

KIDS' FISHING DAY

Saturday, March 5, 1 - 4 p.m.

Mike Lewis Park Lagoon, 2600 N. Carrier Pkwy.

Come reel 'em in at Kids' Fishing Day on Saturday, March 5, at the Mike Lewis Park lagoon. This popular event is **free** to children 16 years old and younger. The lagoon will be stocked with rainbow trout furnished by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories for the Largest Fish, Smallest Fish and Most Fish Caught. There is no registration or entry fee to participate in the Kids' Fishing Day, but an on-site sign-in table will be set up to keep track of participation and notify prize winners who are not present at the awards ceremony. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first-come basis with a driver's license or credit card deposit. For more information please call 972-237-8100, or visit GrandFunGP.com.



MAKE IT AND TAKE IT RAIN BARREL CLASS

Collect and recycle rain water at home by making a rain barrel from a 55-gallon plastic drum. Water your landscape naturally and see the blooming difference.

To register for the 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 9 Make It and Take It Rain Water Barrel Class (Grand Prairie residents \$35 and non-residents \$50 per rain barrel) send check or money order payable to the City of Grand Prairie to:

Selena Jackson
P.O. Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053

Please reference Rain Barrel Class and include your phone number, email (optional), and any other relevant contact information to receive additional information. Class will be conducted during farmer's market at Market Square, 120 W. Main St. Contact Selena Jackson, 972-237-8377, with questions. Space is limited.

ART SHOW CALL FOR ENTRIES

Calling for entries—Grand Prairie's Farmers Market has partnered with the Grand Prairie Arts Council to host an art show and contest Saturday, May 21, during Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 120 W. Main St.

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Best of Show will be awarded in adult and student categories. All hanging media will be considered including, but not limited to, oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed-media, drawing and photography. Artwork should focus on the theme "Farmers Market" and/or "Market Square." The exhibition is open to middle school and high school students in Grand Prairie and adults.

To enter the Farmers Market Art Show and Contest go online to: www.artsgp.com or call 972-642-2787. Entries will be hand-delivered on May 17 and 18 to the Marketing Department at City Hall, 317 College St.

FARMERS MARKET OPENS MARCH 5

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market will open on Saturdays beginning Saturday, March 5 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Square, 120 W. Main St. (on the corner of Main and NW 2nd streets). Shop the market for fresh, locally grown produce, meat, poultry, eggs, honey, soap, coffee, baked goods and more. The market will not be open on Thursdays this year. Visit www.gptx.org/farmersmarket.

SPRING BREAK CAMP AT BOWLES LIFE CENTER



During Spring Break, have fun in the Bowles library, game room, gymnasium, and aerobics/dance room as well as with activities in the multi-purpose rooms. Field trips will also be scheduled during the week. Campers must bring a sack lunch, but a morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Fee: \$16/day/child. Ages 6-12. Camp runs Monday-Friday, March 14 - 18, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 972-237-7529 for more information or to register.

HOUSEHOLD HAZ WASTE DAY MARCH 5

Disposing of Liquid Waste

Liquid wastes (such as paint, motor oil, cooking oil, household cleaners and polishes) are not allowed to be set out with household trash. This is to avoid spills on our streets. Even if the liquid is in a sealed container, the container can be broken when the garbage truck compacts its load, sometimes creating a trail of paint, oil, or other material behind the truck. However, latex paint, **if completely dry**, may be put out for pickup.

The best way to dispose of liquid waste is to bring it to a household hazardous waste collection event. Our next event will be **Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Development Center, 206 W Church Street (next to City Hall)**. You may register on-line at www.gptx.org.WQ/HHW or by calling 972-237-8055. We will **not** accept explosives, gas cylinders, fireworks, medical waste, radioactive materials, or municipal trash. **No commercial waste** will be accepted.

INFLATABLE PARTY ZONE



Hosting your child's party at Dalworth Recreation Center's "Inflatable Party Zone" is the most hassle-free party planning experience you'll ever have. You will love our party options including food, beverages, cake, goodie bags, balloons and more while the kids will have a fantastic time jumping in our gigantic inflatable-filled indoor arena.

Slides, bounce houses, obstacle courses and games bring out the kid in everyone.

POP-IN-PLAY: Come join us, on the days listed below, for Pop-In-Play between parties. Session lasts for two hours. Admission is \$7 per child, and \$5 for each additional sibling.

