

Grand Prairie
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GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP 10

2013

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Opened all SH 161 access and frontage roads from I-30 to I-20
2. Opened new Dallas County Sub-Courthouse
3. Voters approved the ¼ cent sales tax for street improvements
4. Voters approved the ¼ cent sales tax for crime control
5. Broke ground on a new Fire Station #1
6. Launched the Waggin' Wagon mobile pet adoption trailer
7. Began driving on the wider, straighter Hunter Ferrell Road
8. Connected Sara Jane Parkway to Forum Drive, creating a shortcut to the Grand Prairie Premium Outlet Mall
9. Opened new Air Traffic Control Tower
10. Passed a "no text and drive" ordinance

2014 GOALS

1. Open renovated Dalworth Recreation Center
2. Begin construction of The Lodge and Camp Store at Loyd Park
3. Ask voters to consider a ¼ cent sales tax for a mega recreation center, library and water park
4. Start building the gas-to-energy station at the Landfill
5. Open the new Fire Station #1 downtown
6. Break ground on a clinic at Prairie Paws Animal Shelter
7. Open Lake Ridge Parkway fully from I-20 to Great Southwest Parkway
8. Market the original historic Fire Station #1 as a restaurant or other great use downtown
9. Re-imagine, re-energize our Library System
10. Actively market new development opportunities along SH 161, I-30 and I-20

GRAND PRAIRIE BY THE NUMBERS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81 sq. miles
Population	181,303
Median Age	31.7
Median Household Income	\$53,267

DEVELOPMENT

New Single Family Building Permits Issued	408
Value of Average Single Family Permit	\$235,087
New Commercial/Industrial Square Feet	2,306,740

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 (2013-2014)

(Total appropriations and reserves)	
General Fund	\$111,439,962
Water/Wastewater	\$66,538,779
Other	\$58,412,089
TOTAL	\$236,390,830

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)	
City of Grand Prairie	\$.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.46500
Arlington ISD	\$1.2917
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.525
Mansfield ISD	\$1.5271
Dallas County	\$0.6538
Tarrant County	\$0.64129

GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

GP Independent School District	3,558
Lockheed Martin Missiles	2,800
Poly-America Inc.	2,000
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.	1,200
City of Grand Prairie	1,200
Triumph - Vought	900
Lone Star Park	950
Republic National Distributing	700
Wal-Mart	600
American Eurocopter	500
Hanson Pipe & Products Inc.	500
Siemens Energy & Automation	500

TOP TAXPAYERS

Grand Prairie Premium Outlets LP
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.
Republic National Distributing
Oncor Electric Delivery
Poly America LP
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control
Duke Realty Ltd. Ps.
Proligis
Mars Partners Ltd.
Catellus Development Corp.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,014
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	79,938
Ruthe Jackson Center Events	907
The Summit Members	5,000
Special Events Attendees/ Athletic Tournaments	270,000+
Cemetery Spaces Sold	229
Interments in Cemetery	128

SOLID WASTE

Tons of Garbage Disposed	162,755
Tons of Commercial Recycling at the Landfill	124,190
Tons of Residential Recycling at the Landfill	4,633
at the Curb	4,128
at Drop Sites	869

LIBRARIES - TOTAL COLLECTION

Main Library	148,637
Warmack Branch	50,260
Shotwell Branch	8,902

UTILITIES

Water Production	22.6 M gal/day
Fire Hydrants	7,436
Miles of Water Lines	792
Miles of Collection Line	778
Customer Accounts	45,706

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	68,827
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	49,831



2013-2014 City Council (April 2014)

(standing, left to right) Jim Swafford, District 2 • Jeff Wooldridge, District 6
Jeff Copeland, At Large • Tony Shotwell, District 5 • Richard Fregoe, District 4
(seated, left to right) Jorja Clemson, District 1 • Greg Giessner, At Large
Ron Jensen, Mayor • Lila Thorn, District 3



City Manager's Office

(left to right) Deputy City Manager Anna Doll
Assistant to the City Manager Andy White • Deputy City Manager Tom Cox
City Manager Tom Hart • City Secretary Cathy DiMaggio

Mayor's Top Goals for 2014

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BRIGHT FUTURE.

