

4 Million Lights * 2 Miles of Path * 1 Must-see Event of the Season

ALL NEW DISPLAYS!

Prairie Lights



PARK ADMISSION

	Mon - Thu (non-holidays)	Fri - Sun & Holidays
Family Vehicles	\$20	\$30
Limos	\$50	\$55
Shuttle Bus (9 - 30 people)	\$45	\$50
Commercial Bus (31+ people)	\$75	\$80

PARK HOURS

Sun-Thu 6-9 p.m.
Fri, Sat & Holidays 6-10 p.m.

Drive Thru Lighted Displays Nov. 24 – Dec. 31

10-minute laser show Dazzle-ation! * Walk-through display
Holiday Village with SANTA & if you're lucky – RASCAL!



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Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Grand Prairie
TEXAS
PARKS AND RECREATION

UPTOWN THEATER TICKETS ON SALE

Enjoy popular artists and diverse musical genres in the fabulous Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. Purchase tickets now for great events coming soon. For tickets and more information, visit www.uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.



The Killdares

Celtic rock featuring fiddle, bagpipes, electric guitar.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Hot Club of Cowtown

Western swing trio, featuring guitar, fiddle and bass.

Saturday, March 3

ARTS COUNCIL SEASON TICKETS ON SALE

The Grand Prairie Arts Council's 2012 theatre season will be the best ever! 2012 season tickets are now on sale. **Season tickets at 3 price levels: \$44, \$59, \$74 - for all 4 shows!** Pick your price level, seat and performance day. Purchase your package online at artsgp.com or call the Uptown Theater Box Office: 972-237-8786. All shows will be at the Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.



Forever Plaid

March 22-25 and March 29-April 1

In the intimate setting of the Studio Theater

The musical stylings of the popular (but recently deceased) quartet will take you on a nostalgic and comical musical tour of the 1950s.



Hairspray

June 21-24 and June 28-July 1

Will sweep you away to 1960's Baltimore, where the '50's are out - and change is in the air!



The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

Sept. 13-16 and Sept. 20-23 RATED PG-13

A happy go lucky view of small town vice and statewide political side stepping at the best known "pleasure palace" in Texas.



Seussical

Nov. 29-Dec. 2 & Dec. 6-9

Dr. Seuss brought to life on stage. A fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza!

GOLF PUNCH CARDS - THE PERFECT STOCKING STUFFER

Pre-purchase rounds of golf at an incredibly low price! 5 and 10 round punch cards are now available for golf at Prairie Lakes or Tangle Ridge Golf Courses:

Tangle Ridge:

5 Rounds for \$175 (a \$325 Value!)

10 Rounds for \$299 (a \$650 Value!)

Prairie Lakes:

5 Rounds for \$120 (a \$190 Value!)

10 Rounds for \$230 (a \$380 Value!)

Visit the pro-shop at the course of your choice to purchase. Call Tangle Ridge at 972-299-6837 or Prairie Lakes at 972-263-0661 for more information.

SUMMIT MEMBERSHIP HOLIDAY SPECIAL

The perfect holiday gift for your 50 and older family members is a membership to The Summit. Pricing varies according to age. This offer is valid until Dec. 31, 2011. Call 972-237-4141 for more information.

MLK DAY PARADE

Monday, Jan. 16 • 10 a.m.

The parade march will begin at Grand Prairie City Hall, 317 College St., and end at David Daniels Academy, 801 SW 19th St. After the parade, a program will feature a guest speaker, musical tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and recognition of the MLK art, writing and multimedia contest.

For more information call 972-237-8100.

GRAND CONNECTION GOES PAPERLESS

The city's Grand Connection bus service for



elderly and disabled Grand Prairie residents has gone paperless. A new Trapeze electronic trip scheduling system, launched in October, wirelessly sends bus drivers a daily pick up list on a small screen inside the bus. The driver can click on the screen to receive turn-by-turn directions. The system also records mileage for each trip and allows the city's Transit office to see the location of the bus on a computer screen.

"We have to submit monthly reports of our trips and mileage to the Federal Transit Administration and Texas Department of Transportation," Tony Flowers, Transit Coordinator said. "We are able to send these reports electronically now. The new system really enables us to run very efficiently."

The city's Transit division purchased the Trapeze system through a grant. Each of the city's 11 buses features an onboard screen that sends information back to the office. Two workstations at the city's service center can view pickup lists, bus locations, trip status and more.

SEND GRANNY UP THE ROAD FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

These great Grand Prairie hotel properties are offering a special holiday rate for your out-of-town holiday guests. Simply ask for the "Grand Prairie Citizens Holiday Rate"



Comfort Suites, I-20 @ GSW Pkwy.
King and Double Queen Suites for \$79 + tax.
Includes full hot breakfast buffet each morning.
Hotel has indoor pool and hot tub.



Comfort Suites, Hwy 360 @ Carrier Pkwy.
One bed, 2 people \$69, Two beds, 4 people \$79.
Valid Nov. 21, 2011, to Jan. 15, 2012.
Not available game days.



Hyatt Place, Hwy 360 @ Ave. K
\$69 + tax. Subject to availability.
Valid Dec. 19, 2011, to Jan. 5, 2012
Must use rate code CR# 82911



La Quinta Inn & Suites, I-20 @ Hwy 161
\$99 + tax, rate based on availability.



