



Dream Big / Play Hard

In 2009 we culminated a year of research into defining characteristics of our city. According to folks who live, work and visit here as well as other Metroplex residents, Grand Prairie is uniquely easy going, friendly, comfortably casual, perfectly located and well known for its great entertainment venues, the lake and our parks. And, our new city logo reflects that.

Our positive momentum continues in 2010 with our Top Ten Goals:

- Open the new 60,000-square-foot Summit activity center for active adults age 50+ at SH 161 and Warrior Trail in April 2010.
- Open the new Public Safety Headquarters at SH 161 and Arkansas Trail in April 2010.
- Open the new Lake Parks Rescue Center across from the Lynn Creek Park entrance in summer 2010.
- Conduct the first annual Fall Indie Fest independent film and music festival for Texas film and music makers in October 2010.
- Open Central Park at SH 161 between Warrior and Arkansas trails, a 172-acre park with lakes, waterfalls and trails.
- Clear former Army-Navy store site to make way for a new Dallas County Courthouse to be built on Church Street.
- Work with downtown merchants to renovate and restore building facades to their 1950s glory.
- Complete Mayfield Road widening from SH 360 to Great Southwest Parkway.
- Open Arkansas Lane as a widened four-lane divided road from Robinson and Carrier.
- Extend Lake Ridge Parkway from Great Southwest to I-20; and widen from Great Southwest Parkway to Joe Pool Lake.

Here's to another great year in Grand Prairie.

Sincerely,



Mayor Charles England and Grand Prairie First Lady Janice England





Mark Hepworth



Jim Swafford



Bill Thorn



Richard Fregoe Place 4



Tony Shotwell



Ron Jensen Place 6



Greg Giessner At Large



Ruthe Jackson At Large Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

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Demographics

Land Area	81 sq. mile
Population	168,500
Median Age	32
Avg. Price of New Home	\$212,000
Avg. Household Income	\$46,955

Development

New Single Family	
Building Permits Issued	316
Value of Average Single Family Permit	\$222,668
New Commercial/Industrial Sq. Ft. (projects underway and proposed)	449,206

Top Taxpayers

Bell-Helicopter-Textron Republic Beverage Hanson Pipe & Precast, Inc. Oncor Electric/Texas Utilities Cardinal Health 200, Inc. AT&T Communications Prologis Lockheed Martin Catellus Development Corp.

Municipal Employees

Police/Fire Civil Service	411
General Employees	701
Seasonal/Part-Time	159

Libraries

Main Library Total Collection	1 <i>4</i> 9,1 <i>7</i> 7
Warmack Branch Total Collection	43,086
Bowles Branch Total Collection	10,844

Property Tax Rates

Troperty tax Raics	
(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



"Art and Artist in the Park" Photo by Jody Lancaster

Retail Sales Tax Rates

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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 Ton Employers

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Grand Prairie ISD	3,400
Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control	2,800
Poly-America, Inc.	1,800
Bell Helicopter	1,300
Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie	1,200
City of Grand Prairie	1,100
Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.	700
Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.	500
Hanson Pipe	500
Wal-Mart	500
American Eurocopter	500
Arnold Transportation Services	500
SAIA Motor Freight Line, Inc.	500
Turbomeca Engine Corp.	400

Operating Budget (2009-2010)

(Total appropriations and reserves) General Fund \$98,097,926 Water/Wastewater \$50,787,116 Other \$49,622,552 TOTAL \$198,507,394

Parks and Recreation

Acres of Park Land	5,002
Number of Parksites	58
Rounds of Golf Played	80,740
Ruthe Jackson Center Events (more than 80,000 guests)	919
Loyd Park Campers	19,306
Lynn Creek Park Attendance	203,250
Cemetery Spaces Sold	231

Utilities

Water Production	24.5 millio
(Avg. Gallons/Day)	
Fire Hydrants	7,134
Miles of Water Lines	776
Miles of Collection Line	752
Customer Accounts	44,228

Solid Waste

Tons of Garbage Disposed	168,387
Tons of Commercial Recycling (at landfill)	24,731
Tons of Residential Recycling	
at the Landfill	4,754
at the Curb	3,738
at Drop Sites	1.091

Transportation

Municipal Airport Takeoffs/Landings 82,482 Grand Connection Bus Passengers 44,800



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.



TEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2009

2009 AWARDS GRand

★ Enjoyed our year as a "Best Place to Live" in the nation so named by Money Magazine.

★ Awarded "Best in Nation" status for our Parks, winning prestigious Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Parks Association for 2008-09.

- ★ Named a "Playful City USA" for the second year in a row.
- ★ Won five national and one state award for best communication programs in nation.
- ★ Received the coveted "Good Sam Park" designation at Loyd Park camp grounds.
- ★ Tangle Ridge Golf Course ranked in "Top 50 Courses in the USA" by Golfweek Magazine.
- ★ Prairie Lakes Golf Course earned "Best Places to Play" status from Golf Digest.
- ★ Garnered five regional and state awards for our outstanding parks and recreation programs.
- ★ Mrs. Ruthe Jackson awarded the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Urban Forestry Program.



Celebrated 100 years of incorporation with festivals, special events, displays and more.

Approved a **new city logo** reflecting the city's casual, friendly, unpretentious, fun, family-oriented, hometown personality as evidenced by research; and tagline:

Dream Big ★ Play Hard.



in October to thousands excited about the new weekly farmers market and event venue.

Began driving on State Highway 161 between SH 183 and Interstate 30.

Opened the fabulous outdoor Gardens at the Ruthe Jackson Center, offering a new element to the popular conference center.

Landed big industrial and distribution economic development deals:

- Solo Cup distribution center
- Discount Tires distribution center
- Lady Primrose Cosmetics distribution and packaging center
- Farley's & Sathers Candy Company warehouse

Built Fire Station 214 with Cedar Hill in April 2009, serving Lake Ridge and the southern sector.

Connected Kingswood Boulevard from Lake Ridge Parkway to SH 360; extended Warrior Trail through from Carrier to Great Southwest Parkway; achieved a Railroad Quiet Zone through downtown; and opened the Belt Line Road Overpass over Main and Jefferson streets.

Renewed by vote of the people the 1/4 cent sales tax for street improvements.

Welcomed the opening of a **John Peter Smith Public Health Clinic** at Sherman Street and Great Southwest Parkway.

