

FALLEN LOG HEART ART PROJECT

The city of Grand Prairie's Fallen Log heART art project installation is now installed in Waggoner Park, 2122 N. Carrier Parkway, perfect for your family, friends or individual photo. Located under a tree canopy, with a natural backdrop of vines and foliage, just north of the walking trail behind the ballfields, the artwork replicates a tree that fell in the forest just waiting to be discovered. With a heart shaped "LOVE" carved into the trunk, the 12-foot log has enough room for sitting, standing, stacking...even laying for a dramatic pose for you and your loved ones. The tree was handcrafted by the artisans at NatureMaker Steel Art Trees. Fallen Log is the second installation of the heART Art Project, the first being murals at Farmers Market, which will rotate periodically during the year. The heART Art Project is the brainchild of Councilwoman Jorja Clemson who envisioned art using hearts to symbolize and communicate and inspire love, kindness and unity throughout town. The city will issue a Call to Artists for a third installation in 2022.



THE BIG EVENT

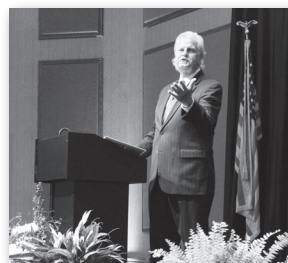
Saturday, March 26

The Big Event is a one-day, city-wide day the City of Grand Prairie celebrates commUNITY by matching volunteers with service projects, neighbors helping neighbors. All Big Event jobs are outdoors, do not require the use of power tools and can be completed within a few hours. Sign up now with your volunteer group, or job request at gptx.org/bigevent. Deadline to register is March 1, 2022.

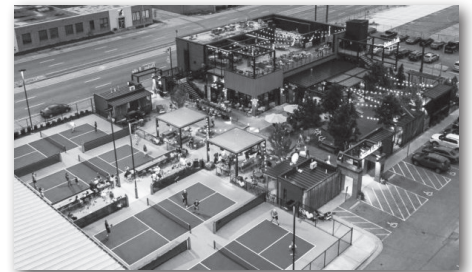


STATE OF THE CITY

The State of the City presentation and dinner is Thursday, March 3, hosted by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce as one of its primary fund raisers. If you are interested in tickets, call the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce at 972-264-1558.



CHICKEN N PICKLE Now OPEN



EpicCentral welcomes its first restaurant with **Chicken N Pickle** now open. Chicken N Pickle is the wildly popular, indoor/outdoor entertainment complex centered around pickleball, offering a variety of games, a casual, chef-driven restaurant and sports bar. The 77,000-square-foot venue features a dining room, six indoor pickleball courts, five outdoor pickleball courts (two covered), and 7,500 square feet of outdoor yard games. A large rooftop bar, stages for live performances and the signature lawn games for which Chicken N Pickle is known round out the property.



Six other restaurants are under construction and expected to open later this year including **Vidorra**, **Serious Eats**—which includes **Serious Pizza**, **Serious Shakes** and **Serious Sliders** and **Loop 9 Barbecue** are scheduled to open in late summer 2022. Construction is underway on **Bolder Indoor Adventure Park**, a 66,000-square-foot indoor family

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FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, March 5, 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 Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, March 5, 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.



KAYAK ADOPT-A-STREAM CLEANUP

Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful event with the Trinity Coalition

Mountain Creek Lake at

Mi Familia Park, 2402 Cardiff

Free kayak rentals will be available for pre-registered volunteers.

Register here: <http://btrr.im/i2cc2>



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Friday, Feb. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

(Dinner served 6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway
\$30 per person

Photography and limo rides an additional fee (limo does not pick up from home). Must pre-register, no door sales. Registration opens December 13, 2021 until sold out. Please call Charley Taylor Recreation center for additional information and to register: 972-339-3770.



KID'S FISHING DAY



Saturday, Feb. 12

Mike Lewis Park Lagoon
2600 Block of North Carrier Pkwy.

Registration: 10-11 a.m.

Fishing: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

FREE to children 16 and under with onsite sign-up table. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with a driver's license or credit card deposit.

For more information, call 972-237-8100 or visit grandfungp.com.

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entertainment venue with an inflatable dome that will be installed in January 2022.

EpicCentral will also include **Hilton Garden Inn** and **Homewood Suites** with a 20,000-square-foot convention center that will feature a 10,000-square-foot ballroom with seating for up to 1,000.

EpicCentral is part of the \$75 million Economic Development Bond Proposal approved by voters in May 2021.

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:

Cinderella Enchanted

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council
February 18-27

Cabaret

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council
March 18-27



ANNUAL HOOPS FOR HISTORY

Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.

An annual Black History Program honoring those who have served in the Dalworth community, featuring an exhibition-style basketball game with the Dalworth Community Team vs. the Grand Prairie Police Department. Special guests and giveaways. Free event.

