

MAYOR RON JENSEN'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

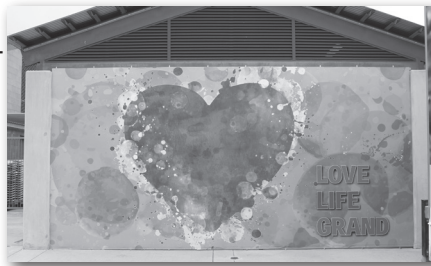
Tuesday, Sept. 28, 6-9 p.m.
 Ruthe Jackson Center
 3113 S. Carrier Parkway

Tickets must be purchased in advance through the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce at 972-264-1558.



#LOVELIFEGRAND PHOTO OP SPOT

Show how much you love Grand Prairie! Visit the HeART photo op spot at Market Square, 120 W. Main St., take a photo and submit it for a chance to win a fun gift basket filled with Grand Prairie items including four free tickets to Epic Waters. Visit gptx.org for more information.



NEW DEVELOPMENT

Braum's plans to open a new 6,000-square-foot store on the north side of Camp Wisdom, east of Magna Carta. **Dutch Bros. Coffee Shop** will open on southbound SH 161 just south of Warrior Trail. **Bahama Bucks** will open a store on the southeast corner of Forum Dr. and SH 161 with menu items such as shaved ice snow cones, fruit smoothies, acai bowls and iced coffees.

The Epic Central development is on track to become a destination hub for entertainment, the arts, recreation and food. **Chicken N' Pickle** restaurant and entertainment venue will open in December 2021. Epic Central's waterfront restaurants, **Vidorra**, **Stirr**, **Serious Eats** and **Loop 9 Barbecue** are scheduled to open in late summer 2022. Construction will begin soon on **Bolder Indoor Adventure Park**, a 66,000-square-foot indoor family entertainment venue. Epic Central is part of the \$75 million Economic Development Bond Proposal approved by voters in May 2021.



COUNCILMAN LOPEZ TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting
 Thursday, Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m.
 Grand Prairie Municipal Airport
 3116 S. Great Southwest Parkway

Join Councilman John Lopez for a City Council District 4 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.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for 5-mile bike rides. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride.

Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.

Nottingham Ride

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m.
 Larson Elementary, 2620 E. Avenue K
 For info.: gptx.org/getfitgp

Good Link Trail Ride

Tuesday, Sept. 14
 Waggoner Park
 2122 N. Carrier Parkway



REGISTER YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Grand Prairie Police Department is excited to announce that this year's National Night Out will be going back to the block.

From contests to giveaways, music, and games, you and your family won't want to miss this fun community event. Mark your calendars, National Night Out will be on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

To register, visit grandprairiepolice.org/nno



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, Sept. 11, 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, Sept. 11, 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.



PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PUTTING GARBAGE OUT TOO EARLY

Putting garbage or recyclables at the curb too early for garbage collection is a city code violation. Placing these items out days before scheduled times causes litter to scatter, attracts animals and is aesthetically unpleasing.

All garbage and recycling must be put out by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day but no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before your collection day.

For more information about garbage and recycling collection, visit gptx.org.

PRENATAL PAMPERING AND EDUCATION

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1-5 p.m.

Pioneer Event Center, 1025 W. Pioneer Parkway

Moms-to-be are invited to free Prenatal Pampering and Education class. Enjoy sound healing, chair massages and manicures along with prenatal education and baby basics. Free childcare will be provided. Register by email at getfitgp@gptx.org. For more information, visit gptx.org/getfitgp.

FARMERS MARKET

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

Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market at Market Square is open Saturdays through mid-December and features locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, tamales, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey and more.

Call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket.

KIDS FISHING DAY

Saturday, Oct. 2

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mike Lewis Park
2410 N. Carrier

Come reel 'em in at the Mike Lewis Park lagoon. This popular event is FREE to children



16 and younger. The lagoon will be stocked with catfish, and ribbons will be handed out to each participant.

There is no registration fee to participate in the Kid's Fishing Day. 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.

972-237-8100 or GrandFunGP.com.

FREE ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP AT THE LIBRARY

The Grand Prairie Libraries offer free online homework help powered by Brainfuse. Live virtual tutoring is offered every day from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Skill building and test preparation is available 24/7. Students may also upload papers to the writing lab for feedback before turning them in. For adult learners, HelpNow offers GED and U.S. citizenship preparation. To access Brainfuse HelpNow, visit the library at gptx.org/library. HelpNow is free to library cardholders.



CLEAR THE SHELTER - FREE ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, 2222 W. Warrior Tr.
Tuesday, Sept. 14 - Saturday, Sept. 18

For more information visit gptx.org/paws

ANIMAL SERVICES FIELD HOURS EXTENDED

Animal Services has extended field services hours to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Animal response from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. will allow more service and pet support for our community than ever before. For Animal Services assistance:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Call: 972-237-8575

PAWS IN THE PARK

Saturday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m. • GrandLawn at EpicCentral, 2960 Epic Place

Dogs of all shapes and sizes and their owners are invited to take part in this fun event! Furry friends will have the opportunity to cool off in a splash zone dog park! Owners will have the chance to gather important information on how to care for their dogs and enter a free raffle that will include fun items for their pups! At sunset, the original classic, *101 Dalmatians* will be shown on the big screen with sweets and treats available for purchase. Free Event.

