbus Blue Red Run presented by the Grand Prairie Police Department and sponsored by Blauer and Galls! Featuring a 5K, 10K and Half Marathon, the event's 10K route is an out and back and will connect with the beautiful Campion Trails. The race benefits a Texas-based law enforcement organization that supports families of Fallen Officers as well as a Firefighter charity. The Airbus Blue Red Run will be honoring Fallen Officers by placing signs throughout the race course with information about the officer.

Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/GrandPrairie/BlueRedRun5k10kandHalfMarathon>

ACTIVE ADULT HEALTH FAIR

Friday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-noon • The Summit, 2957 Esplanade

Residents ages 50 and older are invited for free screenings and a tour of The Summit

gptx.org/getfitgp

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The City of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling division is hosting free electronics recycling events on Saturday, Dec. 1 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**Dec. 1
9 - 11 a.m.**

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

Visit the website for a list of accepted waste

GET FIT WITH MAYOR JENSEN

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

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a pink out Strolling with the Mayor event supporting Breast Cancer Awareness.

**Monday, Nov. 19
6 p.m.**

Lynn Creek Park
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Ride 2.8 miles through

4 million holiday lights with Mayor Jensen at Prairie Lights. For safety reasons, only those with bikes will be admitted.



GARDENERS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Ruth Jackson Center

3113 S. Carrier Parkway • \$10/ticket.
Celebrate Master Composters.
RSVP at composting@gptx.org

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Chick-fil-A, El Pollo Loco, Smoothie King and Jason's Deli will open on pad sites around Walmart on State Highway 161 and Pioneer Parkway. This development will also include an upscale nail salon and **Courtyard by Marriott.**

Potbelly Sandwich Shop, Olive Garden, Ross, Michaels, Ulta, Burlington, Conn's, Petco, Burkes and Home Goods are expected to open in Epic West on the west side of SH 161 near Mayfield Road

A 98-room **Hilton Tru** hotel is under construction on North State Highway 360. **Staybridge** is constructing a 112-room hotel on Lake Ridge and I-20.

Dunkin Donuts will open a restaurant on Camp Wisdom and Lake Ridge.

Harmony Science Academy of Grand Prairie will add an additional 40,000 square feet to their building on 1102 NW 7th St.

On Main Street, **FireHouse Gastro Park** will open in the old Fire Station No. 1 and **Zavala's Barbecue** is opening a restaurant in 2019.

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.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING - EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY

Items you CAN recycle in curbside recycling bin:

- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans
- Paper, mail, books, magazines
- Boxboard and Cardboard (break down and place under bin)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Pots and pans
- Clean plastic jugs, bottles, tubs, bags
- Ceramics
- Scrap metal
- Milk cartons, juice boxes
- Frozen food boxes

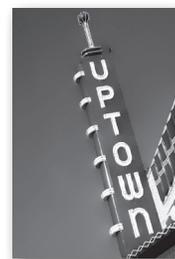
Items you CANNOT recycle in curbside recycling bin:

- Electronics (sign up for event or bring to recycle at landfill)
- Food or wet waste
- Styrofoam containers
- Batteries
- Plastic toys
- Flower pots
- Frozen food bags
- Hangers
- Drinking glasses
- Glassware

For more info, visit gptx.org/recycling

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



Friday, Nov. 9, 8 p.m.
The Lettermen

The Uptown will celebrate its 10th Anniversary with the iconic Lettermen. Enjoy close-harmony pop songs with light arrangements.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 7-9
Scrooge, The Musical

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

The story of a stingy, bitter old man who is transformed into a more gentle and kind person. Adapted from the classic Charles Dickens tale, *A Christmas Carol*.

CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, Dec. 1

Meet and greet: 5 p.m.

Service: 5:30 p.m.

Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens
3001 S. Belt Line Road

Rain or shine. Refreshments will be served after service. For more information, call 972-237-3001.

CAR SHOW BENEFITS SANTA COP

Sunday, Nov. 25
1-5 p.m.

Gordo's BBQ
501 W. Main St.

Bring a toy suitable for a teenager (purses, wallets, hair care products, makeup) and hang out for a meet and greet and lunch.



BE A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE EPIC

The Epic is ready to provide you and your family with a truly reimagined recreation experience filled with fitness, arts and entertainment. The Epic will have the newest top-of-the-line cardio and strength equipment and programs for every age. Here is a list of features that sets The Epic apart from other recreation centers:



- Two indoor tracks: jogging track and adventure track with inclines, declines, obstacles, etc.
- Unique fitness equipment
- Several aquatic exercise equipment choices
- Futsal court (indoor soccer)
- Epic Eats Café, pub, library kiosk
- Radio station: EpicRadioGP.com
- GroupFit classes with interactive spin options
- Massage therapy
- Professional recording studio
- Live listening house theater/concert venue
- Art classes and an art gallery space
- Zone 1317 – a specialized area for ages 13-17
- Indoor/outdoor drop-in KidsPlay babysitting

The Epic will have adaptive fitness, and will strive to make all programs and areas 100% all-inclusive. Have an event in the multi-purpose rooms, pool party rooms and theme-specific areas. Add these features to a 120,000-square-foot facility with everything you've ever wanted from a recreation facility. For more information and membership pricing, visit JoinTheEpic.com.

CODE COMPLAINT INQUIRIES ONLINE

Residents can go online to check existing Code Compliance cases at gptx.org.code-complaint-inquiry.



This site provides:

- Specific addresses and locations
- Violations and inspection results
- Previous actions and pending actions

SIGNAL OUTAGES

Traffic signals can be out of service for a number of reasons. For your safety:



1. Follow all traffic signals during normal operation.
2. If a traffic signal is flashing yellow, proceed through the intersection slowly with caution.
3. If a traffic signal is flashing red, come to a complete stop, and once the intersection is clear proceed with caution.
4. If a signal appears to have lost power, treat the intersection as a four way stop, and come to a complete stop. Once the intersection is clear, proceed with caution.

FREE WEATHER APPS

When you are out and about, you can get weather information on your mobile device! A variety of FREE weather apps are available for download. Some of the more commonly used apps include CBS DFW Weather, NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth Weather, Fox 4 KDFW WAPP, WFAA Weather, WeatherBug, The Weather Channel, NOAA, Weather Underground, Accuweather, 1Weather and more! Consider adding one (or more) weather apps to your mobile device.



CHRISTMAS MARKET at
TRUNK STOP GIFT SHOP

December 3-7, 2018

2170 N. BELTLINE RD. GRAND PRAIRIE
9 AM - 5 PM

EAT, SHOP & BE MERRY!

Trunk Stop

A GIFT SHOP ON THE PRAIRIE
LOCATED IN THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER