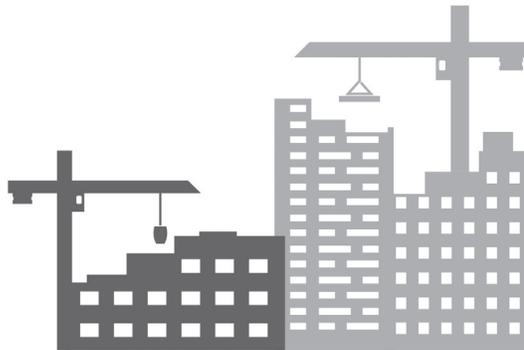


**SPECIAL ELECTION - MAY 1, 2021**  
**\$75 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**  
**FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

This proposition would support economic development and revitalization of commercial, retail, residential and mixed-use development and neighborhoods throughout the city, such as improving corridors and façades; buying land and building infrastructure; constructing facilities; financing projects; and awarding grants or loans for development projects. More information at [gptx.org/bondelection](http://gptx.org/bondelection).



Para español: [gptx.org/bondelection](http://gptx.org/bondelection)  
 Cho người việt nam: [gptx.org/bondelection](http://gptx.org/bondelection)

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION**  
**FOR COVID-19 VACCINE**

The City of Grand Prairie is offering drive through in-person registration for the COVID-19 vaccine. Registration is free. City of Grand Prairie staff will enter your information into the Dallas County COVID-19 Vaccine Registration website.

- Saturday, March 6**, 9 a.m.-noon • Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road
- Saturday, March 13**, 9 a.m.-noon • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
- Thursday, March 18**, 9 a.m.-noon • Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier
- Saturday, March 20**, 9 a.m.-noon • Starrett Elementary, 2675 Fairmont Dr.
- Tuesday, March 23**, 9 a.m.-noon • The Summit, 2975 Esplanade
- Friday, March 26**, 9 a.m.-noon • Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St.

*Information is subject to change*

Within 48 hours of registration, you should receive a cell phone text message and/or an email stating the you are registered to receive the vaccine. All of the information you provided at registration will be used to determine your priority group. Once vaccines become available for your group (currently 1A and 1B), you will be contacted again via email, text message and or phone call to provide you with a date, time and location. It may take a while before you are contacted with your appointment. For more information, visit [gptx.org/covidvaccine](http://gptx.org/covidvaccine) or call 972-237-8055.

**COVID-19 VACCINE**



Distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine is currently underway. If you would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the city recommends that you register in either Dallas or Tarrant County. County vaccine sites are open to all Texans who meet the state’s criteria to get an appointment, regardless of where you live. For information on qualifications for the vaccine, visit [gptx.org/covid-19](http://gptx.org/covid-19)

- **Dallas County registration:** [dallascountycovid.org](http://dallascountycovid.org) or call 1-855-466-8639 any day of the week, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **Tarrant County registration:** [tarrantcounty.com/covidshot](http://tarrantcounty.com/covidshot) or call 817-248-6299

For more information, visit the [gptx.org/covidvaccine](http://gptx.org/covidvaccine) web page, which is updated on a consistent basis as new information is received.

**SHRED-IT DAY**

Saturday, April 17, 8-11 a.m.  
 Lone Star Park  
 1000 Lone Star Parkway  
 Gate 3 (south portion of parking lot)  
 \$5 per box

*Hosted by Grand Prairie Crime Commission and Grand Prairie Police Department*

## GRAND PRAIRIE AND IRVING PARTNER FOR NEW VACCINE SITE

The cities of Grand Prairie and Irving are operating a new COVID-19 vaccination location at The Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie, TX 75050 (Belt Line Road just north of Interstate 30 next to Lone Star Park). The facility is open when vaccines are available from the state.



