

MAIN STREET FEST

Friday, April 22-Sunday, April 24
200 block of W. Main St.

The City of Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department is bringing back the Annual Main Street Fest. This three-day festival, with free parking and admission, will celebrate the fun, festive, family atmosphere that is Grand Prairie with live music featuring award-winning super groups accompanied by a variety of regional bands. Throughout the event, enjoy a variety of novelty entertainment, carnival rides, arts and crafts vendors, multiple entertainment stages, food and beer gardens, a KIDZONE and plenty of fun for all! For more information, visit MainStreetFest.com.



SHRED DAY

Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
Lone Star Park - Gate 1 • 1000 Lone Star Parkway
\$5 per box
All proceeds benefit Grand Prairie Crime Stoppers



NEW DEVELOPMENT

Sprouts, known for fresh produce and healthy food products, is scheduled to open soon on the southwest corner of Carrier and Pioneer Parkway next to dd's Discounts.

Suntex Marina Investors has purchased Lynn Creek Marina on Joe Pool Lake. The Oasis restaurant will be renamed the **Blue Sunshine Patio Bar and Grill** and the marina's 97-passenger rental boat known as the Big Kahuna will be renamed **The Wave**. The driving range next to the marina will be renamed **Lynn Creek Driving Range**. Suntex plans to improve amenities and security at the marina and focus on long-term development of the property.

Construction is underway on the 100-unit **Gibson Apartments**, located on the northwest corner of Carrier Parkway and Pioneer Parkway and is scheduled to be complete in mid 2023. Retail and restaurant space on this property is complete and open.



TOWN HALL MEETING

District 6 - Councilman Kurt Johnson
Thursday, April 14, 6-8 p.m.
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

Join Councilman Kurt Johnson for a City Council District 6 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie. In attendance will be Grand Prairie Police, Fire, Code Compliance, Parks, Arts and Recreation and more.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 30
City Hall Campus, 300 W. Main St.
Parade at 10 a.m. Festival at noon

STROLLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for an approximately 2-mile stroll through Grand Prairie's Mira Lagos neighborhood.



Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m.
Lillard Intermediate
1301 Day Miar Rd.

Walk, stroll or run if you must with Mayor Ron Jensen for 3.2 miles through downtown Grand Prairie.

Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m.
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

For info., visit gptx.org/getfitgp

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 9, May 14, 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, April 9, May 14, 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.



MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS

The City of Grand Prairie is offering a STAR-certified master composter course this spring. To be eligible for the certification, participants must complete 20 hours of education, 16 hours in class and four hours outside of class as well as 20 hours of eligible volunteer activity, which includes composting at the Kirby Creek Nature Center. In-class opportunities at the Grand Prairie Landfill, 1102 MacArthur Blvd., are offered on April 23 and April 30. Participants should plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be provided. Additionally, there will be a four-hour field trip on another day TBD.



Registration fee is \$25 for Grand Prairie residents and \$40 for non-residents. Payment for the class must be received by April 15, 2022. Checks must be made payable to the City of Grand Prairie. There must be a minimum of 10 participants for the class to be held. Refunds will be issued if the class is canceled.

ITTY BITTY TRIATHLON

Saturday, May 21, 9-11 a.m.

For ages 3-5 years old. Children will participate in a walk around the Splash Factory (swim), bicycle ride, and finish off with a run to the finish line. Entire course distance is approximately 0.26 miles. Children will receive a medal at the end of the race. Must bring own bike (tricycles allowed) with helmet.

\$15 non-refundable registration fee per child. Must pre-register by May 7. No registrations on race day. For more information call Charley Taylor Recreation Center at 972-339-3770.



FARMERS MARKET

Market Square, 120 W. Main St.
Open Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beginning April 2, 2022

Farmers market features locally grown fruits, vegetables and more. For more information call 972-237-4599 or visit GrandFunGP.com/farmersmarket.

TRASH OFF

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Grand Prairie Landfill
1102 MacArthur

Clean house and get rid of your junk during Trash Off. Residents are allowed an unlimited number of trips to the landfill. Proof of residence in the form of a current water bill or driver's license is required.

Trash Off is a great way to dispose of bulky items that won't fit in the garbage!

