



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEMS

- [1.](#) Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2020 Meeting
2. Drive-Through Restaurant Trash Can Requirements Update
- [3.](#) Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin and Community Survey Update
4. Ideas for Promoting the Community Garden Program
5. KGPB Virtual Awards Ceremony Announcement and Finalization
- [6.](#) Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting
- [7.](#) Upcoming Events List

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

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In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Commission agenda was prepared and posted March 4, 2021.

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**Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jessica Everitt	Darren Ferrar	Marcela Gonzalez
Aaron King	Sharon Luman	Chelsea Pavey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ashley Caballero	Burke Hall	Ann Stevenson
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GUESTS

None

STAFF

Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator
Dr. Patricia Redfearn – Solid Waste and Recycling Manager

CALL TO ORDER–Mr. King called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2020 – Ms. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Luman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TAMMY CHAN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP –

- A. COVID-19 FRIENDLY FUNDRAISING – Ms. Gonzalez asked to consider COVID-19 friendly fundraising options.
- B. APPLICATIONS – Ms. Maron shared a copy of the Tammy Chan Youth Scholarship application from last year and requested that the commission decide whether to sponsor a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year or to postpone until the following school year. After discussion, Ms. Everitt made a motion to postpone the TCY scholarship until further evaluation in August 2021. Mr. Ferrar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GREEN AND CLEAN PROJECT FUNDING REVIEW – Ms. Maron conveyed that the Green and Clean Campus Program is 22 year-long partnership between the City of Grand Prairie and schools in Grand Prairie. This partnership has provided educators with the necessary tools to encourage students to improve their community through litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification activities. KGPB did provide project funding of up to \$2,000 to support these activities. Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Pavey, and Ms. Stevenson served on the judging committee for the competitive applications. Crosswinds Accelerated High School, David Daniels Elementary Academy of Math and Science, Dubiski Career High School, Ellen Ochoa STEM Academy at Ben Miliam Elementary, and South Grand Prairie High School received full funding for their projects which included: a school beautification project, outdoor classroom improvements, an anti-littering campaign featuring “snap the strap” for PPE disposal, and the installation of a fruit orchard with expansion of the Recycling Buddies program to include Gardening Buddies. Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Pavey shared that they were impressed with the applications and look forward to seeing the finished results.

POCKET PRAIRIE DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Maron included two packets on pocket prairie development from Katy Prairie Conservancy, Coastal Prairie Partnership, and the Native Prairies Association of Texas in the commission’s agenda packet. Ms. Gonzalez would like to promote the development of pocket prairies in Grand Prairie, a movement that was supported by the August 2020 Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference. Dr. Redfearn shared that the landfill will be installing a pocket prairie onsite in 2021. Ms. Luman agreed that promoting the installation of pocket prairies would be a good project for the commission.

BAG THE BAG, GRAB THE BIN REVIEW – Dr. Redfearn introduced the Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin campaign to stop the use of blue bags for curbside recycling in favor of only utilizing the green bins. Ms. Everitt said that she had seen some of the marketing materials on social media as well as negative feedback from residents relating to the social media posts. Dr. Redfearn shared that the city is evaluating cart service, promoting the use of cardboard boxes for additional capacity, and mailing out a survey to residents regarding cart service. Ms. Gonzalez agreed that this was good information and would like to see an in-depth post on social media. She would also like to see a video of the tangled bags at the recycling facility. Ms. Gonzalez believes that doing these two things would help relieve some of the negative feedback regarding the Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin campaign.

DRIVE THROUGH RESTAURANT TRASH CAN REQUIREMENTS – Mr. King proposed the topic of requiring drive through restaurants to include a trash can at the exit of the drive through line. He stated that this could decrease litter in the community and save taxpayer money. Ms. Pavey agreed with the proposal as she has observed that there is a lot more litter at restaurants that do not have trash cans at the drive through. Ms. Gonzalez suggested a recognition window sticker for businesses with drive through trash cans. Ms. Maron stated that this could be a good application of the Clean Prairie Clean Companies program. Ms. Pavey made a motion to present the proposal of requiring drive through restaurants to include a trash can within the drive through area. Ms. Everitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SUMMARY OF RECENT EVENTS MEETING AND UPCOMING EVENTS LIST– Ms. Maron shared an update from events that occurred since the previous meeting. These events included #FallSweepGP, several Adopt-a-Street cleanups – including one with the Grand Prairie Police Department and the Dallas Heat basketball team, a cemetery cleanup, and a water-based stream cleanup.

Ms. Maron included a link for the Youtube video which features the City of Grand Prairie as Category 10 Governor's Community Achievement Award winner. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DCtnJu3_wQ

#FallSweepGP was a way for families and small groups to win prizes for picking up litter for two weeks in October. Prizes were provided by the Chamber of Commerce, the Get Fit program, and the Solid Waste and Recycling Division. #FallSweepGP brought out 84 volunteers, including 41 youth, who contributed 139.5 hours to collect 60 bags of litter from streets and parks in Grand Prairie.

Ms. Maron shared that she is developing a drive through litter collection event on January 9th and 30th. She requested assistance from the commission. Several of the commissioners stated that they would be available.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT– Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Love your current garbage and recycling collection service or are you ready for a change? Let us know how you feel!

Cart service would bring some changes, such as going to once a week collection for garbage and it may be little more expensive. Before considering a change, we want your opinion. Please complete and return one survey per household. Note:

- Alley collection could be handled with smaller 68-gallon or standard 95-gallon carts, depending upon space.
- A 95-gallon rolling cart can hold seven or more 13-gallon kitchen trash bags or loose material.
- There could be one cart for garbage (and keep your current recycling bins), or possibly one cart for garbage and one cart for recycling.
- In Dallas County, bundled brush can be set beside your cart for pick up on collection day. In Tarrant County the Emerald Ash Borer quarantine is still in effect, see www.gptx.org for more information.
- For bulky items that do not fit in the cart, you would call Republic Services for pickup.
- Designated collection day may change for some residents.
- All curbside collection (garbage, recycling, bulky and brush) would occur on the same day.



1. I am a Grand Prairie resident and my address is:
2. On average, my household sets garbage out for collection:
 Once a week Twice a week Every other week Once a month
3. On average, my household generates this many full kitchen garbage bags (13-gallon) of garbage a week:
 1 bag or less 2-3 bags 4-5 bags 6-7 bags More
4. I would be interested in using city-provided rolling carts for garbage **AND** recycling service:
 Yes No
5. I would be willing to pay up to \$2.00 per month to have weekly rolling cart garbage **AND** recycling service:
 Yes
 No
6. While it may not be necessary, if your current collection service is in the alley, would you be willing to move the cart to the front of your home?
 Yes No

**Please return this within two weeks of receipt to the city at any Grand Prairie library,
or scan and email to predfearn@gptx.org,
or mail to:
Solid Waste Survey
PO Box 534045
Grand Prairie Texas 75053**

¿Te encanta tu servicio actual de recolección de basura y reciclaje o estás listo para un cambio? Háganos saber lo que piensas sobre este tema.

