

## KIDS FISHING DAY AT MIKE LEWIS

Kids who are 16 years old and younger are invited to Parks and Recreation's fall fishing event in the Mike Lewis Park lagoon, 2600 N. Carrier, from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26.

Prizes will be awarded by age divisions (1-6, 7-11, 12-16) in the following categories: biggest fish, smallest fish and most fish caught.

Anglers are encouraged to bring their own gear and bait. The lagoon will be stocked with catfish, but the waters are also home to sunfish, crappie and other species. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first-come basis—while the supply lasts.

While the event is free and no pre-registration is required, Parks and Recreation staff will be on hand to register kids at the park pavilion in order for them to be eligible for prizes at the end of the event. Anyone 17 years or older is welcome to fish after 4 p.m., or any day after the event if they have a valid Texas fishing license.

For more information call 972-237-8100 or visit [www.GrandFunGP.com](http://www.GrandFunGP.com).

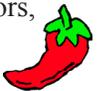


## MARKET SQUARE GRAND OPENING

**Street Festival**  
Saturday, Sept. 26 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

120 W. Main Street  
between Center and NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets

Free admission with canned food donation. Live music, food demonstrations, vendors, and salsa competition



*Market Square will be the new home of Grand Prairie's Farmer's Market on Thursdays and Saturdays.*

For more information, 972-237-8409 or 972-237-8036.

## FIESTA GRAND PRAIRIE SEPT. 12



Remember the threat of widespread swine flu this past May? Then you may also remember that public health concerns forced organizers to postpone the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration, and reschedule "Fiesta Grand Prairie," to be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at City Hall Plaza. All the activities and family fun of the May event have

just been moved to September for this year only.

The city's largest annual parade will kick off activities at 10:30 a.m., at East Main and N.E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, proceeding west on Main to City Hall Plaza, 318 W. Main St. Free entertainment will be staged from noon to 6 p.m., with more than 25 Grand Prairie ISD performing groups, mariachi bands and solo artists.

"Fiesta Grand Prairie" will also feature arts and crafts booths, informational exhibits, kiddie rides and plenty of Tex-Mex food favorites. For more information call 972-237-8100 or go to [www.GrandFunGP.com](http://www.GrandFunGP.com). Parade and booth information will also be available on-line at [GPISD.org](http://GPISD.org), after Grand Prairie schools reopen on Aug. 24.

## NEW HOURS AT MUNICIPAL COURT

The Grand Prairie Municipal Court, 200 W. Main St., has new hours effective August 1, 2009:

Monday - Thursday	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday	Closed

## BEATLEGRAS COMES HOME TO UPTOWN



The fun continues Sept. 26 with Beatlegras, the critically acclaimed three man phenomenon featuring

Grand Prairie's own George Anderson, will play at Grand Prairie's newly restored historic Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. in Grand Prairie, on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m.

Join your friends and family and fans at the beautifully restored Uptown Theater for this evening that won't be soon forgotten. Reserved seats are \$21 and are available at [www.UptownTheaterGP.com](http://www.UptownTheaterGP.com) or by calling 972-237-UPTN.

For more information please contact Elspeth at 972-237-8409 or [elmcdonald@gptx.org](mailto:elmcdonald@gptx.org).

# ULTIMATE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

**Labor Day Weekend • Sept 5-7**

**Displays & Exhibits including:** RV's • Boats • Watercraft • ATV's • Motorcycles • Cars • Trucks

**Sat & Sun, 10a - 8p**  
**Mon, 10a - 6p**

★ **Live Music**  
★ **Food & Fun**

Bring coupon and receive:

## Free admission and parking!







**Loyd Park on Joe Pool Lake • GrandFunGP.com**  
3401 Ragland Rd. • Grand Prairie, TX 75052 • 972.237.8100

## NEW WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

The state of Texas recently approved the Grand Prairie Water Conservation Plan as approved by the Grand Prairie City Council in April. The plan, required by law, outlines year-round water conservation efforts for residents and businesses. These requirements are in place regardless of whether drought conditions exist or not. Should a drought occur, stricter requirements could be enacted.

