

PRAIRIE LIGHTS HOLIDAY LIGHT PARK

The city's popular drive-thru holiday light park, Prairie Lights, opens Thursday, Nov. 27 for another season of holiday fun! This year's park will remain open until Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015. The park will have 60 percent new displays and will feature even more LED lights. Free carnival rides will be back, as well as the walk-thru and an all-new laser show in the Holiday Magic Theater.



- Dates: Thursday, Nov. 27 – Sunday, Jan. 4
 Times: Sunday – Thursday (non-holidays) 6-9 p.m.
 Friday, Saturday and Holidays 6-10 p.m.
 Where: Lynn Creek Park
 5700 Lake Ridge Pkwy.
 Price: Monday – Thursday (non-holidays) \$20 per carload
 Friday – Sunday and Holidays \$30 per carload

For more information, visit PrairieLights.org or call 972-237-GLOW. Get the VIP Experience! Visit PrairieLights.org for details and for tickets. Tip: To avoid the lines, come early in December and on Monday through Thursdays! And, coupons are also available during many of these days!

2014 CITY HOLIDAY ORNAMENT

The annual custom-designed 2014 city of Grand Prairie holiday ornament is hand made this year by Rebecca Jensen, wife of Mayor Ron Jensen. Mrs. Jensen used paper and other natural elements to fashion cones of holiday cheer featuring branches, pennants, glitter and cloth.

The 2014 ornament sells for \$15. Proceeds benefit the Lone Star Charitable Foundation, which grants money to Grand Prairie charities. The ornaments 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 Main Library, 901 Conover, hours vary, check gptx.org/library
- The Summit, 2975 Esplanade, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday



This is the 11th in a series of annual ornaments. Also available for \$10 each, discounted from their original price of \$15 each, are ornaments from 2004 to 2013. For more information, call 972-237-8086.

Prairie Lights

**THIS COUPON IS
GOOD FOR \$2 OFF
ADMISSION AT
PRAIRIE LIGHTS
2014!**

**LYNN CREEK PARK
ON JOE POOL LAKE
5700 LAKE RIDGE
PARKWAY**

**ONE COUPON PER VEHICLE.
MAY NOT BE COMBINED
WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.
VALID MONDAY-THURSDAY
DEC. 1-4, DEC. 8-11 AND
DEC. 15-18 ONLY.**

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no garbage and recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 27, Thursday, Dec. 25 or Thursday, Jan. 1.

The landfill will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, Thursday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Jan. 1, and will close at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31.

There will be a special recycling collection for Thursday residential curbside recyclers on Saturday, Dec. 27.

Please place your recycling bins and blue bags on your curb by 7 a.m. that morning to ensure collection.

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 97755.** For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

The Wizard of Oz Dec. 5-7
Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council Dec. 12-14

Pirates on the Prairie
Starring the Bilge Pumps, Diane Linn and the Seadog Slam Jan. 31

Johnny Rodriguez
Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council Feb. 21

The Grascals
Bluegrass and country music March 7

HOUSEHOLD WASTE EVENTS DEC. 6, JAN. 10

Grease blockages are the single greatest cause of sewer overflows in Grand Prairie. This is usually due to people pouring cooking oil or grease down the kitchen sink. The grease congeals, blocking the pipe and causing raw sewage to come up through cleanouts or city manholes, contaminating the soil and waterways. Used grease and cooking oil should be poured into a non-leaking container and taken to a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event for recycling.

Our next HHW events will be Dec. 6 and Jan. 10, 9-11 a.m., at the Development Center located at 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DROP OFF

Recycling drop-off locations for your tree (Friday, Dec. 26, 2014 -Monday, Jan. 12, 2015) will be at:

- Charley Taylor Recreation Center parking lot, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75051
- Parkhill Park parking lot 5100 Block of S. Robinson Rd., Grand Prairie, TX 75052
- Grand Prairie Landfill, 1102 MacArthur Blvd., Grand Prairie, TX 75050

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.



