

CENSUS 2010: WE MOVE FORWARD WHEN YOU SEND IT BACK

Make a difference in Grand Prairie and be counted in 2010. Complete and return your 2010 Census form today! Would life in your community be better if:

- **You** had access to new hospitals and senior centers or enhanced health care services for ill or aging family members?
- **Your** children could learn in new or improved schools or child-care centers?
- **Your** commute to work were safer and less congested thanks to better roads or expanded public transportation options?
- **Your** local emergency services providers had up-to-date maps to ensure faster response in a crisis?
- **Your** local markets could better deliver goods and services to your community?



Beginning in April through July, addresses that have still not responded to the Census will be visited by a census worker. Census workers can be identified by a badge and a bag. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

The 2010 Census will be a snapshot of our nation's population—capturing our changing and diverse America in a fleeting moment in time. But this historic event will do more than tell us who we are as a nation today. It will affect your community's future, your country's future and your future.

FARMERS MARKET

The new, expanded Farmers Market is now open on Saturdays at Market Square, 120 W. Main St. (on the corner of Main and NW 2nd streets) from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Spend your Saturday morning shopping for fresh, locally grown produce, spices, seasonings, honey, candles and more. For more info. visit www.gptx.org/farmersmarket.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 1 • City Hall Plaza (300 block of West Main Street)

Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. at East Main and NE 14th Street, proceeding west on Main to City Hall Plaza. Free entertainment will last until 5 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 31 • 10 a.m.

Grand Prairie Veterans Memorial
(Behind the Senior Citizen Center,
925 W. Conover)

The program will include a tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom. For more information call 972-237-8100.

MAYFEST 2010 A CELEBRATION OF THE TRINITY RIVER - PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES

Saturday, May 15 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Kirby Creek Nature Center
3303 Corn Valley Road

Join the Grand Prairie Independent School District and the city of Grand Prairie in celebrating MayFest 2010.

Each year the GPISD and City of Grand Prairie co-host this free educational event that focuses on water quality issues. MayFest goers will enjoy a wide variety of aquatic and wildlife demonstrations, the science of scuba diving, Country Critters Petting Zoo, the Eco Shopping Game, Wildlife on the Move, rainwater harvesting, master composters, water quality exhibits and conservation tips, a recycle relay, information on summer camps, musical and dramatic performances, and other programs. Enjoy arts and crafts vendors, festival foods, and more. For more information call Tracy Hollis at 972-264-8729.



AIRHOGS HOME OPENER MAY 14



Don't miss the action this year! The Grand Prairie AirHogs will face off against the Pensacola Pelicans in their home opener on Friday, May 14. Individual game tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the QuikTrip Park box office or online at www.airhogsbaseball.com. AirHogs baseball games are great for the entire family, especially when the tickets range from only \$6-\$13. Enjoy fireworks at the Saturday night home games.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Environmental Services Department will be collecting household hazardous waste on **Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.** at the Development Center, 201 NW 2nd Street (next to City Hall).

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

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

PUT YOUR THOUGHTS IN OUR TIME CAPSULE

You are invited to contribute a letter or small memento to the city's time capsule to be buried at the dedication of the new Public Safety Building in June. Maybe you want to write about what you think the future holds, address a letter to your children or include a photo pertinent to Grand Prairie. The time capsule will be opened in 50 years. To enter your items for consideration please send with your complete name, address, phone and email by June 1 to:

Communications and Marketing
City of Grand Prairie
317 College St.
PO Box 534045
Grand Prairie Texas 75053

You will be invited to the grand opening at which items will be deposited into the time capsule before it is sealed.
Questions: cclary@gptx.org.

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS FOR THE SUMMIT

The Summit, Grand Prairie's premiere 50+ club, is currently pre-selling memberships before the grand opening this summer. The 60,000-square-foot activity center targets active adults and offers:

Café • Fitness area • Locker rooms with saunas • Banquet rooms and kitchen
Group exercise room • Indoor walking track • 100-seat movie theater
Gym for basketball and volleyball • Outdoor covered patio overlooking lake
Indoor swimming pool with lap lanes, exercise vortex, hot tub

Age	Annual	Early Member Bonus
65+	\$50/year	two FREE months added to annual membership
50-64	\$200/year	two FREE months added to annual membership

To purchase, visit the Senior Center, 925 Conover Dr., 972-264-4975, or go online to www.grandfungp.com/thesummit.

Dream Big ★ Play Hard

PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Amateur and professional photographers who live in Grand Prairie are invited to enter the 2011 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2010.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie:

- Entertainment attractions, parks, events
- City services, facilities, programs, employees at work
- 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 600 DPI TIF file on CD or e-mail with your name, address, phone number to asprinkles@gptx.org. Prints can be returned if return address is on back of photo. Send entries to:

Amy Sprinkles
Marketing and Public Information
City of Grand Prairie
P.O. Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
asprinkles@gptx.org

ENTER YOUR TEAM IN THE GAMES OF GP!

The Games of Grand Prairie
Saturday, May 22 • 8 a.m. - noon
Lloyd Park at Joe Pool Lake,
3401 Ragland Road
\$50 per player – registration and fee due by Friday, May 14.