Visit EpicCentralGP.com for more information.

CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2022 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2021. Email your entry to asprinkles@gptx.org.

Photo must feature Grand Prairie and be suitable for publication. Photos will be used in city publications. Credit will be attributed in calendar, but may not be possible in other publications and uses. Winning photos will be published in the calendar. No cash awards will be offered. Entrants must include name, address, email address and phone number with entry. Winners will be notified in November 2021. The calendar will be printed in December 2021.

Email high-resolution image to: asprinkles@gptx.org

TARRANT COUNTY BRUSH QUARANTINE

An infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed in Tarrant County. Grand Prairie residents who live in Tarrant County may no longer take brush or firewood to the Grand Prairie landfill. For info. call 972-237-8527.

LIVE LIFE EPIC CONTEST EPIC WATERS INDOOR WATERPARK

Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark
2970 Epic Place

Epic Waters is beyond excited to feature the 2021 Live Life Epic contest! Do you know someone who lives life in a truly outstanding way? Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark wants to know all about how that special person Lives Life EPIC! The Epic Waters crew is looking for citizens who set a tremendous example throughout their community. Nominations will be accepted July 10 - Sept. 30. Ten winners will be chosen to win a family 4-pack of annual passes plus be featured on the FlowRider digital board and a special feature blog! Submit your nomination video or essay today!

For more information, visit EpicWatersGP.com.

LABOR DAY AT EPIC WATERS INDOOR WATERPARK



Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark,
2970 Epic Place

Epic Waters is celebrating Labor Day with a party you don't want to miss!

Catch some waves and rays at North Texas' largest indoor waterpark! We have entertainment that is sure to amaze including hula dancers, fire dancers, a live animal show plus much more! Getting hungry? Visit our Hungry Wave Cafe for some delicious BBQ ribs.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit EpicWatersGP.com.

FLOOD INSURANCE LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Resident,

A flood can devastate your home and your financial stability. Any flood – even a small one – can result in expensive repairs. Floodwaters are a mixture of mud, sewage, animal waste and chemicals. Floods ruin floors, walls and carpets. Everything from appliances to your furniture may have to be thrown away. You have seen the pictures of household items thrown to the curb following the recent, devastating flood events in Texas.

Without flood insurance, you are on your own. Your standard homeowner's insurance policy does not cover flood damages. The government will not help you pay for necessary repairs following a flood. The President must declare a flood a disaster before federal assistance can be made available. Even when floods are declared disasters, financial assistance is typically provided in the form of a loan that you will have to pay back with interest.

Flooding is America's #1 disaster. You don't have to live near a major creek or waterway to be flooded. Severe storms, downed trees, and debris dumped in creeks can all cause flooding. The good news is that flood insurance can be surprisingly affordable. If you live in a moderate-to-low risk area, the typical flood insurance policy costs approximately \$350 a year for building and contents coverage. If you rent and do not own your home, you can purchase 'contents only' coverage to protect your belongings.

Anyone in the City of Grand Prairie can purchase flood insurance. You do not have to live in the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain to purchase flood insurance. The majority of the private property flood damages reported to the City in 2015 were located outside the 1% annual chance floodplain.

Floods can happen in a short period of time. Flash flooding can happen with very little warning. FEMA typically has a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance becomes effective. If you wait until a flood is predicted, you may not be able to get flood insurance coverage in advance of the storm.

The City's Stormwater Department provides a comprehensive flood information program to the public. Residents may access flood risk information and other flood information by calling the City Stormwater Department at 972-237-8321, meeting with a department representative in person, or by accessing the City's website at <http://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/planning-development/floodplain>.

Do you want to know the flood zone of your property to determine your flood risk? The City provides a map information service enabling all residents to determine the flood zone of a specific property. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for viewing at City Hall East, 300 W. Main St. Current FIRMs can be found at the following link on the City's Website: <http://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/planning-development/floodplain/flood-insurance-rate-maps> and at the FEMA Flood Map Store at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>.

Don't let a flood wash away your financial future. Get flood insurance.... before it's too late!

Sincerely,



Mayor Ron Jensen
City of Grand Prairie

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PREPAREDNESS

Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time, often without warning. Disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts must consider the unique needs and abilities of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the U.S. population. Youth preparedness and including youth in emergency management is an essential part of engaging the whole community.

- Children can effectively bring the message of preparedness home to their families.
- Participating in youth preparedness programs empowers children to become leaders at home and in their schools and communities.
- Children who are prepared experience less anxiety and feel more confident during actual emergencies and disasters.

Visit ready.gov or knowwhat2do.com for emergency preparedness resources, such as family plans, videos, and games to build skills and prepare your family for disasters!

Questions? Contact the Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COVID-19 Info.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available free to everyone age 12 and older. Vaccine sites are available at several locations in Grand Prairie and nearby. For more information, visit gptx.org/covidvaccine.

For COVID-19 testing sites and vaccine information in and around Grand Prairie, visit gptx.org/covid-19.

**Eligible age as of July 16, 2021*