With the completion of Lake Ridge Parkway from I-20 to Great Southwest Parkway in 2014, the major new corridor along SH 161 from the north end of town to the south becomes a complete and extremely valuable commodity.

Simultaneously, the frontage roads on I-30 and I-20 are being designed, constructed or breaking ground in 2014. This gives us a huge opportunity to market the available and soon-to-be-available frontage road property on SH 161, I-30 and I-20.

Working with developers and property owners, the city will take an organized, comprehensive approach to letting the right investors know about these development opportunities.

DOWNTOWN. STRONG HEART.

Citizens, property owners and developers have been enthusiastically supportive of the positive changes to Main Street in the past few years. With façade renovations and sidewalk improvements, property values are increasing, new merchants are in, and foot traffic is up in downtown.

Continuing to strengthen the heart of Grand Prairie in 2014, the city will:

- Open the new Fire Station #1
- Continue Main Street façade and sidewalk improvements

- Market the original historic Fire Station #1 for restaurant or other attractive use
- Continue creating events at the Uptown and Farmers Market to draw crowds to Main Street

LIBRARY SYSTEM. CUTTING EDGE.

Re-imagine, re-engineer, re-energize the library system.

Like parks, libraries are an integral part of the fabric of a world-class community, a vital provider of access to information, and play a huge role in promoting the foundation of reading.

Beginning in 2014, plans include:

- Establish new bilingual collections for children, teens and adults
- Expand e-book inventory
- Introduce new technologies, including self check-out, express computers, an inventory management system, roaming reference
- Add more computers and children's learning stations
- Pursue recovering \$400,000 owed in fines and fees
- Remodel the north side of the Main Library
- Purchase new furniture and stacks at the Main Library
- Fund the purchase of a library book hold station for the lake parks area

MEGA RECREATION CENTER. WHAT'S NEXT.

In 2015, the city will pay off QuikTrip Park and The Summit debt. The city will ask voters on May 10 to consider combining the two 1/8 cent sales taxes used to build The Summit and QuikTrip Park into a 1/4 cent sales tax to build a mega recreation center, library, water park, amphitheater, trails and huge playground. The center would be located in Central Park near SH 161 and Arkansas Lane, across the lake from The Summit.

If voters approve it, the 1/4 cent sales tax would continue until Jan. 1, 2040, unless the city ends it earlier. If the sales tax referendum passes, the sales tax will remain the same. If it fails, the sales tax will be reduced by 1/4 cent. The new recreation center would be open to all ages and could include courts for racquetball, basketball, volleyball and pickle ball, classrooms, library, computer lab, exercise rooms, workout equipment, climbing wall, zip line, spa, stage with flexible seating, and restaurant.

The water park could include slides, chutes, lazy river, surf rider, hot jets, swim lanes, zero edge entry, spray fountains and kids' play pool. The water park would be designed as an entertainment attraction to pull guests from out of town.



MAYOR RON JENSEN



Completed phase two of facade renovations on Main Street in downtown Grand Prairie, continuing with third block in 2014.



Thousands flocked to Central Park for Flight of the Monarch.



If approved by voters, a new mega recreation center would include a water park (photo representative of what venue might be).

More Goals for 2014

- Hire additional police officers using excess collections from ¼ cent sales tax for crime control
- Build new Cremation Garden at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens
- Continue phase three of downtown façade renovation project
- Launch Get Fit GP initiative for citizens
- Complete design of Fire Station #10 on the peninsula
- Design expansion of Public Works Service Station
- Expand the Grand Connection offices
- Implement new police computer aided dispatch and records management system
- Implement new citywide radio system
- Complete integration of police and fire dive teams for the lake
- Begin fire safety programs within GPISD
- Complete design of I-20 frontage roads from Belt Line Road to Carrier Parkway
- Design Wildlife Parkway extension from Belt Line Road to SH 161
- Start the 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
- Start the widening of MacArthur Boulevard from I-30 to the Trinity River
- Complete Lake Ridge Parkway extension between I-20 and Great Southwest Parkway
- Complete Park and Ride facility with eastbound I-30 frontage road and on-ramp
- Complete westbound I-30 frontage road east of Belt Line Road
- Complete design of westbound I-30 frontage road between NW 7th Street and Belt Line Road



A new Cremation Garden at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens in 2014 includes 888 new cremation niches for interments.



