

FLIGHT OF THE MONARCH SEPT. 27



Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Central Park, 2975 Esplanade

Grand Prairie will celebrate the annual migration of the monarch butterfly at Central Park, State Highway 161 and Arkansas Lane and Warrior Trail. This spectacular FREE event includes monarch butterfly releases, kite flying, a kid-zone with bounce houses, arts and crafts, vendors, food, a butterfly costume contest, parade and music by the amazing Vocal Trash and The Singing Zoologist,

Lucas Miller. For more information, contact Mae Smith at 972-237-8107 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

KIDS FISHING DAY SEPT. 20

Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mike Lewis Park, 2410 N. Carrier Pkwy.

Come reel 'em in at the Mike Lewis Park lagoon. This popular event is FREE to children 16 and under. The lagoon will be stocked with catfish. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories for the largest fish, smallest fish, and most fish caught. There is no registration fee to participate in the Kid's Fishing Day, but there will be an on-site sign-up table. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first come, first served basis with a driver's license or credit card deposit. Registration is 9 a.m.-10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. For more information, call Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation at 972-237-8100.



FARMERS MARKET

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and much more.



The market is open every Saturday, March to December, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check out the upcoming events:

- **Sept. 6** - Learn how to go green and aid the environment with the Composting Class and celebrate Grand Prairie's unique culture with mariachi and ballet folklórico performances.
- **Sept. 13** - Pop into the market to learn some popcorn secrets during Jackie Harrison's cooking demonstration featuring her famous Kettle Corn.
- **Sept. 20** - Check out a cooking demonstration to score some fantastic recipes.

For more information about the Farmers Market, call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.

REPORT CITY ISSUES IN A SNAP

Residents can now report issues such as street light outages and code violations using their smartphones. The Snap and Send Grand Prairie TX app is now available on the Apple App store and can be downloaded free.

AIRHOGS BASEBALL BEST FAMILY DEAL

Present this coupon at the QuikTrip Park box office for four reserved tickets, four hot dogs, four 12 oz. sodas and one program—all for \$30!

Limit: two family deals per Pipeline newsletter coupon.

QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway
airhogsbaseball.com

Expires Sept. 2, 2014



TRASH OFF OCT. 4

Clean house and get rid of your junk during the next Trash Off at the Grand Prairie Landfill on Saturday, Oct. 4. Residents are allowed an unlimited number of trips to the landfill that day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of residence in the form of a current water bill or driver's license is required. Contractors may not use this day to avoid landfill fees. For more information, please call 972-237-8151.

COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER



Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. **For the latest Uptown Theater news and offers, text "UPTN" to 90210.** For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

Mama's Party

Local theater performers sing show tunes.

Sept. 1, 8, 15

Noises Off

Oct. 3-5,

Oct. 10-12

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Terror at the Uptown

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Oct. 31

FALL GARDENING CLASSES AT MAIN LIBRARY

Join Susan Henson, City Horticulturalist and Certified Arborist, as she launches her fall gardening series at the Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Dr., 6:30-8 p.m. All programs are free. For more information, call 972-237-5700.



Thursday, Sept. 11 – Fall into Gardening – Fall gardens are for food and fun. Find out how to grow a garden when it's not too hot, there aren't as many weeds and watering is kept to a minimum. Have fun and put food on the table!

Thursday, Sept. 18 – Butterfly Fever – Attracting Monarchs and more to your garden is easy. Learn how to turn your garden into a butterfly weigh station and see the beauty of nature unfold before your eyes!

Thursday, Sept. 25 – Landscaping on a Dime – Learn how to use native and adaptive plants to turn your home landscape into the envy of your block and get your landscaping budget, water bill and weeding under control.

GREAT PROGRAMS COMING TO THE LIBRARY

Badges and Books

Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Meet members of our fantastic Grand Prairie Police Department and learn all of the great things they do in our community

The Singing Zoologist Lucas Miller

Friday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Songs, stories, puppets and videos about metamorphosis, wetlands and more for ages preschool through 5th graders.

