

STEVE DYE NAMED CITY MANAGER

Grand Prairie Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer Steve Dye was promoted to City Manager effective Oct. 1, 2021, at the Aug. 3, 2021, City Council meeting. Dye steps into the position vacated by retiring City Manager Tom Hart.

"I am honored to serve the people of Grand Prairie in this new role," said Dye. "We have an incredibly strong and supportive City Council, leadership team and employee family, all devoted to public service benefiting the people and businesses of our city."

Dye is a lifelong Texan who received his Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State University and his Master of Criminal Justice from Tarleton State University. He began his police career with the Houston Police Department in 1984 and served with the Arlington and Garland Police Departments in various assignments including Patrol, SWAT, Street Level Narcotics, Mounted Patrol, Traffic Unit as a Motorcycle Officer. Dye was an Assistant Chief in Garland and Chief in Colleyville before being selected as the Chief of Police for Grand Prairie in July of 2011. He was promoted to Deputy City Manager after serving for 36 years in law enforcement in 2018. His Deputy City Manager and Chief Operating Officer responsibilities included oversight of the city's police, fire, airport, housing/neighborhood services, solid waste/recycling, community revitalization, animal services, and environmental quality departments.



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STROLLIN' WITH THE MAYOR



Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a walk through downtown Grand Prairie. This event will feature a pink out in support of breast cancer awareness. All attendees are encouraged to dress in pink to show their support.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 8 a.m.
 Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

SHRED DAY

Saturday, Oct. 9, 8-11 a.m.
 Lone Star Park - Gate 1
 1000 Lone Star Parkway
 \$5 per box

*All proceeds benefit
 Grand Prairie Crime Stoppers*



COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting
 Thursday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m.
 Mira Lagos Clubhouse
 2803 N. Camino Lagos

Join Council Member Kurt Johnson for a City Council District 6 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie.

COUNCIL MEMBER CLEMSON TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting
 Tuesday, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m.
 City Hall - City Council Chambers
 300 W. Main St.

Join City Council Member Jorja Clemson for a City Council District 1 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie.

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 August 13, 2021*

TREE LIMBS 14 FEET HIGH TO LET US BY

Overhanging tree limbs can delay emergency vehicles when seconds make the difference between life and death. The City of Grand Prairie urges property owners to trim tree limbs 14 feet above the ground to allow fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, garbage trucks, postal service and other public service vehicles the ability to pass through safely. For information regarding overgrown tree limbs in Grand Prairie, please visit: gptx.org/codecompliance.



FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 6, 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, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 6, 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.



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"Steve is a visionary leader," said Mayor Ron Jensen. "He has been a vital part of our culture and world class service philosophy. We are very excited for this natural transition that will continue our forward momentum."

Dye is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police, LEMIT Command Staff Leadership Series, the FBI's Leadership in Counterterrorism program, and the William "King" Cole City Management Series. He is committed to community governance and the formation of stakeholder partnerships to help improve and maintain a high quality of life in Grand Prairie. Steve founded UNIDOS, Cowboy Cops, and MotorCops for Kids community programs, as well as the GPPD Youth Boxing Gym initiative and his police departments were twice awarded the IACP Community Policing Award. Dye is a published author and instructor regarding crime reduction programs, police legitimacy, leadership, and community policing.

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.

STREET N' TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

Epic Central on the GrandLawn
2960 Epic Place

Enjoy a fun Halloween event in Grand Prairie! Participants will enjoy FREE games and trick-or-treating at Market Square. Prepare to dress to impress, ask "Trick-or-Treat", and bring a large bucket for candy.

More info.: GrandFunGP.com.

EPIC CAMPOUT



EpicCentral
2960 Epic Place

Begins October 23 at 4 p.m.

Ends October 24 at 9 a.m.

Registration opens Monday, Sept. 20

Pack those tents and sleeping bags and get ready for a "spooky" good time. The GrandLawn at EpicCentral will be the host to many campers and their families. Be sure to bring decorations for the tent decorating contest! Halloween movie classics and other fun activities will be featured throughout the evening. Participants will spend the night under the stars with breakfast provided the next morning. Visit EpicCentralGP.com for more information.