El servicio de botes de basura sobre ruedas traería algunos cambios, por ejemplo la recolección de basura solo ocurriría una vez por semana y puede ser más costoso. Antes de considerar un cambio, queremos su opinión. Complete y devuelva una encuesta por hogar. Tenga en cuenta la siguiente información:

- Para la recolección de callejones se usarían botes de basura más pequeños de 68 galones o estándar de 95 galones, dependiendo del espacio.
- Un bote de basura de 95 galones puede contener siete bolsas de basura de 13 galones o más o material suelto.
- Podría haber un bote para basura (y seguir usando sus contenedores de reciclaje actuales), o posiblemente un bote para basura y uno para reciclaje.
- En el condado de Dallas, se pueden colocar ramas caídas al lado de su bote de basura para ser recogidas el día de la recolección. En el Condado de Tarrant, la cuarentena de el Barrenador Verde Esmeralda del Fresno sigue vigente, consulte www.gptx.org para obtener más información.
- Para artículos grandes que no caben en el bote de basura debe llamar a Republic Services.
- El día designado de recolección puede cambiar para algunos residentes.
- Toda recolección (basura, reciclaje, artículos grandes y cepillo de árbol) ocurriría el mismo día.



1. Soy residente de Grand Prairie y mi dirección es:

2. En promedio, mi hogar deposita basura para la recolección:

- Una vez por semana Dos veces a la semana Cada dos semanas Una vez al mes

3. En promedio, mi hogar genera esta cantidad de bolsas de basura (bolsas de 13 galones) a la semana:

- 1 bolsa o menos 2-3 bolsas 4-5 bolsas 6-7 bolsas Más

4. Me interesaría usar botes de basura sobre ruedas provisto por la ciudad para el servicio de recolección de basura **Y** reciclaje:

- Sí No

5. Estaría dispuesto a pagar hasta \$2 más por mes para tener botes de basura sobre ruedas para el servicio de recolección de basura **Y** reciclaje.

- Sí No

6. Si bien puede que no sea necesario, si su servicio de recolección actual está en el callejón, ¿estaría dispuesto a mover el/los botes al frente de su casa?

- Sí No

Devuelva esta encuesta dentro de las dos semanas posteriores a haberla recibido en cualquier biblioteca de Grand Prairie, o puede escanear y enviar por correo electrónico a predfearn@gptx.org o enviar por correo a:

**Solid Waste Survey
PO Box 534045
Grand Prairie, Texas 75053**

BAG THE BAG! GRAB THE BIN!

DON'T BAG RECYCLABLES! HERE'S WHY.

Blue recycling bags have been popular for years but hinder the recycling process by causing tangles and wrapping around equipment at the recycling sorting facility. Plastic bags can damage the machines and cause the sorting process to shut down.

Take these steps to be a better recycler.



1 DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLING!

Effective January 1, 2021, recycling will no longer be collected in blue bags (or other plastic bags). Recycling should be placed loose in your green recycling bin. You can also put recyclables in a cardboard box or paper bag.



2 GRAB A BIN!

One 18-gallon green bin per household is supplied by the City. Additional bins can be purchased for \$5 each at the City's landfill. 1102 MacArthur Blvd. Mon-Sat 7:30 a.m-4:30 p.m.



3 REUSE YOUR BLUE BAGS!

Blue recycling bags can be used to line your indoor trash bins or as pet waste bags. Residents can also use any remaining blue recycling bags for regular trash collection.



4 RECYCLE BETTER!

- The following items can go in your green recycle bin:
- Plastic bottles and containers, leave the lids on
 - Glass bottles and jars, any color or shape, leave lids on
 - Paper, newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail
 - Cardboard-please flatten
 - Aluminum, steel, and tin cans
 - Cartons (juice, milk)
 - Make sure all containers are empty, clean, and dry!

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: RECYCLING@GPTX.ORG

CALL: 972-237-8061



WWW.GPTX.ORG/RECYCLING

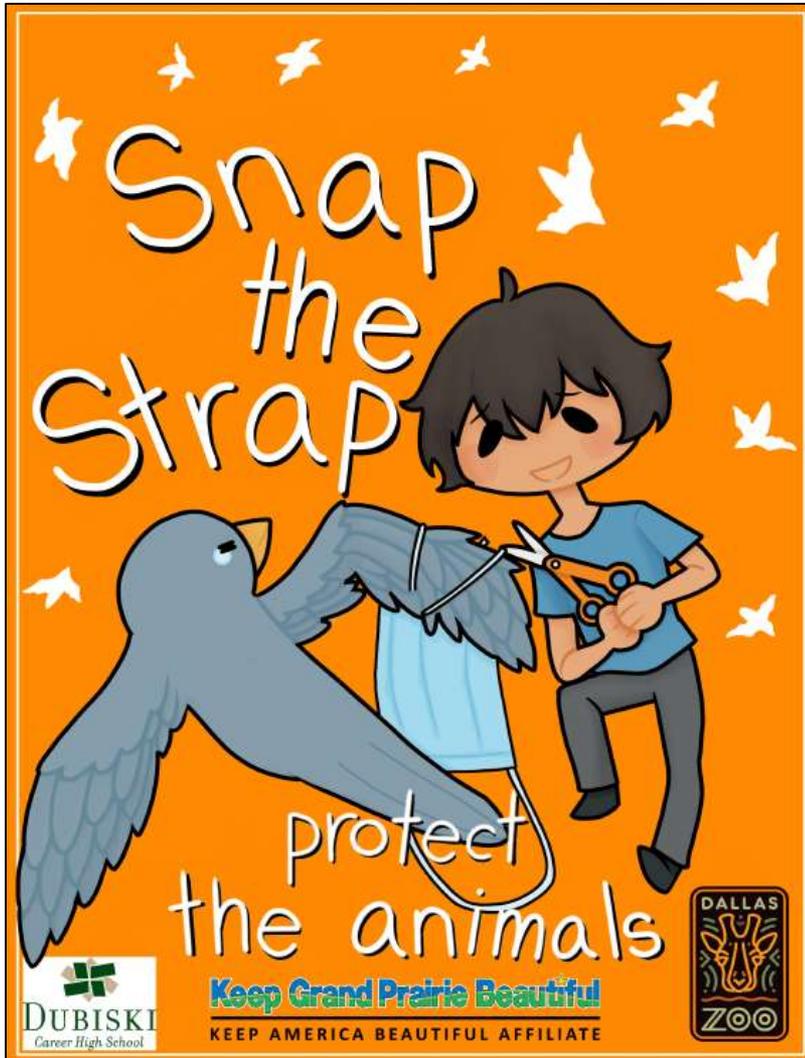
Coordinator's Report

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Anti-littering Sign Installation



Dubiski Anti-litter Poster Contest



Governor's Community Achievement Award Application

See Attachment



City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government



January 4 · 🌐

Item 6.

We would like to give a HUGE shout-out to the Menifee Family and their friends for completing an Adopt-a-Street cleanup in December! What a positive way to end the year.

The Adopt-A-Street program is a cooperative effort between the city, our residents, business owners, clubs, and organizations to keep our right-of-ways and neighborhoods clean and beautiful. Learn more here: <http://ow.ly/Pkte50CZyuL>.



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January 7 · 🌐



Item 6.

Laticrete employees collected an entire car-load of litter from their adopted street. Way to go Laticrete!

Interested in getting involved? Visit <http://ow.ly/IT5c50CZDki> for more information.



Tammy Chan and 20 others

2 Comments



City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government



January 13 · 🌐

Get swept up in creativity for the Litter Free Clean Prairie Art Contest. Contestants need to reside, work, or attend school in Grand Prairie. Think about how you can prevent litter and keep our community clean. Learn more about litter-free initiatives and ideas for your art at gptx.org/gogreen. #CleanPrairie

Déjese llevar por la creatividad para el concurso de arte, Clean Prairie. Los concursantes deben residir,... [See More](#)

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City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

January 20 · 🌐



Item 6.

Girl Scout Troop 6888 is encouraging pet owners to protect clean drinking water by picking up after their pets.

