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CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

A STAR-SPANGLED
PARTY 250 YEARS
IN THE MAKING!

SATURDAY, JULY 4
6-10 P.M. | EPICCENTRAL

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS AND
SETTLE IN FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY.**

The Star-Spangled Party is a celebration of the United States of America and its 250th year of independence.

Celebrate America's milestone anniversary with a retired Army Ranger parachuting in, a plane flyover, a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Grand Prairie Arts Council, an exciting drone show and Illuvia paired with music, food trucks and vendors.

Come out to EpicCentral and join the Star-Spangled Party this July!



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CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

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 6 p.m. Rides begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.
Waggoner Park, 2122 N. Carrier Pkwy.

Tuesday, June 9, Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.
Alliance Skate Park, 1002 Lone Star Pkwy.

Saturday, July 25

Back the Blue Ride, Meet at 8:30 a.m. Ride/Walk begins at 9 a.m.
Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy.



MAYOR'S COMMUNITY 5K - WALK, RUN, STROLL

Saturday, May 30

Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Registration: 8 a.m. • 5K begins at 9 a.m.

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for the Community 5K, a free event in downtown Grand Prairie.



CLEAN AIR ACTION DAY

Ozone season is here! Now through November, ground-level ozone reaches its highest concentration. Help reduce ozone pollution this season by taking part in Clean Air Action Day on Friday, June 5. Clean Air Action Day occurs on the first Friday of June every year to bring the community together to do at least one thing to help improve air quality.

Here are some actions you can take on clean air action day:

- Carpool
- Combine trips/driving less
- Shop locally
- Reduce idling
- Bring your lunch to work

Find more ways you can take action and take the pledge at airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday.

ENTER THE CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all photographers—amateur and professional! We invite Grand Prairie residents to submit their best shots for the 2026 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries will be accepted through September 1, 2026.

Photos must be taken in Grand Prairie and suitable for publication in city materials. Selected photos may appear in a variety of city publications, with credit given in the calendar. The winning photos will be featured in the 2027 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.

UPTOWN THEATER

Something Rotten!

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

June 12-14 and June 19-21

A musical comedy that takes audiences o the Renaissance—where two playwright brothers are desperate to outshine their rival, William Shakespeare.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



Thursday, June 11, 6-8 p.m.

Juneteenth Volleyball Game

Dalworth Recreation Center

2012 Spikes St.

Friendly volleyball game featuring the Dalworth Community and the Grand Prairie Police Department. Free food, games, and entertainment for all.

Friday, June 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Juneteenth Block Party

EpicCentral

West of SH 161 between Warrior and Arkansas Lane

Join us for an evening of music, entertainment, diverse food options, and fun games and prizes.

Saturday, June 13

Juneteenth Parade and Cookout

Parade lineup: 9 a.m.

Parade begins: 10 a.m.

The parade will begin at City Hall, 300 W. Main St., and proceed to the Dalworth community, concluding at Tyre Park. Free food, local vendors, entertainment suitable for children, and free-swimming opportunities.

FARMERS MARKET



Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grand Prairie Farmers Market

120 W. Main St.

The Farmers Market is open! Explore fresh produce, tasty food and unique crafts. Visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.



GRAND PRAIRIE LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CLUB 2026

Reading is Totally Rad at Grand Prairie Libraries this summer!

Friday Program Series

The libraries host fun programs for kids most Fridays at all three locations this summer.

Friday, June 12: Ready, Set, Throw!

Friday, June 26: Breakin' at the Library
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road: 10:30 a.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.: 1 p.m.

Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.: 3:30 p.m.

Library Renaissance Faire

Thursday, July 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

Don your finest renaissance attire and join us for games, crafts, and general merriment. Watch special guests juggling and dancing around the library and end the night with a performance by ye olde Grand Prairie Library Ukulele Club.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY CLEARANCE SALE

Thursday, June 25-Friday, June 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Find great bargains. Every book only 50 cents each!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Applications are now open for your chance to get involved, share your perspective, and help shape the future of your community! As a volunteer Board/Commission member, you'll serve in an advisory role to the City Council, offering input on housing, parks, development, public health, and services for older adults. Apply online at gptx.org/boardsandcommissions by June 1, 2026. For info: 972-237-8035 or email: GPCitySecretary@gptx.org.

