

## EPIC WATERS NAMED A TOP TWO INDOOR WATER PARK IN THE U.S.



Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark, 2960 Epic Place, was awarded the second spot for the Best Indoor Water Park by USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice 2024 Travel Awards! The Top 10 parks received the most votes from 20 indoor water parks nominated by a panel of experts as the top indoor water parks in the United States. To be crowned one of the best, fans were asked to vote for their favorite park online over a four-week period.

“To be ranked among the top ten best water parks in the nation for a second consecutive year brings us great pride,” said Mayor Ron Jensen. “We are getting closer to becoming the top destination thanks to the support of our loyal customers and to the strong partnership between the City and American Resort Management.”

## ELEVATED ARTISTRY

Renowned artist Eric Henn is currently bringing his creative vision to life on Grand Prairie’s elevated water storage tank, situated just east of SH 161 and north of Marshall Drive. Scheduled for completion and activation by October 2024, this new tank will hold 2 million gallons of water—doubling the capacity of the old tank and will serve EpicCentral, Traders Village and surrounding neighborhoods. The old water tank will eventually be demolished.



## AVOID BLOCKING MAILBOXES

It is an offense to park within five feet of a mailbox between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This law does not apply on Sundays.

*Ord. No. 10853-2020 § 1, 6-2-20*



## NO FIREWORKS



Grand Prairie Police and Fire Marshals will be out strictly enforcing fireworks violations by issuing citations and confiscating fireworks during the 4th of July holiday.

## CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Ron Jensen for a 5-mile bike ride. Riders of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join the casual ride. Meet at 6 p.m. Ride begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 13**

Lone Star/Campion Trail Ride  
Action Skate Park  
1002 Lone Star Parkway

**Thursday, July 18**

Back the Blue Ride  
Lloyd Park | 3401 Ragland Rd

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## COMMON ITEMS THAT ARE POISONOUS TO CATS

You may be surprised at how many things you use, eat, or decorate with pose a risk to your feline friends. In general, if it will harm you, it will most likely harm a cat. Keep all cleaning products, chemicals, and medications in places your cats cannot access. Store them in child-proof containers out of reach.

- **Anti-freeze.** This is a common cause of poisoning in the wintertime. If you spill antifreeze, even out on a driveway or street, clean it up immediately.
- **Houseplants and flowers.** Many common plants found in bouquets are poisonous for cats. Lilies, chrysanthemum, azaleas and rhododendrons, tulips and daffodils, and sago palms are all poisonous. Poinsettias, common during the holiday season, are also toxic for cats. Do careful research and opt for plants that won't cause problems if your cat happens to nibble on them. Keep any toxic plants in your home well out of a cat's reach.
- **Insecticides.** These chemicals can cause a problem if your cat grooms herself after walking or laying in a recently treated area. Avoid using these products and instead consider humane and natural methods to address issues with insects.
- **Rat and mouse poison.** Rodenticides could be ingested directly by a cat, or indirectly if a cat eats a rodent that has ingested the poison. Avoid using them and consider humane and natural methods to address issues with rodents. If you decide to buy these poisons, store them in metal cabinets out of reach and alert your neighbors when the poison is in use.
- **Cleaning products.** Store all bleach, laundry detergent, surface cleaners, carpet cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, and other such products in pet-inaccessible areas of your home.
- **Our food and drink.** Many of us enjoy chocolate, alcohol, coffee, tea, energy drinks, onions, garlic, gum, or candy. However, all these things can be toxic for cats. To be safe, it's best to never give your cats any people food.

## INTENTIONAL POISONING

It's difficult to imagine anyone capable of harming or killing animals. Unfortunately, intentional poisoning of cats can and does happen.

Intentionally poisoning a cat is animal cruelty and is a crime in the United States. If you are aware of cats who are being poisoned or threatened with poison, understand that you have power to save their lives through the law.

- Call Animal Services at 972-237-8575 if you witness someone poisoning community cats as soon as possible, explaining the situation in careful detail. Have a clear written statement on hand that describes the incident and all relevant dates and times.
- Document the evidence. If it doesn't require entering another person's property without their permission, take photographs, hard as it may be, of any evidence that a cat has been harmed, killed, or threatened by poison. Be sure to document the contact information of anyone with firsthand information on the incident, as well as any emails, written notes, voicemails, or other communications that contain poisoning threats or admissions. Include them when you file your police report.



