

## LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Don't miss the Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. Proceeds benefit Grand Prairie libraries. For more information, call 972-237-5700.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5-7:30 p.m.**

Members preview night. Memberships available at the door for \$10 per family.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Thursday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Friday, Oct. 17 - closed**

**Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Sunday, Oct. 19, 1-5 p.m. - Half price day!**



## ANIMAL ADOPT-A-THON EVENT

Animals from various shelters, rescue groups and animal advocacy agencies will be available for adoption Oct. 17-19 at Prairie Paws Adoption Center (PPAC), 2222 W. Warrior Tr. This "Mega Match-A-Thon" event will include education about responsible pet ownership and there will be a variety of activities, games, food trucks and fun.

The Mega Match-A-Thon is sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and made possible by Subaru Share the Love. PPAC received a generous grant from the ASPCA to hold this event and our goal is to find fur-ever homes for 350 animals.

For more information, visit [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws) or call 972-237-8575. For the latest updates, follow the shelter on Twitter at [twitter.com/gp\\_prairiepaws](https://twitter.com/gp_prairiepaws).



## LITTLE LUNCH OF HOPE

Wednesday, Oct. 29 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Call 972-264-0604 for reservations

The Little Lunch of Hope is a BOO-tiful way to help a grand cause while enjoying a fun lunch. Benefitting the Children First Counseling Center, dignitaries around town dress in costume to help as celebrity waiters at a luncheon filled with fun! There is a raffle, spooky ducks to buy that leads to wonderful prizes, and a live auction conducted by none other than the grandest auctioneer, Councilman Jeff Copeland.

Corporate sponsorships for our community partners are available as well as table sponsors, and individual tickets are only \$25. For information or reservations, call Darcy Harris at 972-264-0604 at Children First.



## LIBRARIES EXPAND HOURS

Your Grand Prairie Libraries are changing their hours beginning Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014. The changes add 24 hours for customers. New hours beginning Oct. 4 are:

Main Library, 901 Conover

Mon-Thurs 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun 1-5 p.m.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

Mon-Thurs noon – 8 p.m.

Fri-Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun 1-5 p.m.

Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.

Mon-Thurs noon – 8 p.m.

Fri-Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun closed

For more information, visit [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library).

## SHRED-IT DAY



Saturday, Oct. 18

8 a.m.-noon

The Summit Parking Area  
2975 Esplanade

Three boxes  
per household.

Two trucks will be  
available for shredding.

\$5 donation suggested.

For more info., call  
Gary at 972-890-4130.

## 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](http://uptowntheatergp.com) or call 972-237-8786.

*Noises Off* Oct. 3-5,  
Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council Oct. 10-12

*Mama's Party* Oct. 6, 20,  
Local performers and cabaret singers perform show tunes. Nov. 3

*Terror at the Uptown* Oct. 31  
Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

*Why Do Fools Fall in Love?* Nov. 14-16  
Presented by Texas Family Musicals

## CONGRATS TO POLICE CRIME PREVENTION



Congratulations to the Grand Prairie Police Department Crime Prevention Unit (and retired Officer Dennis Porter) for being recognized as the 2014 Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency (Medium Agency Category) at the July Crime Prevention of Texas Conference in College Station. Our agency was recognized with this prestigious award for our recent initiatives including our level of volunteer participation, Citizen on Patrol program, Citizen Police Academy and its Alumni Association, Crime Free Multi Housing program and Neighborhood Watch programs.

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS HAUNT GRAND PRAIRIE

**Saturday, Oct. 11 • 8 a.m.**

28th Annual Pumpkin Run presented by the Grand Prairie Metro Rotary Club - Lynn Creek Park at Joe Pool Lake, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway. A mile fun run starting at 8 a.m., 10K run and 5K walk starting at 8:30 a.m. For info., visit [pumpkinrun.us](http://pumpkinrun.us).

**Friday, Oct. 17-Saturday, Oct. 18, and Friday, Oct. 24-Saturday, Oct. 25, Dark - 11 p.m.**

Forest of Fear - Loyd Park at Joe Pool Lake, 3401 Ragland Road \$10 per vehicle admission fee. To reserve a campsite, go to [loydpark.com](http://loydpark.com) or call 972-237-4120.

**Friday, Oct. 17-Sunday, Oct. 19**

Spooktacular pumpkin patch and games - Prairie Paws, 2222 W. Warrior Tr.

**Friday, Oct. 24 • 5-7 p.m.**

Halloween Community Carnival - Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.

