

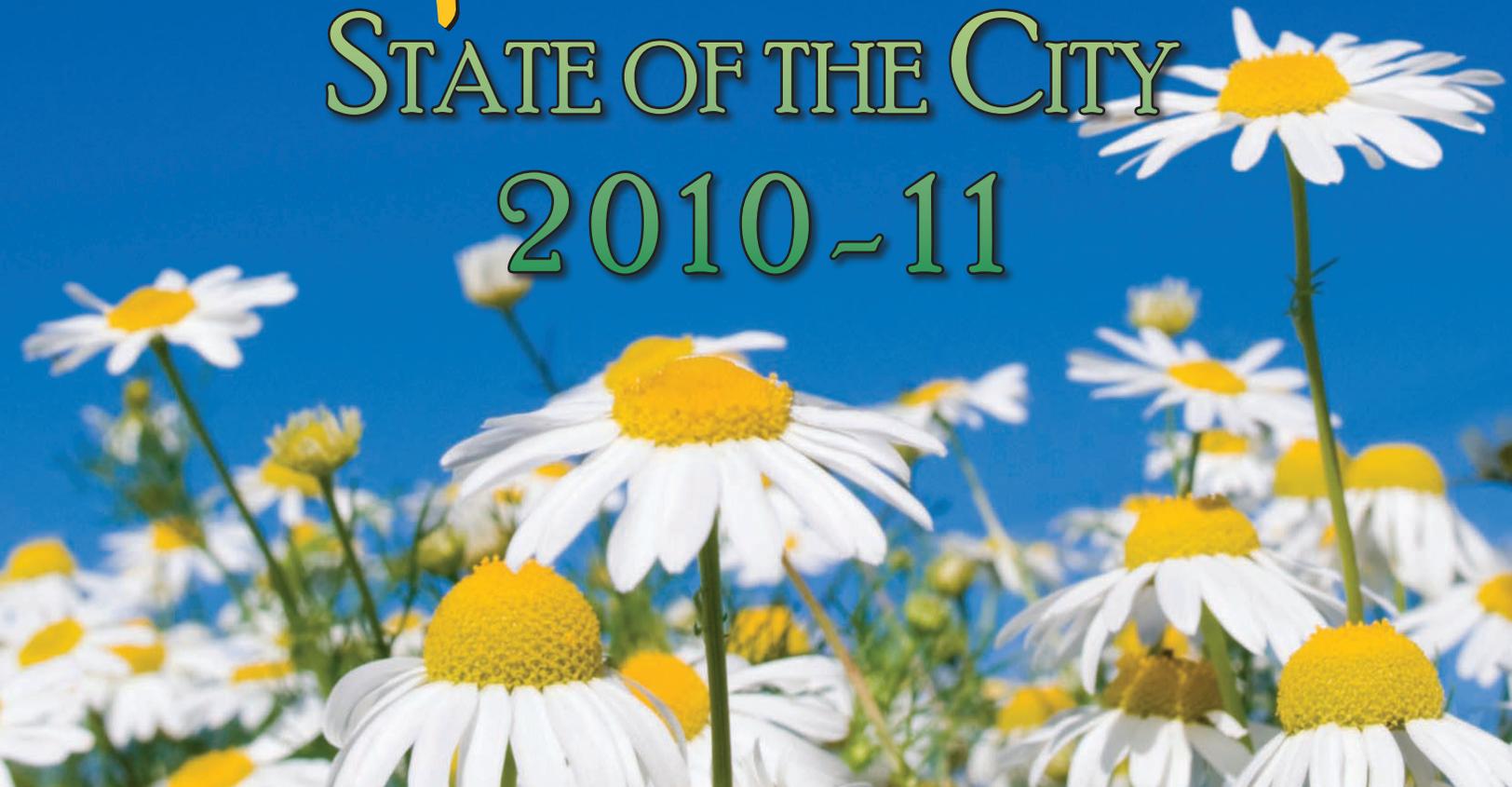


Grand Prairie
— T E X A S —

is **FUN** wonderful

STATE OF THE CITY

2010-11



Top Ten 2010 Accomplishments

- 1 Opened the 56,000-square-foot Summit at Central Park for active adults age 50+.
- 2 Opened the Public Safety Headquarters.
Opened the Lake Parks Operations Center featuring Fire Station #7, Lake Sector Police substation and the Lake Park Administration building at the Lynn Creek Park entrance.
- 3 Opened Central Park and the first phase of improvements at SH 161 between Warrior and Arkansas trails, a 172-acre park with lakes, waterfalls and trails.
- 4 Cleared former Army-Navy store site to make way for a new Dallas County Courthouse to be built downtown.
- 5 Completed Mayfield Road widening from SH 360 to Great Southwest Parkway.
- 6 Opened Arkansas Lane as a widened four-lane divided road from Robinson to Carrier.
- 7 Cleared former police station to make way for a Parkland Clinic.
- 8 Rehabilitated and sold nine 4GOV and 46 4HOME homes, taking them out of foreclosure and putting homeowners in them.
- 9 Began construction of a new Airport terminal.

Top Goals for 2011

- 1 Begin building frontage roads on I-30.
- 2 Work with downtown merchants to renovate building facades to their 1950s glory.
- 3 Open new terminal at Grand Prairie Airport.
- 4 Extend Lake Ridge Parkway from Polo Road to I-20; and widen it from Polo Road to Joe Pool Lake.
- 5 Open January Lane extension between SH 161 and Randol Mill.
- 6 Extend Crossland Boulevard from Robinson Road to SH 161.
- 7 Extend Forum Drive from Waterwood Drive to SH 161.
- 8 Begin construction of Gifford Street from Bagdad to MacArthur; and extension of Bagdad to I-30.
- 9 Connect Sara Jane between Great Southwest and SH 360 behind the outlet mall land.
- 10 Build Lynn Creek Parkway from the entrance of Lynn Creek Park to SH 360.

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The Summit active adult center wins national and state innovation awards.



Grand Prairie Parks named a Playful City USA third year in a row.



New Public Safety Building houses police and fire under one roof.

