

HATCH CHILE FESTIVAL

Saturday, Aug. 22, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Get your hot roasted Hatch chiles at Grand Prairie Farmers Market's annual Hatch Chile Festival. Join us for live music, food, and much more. Also, shop the market's fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, coffee, tea, tamales, jellies and relishes, grass-fed meats, homemade soaps, candles and more. For more information, visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.



FARMERS MARKET



Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
120 W. Main St.

SUMMER READING CLUB

Join the Summer Reading Club at all Grand Prairie libraries! Kids earn coupons as they read, teens and adults earn entries into prize drawings.

Special guests perform Mondays at the following times: Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd - 1 p.m.; Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St. - 3:30 p.m.; Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. - 6 p.m.

August 10: Yoga Kids! with Sarah Sampson of Poser Kids Yoga

August 17: Superhero Spectacular

Badges & Books at the Main Library on Saturday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m.-noon.

Meet Grand Prairie police officers, learn about their work and see the vehicles and equipment that help them keep Grand Prairie safe.

LIBRARY TEEN SUMMER READING EVENTS

Teen summer reading club events include a movie and fun craft or activity. For movie title, call your local library branch or pick up a flier at the library. Programs include:

Aug. 11-14: Movie: *Enders Game* and temporary tattoo creations

Aug. 18-21: *Despicable Me* and magnet creations

For more information, call 972-237-5700 or visit gptx.org/library.

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

Homeownership Fair • Saturday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway

Free event including food, activities for kids and informational sessions on foreclosure prevention, home repairs, down payment assistance and more. Register for a chance to win prizes at gptx.org/housing.

Homeownership Night at the AirHogs • Aug. 5-7, 7:05 p.m.

AirHogs Ballpark, 1600 Lone Star Parkway

Learn about homeownership, and receive information while watching the AirHogs game. For information, call 972-237-8129.

Saturday, Aug. 8

Mrs. Ruthe's Fig and Fudge Day

Come out and get some figs and sweets in support of the Grand Prairie legend's favorite charity—Lifeline Shelter. Live music on the stage.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Carter Bloodcare - World Blood Donor Day Celebration

Enjoy live music, food, and more. The winner of Dr. Elba Garcia's World Blood Donor Day Challenge will be honored and awarded the traveling plaque.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Hatch Chile Festival - Get your fresh or hot roasted chiles at the annual Hatch Chile Festival. Enjoy live music, food, and much more!

Saturday, Aug. 29

Craft Fair Day- Enjoy additional craft vendors brought to the market for the day. Come out and find some wonderful items for those back to school shopping needs. Live music on the stage.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Labor Day Weekend at The Market

Live entertainment, food, craft vendors, farmers, and more.

For more information, visit gptx.org/farmersmarket

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.

Rick Trevino - Unplugged & Acoustic Aug. 8

Lyndon - By Laurence Luckinbill
The story of LBJ told graphically, hilariously and furiously in his own words. Aug. 27

Rockin' 88's
Featuring Ron Dilulio backed by an orchestral ensemble Sept. 12

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for monthly bike rides as part of the Get Fit GP community wellness initiative. Rides are 5 to 6 mile routes each month.

Upcoming rides include:

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m. • Nottingham Neighborhood, 2620 E. Ave. K

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m. • Central Park, 2975 Esplanade

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6 p.m. • Westchester Neighborhood, 525 Polo Road

Visit gptx.org/GetFitGP for information and to see routes.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Saturday, Aug. 22, 8-10 a.m.

Iglesia Renovacion Espiritual, 333 NE 5th St.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 8-10 a.m.

Chick-fil-A, 3041 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.

Join your neighbors and Grand Prairie police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know officers in your neighborhood.

For information, call 972-237-8966 or 972-237-7545.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes in Texas are active all year round, but there is an increase in their activity during the hot weather months. High temperatures, high humidity, and stagnant water 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 on your yard.
- Change the water in bird baths, pet bowls, and plant pots at least once a week.

For more information visit: www.gptx.org/FightTheBite or cdc.gov/WestNile



MAYOR INVITES RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY TABLE

Grand Prairie residents are invited to the second Mayor's Community Table on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. at the Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway.

These dining experiences are hosted by Mayor Ron Jensen with the goal to bring together the community to get to know new people. The first event was a lunch in May attended by 130 residents. The city assigns seating to achieve a mix of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and races.

The cost of the event will be \$10 per person. To attend, RSVP to 972-237-8012 or pmarcum@gptx.org by Sept. 16.

To ensure a great mix of attendees at each table, please provide the following:

- Age: 20-35; 36-50; 51-65; 66+
- Race: African American; Hispanic; Asian; Caucasian; Other
- Gender: Female; Male

UPCOMING SHOWS AT VERIZON

Aug. 5 Fifth Harmony

Aug. 14 Jill Scott

Aug. 17 Sam Smith

Aug. 18 Alabama Shakes

Aug. 29 Chayanne

Sept. 5 Hank Williams Jr.

Verizon Theater is located at 1001 Performance Place. For tickets, call 888-929-7849, AXS.com or verizon-theatre.com.

UPTOWN MOVIE

Free presentation of *Unbroken: The Unbelievable True Story*. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2 p.m. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St.

Open to veterans and all residents. For information, call 972-237-5700.

THE GRAND BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-noon
South Grand Prairie High School, 301 W. Warrior Tr.