Super 8, I-20 @ Great Southwest Parkway
Bring this in for 10% off.



Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, South Carrier Parkway @ I-20, \$89 + tax, please mention this ad based on availability



Wishing you a stress-free holiday season!

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycling drop-off locations for your tree (beginning Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, though Friday, Jan. 13, 2012) will be at:

- Home Depot Parking Lot: 3850 Carrier Parkway
- Home Depot Parking Lot: 5280 SH 360
- Grand Prairie Landfill: 1102 MacArthur Blvd.

Please remove all ornaments, stands and plastic bags. Artificial trees or trees sprayed with artificial snow cannot be accepted for recycling. Acceptable trees will be recycled into mulch. Free mulch is available at the landfill to all Grand Prairie residents.

Trees may also be left at curbside on your normal garbage collection day. However, these trees will not be recycled into mulch and will be collected as garbage. For more information, please call 972-237-8061.



HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE DAY

Paint is by far the most common item brought to our household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events. Remember, you can dispose of **latex** (water-based) paint by taking the lid off, **letting it dry completely**, and placing it in your trash. Oil-based paints and solvents should be brought to a collection event or taken to the Environmental Collection Center in Fort Worth.

Along with proper disposal, one of the most important things you can do is to reduce the amount of paint waste you generate. Following are some suggestions:

- Use latex rather than oil-based paint whenever possible. Latex is durable, less toxic, and does not require the use of hazardous thinners and solvents.
- Buy only what you need. A lower price per gallon does not save money if you have leftover wasted paint. You can find paint calculators on most major brand websites.
- Cover the paint can with plastic wrap before closing the lid. Use a mallet rather than a hammer to seal the can. Hammers can damage the rim, causing a poor seal.

Our next HHW event will be January 7, 2012 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W. Church St. 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.

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

PROFESSOR G.P. GOODWATER REMINDER: WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN

Water levels in area lakes are at low levels, requiring continued water restrictions.

- No watering Saturday or Sunday.
- Even numbered addresses water lawns on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Odd numbered addresses water lawns on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Hand held water hoses and soaker hoses may be used at anytime.



NEW FIRE BOAT AT STATION #7

A new Grand Prairie Fire Department boat now provides additional safety at Joe Pool Lake. The 28-foot specialized boat is equipped with a pump and nozzles for putting out boat fires and other fires that occur along the lake. Special sonar equipment detects bodies, boats and other items on the bottom of the lake—40-60 feet below the surface and deeper.



Especially helpful for recovering victims, the boat's sidewalls can be lowered for easy access getting in and out of the water. Fire Station #7 firefighters are primarily trained to operate the fire boat, which has a capacity of 6-7 people and will likely travel with 3-4 firefighters at a time.

"The sonar equipment really lets us see the floor of the lake," said Fire Chief Clif Nelson. "We have already found some boats that have been missing for several years."

TEXAS TOY RUN AT QUIKTRIP BALLPARK

Motorcyclists will leave from Gateway Park in Fort Worth and the Dallas Convention Center on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. for the Big Texas Toy Run at QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway. Admission is a new (unwrapped) toy and a cash donation of \$10. For more information call 817-466-4816, 214-675-9176 or visit thebigtexas ToyRun.com

HOLIDAY TIPS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Grand Prairie Police Department wants everyone to have a safe holiday season. Here are some safety tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Be alert to suspicious people and vehicles.

If You are Traveling:

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in your driveway periodically.
- Don't forget to have mail, newspaper and deliveries stopped.

If You are out for the evening:

- Turn on lights, radio or a TV so that it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

If You are out Shopping:

- Park in well-lit areas, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and place all shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Pay attention to people walking in front of and behind you.
- Always lock your vehicle and store all items out of sight.
- If you take packages to the car but plan to return to the store or mall, drive to a new location.
- When returning to your vehicle (or home), have your keys in your hand ready to open the door.

To report suspicious activity, please call 972-237-8790. For emergencies, call 911.

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE

The city's annual custom-designed 2011 city of Grand Prairie holiday ornament, which celebrates the city's Farmers Market, is now available. First Lady Janice England created the ornament project as a way to celebrate Grand Prairie. Revenues benefit local charities. Ornaments retail at \$15 each and may be purchased at:

City Hall, 317 College St.

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tourist Center

2170 N. Belt Line Road

Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Farmers Market

120 W. Main St.

Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grand Prairie resident and Uni-

versity of Texas student Hannah Cook

designed this eighth in a series of annual ornaments. It fea-

tures a representation of the bountiful fare you can find weekly at Farmers Market on Main

Street. The two-sided gold-tone 3D ornament features a delicious ripe red tomato holding a basket of fruits and vegetables.

Also available for \$10 each are the inaugural 2004 ornament, recognizing Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie's World Thoroughbred Championship Breeders' Cup; the 2005 "I Love Grand Prairie" ornament; the 2006 "Starry Nights" ornament; the 2007 "Uptown Theater" ornament; the 2008 "Prairie Lights" ornament and the 2010 "Willow Tree in Central Park" ornament. The 2009 "Centennial" ornaments are sold out. For more information, call 972-237-8086.

