

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Live Life

GRAND

Prairie

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Grand Prairie
TEXAS

2014 IN REVIEW

- Opened the new Fire Station No. 1 on Main Street
- Re-opened the newly remodeled and expanded Dalworth Recreation Center
- Opened Lake Ridge Parkway fully from I-20 to Great Southwest Parkway
- Opened the Camp Store at Loyd Park
- Opened a spay and neuter clinic for animal guests at Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center
- Voters approved a ¼ cent sales tax to build The EPIC recreation center, library and indoor/outdoor water park
- Completed construction of the gas-to-energy station at landfill
- Completed SH 161 traffic signals at multiple locations
- Completed the Park and Ride on I-30, just east of Belt Line Road
- Amped up city's online E-book library
- Expanded hours at the libraries
- Refreshed Main Library with new carpeting, lighting and staff areas
- Introduced all new children's books and DVDs before Summer Reading Challenge
- Installed traffic signals along SH 161 frontage roads
- Offered residents "vacation watch" police patrols
- Published *A History of Grand Prairie* book
- Completed the Garden of Reflection at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens, which includes a cremation garden and columbarium
- Continued crime decrease – approximately 40% in last four years
- Implemented new computer aided police dispatch and records management system
- Offered self-defense training to female GP residents
- Obtained real-time access to GPISD video for emergency public safety calls at schools
- Created summer police intern program for college students interested in law enforcement
- Opened the new air traffic control tower at airport
- Implemented Coffee With A Cop program
- Launched a successful first year of Get Fit Grand Prairie
- Moved up to 11th safest city in Texas (cities over 100,000 population)
- Named Air North Texas Partner of the Year by NTCOG
- Won six state awards for outstanding park programs and events
- Ruthe Jackson Center named "Best Wedding" venue by *The Knot* magazine
- Won Citizens on Patrol Award for Best Large Agency Program in the State

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PHOTOS: (Cover) Fire Station No. 1, Joe Pool Lake, Grand Prairie Premium Outlets, Traders Village. (Inside pages) 1. Grand Prairie Police and Library present "Badges and Books" program. 2. Downtown revitalization continues with facade improvements. 3. Dalworth Recreation Center re-opens after renovations that doubled its size. 4. Get Fit GP hosts 5K and Chase the Chiefs fun run at Farmers Market. 5. Park and Ride opens, includes "Prairie Ribbon" mural. 6. Main Library updated with new carpeting, lighting and staff areas. 7. "Fish Story" sculpture celebrates growth of the Lake Parks area and the new Lynn Creek/Mildred Walker Parkway, linking SH 360 and Lake Ridge Parkway. 8. Grand Prairie Arts Council presents "Wizard of Oz" at Uptown Theater.



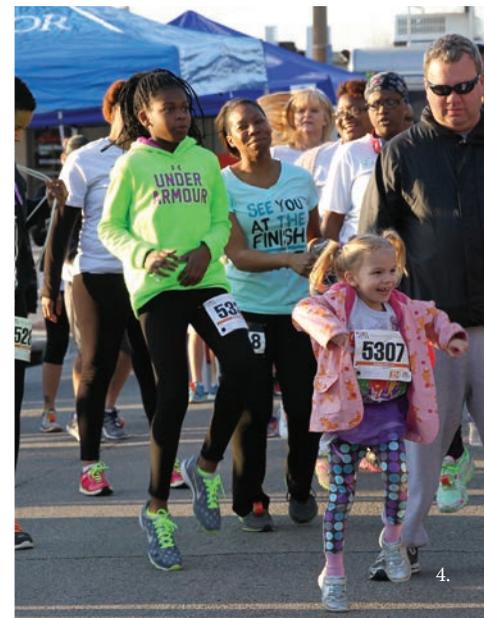
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2015 TOP GOALS