SOCCER FANS

Get ready, Grand Prairie! Soccer fans are coming to the area this summer. For information related to the tournament, events and resources visit, VisitGrandPrairieTX.com/FWC26.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH



Friday, June 12, 7:30-10 p.m.
Kung Fu Panda

Friday, July 10, 7:30-10 p.m.
Nacho Libre

Friday, Aug. 14, 7:30-10 p.m.
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

Lynn Creek Park
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
Free for Grand Prairie residents. \$20 per vehicle for non-residents

Lights, camera, Lynn Creek Park!
Grab your family and relax while watching fan-favorite movies at Loyd Park. Whether you're camping or just there to enjoy the show, this is a perfect way to spend a summer evening!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Friday, June 26, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, July 17, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 21, 6-9 p.m.

Lynn Creek Park
5610 Lake Ridge Parkway
Free for Grand Prairie residents. \$20 per vehicle for non-residents

Enjoy live music and local food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and your best dance moves. For music lineup and information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

UKULELE IN A HURRY



Wednesday, June 17, 6-8 p.m.

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Join us for this two-hour ukulele crash course. Register beginning June 3 by email to cplemmons@gptx.org.

FLOOD RISK, TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

Flooding can happen anywhere, and Grand Prairie is no exception. In the last 10 years Grand Prairie has had several flooding events that caused damage. The most common cause of flooding is water due to rain that accumulates faster than soils can absorb it, or rivers can carry it away. The #1 cause of deaths during flooding is drowning. You should never walk or drive through flood waters. It only takes 6 inches of moving water to knock you off your feet. A vehicle caught in swiftly moving water can be swept away in seconds, 12 inches of water can float a car or small SUV, 18 inches of water can carry away large vehicles. Do NOT drive into flooded roadways or around a barricade; Turn Around, Don't Drown! The good news is there are things you can do to protect yourself and belongings from flooding.

Before the Flood

- Create a Communications Plan - Identify a safe location and way to communicate with family members
- Assemble an Emergency Kit - Have enough food, water, and medicine on hand always to last you at least 3 days in the case of an emergency.
- Sign Up for Notifications - Get alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our emergency alert program AlertGP by visiting the city's website gptx.org
- Prepare Your Home - Since standard homeowners' insurance doesn't cover flooding, ensure coverage by contacting your insurance company or agent to purchase flood insurance.
- Prepare your Family/Pets - Don't wait until the last moment to gather the essentials for yourself, your family.
- Charge Your Essential Electronics - Make sure your cell phone and portable radios are all charged in case you lose power or need to evacuate.
- Leave - If it is likely your home will flood.

During The Flood

- Stay Informed: Listen to radio, television, and AlertGP notifications
- Get to Higher Ground: If you live in a flood prone area or low-lying area, get to higher ground immediately.
- Obey Evacuation Orders: If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Avoid Flood Waters: Don't walk or drive into flooded areas. Turn Around Don't Drown!

After the Flood

- Stay Informed: Stay tuned to your local news for updated information on road conditions.
- Avoid Flood Waters: Standing water hides many dangers including toxins and chemicals.
- Avoid Disaster Areas: Do not visit disaster areas. Your presence may hamper rescue and other emergency operations.
- Heed Road Closed and Cautionary Signs: Road closure and other cautionary signs are put in place for your safety.
- Wait for the All Clear: Do not enter a flood damaged home or building until you're given the All Clear by authorities. Contact your insurance agent to discuss property damage.
- Contact Your Family and Loved Ones: Let your family and close friends know that you're okay so they can help spread the word.

For more information on the flood safety you can visit www.ready.gov/floods or the Stormwater Department at 972- 237-8321 or floodplain@gptx.org.

GARDENING CLASS



Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.

Planning a Fall Garden

Learn fall gardening activities and tips, timing of the fall garden, and the importance of compost and mulch. To register, email WaterSmart@gptx.org.

LITTER CLEANUP: WALNUT CREEK

Saturday, June 6, 8-11 a.m.

Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Road

This is an Adopt-a-Stream water-based cleanup. Paddlers may bring their own kayak, canoe, etc. Register at gptx.org/kgpbcleanup

FREE OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL AT CHICKEN N PICKLE



Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Open play time slots must be reserved at least 1 day but no more than 2 days in advance. To reserve a time slot online, visit ActiveNet (<https://rb.gy/1ddly1>). You may also visit the Tony Shotwell Life Center or call 972-237-8109 between 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday - Friday to reserve a court.

Reservations open online at 6 a.m. or at 9 a.m. in-person/over the phone two business days in advance. Reservations are for one-hour minimum, two hours maximum.

For Grand Prairie residents and employees only.