Highlights of the plan call for:

- Watering of lawns after 6 p.m. and before 10 a.m. (and conversely, don't water from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.) from April 1 to Oct. 31.
- If Mother Nature is watering, be it drizzle, rain, hail, snow or ice, turn sprinklers off.
- Adjust sprinklers to water the lawn, not the concrete, stone, brick or other impervious surface.
- Fix all broken or missing sprinkler heads.
- Maintain a sprinkler system so that it does not waste water.
- For systems installed after June 1, 2009, rain, wind, freeze sensors must be installed.

The ordinance allows watering outside the parameters above for 30 days for the purpose of:

- Establishing hydromulch, grass sod or grass seed
- Dust control of a sport field
- Maintenance, repair or testing of an irrigation system
- Watering by use of a hand-held or soaker hose

Thorough, but infrequent watering (no more than every five days) develops deeper roots and plants that are healthier and more drought tolerant. Persons or companies who refuse to comply with the ordinance face fines up to \$2,000. For more information, contact the City of Grand Prairie Water Utilities at 972-237-8377.

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Friday, Sept. 4 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bowles Life Center  
2750 Graham St.

\$10 per child for the first visit  
\$5 per child for return visits

No appointment necessary.

For more information call:  
972-237-8055 or 972-642-5962

Hosted by:  
City of Grand Prairie  
Environmental Quality Division  
and Dallas County Health  
and Human Services

## REC CENTER HOURS

### Bowles Life Center

Mon-Thur	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun	CLOSED

### Charley Taylor/Dalworth

Mon-Thur	noon -9 p.m.
Fri	noon -6 p.m.
Sat	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sun	CLOSED

## GP ON FACEBOOK

Follow the latest city news through Facebook. Just search "city of Grand  Prairie" from your Facebook account and click "become a fan." Not a Facebook member? Create an account for free on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), one of the world's most used social Web sites, enabling users to share information, photos and videos with others. Join the growing number of Grand Prairie residents and guests who are making the Facebook connection with the city of Grand Prairie. Also find on Facebook the Uptown Theater, Parks and Recreation and Grand Prairie Police Department.

## CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE OCT. 1

Amateur and professional photographers who live in Grand Prairie are invited to enter the 2010 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2009. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2010 City Calendar.

A new category has been added to highlight the many fun things offered in Grand Prairie. The "Be a Kid" category encourages photos of kids of all ages having fun at Grand Prairie tourist attractions and parks, such as Nokia Theatre, Lone Star Park, AirHogs baseball, Lake Joe Pool, Lynn Creek Park beach, Loyd Park camping, Uptown Theater, Alliance Skate Park, Traders Village, Palace of Wax, Ripley's Believe It Or Not!, Ripley's Mirror Maze or at one of the many Grand Prairie parks.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie:

- Be a Kid: entertainment attractions
- City services, facilities, programs, employees at work
- City events
- Pretty places in Grand Prairie
- GPISD students, facilities, activities (only one month in calendar may feature the schools)

Format may be 8 x 10 inch print or 300 DPI TIF file on CD or e-mail with your name, address, phone number to [asprinkles@gptx.org](mailto:asprinkles@gptx.org). Prints can be returned if return address is on back of photo.

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 and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2009. The city calendar will be printed in December 2009.

Send entries to:  
Amy Sprinkles  
Marketing and Public Information  
City of Grand Prairie  
P.O. Box 534045  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053  
[asprinkles@gptx.org](mailto:asprinkles@gptx.org)



**Did you know that veterans and their spouses  
may qualify for a pension to cover the cost of senior living?**

- The Aid and Attendance Benefit is available for Veterans and their spouses.
- Helps cover the cost of care and living in a senior living community or your home.
- Please call **972-237-2515** to speak to our team of VA-Trained Personnel.

**2305 Corn Valley Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051 972-237-2515**

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## NEW CITY WEB SITE

Have you seen the new [gptx.org](http://gptx.org)?  
The redesigned city Web site offers



more than just a new look. Users will find information

easier than ever with the built-in search engine, thorough site map and improved page layouts. The site features organized news and events sections and RSS feeds to keep residents well informed. [Gptx.org](http://gptx.org) continues to offer a selection of online city services including Grand Prairie Cable Channel 16, e-mail notifications, payments for water bills, warrants and tickets, garage sale permits, police reports, access to the library catalog and more. Take time to explore what's new at [gptx.org](http://gptx.org)!

