

MAIN STREET FEST

Friday, April 26, 5 p.m.-midnight
 Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-midnight
 Sunday, April 28, noon-8 p.m.
 City Hall Campus, 200 Block of West Main St.



The City of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department is hosting the 8th Annual Main Street Fest. This free community event is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, April 26-28 on the 200 block of W. Main Street and surrounding areas. Along with our selected performers, the festival will celebrate the fun, festive, family atmosphere of Grand Prairie with live music, a variety of novelty entertainment, carnival rides, a KIDZONE, arts and crafts, business expo, four entertainment stages, food and beer gardens, and plenty of fun for all! For more information, visit MainStreetFest.com.

FIREHOUSE GASTRO PARK PREVIEW

FireHouse Gastro Park, 321 W. Main St., will be open for a preview during Main Street Fest. Enjoy artisan foods and drinks in the revamped, historic fire station #1. Hours will be Friday, April 26 -11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, April 27 - 9:30 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 - 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. FireHouse Gastro Park is scheduled to officially open in May 2019. For more information, visit firehousegp.com.



DOWNTOWN GET FIT 5K

Saturday, April 6, 8:30 a.m.
 Corner of Center and Main Street

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for the Get Fit 5K through downtown Grand Prairie. This is a fun, “no frills” event with no race numbers or cost to enter. Walkers and joggers are welcome. To purchase an event shirt or for more information, visit gptx.org/getfitgp.



LADONNA STEVENSON 5K FOR FAIRNESS

Saturday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. • Mike Lewis Park, 1836 Frank Dr.

Get out to the park for the Grand Prairie Housing and Neighborhood Services 5K stroll, walk or run through Mike Lewis Park in memory of Ladonna Stevenson and dedicated to bringing fair housing awareness to the public.

Fee is \$10 per person and includes a T-shirt. For more information and to register, visit gptx.org/5Kfairness.

FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY



Saturday, April 6
 Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Join us for the 2019 season opener of the Grand Prairie’s Farmers Market. The Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from April through December, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honeys, pastries, desserts, pastas, spices, chips and salsas, tamales, candles, soaps and much more! For more information, visit gptx.org/FarmersMarket.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Enjoy a 5-mile bike ride with Mayor Ron Jensen. Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit gptx.org/getfitgp.



Tuesday, April 23
 Lynn Creek Park
 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Tuesday, May 28
 Lone Star Park
 1000 Lone Star Parkway

Wednesday, June 19
 Fish Creek Trail
 Starrett Elementary

WARMACK LIBRARY NOW OPEN

The Warmack Library is now open after undergoing a major expansion and remodeling project. The library has added an additional 6,500 square feet, which includes two new program rooms and four study rooms. The children and adult areas were remodeled and teens now have a new area with gaming space. The ribbon cutting and grand opening is on Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION

There is something about spring: bright flowers, nesting birds, green grass—it just makes us want to get things clean. Often, those unwanted items that we clean out of the garage include things like leftover paints, solvents, pesticides, dead batteries. These items are categorized as “Household Hazardous Waste” (HHW), and must be properly disposed of by dropping off at a Household Hazardous Waste pickup site. The City of Grand Prairie's next HHW event will be Saturdays, April 13, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W. Church Street. We accept household and automotive batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, and household, lawn, and pool chemicals. We cannot accept explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. No commercial waste will be accepted.



Registration is required at 972-237-8055 or on-line at gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The City of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling division is hosting a free electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 13, 9-11 a.m. on College St. north of the Development Center 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.

SHRED IT DAY



Saturday, April 20, 8-11 a.m.

Between The Summit and Public Safety Building
2559 Esplanade
\$5 per box

Proceeds benefit Crime Stoppers

CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE

Thank you for recycling household items in your curbside recycling bin.

Please do not place the following in your recycling bin:

- Pizza boxes
- Plastic bags

According to the city's recycling vendor, Republic Services, pizza boxes contain too much food contamination and plastic bags tangle recycling equipment.

For more information on curbside recycling in Grand Prairie, visit gptx.org/recycling.



epicwaters
INDOOR WATERPARK

May 4, 2019

Wave Pool Grand Opening!

Grand Prairie Days!

May 4 - 5, 2019

\$10
Admission

Grand Prairie Residents enjoy \$10 Admission! Residents must show proof of residency.

Purchase Tickets online at epicwatersgp.com



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, April 5, 8 p.m.

The Quebe Sisters - First Show in the 2019 Presenting Series
Progressive western swing, jazz influenced swing and country music.

Saturday, May 18, 8 p.m.

Neil Diamond Tribute featuring Keith Allyn
Branson performer Allyn covers Neil Diamond's top hits



EASTER EGG SWIM

Saturday, April 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Kirby Creek Heated Indoor Pool
3201 Corn Valley Road

Collect and play with Easter Eggs in the water and turn them in for a sweet prize. Face painting and a bounce house will also be available. Visit GrandFunGP.com



PICKLEBALL FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The game of pickleball is expanding in Grand Prairie! Pickleball is a fun and easy-to-learn game that is taking recreation facilities around the country by storm! Played as doubles or singles, Pickleball is an entertaining sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

Open play is currently offered at the following facilities:

- The Epic, 2960 Epic Place (facility membership or day pass required)
- The Summit (ages 50 & up), 2975 Esplanade (facility membership or day pass required)

Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd., is currently closed during renovations, but will also offer Pickleball open play and instruction when it reopens this March. For days, times, and additional information, visit GrandFunGP.com/Pickleball



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library Spring 2019 Book Sale will be held at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

April 10: Members Only* Sale Night, 5-7:30 p.m.