2010 Accomplishments

- Operated Farmers Market February ~ December.
- Named a Storm Ready Community.
- Changed to solar energy on three city buildings.
- Conducted Fall Indie Fest independent film and music festival for Texas film and musicians.
- Stopped mailing *Life is Grand* quarterly magazine to all homes in a budget cut, making the magazine available electronically and at pickup points.
- Launched new license plate recognition software in Marshal cars to identify drivers with outstanding warrants.
- Instituted new brush pickup fees for second and out-of-schedule pickups.
- Began city YouTube channel, cityofgptx.

- Started pet adoptions at Grand Prairie's Petco on third Saturday of the month.
- Hosted first Hatch Chile Festival at Market Square.
- Installed *The Willow Tree*, a commissioned work of art, in the Central Park lake behind The Summit.
- Painted a mural in the animal intake room at Prairie Paws thanks to the art students at South Grand Prairie High School, enhancing the photos of our lost and adoptable animals on city website.
- Won the International Council on Active Aging Innovators Award for The Summit.
- Extended hours in Housing Department Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fri 7:30 a.m. – noon.
- Enjoyed a full first year at the new disc golf course in Turner Park.
- Opened the Veterans Park Event Center in the former Senior Center.

- Offered garage sale permits online in addition to by mail and in person.
- Saw Discount Tire distribution center and Lady Primrose high-end cosmetics distributing and packaging operations open in the Great Southwest Industrial District.
- Buried a time capsule to be opened in 50 years at the Public Safety Building.
- Celebrated Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson's 90th birthday, naming her Citizen of the Century.
- Completed right and left turn lanes from Sara Jane Parkway to Bardin Road on Great Southwest Parkway.
- Added a traffic signal at the intersection of Lake Ridge Parkway and Lynn Creek.
- Added right and left turn lanes at Carrier Parkway and SH 360 in conjunction with Arlington's widening of Green Oaks Blvd.