Lives Change@Your Library: Fall Author Series at the Warmack Library

Three very different authors appear at the Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Rd., to talk about their lives and work:

- **7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25**

A former staff writer for Bob Hope, Win Shields also talks about his experiences as a longtime writer and script doctor for Universal Studios.

- **7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2**

Each of Lynne Gentry's two books launches modern women into ancient adventures, filled with mystery and passion.

- **2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4**

Diane Kelly writes romantic mysteries featuring feisty heroines, quirky sidekicks with humor that leaves readers laughing out loud.

MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS SEPT. 6

The next Master Composter training is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6. There is a \$25 registration fee for Grand Prairie residents and \$40 fee for non-residents. Participants will receive a compost thermometer, the Rodale Book of Composting and lunch. For more information or to register online, please visit: gptx.org/composting.

FITNESS INSTRUCTORS

Charley Taylor is looking for fitness/bootcamp instructors. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Halima Baquedano at 972-264-6890.

SUMMIT CLASSES

The following classes are available at The Summit, 2975 Esplanade, for residents 50 and older:

Couch to 5K Training

Sept. 3-Nov. 22, 8 a.m. - \$60

12 week training for all abilities

CPR/AED Training

Thursday, Sept. 25, 1 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$15 for skills or \$35 for skills and card

For info. call 972-237-4141.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The following restrictions are in effect in the city of Grand Prairie:

- No watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Even numbered addresses may water on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday and Fridays.
- Handheld and soaker hoses are allowed to be used any time.
- Residents and business are prohibited from watering their lawns anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For more information, visit gptx.org/waterwise.



NEW CLINIC AT PRAIRIE PAWS

Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Tr., is now equipped to provide medical care to all shelter animals. With the recent addition of an in-house clinic and the help of Dr. Kimberly Warren, Prairie Paws can perform onsite sterilization and rabies vaccination for shelter animals. In addition, shelter animals in need of medical attention may receive a teeth cleaning or other medical treatment for minor problems such as kennel cough or upper respiratory infections.

The clinic is funded in part by the Animal Welfare Fund, which is used to cover veterinary fees for animals with various medical needs. While the clinic will be beneficial to Prairie Paws Animal Shelter in the long term, its establishment has drained the fund. The medications and supplies obtained to stock the clinic were purchased with donations to the Animal Welfare Fund. As a result, Prairie Paws is in desperate need of donations to replenish this important reserve. You can donate in person via cash, check or credit card, over the phone via a credit card, or you can mail a check to Prairie Paws. An online donation system will be in place soon, so be sure to check gptx.org/paws regularly. Receipts for tax purposes will be given upon request.

Prairie Paws offers numerous adoption specials throughout the year. Regular adoptions are \$70. This fee includes a microchip, spay or neuter, rabies vaccination, flea treatment, the 5-in-1 and kennel cough vaccinations for dogs and the 3-in-1 FVRCP vaccination for cats.

Prairie Paws Adoption Center strives to place as many pets as possible into quality homes with responsible owners. The Prairie Paws Animal Shelter's operating hours are:

Closed Sunday and Monday

Tuesday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

For the latest updates, visit gptx.org/paws and follow the shelter on Twitter @gp_prairiepaws.



YOGA IN THE PARK

Put your tennis shoes on and head out to Central Park to celebrate the Flight of the Monarch on Saturday, Sept. 27, starting at 10 a.m. While you are there, Get Fit Grand Prairie invites you and your family to take part in "Yoga in the Park". Learn the basics of yoga while having fun with your family. This event will feature a yoga instructor from Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital. For more information and for times the free classes will be offered, please visit gptx.org/GETFITGP or call 972-237-8055.



TASTE OF GP

Thursday, Sept. 25 • 4-8:30 p.m.
QuikTrip Park
1600 Lone Star Parkway



Come see and taste the best of our community, public silent and auction and LOTS of door prizes. This year's event will include more than 50 booths, including individual crafter booths as well as restaurants and business booths.