The troop built a collection box for repurposed grocery bags to be used by pet owners to pick up after their pets while on neighborhood walks.

Thank you, for helping to keep Grand Prairie clean and beautiful!



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City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

February 9 at 12:01 PM · 🌐



Item 6.

SAR Starks #208 completed one of their 3 required cleanups this Saturday. Help us give them a big round of applause for helping to keep Grand Prairie clean and beautiful!

Is your family looking for a COVID-19 friendly way to volunteer? Check out our Adopt-A-Street program, www.gptx.org/kgpb/adopt-a-street.



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Relevant Social Media Posts from Other Departments



City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

March 1 at 6:00 PM · 🌐



Item 6.

By using native and adaptive plants in your home you are conserving water, preventing water pollution and saving time and money!
[#TXWaterAmbassador](#) [#WaterSmart](#)



March Texas SmartScape Month

[#TXWATERAMBASSADOR](#)



By using native and adaptive plants, you:

- Conserve precious water
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Prevent water pollution
- Provide wildlife habitat
- **SAVE TIME AND MONEY!**

👍 You and 10 others

1 Share



City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

February 5 at 2:01 PM · 🌐



Item 6.

Did you know that over 500,000,000 plastic drinking straws are used every day in the United States? Many of these end up in our rivers, lakes, and oceans where they can harm wildlife. Rethink waste and pass on the straw for Skip The Straw Day and every day after.

[#LoveWaterLoveLife](#)

¿Sabías que en los Estados Unidos se utilizan más de 500 millones de popotes de plástico para beber todos los días? Muchos de estos term... [See More](#)

[See Translation](#)



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City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

January 28 · 🌐



Leaves fall to the ground creating large amounts of debris causing storm drains to clog and local flooding. Instead, add leaves to your compost, flower beds, gardens, or around the base of trees!

#LoveWaterLoveLife

Las hojas caen al suelo creando grandes cantidades de escombros que causan la obstrucción de los desagües pluviales y las inundaciones locales. En su lugar, agregue hojas a su compost, macizos de flores, jar... [See More](#)

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City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government



January 11 · 🌐

Item 6.

With the number of plastic bottles that are dumped into our environment, it is time to make the switch to reusable bottles. Grab a bottle and keep our rivers, creeks, and streams clean.

[#LoveWaterLoveLife](#)

Con la cantidad de botellas de plástico que se tiran en nuestro medio ambiente, es hora de hacer el cambio a botellas reutilizables. Agarre una botella y mantén limpios nuestros ríos y arroyos.

[#AmorAguaAmorVida](#)

[See Translation](#)



Amanda Maron and 15 others

2 Shares



City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

December 17, 2020 · 🌐



Item 6.

Do you want to return to the summer fun of lakes after a cold winter? Keep your leftover and unwanted detergents out of the drain! Help make the waters clean now for more fun later on! #LoveWaterLoveLife

¿Quiere volver a la diversión de los lagos después de un frío invierno? ¡Mantenga los detergentes sobrantes y no deseados fuera del desagüe! ¡Ayude a limpiar las aguas ahora para divertirse más en el futuro! #Lov... See More

See Translation



Tammy Chan and 7 others

1 Comment 2 Shares

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Volunteers Needed

- Adopt-a-Stream at Fish Creek Trail
 - Saturday, March 27th
 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Adopt-a-Stream at Mi Familia Park
 - Saturday, April 24th
 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nomination: 2095

City of Grand Prairie

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Page: Registration

Community

City of Grand Prairie

Category

Population Category 10

Population Size

195756

First Name

Amanda

Last Name

Maron

Title

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Coordinator

Address

1102 MacArthur Blvd
Grand Prairie Texas 75050 US

Phone Number

14695159194

Email Address

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Page: Community Leadership and Coordination

Question #1

Grand Prairie was first settled as a pioneer town and railroad stop on the way to Fort Worth. Incorporated in 1909, GP saw exciting growth during the 1940's as the home of North American Aviation and Curtiss-Wright Flying Service. In 1999, GP was named the fastest growing city for economic development in the Metroplex, and the city began to create a world class Parks and Recreation System. Today, GP has a diverse population of 195,756 with as many as 30% of our residents speaking Spanish as their first language. New retail and restaurant development along SH 161 continue at a brisk pace. Within the last decade, GP has become a modern city with a focus on equality, affordability, litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification.

Question #2

GP Economic Development team secured retail, restaurant, hotel, and multi-family housing to provide for the thousands that move to the area each year.

The city finalized negotiations with the Dallas and Tarrant County TxDOT so that GP may hire contractors to provide additional litter pickups and mowing along state-owned right-of-ways.

City Council hosts town hall meetings to embrace inclusivity by inviting residents into the discussion of future development, particularly along the 161 and I-30 corridors.

Parks Department opened Play Grand Adventures (phase 1), an adaptive and inclusive playground for all ages and abilities, in January. PGA will be one of the largest specialized playgrounds in Texas and one of the largest playgrounds in the southwestern USA, at 10 acres, when the multi-phase project is complete.

Question #3

GP is a KTB and a KAB affiliate. These partnerships allow for education, grant, and materials support for anti-littering campaigns, recycling, and beautification.

The GP Recycling Coordinator serves on the steering committee for the NCTCOG and participates in quarterly Recycling Roundtable meetings.

The KGPB Coordinator serves on the KTB Programs Committee and the KAB Young Leaders Advisory Council.

GP's partnership with NCTCOG and the community decreased tangles at the Materials Recovery Facility by initiating the Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin initiative. This was a follow up to the NCTCOG study and PSA series to decrease contamination of curbside recycling.

Question #4

KGPB is funded from the Solid Waste and Recycling Division which is an enterprise fund within the City of Grand Prairie. Staffing includes 2 paid full-time staff, 1,494 volunteers, and a 9-member city council appointed commission.

Also funded by SW&R are the two Litter Crews, Recycling Coordinator, and the TxDOT ROW litter and mowing contract. Staffing for these programs includes 6 full-time, up to 6 temporary employees, and one local business contract for the ROWs.

The Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin initiative was funded through SW&R.

Volunteers completed 2,663 service hours to remove 18,720 pounds of litter and debris from GP. Community gardeners donated 4,588 pounds of produce.

The Parks Department funds beautification projects such as tree and flower installations at many city facilities.

Question #5

The KGPB Coordinator attends KAB and KTB Conferences and serves on both the KTB Programs Committee and the KAB Young Leaders Advisory Council. She attended a conference and trainings held by the Informal Science Educators Association.

The Recycling Coordinator attended 12 trainings including those hosted by KTB, State of Texas Alliance for Recycling, KAB, and others.

Two KGPB Commissioners, the Recycling Coordinator, and the Solid Waste and Recycling Manager attended the virtual KTB annual conference.

Page: Public Awareness and Outreach

Question #1

The Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin initiative was shared across the city's YouTube channel, the weekly Mayor's Message, social media, the city website, the water bill insert, the Pipeline Direct e-newsletter, and even hand delivered fliers. Solid Waste and Recycling staff continue to deliver recycling bins to residents who are still using blue bags. Each bin has a Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin flier taped to the side.

Social media, monthly water bill inserts, and weekly e-newsletters resulted in over 604,540 interactions with the community about GCAA topics. The Green GP webpage provides a centralized location for all information that is green, clean, and beautiful. Additional interactions are created via digital signs, virtual programming, mailers, and fliers.

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful completed a presentation at a televised City Council meeting to announce the Governor's Community Achievement Award recognition that the city received for its efforts in 2019.