Fire and Police serve and protect 24/7 regardless of weather.



August's Hatch Chile Festival attracted thousands to Market Square downtown.



Fire Station #7 moves with parks and police into Lake Parks Operations Center.



2010-2011 Grand Prairie City Council

(standing left to right)

Jim Swafford, District 2 • Bill Thorn, District 3 • Mark Hepworth, District 1
Tony Shotwell, District 5 • Richard Fregoe, District 4, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

(seated, left to right)

Greg Giessner, At Large • Ron Jensen, District 6 • Mayor Charles England
Ruthe Jackson, At Large, Mayor Pro Tem

- Unveiled an original sculpture at the Main Library, which includes three separate sculptures of young children reading or reaching for books on a shelf, entitled "Journeys of the Mind" and sculpted by former Grand Prairie resident Jack Wilson.
- Adopted the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, which updates and modifies the existing 2005 planning and development plan.
- Finalized a wholesale water purchase contract and water transmission line cost sharing contract with the city of Mansfield to provide water supply to the west side of the south sector.
- Built a sewage pumping station essential to provide wastewater service to the south sector.
- Completed \$2 million in projects renewing water and wastewater lines.
- Completed \$1.8 million in internal projects to improve water quality and reliability.

- Finalized contract with Arlington providing for an emergency interconnection between the water systems of the two cities.
- Completed \$7 million in street repairs and rebuilding paid for by street sales tax.
- Implemented paperless billing process for water bill payments.
- Won the 2010 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials National Award of Merit.
- Received \$150,000 in solid waste grant funding to be used to increase residential recycling in Grand Prairie and make improvements at the compost demonstration gardens at the Kirby Creek Natural Science Education Center.
- Won national Keep America Beautiful award for KGPB volunteer program.
- Opened Live Oak Park pavilion.
- Landscaped Memorial Library entrance and art sculpture.

- Installed fencing and artwork entitled *Freedom* at Veterans Memorial.
- Built playground at Loyd Park.

2011 Goals

- Begin drainage improvements and repaving Freetown Road from Robinson to Corn Valley roads.
- Build a Park and Ride lot on I-30, just east of Belt Line Road; extend NE 15th Street from Tarrant to I-30 alongside new Park and Ride.
- Finalize a water purchase contract with the city of Arlington to provide for future water supply and improve water quality.
- Complete \$7-9 million (depending on sales tax receipts) in street rehabilitation projects.
- Replace/renew \$2 million in water and wastewater lines.
- Develop a new playground at Fish Creek Forest using a "Volunteer One-Day Build" concept.



Prairie Lights tops all records and gets all new lights and displays in 2011.

City Manager's Office

(left to right)

Assistant to the City Manager Mike Foreman

Assistant to the City Manager Andy White

City Secretary Cathy DiMaggio

Deputy City Manager Anna Doll

City Manager Tom Hart

Deputy City Manager Tom Cox





Farmers Market patrons find delicious Texas-grown fruits and veggies Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



The Summit's aquatic center offers exercise, play and therapy.



The Willow Tree glistens in the Summit lake in Central Park.

- Remove the existing dog-leg along Camp Wisdom and Robinson roads.
- Improve England/Broad Street intersection at Day Maier Road.
- Begin operation of a reverse 911 emergency notification system.
- Install new customer friendly signage at the landfill.
- Renovate the Kirby Creek Natural Science Education Center's gardens.
- Implement the landfill gas-to-energy project.
- Establish a weekly calendar of fun events at Farmers Market, see: www.gptx.org/farmersmarket.
- Launch a renewed recycling campaign and effort.
- Build a Kaboom playground in one day at Prairie Park (former NAS clear zone).
- Install 3/4-mile trail in Bowles Park around pond and water tower.

- Begin master plan for West Lynn Creek Park to include amphitheater, cabins, dormitories, outdoor playspace, trails.
- Design expansion of Dalworth Recreation Center.
- Debut all new light show and drive-through at Prairie Lights.
- Conduct Concerts in the Park at The Summit in April instead of at Turner Park.
- Bring 1/4 cent sales tax for crime control district back to voters to consider renewal in 2011-2012.