The location is co-managed by the cities' Emergency Management teams, and the vaccines are administered by Irving and Grand Prairie Emergency Medical Services teams. Opening the new vaccine location helps residents receive the vaccine quicker, and although the intent is to service west Dallas County, Grand Prairie and Irving residents may be assigned to a different vaccination location in the county.

Registration for the vaccine is required, and individuals must meet the state's criteria to get an appointment. **Walk up vaccinations are not available.** For more information, visit [gptx.org/covidvaccine](http://gptx.org/covidvaccine).

## NEW DEVELOPMENT



**Chicken N Pickle** restaurant, the nation's leading pickleball-focused dining and entertainment venue, broke ground in January at Grand Prairie's Epic Central development. In addition to pickleball, the restaurant will offer a variety of games, a casual, chef-driven restaurant and sports bar. The 77,000-square foot venue will feature a dining room, six indoor pickleball courts, five outdoor pickleball courts (two covered), 7,500 square feet of outdoor yard games and a large rooftop bar. Chicken N Pickle is scheduled to open in late 2021.

Several new restaurants have opened in Asia Times Square including **Aspara Thai and Cambodian**, **Sakari Ramen**, **Meccha Matcha**, and **Omadase To Go** serving fish straight from Tokyo's world-famous Tsukiji Fish Market.

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## FARMERS MARKET OPENS APRIL 10



120 W. Main St.

Grand Prairie Farmers Market at Market Square is open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays beginning April 10 through mid-December and features locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, tamales, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, plants, soaps, candles and more.

For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit [gptx.org/farmersmarket](http://gptx.org/farmersmarket).

## CELEBRATE THE WORLD: DIA DE LOS NINOS

Join us for this multicultural celebration in honor of children around the world. Festivities will be both live on facebook and safely in-person at the Shotwell Library! Kits will be available at all three branches on April 5. The virtual program will be on April 20 at 4:30 p.m. on Facebook Live with more activities to follow!

## COVID-19 TESTING SITES



For COVID-19 testing sites and vaccine information in and around Grand Prairie, visit [gptx.org/covid-19](http://gptx.org/covid-19).

## FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 10, 9-11 a.m.  
City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

Registration is required at: [gptx.org/electronics-recycling](http://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, April 10, 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](http://gptx.org/WQ/HHW).



## 10 BENEFITS OF A VEGETABLE GARDEN



1. **Save Money** – The Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Garden Program is free to join and we provide the seeds, bed space, and supplies
2. **Exercise** – Maintaining a vegetable garden really does count as exercise
3. **Mental Health** – Spending time outdoors can increase happiness and reduce stress
4. **Nutrients** – Homegrown veggies have more vitamins and minerals than the veggies that have traveled hundreds to thousands of miles to the grocery store
5. **Safety** - You know what's in your food
6. **Environment** - Minimize your carbon footprint by eating locally
7. **Reduce Waste** - Recycle your kitchen scraps into gardener's gold through composting, next class is April 10
8. **Picky eaters** – Children are more likely to try a new vegetable if they helped to grow it
9. **Community** – Meet cool people in a socially distanced outdoor space
10. **Charity** – Help feed Grand Prairie's hungry by donating 10 percent of your harvest to a local food pantry

Don't have the space for a garden? The Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Community Garden Program has space for you! The program is free to join and all supplies are provided. We just ask that you donate 10 percent of what you grow to a local food pantry. Visit [gptx.org/kgpb](http://gptx.org/kgpb) or email [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org) or call 972-237-4546 to get started.

## SPRING AND FLOOD SAFETY



### What is a flood watch?

A flood WATCH means a flood is possible in your area.

### What is a flood warning?

A flood WARNING means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon.

If You are Under a Flood Warning, Find Safe Shelter Right Away

- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Stay off of bridges over fast-moving water.

Depending on the type of flooding:

- Move to higher ground or higher floor.
- Stay where you are.

Stay Weather Aware of flood watches and warnings in Grand Prairie.