- Design and construct a new Fire Station No. 10 at South Grand Peninsula and Balboa
- Open the Lodge and Loyd Cabin at Loyd Park
- Continue façade improvements and redevelopment of Main Street
- Plan and design The EPIC recreation center, library and indoor/outdoor water park
- Begin widening MacArthur Boulevard from two to four lanes from I-30 north to Hunter-Ferrell Road
- Begin construction of I-30 frontage roads from NW 7th Street to Belt Line Road
- Complete the Lone Star/Campion Trail
- Complete digital signs at Carrier Parkway and I-20; Lynn Creek and Lake Ridge Parkway; Carrier Parkway and Roy Orr Boulevard
- Increase kennel capacity at Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center
- Achieve highest water/waste-water bond rating, AAA, with both Fitch and Standard & Poor's
- Offer self-checkout to library customers
- Begin a remodel of the Main Library
- Install a library-books-on-hold pickup locker at Lake Parks administrative offices
- Offer live online homework help, BrainFuse, through Library System
- Open a Parent Resource Center at Warmack Library in partnership with GPISD
- Advance early literacy through new programming in the libraries
- Conduct a *Live Life Grand* advertising campaign to raise awareness of GP in DFW area and boost pride in town
- Test body cameras for police officers
- Increase number of police patrol beats to decrease response time and increase police coverage
- Launch My GPTX mobile app (download at gptx.org/app)
- Design I-20 frontage roads between Carrier Parkway and Belt Line Road; start construction late 2016
- Design Wildlife Parkway from Belt Line Road to Lower Tarrant Road; start construction in 2018
- Design Camp Wisdom widening to four lanes between Carrier Parkway and FM 1382; construct in 2016
- Complete Freetown Road reconstruction from SW 3rd Street to Carrier Parkway
- Design Oakdale Road to widen from Roy Orr Boulevard to SH 161 and remove 90-degree curve
- Start "Cyclin' with the Mayor" April – November to advance residents' wellness
- Create Inclusive PlayGrand Adventures Committee to raise funds and awareness for Texas' largest inclusive playground
- Offer new rentals, to include golf carts and bikes, at Lake Parks

City of Grand Prairie, Texas



2014 BY THE NUMBERS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Land Area	81 sq. miles
Population	181,230
Median Age	31.3
Median Household Income	\$55,089

DEVELOPMENT

New Single-Family Building Permits Issued	424
Value of Average Single-Family Permit	\$257,280
New Commercial/Industrial Square Feet	3,189,902

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	437
General	719
Seasonal/Part-Time	165
Crossing Guards	74

RETAIL SALES TAX RATES

City	1.000%
AirHogs Ballpark	0.125%
Active Adult Center	0.125%
Parks Improvements	0.250%
Street Improvements	0.250%
Crime Control District	0.250%
State	6.25%
TOTAL Sales Tax	8.25%

OPERATING BUDGET (2014-2015) (Total appropriations and reserves)

General Fund	\$114,262,251
Water/Wastewater	\$63,469,069
Other	\$123,096,668
TOTAL	\$300,827,988

PROPERTY TAX RATES

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)	
City of Grand Prairie	\$.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.465000
Arlington ISD	\$1.348110
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.525000
Mansfield ISD	\$1.527100
Dallas County	\$0.663875
Tarrant County	\$0.641397

GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Grand Prairie ISD	3,700
Lockheed Martin Missiles	2,600
Poly-America Inc.	2,000
City of Grand Prairie	1,395
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.	1,200
Lone Star Park	950
Hanson Pipe & Products Inc.	950
Triumph - Vought	900
Republic National Distributing	700
Bureau of Prisons Admin.	650
Airbus Helicopters	600
Walmart	600

TOP TAXPAYERS

Grand Prairie Premium Outlets LP
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.
Poly America LP
Republic National Distributing
Oncor Electric Delivery
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control
Duke Realty Ltd. Partnership
Prologis
Triumph - Vought
Cardinal Health LLC

PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,016
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	71,610
Ruthe Jackson Center Events	871
Special Events Attendees	207,950
Cemetery Spaces Sold	259
Mausoleum Spaces Sold	335
Interments in Cemetery	156

SOLID WASTE

Tons of Garbage Disposed	165,585
Tons of Commercial Recycling at the Landfill	74,968
Tons of Residential Recycling at the Landfill	8,126
at the Curb	4,191
at Drop Sites	981

LIBRARIES - TOTAL COLLECTION

Main Library	93,364
Warmack Library	40,488
Shotwell Library	6,774
Books Checked Out per Year	
Physical	253,614
E-books	5,611

UTILITIES

Water Production	23.9 M gal/day
Fire Hydrants	7,489
Miles of Water Lines	804
Miles of Collection Line	798
Customer Accounts	46,395

TRANSPORTATION

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	70,780
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	49,642



2014-2015 CITY COUNCIL

(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, Interim Assistant to the City Manager Gina Alley, City Manager Tom Hart, Deputy City Manager Tom Cox, City Secretary Cathy DiMaggio