

Prairie Lights

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BRIGHTER
PRAIRIE *than* LIGHTS
EVER BEFORE

PARK HOURS

Sun–Thu 6–9pm

Fri, Sat & Holidays 6–10pm

ADMISSION PRICES

MON–THU

Car	\$20
Limo	\$50
Shuttle Bus	\$45
Commercial Bus	\$75

FRI–SUN & HOLIDAYS

Car	\$30
Limo	\$55
Shuttle Bus	\$50
Commercial Bus	\$80

• Holiday Happiness! LIVE

produced by *Texas Family Musicals*

• Walk-through display

• Holiday Village with SANTA!

PrairieLights.org

972.237.GLOW

Thanksgiving thru New Year's Eve
Lynn Creek Park, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway

PRESENTED BY

Grand Prairie
TEXAS
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION

COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER



Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets, visit www.uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

His Eye is on the Sparrow Feb. 8
The Ethel Waters Story
Presented by Texas Family Musicals

Moments Remembered March 21-22
Presented by Texas Family Musicals

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION DISPOSAL OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

Unused, leftover or expired medications should NOT be put down the drain or in the trash. Most wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove pharmaceuticals, which means that improper disposal may impact the water quality in our creeks, rivers, and lakes. The best way to dispose of non-narcotic medications is to take them to a household hazardous waste collection event. To dispose of narcotics, you can take them to the Grand Prairie Police Department, 1525 Arkansas Lane, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. If you need to dispose of needles, you should place them in a sealed, puncture-proof container and place them in the trash.

The next collection event will be on Saturday, Jan. 11, 9-11a.m. at the Development Center, 206 West Church Street (next to City Hall). Registration is required. You may register on-line at 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.

NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM AT LIBRARIES

The Grand Prairie Libraries will install their new computer reservation and print management system in January. Your library card has always been a powerful tool, giving you access to materials both physical and digital, but now you can use it to:

- Reserve a computer without needing a librarian's assistance
- Put money on your library account
- Use that money to pay for prints and fines
- Pay fines online

In order to access library services fully, be sure to keep your card up-to-date, and inform us about a new address, phone number, etc. The quickest, easiest way to use a library computer is by signing in with your card, so keep it on you. In January, we also hope to start using text messaging to better communicate with our patrons.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR AGES 4-6

Saturdays, Jan. 15-March 1, 9-11 a.m.

Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road
\$50 per child. Pre-register by Saturday, Jan. 11. Call 972-264-6890.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/ RECYCLING COLLECTION

There will be no garbage and recycling collection on Wednesday, Dec. 25; and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The landfill will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25; and Wednesday, Jan. 1; and will close at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31. There will be a special recycling collection for Wednesday residential curbside recyclers on Saturday, Dec. 28. Please place your recycling bins/blue bags on your curbside by 7 a.m. that morning to ensure collection.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycling drop-off locations for your tree (beginning Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013 -Friday, Jan. 10, 2014) will be at:

Home Depot Parking Lots

3850 S. Carrier Parkway
5280 State Highway 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.

TAX HELP AT LIBRARY

AARP tax help sessions start February 3 at the Main Library. Sessions are each Monday and Wednesday until April 14, and last from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring a copy of last year's tax return, and any W-2s and 1099s. Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. Tax forms are available at www.irs.gov.

CHRISTMAS ADOPTION SPECIAL AT PRAIRIE PAWS

Prairie Paws Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Trail, "Loves Animals Like the Dickens." Starting Tuesday, Dec. 3, all adoptable animals will be half off and all adoptable cats older than six months will be free. Regular price adoptions are \$70. The \$35 adoption special ends Tuesday, December 31. Don't miss out on a chance to welcome a new furry friend into your home this holiday season.

All animals will be micro-chipped and will receive 5-in-1 and kennel cough for dogs and the 3-in-1 FVRCP for cats. Those wishing to adopt must fill out an application for approval before receiving the animal, and must provide certification of rabies and spay or neuter within 30 days of the animal's adoption. Up to two pets per household may be adopted. The offer is valid only for new adoptions.

The Prairie Paws Animal Shelter is located at 2222 W. Warrior Trail and normal operating hours are:

Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed noon – 1 p.m.)

For more information call 972-237-8675 or visit www.gptx.org/paws.

CITY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT AVAILABLE

The annual custom-designed 2013 city of Grand Prairie holiday ornament is hand made this year by Rebecca Jensen, wife of Mayor Ron Jensen. Mrs. Jensen recycled books into hand-made Christmas trees, glittered and adorned with a tinsel top. Many of the books were retired from the Grand Prairie Library system and from Mrs. Ruthe Jackson's personal collection.

The 2013 ornament sells for \$11 each and may be purchased at:

- City Hall, 317 College St. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Tourist Center, 2170 N. Belt Line Road, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Saturday
- Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road, hours vary, check gptx.org/library
- The Summit, 2975 Esplanade, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Monday-Saturday

This is the 10th in a series of annual ornaments. Also available for \$10 each, discounted from their original price of \$15 each, are ornaments from 2004 to 2012, which include 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 2010 "Willow Tree in Central Park" ornament and the 2011 "Farmers Market" ornament. The 2009 "Centennial" ornaments and the 2008 "Prairie Lights" ornament are sold out.

