

## GP Designated Music Friendly Community

On Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, the Texas Music Office within the Office of Governor Abbott will certify Grand Prairie as a Texas Music Friendly Community. There are less than 30 other Texas cities to receive this designation. The certification ceremony is at 6 p.m. at Firehouse Gastro Park, 321 Main Street.

Grand Prairie Mayor Ron Jensen along with City Council, city officials, the Music Friendly Advisory Committee and Visit Grand Prairie will receive the certification from Texas Music Office Community Relations & Outreach Specialist Chip Adams. The community is encouraged to attend, the first 50 guests will receive a commemorative guitar pick. For more information: [visitgrandprairietx.com/music](https://visitgrandprairietx.com/music)



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Mark your calendar!

Annual benefits enrollment for employees

Oct. 18-31, 2021

Watch emails and the Raving Fans site for more information.



## Community Events

### GPPD Car Show

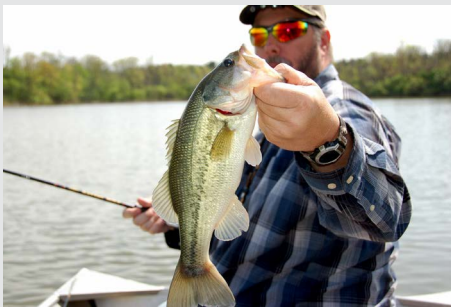
Car, Truck and Bike show benefiting Children First Counseling Center. \$25 entry fee and free Epic Waters passes to the first 150 entries. The event is free to attend.

Sunday, Sept. 19

12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Epic Waters Parking Lot  
2970 Epic Place

For more information call:  
972-237-8776



### Brother Blue Team Bass Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 25

Lynn Creek Park -  
Joe Pool Lake

Register:

[grandprairiepa.com](http://grandprairiepa.com)

## COVID Vaccine and Testing Info.

For the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine and testing in and around Grand Prairie, visit [gptx.org/covid19](http://gptx.org/covid19).

## Mayor's Cleanup Challenge

Grand Prairie is participating in the North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge, a friendly competition among North Texas communities to see who can pick up the most litter per resident.

Mayor Ron Jensen was challenged by Mansfield Mayor, Michael Evans, to see which city can pick up the most amount of litter at the end of the challenge. Mayor Jensen accepted the challenge but needs the community's help.

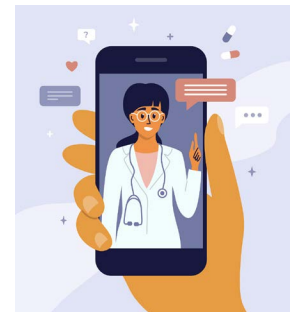


How to Participate:

1. Join an existing litter cleanup event, organize a cleanup of your own with friends or family, or pick-up litter each time you walk around your neighborhood or park. All of these activities count towards the goal!
2. Each time you pick up litter, from September 1-October 31, log it using this [online form](#).
3. Share your efforts and pictures online using #NTXCleanupChallenge.

## MD Live Virtual Visits

There's never a convenient time to get sick. But now you have access to a board-certified doctor around the clock for non-emergency health issues. Connect by mobile app, online video or telephone. Most visits take about 10-15 minutes and doctors can write prescriptions. Register at [MDLIVE.com/bcbstx](http://MDLIVE.com/bcbstx) or by calling 1-888-680-8646.



## Clear the Shelter - Free Animal Adoptions



Tuesday, Sept. 14-Saturday, Sept. 18  
Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, 2222 W. Warrior Tr.  
For more information, visit [gptx.org/paws](http://gptx.org/paws)

## 3D Mammograms - Methodist Health System

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Charles V. England Public Safety Training Complex  
310 W. College St.

### Eligibility:

- Female
- Age 35 or older
- No current breast problems
- Not pregnant or nursing

Experiencing a breast problem?  
Call 214-947-3623 for assistance.

Major insurance plans accepted.

- Insurance card required
- Driver's license or state ID required

\*Covid precautions taken.



## NW 19th St. Renamed for MLK



On Saturday, Aug. 28, city officials dedicated the former NW 19th Street as the new ML King Jr. Boulevard. The road is the gateway to historic Dalworth, the city's oldest African-American neighborhood.

## Raving Fans Recognitions

Creating raving fans by delivering world class service is the city's mission. Do you know a fellow employee who provides outstanding service that makes you say "WOW!"? Let us know who has made you a raving fan within our organization by delivering world class service! Describe why the employee should be recognized and send a Raving Fans note-card accompanied with a \$10 gift card (Target, Home Depot, Whataburger, Smoothie King, Chipotle, Walmart, Chick-fil-a, Starbucks). To make a Raving Fan request, visit the Raving Fans Employee Internet and select Employee Recognition.

## Message from the Manager

It's been such an honor to work with everyone in the city. During the last 22 years as City Manager in Grand Prairie, I have been proud that employees have embraced our values of people, service and integrity. As soon as we adopted them, employees bought in to our values and have always taken them to heart.

Just this week I received a letter from a citizen praising an employee for being compassionate, sweet and outgoing when listening to the citizen's story of a lost dog. This is just one of hundreds of comments I have received throughout my time here about employees doing the right thing while on the job. I truly appreciate all of you for being caring, compassionate and having the desire to help others as you do your work.

While in Grand Prairie, I have been blessed to work with supportive City Council members, mayors and fellow employees. Thank you for all you are doing for the city and keep up the great work! As public servants, I truly believe that the best part of our jobs is the opportunity to make a difference, help people and make the city better. The City of Grand Prairie is positioned to continue achieving greatness, with our location in the middle of the Dallas-Fort Worth area as one of our greatest assets.

As Steve Dye transitions to his new role as city manager beginning Oct. 1 and I begin my retirement, I hope you all will continue to work hard to make Grand Prairie a better place than it was when we came here. Thank you for your service. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you.



Tom Hart, City Manager

## Employee Assistance Program

Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider, Deer Oaks EAP Services, provides services for all employees and dependents of City of Grand Prairie.

The EAP benefit covers six confidential short-term counseling visits and is at no cost to employees and their families. The city has pre-paid for this benefit for all employees and their dependents.

The EAP can assist with many different types of problems. Among these are stress, depression, anxiety, workplace difficulties, substance abuse, marital problems, family or parenting conflicts, grief, violence and unhealthy lifestyles. For information call 1-866-327-2400 or visit [deeroakseap.com](http://deeroakseap.com)

## Events

### Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Market Square, 120 W. Main St.  
Open Saturdays through mid-December featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, tamales, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey and more.

Call 972-237-4599 or visit [gptx.org/farmersmarket](http://gptx.org/farmersmarket)

### Cyclin' with the Mayor

Tuesday, Sept. 14  
Meet at 6 p.m.  
Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Good Link Trail Ride  
Waggoner Park  
2122 N. Carrier Parkway  
Ride is 5-6 miles at a leisurely pace.

### Quarter Horse Racing

Begins Friday, Sept. 17  
Races are on Fridays and Saturdays  
Gates open at 5 p.m.  
Races begin at 6:05 p.m.  
For more information:  
<https://www.lonestarpark.com/>

### The Wiz

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council  
Sept. 17-19 and Sept. 24-26  
Uptown Theater  
120 E. Main St.  
Tickets: <https://www.prekindle.com/events/uptowntheater>