## SOLO CUP LANDS IN GRAND PRAIRIE

Solo Cup Company, a leading provider of single-use products used to serve food and beverages, recently signed a 10-year lease on a 603,354-square-foot distribution facility in Grand Prairie. The deal is one of the largest of its kind in the DFW area this year.

"This new state-of-the-art facility, together with our expanding manufacturing facility in Dallas, reinforces the importance of the Dallas area to Solo's ability to serve its customers in the southwestern U.S.," said Tom Pasqualini, executive vice president, global supply chain, Solo Cup Company.

"Our great working relationship with the city of Grand Prairie made the decision to expand here a very easy one."



[www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SEPT. 13

Ever wonder what to do with leftover or expired medications? You may know you should NOT put them down the drain or in the trash. The best way to dispose of non-narcotic medications is to take them to a household hazardous waste collection event. To dispose of narcotics, contact your hospital or pharmacy. If you need to dispose of needles, you should place them in a sealed, puncture-proof container and place them in the trash. Needles and narcotics are not accepted at household hazardous waste collection events.

The next collection event will be Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Development Center located at 201 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. You may register on-line at [www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW](http://www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW) or by calling 972-237-8055. In addition to medications, residents can bring household and automotive batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, and household, landscape and pool chemicals. Items **not accepted** include explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, radioactive materials and municipal trash. **No commercial waste** is accepted.

If you have large quantities, or would like to dispose of your waste prior to the September event, you may take it to the Environmental Collection Center (ECC) located at 6400 Bridge Street in Fort Worth. For hours of operation and directions to the ECC, please call 817-392-3279.

## PRAIRIE LIGHTS MONTAGE

At Prairie Lights this year, we will have a montage of YOUR family photos that spells Prairie Lights. Send a copy of your favorite family picture, especially in a holiday setting, and then come to Prairie Lights between Nov. 26 and Dec. 31 to find your family picture in the montage.

Mail it or deliver it to:  
Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation  
Attention: Prairie Lights  
P.O. Box 534045 (mail)  
326 W. Main Street (deliver)  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050



Contact Beverly Grogan at 972-237-8329, [bgrogan@gptx.org](mailto:bgrogan@gptx.org).  
Deadline to send photos is Aug. 28.  
Photos will not be returned so please send a copy.

## DOGGY PADDLE

Bring your dog and cool off at the Splash Factory, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd.

Saturdays, Sept. 5, Sept. 12, Sept. 19 and Sept. 26 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information call 972-237-8100

## GREEN MEADOWS PETTING FARM

Tuesday, Sept. 15-Tuesday, Oct. 6 • Lynn Creek Park, 5700 Lake Ridge

[www.greenmeadowsevents.com](http://www.greenmeadowsevents.com)

## NATIVITY SCENES NEEDED FOR EXHIBIT

Members of the West Fork Presbyterian Church will be celebrating Grand Prairie's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with an exhibit of "nativity scenes" at the church located at 908 Santerre Drive, Grand Prairie.



This event will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and the public is invited to participate in this memorable occasion.

If you have a nativity scene (big, small, new or old) that you would like to display, please contact any of the people listed below who will furnish you information for registering your display.

Only 20 tables will be set up for display of approximately 80 scenes, so please call in your reservation early. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Connie Singleton at 972-641-1167 or [csingleton1@att.net](mailto:csingleton1@att.net); Hilma Emmick at 972-237-9158 or [hilmadon1973@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hilmadon1973@sbcglobal.net); or Jan Barrett at [jbarr2@flash.net](mailto:jbarr2@flash.net).

## CITY SERVICE BOOK TOPS IN STATE

The city of Grand Prairie's World Class Wisdom book took top honors in the recent Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers annual awards competition, winning a TAMI award in the category of Employee Communications. The World Class Wisdom book outlines the city's customer service philosophy of creating raving fans by delivering world class service.

