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1942 Vought assembly line. Photo compliments of John Jipp 0001-0076-02-0025-1942

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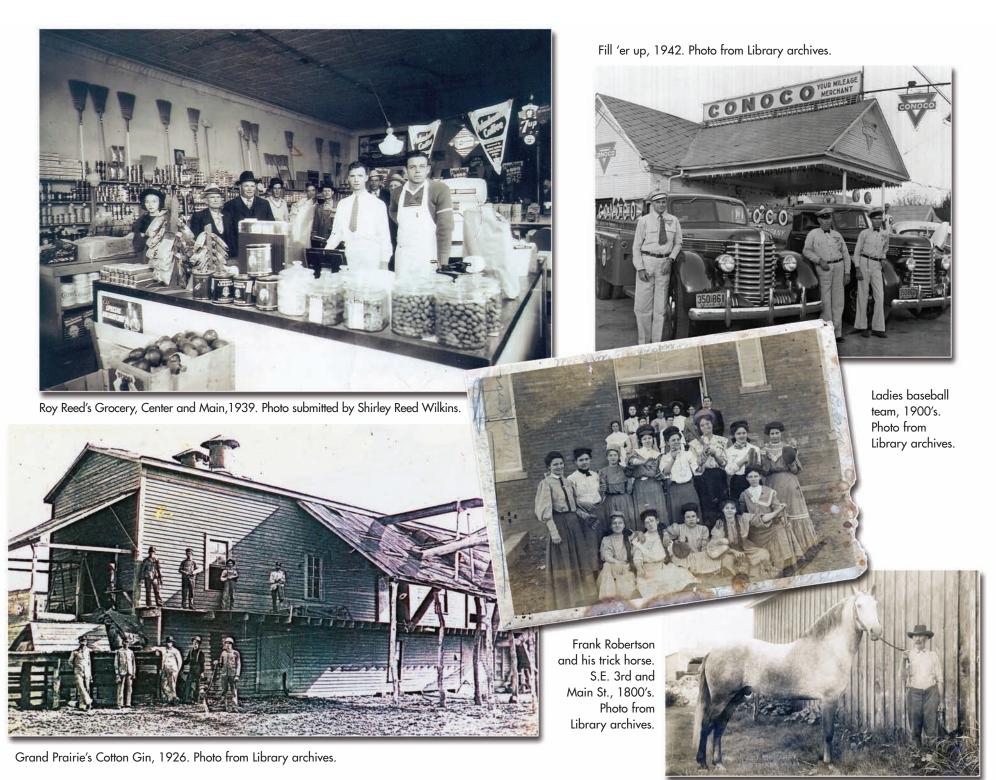
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Mayor Charles England and Grand Prairie First Lady Janice England

Grand Prairie really scored several home runs in 2008. From the **AirHogs** inaugural season of minor league baseball to the city being named a "**Best Place to Live**" by Money Magazine, Grand Prairie continues to grow and prosper, yet maintain our friendly, easy going way of life. And, we have a lot to look forward to in 2009:

- Celebrate the city's **100 years of incorporation**, with 100 events for 100 years, including the main festival March 28, 2009. This calendar is just one of the ways we'll celebrate our history in 2009.
- Open the new outdoor event garden at the Ruthe Jackson Center.
- Build a new Market Square and farmers' market downtown.
- Break ground on the new **Prime Retail Outlet Mall** on I-20.
- Open the Warrior Trail connection from Carrier to SH 161.
- Ask voters to revote the 1/4 cent sales tax for **street improvements**.
- Open new joint fire station with Cedar Hill.
- Build Hill Street through to Randol Mill Road.
- Cut Kingswood through to SH 360 from Great Southwest.
- Punch Crossland across State Highway 161.

Thank you for helping us tell the world how great Grand Prairie is.

**GRAND PRAIRIE CITY COUNCIL** 

Sincerely,





Minnie the Meter Maid, 1963. Photo submitted by Darlene Hubbard.



