

NEW DEVELOPMENT

BigShots Golf will open in the new Mayfield Groves development on State Highway 161 and Forum Drive, adjacent to IKEA, in late 2024. The golf entertainment venue will include a two story tee line with 80 climate-controlled tee boxes, a tech-driven indoor putting course and a sports bar.

Also located in Mayfield Groves, **Andretti Karting and Games** is set to open by summer 2024. A 100,000-square-foot **Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World** will open nearby in late spring 2024.

"The addition of BigShots Golf to our current and soon-to-open offering of entertainment, dining and shopping along the SH 161 EpicCentral Corridor, is a great addition to the previously announced Bass Pro Shops and Andretti Karting and Games," said Mayor Ron Jensen.



Loop 9 BBQ at EpicCentral Opens in March

Loop 9 BBQ, a new restaurant concept featuring prime brisket and other connoisseur-level barbecued meats, will open its doors in March 2023 and will be one of the first new restaurants to open in Grand Prairie's growing 172-acre entertainment center, EpicCentral.

Loop 9 promises prime grade brisket smoked to perfection, the best ribs you've ever tasted, Texas sausages, and so much more. Every item on the Loop 9 BBQ menu is prepared from scratch with a focus on fresh, high-quality ingredients and truly authentic Texas flavors.

The menu doesn't stop with premium barbecue. The scratch-made sides include Mexican corn, Borracho beans, fried okra, cornbread, and two flavors of fresh cut fries. Award-winning desserts include chocolate cream pie, coconut cream pie, key lime pie, and banana cream pudding. The restaurant will have a separate pie shop where customers can order whole pies to take home.

For more information about Loop 9 and the entire EpicCentral development, visit EpicCentral.com.



Other New Development

Black Rock Coffee is set to open in spring 2023 on Camp Wisdom Road and Lake Ridge Parkway. In the Epic East development next to Kohls on SH 161, **Hobby Lobby** will open in May 2023 and **Pop Shelf Variety Store** will open a home goods, seasonal décor and party store. **Shake Shack** plans to build a restaurant in the Epic West shopping center on Mayfield Road west of SH 161.



THE BIG EVENT



The Big Event is a one-day, city-wide day the City of Grand Prairie celebrates commUNITY by matching volunteers with service projects, neighbors helping neighbors. All Big Event jobs are outdoors, do not require the use of power tools and can be completed within a few hours. Sign up now with your volunteer group, or job request at gptx.org/bigevent. Deadline to register is March 1, 2023.

SPRING BREAK AT EPICCENTRAL

It's going to be an "all together epic" Spring Break this year at EpicCentral in Grand Prairie!

Activities & Events

- Music and entertainment on the new event stage near restaurants March 8-19
- Water fountain shows set to music
- Family-friendly games and activities on the GrandLawn

Restaurants

- Chicken N Pickle - food, events, clinics
- Loop 9 BBQ will be open for business

Bolder Adventure Park

- Expanded hours March 12-17
- ### Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark

- Open daily March 2-27

For more info., visit EpicCentral.com.

UPTOWN THEATER

Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-237-8786 or visit uptowntheatergp.com:

The SpongeBob Musical

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council
March 17-26

The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage. The power of optimism really can save the world.



Office Drama presented by Eyeronic Stage Productions

Saturday, April 1

Ages 18+. Office Drama the stage play, is a dramedy that explores the everyday life of an insurance agent and his fellow co-workers. In the wonderful world of corporate America, you can find love, excitement, heartaches, struggles, deceit, and so much more. There are no limits to the drama that can occur in any office or business.

Boomtown presented by Texas Comedies

Saturday, April 29

BOOMTOWN follows the true story of promoter Ace Borger's "overnight city" in the Texas Panhandle. Aided by dancehall owner Mattie Castleberry and crooked sheriff "Two Gun" Dick Herwig, he sees his oil town get overrun by millionaires, criminals and Texas Rangers.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, March 4, April 8 • 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at:

gptx.org/electronics-recycling or 972-237-8159

Accepted: computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players, TVs (no exposed parts please), cellphones

Not accepted: hazardous materials, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners, refrigerators

Grand Prairie residents can also bring their recyclables to the landfill any time
Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, March 4, April 8 • 9-11 a.m.

City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: 972-237-8055 or
online at gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

No commercial waste will be accepted.



STROLLIN' WITH THE MAYOR



Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Join Mayor Ron Jensen as he kicks off the 2023 Cyclin' with the Mayor series with the Strollin' with the Mayor 5K. All ages are welcome to participate and walk, run or go at a leisurely pace.

STATE OF THE CITY

The State of the City presentation and dinner is March 9, 2023, hosted by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce as one of its primary fund raisers. If you are interested in tickets, call the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce at 972-264-1558.

TRASH OFF

Saturday, April 1
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Clean house and get rid of your junk during Trash Off. Residents are allowed an unlimited number of trips to the landfill. Trash Off is a great way to dispose of all those bulky items that won't fit in the garbage!

Proof of residence in the form of a current water bill and driver's license is required.

Special Fee Information

We will accept automobile tires for a \$1 disposal fee. Disposal fees of \$5 or \$10 are required for larger tractor/trailer tires.

We accept computers, printers and fax machines.

Construction and roofing material will be accepted from commercial businesses for a fee of \$32 per ton. (Contractors may not use this day to avoid paying Landfill fees).

Call 972-237-8330 for more information.

GRAND PRAIRIE ORNAMENT

A new shipment of city ornaments is on the way to the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center. The ornament features downtown Main Street with art created by Anna Whitman.