CONGRATS TO CITIZENS ON PATROL



Congratulations to the Grand Prairie Police Department Citizens on Patrol Program (COPS) for being named the best COPS program, for Large Agencies, in the state of Texas. The Grand Prairie COPS has more than 50 active members and four COPS vehicles. In addition to the main award, Grand Prairie COPS also won:

- Best COPS Vehicle
- Thomas Windham COP of the Year Honorable Mention - Gary Brooks
- COPS Coordinator of the Year Honorable Mention - Officer Juan Almazan

FARMERS MARKET

Do you still have holiday shopping to get done? Grand Prairie Farmers Market will be open for business every Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. until Dec. 20. Buy a handmade gift and cross some of the shopping off of your list during the special Holiday Gift Market on Saturdays in December. The Holiday Gift Market will feature the Farmers Market's normal fare, plus there will be additional craft and gift vendors on site.

Farmers Market will be closed for the winter season after Dec. 20. The market will open again in the spring.

Farmers Market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and much more. For more information about the Farmers Market, call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.

TWELVE STRAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Help Prairie Paws empty the shelter and give a pet a Home for the Holidays. Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Trail, will hold a Home for the Holidays Adopt-a-thon and Jingle Dash 5K Mutt Run/Walk on Saturday, Dec. 13. The event will also feature a craft fair, a blood bank, adoption specials and more. For more information, visit grandprairieanimal3.wix.com/prairiepaws.



The Home for the Holidays Adopt-a-thon will kick off Prairie Paws' popular Twelve Strays of Christmas adoption special. On Dec. 13, animals will be available for adoption for \$13. This fee will increase by \$1 daily as Dec. 25 approaches (the fee will correspond with the day's date). The shelter's operating hours will remain unchanged, and it will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Adoptable pets from Prairie Paws will be sterilized and will receive a microchip, rabies vaccination, flea treatment, the 5-in-1 and kennel cough vaccinations for dogs and the 3-in-1 FVRCP vaccination for cats. All adult dogs will be heartworm tested. Adoptions will also include coupons, giveaways, ID tags and treats for pets. Regular price adoptions at Prairie Paws are \$70.

For activity times and other information about the Home for the Holidays Adopt-a-thon and the Twelve Strays of Christmas adoption special, call 972-237-8575 or visit gptx.org/paws. For the latest updates, follow Prairie Paws on Twitter at twitter.com/GP_PrairiePaws.

HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR SENIORS

Periodic health screenings are essential for seniors to maintain their quality of life during the golden years.



Get Fit Grand Prairie is offering a golden opportunity for free health screenings at The Summit on Friday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-noon. The Summit is located at 2975 Esplanade in Grand Prairie. Posture test, dental screenings, glucose/cholesterol levels, blood pressure, BMI, and more will be available for those who are 50 years old or older. Members and non-members are welcome to participate. Tours of The Summit will also be available for those interested in becoming a member of this world class facility.

For more information about the Get Fit program please visit gptx.org/GETFITGP.

WINTER WEATHER AND CARBON MONOXIDE

Freezing rain, snow and ice can make for great outdoor fun but can also result in car accidents, hypothermia, and carbon monoxide poisoning from defective heating units. So it is important to be prepared for winter weather and cautious of the risk that carbon monoxide poisoning has on your health, as this gas can be fatal.



Winter Weather Safety Tips:

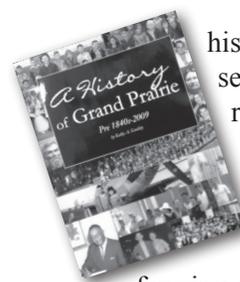
- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing instead of one heavy layer of clothing. Make sure that outer garments are water-repellent.
- Ensure that your heating source is working properly and well ventilated. Have it serviced regularly.
- Avoid driving on overpasses and bridges. They often freeze more quickly than roads.
- Winterize your car. Flush the cooling system, replace the coolant, replace the wiper blades, etc. Create a Winter Weather Kit in case you're stranded.
- Winterize your pipes. Keep faucets dripping when the temperature drops below freezing.
- Take extra precautions to ensure the well-being of your animals by providing plenty of water and food, as well as appropriate shelter.

To Protect Against CO Emergencies:

- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area and

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GIFT OF HISTORY



Give the gift of history this holiday season! Grand Prairie's new history book, *History of Grand Prairie—Pre 1840s-2009*, outlines how a

farming community at the beginning of the 20th century quickly took on a vital role in the World War II effort. The book is a comprehensive look at Grand Prairie from the time nomadic tribes lived on this land near the Trinity River until the beginning of the 21st century.