Mark Hepworth



Jim Swafford



Bill Thorn Place 3

81.4 sq. miles

975



Richard Fregoe Place 4



Tony Shotwell Place 5



Ron Jensen Place 6



Rick Sala At Large



Ruthe Jackson At Large

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Land Area

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	166,654
Median Age	32
Avg. Price of New Home	\$233,005
Avg. Household Income	\$50,181
DEVELOPMENT	
New Single Family	
Building Permits Issued	642
Value of Average Single	
Family Permit	\$232,464
New Apartment Units	328
New Commercial/Industrial	
Sq. Ft. (projects underway	
and proposed)	1,955,506

### Number of New/Retained Jobs TOP TEN TAXPAYERS

Bell-Helicopter-Textron
Prologis/Catellus
Oncor Electric
Republic Beverage
Hanson Pipe & Products, Inc.
Duke Realty
Towns of Riverside
Cardinal Health 200 Inc.
Lockheed Martin
First Industrial Texas LP

#### Property Tax Rates

(Per \$100 Assessed Property Value)	
City of Grand Prairie	\$0.669998
Grand Prairie ISD	\$1.465000
Arlington ISD	\$1.272000
Cedar Hill ISD	\$1.500000
Mansfield ISD	\$1.450000
Dallas County	\$0.22810
Tarrant County	\$0.26400

#### RETAIL SALES TAX RATES

City	1.00000
AirHogs Ballpark	0.12500
Active Adult Center	0.12500
Parks Improvements	0.25000
Street Improvements	0.25000
Crime Control District	0.25000
State	<u>6.25%</u>
Total Sales Tax	8.25%

### GRAND PRAIRIE'S TOP EMPLOYERS

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Grand Prairie ISD	3,200
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control	2,600
Poly-America, Inc.	1,400
Bell Helicopter-Textron	1,300
Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie	1,200
City of Grand Prairie	1,200
Vought Aircraft Industries	700
Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.	600
Hanson Pipe & Products, Inc.	500
Wal-Mart	500
American Eurocopter	500
Pollock Paper Distributers	500
Arnold Transportation Services	500
SAIA Motor Freight Line, Inc.	500

#### OPERATING BUDGET (2007-2008)

General Fund	\$97,576,519
Water/Wastewater	\$47,688,002
Other	<u>\$48,227,534</u>
TOTAL	\$193,492,055

#### MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Police/Fire Civil Service	416
General Employees	867
Total Full-Time	1,127
Total Seasonal/Part-Time	156

#### LIBRARIES

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Main Library Total Collection	149,177
Warmack Branch Total Collection	43,087
Bowles Branch Total Collection	10.844

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Acres of Park Land	5,002
Number of Parksites	56
Rounds of Golf Played	71,673
Ruthe Jackson Center Events	1,105
Loyd Park Campers	18,691
Lynn Creek Park Attendance	343,952
Cemetery Spaces Sold	247

#### UTILITIES

Water Production	25.1 millio
(Avg. Gallons/Day)	
Fire Hydrants	7,010
Miles of Water Lines	800.05
Collection Line	752 miles
Customer Accounts	43,739

#### SOLID WASTE

Tons of Garbage Disposed	180,585		
Tons of Commercial Recycling	30,697		
Tons of Residential Recycling			
at the Landfill	4,362		
at the Curb	4,247		
at Drop Sites	1,253		

#### Transportation

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings	101,090
Grand Connection Bus Passengers	42,469



City Manager's Office (I to r): Mike Foreman, Assistant to the City Manager; Andy White, Assistant to the City Manager; Cathy DiMaggio, City Secretary; Anna Doll, Deputy City Manager; Tom Hart, City Manager; Tom Cox, Deputy City Manager.



Grand Prairie Fire Department, 1950. Photo from the Grand Prairie Library archives.

### Top 10 Accomplishments of 2008



Opened the historic **Uptown Theater** to rave reviews.