In the near future:

- Complete a water transmission line jointly with the city of Midlothian to provide water to the eastern side of the south sector. (2012)
- Widen MacArthur from Irving to I-30. (2012)
- Widen, improve and straighten out Hunter Ferrell Road from

- Belt Line Road to MacArthur Boulevard. (2012)
- Begin Palace Parkway connection from Palace/Belt Line to I-30 looping around vacant property on northeast corner of I-30 and Belt Line and linking into new I-30 frontage road. (2012)
- Build I-20 frontage roads. (2013)
- Extend Wildlife Parkway from its Hardrock curve to Lower Tarrant Road/SH 161. (2013)
- Connect Lone Star Trail to Irving's Champion Trail. (2013)
- Initiate Phase II at Central Park: trail extension; extension of Waterwood Drive; west-side parking; Grand Lawn and staging; restrooms and pavilions. (2014)
- Rebuild Camp Wisdom from Carrier to FM 1382. (2015)



Central Park trails and lakes opened summer 2010.



City events and programs nab 19 national and state awards in 2010.



Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson celebrated being named Citizen of the Century, 25 years on the City Council and turning 90.

Grand Prairie by the Numbers 2010



RETAIL SALES TAX RATES

City	1.00000
AirHogs Ballpark	0.12500
Active Adult Center	0.12500
Parks Improvements	0.25000
Street Improvements	0.25000
Crime Control District	0.25000
State	<u>6.25%</u>
Total Sales Tax	8.25%

TOP EMPLOYERS

Grand Prairie ISD	3,300
Lockheed Martin	3,000
Poly-America, Inc.	1,800
Bell Helicopter-Textron	1,300
Lone Star Park	1,200
City of Grand Prairie	1,100
Triumph/Vought	700
American Eurocopter	500
Republic National Dist.	500
Siemens Energy/Automation	500
Wal-Mart	500

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	430
General Employees	715
Seasonal/Part-Time	92
Crossing Guards	72

OPERATING BUDGET (2010-2011)

(Total appropriations and reserves)	
General Fund	\$97,215,594
Water/Wastewater	\$51,080,182
Other	<u>\$53,301,909</u>
TOTAL	\$201,597,685

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,002
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds Golf Played	62,349
Ruthe Jackson Center Events	922
(more than 105,000 guests)	
The Summit Members	4,900
Special Events Attendees	25,388
Cemetery Spaces Sold	249

LIBRARIES

Main Library Collection	154,191
Warmack Collection	50,173
Bowles Collection	9,749

UTILITIES

Water Production (Avg. Gallons/Day)	24.5 million
Fire Hydrants	7,134
Miles of Water Lines	776
Miles of Collection Line	752
Customer Accounts	44,228

SOLID WASTE

Tons Garbage Disposed	164,080
Tons Commercial Recycling	24,978
Tons of Residential Recycling	
at the Landfill	5,337
at the Curb	3,749
at Drop Sites	1,049

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	71,140
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	48,800

COMMUNICATION

Website pageviews	2.7 million
GP Update airings	2,520
News releases	183
Facebook Fans	5,446

DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81 Sq Miles
Population	169,350
Median Age	32
Median Household Income	\$51,012

DEVELOPMENT

Single Family Building Permits Issued	478
Value of Avg. Single Family Permit	\$217,698
New Commercial/Industrial Square Feet (Projects underway and proposed)	629,704

TOP TAXPAYERS

Bell Helicopter, Inc.
Oncor Electric Delivery
Vought Aircraft
Republic Beverage
Prologis
Lockheed Martin Corp.
Duke Realty Ltd. PS
AT&T Communications
Cardinal Health 200 LLC
CCDA Waters LLC

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)

City of Grand Prairie	\$0.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.465000
Arlington ISD	\$1.335000
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.440000
Mansfield ISD	\$1.496000
Dallas County	\$0.2431
Tarrant County	\$0.2640

