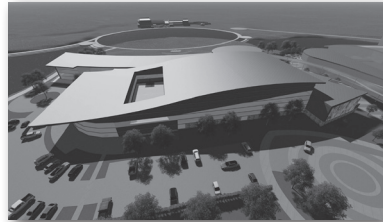


EPIC GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

Saturday, Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Central Park, 2975 Esplanade

It's the moment we have all been waiting for. It's ground-breaking time for your Epic project, PlayGrand Adventures, and waterpark. And, what a groundbreaking it will be. Free music from 4-time Grammy award winners, short film on the project, and a free Epic fireworks show that will have everyone jumping for joy and excitement. There will be food and drinks for purchase and much more. Make plans to attend. Visit JoinTheEpic.com for more information.



DISTRICT I JORJA CLEMSON TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30-8 p.m.
Eisenhower Elementary
2102 N. Carrier Parkway
Hear the news and air your views.
For more information,
call 972-237-8022.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS HAUNT GRAND PRAIRIE

Pumpkin Run

Saturday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m.
Lynn Creek Park at Joe Pool Lake, 5610 Lake Ridge
Events will include a 1-mile fun run, 10K run
and 5K Run/Walk starting at 8:30 a.m. Free
pancake breakfast from Outlaw's Barbecue. Visit
pumpkinrun.us.



Forest of Fear

Friday, Oct. 16-Saturday, Oct. 17 and Friday, Oct. 23-Saturday, Oct. 24
Lloyd Park, 3401 Ragland Rd.
Bring the family for a truly unique camping experience. Decorate your campsite
as spooky or scary as you can, and our judges may award you a free prize. If
you don't want to camp, bring the family out and tour the park for a \$10 vehicle
entry fee. Hayrides will be provided on Saturday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 24
from dark until 10 p.m. For campsites and information, call 972-237-4120.

Halloween Carnival

Friday, Oct. 23, 5-7 p.m.
Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Rd., 972-264-6890

Friday, Oct. 30, 5-7 p.m.
Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes, 972-237-4760

Trick or Trail

Friday, Oct. 23, 5-7 p.m.
Tony Shotwell Life Center, 2750 Graham St., 972-237-7529
Walk the trail and get free candy along the way. Visit the spooky haunted house.

Street N' Treat

Saturday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.
Participants will enjoy free games and trick-or-treating in Market Square. Dress
to impress and bring a bucket for candy. 972-237-8100 or GrandFunGP.com

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays
8 a.m.-1 p.m.
120 W. Main
St.



Saturday, Oct. 10

Grand Prairie Celebrity Cook Off
Finals - Cheer your favorites on to
victory, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Pumpkin Giveaway - free pumpkins
with purchase for the first 75 guests

Saturday, Oct. 24

Citywide Red Ribbon Week Kickoff
- Impact Grand Prairie will host
games and crafts to bring awareness
to the harmful effects of alcohol
and drug abuse. Includes family
fun, entertainment, GPISD award
presentation, and a message from
Mayor Ron Jensen.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Daytime Street and Treat Festival
with free games and trick-or-treating.
Dress to impress and bring a large
bucket for candy - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7

Dubiski High School Day featuring
displays from local talent
Visit gptx.org/farmersmarket

COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER



Enjoy spectacular shows at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. **For the latest Uptown Theater news and offers, text "UPTN" to 97755.** For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

Young Frankenstein

It's alive! The electrifying adaptation of Mel Brooks' monstrously funny film will leave you in stitches.

Oct. 2-4, 9-11

Tied Up in Knotts

Karen Knotts will take you on a wild journey as she describes what life was like growing up as the daughter of legendary Don Knotts.

Oct. 17

Oliver

The story we all know and love. Based on the Dickens novel, Oliver will delight everyone with outstanding musical numbers. Dec. 4-6, 11-13

SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE

With the increasing ability to make purchases online, the Grand Prairie Police Department is now offering three designated parking spaces in front of the Public Safety Building, 1525 Arkansas Lane, to complete your transactions. The Safe Exchange Zone spaces are well-lit and under 24-hour surveillance, giving residents and commuters a safe place to purchase or exchange property from online social media sites. In addition to online purchases, the Police Department invites blended families to use the Exchange Zone for child custody arrangements.

CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for monthly bike rides as part of the Get Fit GP community wellness initiative. Rides are 5 to 6 mile routes each month.