**Questions?** Contact Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or [oem@gptx.org](mailto:oem@gptx.org)

## REPORT POLLUTION

Have you ever seen paint running down the street into a stormdrain, an abandoned drum on the side of the road, or an unidentifiable liquid in a gutter and wondered who you could call to take care of it? The city's Environmental Quality Division remedies human and environmental health hazards. Just call 972-237-8055 to report your pollution concerns. Your earth thanks you!

## COYOTES - How to Reshape Their Behavior

Generally coyotes are reclusive animals that avoid human contact. However, many have adapted to urban and suburban environments and realize that there are few real threats. They may approach people or feel safe visiting yards even when people are present. These bold coyotes should not be tolerated or enticed, but given the message that they should not be so brazen.

Hazing is a method that uses deterrents to move an animal out of an area and discourages an undesirable behavior or activity. It can help maintain coyotes' fear of humans and deter them from neighborhood spaces such as backyards and playgrounds.

### Hazing Methods

- Yell and wave your arms while approaching the coyote
- Use noisemakers (your voice, whistles, air horns, bells, soda cans filled with pennies or pots and pans banged together).
- Use projectiles (sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls, rubber balls).
- Other repellents (hoses, water guns with vinegar water, spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray, bear repellent or walking sticks).

### Dog Walking Tools

Always walk your dog on a leash. If you see a coyote, either pick up your dog (if possible) or place him or her behind you before hazing the coyote. Then:

- Blow a whistle or air horn at the coyote
- Squirt at squirt gun at the coyote
- Yell and wave your arms
- Use a homemade noisemaker
- Pick up sticks or rocks and throw them towards the coyote

### In Your Yard

Keeping pets and food inside is the best way to keep coyotes out of your yard. Use all of the above methods and be loud and large to chase the coyote away. Hazing is most effective when an individual coyote is hazed by a variety of people using a variety of tools and techniques.

## BAG THE BAG! GRAB THE BIN!

Curbside recycling will no longer be collected in blue bags. Place all recyclables loose in your green recycling bin.

Blue recycling bags have been popular for years, but hinder the recycling process by causing tangles and wrapping around equipment at the recycling facility. Plastic bags can damage the machines and cause the sorting process to shut down. Residents can use any remaining blue bags for regular trash collection.

One 18-gallon green bin per household is supplied by the city. This can be picked up at the city's landfill, 1102 MacArthur Blvd. Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and additional bins can be purchased for \$5 each (limit 2).

Questions? Email [recycling@gptx.org](mailto:recycling@gptx.org) or call 972-237-8061.



## NEW DEVELOPMENT

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**Texas Trust Credit Union** will build a new branch on South Carrier Parkway and I-20.

**CarParts.com** opened a 210,000-square-foot distribution center in the Great Southwest Industrial District during late 2020. By early February 2021, more than 100,000 packages had been shipped and the facility employed 200 people.

In Epic Towne Crossing, **Kohl's** has moved into a new location along 161 north of Mayfield Road, **7 Eleven** and **My Eye Lab** are open. **Taco Bell** is under construction and will open in early 2021.

**Hilton Tru** is open along SH 360 in north Grand Prairie. **Courtyard by Marriott** on SH 161 and Arkansas Lane and Staybridge Suites on Lake Ridge and I-20 are scheduled to open in early 2021.

New single-family homes are under construction in the Grand Prairie portion of Ellis County. The **Heritage Towne** project has 105 lots, and **Greenway Trails** homes will be built on more than 600 lots. First phase construction of **Prairie Ridge** development is underway—the neighborhood will have 4,500 single-family homes at buildout.

## SIGN UP FOR ALERTGP



Receive alerts about the latest weather update, emergencies, and other important community news by signing up for the City of Grand Prairie's Emergency Alert Program, AlertGP. This system enables the city to provide critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, or text messages. Sign Up For Alert GP at: [gptx.org/AlertGP](http://gptx.org/AlertGP).