Launched a new weekly news show, GP Update, on GPTV Channel 16 and gptx.org.

Built QuikTrip Ballpark and enjoyed a successful first season of the Grand Prairie AirHogs minor league baseball team, American Association Southern Division Champions.

Broke ground on the new Public Safety Headquarters and **Active Adult Center.** 

Saw the 1/4 cent sales tax for parks complete the 3.2-mile Lone Star Trinity Trail in the entertainment district; opened Wide World of Parks mega-playground at QuikTrip Ballpark; celebrated the 5-mile Good Link Trail between Mike Lewis and Waggoner parks; installed the Fish Creek playground on Allegro Lane; updated outdoor swimming pools with mega-slides; and added a diving board at Kirby Creek Indoor Pool.

Invested \$4.5 million through the 1/8 cent sales tax for street improvements on 12 streets, three alleys and 53 leveling projects to pave the way to smooth driving.

Opened the **Belt Line Overpass** at Main and Jefferson.

Began driving on State Highway 161 frontage roads.

Continued to make strides in public safety: for the first sustainable time in a decade, Police were fully hired; added filing police reports online for citizens; appointed new Gang Unit; shifted police to 12-hour workdays, putting more police officers on the street; and added a second police dog, Sara, who specializes in narcotics.

# 2008 AWARDS



- ★ Named a "Best Place to Live" by Money Magazine.
- ★ Awarded "Best in Nation" status for our Parks, winning prestigious Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Parks Association.
- ★ Grabbed "Playful City USA" designation.
- ★ Won five Savvy's best in nation for communications from the City County Communications and Marketing Association.
- ★ Received the coveted "Good Sam Park" designation at Loyd Park camp grounds.
- ★ Won "Best New Ballpark in America" award for QuikTrip Ballpark from Ballpark Digest.
- \* Ranked "Best Place to Live" by the readers of the Today Newspapers.
- ★ Won the 2008 National Public Communications Award from the American Water Works Association.
- ★ "Best New Wellness Program" from the Champion in Health Workforce Wellness Coalition.

Received **credit rating upgrade** from Standard & Poor's and Fitch to "AA+" and "AA positive outlook."



1947 "Honk for Curb Service" submitted by Roxann Combs. Background photo by Bradley Barton.

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### JANUARY 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	n-			1	2	3
N-504		"Uptown Street Party" Photo by Zach Whitman		New Year's Day City Offices Closed School Holiday Break	School Holiday Break	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Uptown Theater – Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.				MISD Student Holiday	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	AISD Student Holiday  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					



# FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	55	6	7
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Uptown Theater – The Marvelettes
œ	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	MISD Holiday	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
22	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.  Presidents' Day	24	25	26	27	28
	AISD Holiday					Lynn Creek Park Opens
TISTICAL PARTY OF THE PARTY OF		"Fish Creek Trail" Photo by Bradley Barton				



1950 Grand Prairie State Bank photo submitted by Angela Giessner. Background photo by Ronnie Gentry.

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### March 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Uptown Theater – Pinetop Perkins and Big Daddy Knox
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Forward	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<b>▼</b>	St. Patrick's Day  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	— GPISD/AISD/MISD — Spring Break		>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
29	30	31		"National Gold Medal Parks" Photo by Kelly Eddlemon		



1953 Bagdad Club burns. Photo from the Grand Prairie Library archives. Background photo by Derek Townsend.

# **APRIL 2009**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thursday	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	Thoroughbred Racing Begins Lone Star Park	GPISD/AISD/ MISD Holiday	11
12 Easter	MISD Holiday  Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	14	15	16	17	Uptown Theater – Asleep at the Wheel
19	20	21  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	28	29	"1/4 cent sales tax for streets paves the way" Photo by Amy Sprinkles		



GPHS Prom, 1946. Photo submitted by Randy Sisson.