EPIC PLUNGE

Sunday, Feb. 6, 1 p.m.
Epic Waters Indoor Water Park, 2970 Epic Place

Guests are invited to kick off the new year and take the Epic Plunge with our crew into anticipated water temperatures in the 50's! Afterward, they can thaw off with a cup of hot chocolate while inside the waterpark which is kept at a pleasant 84 degrees. All participants willing to brave the cold and take the plunge will receive an "I Conquered the Epic Plunge" long sleeved T-shirt, hot chocolate after they take the plunge, as well as a full-day admission ticket to enjoy everything Epic Water Indoor Waterpark has to offer. EpicWatersGP.com



EPIC WATERS MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

February 26-28, 11a.m. - 8 p.m.
Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark, 2970 Epic Place

Celebrate Mardi Gras with our Epic Crew. Experience the sights, smells and sounds of New Orleans right in Grand Prairie. Epic Waters will be hosting activities, food specials and live entertainment the entire holiday weekend. For more information, visit EpicWatersGP.com.

BRIDAL SHOW

Wednesday, Feb. 2
Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway
Free event. RSVP required.
Visit RutheJacksonCenter.com or call 972-237-7500.



LIBRARY EVENTS



Badges and Books

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to noon
All ages welcome
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
Hang out with the Grand Prairie Police Department as they show us their gear and vehicles, answer questions about what they do and read their favorite books. This program will take place outside.

Glowing Bubble Bus Bash

Friday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.
All ages welcome
Shotwell Library, 2750 Graham St.
Come for the glowing bubbles, stay for the dance party! We will play and dance outdoors amongst thousands of bubbles. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/glowing-bubble-bus-bash-tickets-224324339137> to register.

Beginner Spanish for Adults

Thursdays at 6 p.m.
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road
January 27 – April 7
(No class March 17)
Adults who are new to Spanish or have taken beginner classes will improve their vocabulary and language skills with these lessons, taught by a professor from Tarrant County College. Email jrudd@gptx.org to register.

Family Movie Matinee:

Hidden Figures

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1-4 p.m.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.
Bring the whole family to the library for a viewing of *Hidden Figures* (Rated PG) and a group trivia game to win prizes. Pillows, blankets, and pajamas are encouraged, popcorn will be provided! To register, please email Josh at jrudd@gptx.org.

FLOOD SIREN INFORMATION, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD SAFETY TIPS



Did you know Grand Prairie has three flood warning sirens, specifically for flood emergencies in the city? During the floods of May 2015, Grand Prairie received more than 20 inches of rain in less than one month. In fact, in that flooding event alone, the state of Texas received enough rain to cover the entire state with eight inches of water.

The three flood warning sirens cover parts of the city that are vulnerable to flash flooding incidents. When activated, the flood sirens transmit a voice message, tone alerts and give information about what residents in the affected area should do during the flood event. The Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management determines if the sirens should be activated based on automated alerts sent by the stream sensors at these locations which are controlled by the city's Flood Warning System.

These flood sirens are just another tool the City has in its tool bag to help protect residents from natural hazards. Did you know that according to the Texas Flood Insurance Group, flash flooding is the #1 natural hazard threat to Texas residents? Below are some emergency preparedness tips that you can follow to help prepare for hazards in Grand Prairie:

- Build an emergency kit to stay safe, fed, and comfortable after a disaster
 - Include water, non-perishable foods, first aid kit and batteries
- Make an evacuation plan to include pets in case of an emergency
 - Determine who you will contact, where you will meet and practice the plan
- Keep important documents in a safe and waterproof place
- Itemize and take pictures of possessions
- Purchase Renters' insurance (if you rent a property) and flood insurance
- Become familiar with your policies and make sure limits protect your property and personal belongs

For more information on the flood sirens, disaster preparedness, and flood safety tips, contact Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org, or the Stormwater Department at 972-237-8141.

HOME REPAIR HELP FOR SENIORS

For seniors age 60 and older or disabled (any age)

- Must own and occupy the home
- Must meet certain income and other guidelines
- Remodeling and cosmetic updates are not allowed
- Repairs must meet HUD approved rehabilitation and safety standards

For information, call Housing and Neighborhood Services at 972-237-8166.



SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 14-18, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ages: 5 years (at least one full year of school completed) -12 years old. Campers will participate in fun field trips, exciting games, and arts and crafts during the week. Each camper needs to bring a sack lunch but will be provided with a daily snack. All registrations done at Charley Taylor Recreation Center. For more information call 972-339-3770. Space is limited.

Fees: \$7/membership fee

\$100/week per child/residents

\$120/week per child/non-residents

VALENTINES BENEFIT PRAIRIE PAWS



Valentine's Day is coming! For just \$15, you can send a love note signed and sealed by a Furry Friend at Prairie Paws to anyone in the United States!

Love notes include an exclusive photo of a cat or dog residing at the Animal Shelter; all funds raised will go to the Grand Prairie Animal Services Animal Welfare Fund. To send a note, visit gptx.org/paws. Ordering closes Wednesday, Feb. 9.

GRAND PRAIRIE WAS NAMED THE 5TH BEST PLACE LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES.

- According to a New York Times Opinion Piece