

2013

State

of the

City

Thank You Grand Prairie

Grand Prairie
T E X A S

Top 10 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Opened SH 161 main lanes.
2. Opened Grand Prairie Premium Outlet Mall featuring 100 upscale retail stores and employing 1,700 people.
3. Opened Parkland Clinic.
4. Began construction of Dallas County Courthouse.
5. Voters reapproved the 1/4 cent sales tax for a Crime Control District.
6. Began our own Police Academy.
7. Dropped crime by 20 percent.
8. Hired new Grand Prairie Fire Chief Robert Fite, upon Clif Nelson's retirement.
9. Completed renovation of City Council Chambers.
10. Opened Lynn Creek Parkway connecting Lake Ridge to SH 360.

Top 10 2013 GOALS

1. Revote the 1/4 cent sales tax for Street Improvements.
2. Design a new Fire Station #1.
3. Open SH 161 frontage roads at Main Street and railroad tracks.
4. Build a new clinic at Prairie Paws to provide medical care for shelter animals.
5. Open a new Dallas County Courthouse.
6. Debut new Waggin' Wagon mobile animal adoption trailer.
7. Complete Lake Ridge widening from lake to Great Southwest Parkway.
8. Complete Lake Ridge connection to I-20 and SH 161.
9. Build new cremation garden at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens.
10. Build new Dalworth Recreation Center.



GRAND PRAIRIE BY THE NUMBERS 2012

DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81.4 Sq. Miles
Population	179,476
Median Age	32
Median Household Income	\$64,148

DEVELOPMENT

New Single Family Building Permits Issued	324
Value of Average Single Family Permit	\$226,770
New Commercial/Industrial Square Feet	350,727

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	422
General Employees	686
Seasonal/Part-Time	107
Crossing Guards	73

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	6.25%
Total Sales Tax	8.25%

OPERATING BUDGET (2012-2013)

General Fund	\$104M
Water/Wastewater	\$62M
Other	\$57M
TOTAL	\$223M

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)

City of Grand Prairie	\$.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.46500
Arlington ISD	\$1.301
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.440
Mansfield ISD	\$1.540
Dallas County	\$0.643412
Tarrant County	\$0.640867

GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Grand Prairie ISD	3,300
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control	2,800
Poly-America	2,000
Bell Helicopter-Textron	1,200
City of Grand Prairie	1,100
Lone Star Park	1,000
Triumph – Vought	950
Hanson Pipe	700
Republic National Distributing	700
Wal-Mart	600
American Europter	600
Siemens Energy	500

SOLID WASTE

Tons of Garbage Disposed	164,031
Tons of Commercial Recycling (at landfill)	41,886
Tons of Residential Recycling at the Landfill	4,229
at the Curb	3,965
at Drop Sites	888

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,014
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	79,938
Ruthe Jackson Center Events	1,313
The Summit Members	4,868
Special Events Attendees	178,250
Cemetery Spaces Sold	257

LIBRARIES

Main Library Collection	165,925
Warmack Collection	52,640
Bowles Collection	10,300

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	66,520
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	49,607

UTILITIES

Water Production	25.6 million gallons per day
Fire Hydrants	7,300
Miles of Water Lines	783
Miles of Collection Line	761
Customer Accounts	45,455

COMMUNICATION

Website Pageviews	3,108,678
Facebook Fans	3,115
GP Update Airings	2,520
News Releases	251



2012-2013 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
(seated, left to right) Greg Giessner, At Large • Ron Jensen, Mayor Pro Tem, District 6
Mayor Charles England • Ruthe Jackson, At Large, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem



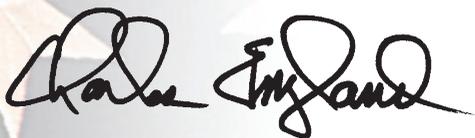
City Manager's Office

(left to right) 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

Mayor's Message

I'm so proud to have served as Grand Prairie's Mayor for the past 21 years and to have seen so much positive change during that time because of the faith in the city by its residents. From bringing EMS into the Fire Department to building the Memorial Gardens cemetery, from changing the Estes Peninsula ZIP code from Cedar Hill to Grand Prairie to paying off Lone Star Park 18 years early, from voting to tax ourselves for better parks, streets and police protection to finally getting SH 161 built, the people of Grand Prairie continue to invest in their future. With loyal and devoted residents, a great City Council and top-notch city staff, we've been able to make Grand Prairie even greater than it was and create a bright future for our city.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor during this time of growth, change and progress.



Mayor Charles England

- Opened Mixed Up Burgers at the Grand Prairie Airport
- Landed Restoration Hardware's 800,000-square-foot distribution center at SH 161 and Pioneer Parkway
- Dropped GP unemployment rate to 7 percent from 8.7 percent
- Removed the offset at Camp Wisdom and Robinson roads
- Began building frontage roads at Belt Line and I-30; and I-30 and MacArthur
- Opened Sara Jane Parkway connecting to SH 161 to SH 360
- Opened Crossland from Robinson to SH 161; and Forum from Waterwood to SH 161
- Began extension of Lake Ridge Parkway from Great Southwest Parkway to I-20 at SH 161
- Began widening of Lake Ridge Parkway between the Marina at Joe Pool Lake and Great Southwest Parkway
- Began construction of Gifford and Bagdad west of MacArthur
- Began widening Hunter-Ferrell Road between Belt Line Road and MacArthur Blvd.
- Began drainage improvements and repaving Freetown from Robinson to Corn Valley
- Began design of I-20 frontage roads between Carrier Parkway and Belt Line Road
- Began design of Wildlife Parkway between Belt Line Road and SH 161
- Continued design and right-of-way acquisition to widen MacArthur Blvd. from the Trinity River to I-30
- Designed Waterwood Road extension from Waterwood to Arkansas Lane through Central Park
- Started a park-and-ride lot on I-30, just east of Belt Line Road; began extension of NE 15th Street from Tarrant Road to I-30 alongside the new park-and-ride
- Named a Playful City USA for 5th time
- Began design of new Dalworth Recreation Center
- Began design of a camp store at Loyd Park
- Replaced grass field at Quik-Trip Park with artificial turf
- Brought all new displays to the 2012 Prairie Lights
- Launched first ever Main Street festival
- Opened the Graff Chevrolet Ultra Lounge at the Uptown Theater, with Comedy Klub and Studio Sounds weekly
- Continued renovations to Main Street business storefronts