Special Fee Information

Automobile tires are accepted for a \$1 disposal fee. Disposal fees of \$5 or \$10 are required for larger tractor/trailer tires.

Computers, printers and fax machines are accepted.

Construction and roofing material will be accepted from commercial businesses for a fee of \$32 per ton. (Contractors may not use this day to avoid paying Landfill fees).

Call 972-237-8330 for more information.

HOME REPAIR HELP FOR SENIORS

Seniors age 60 and older who own and occupy their home and meet certain income and other guidelines may qualify for repairs to deteriorated conditions on their home. The program focuses on HUD approved rehabilitation standards and health/safety concerns. Remodeling and cosmetic updates are not allowed. For more information call Housing



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:

Cruising Steady: The Music and Friendship of Aretha Franklin and Smokey Robinson
Saturday, May 7

Bonnie & Clyde: A Musical Comedy
Friday, May 13



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Thursday, April 14: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 15: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 16: Half Off Sale - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

HOOPLA AT THE LIBRARY

The Grand Prairie Library's digital platform, Hoopla, has added more documentaries, online courses, and magazines. A Hoopla BingePass gives you unlimited access to great online content for 7 days—all with a single hoopla borrow. Now available:

- The documentaries of Curiosity Stream
- 50+ magazines, including *HGTV*, *Texas Monthly*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Cosmopolitan*
- The Great Courses online learning videos

Create your free Hoopla account at hoopladigital.com using your library card number and PIN. Hoopla also offers ebooks, audiobooks, music and movies.

HUNT, GATHER, PARENT

Wednesday,
April 20

6:30 p.m.

Main Library,
901 Conover Dr.
For parents and
caregivers



The oldest cultures in the world have mastered the art of raising happy, well-adjusted children. What can we learn from them? Learn effective parenting approaches explained in *Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy, Helpful Little Humans* by Michaela Douclev, PhD.

GPISD JOB FAIR FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Thursday, April 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Asia Times Square, 2625 W. Pioneer Parkway

For more information, contact lynn@lmcginley.com.

EASTER EGG SWIM

Saturday, April 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Kirby Creek Natatorium

3201 Corn Valley Road

Collect and play with Easter eggs in the pool and turn them in for a sweet prize.

\$3 per participant

For information, visit GrandFunGP.com



EPIC WATERS EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, April 17

Epic Waters Indoor Water Park, 2970 Epic Place

Easter themed games, activities, and entertainment.

For more information, visit EpicWatersGP.com

TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX ART CONTEST

The City of Grand Prairie Public Art Program invites artists to compete for a public art commission to create art on Traffic Signal Boxes (TSBs) located throughout the city. Art chosen for this project will brighten city streetscapes, enhance community pride and create new, paid opportunities for Texas-based artists.

This project includes up to 10 TSBs and is open to concepts for direct painting on the TSBs or for high resolution, digitally printed wraps to be applied to the TSBs. The themes this year include:

- 1) The Environment
- 2) Hearts
- 3) Purple Martins and Native Birds

Submissions are due April 28, 2022. For more information and to apply online, visit gptx.org/trafficsignalboxproject



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 number one cause of deaths during flooding is drowning. You should never walk or drive through flood waters. It only takes six 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 Identified 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 alerted 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.

GRASS HEIGHT

MAXIMUM: 10 INCHES

The maximum height for grass in Grand Prairie is 10 inches. It is unlawful for any person with ownership in a property in the City of Grand Prairie to have grass, weeds, rubbish or brush at a height greater than 10 inches, or for property to appear unsightly or unsanitary along, upon or across the sidewalk or street. Seven days after a property owner has been given notification of a high grass Code Compliance will issue citations and may have the property mowed. The resident will be billed and charged a \$150 administrative fee.

REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS



Receive alerts about severe weather, emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the City of Grand Prairie's emergency notification system, AlertGP.

This system enables the city to provide critical information quickly in various situations such as severe weather, unexpected road closures and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phone, email address, or through text message. Subscribe to AlertGP for FREE at gptx.org/AlertGP.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful
Community Garden Open House

Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m.-noon
Email amaron@gptx.org for info.