### May 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	"New greens at Tangle Ridge" Photo by Bradley Barton				1 Uptown Theater – The Spencer's Theater of Illusion	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
3	4	City Council Meeting	6	7	8	9
	AISD Holiday	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
10 Mother's Day	11 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22 AirHogs' Home Opener	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.				



Prairie Trails Parade, 1953. Photo submitted by Randy Sisson. Background photo by Allen Sheffield

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# JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	GPISD/AISD/MISD Last Day of Classes			
7	Planning & Zoning	9	10	11	12	13
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				Juneteenth Celebration
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day						
28	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	30	"AirHogs win Southern Division Championship" Photo by Tony Shotwell			Account 1



1989 Blue Angels air show. Photo by Matthew Livingston. Background photo by Michael Smith.

### JULY 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		"Lone Stars and Stripes" Photo by Mike Foreman	1	2	Lone Stars & Stripes Festival Lone Star Park  City Offices Closed	Independence Day  Lone Stars & Stripes Festival Lone Star Park
5	6	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21  City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 Thoroughbred Racing Ends Lone Star Park	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	28	29	30	31	



2700 East Main Street, early 1920s. Photo submitted by Zelma Adkins. Background photo by Derek Townsend.

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# AUGUST 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		"Playful City USA" Photo by Kelly Eddlemon				1
2	3	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23	GPISD/ AISD/MISD 24 First Day of School Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		AirHogs Last Home Game of Season			



GPISD first grade school picture, 1942. Photo submitted by Shirley Reed Wilkins. Background photo by Bradley Barton.

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### SEPTEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Quarter Horse Racing Begins Lone Star Park	
27	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30	"Lake Park Trails" Photo by Evonne Luddeke		



Lions Club cleans Main Street, 1952. Photo submitted by Brenda McCoy. Background photo by Steve Adams.

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# OCTOBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		"Kirby Creek Indoor Pool" Photo by Bradley Barton		1	2	3
4	5	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	AISD Holiday	10
11	GPISD/AISD Holiday Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	27	28	29	30	31
	7 p.m.					BOO! Halloween



JFK and LBJ, 1961. Photo from the Grand Prairie Historical Organization.

7 p.m.

### November 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Saving Time Ends Fall Back		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.		Veterans Day			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	◀		GPISD Holiday —	AISD Holiday —	<b>&gt;</b>	
				Prairie Lights Opens		
				Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed	Quarter Horse Racing Ends Lone Star Park
29	30					
				3	Photo by	
	Planning & Zanina				Ronnie Gentry	
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting					