**Friday, Oct. 24 • 6-8 p.m.**

Halloween Community Carnival - Charley Taylor Recreation Center 601 E. Grand Prairie Road

**Friday, Oct. 24 • 6:30-9 p.m.**

Trick or Trail Halloween Festival, Tony Shotwell Life Center 2750 Graham St.

**Saturday, Oct. 25 • 1-6 p.m.**

Pumpkin Swim - Kirby Creek Natatorium, 3201 Corn Valley Road Jump in and swim with hundreds of pumpkins in our heated indoor pool. Pick out your favorite and take it home. Limit one pumpkin per swimmer. \$3 per person.

**Friday, Oct. 31 • 5:30-10 p.m.**

Terror at the Uptown, Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. Come downtown for a good old-fashioned scare. \$5 per person. Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council, [artsgp.org](http://artsgp.org).

**Friday, Oct. 31 • 6-8 p.m.**

Street N' Treat, Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St. Games, bounce houses, candy, prizes and food. Free for all ages.

## FARMERS MARKET

Grand Prairie Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St., has tons of fall fun planned that will appeal to all ages! The market is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, March to December 20 and features locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and much more. Call 972-237-4599 or visit [gptx.org/farmersmarket](http://gptx.org/farmersmarket).

## DRAGONS LOVE TACOS DAY

Join scorching fun at the Farmers Market on Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at *Dragons Love Tacos* day. Based on the popular children's book, join in the dragon costume contest, tortilla toss, salsa contest and swing at the piñata. Vendors will feature tacos, spices, chips and salsa. For info., go to [gptx.org/library](http://gptx.org/library).



## GRAND PRAIRIE ON THE GROW

New **QuikTrip** convenience stores and gas stations are planned for the northwest corner of Main Street and State Highway 161, Interstate 20 and Lake Ridge Parkway and the northeast corner of Belt Line and Interstate 30. **Golden Chick** has opened a restaurant on South Carrier Parkway and Desco and another location will be completed by late 2014 on State Highway 360 and Equestrian. A new **Family Dollar** and **O'Reilly Auto Parts** store opened on South Carrier north of I-20.

Construction is underway on the **Enclave Apartments** at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa. Approximately 310 units will be built on a 19.44-acre tract during a two-phase construction schedule.

**First Baptist Church** is constructing a new building at Mayfield and Robinson Road, and the **Seventh Day Adventist Church** has plans to construct a new building on Lake Ridge and Vineyard. **A new oral and facial surgical suite** will be built on South Carrier and Hobbs.

**Fire Station No. 1** is well underway and scheduled to be complete by late 2014. The new 11,933-square-foot station will provide sleeping quarters for up to 10 firefighters and two officers, a kitchen, dining area, laundry room, work room, day room, workshop and emergency treatment area. The new station will replace the current Fire Station No. 1 on Main Street, which was built in 1947.

Planning is underway for a new **Fire Station No. 10** at the intersection of South Grand Peninsula and Balboa in the Joe Pool Lake area. The four-bay

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## RECYCLING DROP OFF SITES

The city provides two drop-off sites for residents who have large amounts of recycling and/or who live in multi-family living communities where no recycling service is provided.

### UA Theatres parking lot

I-20 & Carrier Pkwy., 510 E Westchester Pkwy.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

(Large recycle containers are located in the front parking lot, closest to Carrier Pkwy. Only paper and cardboard is currently accepted at this location.)

### Behind Fire Station #1

Downtown Grand Prairie, 321 W. Main St.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

(Large recycle containers for public use can be found in the parking lot directly behind the fire station.)

The location in the UA Theatres parking lot has several containers that are available for recycling paper products: newspaper, magazines, office papers, school papers, mail, and catalogs. Items that are not accepted include plastic, glass, metals, and trash.

The location behind Fire Station #1 has a large 40-yard container that is available for recycling the same items that can be recycled at the curb: glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail, and broken-down boxes. As always, citizens are asked to conserve space by flattening cardboard boxes before placing them in the bins.

No illegal dumping and pilfering are allowed at either of these locations. Please do not throw trash or garbage in these recycling containers. Violators will be fined.

For more information on Grand Prairie recycling, visit [gptx.org/recycling](http://gptx.org/recycling).

## HHW DISPOSAL DAY

### OCT. 4, NOV. 1

Homeowners are often encouraged to purchase fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides in order to have a green, bug-free, weed-free lawn. However, lawn chemicals often end up being washed into creeks and streams, causing fish kills and other water quality problems.

