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2018

On the back stretch.
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Grand Prairie is umm, umm good.
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A Message from the Mayor

What a great year 2017 was, and an even better year is ahead in 2018. Our Parks, Arts and Recreation Department won its second Gold Medal award, anointing it best in nation by the National Recreation and Parks Association. WalletHub.com ranked Grand Prairie in the top 50 Best Places to Raise a Family in the U.S. IKEA Grand Prairie opened Dec. 13, 2017, which is attracting major new retail, hotel and restaurant development along SH 161.



Mayor Ron Jensen and Rebecca Jensen

Here's a snapshot of big things to come in 2018:

- ★ Epic Waters year-round indoor water park is opening end of 2017, a major addition to North Texas tourism.
- ★ The Epic mega-lifestyle center opens early 2018, completely re-imagining health and leisure services in America. The center will feature an artist in residence, inclined track, recording studio, teen center, theater, café, \$1 million in work out equipment, futsal and pickle ball courts, teaching kitchen, bike spin room and swimming pool.
- ★ The extension of SH 360 should be complete in spring 2018, connecting us to US 287, and opening more major development opportunities.
- ★ Several expansions will be complete or begin: Shotwell Library reopens January 2018; Prairie Paws expansion opens summer 2018; and the Warmack Library begins its expansion in 2018.
- ★ PlayGrand Adventures, a playground for people of all abilities, will open late summer 2018, another big regional draw.

Fun, affordable, family friendly living with more amenities than most, Grand Prairie is where we...

Live Life Grand,

Ron Jensen, Mayor



Grand Prairie City Council

Seated (left to right):

Jeff Wooldridge, District 6; Ron Jensen, Mayor; Jeff Copeland, At Large

Standing (left to right): Jim Swafford, District 2; Jorja Clemson, District 1; Greg Giessner, At Large; Mike Del Bosque, District 3; Tony Shotwell, District 5; Richard Fregoe, District 4.

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2017 Top Accomplishments

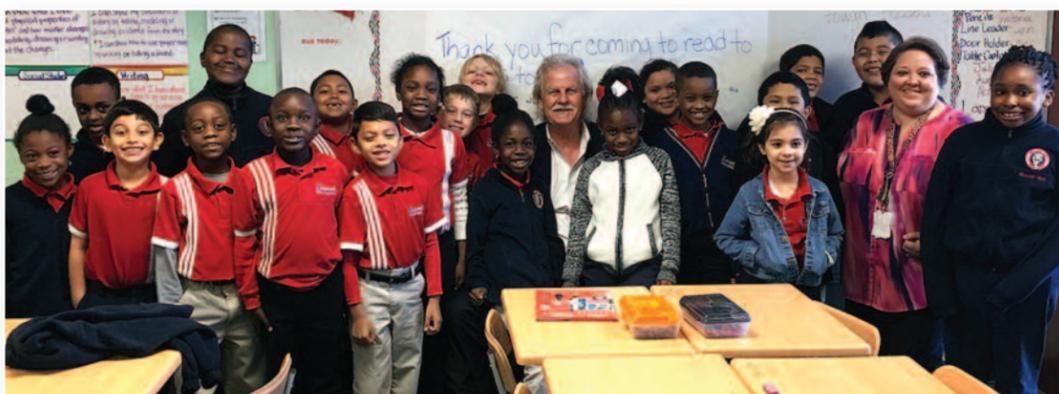
- ★ IKEA opened.
- ★ Parks won the NRPA Gold Medal for best parks in nation.
- ★ Opened Epic Waters year-round indoor waterpark.
- ★ Fire response was ranked an ISO 1, best in nation.
- ★ Began expansion of Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center.
- ★ Formed a Police Bicycle Unit to patrol hotspots.
- ★ Implemented community policing in our retail areas.
- ★ Continued construction of the Epic mega-recreation center.
- ★ Continued SH 360 south extension to US 287.
- ★ Code officers add body-worn cameras.



Grand Prairie City Manager's Office

(clockwise from bottom left to right)

Tom Hart, City Manager; Anna Doll, Deputy City Manager; Bill Crolley, Deputy City Manager; Mona Lisa Galicia, Assistant City Secretary; Gloria Colvin, Executive Assistant; Erica Paige, Assistant to the City Manager; Andrew Fortune, Assistant to the City Manager; Gina Alley, Senior Assistant to the City Manager; Tom Cox, Deputy City Manager; not pictured, Cathy DiMaggio, City Secretary.