Grand Prairie Premium Outlet Mall bumped sales tax and tourism by millions.



Completed first block of facade renovations on Main Street, continuing with second block in 2013.



Prairie Lights attendance was up 25 percent in 2012, brightening the holidays for more than 150,000 patrons.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- Launched multiple pet adoption campaigns, pushing adoptions up 37 percent in two years at Prairie Paws, with dog adoptions topping 60 percent in 2012
- Launched massive Fight the Bite campaign against West Nile virus
- Began selling TollTags at the Tourist Center
- Began new medication disposal program at the Public Safety Building
- Offered online police reporting, Coplogic
- Increased arrests more than 50 percent
- Enrolled more than 85 members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
- Formed the Grand Prairie Police and Clergy Coalition and Grand Prairie Chapter of the Victim Relief Ministries
- Developed new police patrol beats to enhance police service in line with increase in population
- Developed a five-year staffing plan for the police department
- Created a Police Problem Solving Unit to address quality of life issues and root causes of crime
- Reorganized police personnel to more efficiently and effectively provide police service
- Implemented the UNIDOS assimilation program for Spanish-speakers
- Created the police IMPACT Unit to target residential burglaries
- Enhanced Teen Academy and Explorer programs toward improved police recruiting and mentorship with Grand Prairie youth
- Opened the Grand Prairie Police Youth Boxing Program to mentor at-risk youth
- Established the Priority Video Alarm Response to video burglar alarms
- Established police/school partnership with GPISD's Center for Law and Public Safety
- Created a Known Offender Database to track known criminal offenders
- Established a Citizens on Patrol program and engaged more than 30 volunteers
- Created Twitter and Facebook accounts for the police department
- Invested \$8 million in street projects, improving 8 miles of streets; and 2 miles of alleys in Streets Sales Tax Program
- Created three new homeowners through Habitat for Humanity
- Sold two homes through 4GOV
- Started construction on a zero energy home for use in city's Housing Program
- Completed city-wide wireless communication network to provide communications to 55 intersections
- Provided wireless communication to Fire Station #7, Fire Station #8 and Loyd Park
- Completed two hotspot locations in Lone Star Park parking lot allowing city employees including PD to access TMC video for traffic management
- Installed traffic signals at N. Carrier Parkway at Lower Tarrant Road, Channing Drive at Great Southwest Parkway, Kingswood Blvd. at Magna Carta Blvd., and Matthew Road at Polo Road
- Updated signal timing city-wide
- Developed traffic website www.gptx-traffic.org
- Completed several projects enhancing water quality, including disinfection and water storage
- Installed manhole level monitors to provide early warning and prevent wastewater overflows into environment
- Received the City Floodplain Excellence Award



The opening of SH 161 drove people happy.



Grand Prairie Police began their own Police Academy for recruits.



Mixed Up Burgers are flying high as the Airport's new restaurant.

Goals for 2013

- Continue facade renovation project on Main Street, beginning the second block of transformation
- Implement the landfill gas-to-energy project
- Complete a water transmission line jointly with the city of Midlothian to provide water to the eastern side of the south sector
- Complete construction of a water supply line from Mansfield to supply water to the western side of the south sector
- Repair Jefferson Street Bridge over Mountain Creek Tributary
- Start construction on Freetown Road from Corn Valley Road to SW 3rd Street
- Acquire two more properties for the 4GOV housing program
- Start design on Camp Wisdom Road from west of Carrier Parkway to FM 1382
- Begin Palace Parkway connection from Palace/ Belt Line to I-30 looping around vacant property on northeast corner of I-30 and linking into new frontage road
- Build Loyd Park Camp Store and restore historic Loyd Home as a rentable cabin
- Develop Neighborhood Police Officer Program to enhance community policing efforts
- Create a Peer Support Team in the police department to provide assistance to police employees following traumatic events
- Complete the wastewater force main to connect to the TRA Mountain Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to provide wastewater service to the south sector
- Design installation of video and arterial directional control management system at major intersections along SH 161 frontage road from I-20 to Rock Island Road
- Design new traffic signals at Dickey Road at SH 161 NBFR; SW 14th Street at SH 161 SBFR; January Lane at SH 161 SBFR; Hill Street at SH 161 NBFR; Brady Lane at Pioneer Parkway; S. Carrier Parkway at Desco Lane; MacArthur Blvd. at City Landfill; and MacArthur Blvd. at Industrial Drive
- Create a mentoring program in the police department for new hires and newly promoted employees
- Establish annual physical fitness testing in the police department



City Council Chambers got a complete makeover for the first time since opening in 1974.

Prairie Paws Animal Shelter adoptions were up 37 percent in 2012 over previous years thanks to howling good marketing efforts.

Main Street Festival was just one of dozens of downtown events at Market Square bringing new life to old downtown.