The GPISD STEM Department publishes a monthly newsletter featuring all things Green and Clean including upcoming events, KTB and KAB grants/awards/contests, a resource list, and environmental lesson ideas. Green and Clean Campus Program members (50 – each representing a Grand Prairie ISD campus or a charter school campus) receive this newsletter.

Question #2

Water bill insert and social media posts are translated to Spanish and Vietnamese. Libraries provide free programming for all ages.

GP added an Inclusion Coordinator in July 2020 who is uniquely tasked with enhancing relations between diverse populations, both within city staff and between police and the community.

City Manager's Office secured rental and utilities assistance for residents. Parks Department partnered with food pantries and utilized recreation centers for drive-through food distribution for several months.

Question #3

The KGPB website and printed brochures include the KTB logo. KGPB website provides links to several KTB & DMWT pages including youth programming and their respective home pages. Social media posts tag DMWT and KTB. The city is currently undergoing negotiations with TxDOT to install DMWT signage at frequently littered locations. KTB and DMWT programs, grants, award applications, and contests are shared with all Green and Clean Campus Program participants via the GPISD STEM Department monthly newsletter.

Question #4

Given: The city awarded 19 100% pretreatment compliance awards and 20 other environmental awards including 56 groups for excellence in the Adopt-a-Street program and 16 Clean Company certifications. All numbers show increased participation over previous years.

Received: Maintained KAB President's Circle Award, maintained KTB Gold Star Affiliate and Sustained Excellence, and received 1st place Category 10 GCAA. GP was recognized by Texas Recreation and Park Society North Region for Play Grand Adventures (Excellence in Design), by Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Lex Frieden Employment Awards for inclusive programming, and by Air North Texas for Partner of the Year.

Question #5

GP launched the Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin initiative to reduce contamination of curb-side recycling. The recycling vendor will no longer pickup recycling in blue bags. All recycling must be in the city-provided green bin or a cardboard box. Residents received information through GPTV, YouTube, the weekly Mayor's Message, social media, the water bill insert, e-newsletters, and fliers (1300 impressions).

The city sponsors eight community gardens by providing education, soils, seeds, and tools. The gardens donate 4,588+ pounds of produce to local food pantries.

The landfill provides brochures about tarping your load and sells tarps so that customers can reduce their littering impact from flying/falling debris.

GP is a 'Water Wise' community and has implemented several programs and ordinances to encourage residents to conserve water year-round and to avoid contaminating the soil and waterways. The Public Works Department educates residents regarding "Don't Clog the Drain". Code Compliance Officers help monitor activities associated with protecting the city's floodplains and waterways.

COVID-19 adaptations moved many of the educational programming to a virtual platform. Several city departments created environmental education videos, celebrating Earth Week and the Clean Prairie initiative, which were posted on YouTube and shared on Facebook (14,223 impressions).

Page: Environmental Education

Question #1

Plastic Free Plan-It program encouraged the community to reduce, reuse, and recycle their single-use plastics. Through a grant from the NCTCOG, the city was able to purchase 297 recycling bins for use in all grade levels of GP schools. Students maintain the recycling bins and took it upon themselves to continue the education campaign. This program resulted in a 231/4% increase in plastic recycling and a 506.3% increase in aluminum recycling between the school year before the campaign and the school year after the campaign

COVID-19 presented challenges to educators who were focused on keeping students safe and adapting to new teaching formats. GPISD STEM Department (with input from KGPB) published a district-wide monthly newsletter with "green" lessons, grants, and contests. Typically, KGPB will host 8 to 10 educational workshops for educators. The educators are then able to take their knowledge and share with their Green Teams.

Question #2

The Green and Clean Campus Program is a 22+ yearlong partnership between the city and GPISD that brings KTB and KAB resources to schools. Waste in Place and Junior Master Gardener education kits are available for teachers to check out. Each elementary campus has an outdoor learning area featuring vegetable and butterfly gardens. Some even have a goldfish pond or chickens! Green Teams teach their fellow students about litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification while maintaining the recycling bins and the outdoor learning area. The GPISD was not able to implement Project Learning Tree nor Project Wild this year.

Page: Beautification and Community Improvement

Question #1

The Parks Department practices infrequent mowing along the edges of community parks to promote wildlife/butterfly habitat. Parks planted 104 trees for beautification and erosion control at several parks. The new City Hall construction features a rain garden, complete with native and adaptive plants, which captures stormwater which then drains into the garden benefiting both the landscape and the water table. Pollinator gardens are maintained at eight community gardens, creating a year-round food supply for our pollinators. GP has been a member of "Tree city USA" for over 36 thirty years. This is was maintained in 2020 with a televised Arbor Day proclamation. As opposed to previous years when the recognition was maintained with an educational expo for 800 fourth and fifth grade students who would take home their very own tree seedling for planting.

The Parks Department paused all volunteer projects and implemented new policies for their staff because of COVID-1, ie: staggered employee start times, mandatory masking, and limited the number of crew in each truck. KGPB shared all COVID-19 guidelines with the community gardeners so that they could continue growing vegetables and contributing to local food pantries.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Division entered a new contract with a local landscaping company to supplement TxDOT mowing and litter collection along 43 miles of ROW (398.9 acres). The company collected 15.1 tons of litter.

Question #2

The Downtown Improvement initiative fosters pride and a positive impact on the economic development and prosperity of Grand Prairie by bringing in new businesses and by hosting pop-up markets. KGPB decorates the iconic water tower at the Farmers Market in the center of Downtown for the fall and winter holidays.

Housing and Economic Development continued the Building Blocks program this year which will provide cost matching up to \$5,000 for public facing improvements to your home. Included projects are fencing, siding, paint, roof, etc.

The award-winning Farmers Market was open for only a couple of months this year. The Farmers Market provides a venue for local artisans to sell their crafts and produce. Local professional, amateur, and student talent is featured on the outdoor stage.

GP hosts a city calendar photo contest that is open to the community. Photos must feature GP and be suitable for publication.

The Parks Department maintains the landscaping around city hall and all parks and recreation centers. This helps to create a beautiful place to live, work, and play.

Page: Litter Prevention and Cleanup

Question #1

Yes. Solid Waste and Recycling, with City Council and Marketing, created a garbage/recycling survey which will be mailed to all single-family homes regarding interest in carts which will help to mitigate windblown recycling caused by open-top bins. SW&R completed a recycling set-out rate study of a randomized selection of single-family homes to report participation in curbside recycling and windblown recycling over a six-week period.

Typically, the KAB litter survey is completed annually.

Question #2

Code of ordinances addresses uncovered trucks, construction sites, and dumpster requirements. Median trash cans are provided at major street intersections for motorists. The city Litter Crews have been staffed at 20% due to COVID-19. Pedestrian trash cans are provided for the walkable section of downtown GP.

The landfill provides education and sells tarps to make compliance with city code regarding tarped loads easier.

Several Adopt-a-Street groups were not able to complete cleanups due to COVID-19. When KAB provided 'litter cleanup during COVID-19' guidance, most groups felt confident to continue and collected 1,160 bags of litter.

TxDOT ROW contract, with a local landscaping company, increased litter collection along 43 miles of ROW (398.9 acres). The company collected 15.1 tons of litter.

Question #3

Dubiski Career High School received \$400 in project funding from KGPB to complete a PPE anti-litter poster contest. Posters were hung on campus, at transition points – a trashcan was also included in the setup. A presurvey on the use of single-use PPE was completed before the posters were hung and a postsurvey is planned.

Parks Department reported increased litter in Parks due to increased usage. Additional litter collection services were contracted for parks with high traffic and large litter volume.