Saturdays: March 12, April 23, May 21 • 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sundays: March 13, April 24, May 22 • 1-7 p.m.

Dalworth Recreation Center is located at 2012 Spikes. For pricing and reservations, call 972-264-7670.

FLU SEASON PROTECTION

The flu season is a time period characterized by the prevalence of outbreaks of influenza (flu). In the United States, the flu season is considered October through May of each year with peaks in January and February.

The following recommendations will protect you and your family from the flu:

- Get the flu shot. Yearly influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months of age and older is the single best way to prevent influenza and its potentially severe complications.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

For more information visit www.cdc.gov/flu

FREE TAX HELP AT MAIN LIBRARY

Volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) are offering free tax help sessions for elderly and/or low-income citizens at the Grand Prairie Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. Sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m and continue until April 13. Participants should bring last year's tax return and all W-2 and 1099 forms. Forms not provided by the AARP may be photocopied at the library for a small fee. Tax forms are also available at www.irs.gov.

LIFELINE SHELTER GOSPEL CONCERT

Enjoy uplifting entertainment from outstanding gospel singers.

Friday, March 4 • 7 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
401 W. Church St.

Free

Donations requested benefiting
LifeLine Shelter
972-642-7744



Did you know that veterans and their spouses may qualify for a pension to cover the cost of senior living?

- The Aid and Attendance Benefit is available for veterans and their spouses.
- Helps cover the cost of care and living in a senior community or your home.

Please call **972-237-2515** to speak to our team of VA-trained personnel.

**2305 Corn Valley Road,
Grand Prairie, Texas 75051
972-237-2515**

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COMING SOON TO THE UPTOWN THEATER

Don't miss great performances at the Uptown Theater in 2011. The theater, located on 120 E. Main St. in downtown Grand Prairie will soon feature the following shows:



Tejas Brothers

*CD release concert
A cool fusion of country, rock,
blues and Tex Mex music.*

Friday, March 4



Closed Doors

*A stage play presented
by Tiheisha Paige. Visit
writingsonapaige.com for
more information.*

Saturday, March 12



Edge of Knight

*An interactive performance
of "War of the Roses"
featuring knights in skilled
combat.*

Saturday, March 19



Motherload

*A New Comedy: one-woman
show by Amy Wilson that
mixes motherhood, comedy
and true confession.*

Friday, April 1 -
Saturday, April 2

For tickets visit www.uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

SWIMMING FITNESS AND FUN YEAR-ROUND

Come check out the heated indoor swimming pool at the Kirby Creek Natatorium, 3201 Corn Valley Road, for all your aquatics needs. Sign up for fitness classes, swim lessons or exercise on your own in our 25-meter pool. Swim with the family or host the wettest birthday party in town with a private or open swim party rental. For more information, contact the Aquatics Department at 972-263-8174.

GRAND PRAIRIE MEMORIAL GARDENS



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Take advantage of our NO INTEREST FINANCING at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens. You can use this to your advantage by purchasing property for you or your family members. When it comes to pre-planning, this is one of the best investments you can make in your future. A trustworthy advisor will be happy to sit down with you and answer all of your questions. Please call today and receive a free information packet on pre-planning at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens.

972-237-3001

www.GrandPrairieMemorialGardens.com

THE GRAND PRAIRIE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS DEADMAN OF THE WILD WEST

*A good old-fashioned
Murderin' Melodrama*



When Dudley Deadman is named the new sheriff of Blood'n'Guts, Texas, he's issued a badge with a bull's eye on it. But when Colonel Hoofinmouth, the evil cattle baron, notorious for murdering every sheriff in Blood'n'Guts, is murdered himself, it's up to Dudley to find out who murdered the murderer. Look, listen and laugh along as the klutziest gun in the west tries to find out who killed Colonel Hoofinmouth.

March 24, 25, 26 at 8 p.m.
March 26 and 27 at 2 p.m.

For one weekend only, in the intimate setting of the Uptown Studio Theater, 120 E. Main St. Only 100 seats will be sold for each performance.

General admission tickets are \$10 each. Ticket includes a box of popcorn to throw at the villain, while you cheer the hero. For more information and tickets: www.artsgp.com or 972-237-UPTN.

NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES

During the next few months, the city of Grand Prairie will begin putting "no cell phone use" signs up in school zones. Cities cannot enforce the state law unless signage is installed. You may want to get into the habit now of putting your cell phone down in school zones. As soon as the signs are up, tickets can be issued.