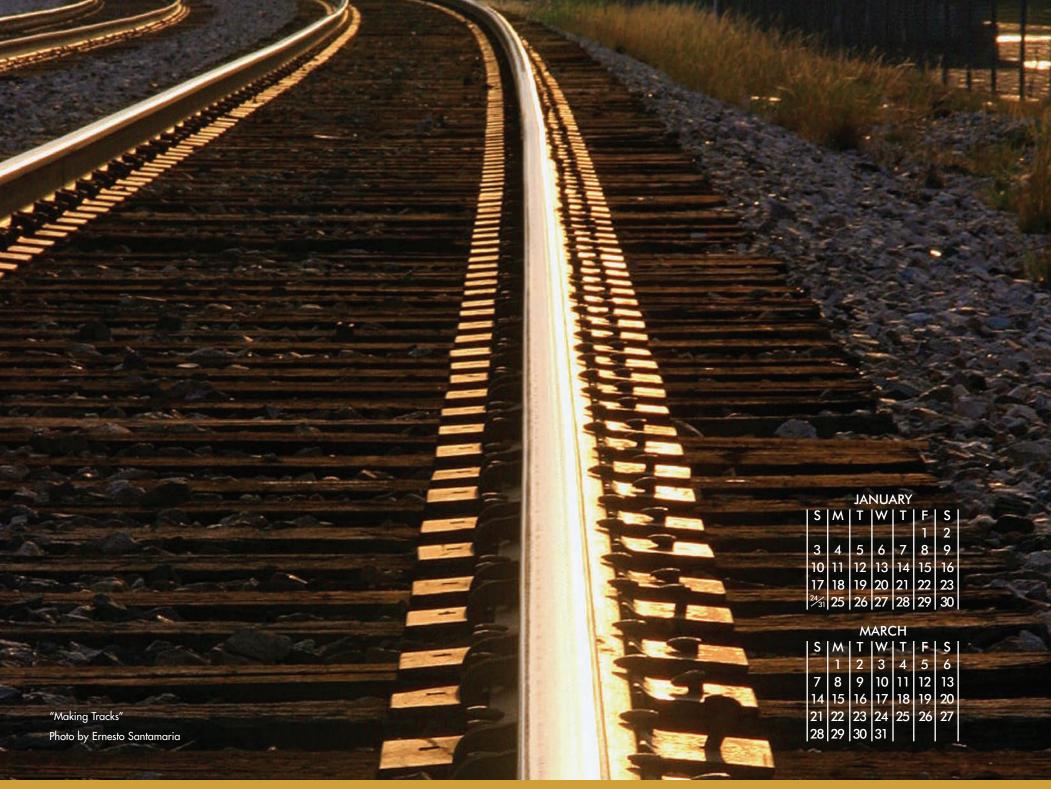






JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRAND PRaikke		"Dubiski High School" by Louis Tovar	JOHN A. DUBIS CAREER HIGH SC Grand Prairie I.S.	HOOL	New Year's Day City Offices Closed School Holiday Break	2
3	4	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	AISD Student Holiday City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	MISD Student Holiday 22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



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FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRAND PRAIRIE TEXAS	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	Uptown Theater – Best of Broadway Love Songs
14 Valentine's Day	15 AISD, MISD Holiday Presidents' Day	16 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	1 <i>7</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28		14 13 2	9 7 6	5	"The Starting Line-up" by Theresa Scaperratta	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRand PRaikke TEXAS	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	Uptown Theater – Celebrate Texas! Singers Songwriters
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 — School Spring Break —	18	19	20
Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Forward		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			"Easy Growing" by Patrick Greenwade



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			"Leap of Faith" by Carol Hernandez	1	2 School Holiday	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Easter	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						Uptown Theater – Simply Sinatra
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	GRANG PRaik



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GRAND PRaikke TEXAS				"In Bloom" by Larry Simmons		Cinco de Mayo Celebration
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	AISD Holiday Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day City Offices Closed School Holiday					



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T E X A S		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.		AISD, MISD, CHISD Last Day of School	GPISD Last Day of School	
6	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	1 5 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	Juneteenth Celebration
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 "Making Waves at Lake Joe Pool" by Sharon Elliott			



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRAND PRAIRICE TEXAS			"The Patade" by Andrzej Migacz	1	2	Lone Stars & Stripes Festival Lone Star Park
Independence Day Lone Stars & Stripes Festival Lone Star Park	5 City Offices Closed	6 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	"The Lost Bridge" by Gordan Graham			GRand PRaikke



SEPTEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"S.S. Prairie Dog" by Tim Shinogle			1	2	3	4
5	Labor Day City Offices Closed School Holiday	7 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	27	28	29	30		GRand PRaikke



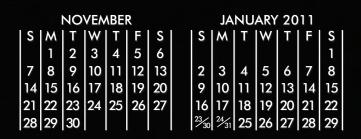
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRAND PRAIRKE TEXAS				"Grand Prairie's Market Square" by Rita Heep	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.				Indie Fest: Film and Music Festival	Indie Fest: Film and Music Festival
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Indie Fest: Film and Music Festival	GPISD/AISD Holiday					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 BOO! Halloween						