Upcoming rides include:

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m. • Central Park, 2975 Esplanade

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6 p.m. • Friendship Park, 525 Polo

Visit gptx.org/GetFitGP for information and to see routes.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Saturday, Oct. 17

Outlaw's BBQ, 2334 Belt Line Rd.

Join your neighbors and Grand Prairie police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know officers in your neighborhood.

For information, call 972-237-8966 or 972-237-7545.

HAUNTED HAUNTS IN DFW

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2-4 p.m. • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Seek the spooky, creepy and paranormal this Halloween with Tui Snider, a freelance writer, travel blogger, and photographer specializing in strange-but-true history, cemetery symbolism, haunted places, offbeat sites and quirky travel destinations. For more information, visit gptx.org/library or call 972-237-5700.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCT. 6

Grand Prairie celebrates National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Many neighborhoods throughout the city participate in the event with cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics. For more info., visit gptx.org/NNO.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will have their fall book sale Tuesday, Oct. 13-Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. Book sale hours:

Oct. 13: Members only preview night 5-7:30 p.m. Memberships available at the door for \$10 per family.

Oct. 14-15: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Oct. 16: closed

Oct. 17: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 18: 1-5 p.m. Half price day!

For more information, call 972-237-5700 or visit gptx.org/library.

SHRED-IT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m.-noon

Parking area between The Summit and Public Safety Building
SH 161 and Warrior Tr.

Limit 5 boxes per household
\$10 donation suggested.

Sponsored by the Grand Prairie
Crime Commission.

For info., call 972-890-4130.

LOW COST ANIMAL VACCINATIONS

Low cost animal vaccination clinics are available at Prairie Paws Animal Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Tr., 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 14.

For more information,
call 972-237-8575.

LIMB AND BRUSH PICKUP PROGRAM

For the convenience of the residents of Grand Prairie, the city operates a Limb and Brush Pickup Program. This once a month service provides curbside pickup of limbs and brush that are not eligible for collection by the city's weekly garbage collection.

This is a year round program that services areas of the city on a monthly rotation basis. This is done during a designated week each month, according to geographical zones, rotating from north to south, week by week.

Placement and Pickup

Brush must be placed at the curb no earlier than 1 week before the scheduled pickup in your area. You must have the brush on the curb no later than 7 a.m. on the Monday of your designated week.

On Mondays the designated zone will be inspected to locate residents who require brush pick up. The brush crew will then be in that zone for the entire designated week to make pickups at those locations. Brush is picked up in cycle only; no appointments accepted. (See Brush Pickup Schedule and Map to determine your zone and designated week.)

Standard Large Brush Pickup Fees

- Residents receive 1 FREE BRUSH PICKUP EACH MONTH to a maximum of 5 cubic yards.
- There is a charge of \$85 for each additional 5 cubic yards of brush.
- Special pickup requests that are NOT in your designated week will be charged \$85 for each 5 cubic yards.

If a resident has an oversized brush pile; a notice will be placed on the front door giving the cost for the special pickup. The resident is then given 24 hours in which to sign the notice and contact the city at 972-237-8525 to schedule the special pickup and authorize the city to add the extra charge to the resident's water bill. If you do not respond to the notice within 24 hours, the resident will have a 3 day period to remove the brush pile from the curb, or be subject to city code violations.

Important Facts to Know

- Brush must be neatly piled at least 2 feet from utility poles, trees, gas & water meters, fire hydrants, fences, mailboxes, sprinkler heads, and any other obstacle that would prevent collection.
- Brush will not be picked up if parked vehicles or other obstructions are present.
- Brush cannot at any time obstruct any city sidewalk, right-of-way, or view of oncoming traffic.
- Residents can be fined if brush is left at the curbside for an extended amount of time.
- The maximum size allowed for the FREE brush pickup is 5 cubic yards. This measures approximately 8'x 6' x 5' tall (about the size of a small car).
- Brush includes tree limbs, shrubs, tree trunks, other parts of shrubs and trees up to 20" inch diameter.
- Grass clippings, leaves, stumps, root balls, weeds, flowers, wire, fencing, plastic bags, or other foreign materials are NOT allowed.

In order for your regular weekly garbage, Republic Services, to pick up your brush, it must be bundled into maximum 6-foot lengths, no larger than 1 cubic yard. Bagged leaves and shrubs will be collected, but NO grass clippings are allowed. Bundles and bags cannot exceed 50 lbs. each. Maximum number of bags that will be collected is 2-3. Place the bundles next to your household garbage.