Adopt-a-Street program continued after two months of stay at home orders. Participants collected 1,160 bags of litter.

This year was the first year for the supplemental TxDOT ROW litter contract with a local landscaping company. They collected an additional 15.1 tons of litter.

Question #4

KGPB had 1,494 volunteers remove 18,720 pounds of debris during 225 events. This was 25% more litter collected per person than in 2019. From a qualitative perspective, there is a lot of PPE being littered at transition zones, such as outside of businesses. The volunteers that did participate in cleanups during a pandemic are highly motivated individuals.

An Adopt-a-Street volunteer met with KGPB and the Solid Waste & Recycling Manager to develop a litter reduction plan. 1) Installation of five median trash containers on her adopted segment, 2) increased patrol by GPPD during peak traffic and 3) to install DMWT signage in the area. Median containers were installed on a Friday afternoon and by Monday all the containers had significant amounts of trash which may have otherwise ended up as litter.

The KAB litter survey is completed annually. However, due to COVID-19, the survey was not able to be completed.

Question #5

All events take place during Fall Sweep and/or GAC. Without volunteers KGPB would not be able to continue litter abatement programs. Volunteers contributed 2,663 service hours at 225 events to remove 18,720 pounds of litter and debris from Grand Prairie. The service was completed by 1,494 volunteers for an estimated cost benefit of \$66,972.94. Events were limited this year due to COVID-19.

Many of these events took place before COVID-19. The one event that took place after was water-based and the volunteers were in kayaks. We launched the volunteers as they arrived instead of all at the same time. KGPB provided box lunches and encouraged volunteers to have a picnic on the river in their kayak.

#FallSweepGP: 84 volunteers, 140 hours, 60 bags litter A virtual cleanup with pre-registration and supplies pickup the week before. Volunteers submitted photos and a cleanup report to be entered into a prize drawing.

Page: Solid Waste Management

Question #1

GP landfill is one of the best performing landfills in the region according to reporting from the TCEQ which is the regulating entity for landfills. Waste hauler worked with GP for COVID-19 protocols, changes, and public information. Landfill staff educate residents about what can be disposed of at the landfill, diverted, or held for an HHW collection event.

The Clean Company Program certified 16 businesses for maintaining clean and orderly workspaces, and/or participating in recycling and/or KGPB events and/or making a financial contribution to KGPB programs.

Solid Waste and Recycling worked with the Materials Recovery Facility, NCTCOG, and the community to implement the Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin message to reduce tanglers at the MRF. Recycling education increased curbside recycling to 45%.

Question #2

Community gardeners utilize yard waste to make compost to fertilize their vegetables, decreasing chemical inputs. Monthly brush collection at the curbside by the Brush Crew is ground into mulch at the landfill to provide slope/road stabilization and reduce erosion. Residents pick up mulch for free. The landfill convenience area allows residents to recycle white goods, tires, electronics, metals, and mixed recyclables. Electronics recycling events diverted 165.6 tons. Concrete and asphalt is ground to create road base that is reused in GP roads, providing a less expensive alternative for the city. The Plastic Free Plan-It Program provided 297 common area recycling bins for GP schools. Resulting in a 231.4% and a 506.3% increase in diversion of plastic and aluminum, respectively. Curbside recycling has a 45% set-out rate at GP homes. The Parks Department grinds storm damaged trees to use in landscaping beds.

GP's waste hauler worked with GP to create COVID-19 protocols, changes, and public information. Landfill customers were required to wear masks when visiting the landfill. In-person compost classes were canceled. All else remained unaffected or was affected minimally. Marketing Department pushed new protocols out through monthly water bill inserts, social media, and the weekly Mayor's Message.

Page: Litter Law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement**Question #1**

Code Compliance is housed within the Grand Prairie Police Department. Code Compliance has an illegal dumping investigator and a contractor who is called to clean up the debris.

Increased patrol by GPPD has been provided in areas with frequent litter, specifically in the Nottingham Neighborhood. Where additional median trash containers were also installed.

Parks Department works with GPPD, Code Compliance, and KGPB to reduce illegal dumping, litter, graffiti, and other nuisances in the parks system.

GPPD participates in the Adopt-a-Street program with their own segment in the Dalworth Community – an historically Black community. One of the cleanups included members of the Dallas Heat Basketball team. After the cleanup, GPPD and the Dallas Heat had a roundtable discussion about inclusivity and equity.

Question #2

Code Compliance receives graffiti complaints and obtains property waivers before sending to KGPB for removal (68 pieces removed in 2020).

Residents report nuisance issues and code violations through the MyGPTX app and "I want to report" webpage. These reports are collected by the Marketing Department and then sent to the specific city department.

CC completes neighborhood sweeps throughout the year in addition to their regular patrol. Residents are allowed one warning per year before they receive a ticket.

CC publishes educational pieces about these issues in the monthly water bill insert.

Free monthly brush collection is provided for residents which makes maintaining their yards easier because they do not have to worry about hauling off fallen limbs or pruned shrubs.

Page: Conclusion**Question #1**

GP has increased communication, in different ways, with the community. The Mayor's Message is on YouTube and has weekly updates from Mayor Jensen beginning in March. What began as a way to provide COVID-19 updates including positive tests, hospital occupancy, and community closures/openings has morphed into a way to share general city news.

GP has done their best to care for everyone by providing food distribution drive throughs, rental assistance, utilities assistance, small business relief packages, free testing sites, and vaccines.

GP has responded by increasing inclusivity and community responsiveness by creating an atmosphere that encourages open discourse about development and other topics that are important to the community. This openness is here to stay.

Yes, virtual or hybrid classes will continue because it allows greater participation. Virtual cleanups may also continue because volunteers can participate according to their schedule instead of on specific Saturdays.

Question #2

Play Grand Adventures provides a safe and adaptable playground for all ages. Development along the 161 and I-30 corridor and an award-winning Farmers Market continue to support a variety of recreation and multi-family housing opportunities. Parks Department continues to utilize native and adaptive plants while maintaining city landscapes. Continued tree plantings provide many benefits to the community. TxDOT ROW contract, the GP Litter Crews, Code Compliance, and graffiti remediation make GP a clean place to live, work, and play.

Public Works Department, through a multi-year project, installed digital water meters at all service locations, allowing leaks to be detected quickly. Solid Waste and Recycling Division maintains a mitigation wetland which provides environmental education opportunities and habitat for a wide variety of animals and plants.

Page: Program Portfolio

Photographs must support text in the written application and take place in the reporting period (01/01/20 - 12/31/20). These should not act as a standalone application. Photo collages are not allowed. Images are not allowed (i.e. must be photograph only, not image of newspaper article, etc.). **Ten photos are required, but up to fifteen can be uploaded.**

Photo #1

Adopt-a-Stream volunteer shows off his haul from Cottonwood Creek cleanup with Trinity Coalition

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Photo #2

Austin Environmental Science Academy students collected 1,184 pounds of plastic and aluminum recycling.

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Photo #3

Dickinson Elementary students learning and working in the vegetable garden at the school's Outdoor Learning Area. All schools have OLAs.

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Photo #4

George, a volunteer, showing off a jumbo daikon radish. Community gardeners donated 4,588+ pounds of produce in 2020.

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Photo #5

GP Police Department with Dallas Heat Basketball team completed AAStreet cleanup, finished with roundtable discussion on race, equity, and unity.

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Photo #6

Gracie, a volunteer, helps to maintain the pollinator garden at GP Family Church Community Garden.

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Photo #7

Kappa Alpha Psi Alumni group maintains their Adopt-a-Street segment three times per year.