The book sale is free for the general public Thursday through Sunday.

April 11: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

April 12: Noon - 5 p.m.

April 13: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

April 14: 1 - 5 p.m.

*Family memberships available at the door for \$10

GRAND PRAIRIE POLICE CAR SHOW

Sunday, April 28, noon
Public Safety Center
1525 Arkansas Lane

Join the Grand Prairie Police Department for a car, truck and bike show benefiting Children First Counseling Center. The event will include a car smash, K-9 demonstration and the SWAT BearCat on display.

To enter a vehicle, just bring your "ride" to the event. \$25 per vehicle registration benefits Children First Counseling Center.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 20

10 a.m.-noon

AirHogs Stadium

1600 Lone Star Pkwy.

GrandFunGP.com



DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Call City of Grand Prairie Code Compliance at 972-237-9296 for:

- Garage sales
- Banners

Call Building Permits and Inspections at 972-237-8230 for:

- Construction permit
- Certificate of occupancy
- Business sign applications



NEW REAL-TIME DATA HELPS GAUGE STREAMS

There's an easy way to check to see if City of Grand Prairie roads are open and if streams are flooding during a rain event. The city's Real-Time Gauge Data can be found at gptx.org/floodplain. The rain gauge data is managed on a website operated by Contrail software and features a map with real-time rainfall data and a dashboard with:

- Road Status
- Water Level – Above Road
- Low Water Crossings
- Flood Gate Information

Data is available for 23 city-owned gauges plus USGS gauges for Joe Pool Lake, Mountain Creek Lake and the Trinity River at Belt Line Road. Six additional gauges on creeks that flow into Grand Prairie also provide data during rain events.

On the “Water Level - Above Road” dashboard, the road elevation is shown as being “0.” When the real-time readings show a negative number, the stream is below the road. A positive reading indicates that water is above the road and that the road is flooded.

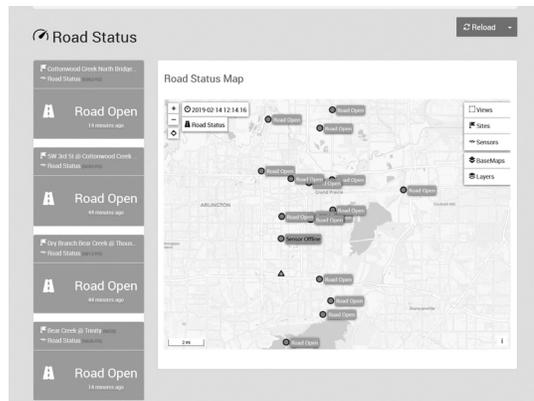
Users can select gauges and examine data from a user-friendly map or from a list of gauges. All of these options are available on the recently updated website.

The city uses information from the real-time gauge data in conjunction with engineering studies to plan ahead for road closures during a heavy rain. Some gauges also provide wind direction, wind speed, air temperatures, humidity and road temperatures.

“The website does not show water levels throughout the city, just areas where we have gauges,” said Stephanie Griffin, City of Grand Prairie Floodplain Manager. “In addition to predicting when roadways will flood, we hope to use data from the gauges to predict where roads will freeze.”

Before a road is closed due to high water, the real-time data is studied, and city staff visits the site in person. Roadways are closed with barricades at locations where cars can turn around. Many times the barricade is far away from the flood site. However, the road may still be flooded or damaged. It is against the law to drive around a barricaded road, and drivers can be arrested and fined for such actions. City crews inspect the roads for damage and debris after the floodwaters recede and open the roads as soon as it is safe to do so.

If Cottonwood Creek floods over Carrier Parkway near McFalls Park West, flood gates will lower to block northbound and southbound traffic on Carrier Parkway. If drivers are caught between gates, they can simply drive up to the gate and it will open. On other city roadways, barricades will be used to block roads covered by high water. To find out if roadways with real-time rain-stream gauge data are closed, check the Road Status dashboard at gptx.org/floodplain. If high water is in the road, Turn Around Don't Drown®. If you come across a flooded road that has not been barricaded, please turn around to avoid the water and call Public Works Dispatch at 972-237-8400 to report the flooded road.



WATCHES AND WARNINGS

During severe weather, a number of alerts may flash on the TV screen or on your mobile device. But do you know what they mean, and which ones require immediate action?

Severe Thunderstorms

A **severe thunderstorm watch** means that conditions are right for severe thunderstorm development. The severe thunderstorm watch outlines an area where the threat of severe thunderstorms is expected.

A **severe thunderstorm warning** means that a severe thunderstorm is imminent: It is occurring or is about to occur. During a severe thunderstorm warning, it is important to get to safety immediately, and severe winds gusting at 58 mph or greater can down trees and power lines, causing injury and potentially death to those hit by large falling objects and other debris.

Tornadoes

A **tornado watch** means conditions are right for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms. The tornado watch outlines an area where organized threats of severe thunderstorms are capable of producing tornadoes.

A **tornado warning** means that a tornado is imminent: A tornado is occurring or is expected to develop, and you should get to safety immediately. Before any weather watch or warning, it is important to think about where you will be during the lifetime of the threat. If you are outdoors, think about the nearest area for you to shelter. If you are indoors, think about where you should go in the event of a tornado. To learn about our region's hazards, visit: knowwhat2do.com

Personalize your own communications plan with the forms found on this website: ready.gov/make-a-plan

If you have questions, contact Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or email: oem@gptx.org