Mayor enjoys reading and talking with kids.
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Cyclin' With the Mayor backs the blue while wearing pink!
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Lunar New Year celebration at Asia Times Square.
Photo by Ricky Saldivar

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day GPISD Student Holiday City Offices Closed	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Colorful history on Main Street. Photo by Ricky Saldivar		

Slip, slide and splash all year long
at Epic Waters Indoor Water Park.
Photo by Jon Williamson



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February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						
4	5 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents Day	20 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28		Homes for Hounds trained by inmates. Photo by Valerie Spears	



Warm weather ahead.
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March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Spring green at Mike Lewis Park. Photo by Charlene Solis		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward						St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				The Big Event All-City Volunteerism Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Good Friday GPISD School Holiday	



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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Easter	2 GPISD School Holiday Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Farmers Market Opens	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Main Street Festival	21 Main Street Festival	
22 Main Street Festival	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	Main Street Festival. Photo by Ricky Saldivar					



Connect, discover, educate
at a Grand Prairie Library.

Photo by Randy Gilbert

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May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 City Election Day Cinco de Mayo Celebration
	6	7 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13 Mother's Day	14	15 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 GPISD Last Day of School
26	27	28 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	29	30	31 Computer savvy at the libraries. Photo by Randy Gilbert	



Lake living.
Photo by Bill Devine

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June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Fly fishing. Live Life Grand	1	2
3	4 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Fly by.
Photo by Whitney Thames

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July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Lone Star Park City Offices Closed	5	6	7
8	9 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			Helicopter touch down. Photo by Whitney Thames	

Friday night lights.
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August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>High school baseball. Photo by Gloria Rodriguez</p>	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>				
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		<p>City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>				
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Flight of the Monarch.
Photo by Bob Fitch

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September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Monarch festival crafts. Live Life Grand				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Labor Day City Offices Closed	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Flight of the Monarch
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Cowboy cops.
Photo by Chelsea Kretz

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October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	29	30 Fire and Police. Photo by Derek Townsend	31 BOO! Halloween			



Good Link Trail.
Photo by Candace Race

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November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Park trails. Photo by Candace Race		1	2	3
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Daylight-Saving Time Ends Fall Back	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
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Veterans Day						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Prairie Lights Opens Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Prairie and Bright.
Photo by Ricky Saldivar



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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Prairie Lights. Photo by Kelly Eddlemon		1 Holiday Market at Farmers Market
2	3 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8 Holiday Market at Farmers Market
9	10	11 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Holiday Market at Farmers Market
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	← School Holiday →					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	← City Offices Closed →					
30	31					
	New Year's Eve	Christmas Day				



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2019 at a Glance

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Lunar New Year.
Photo by Emily Aguilar

April

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Storm over Lake Joe Pool.
Photo by Annette Deleon

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Fun on the water at Joe Pool Lake.
Photo by Donna Graham

October

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Helpful Numbers

Airport (Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591
Animal Services	972-237-8575
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-751-4040
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-871-7399
Building Inspections	972-237-8230
Car Tags - Dallas County	214-653-7811
Car Tags - Tarrant County	817-884-1100
Chamber of Commerce	972-264-1558
City Council and Mayor	972-237-8022
City Manager's Office	972-237-8012
City Secretary	972-237-8035
Code Enforcement	972-237-8296
Communications and Marketing	972-237-8086
Drivers License	972-253-4171



Farmers Market shopping for more than fruits and veggies.
Photo by Nicole Schmiedeskamp

Economic Development	972-237-8160
Engineering	972-237-8141
Environmental Services	972-237-8055
Fire (911 for emergencies)	972-237-8300
Graffiti Hotline	972-237-8599
Grand Prairie	
Memorial Gardens	972-237-3001
Health Clinic	214-819-2000
Housing & Neighborhood Services	972-237-8176
Human Resources	972-237-8192

Illegal Dumping	972-237-8064
Information Technology	972-237-8382
Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful	972-237-8152
Landfill	972-237-4550
Lake Parks	972-237-4120
Libraries	
Main Library	972-237-5700
Warmack Library	972-237-5770
Shotwell Library	972-237-7540
Marriage License - Dallas County	214-751-4040
Marriage License - Tarrant County	817-548-3928
Municipal Court	972-237-8600
Parks, Arts & Recreation	972-237-8100
Planning	972-237-8255
Police (911 for emergencies)	972-237-8790
Public Works	972-237-8154
Purchasing	972-237-8269
Recycling	972-237-8061
Ruthe Jackson Center	972-237-7500

Schools	
Grand Prairie ISD	972-264-6141
Arlington ISD	682-867-4611
Mansfield ISD	817-299-6300
Cedar Hill ISD	972-291-1581
Irving ISD	972-600-5000

Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Solid Waste	972-237-8151
Streets	972-237-8525
Taxes - Dallas County	214-653-7811
Taxes - Tarrant County	817-884-1194
Tourism	972-595-5400
Transit - The Grand Connection	972-237-8546
Transportation	972-237-8139
Water Bills	972-237-8200
Water/Wastewater	972-237-8413
Water Emergency	972-237-8400



Nature's sundial.
Photo by Tammy Chan

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