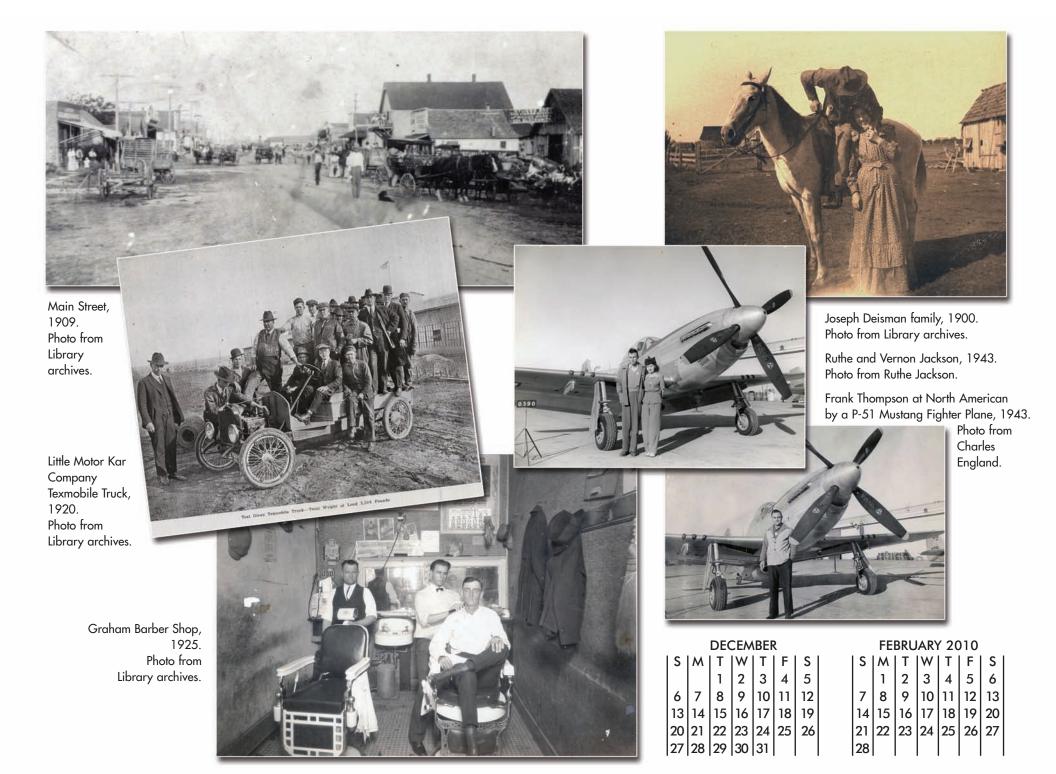


Holiday Lights on Main Street, 1969. Photo from the Grand Prairie Library archives.

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# DECEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	22	23 — School Holiday —	24  Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	Christmas Day City Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30 —— School Holiday ——	"Lake Joe Pool Marina" Photo by Andy Migacz New Year's Eve		



### JANUARY 2010

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		"Sunset at Lake Joe Pool" Photo by LeeAnn Robertson			New Year's Day City Offices Closed	2
3	4	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16
17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.					



Train depot Grand Prairie, circa 1895. Photo from Grand Prairie Library archives.

#### HELPFUL NUMBERS

Airport	
(Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591
Animal Services	972-237-8575
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-670-3248
Birth Certificates - Tarrant County	817-871-7399
Building Inspections	972-237-8230
Car Tags - Dallas County	214-653-7811
Car Tags - Tarrant County	817-884-1100
Chamber of Commerce	972-264-1558
City Council and Mayor	972-237-8022
City Manager's Office	972-237-8012
City Secretary	972-237-8035
Code Enforcement	972-237-8296
Drivers License	972-264-6598
Economic Development	972-237-8160
Engineering	972-237-8141
Environmental Services	972-237-8055
Fire	972-237-8300
911 for emergencies	
Graffiti Hotline	972-237-8599
Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens	972-237-3001
Health Clinic	214-819-2000
Housing & Neighborhood	
Services	972-237-8176
Human Resources	972-237-8192
Illegal Dumping	972-237-8064
Information Technology	972-237-8382
Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful	972-237-81 <i>5</i> 2
Landfill	972-237-4550
Lake Parks	817-467-2104
Libraries	
Grand Prairie Library	972-237-5700
Betty Warmack Branch	972-237-5770
Bowles Branch	972-237-7540

Marketing and Communications	972-237-8086
Marriage License - Dallas County	214-653-6077
Marriage License - Tarrant County	817-548-3928
Municipal Court	972-237-8600
Parks & Recreation	972-237-8100
Planning	972-237-8255
Police	972-237-8790
911 for emergencies	
Public Works	972-237-8154
Purchasing	972-237-8269
Recycling	972-237-8061
Ruthe Jackson Center	972-237-7500
Schools	
Grand Prairie	972-264-6141
Arlington	682-867-4611
Social Security	800-772-1213
Solid Waste	972-237-8151
Streets	972-237-8525
Taxes	
Dallas County	214-653-7811
Tarrant County	817-884-1194
Tourism	972-263-9588
Transit – The Grand Connection	972-237-8546
Transportation	972-237-8139
Water Bills	972-237-8200
Water/Wastewater	972-237-8413
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Avion Village, 1941. Photo submitted by June and Steve Locke.

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