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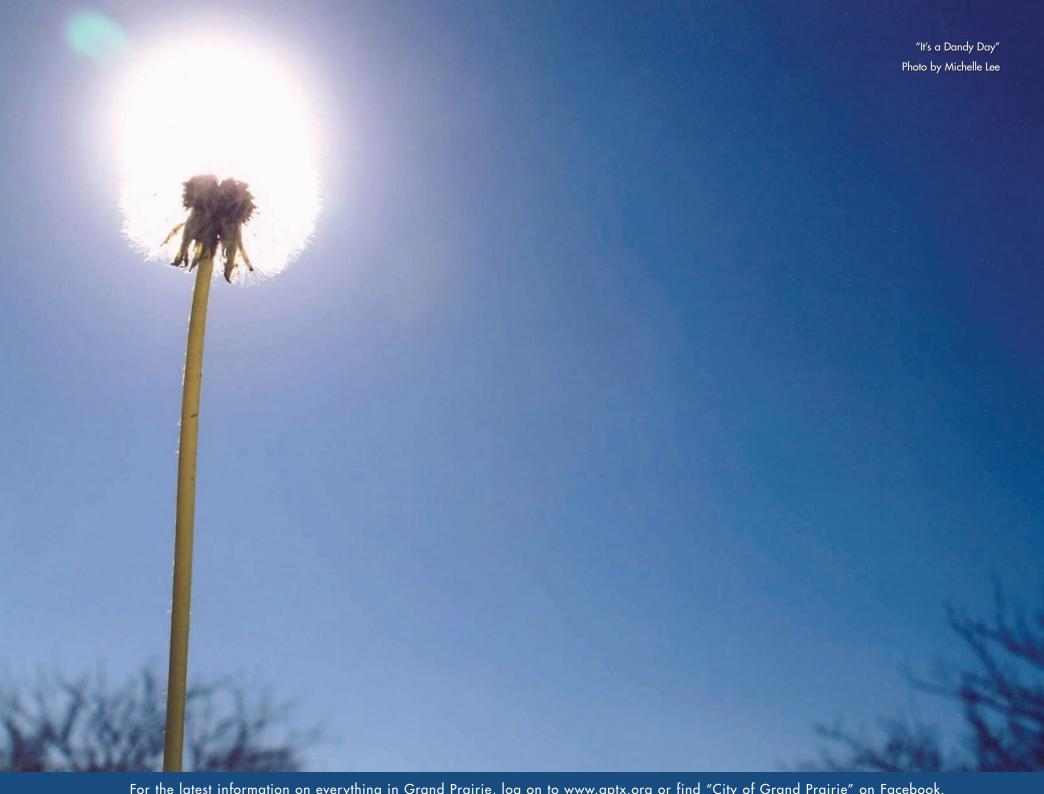
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GRand PRaikke TEXAS	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Saving Time Ends Fall Back				Veterans Day		
14	15	City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	GPISD Holiday ——	Prairie Lights Opens Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed	27
28	29	30			"Ruthe Jackson Honors Our Veterans" by Evonne Luddeke	





DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Prairie Lights" by Kelly Eddlemon			1	2	3	4
5	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 —— School Holiday ——	Christmas Holiday City Offices Closed	Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29 School Holiday —	30	New Year's Eve	GRAND PRAIRIE TEXAS



Libraries

Helpful Numbers

Airport	
(Grand Prairie Municipal)	972-237-7591
Animal Services	972-237-8575
Birth Certificates - Dallas County	214-875-2100
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



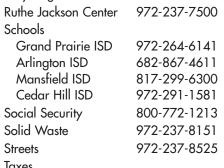
Lake Parks

"Tee It Up!" by Scott Dunson

	City Manager's Office	972-237-8012		
e A	City Secretary	972-237-8035		
	Code Enforcement	972-237-8296		
	Communications			
	and Marketing	972-237-8086		
	Drivers License	972-264-6598		
	Economic Development	972-237-8160		
Engineering	•	972-237-8141		
Environmento	al Services	972-237-8055		
Fire		972-237-8300		
		911 for emergencies		
Graffiti Hotlin	ne	972-237-8599		
Grand Prairie	e Memorial Gardens	972-237-3001		
Health Clinic		214-819-2000		
Housing & N	leighborhood			
Services		972-237-8176		
Human Reso	urces	972-237-8192		
Illegal Dumpi	ing	972-237-8064		
Information T	echnology	972-237-8382		
Keep Grand	Prairie Beautiful	972-237-8152		
Landfill		972-237-4550		

Chamber of Commerce 972-264-1558 City Council and Mayor 972-237-8022

LIDIGITES	
Grand Prairie Library	972-237-5700
Betty Warmack Branch	972-237-5770
Bowles Branch	972-237-7540
Marriage License - Dallas County	214-653-7559
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	4







"The Butterfly and the Flower" by Maryann Folliard



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