BOLDER ADVENTURE PARK BREAKS GROUND



City Council, Park Board Members and developers broke ground on Bolder Adventure Park Friday, August 6, 2021. The indoor family entertainment facility will provide adventure-based attractions in a 66,000-square-foot pneumatic dome structure with ceiling heights of approximately 75 feet. Guests will be offered a unique opportunity to experience rock climbing, zip lines, via ferrata, ropes courses, tubing slides, synthetic ice skating, adventure nets and more.

Bolder Adventure Park is scheduled to open summer 2022 just west of the Prairie Paws Adoption Center on Warrior Trail, and is the latest addition to the EpicCentral Entertainment District.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT SHOTWELL

Tuesday Oct. 5, 5-7 p.m. • Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St.

National Night Out is a crime prevention event that allows neighborhoods across the nation to participate in a fun evening to meet-and-greet neighbors, celebrate, and have a great time with people in your community. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

TRICK OR TRAIL

Friday October 22, 5-7 p.m. • Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St.

Come out and enjoy a fun-filled night of carnival games, inflatables, haunted house, vendors, and much more. Concessions will be available for sale. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Friday, October 29, 5-7 p.m.

Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd.

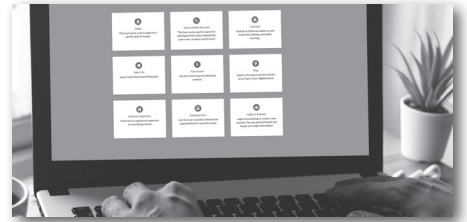
Fee: Free, Age: 5 and older

Put on your costumes and come to Charley Taylor for carnival games, bounce house, and free candy. For more information, visit GrandFunGP.com.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Saturday, Oct. 30 • Starts at City Hall with procession to the Farmers Market Entertainment and food trucks. Visit gptx.org for more information.

CUSTOMER SELF-SERVICE PORTAL



The City of Grand Prairie is excited to announce improvements to the permitting and plan review process by introducing the Customer Self-Service (CSS) Portal.

Permit or plan applicants can now access the CSS portal from a computer, tablet or smart phone to create a new account, apply for permits, make payments online, request inspections, create new development cases, and view real-time data.

How do I use the (CSS) Permit Portal?

- An account will have to be created with your email address before you can apply for a permit.
- Any plans submitted for plan review will need to be in a PDF format. Invoices will be sent through the CSS portal for all plan review and permit fees.
- Inspections will be requested through the CSS portal.

FOREST OF FEAR



2 weekends of FRIGHTS!

October 15-16 and October 22-23
Lloyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd.

One of the best displays of Halloween spirit in Texas, Lloyd Park's Forest of Fear witnesses the transformation of a campground into a drive through of creative Halloween displays! Drive through in your own vehicle. Concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, visit LloydPark.com.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



2021 National Preparedness Month "Prepare to Protect"

PREPARING FOR DISASTERS IS PROTECTING EVERYONE YOU LOVE



September is National Preparedness Month! Are you prepared for the next disaster or emergency that could happen at any time? Here are some ways you, your family, and your community can "prepare to protect":

- **Make a Plan:** Talk to your family and friends about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster.
- **Build a Kit:** Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly.
- **Prepare for Disasters:** Subscribe to Grand Prairie's free emergency notification system, Alert GP, to be alerted about severe weather and other emergencies in your area at www.gptx.org/disaster.
- **Teach Youth About Preparedness:** Talk to your kids about how to prepare for and what to do in case you are separated in an emergency. Kids can visit ready.gov for online resources and play fun games like Disaster Master and Build a Kit!

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND FLOOD INFORMATION ASSISTANCE

The city's Stormwater Division provides a comprehensive flood information program that is available to the public. Residents may obtain flood risk information including: basic map information, copies of Elevation Certificates, floodway information, depth of flooding information, lowest floor elevations, historical flood data, information on areas that flood outside of the designated Special Flood Hazard Area, erosion set-back areas, the natural functions of the Special Flood Hazard Areas, and other flood related information by visiting the City of Grand Prairie Stormwater Department and meeting with a department representative in person, by phone, or by visiting gptx.org/floodplain.

OWNING WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED

Ownership of wild animals is prohibited in the City of Grand Prairie.
City Ordinance Sec. 5-31

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

PRAIRIE PAWS SPOOKTACULAR



Friday, Oct. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center
2222 W. Warrior Tr.
Visit gptx.org/paws
for more information.