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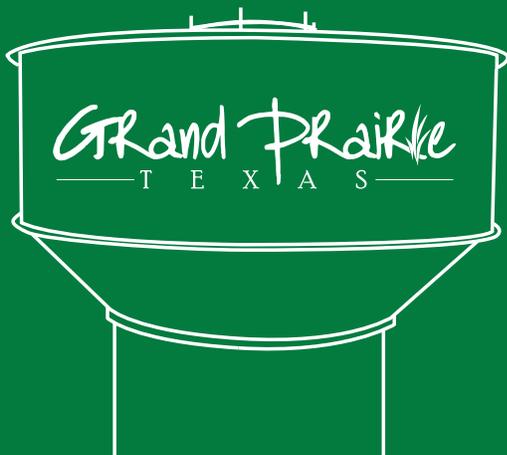
The new Grand Prairie Water Utility Customer Portal is LIVE!

Ready to make your life easier? Head over to gptx.org/paywaterbill to register with your new or existing account number!

AutoPay Users: You MUST re-enroll to continue your automatic payments.

Enroll in AutoPay by July 31, 2025, and get a **\$10 statement credit!**

Visit gptx.org/newwaterportal for detailed information.



¡Regístrate Ahora!

¡El nuevo portal para clientes del servicio de agua de Grand Prairie ya está disponible!

¿Listo para hacer tu vida más fácil? Dirígete a gptx.org/paywaterbill para registrarte con tu número de cuenta nuevo o existente.

Usuarios de Pago Automático: ¡Debes volver a inscribirte para continuar con tus pagos automáticos!

¡Inscríbete en Pago Automático antes del 31 de julio de 2025 y recibe un crédito de \$10 en tu cuenta!

Visita gptx.org/newwaterportal para obtener más información.



RELISH THE FUN AT PICKLE FEST!

Saturday, Sept. 6 • 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

City Hall, 200 Block of Main St.

This event is a big dill! Come downtown for a pickle-themed spectacular! Pickle-centric vendors will be on site with snacks, beer, and items featuring everyone's favorite sour snack. Live music, kids' activities, and a free petting zoo will surround Grand Prairie City Hall. A pop-up pickleball tournament will be hosted onsite, prior registration is required. Visit GrandFunGP.com for more information.



CELEBRATE COMMUNITY AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join your neighbors for an evening of fun, connection, and community spirit at National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7, 5-8 p.m.

This special event brings together residents, police officers, firefighters, EMS paramedics, and city officials for neighborhood block parties across the city. It's a great opportunity to build relationships, promote public safety, and strengthen the bonds that make our community strong.

To learn more or to register your neighborhood event, visit grandprairiepolice.org/nno.



GRAND PRAIRIE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF DELIVERING ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

On July 13, 1999, the Grand Prairie City Council approved a resolution appointing the Grand Prairie Fire Department (GFPD) as the primary EMS provider. Shortly after, GFPD purchased seven ambulances and hired 42 firefighters to serve as certified paramedics. On August 1, 2000, the first city-owned ambulance transported its first patient. Twenty-five years later, GFPD averages approximately 15,000 medical calls per year. Currently, GFPD has more than 250 paramedics who service 84 square miles and four counties.



GFPD's EMS has received multiple recognitions throughout the years, including 11 Mission Lifeline Silver and Gold Plus awards by the American Heart Association for following the latest research-based standards for severe heart attacks and improving the quality of care for all acute coronary syndrome patients.

Strategically located throughout the city's fire stations, eight ambulances are staffed with two firefighters/paramedics 24 hours per day. The paramedics respond to medical emergencies, major accidents, structure fires, and many other related medical calls.

This month, we celebrate the men and women who make up the GFPD EMS as

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POLICE AND PANCAKES

Saturday, Aug. 30

9-11 a.m.

Public Safety Building
1525 Arkansas Lane



Don't miss Police and Pancakes, to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast while learning about Dog Walker Watch — a program that empowers community members to recognize and report suspicious activity while staying safe on their walks.

Meet local officers, explore police vehicles and equipment up close, and bring your canine friends along. Dogs are welcome!

CELEBRATE 10,000 CATS IN TNR PROGRAM!



Saturday, Aug. 16 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Animal Services
2222 W. Warrior Trail

Come by the Animal Adoption Center to celebrate the 10,000th cat to be part of the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program in Grand Prairie. Learn more about the program, bottle-feed baby kittens, and learn from the GP Cat Crew.

CLEAR THE SHELTERS DAY



Saturday, Aug. 23 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Animal Services
2222 W. Warrior Trail

Waived fees for all animals.

Visit gptx.org/paws

Grand Prairie
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ANIMAL SERVICES

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR



Saturday, July 19

Back the Blue Ride or Stroll • Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd.
Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a 5-mile bike ride. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride.
Meet at 9:30 a.m. Ride begins at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Strollin' with the Mayor • Nottingham
Join Mayor Jensen for a walk through the Nottingham neighborhood.
Walk begins at 9 a.m. Free shirts while supplies last.

More info.: gptx.org/getfitgp

PRAIRIE FEST FILM SHOWCASE

Enjoy this showing of independent films from all over the world at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-642-2787 or visit uptowntheatergp.com.

