

PLACE 8 AT LARGE TOWN HALL MEETING



Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6-8 p.m.
 Main Library
 901 Conover Dr.

Join Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Junior Ezeonu for a Place 8 At Large Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie. Scan the QR code to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.



DISTRICT 6 TOWN HALL MEETING



Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6-8 p.m.
 Grand Peninsula Clubhouse
 2603 N. Grand Peninsula

Join Council Member Kurt Johnson for a District 6 Town Hall Meeting to address community interests concerning the City of Grand Prairie. Scan the QR code to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.



PICKLE FEST

Saturday, Sept. 7
 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Market Square
 120 W. Main St.



Get ready to relish in the fun this summer at the first-ever Pickle Fest in downtown Grand Prairie!

Join us for a smashing pop-up pickleball tournament, live music, pickle vendors, a pickle-eating contest, beer sales, and mouthwatering food vendors!

Scan the QR code for more info. and to register for the pickleball tournament.



MEAT ON MAIN



Saturday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.
 Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Fire up your taste buds at Meat on Main in downtown Grand Prairie this fall!

The free event will feature a BBQ smoke-off, cornhole tournament, a classic car show, unique goods from local vendors, live music, and delicious bites from our food vendors.



FIESTAS PATRIAS

Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St.

Parade, festival, vendors and entertainment

For more information, visit hispanicheritageambassadorsdfw.com or call 972-480-7501



FALL SWEEP

Saturday, Sept. 21

Calling all community volunteers, business groups, friends and family to help make Grand Prairie litter free at the second annual Fall Sweep. Register by Monday, Sept. 16 at gptx.org.



UPTOWN THEATER

Enjoy events at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-237-8786 or visit uptowntheatergp.com.

Bonnie and Clyde

Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council

Sept. 13-15 and Sept. 20-22

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICK OFF PARTY

Saturday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Epic Lawn, 2960 Epic Place

Kick off National Night Out with the Grand Prairie Police Department. Enjoy food trucks, booths, lawn games, music, dancing, entertainment and fun.

Visit gptx.org/nno



SIGN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD UP FOR A BLOCK PARTY

On October 1, 2024 residents are encouraged to gather for block parties to celebrate National Night Out. This annual event is a great opportunity for residents and law enforcement to partner up against crime, visit with neighbors, police officers, firefighters, EMS paramedics and city officials. Block parties are 5-8 p.m. To register your neighborhood for a National Night Out Block Party, visit grandprairiepolice.org/nno.

ANIMAL SERVICES BIRTHDAY BASH



Saturday, Sept. 21, noon-6 p.m.

Grand Prairie Animal Services is turning 21. Time to Paw-Ty!

Vendors, food, animal adoptions and more.

FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Market Square, 120 W. Main St.

Farmers Market in downtown Grand Prairie is open Saturdays from early April through mid-December and features locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles and more.

Visit gptx.org/farmersmarket for more info!

gptx.org | [YouTube.com/cityofgptx](https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofgptx)



| [Facebook/cityofgptx](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgptx)



| [X\(@gp_tx\)](https://twitter.com/gp_tx)



CYCLIN' AND STROLLIN' WITH THE MAYOR



Saturday, August 24

Strollin' with the Mayor

Larson Elementary | 2620 E. Avenue K

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a walk.

People of all ages are encouraged to join the casual stroll. Meet at 9 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19

Fish Creek Community Fair and Bike Ride

4500 Coventry Dr.

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

Community Fair: 5:30 p.m.

Bike Ride: 6:30 p.m.

CLEAR THE SHELTERS DAY

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Animal Services

2222 W. Warrior Trail

Waived fees for all animals.

Visit gptx.org/paws

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ANIMAL SERVICES

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Per City of Grand Prairie Ordinance, it is an offense for any person to fail to properly remove and dispose of waste produced by the animals or pets brought or allowed into a park or other public area.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Spanish Class: Starts Tuesday, Sept. 10
English Class: Starts Thursday, Sept. 12

The Grand Prairie Police Department welcomes residents to learn about police work. Information and registration: grandprairiepolice.org/cpa



COOLING CENTERS

Due to the extreme heat, several cooling centers are available in Grand Prairie to ensure everyone stays safe and cool! Here are the locations where you can find relief from the heat:

- **Public Safety Building Lobby:** Open daily 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **City Hall Lobby:** Open weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed Sat-Sun)
- **Tony Shotwell Library:** Open Monday to Thursday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (Closed Sat-Sun)
- **Main and Betty Warmack Library:** Open Monday to Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed Sunday)

Tips during extreme heat:

- Older adults, children, and sick individuals are at greater risk from extreme heat.
- Humidity increases the feeling of heat as measured by a heat index. Rolling windows down or parking in the shade does little to change the vehicle's interior temperature.
- Never leave a child or pet in a vehicle unattended for any length of time.
- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.
- Don't let pets linger on hot asphalt. Being closer to the ground, your pet's body can heat up quickly and burn.
- If you're outside, find shade and wear a hat to protect your face.
- Some signs & symptoms of heat exhaustion are:
 - Feeling faint
 - Nausea
 - Heavy sweating
 - Rapid, weak heartbeat

For more information and additional heat relief services, please call 211 for Tarrant County, 311 for Dallas County, or visit gptx.org.

Questions? Contact Grand Prairie's
Office of Emergency Management at
972-237-8333 or oem@gptx.org

Grand Prairie
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WATERSMART GARDENING VIRTUAL PROGRAM

To sign up, email ssalazar@gptx.org with your name, email address and phone number. As we get closer to the class dates, you will receive an email with a link to join the virtual class.

Fall Into Gardening: Tips to Grow On

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn the best approach to planting and maintenance without the overuse of chemicals.

Fruits, Nuts & Berries: Growing Your Own Urban Orchard

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Grow fruits, nuts and or berries at home and more.

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.

KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL GARDENING CLASSES



**Growing Flowers from Bulbs
in North Texas with Patrick
Greenwade, Amazon Author**
Saturday, Sept. 7, 2-3 p.m.
Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

**Building Healthy Soils in a
Backyard with Brian Koch, Texas
Soil and Water Conservation Board**
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m.
Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd.

H₂Know

See your actual water use online
24/7 at gptx.org/h2Know.

Find when you are using the most water and adjust accordingly as needed. Identify high use and suspected leaks with precise meter readings.



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, devastating flood events in Texas and across our nation. Without flood insurance, you are on your own. Your standard homeowners 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 as 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 less than \$500 yearly 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 private property flood damage reported to the city in 2015 was 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, and meeting with a department representative in person, or by accessing the City's website at www.gptx.org/floodplain. Do you want to know the flood zone of your property to determine your flood risk? The city can provide a map information service enabling all residents the ability 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. Current FIRMs can be found at the following link on the city's website: www.gptx.org/floodplain 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

CITY CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2024 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2024.

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 photo 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 2024.

The calendar will be printed in December 2024.

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

COMMUNITY GARDENS



Let's Get the Fall Veggies Growing! You are invited to join the Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Community Garden Program where you can learn new skills and grow some delicious veggies at one of our six Community Gardens. Fall is a great time to garden in Texas as the cooler weather brings fewer bugs. Great things to plant this time of year are cabbage, potatoes, greens, kale, turnips, radishes, beans, and peas. Our fall gardening classes include Growing Flowers from Bulbs, Building Healthy Soils in a Backyard, Shade Makers Tree Care, and our 3rd Annual Seed and Plant Swap. Learn more, view our calendar, and join the fun at gptx.org/kgpb.