Free immunizations, hair cuts, health fair, family entertainment and school supplies. Registration required for school supplies at gpsid.org/schoolsupplies. For more information, call 972-343-6107 or email sylvia.estrada@gpsid.org.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Rainy May weather helped replenish water in North Texas lakes, but to keep our water supply at a safe level as well as meet requirements for our wholesale water purchase contracts, the following restrictions are in effect:

- No watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Even numbered addresses may water on Monday 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.



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The city of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling division is hosting a free electronics recycling event on Saturday, Sept. 12, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center parking lot, 206 W. Church St. Items accepted are computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players and TVs. Items that cannot be accepted are any hazardous material, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners and refrigerators. No registration is required and the event is open to Grand Prairie residents and small businesses. Proof of residence in the form of a water bill or driver's license is required.

Grand Prairie residents (not businesses) can also bring their unwanted electronics to the landfill located at 1102 MacArthur Blvd for free during business hours. For more information, please visit gptx.org/recycling.

MAYOR JENSEN NAMED RTC VICE CHAIR

Grand Prairie Mayor Ron Jensen was recently elected Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). This will give our city a stronger voice regarding state funding for transportation plans and programs. The RTC guides the development of roadway, rail and bicycle-pedestrian plans and programs; allocates transportation funds; and recommends projects to the Transportation Commission for other programs.

DRAGON BOAT RACE AT JOE POOL LAKE

Saturday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Lloyd Park, 3401 Ragland Road

Watch 40-foot boats slice through the water powered by 20 paddlers. This event is sponsored by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Registration is open for teams and individuals. No experience is needed. For registration and information, visit gpdragonboat.com or call 972-264-1558.

REGISTER FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tony Shotwell Life Center

972-237-7529

Picks up from Garcia Elementary, Travis Elementary and Harmony Science Academy

Charley Taylor Recreation Center

972-264-6890

Picks up at Lee Elementary

Dalworth Recreation Center

972-237-4760

Picks up at David Daniels Elementary

Mon-Fri (during school days)
3:20-6 p.m.

Includes: p.m. snack and organized and supervised activities

\$20/week/child

(Lee, Garcia, and David Daniels)

\$30/week/child

(Travis and Harmony Science)

Get Fit GP
gptx.org/getfitgp

Get Fit Grand Prairie would like to encourage you to get out and enjoy the glorious outdoors while staying active. Take advantage of the many facilities the city has to offer: take your family to a local playground, enjoy the water park at the Splash Factory, or walk a trail. Also, think about alternative means of transportation like biking, rollerblading or jogging to get to your outdoor activity. You will not only get additional exercise but promote cleaner air by not driving a car.

Here are some trails for you to enjoy:

- Fish Creek Trail at Fish Creek Linear Park
- Lone Star Trail starting at the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center
- Good Link Trail connecting Mike Lewis and Waggoner Parks

PHOTO CONTEST OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2016 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2015. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2016 City Calendar.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie and be suitable for publication. Photos will be used in city publications. Credit will be attributed in calendar, but may not be possible in other publications and uses. Winning photos will be published in the calendar. No cash awards will be offered. Entrants must include name, address, email address and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2015. The city calendar will be printed in December 2015.

Email or mail entries to:

Amy Sprinkles
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City of Grand Prairie
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Grand Prairie, Texas 75053
asprinkles@gptx.org

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program, which is part of the National Flood Insurance Program. As part of the City's participation in the CRS program, the City is required to regulate development within 200-feet of the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain. The Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) serves as the City's documentation for development within the floodplain. The City's participation in the CRS program allows residents and businesses the opportunity to purchase flood insurance at a discounted rate. An elevation certificate obtained through a licensed surveyor or engineer helps determine the location of existing structures in the floodplain and the flood insurance rate.

When is a Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) required? Based on the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) Article 15, a FDP is required in the following circumstances:

- Any proposed improvements within any portion of a property that contains the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain must obtain a FDP even if the proposed structure will be located outside this floodplain.
- Any proposed improvements located within 200-feet of the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain must obtain a FDP even if this floodplain is not located on the property.

You can access the City's online mapping tool to determine whether or not the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain is on or near your property by visiting <http://gis.gptx.org/maps/>. You can enter the address of interest in the top right hand corner. In the top left hand corner, click "Add Layers" and scroll to the bottom of the list where you can check the FEMA Effective Floodplain for Dallas and Tarrant Counties, along with the Floodways. The area shaded in blue is the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain as determined by FEMA. The blue shaded area with red hatching is the floodway as determined by FEMA. For more information, please contact the City's Stormwater Department at 972-237-8141.

DISPOSE OF PET WASTE

Pet waste is stinky and poses a health risk and a water quality issue. When walking your dog, always scoop and pick up after your pet. Clean up animal waste in your yard twice a week. Throw waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet.

Pet waste can be detrimental to the health of the environment, your family and your pet.

- Parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that can affect dogs of any age, breed or sex. This disease can cause serious health issues or even death. Parvovirus is transmitted by contact with infected dog waste, either directly or indirectly. The virus can remain infectious for six months or even longer.
- Diseases and parasites such as campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidium, and toxocariasis can be transmitted from pet waste to people.
- Pet waste left on the ground can wash into storm drains, which often drain directly into our lakes and streams. This water is not treated before it enters our lakes.
- Pet waste in our lakes and streams can cause gastrointestinal problems and skin reactions, making the water unsafe.
- Pet waste uses oxygen as it breaks down in the water, and it sometimes releases chemicals such as ammonia. Low oxygen levels and increased ammonia levels can kill fish.

For more information or for tips, visit gptx.org/paws.