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Photo #8

KGPB Commission and family remove fallen brush, 1,180 pounds, from the historic Vernoy Cemetery.

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Photo #9

KGPB Crew mitigates graffiti on bridge at Fish Creek Trail.

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Photo #10

Pre-COVID-19 volunteer station with handwashing and drinking water refill.

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Photo #11

Richemont staff AASstream cleanup Johnson and Arbor Creeks at Waggoner Park, collected 1,140 pounds of litter.

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Photo #12

Rueben, a volunteer, making compost at the GP Family Church Community Garden.

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Photo #13

South GP High School students found four street signs at the January Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge.

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Photo #14

South GP High School students removing a shopping cart at the January Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge.

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Photo #15

Trinity Coalition AASstream cleanup Cottonwood Creek volunteers collected 680 pounds of litter.

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You will have the option to submit up to three examples of each but you must, at a minimum, submit two examples of three of the following five options. Applicants must submit support materials from 3 of the following 5 options:

- A. Two examples of public awareness or promotional materials
- B. Two examples of eligible local media support (i.e. news articles, publications, social media)
- C. Two examples of educational materials developed for use in adult or youth educational activities
- D. Two city or county ordinances related to litter prevention, litter law, waste management or illegal dumping. Include the complete ordinance, including section, title, details, and website link (if applicable). Reporting period does not apply.
- E. Two examples of awards, recognition and/or proclamations given to the community or community programs recognizing environmental stewardship.

Public Awareness or Promotional Materials

Bag the Bag, Grab the Bin flier, available in physical and digital formats, also in Spanish.

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Public Awareness or Promotional Materials

January issue of monthly water bill insert featuring five topics included in application.

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Public Awareness or Promotional Materials

September issue of monthly water bill insert featuring nine topics in application.

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Media Support

News article celebrating the GP Farmers Market which was voted best Farmers Market in Texas.

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Media Support

News article highlighting Gerald Hodges and some of his initiatives as GP's first Inclusion Coordinator.

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Media Support

Grand opening of Play Grand Adventures phase 1. The biggest all ages and all abilities playground in Southern US.

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Award, Recognition, Proclamation

Virtual recognition of 56 AASstreet groups. In-person celebration was canceled due to COVID-19.

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Award, Recognition, Proclamation

Clean Company Gold Star recognition that includes how they earned the certification.

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Award, Recognition, Proclamation

Proclamation by Mayor Jensen to celebrate February 20, 2020 as Unity Day.

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Page: Application Certification

Do you assure that all information provided in this application is correct, to the best of your knowledge?

Yes, I acknowledge that I have provided all information to the best of my knowledge.













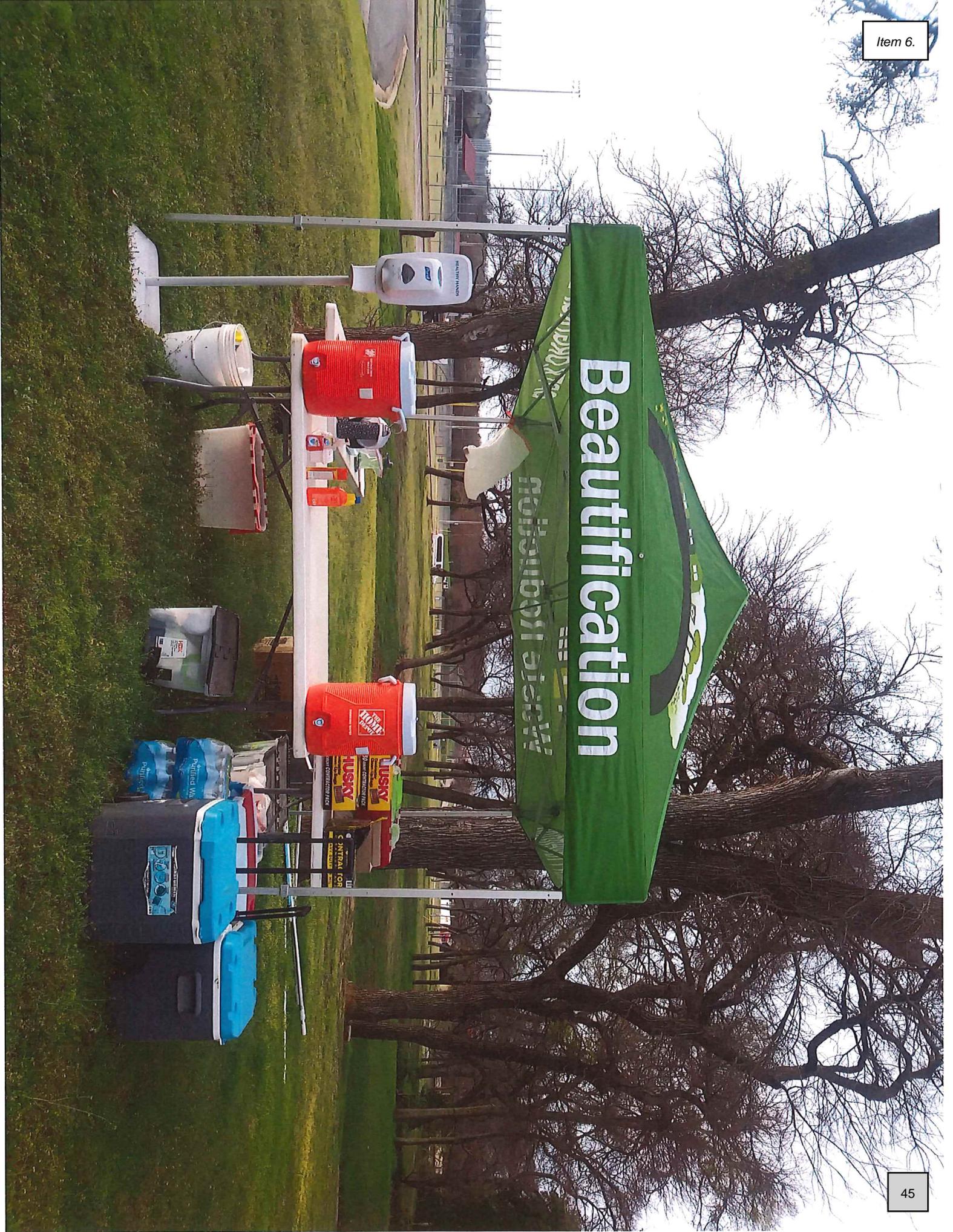


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Adopted by:
Kappa Alpha Psi
Arlington
Grand Praise Chapter

972-237-8152
Adopt-A-Street

















BAG THE BAG! GRAB THE BIN!

DON'T BAG RECYCLABLES! HERE'S WHY.

Blue recycling bags have been popular for years but hinder the recycling process by causing tangles and wrapping around equipment at the recycling sorting facility. Plastic bags can damage the machines and cause the sorting process to shut down.

Take these steps to be a better recycler.



1 DON'T BAG YOUR RECYCLING!

Effective January 1, 2021, recycling will no longer be collected in blue bags (or other plastic bags). Recycling should be placed loose in your green recycling bin. You can also put recyclables in a cardboard box or paper bag.



2 GRAB A BIN!

One 18-gallon green bin per household is supplied by the City. Additional bins can be purchased for \$5 each at the City's landfill.
1102 MacArthur Blvd. Mon-Sat 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



3 REUSE YOUR BLUE BAGS!

Blue recycling bags can be used to line your indoor trash bins or as pet waste bags. Residents can also use any remaining blue recycling bags for regular trash collection.