PrairieFest 2025 Film Showcase

Hosted by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Saturday, Aug. 30

Doors Open: 12:30 p.m., Showtime: 1 p.m.



SUMMER FUN AT THE LAKE PARKS

Summer Concert Series

Aug. 14 - 6 p.m. • Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
Live music, good vibes and plenty of fun! Free for Grand Prairie residents. \$20 per vehicle for non-residents.

Movies on the Beach

Aug. 22 - 7 p.m. • Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd.
Lights, Camera, Loyd Park! Grab your family and relax as you watch fan-favorite movies. \$20 per vehicle.

GP Nature Club

Aug. 30 - 9 a.m.-noon • Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd.
Dive into a new educational theme each month including fishing, geology and more. \$20 per vehicle. Visit GrandFunGP.com

CHALLENGES OF SHADE GARDENING CLASS

Saturday, Sept. 6, 10-11 a.m. • Public Works Training Center

Learn about soil preparation, shade gradation and water requirements.
Registration required at 972-237-2042 or email: Watersmart@gptx.org

FARMERS MARKET



Open Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
120 W. Main St.

Discover the the Farmers Market in the heart of downtown featuring locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, meat, salsas, chips, dips, relishes, honey, eggs, spices, soaps, candles, artisan crafts and more.

SUMMER READING CLUB END OF SUMMER PARTY

Thursday,
July 31
6-7:30 p.m.
Main Library,
901 Conover Dr.



Explore the art of nature through hands-on crafts and activities, a bounce house, fun giveaways, and a special toddler play area. There will also be a special activity for teens and adults.

HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR



Saturday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Parkway

This free event includes food, activities for kids and informational sessions about homeownership and buying a home. Register at gphns.org

FLOOD INSURANCE LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Resident,

A flood can devastate your home and your financial stability. Any flood – even a small one – can result in expensive repairs. Floodwaters are a mixture of mud, sewage, animal waste and chemicals. Floods ruin floors, walls, and carpets. Everything from appliances to your furniture may have to be thrown away. You have seen the pictures of household items thrown to the curb following devastating flood events in Texas and across our nation. Without flood insurance, you are on your own. Your standard homeowners insurance policy does not cover flood damages. The government will not help you pay for necessary repairs following a flood. The president must declare a flood as a disaster before federal assistance can be made available. Even when floods are declared disasters, financial assistance is typically provided in the form of a loan that you will have to pay back with interest. Flooding is America's #1 disaster. You don't have to live near a major creek or waterway to be flooded. Severe storms, downed trees, and debris dumped in creeks can all cause flooding. The good news is that flood insurance can be surprisingly affordable. If you live in a moderate-to-low risk area, the typical flood insurance policy costs approximately less than \$500 yearly for building and contents coverage. If you rent and do not own your home, you can purchase "contents only" coverage to protect your belongings. Anyone in the City of Grand Prairie can purchase flood insurance. You do not have to live in the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain to purchase flood insurance. The majority of private property flood damage reported to the city in 2015 was located outside the 1% annual chance floodplain. Floods can happen in a short period of time. Flash flooding can happen with very little warning. FEMA typically has a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance becomes effective. If you wait until a flood is predicted, you may not be able to get flood insurance coverage in advance of the storm. The city's Stormwater Department provides a comprehensive flood information program to the public. Residents may access flood risk information and other flood information by calling the city Stormwater Department at 972-237-8321, and meeting with a department representative in person, or by accessing the city's website at www.gptx.org/floodplain. Do you want to know the flood zone of your property to determine your flood risk? The city can provide a map information service enabling all residents the ability to determine the flood zone of a specific property. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for viewing at City Hall. Current FIRMs can be found at the following link on the city's website: www.gptx.org/floodplain and at the FEMA Flood Map Store at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. Don't let a flood wash away your financial future. Get flood insurance... before it's too late!



Mayor Ron Jensen
City of Grand Prairie

KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Turn your thumb green at one of the six garden locations and grow your own fresh veggies—free for Grand Prairie residents only. Complete an interest form and view the free class schedule at gptx.org/kgpb.

ENTER THE CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all photographers—amateur and professional! We invite Grand Prairie residents to submit their best shots for the 2025 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries will be accepted through October 1, 2025.

Photos must be taken in Grand Prairie and suitable for publication in city materials. This year, we're especially looking for patriotic-themed images that highlight the spirit of the United States—think American flags, red, white, and blue, or moments that celebrate our national pride.

Selected photos may appear in a variety of city publications, with credit given in the calendar. The winning photos will be featured in the 2026 City Calendar, which will be printed and distributed in December.

To enter, please include your name, address, email, and phone number with your photo submission. Email high-resolution image to: media@gptx.org.

TEXAS BLUEBONNET AWARD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 4:30-5 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
Students in grades 3-6 are invited to have some bookish fun discussing books from the Texas Bluebonnet Award list.

EMS

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their dedication, professionalism, and courage make our EMS system among the best in the country.

We are grateful for their service and pledge to continue supporting training and safety initiatives that will continue to protect and care for the residents and visitors of Grand Prairie. For more information, visit gptx.org/fire.