Ornaments are \$17 and may be purchased at the Trunk Stop shop inside the Grand Prairie Tourist Information Center, 2170 N. Belt Line Road. The Tourist Information Center is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The downtown design is also available on notecards, greeting cards, magnets and stickers for sale at the Trunk Stop shop.



BELT LINE AND I-30 INTERSECTION UPGRADE PROJECT

TxDot contractors are working on the Belt Line Road and I-30 intersection in Grand Prairie to power-wash, refresh landscaping and irrigation, and paint the coping around the mural. This project is the result of the city winning the Keep Texas Beautiful Governor's Award in 2020. During the 90-day project, there will be daily traffic control installation as needed between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily for workers' safety. This may cause minor delays as we enhance this major gateway to the city seen by millions of people a year.



SPRING BREAK CAMPS AT GP REC CENTERS

March 13-17

Charley Taylor Recreation Center

For ages 5 (1 full year of kindergarten) to 12 years old

Registration and fees per child:

\$10 registration and \$7 membership, plus

\$100 per week for residents and \$120 for non-residents.

Dalworth Recreation Center

For ages 6-12

Registration and fees per child:

\$10 registration, plus

\$100 per week

Limited spots available. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com or call your recreation center of choice:

Charley Taylor Recreation Center: 972-339-3770

Dalworth Recreation Center: 972-237-4760

VIA GRAND PRAIRIE

Schedule a ride anywhere in Grand Prairie for \$3. Scan the QR code to download the Via Grand Prairie app or call 214-253-0874 to get started. Via Grand Prairie does not replace the Grand Connection.



BLOCKING MAILBOXES IS A PARKING VIOLATION

Per Section 17-32, Chapter 17 of the City of Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances, it is an offense to park within five feet of a mailbox between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This law does not apply on Sundays.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Passport Adventures

Select Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Ages 6 and up

Join us on an adventure to learn more about different cultures and history.

This family program will feature interactive crafts and activities to teach us about unique art forms and cultural experiences from around the world. Email Josh at jrudd@gptx.org to register.

March 9: Indian Festival of Colors

Sewing Basics

Monday, March 6, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Ages 16 and up

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine and complete a small project with fashion design educators from Student ICONS. Register for one of our two time slots starting February 20. Contact Camille at cplemmons@gptx.org or 972-237-7542 to register.

Sound Healing

Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Come and experience a healing session through the vibrations of crystal sound bowls by a professional practitioner as we learn more about this art form. Email Josh at jrudd@gptx.org to register.

Hula Hoop Challenge

Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m.

Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.

Event will be in Bowles Park

All ages welcome

Spin it to win a light up hoola hoop.

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY FOR FLOODING

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Residents who live in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)/Floodplain are required to buy flood insurance if they have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender but anyone who lives in Grand Prairie, including renters, can purchase NFIP flood insurance. Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover flood damage and unfortunately, many property owners do not find out until it's too late that their policies do not cover flooding. Following the 2015 Grand Prairie flood events, 90 percent of flood damages reported to the city were outside the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Every property is vulnerable to a flood and flooding can happen anywhere, at any time. That's why it's important to secure flood insurance, even if you live in an area with low-to-moderate flooding risk. NFIP defines covered flooding as any temporary event where the surface of normally dry land is partially or completely underwater, affecting two or more acres of land, or two or more properties.

Flooding can be caused by:

- Overflow of inland (lake or river) or coastal waters
- Pooling or runoff of surface waters from any source, such as heavy rainfall
- Mudflows
- Collapse of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water due to wave or water currents

The NFIP offers a separate policy that protects your single most important financial asset— your home or business. A specific FEMA flood insurance rider must be purchased through an insurance agent to obtain these policies, but City of Grand Prairie residents can get a discount on this policy due to its participation and rating in the Community Rating System. Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies and agents and is backed by the federal government. Typically, a 30-day waiting period is required when purchasing a new policy but here are a couple of exceptions:

- If you initially purchased flood insurance while securing, adjusting, or renewing a loan for your property, there is no waiting period.
- Coverage goes into effect when the loan is closed and if you live in an area newly affected by a flood risk map change.

Additionally, the 30-day waiting period may not apply if your property experiences flood damage caused by wildfire in your community. Keeping these exceptions in mind, plan so you are not caught without insurance. The policy does not cover losses caused by a flood that occurred prior to the policy becoming effective. In addition, you cannot increase your insurance coverage once a flood has begun.

More information about obtaining flood insurance can be found by contacting your insurance agent or visiting: www.floodsmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider and more info on the City of Grand Prairie's flood management and CRS activities are available at gptx.org/floodplain.

GARDENING CLASSES

Join Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful at the library to learn more about gardening and work on fun, plant-related activities! RSVP to jrudd@gptx.org.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m. - Compost 101

Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m. - Spring Vegetable Growing

FLOOD KNOWLEDGE



Grand Prairie
— T E X A S —
STORMWATER DIVISION

As the most common natural disaster in the United States, flooding is also one of the most dangerous. It is important to plan and be prepared! Below are some key tips to keep your family safe.

- Move to higher ground sheltering
- Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Six inches of moving water can knock you down
- One foot of water can sweep your vehicle away
- Avoid bridges over fast moving water

Flooding can cause outages, disrupt transportation routes, damage buildings and homes, and create landslides. It is best to avoid driving, if possible.

Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org

HOME REPAIR HELP FOR SENIORS

For seniors age 60 and older or disabled (any age)

- Must own and occupy the home
- Must meet certain income and other guidelines
- Remodeling and cosmetic updates are not allowed
- Repairs must meet HUD approved rehabilitation and safety standards

For information, call Housing and Neighborhood Services at 972-237-8176.