The ornament series was created by Janice England, wife of retired Mayor Charles England, as a way to celebrate Grand Prairie and raise funds for local charities.

For more information, call 972-237-8086.



**Don't clog the main.
Keep grease from the drain.**



GET FIT GP LAUNCHES

The brand new Get Fit Grand Prairie wellness initiative begins in January 2014, featuring a website with tools, tips and local resources for residents to get up, get out and get fit. Join us and learn more at gptx.org/getfitgp

FREE DAY PASS
at a City of Grand Prairie
RECREATION CENTER



Celebrating Get Fit GP's Join a Rec Center Month, present this coupon at any City of Grand Prairie recreation center for free entry for one day during January 2014. Find a rec center near you and learn more about the brand new Get Fit GP community wellness initiative at gptx.org/getfitgp

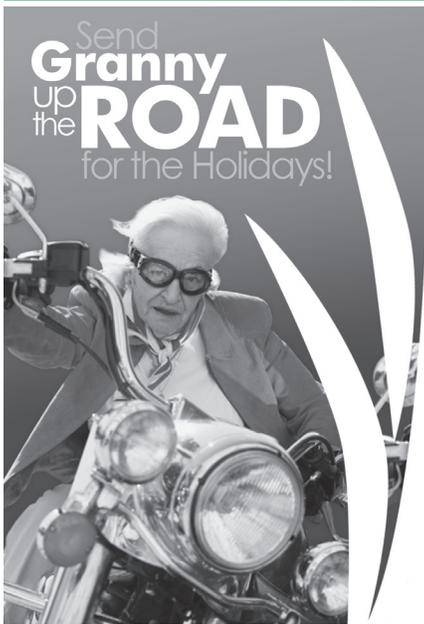
GRAND PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING

Apply by Jan. 17 to take the Civil Service Exam on Jan. 25. Visit grandprairiepolice.org/jobs for more information.

CLEARANCE BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library book sale will be Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. Find great bargains at this sale where everything is a quarter.





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"



\$60 King or Double Queen
With free breakfast. Mention GP Holiday
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\$79 King & Double Queen Suites
Includes full hot breakfast buffet each morning. Hotel has indoor pool & hot tub.
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Hyatt Place • Hwy. 360 @ Ave. K • 972-988-6800

Wishing you a stress-free holiday season!
Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center
2170 N. Belt Line Road • 972-595-5400



BRIDAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Parkway

Calling all brides....Get to know us at The Ruthe Jackson Center! If you have been to a bridal show with hundreds of vendors all pushing you for your business and getting you really confused, you need to make plans to attend the Ruthe Jackson Center Open House.

The Ruthe Jackson Center open house is the one bridal showcase that will provide you with an opportunity for you to get to know wedding professionals who will share.....

- Beautiful tablescapes and floral designs
- Décor that will inspire
- Classic bridal gowns
- Tasty wedding cakes and cakery trends
- Catering tastes and tips

Be an inspired bride....attend the Ruthe Jackson Center Open House. Make your complimentary reservation today, RSVP required to attend. This event is an adult event, no one under the age of 16 will be admitted.

Visit ruthejacksoncenter.com or call 972-237-7500.



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 community.

Please call **972-237-2515** to discuss your options.

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

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PURPLE MARTIN CONSERVATION CAPITAL OF TEXAS

Texas Governor Rick Perry signed HCR 54 Resolution into law designating Grand Prairie as the Purple Martin Conservation Capital of Texas. This was the culmination of prolonged efforts of the Purple Martin Landlords of North Texas organization, which is headquartered here in Grand Prairie. Their mission is to protect and preserve this federally protected Purple Martin bird species. Purple Martin houses are evident throughout the city including Central Park, public golf courses, Kirby Creek Nature Center and at private residences. The birds are emblazoned on the State Highway 161 support pillars and are featured beautifully in the massive outdoor artwork of the Belt Line/Interstate 30 underpass. The Purple Martin Landlords of North Texas schedule of events for 2014 is as follows:



- Jan. 18 Purple Martin Lectures and Tour of the Bunker Sands Wetlands Project- Crawford, Texas
- Feb. 6 Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road
- Feb. 15 15th Birthday Bash at Spring Creek Barbecue, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- April 3 Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road
- May 10 National Migratory Bird Celebration
- June 5 Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road
- July 12 Annual Marty Party - 5 p.m. at the Public Works Training Facility, 620 Small Hill
- Aug. 9 Visit to the Pre-migratory Roost in Garland, TX to view 40,000+ Purple Martins preparing to migrate to Brazil (exact pre-migratory roost location to be determined)

Visit PurpleMartinLandlordsOfNorthTexas.com or call 972-641-2981 or 817-308-6776.