Senior hour is 4-5 p.m. Senior citizens (Age 55 and older) can come and enjoy preferred parking and seating and a leisurely stroll through our event before the general public arrives. General public hours are 5-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, children 5 and younger are FREE. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Chamber office, 900 Conover Dr., or at the door at QuikTrip Park.

For more information or to reserve your booth today, contact the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, by calling 972-264-1558, by email sara@grandprairiechamber.org or visit tasteofgrandprairie.com.

HHW COLLECTION DAY SEPT. 13, OCT. 4

Paint is by far the most common item brought to our household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events. Remember, you can dispose of small amounts 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. There is a maximum limit of 30 gallons of paint per household at our events.

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

Our next HHW events will be Saturday, Sept. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 4, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 West Church Street. We will accept household and automotive batteries, 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.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register or get more information please visit our website at gptx.org/WQ/HHW or call 972-237-8055.

BEAT THE HEAT

Can you recognize the signs of heat exhaustion? And would you know what to do if someone started to show symptoms of it? With the summer months upon us, it is important to prepare for extreme temperatures and develop basic heat safety habits.

Tips for Staying Cool This Summer

- Be aware of the heat. Pay attention to it and modify your activities appropriately.
- Pay attention to your hydration status and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Try to stay in relatively cool areas, even when outside. Many public places, such as libraries, shopping malls and movie theatres are air conditioned.
- Avoid hot, enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children or pets unattended in a car parked in the sun.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.
- Cool beverages are good for cooling down the body, while alcoholic drinks can impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature.

Signs of Heat Overexposure

- Heavy sweating -- though if heat stroke sets in, the body can no longer compensate and stops sweating.
- Pale skin.
- Muscle cramps.
- Feeling tired and weak.
- Altered mental status (confusion or disorientation).
- Headache.
- Becoming semi-conscious or passing out.
- Nausea or vomiting.

First Steps to Take After Recognizing Heat-Induced Illness

- Call 911.
- Get the person out of the sun and into a cool area. An air-conditioned area is ideal, but moving someone into the shade will also help.
- Apply water to help the person cool off.
- Apply ice to the neck or armpits, where large blood vessels are close to the surface.
- Remove any heavy clothing.

For more tips on how you can beat the heat, visit <http://knowwhat2do.com/think/heat-drought-wildfire>.

If you would like additional information about emergency preparedness, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8344 or e-mail ncastaneda@gptx.org.

ALARM PERMITS

Alarm users can now pay online for alarm permits at gptx.org/alarmp permit, pay by phone at 1-888-604-7888 and reference code 8179, or mail to City of GP Alarm Permit, PO Box 532473, Grand Prairie, TX 75053.

FIGHT THE BITE

For information about the city's mosquito program, visit gptx.org/FightTheBite or call 972-237-8055. Remember the 4-D's:

- **DEET** - Use insect repellents that contain DEET or EPA approved insect repellent.
- **Dress** - Wear long sleeves, pants, loose and light clothing outdoors.
- **Drain** - Remove all areas of standing water. Change water in pet dishes and birdbaths regularly.
- **Dusk/Dawn** - Protect yourself this time of day.

REASONS TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE!

Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television set for three hours.

Recycled tires can be used to make numerous products including ground cushioning for use in city and school playgrounds. When tires are improperly stored they provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Fight the Bite!

During WWII, salvaging metal straps from corsets saved enough metal to build two warships.

If every household in the United States replaced just one package of virgin fiber napkins with 100 percent recycled ones, we could save 1 million trees.

If Americans recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we would save 25 million trees a year.

Every year, Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high from New York to Los Angeles.

If you replace just one out of four of your light bulbs with fluorescents, you can save about 50 percent on your lighting bill.

A family of four using low-flow showerheads instead of full-flow models can save about 20,000 gallons of water per year.