KEEP TRASH OUT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Please set out garbage and recycling by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day,



but no earlier than 8 p.m. before your collection day. Animals tend to find garbage bags that are set out too early causing trash to be strewn all over the street and yards. In addition, trash bags and cans that are set out too early can smell and clutter the street. To find out your garbage and recycling collection days, visit www.gptx.org/residents/solid-waste-and-recycling. Setting your trash too early can result in a violation notification and/or citation from Code Enforcement. Any questions or inquiries contact the City of Grand Prairie Code Enforcement Division 972-237-8296.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE COLLECTION

Make sure excess pool chemical containers are in good condition, and incompatible chemicals are stored separately. A safer alternative is to bring them to a household hazardous waste collection event for proper disposal. The next events will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 7, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W. Church (next to City Hall). Registration is required. Please call 972-237-8055 or register online at www.gptx.org/WQ/HHW.

We will accept household and automotive batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, and household, landscape, and pool chemicals. We will not accept explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. No commercial waste will be accepted.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The City of Grand Prairie Solid Waste and Recycling Division is hosting a free electronics recycling event on **Saturday, Nov. 7, 9-11 a.m. at the Development Center parking lot, 206 W. Church St.** Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day. To celebrate, the city will host another free electronics recycling event on **Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, at the UA cinema parking lot, 510 Westchester Pkwy.**

Items accepted are computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players and TVs. Items that cannot be accepted are any hazardous material, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners and refrigerators. No registration is required and the event is open to Grand Prairie residents and small businesses. Proof of residence in the form of a water bill or driver's license is required.

Grand Prairie residents (not businesses) can also bring their unwanted electronics to the landfill located at 1102 MacArthur Blvd for free during business hours. For more information on recycling electronics please visit gptx.org/recycling.

FLOOD SAFETY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Have you met TexAnna TADDpole? She is the mascot for flood safety through the Texas Floodplain Management Association. After watching people make poor decisions during a flood event, TexAnna made it her mission to educate people on staying safe during flood events. She promotes the Turn Around Don't Drown® campaign across the State of Texas. Her story is told through a coloring book that you can download for free at



<http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.tfma.org/resource/resmgr/imported/TexAnnaTADDpoleColoringBook.pdf> (English)

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TexAnna TADDpole promotes the following safety rules:

- Monitor the weather.
- Get to higher ground when flooding occurs.
- Avoid areas that are already flooded.
- Do not drive on roads or bridges that are under water.
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams.
- Be especially cautious at night when flood dangers are harder to see.

As a reminder, the City of Grand Prairie participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) which allows its residents and businesses to purchase flood insurance at a discounted rate. Flood insurance is a separate policy from renters or home owners insurance and is only available from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through local insurance agents that have agreed to carry this policy. Renters can purchase flood insurance to cover potential damages to their belongings (contents only). Property owners can purchase flood insurance for just the structure or for the structure and its contents. Flood insurance is based on the location of the structure, and insurance agents that provide this policy are not allowed to markup the cost of flood insurance. So, no need to shop around for a better rate! You can obtain flood insurance cost information and local insurance agents who carry the flood insurance policy at https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/choose_your_policy/agent_locator.jsp For more information, please contact the City's Stormwater Department at 972-237-8141.

PUT A COLLAR ON PET CATS

It's not uncommon to see cats and kittens roaming neighborhood streets, but it can be difficult to determine whether or not the animals live nearby, are stray or are feral. Feral cats, while beneficial, are undomesticated and survive on their own. Owned cats and strays are used to being around people. Oftentimes, owned cats are allowed to roam the yards around their homes. In order to keep residents and other pets safe, however, the city of Grand Prairie's Code of Ordinance establishes specific guidelines by which cat owners must abide.



Under city ordinance Section 5-18, all cats owned by Grand Prairie residents – even outdoor cats – must at all times wear an identification tag containing the name, address and telephone number of the owner. Further, under Section 5-8, all owned cats within the city must be vaccinated against rabies, and they are required to wear a metal tag that serves as proof of rabies vaccination. Not only do these identification tags make it easier to locate and contact the owners of lost pets, they contain information that can be valuable to Animal Services officers. Grand Prairie Animal Services always recommends that pet owners microchip their pets as a form of secondary identification, and it provides microchipping services for \$10 per animal.

To help control the feline population in the city and ensure the health of the animals, Section 5-12 dictates that all owned cats that are allowed to roam outside must be sterilized. It is unlawful for an unaltered, domesticated cat to run at large within Grand Prairie limits.

For more information or for tips, call the Grand Prairie Animal Shelter at 972-237-8575.