History of Grand Prairie—Pre 1840s-2009 is available for \$27, cash, credit or check, at the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center gift shop, 2170 N. Belt Line Road, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

RESORT AND HOTEL COMING TO GP

The Grand Alps Resort DFW, Inc., and Hard Rock International are planning to build a \$215 million, 350,000-square-foot snow ski facility (\$140M) and full-service four-diamond Hard Rock Hotel (\$75M) located on Belt Line Road, just north of Interstate 30.



Plans include a hotel containing 300 rooms, 28,000 square feet of meeting space, at least two restaurants, an exercise facility, luxury spa facilities, resort style rooftop pool complex, and structured parking. The developer plans to build a second hotel of comparable quality or expand the existing hotel by 300 rooms within two years of initial opening of first hotel.

The indoor ski resort will be a year-round, world-class fourth generation indoor facility with restaurants and specialty retail, and will be integrated with the Hard Rock hotel. The snow dome will offer indoor ski slope measuring nearly 300 feet tall and 1,200 feet long, an indoor ice climbing wall, luge track and winter wonderland play area.

The city's investment includes the land, three-year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for infrastructure, 100 percent real estate tax abatement for seven years, and a 75 percent rebate of hotel motel tax for 10 years after opening.

The developer anticipates ground breaking in first quarter 2015, contingent upon full financing. The project will take 34 months to construct and is scheduled to open in early 2018. The resort will create over 1,900 jobs upon full operation. The total multi-phase project is estimated to be \$400 million at completion.

PARENT AND CHILD TIME TOGETHER

Grand Prairie ISD Parent and Child Time Together (PACT) provides parents and caregivers opportunities to support their child's learning through family interaction and meaningful activities every Thursday at Bonham Education Center, 1301 Coral Way. Morning sessions are 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Afternoon sessions are 1p.m.-3 p.m. Free childcare is available.

For more information, email: rosa.pena@gpsid.org or elsa.tarango@gpsid.org.

JOBS AT SHOTWELL

The Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St., is looking for a personal trainer, music teacher, tumbling/gymnastics coach, ESL teacher, and a business professional who can help members prepare for job interviews. Call 972-237-7529.

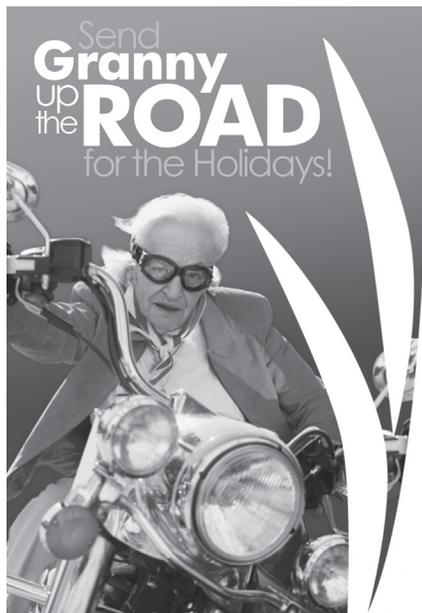
WINTER WEATHER

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test monthly and know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.

- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Don't run a fuel-burning vehicle or generator indoors, even if garage doors are open.
- Only use barbecue grills, which can produce CO, outside. Never use them in the home, garage or near building openings.
- When camping, remember to use battery-powered lights in tents, trailers, and motor homes.

For additional information, please visit the KnoWhat2Do website at knowwhat2do.com or contact the Office of Emergency Management at oem@gptx.org or 972-237-8333.



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
+ TAX Rate when calling.

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\$79 King & Double Queen Suites
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Wishing you a stress-free holiday season!
Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center
2170 N. Belt Line Road • 972-595-5400



GIFTS FOR GOLFERS

Looking for a gift for a golfer? Prairie Lakes and Tangle Ridge Golf Courses have gift cards, apparel, equipment, 5 or 10 round punch cards and more! Visit PrairieLakesGolf.com, 972-263-0661 or TangleRidge.com, 972-299-6837.