PRAIRIE LIGHTS 2022

Thanksgiving night through
New Year’s Eve
Opens nightly at 6 p.m.
Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake
5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy

Be dazzled by Prairie Lights as you drive through four million lights set along two miles of path. Hundreds of all-new displays in shapes of all kinds line and arch over the roads. Halfway through the drive, get out of your car for a stop at Holiday Village, where you will find food, gifts, Santa, and a lighted walk-through forest. The show’s finale is the world’s largest light tunnel.

For details, pricing, and to purchase tickets, visit PrairieLights.org.

PRAIRIE LIGHTS SNEAK-A-PEEK 3-MILE RUN/WALK

Saturday, Nov. 19 (Runners and Fast Walkers)
Sunday, Nov. 20 (Walkers and Strollers)
Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake
5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy

$25 Early Registration
(September 9 – October 21)
$35 Late Registration
(October 22 – November 18)

Be the first to see all new displays at Prairie Lights as you run, jog, walk or stroll through the lighted park. Registration is limited each night.
Visit PrairieLights.org for more information.

CYCLIN’ WITH THE MAYOR - PRAIRIE LIGHTS RIDE

Monday, Nov. 21 • Ride begins at 6 p.m.
Lynn Creek Parkway, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway

Tis’ the season to get a unique sneak peek of Prairie Lights by joining Mayor Ron Jensen for the Cyclin’ with the Mayor Prairie Lights ride. Participants are encouraged to dress festive and decorate their bikes. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Friday, Dec. 2, evening • City Hall Complex, 300 W. Main St.

Have a very prairie Christmas in downtown Grand Prairie at our annual tree lighting. Skate your way through the holidays at the new downtown ice rink open Dec. 2-26. Visit gptx.org for more information.
**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:

- **Legends of Country - The Thunder Rolls** - Saturday, Nov. 5
  Garth Brooks impersonator show
- **A Christmas Story - The Musical** - Dec. 2-11
  Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council
- **The Ultimate Christmas Variety Show** - Monday, Dec. 12
  Vegas' top impersonators and impressionists

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**KEEP TREE LIMBS TRIMMED IN ALLEYS**

It is the property owner's responsibility to keep trees, shrubs, vines and similar plants trimmed to 14 feet above the ground in alleys to allow for Republic Services garbage trucks, fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, postal service and other public service vehicles to pass through safely. Brush and limbs trimmed to 14 feet above the ground surface keep public roadways and alleys free and clear of obstructions. Please be tree-sponsible and keep limbs trimmed. Overhanging tree limbs can cause delay in city services. For more information, visit gptx.org/codecompliance

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**TWA$ THE NIGHT BEFORE BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL**

Friday, Nov. 25 - Sunday, Dec. 11
Texas Trust CU Theatre
1001 Texas Trust Way

Don't miss Cirque du Soleil's exhilarating spin on the beloved Christmas tale about the wonders of sharing and friendship. This show is a flurry of Christmas cheer and fun with hugely lovable characters that will introduce audiences to the magic of Cirque du Soleil. 25 performances. Tickets start at $44. Visit axs.com for tickets and showtimes.

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**SNOW HO HO HO**

Children and their families are invited to Grand Prairie libraries for holiday crafts, activities and games. Meet special guests, take fun photos and enjoy the magic of the season. For more information visit gptx.org/library.

- **Monday, Dec. 5, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.** - Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.
- **Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** - Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.** - Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

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**FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Saturday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 3, 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.

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**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

Saturday, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, 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.

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**CODE COMPLIANCE**

Code Compliance has recently changed to an Administrative Adjudication (Civil) process to increase efficiency and enable violations to be resolved more quickly.

**What if I receive a code violation?**
Code Compliance's goal is to beautify the city. If you receive a violation, take care of it as soon as possible. If you feel we missed the mark, an appeal is always available.

**How do I avoid a citation?**
Keep your property neat, clean and up to code. Your neighbors will appreciate you.

gptx.org/codecompliance
Farmers Market
Market Square, 120 W. Main St. • Open Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Farmers Market features locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles and more. For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket.

Veterans Day Celebration
Friday, Nov. 11
Gather: 9:30 p.m., Service begins: 10 a.m.
Veterans Memorial, 925 Conover Dr.
Join us as we take this time to honor the service of our veterans and their families who have sacrificed to protect and defend this county. This year's Veterans Day will be hosted in-person and live streamed at facebook.com/GrandFunGP. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

Get Fit GP Adult Health Fair
Monday, Dec. 7, 2-6 p.m.
Veterans Park Event Center, 925 Conover Dr.
This health fair, for active adults over the age of 50, will feature health screenings, education and healthy snacks. For more information, visit gptx.org/getfitgp.

