

DENNIS KING WINS COUNCIL DISTRICT 2



Councilman Swafford passed away while in office from COVID-19 on Dec. 1, 2020. A special election to fill the seat was conducted on Feb. 27, 2021, with a run-off election on March 27, 2021. Dennis King won the seat with 292 votes (52%) to Frank Gonzalez's 269 (48%). Mr. King was sworn in on April 6, 2021. The newly elected official will complete the current term, which expires May 2022.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
SUMMER READING CLUB 2021

This summer is going to be an Outdoor Adventure at the Grand Prairie Libraries! Register now to join us for our Kickoff Party at the Main Library on Saturday, June 5 at 10 a.m. We will have fun activities and you'll get a chance to meet a few of your favorite characters.

All summer long there will be opportunities to win prizes and participate in fun activities and programs. Visit gptx.org/library for more information!



ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT SYSTEM

In March, a new online water bill payment system was launched. Since that time, we have encountered problems not identified during our test phase. Please know we are working diligently with our vendor to resolve these shortfalls.



In the meantime, if you are experiencing difficulties accessing your account online, payments can be made by calling our automated system at 972-237-4545 or by selecting the Pay Now option online without logging into your personal profile. Any late fees incurred due to this upgrade will be waived.

We apologize for the inconvenience and ask that if you wish to call us to be patient as we are experiencing very high call volumes.

COVID-19 VACCINE



The COVID-19 vaccine is available free to everyone age 16 and older*. Vaccine sites are available at several locations in Grand Prairie and nearby. For more information, visit gptx.org/covidvaccine.

**Eligible age as of April 14, 2021*

THE SPLASH FACTORY RE-OPENS SUMMER 2021



Beginning May 28 and throughout the summer, the newly renovated Splash Factory will be open every day from 1-6 p.m.
Fee: \$2 per person (3 years old & younger are FREE)

Located behind Charley Taylor Recreation Center
601 E. Grand Prairie Road

For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, June 12, 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, June 12, 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.



NATIONAL WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

A wildfire is an unplanned fire that burns in forests, grasslands, or prairies. Wildfires can be caused by dry vegetation, strong winds, high temperatures, lightning, humans and drought conditions. Make sure you sign-up for wildfire emergency alerts, protect your property from combustible debris and practice your evacuation plans!

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WILDFIRE WARNING, GET TO SAFETY RIGHT AWAY

Leave if told to do so.



Listen for emergency information and alerts.

If trapped, call 911.



Use an N95 mask to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

Grand Prairie
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



Friday, June 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Parkway

Fee: \$30 per person

Dance includes dinner and memorable gift for child.

Call Charley Taylor Recreation Center for more information and to register at 972-339-3770.

FOSTER A PET



Prairie Paws Animal Shelter is looking for people to foster pets. If you are interested, please email prairiepawsfoster@gptx.org.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Friday June 18, 2021

Pre-Celebration Cookout from 6-8 p.m.
Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.

Saturday June 19, 2021

Annual Parade. Parade line up begins at 9 a.m. at City Hall followed by a brief program at 10 a.m. Parade roll out takes place after 10 a.m. program and ends at Tyre Park, 2327 Tyre Street. For more details, please contact Monte Whetstone at 972-237-4760.



FARMERS MARKET

120 W. Main St.

Grand Prairie Farmers Market at Market Square is open 8 a.m.-1 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.

LIBRARY EXPANDED SUMMER HOURS

The Main and Warmack Libraries will expand their hours beginning Saturday, June 5. Our new hours are:

Monday through Thursday: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Shotwell Library's hours will remain the same:

Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT EPIC WATERS



Food and drink specials, family-friendly fun activities throughout the day, and contests to win epic prizes as well. For more information, visit EpicWatersGP.com

GPPD FREE SUMMER SPORTS CAMP



July 6-30 – Monday-Thursday
Men's Leadership Academy
(Kennedy Middle School)
2205 SE 4th St.

For the first time ever, the Grand Prairie Police Department will host a free GPPD Summer Sports Camp for children in grades 6-11 (all skill levels). The goal of the camp is to form and strengthen the relationship among the Grand Prairie Police, GPISD and the community through physical activity in a safe and secure environment. Sport choices include:

Soccer: 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Basketball: noon-3 p.m.

Football: noon-3 p.m.

For more information and to register, call Officer Wesley Jackson at 972-809-5806 or visit grandprairiepolice.org/sportscamp

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Visit gptx.org/codecompliance for:

- Garage sales
- Banners

Visit gptx.org/buildinginspections for:

- Construction permit
- Certificate of occupancy
- Business sign applications

KARATE, BALLET FOLKLORICO AND A+ DANCE CLASSES



Returning soon!

Call Charley Taylor Recreation Center for more information at 972-339-3770.

GRAND PRAIRIE FLOOD INSURANCE RATING KEEPS INSURANCE COSTS LOW

Grand Prairie is one of the best rated cities in Texas for reducing flood losses and providing flood insurance savings for residents, according to the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. The City of Grand Prairie achieves the high rating by voluntarily participating in floodplain management activities such as:

- Higher standards for development in flood prone areas.
- Ongoing drainage system improvements throughout the city that are designed to reduce structural flooding and stormwater pollutants.
- Protection of wetlands
- Public outreach

These efforts, and many other floodplain management practices, allow Grand Prairie residents and businesses to purchase flood insurance at a reduced rate. More information on the City of Grand Prairie's flood management activities is available at gptx.org/floodplain.

DOO THE RIGHT THING

There are an estimated 39,000 dogs in Grand Prairie. When it rains, pet waste washes down storm drains and into our streams, rivers and lakes. This untreated fecal matter can be a source of harmful bacteria and nutrients in our water. Pet waste left on the ground may also pose a risk to children, adults and pets who can be exposed to diseases. Do the right thing and take one of the following actions to prevent pollution and diseases caused by pet waste:



- Pick up waste and put it down the toilet
- Bury pet waste (up to six inches deep)
- Use a plastic bag and put pet waste in the trash

For more information on why it is important to doo the right thing, visit gptx.org/environmentalquality/petwaste

COVID-19 TESTING SITES



For COVID-19 testing sites and vaccine information in and around Grand Prairie, visit gptx.org/covid-19.

ACCESS YOUR WATER METER ONLINE

The City of Grand Prairie's H2Know online customer portal lets you see your actual water use online 24/7. H2Know measures and transmits hourly water use data. With H2Know you have the power to:

- Receive automatic alerts of higher than normal use
- Establish monthly budget with alerts when you reach maximum total
- Identify high use and suspected leaks with precise meter readings
- Monitor use patterns such as irrigation to better manage frequency and time
- Save water and money

Register at gptx.org/H2Know

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EXTREME RACING!

Saturday, June 12



TICKETS START AT JUST \$5
LoneStarPark.com

Offer only valid online. Use at checkout. Separate parking fee may apply.