4 RECYCLE BETTER!

The following items can go in your green recycle bin:

- Plastic bottles and containers, leave the lids on
- Glass bottles and jars, any color or shape, leave lids on
- Paper, newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail
- Cardboard-please flatten
- Aluminum, steel, and tin cans
- Cartons (juice, milk)
- Make sure all containers are empty, clean, and dry!

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: RECYCLING@GPTX.ORG

CALL: 972-237-8061

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NEW CITY HALL OPEN

Visitors to Grand Prairie's City Municipal Complex will be greeted with a new City Hall entrance this January. The first phase of a new 30,500-square-foot two-story building between the Development Center and City Hall is now complete, and easily accessible from Main Street. The \$15 million addition, City Hall Central, connects the existing City Hall with the city's Development Center, and was constructed to:

- Increase building security
- Consolidate city offices to increase work efficiency among departments and ease of way finding for visitors
- Address structural challenges in nearly century-old city buildings



Safety features in the City Hall Central building include bullet-resistant glass, Kevlar walls and a secure front desk for visitor check-in. A sound masking system in the ceiling of both floors creates white noise enabling employees to work more effectively in an open environment, and multiple meeting rooms feature state-of-the-art audio/video conferencing systems to accommodate the many meetings required to develop and operate our growing city. An outdoor rain garden captures stormwater using three large pipes that drain into the garden

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GET COUNTED IN CENSUS 2020

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Your responses help direct where more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed each year to communities nationwide – Grand Prairie included – for clinics, schools, roads and more. Your responses are also used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

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THE BIG EVENT CITYWIDE VOLUNTEER DAY



The Big Event is a city-wide community service day that pairs volunteers with residents who may need a little help around their homes. Grand Prairie comes together for one big day of helping others on March 28, 2020.

Residents with qualifying jobs can submit a Big Event Job Request at gptx.org/bigevent. Volunteers may sign up at gptx.org/bigevent.

KIDS FISHING DAY



Saturday, Feb. 15

Mike Lewis Park Lagoon
2600 Block of N. Carrier Pkwy.
Registration: noon-1 p.m.

Fishing: 1-4 p.m.

Free to children 16 and younger with onsite sign-up table. A limited number of loaner rods and reels will be available on a first come, first serve basis with a driver's license or credit card deposit. For more information, call 972-237-8100 or visit GrandFunGP.com.

NEW CITY HALL

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benefiting the landscape and water table. The official new address for all portions of the City Hall building is 300 W. Main St.

During 2020 while phase 2 renovations are underway at the existing Development Center, renamed City Hall East, city services will be found at the following locations:

City Hall West (old City Hall)

Water Utility Customer Service (Water Billing) – the existing drive through and City Hall Water Department entrance will remain open

Code Compliance, Information Technology, Communications and Marketing, Fire Prevention – customers may enter at the new City Hall Central entrance and check in at the front desk

City Hall Central (new two-story building)

Planning, Building Inspections, Engineering, Transportation Departments and Public Works Administration – customers may enter at the new City Hall Central entrance and check in at the front desk

City Manager's Office, Economic Development, City Attorney, City Secretary – customers may enter at the new City Hall Central entrance and check in at the front desk

Remaining city services have not changed location. For more information on Grand Prairie city services, visit gptx.org.

YOUTH SPRING SPORTS

Spring Youth Soccer League

Mountain Creek Soccer Complex

Learn and develop soccer skills, sportsmanship and self-confidence in an active and safe learning environment.

Ages: 4-17

Fee: \$75 per player (uniform included)

Registration: Jan. 2-Feb. 28

Start Date: March 21

Spring Youth Volleyball League

Tony Shotwell Life Center

Gain a strong volleyball foundation, while developing fundamental skills, and promoting team cooperation and sportsmanship.

Ages: 9-12

Fee: \$55 per player (uniform included)

Registration: January 27 – March 19

Start Date: April 4

For more information, call 972-237-7533 or email athletics@gptx.org

FAMILY VALENTINE'S DANCE

Thursday, Feb. 13, 5:30-7 p.m. • Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road

Kids bring your Valentine and come dance the night away with friends and family! Show off your dance moves with our DJ, photo booth and snacks!

BADGES AND BOOKS

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-noon • Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Join us for a fun morning of learning as the Grand Prairie Police Department shows us their gear and reads us their favorite stories!

SPRING BREAK CAMPS AT THE EPIC

Spring Break: March 9-13
The Epic
2960 Epic Place

Camp EPIC

Ages 5-12

Drop off after 7 a.m. and pick up before 6 p.m.

Enjoy spring break at The Epic with fun filled games, swimming and an offsite fieldtrip with friends.

Kreative Kidz Art Camp

Ages 8-12

Drop off after 7 a.m. and pick up before 6 p.m.

Put your creative minds and hands to work with an introduction to the arts with workshops led by specialized instructors in dance, filmmaking, music, literature and more!

Register in person at The Epic or online at JoinTheEpic.com.

BRIDAL SHOW

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Ruthe Jackson Center

3113 S. Carrier Pkwy.

“Be an Inspired Bride”

- Tastings, Trends and Tablescapes by wedding experts
- Planning and design resources
- Entertainment showcase
- Stunning Catwalk show featuring the latest in bridal fashion

Complementary admittance. Reservation required. No guests admitted under 16. Reservations available beginning January 18 at RutheJacksonCenter.com.



RUTHE JACKSON CENTER

UPTOWN THEATER

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

Saturday, Jan. 25

Harrison Greenbaum: What Just Happened?

From colleges to comedy clubs, from talk shows to theaters, Harrison is bringing his special combination of comedy and magic to audiences around the world, proving each night why publications such as *am New York* have described him as one of comedy and magic's "hottest rising stars and, without a doubt, one of the most unique acts you'll ever see."



MY HEALTH PASSPORT

The Get Fit Grand Prairie community health initiative is offering a free "My Health Passport" for all Grand Prairie residents pursuing a healthier lifestyle in 2020. Through partnerships with local businesses, the passport includes free gym day passes, dining discounts, massage sessions and much more! To print your copy of the passport, go to gptx.org.myhealthpassport.



ARLO'S CLEAN AIR

ART CONTEST



Arlo's Clean Air Art Contest is open to all ages and all forms of art are accepted. For complete contest guidelines, visit www.gptx.org/arloartcontest or call 972-237-8055. Learn more clean air strategies at

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, March 7, 9-11 a.m.
Development Center, 300 W. Main St.
(next to City Hall)
Registration is required at
gptx.org/electronics-recycling or
972-237-8159

Accepted: computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players, TVs (no exposed parts please), cellphones
Not accepted: hazardous materials, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditions, refrigerators

Grand Prairie residents can also bring their recyclables to the landfill any time Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, March 7, 9-11 a.m.
Development Center
300 W. Main St.
(next to City Hall)

Registration is required at 972-237-8055 or online at gptx.org/WQ/HHW. No commercial waste will be accepted.

CENSUS

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What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, gender and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

How will I respond?

New this year, every household will have the chance to respond online or by phone in addition to the traditional by mail option. Between March 12-20, the 2020 U.S. Census will mail you an invitation to respond online to the census. You will get a reminder letter March 16-24 if you haven't responded by then. Then, a reminder postcard March 26-April 3. If you still haven't responded, you will receive a reminder letter and a paper questionnaire to complete and send back by mail. Then April 20-27, if you haven't responded, a census worker will follow up in person at your home.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging makes recommendations to the city council concerning transportation, medical, financial, housing and entertainment needs of the aging. Meetings are held on second Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at The Summit. For more information, call 972-237-4141 or visit GrandFunGP.com/COA.