## UPTOWN THEATER

Enjoy events at Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater, 120 W. Main St. For tickets and information, call 972-237-8786 or visit [uptowntheatergp.com](http://uptowntheatergp.com).

### The Producers

*Presented by the Grand Prairie Arts Council*

June 21-23 and June 28-30

Mel Brooks' 2001 musical filled with crowd-pleasing musical numbers.

### Daz Games Live

Wednesday, July 10, 8 p.m.

### Forever Elvis

Saturday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Kraig Parker



## ACCESS YOUR WATER METER ONLINE

See your actual water use online 24/7 at [gptx.org/H2Know](http://gptx.org/H2Know). With H2Know you have the power to:

- Receive automatic alerts of higher-than-normal use
- Identify high-use and suspected leaks with precise meter readings
- Monitor use patterns such as irrigation to better manage frequency and time
- Save water and money



## LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Visit the Friends of the Library Clearance Sale July 11-13. Find great books for only .25 each!

**Main Library | 901 Conover Dr.**

**Thursday, July 11 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Friday, July 12 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 13 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## 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](mailto:cmckillop@gptx.org).

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PID) AND A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA)?

	<u>PID</u>	<u>HOA</u>
Type of Property Maintained	Public	Private
Deals with Deed Restrictions	No	Yes
Enhances Public Property Maintenance	Yes	No
Collect through Mortgage Payment	Yes	No
Collect with Property Taxes	Yes	No
Governed by City Council	Yes	No
Cash Held in Separate City Fund	Yes	No
PID Expenses Exempt from Sales Tax	Yes	No
All Meetings & Information Open to Public	Yes	No

All PID meetings are open to the public. Sign up to receive e-mail notifications for PID meeting schedule updates by visiting our [gptx.org/pid](http://gptx.org/pid). Click on PID Meeting Schedule or any PID page, click on Subscribe to this page, enter your e-mail address, and click on Subscribe.

## GARDENING CLASS

**Saturday, July 13 | 2-3 p.m.**

**Main Library | 901 Conover Dr**

Integrated Pest Management with Katerina Graham, Horticulture Director, Dallas County Agrilife Extension Service Email [jrudd@gptx.org](mailto:jrudd@gptx.org) to register.

## ADULT UKULELE LESSONS

Wednesdays, July 17, 24 and 31  
6 p.m.

Shotwell Library | 2750 Graham St.

Register by email beginning July 3 to [cplemmons@gptx.org](mailto:cplemmons@gptx.org).



# HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please note that garbage and recycling collection will shift during the week of Independence Day, Thursday, July 4.

- Recycling pick up days**
- Residents south of Warrior Trail on Friday, July 5**
- Residents north of Warrior Trail will receive garbage pick up on Saturday, July 6.**

## June-August 2024 Garbage and Recycling Pick Up Schedule:

June 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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For more information, visit [gptx.org/garbage](http://gptx.org/garbage) or call 972-237-8159.

## COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM AND FLOOD ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a subset of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This voluntary incentive program recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's actions meeting the three goals of the CRS: 1) Reduce flood losses, 2) Facilitate accurate insurance rating, and 3) Promote the awareness of flood insurance. Based on the city instituting higher standards related to floodplain management, the city was awarded a class 4 ranking, effective in October 2023, which qualifies residents for a 30 percent discount on flood insurance premiums.

The city's Storm Water Utility Team can provide information about properties impacted by floodplains, as well as the city's floodplain management standards. Questions about floodplains can be sent to city staff via email at [floodplain@gptx.org](mailto:floodplain@gptx.org), by phone at 972-237-8321, or by visiting the Planning and Engineering window at City Hall, 300 W. Main St. For information related to flood insurance, residents can contact their homeowners' insurance provider or visit an official National Flood Insurance Program website at <https://www.floodsmart.gov>.



## POWER OUTAGE SAFETY

Power outages can happen anytime, anywhere. Outages are most likely to occur during periods of severe weather, extreme heat/cold, and high electricity usage periods ( 4 p.m.-10 p.m.).

Safety tips during a power outage:

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed
- Do NOT use a gas stove or oven to heat your home
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices
- Never use a generator near windows, vents, or in a garage
- When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture.

Questions? Contact Grand Prairie's Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or email at [oem@gptx.org](mailto:oem@gptx.org).

