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THE EPIC: COMMUNITY IDEA INPUT MEETINGS

The Parks, Arts and Recreation Department invites Grand Prairie citizens to participate in a series of community-wide idea input meetings to discuss possible features of The Epic, the mega recreation center and water park which will be located at Central Park. The Epic is YOUR center, so start dreaming and bring your ideas to the table. This is a chance to put your "thumbprint" on a facility like no other in America! With your invaluable help, The Epic will provide lifechanging opportunities to citizens and tourists for years to come. Stay tuned to the Parks, Arts and Recreation website, GrandFunGP.com, for a list of upcoming meeting dates and locations.

DALWORTH REC CENTER GRAND RE-OPENING

Saturday, July 26 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St.

The Grand Re-Opening Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Class demonstrations and facility tours will continue until 2 p.m. For info. call 972-264-7670.

REGISTER FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Shotwell Life Center - 972-237-7529 • Picks up from Garcia, Travis, Harmony Charley Taylor - 972-264-6890 • Picks up from Lee Dalworth - 972-264-7670 • Picks up from David Daniels

Monday-Friday, 3:20- 6 p.m. • \$20/week per child, Lee Garcia, Daniels \$30/week per child, Travis and Harmony Science. Includes snack and activities.

HALL OF FAME GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, July 11 • 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Prairie Lakes Golf Course, 3202 SE 14th St.

Fore! Proceeds from this tournament go towards scholarships for Parks, Arts and Recreation employees to attend college. To play or be a sponsor, contact Danny Boykin at 972-237-8084 or dboykin@gptx.org.

AIRHOGS BASEBALL BUY ONE TICKET, GET ONE FREE!

Present this coupon at the QuikTrip Park box office during the 2014 regular season, buy one ticket and receive another ticket free.

Limit: four tickets.

QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway airhogsbaseball.com



FARMERS MARKET

The Grand Prairie Farmers Market features locally grown fruts and vegetables, meats, pasta, baked goods and much more. The market is open every Saturday March-December, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Main Street Freeze Out Saturday, July 12 • 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cool off with a homemade ice cream contest and tasting. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners.

For more information, visit gptx.org/ farmersmarket or call 972-237-4599.

MRS. RUTHE'S FIG AND **FUDGE FESTIVAL**

Saturday, July 26 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Figs, fig-inspired wares and fudge will be sold at the Farmers Market to benefit LifeLine Shelter for Families in honor of the late Mayor Pro Tem and Grand Dame Ruthe Jackson.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 26-Sunday, July 27 Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge \$10 cash only • dallasmandelafest.com

JURIED ART SHOW

Call for entries. Exhibit dates are Sept. 11-27 in the lobby of The Summit. \$3,000 in cash prizes is available.

Open to artists ages 18 and older. All media will be considered. \$30 for up to three entries. Entry forms available at artsgp.org or call 972-642-

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 90210. For tickets, visit uptowntheatergp.com or call 972-237-8786.

America the Beautiful Presented by Texas Family Musicals July 11-13 Roy Orbison Revisited

Presented by Texas Family Musicals July 18-20

The Night the Music Died

Presented by Texas Family Musicals July 25-27

Aladdin

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council Students August 1-2

Who Wrote the Book of Love

Presented by Texas Family Musicals August 8-10

LAWN CARE - DON'T BAG IT!

As we return to spring and the promise of green lawns, the immediate thought might be, "What do I do with the grass clippings I will be collecting?" The short answer is don't collect it! By leaving the clippings on the lawn and allowing them to work their way back into the soil, you will help produce a naturally good looking lawn. There is no need for chemical fertilizers if done consistenly. The rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the leaf surface at any one time. For example: common Bermuda grass when 2-1/4" or less, should be moved at a setting of 1-1/2".

If your lawn has started sprouting weeds already, apply the mowing principles mentioned, and bag the weeds and grass clippings collected for your compost pile, as this is rich in nitrogen and is an essential component of composting. The composted material in turn provides a valuable natural soil amendment that can be used in your garden and also on your lawn as needed to reduce weeds. This continous cycle provides an effective way to manage your yard waste. For more information on "Don't Bag It!", yard waste or composting classes, please see the city website at www.gptx.org/composting or call 972-237-8061.

Mosouito Safety - Fight the Bite

Stay protected against mosquito bites and mosquitoborne diseases:

- Use insect repellent with DEET or approved by the EPA
- · Avoid the outdoors at dawn and dusk
- Drain standing water in your yard. Disease carrying mosquitoes breed in stagnant water
- Remove water holding containers from your yard
- Keep pools clean and chlorinated
- Change pet water dishes regularly
- Change the water in your bird baths and plant pots once per week

For more information, visit gptx.org/FightTheBite.

JUNE IS NATIONAL SHELTER CAT MONTH

Go to gptx.org/paws for adoption specials or visit the shelter at 2222 W. Warrior.

BOOK CLEARANCE

Brought to you by Friends of the Library

Saturday, July 19 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

MICROCHIP YOUR PET

Does your pet have a microchip? If so, don't forget to keep your pet's microchip information current! A microchip for your pet is only as good as the information it can provide. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or brought into your home a new pet which already has a microchip, make sure the contact information is current. Many pets cannot be returned home because their microchip information is not up to date and the owners cannot be contacted.

Prairie Paws Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Tr., can microchip your pet for \$10. For \$17.99 Home-Again will register your pet for life and allow you to keep your contact information up to date. For information, call 972-237-8575.

YOUTH HEALTH MONTH

Get Fit GP: July is Youth Health Month. To raise awareness of nutritious eating for children and teens, attend a "Learning in



Motion" event at the Warmack Library on Wednesday, July 16, for children up to 12 years old from 11 a.m.-noon. On Tuesday, July 29, from 2-4 p.m., join us at the Tony Shotwell Library located in the Tony Shotwell Life Center to learn about teen nutrition. A nutritionist from the Parkland Health and Hospital System will be presenting information on eating healthy. Come out and try some healthy snacks. Recipes will be available to take home to try with the family. For more information, please visit www.gptx.org/GetFitGP or call 972-237-8061.