Introducing new technologies, collections and outreach at the Grand Prairie libraries.



Grand Prairie Police SWAT are always ready for action.



Broke ground on new Fire Station #1 in 2013 at Main and Dalworth streets.



City Council passed an ordinance that bans texting while driving.



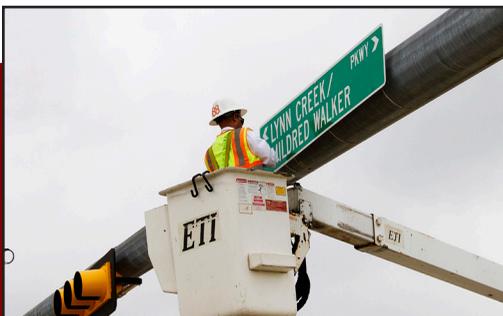
Dalworth Recreation Center set to open anew in late 2014.

2013

Accomplishments

- Honored Mayor Charles England, who retired after 21 years of service as Mayor
- Opened six-lane Lake Ridge Parkway from the lake to Great Southwest Parkway
- Repaired Jefferson Street Bridge over the Mountain Creek Tributary
- Rebuilt Freetown Road from Corn Valley Road to SW 3rd Street
- Started design on Camp Wisdom Road from Carrier Parkway to FM 1382
- Opened eastbound I-30 frontage roads west of MacArthur Boulevard
- Opened Gifford Street and Bagdad Road
- Opened NE 15th Street to provide access to the Park and Ride facility at I-30 and Belt Line Road
- Opened Lynn Creek Parkway between SH 360 and Lake Ridge at the Lynn Creek Park entrance
- Completed \$8 million in street sales tax program improvements
- Designed new traffic signals at Dickey Road at SH 161; SW 14th Street at SH 161; January Lane at SH 161; Hill Street at SH 161; Brady Lane at Pioneer Parkway; S. Carrier Parkway at Desco Lane; MacArthur Boulevard at Landfill; and MacArthur Boulevard at Industrial Drive
- Completed \$300,000 in sidewalk repairs, \$350,000 in bridge repairs, \$375,000 in road repairs in Great Southwest Industrial District, \$25,000 in school flashers, \$25,000 in handicap ramps, \$500,000 in water well rehabilitation
- Added disinfection facilities at the peninsula elevated tank
- Completed wastewater pump station and force main water line for the south sector
- Repaired water tank near Traders Village and added a disinfection system
- Completed the \$1.4 million north water line relocation
- Designed video directional control management system at major intersections along SH 161 frontage road from I-20 to Rock Island Road
- Developed a problem-solving unit to enhance community policing efforts
- Created a mentoring program in the Police Department for new hires and newly promoted employees
- Created a peer support team in the Police Department to provide assistance to police employees following traumatic events
- Established annual physical fitness testing in the Police Department
- Decreased crime (UCR Part 1) by 30 percent
- Achieved Texas Police Chief Best Practices Recognition status
- Began a midnight basketball program with the YMCA, Parks, GPISD and Police
- Started police social media: Nextdoor.com, Facebook and Twitter
- Implemented Fire Department reorganization
- Formed partnership with QuikTrip Park for EMS coverage
- Formed a new non-profit in the Fire Department called Hearts and Hoses
- Created a SWAT medic program in the Fire Department
- Established a Fire Department haz-mat team
- Moved Emergency Management from Police to Fire Department
- Acquired two more properties for the 4GOV housing program
- Achieved a raise in Standard & Poor's ratings to AAA from AA+
- Initiated a new mechanic program between city's Fleet Services and GPISD Dubiski Career High School
- Offered mobile credit card acceptance on Prairie Paws Waggin' Wagon

Mourned the loss of two sitting Councilpersons in 2013: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson and Councilman Bill Thorn.



Lynn Creek/Mildred Walker Parkway opened, linking SH 360 and Lake Ridge Parkway at Lynn Creek Park entrance.



SH 161 puts Grand Prairie on the map.



The Waggin' Wagon rolled out weekly in 2013, finding new homes for 51 pets from the Prairie Paws Animal Shelter.