For registration forms and more information call 972-264-1558 or visit www.grandprairiechamber.org

MOVIES AT THE UPTOWN

Sunday matinees at the Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main Street
2 p.m. April 18 – *The Muppet Movie*
2 p.m. May 16 – *The Princess Bride*
Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 kids.
For info. call 972-237-UPTN.

www.gptx.org

GRAND PRAIRIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2010 SURVEY (ABBREVIATED)

Please complete this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday. The adult's year of birth does not matter. Please circle the response that most closely represents your opinion for each question. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

1. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Grand Prairie as a whole:

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW
Sense of community.....	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunities to attend cultural activities...	<input type="radio"/>				
Shopping Opportunities.....	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreational Opportunities.....	<input type="radio"/>				
Job Opportunities.....	<input type="radio"/>				
Ease of car travel in Grand Prairie.....	<input type="radio"/>				
Ease of walking in Grand Prairie.....	<input type="radio"/>				
Overall image/reputation of Grand Prairie...	<input type="radio"/>				

2. Would you use a Park and Ride service to travel between Interstate Highway 30 and downtown Dallas/Fort Worth during morning and evening peak periods?

YES MAYBE NO

3. Would you use a Park and Ride service to travel between Interstate Highway 20 and downtown Dallas/Fort Worth during morning and evening peak periods?

YES MAYBE NO

4. If Grand Prairie had the necessary bike lanes and trails, would you use your bicycle to commute to work, shop or recreation instead of using your car?

YES MAYBE NO

5. Please rate how safe you feel from the following occurring to you in Grand Prairie:

	VERY SAFE	SOMEWHAT SAFE	NEITHER SAFE OR UNSAFE	SOMEWHAT UNSAFE	VERY UNSAFE	DON'T KNOW
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery).....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft).....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. What is your zip code? 75050 75051 75052 75054 Other

7. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be)

- Black, African American
- White/Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Other

8. In which category is your age?

- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75 years or older

Thank you for completing this survey.
Mail your completed survey to:

City of Grand Prairie
Communications and Marketing Dept.
PO Box 534045
Grand Prairie, TX 75053

10. What is your sex? Female Male

CITY ELECTION - MAY 8, 2010

City Offices which were open for the May 8, 2010 City Election and which were unopposed are Mayor and Council Member District 2. Charles England was unopposed for Mayor and James Swafford was unopposed for Council Member, District 2. Mr. England and Mr. Swafford were declared elected at the March 16, 2010 Council Meeting.

The office of Council Member District 4 will be on the May 8, 2010 ballot with the following candidates:

1. Jeffrey B. Sodoma
2. Richard J. Fregoe

Only those who are registered voters in District 4 are eligible to vote in this election.

The last day to register to vote in the May 8, 2010 city election is April 8, 2010. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is April 30, 2010 (the application must be received by the Early Voting Clerk on April 30).

For more information on the May 8, 2010 city election, please go to www.gptx.org or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-237-8035.

Elecciones de la Ciudad – 8 del de Mayo del 2010

Puestos de la Ciudad que estaban abiertos para las Elecciones de la Ciudad del 8 de Mayo del 2010 y que eran sin oposición son Alcalde y Miembro de Consejo, Distrito 2. Charles England era sin oposición para el Alcalde y James Swafford era sin oposición para el Miembro de Consejo, Distrito 2. Sr. England y Sr. Swafford fueron declarados decidido en la Reunión de Consejo del 16 de Marzo del 2010.

El puesto de Miembro de Consejo Distrito 4 estará en la boleta para la Elección de la Ciudad del 8 de Mayo del 2010 con los candidatos siguientes:

1. Jeffrey B. Sodoma
2. Richard J. Fregoe

Sólo aquellos que son votantes registrados en el Distrito 4 son elegibles para votar en esta elección.

El ultimo día para registrarse para votar en las Elecciones de la Ciudad del 8 de Mayo del 2010 es el 8 de Abril del 2010. El ultimo día para solicitar una boleta por el correo es el 30 de Abril del 2010 (la aplicación debe ser recibida por el Oficinista de Votación Temprano el 30 de Abril).

Para más información en la Elección de la Ciudad del 8 de Mayo del 2010, por favor vaya a www.gptx.org o llame a la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad a 972-237-8035.

SH 161 UPDATE

After four decades of planning, State Highway 161 is shaping up in Grand Prairie. By late 2012, all main lanes and frontage roads through the city are scheduled to be complete from Interstate Highway



20 to SH 183. Main lanes on the 11.5-mile corridor will be tolled and all frontage roads will be free of charge. SH 161 will be two lanes each direction from I-20 to Interstate Highway 30 and three lanes each direction from I-30 to SH 183.

Construction Status:

Interchange at I-20 - Main lane interchange scheduled to be complete by 2012.

Main Lanes from IH-20 to Egyptian Way - Work begins in March 2010 and is scheduled to be complete in late 2012.

Frontage Road from IH-20 to North Carrier Parkway - Frontage roads opened in August 2009

Main Street and Jefferson Street Bridges - Construction on bridges for Main Street and Jefferson and the Union Pacific railroad tracks will begin in March 2010. SH 161 main lanes will pass under the bridges. Frontage roads will remain at normal street level. Construction is scheduled to be complete in late 2012.

Interchange at IH 30 - Scheduled to be complete in late 2012

Egyptian Way to SH 183 - Two main lanes are open north and south bound. All lanes will be complete by December 2010.

Main Lane Interchange at SH 183 - Completed in August 2009.

Road Closures

West 14th Street will close at the Main and Jefferson railroad crossing in spring 2010. There will be lane closures on Main Street and Jefferson Street during the construction of the railroad crossing. The city of Grand Prairie and North Texas Tollway Authority will provide alternative routes.

For more information about SH 161 construction, visit www.gptx.org.