Donate to Water Bill Help Fund
Donate as little as $1 per month with your water bill payment to help Grand Prairie families who cannot pay their water bills. To make your donation, email your name, address and the amount of your donation to waterhelp@gptx.org. This program is sponsored by the City of Grand Prairie in cooperation with Grand Prairie United Charities. For information, call 972-237-8200.

Strollin’ With the Mayor
Saturday, Oct. 15 • Health Fair: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Walk begins: 9 a.m.
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.
Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a 2-mile stroll through downtown Grand Prairie in your favorite pink gear and visit with local health care providers in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Free T-shirts while supplies last.

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.
More info.: gptx.org/viagp

Crime Tip
Never leave your car running. Take your keys, lock your doors.

Join Our Grand Team!
Apply Today!
The City of Grand Prairie is now hiring full-time and part-time positions! Full time beginning at $17.82/hour, plus benefits including paid leave, retirement and health insurance. To apply, scan the QR code or visit gptx.org/jobs.

Donate to PlayGrand Adventures Through Water Bill
Make PlayGrand Adventures, Grand Prairie's playground for all ages and abilities, part of your monthly giving. Grand Prairie residents can now make recurring donations of any amount through their monthly water bill. One-time set up required. PlayGrand Adventures is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Visit playgrandadventures.com for more info.
**Access Your Water Meter Online**

See your actual water use online 24/7 at gptx.org/H2Know. With H2Know you have the power to:

- Receive automatic alerts of higher than normal use
- 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

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**Grand Prairie Library Events**

**Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. - GLOWvember Bubble Bus Bash**
Enjoy glow-in-the-dark bubbles and stay for the epic dance party!
Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.

**Friday, Nov. 11, 4:15 p.m. - Native American Stories and Drum Circle**
Join Dorayne Breedlove for a Native American celebration full of stories, music, artifact show and tell and a drum circle featuring traditional flute. Register beginning Oct. 28 at bit.ly/3JWwxCM.

**Thursday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m. - Sensory Babies**
For children 0-18 months. Educational, sensory play activities for babies.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

For more information, visit gptx.org/library or call 972-237-5700.

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**Public Information and Flood Assistance**

The city’s Stormwater Department provides a comprehensive flood information program to the public. Residents may access flood risk information and other flood-related information by visiting the city’s Stormwater Department online at gptx.org/floodplain, by phone at 972-237-8321, or by meeting with a department representative in person. Would you like to know the flood zone of your property and determine your flood risk? The city website also provides a link to a map information service enabling all residents to determine the flood zone of a specific property. Electronic maps may be viewed and printed online for free at the FEMA Flood Map Store at https://msc.fema.gov/portal. These FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are also available for viewing at City Hall, 300 W. Main St. In addition to providing flood zone determinations for specific addresses, the city’s Stormwater Department can provide floodplain permit application information on proposed or existing structures, data on historical flooding in the city and copies of available Elevation Certificates for some structures. City staff assists residents in non-technical reviews of individual properties, as well as guidance on floodproofing and other mitigation techniques to reduce flooding. Annually, the city mails flood insurance information to homeowners in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), lenders, real estate companies, and insurance companies. Flood insurance is available for all properties located in the City of Grand Prairie, including properties located outside the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain, or SFHA. Cost of flood insurance can be determined by contacting an insurance agent that can write FEMA flood insurance policies.

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**Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

Cybersecurity may seem like a complex subject, but ultimately, it’s really all about people. As an individual or consumer, take these key action steps to protect your online information and privacy:

- Enable multi-factor authentication
- Use strong passwords
- Recognize and report phishing
- Update your software
- Examine emails closely
- Sign out of and lock your devices
- Protect your data and profiles
- Secure your networks
- Practice password safety
- Avoid suspicious links and ads

We tend to think that cybersecurity is only about protecting ourselves from the bad guys, but many security incidents are unintentional and are caused by accident. We can easily become our worst enemy if we are not diligent with the information we manage.

Questions? Contact Grand Prairie’s Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or email oem@gptx.org.

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**Enter to win a $100 Visa gift card!**
**Sign up for AlertGP by Dec. 1, 2022**

AlertGP is a free service that will notify you by phone, email or text about emergencies affecting the Grand Prairie area. To sign up, use this QR code or visit gptx.org/alertgp.