If you have lawn chemicals you need to dispose of, you can bring them to our next household hazardous waste (HHW) collection events.

The next HHW events will be Saturday, Oct. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 1, 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](http://gptx.org/WQ/HHW) or call 972-237-8055.

## PRAIRIE LIGHTS

Prairie Lights is offering opportunities for businesses to become a sponsor of Prairie Lights 2014. Groups, organizations and businesses may also sign up as a team for volunteering. Each person gets a cup of hot chocolate and a free ticket for another night. The group gets publicity with a sign for the night. For information, call Beverly Grogan at 972-237-8329.

## GET FIT GP

Visit [gptx.org/getfitgp](http://gptx.org/getfitgp) to learn more about the city of Grand Prairie's health and wellness program.



## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

### Get Ready

When disaster strikes, city services may be cut off and local disaster relief and first responders may not be able to immediately reach you. Therefore, to better prepare and protect your family, you should have plans and supplies in place to make it on your own, at least for a limited time. So start planning today!

### Creating Your Emergency Supply Kit

An Emergency Supply Kit is imperative, since a disaster/emergency can happen at any moment. Pack supplies in a duffle bag, suitcase or storage container and keep it in an easily accessible place.

- **Water-** one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- **Food-** at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- **Radio-** Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- **Flashlight and extra batteries**
- **First-aid kit**
- **Whistle to signal for help**
- **Dust mask- to help filter contaminated air**
- **Personal sanitation- moist towelettes**
- **Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities**
- **Can opener for canned food**
- **Local maps**
- **Cash-** in case ATMs are unavailable or something prevents the use of credit/debit cards

### Don't forget to include critical items for:

- **Functional needs family members-** medications, specialty foods, medical equipment
- **Infants-** formula, diapers, bottles
- **Pets-** food, leash, medications

Remember to check and update your kit check supplies to ensure nothing has expired, spoiled, or changed. Also practice your tornado, fire escape or other disaster plans. Should you need additional information on emergency preparedness, please visit the following websites at [gptx.org/disasters](http://gptx.org/disasters) and [knowwhat2do.com](http://knowwhat2do.com) or contact the Office of Emergency Management, by phone at 972-237-8333 or via email at [oem@gptx.org](mailto:oem@gptx.org).

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes in Texas are active all year round, but there is an increase in their activity during the hot weather months and peak times are usually August and September. High temperatures, high humidity and stagnant water in the yard help to increase the mosquito population. They tend to be most active and to bite more during dusk and dawn.

To prevent West Nile Virus or any other mosquito-borne disease, take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Here are some suggestions:

- Use insect repellent with DEET.
- Wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks.
- When possible, avoid the outdoors at dawn and at dusk.
- Drain any standing water in your yard.
- Change the water in bird baths, pet bowls, and plant pots at least once a week.

For more information visit: [gptx.org/FightTheBite](http://gptx.org/FightTheBite) or [cdc.gov/WestNile](http://cdc.gov/WestNile).

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station, similar in plan layout to Fire Station No. 1, will feature a tower element with a lighthouse/nautical theme.

**The Epic** project is in the consultant negotiation phase and has not been submitted to the City Council for action. The recreation center is anticipated to be in the range of 120,000 square feet, and the indoor aquatic center could be up to 60,000 square feet.

Expansion and renovation of **Dalworth Recreation Center** is nearing completion with an opening date estimated for early October 2014. The remodeled building will be more than double the size of the old facility and will feature open and modern space with an expanded gym, separate activity room, study room, meeting rooms, catering kitchen and more.

**The Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center** plans to expand their kennel capacity. A design contract for the project will be awarded in fall 2014.

**Grand Prairie Municipal Airport** is building a new maintenance facility north of the terminal building. The pre-engineered structure is scheduled to be complete in fall 2014.

A contract has been awarded to construct **three digital informational signs** at the following locations:

- Lake Ridge Parkway and Lynn Creek Parkway at Fire Station No. 7
- Carrier Parkway and I-20, just south of the Kohl's parking lot
- North Carrier and Roy Orr at Mike Lewis Park

## BIG BAND DANCE

Saturday, Nov. 8 • 7-9:30 p.m.

The Summit, 2975 Esplanade

Dance to the Big Band sounds of Ronnie Martin's 10-piece band.

\$10 advance tickets, \$15 at the door

Dress: 1940s or military attire

Open to the public. Ages 21 and older

For info. call 972-237-4141.