BEFORE WINTER STORMS AND EXTREME COLD

While colder weather brings a welcome change, most people aren't prepared for it. Freezing rain, snow and ice can make for great outdoor fun—but can also result in car accidents, hypothermia, and carbon monoxide poisoning from defective heating units. In addition, a few inches of ice can bring down power lines that result in days-long outages. And on the road, that quick trip can turn into an impromptu camp-out in the car. With a little planning, you can protect yourself and enjoy the winter weather.



To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches you should have an emergency supply kit. You can check the website <http://www.knowwhat2do.com> for basic kit ideas.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services. Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications at: ready.gov/prepare.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

Winter Weather Safety Tips:

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing instead of one heavy layer of clothing.
- Make sure that outer garments are water-repellent.
- Ensure that your heating source is working properly and well ventilated. Have it serviced regularly.
- Avoid driving on overpasses and bridges—they often freeze more quickly than roads.
- Winterize your car. Flush the cooling system, replace the coolant, replace the wiper blades, etc.
- Create an Emergency Supply Kit in case you're stranded.
- Winterize your pipes. Keep faucets dripping when the temperature drops below freezing.
- Take extra precautions to ensure the well-being of your animals by providing plenty of water and food, as well as appropriate shelter.

If you have questions, contact the City of Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management at 972-237-8333 or email: oem@gptx.org

LYNN CREEK PARK OPENS FEB. 29

Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy., opens for the season on Saturday, February 29. Hours of operation are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Lynn Creek Park has more than 100 individual picnic pavilions, a playground, swimming beach, boat ramps, sand volleyball, and plenty of open space for setting up the perfect spot with your family. Single vehicle admission is free for Grand Prairie residents excluding select holidays and special events. Call 972-237-4120 for more information or visit GrandGunGP.com.



KEEP LEAVES FROM STREETS AND ALLEYS

It is the responsibility of residents to remove leaves from the curb, street, sidewalk and alley. **City Ordinance Section 29-70 littering:** It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, sweep, deposit or scatter, or permit to be thrown, swept, deposited or scattered, willfully or negligently, upon any sidewalk, alley, street, bridge, public passageway, drain, gutter or other public or private property, any garbage, trash, grass clippings, weeds, leaves, dead animal, debris, stagnant water, junk or other waste of any kind.

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)

The City of Grand Prairie participates in the Community Rating System (CRS), which is a program within the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This voluntary incentive program recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. 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 program:

- 1) Reduce flood losses
- 2) Facilitate accurate insurance rating
- 3) Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

The city's participation in the CRS program is in addition to its participation in the NFIP. The City of Grand Prairie maintains its CRS ranking of 5, which qualifies residents for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums for properties located in FEMA's 1% annual chance floodplain, or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The City submits an annual update with appropriate documentation to FEMA. FEMA performs a site visit every three years to review the City's implementation of its CRS program.

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ONCE-A-MONTH BRUSH PICK UP

For the convenience of Grand Prairie residents, the city operates a Brush Pickup Program. This once-per-month service provides curbside pickup of tree limbs and brush that are not bundled or bagged, no larger than 10 inches in diameter, no longer than 5 feet in length and the pile is no larger than a VW Beetle. This is for brush and tree limbs that are too large for the city's twice-weekly trash collection, which must be bundled, weigh less than 50 pounds and be no more than 6 feet long. This service is for residents who trim their own brush and limbs. For residents who hire a contractor or tree service, the vendor must haul away what they trim.



Place your brush at the curb (no alley pickup) no earlier than the Monday before your pick up week. Residents can be fined for putting out brush before the allowed one week prior to regularly scheduled ZONE service. Zoned pickup weeks and program details are on the city's website here: gptx.org/brushpickup.

The Brush Service Crew will not pick up grass clippings, leaves, weeds, flowers, wire, landscape timbers, fencing, plastic bags or other foreign materials. Brush must be neatly piled (not scattered) at least 2 feet from utility poles, low hanging trees, fences, gas/water meters, fire hydrants, mailboxes and sprinkler heads, along with any other obstacles that would prevent collection. Brush cannot at any time block sidewalks, right-of-way, or the view of oncoming traffic. Brush will not be picked up if parked vehicles or other obstructions are present.

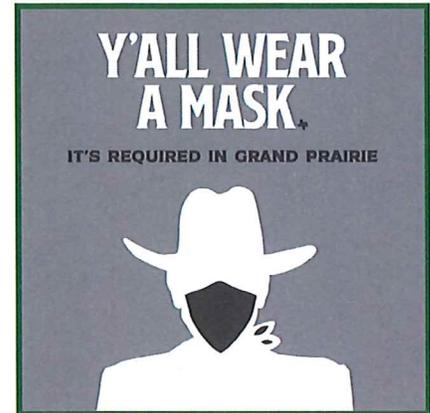
BILL HILLS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

Bill Hills has been promoted to Deputy City Manager overseeing Housing and Neighborhood Services, Planning and Development, Building Inspections, Engineering, Transportation, Public Works, and Municipal Court.

Bill began his career with the City of Grand Prairie as a Code Compliance Manager in 1989. He became Housing and Neighborhood Services Director in 1993. Prior to Grand Prairie, Bill worked for the city of Fort Worth as a code enforcement officer (1979), then Assistant Superintendent of Code Enforcement. Bill is a founder of and served as the first president of both the Code Enforcement Association of Texas and American Association of Code



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SHRED IT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 10 • 8-11 a.m.
 Dubiski Career High School
 2900 State Highway 161
 \$5 per box
 Sponsored by Grand Prairie
 Crime Stoppers

FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market, 120 W. Main St., is open from 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays with a limited number of vendors and customers. Enjoy locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats and more. For info., call 972-237-4599 or visit gptx.org/farmersmarket

Scared of Your Water Bill?

You don't have to be!
 Sign up for H2Know so you can keep track of your water usage—hourly.

gptx.org/H2Know

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7, 9-11 a.m. • City Hall East
300 W. Main St.

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Accepted: computers, laptops, printers, VCRs, DVD players, TVs (no exposed parts please), cellphones
Not accepted: hazardous materials, liquids, broken monitor tubes, yard equipment, air conditioners, refrigerators

Grand Prairie residents can also bring their recyclables to the landfill any time
Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7, 9-11 a.m.
City Hall East, 300 W. Main St.

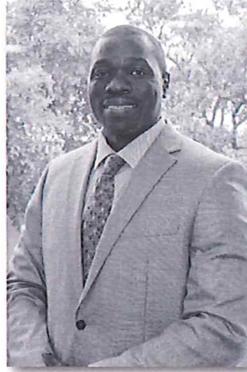
Registration is required at 972-237-8055 or online at
gptx.org/WQ/HHW. No commercial waste will be accepted.



CITY WELCOMES INCLUSION COORDINATOR

GERALD HODGES

Gerald Hodges was named the city's Inclusion Coordinator July 2020. Gerald is part of the City Manager's Office and will work in the community building unity and relationships; and in the city organization cultivating our environment that encourages and supports diversity and inclusion. He previously served in law enforcement for 13 years, eight with Grand Prairie Police as a School Resource Officer and detective, and five with another agency. Prior to law enforcement, Gerald spent nine years in the education and the social services profession. During that time, Gerald worked with drug prevention support groups from South Dallas to Highland Park, and was an assistant principal for charter schools in South Oak Cliff and Fort Worth. Gerald is currently on the Grand Prairie YMCA Board, the board for "Cops and Kids Fishing", and the TD Foundation. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Texas A&M University.



GRASS HEIGHT

MAXIMUM: 10 INCHES

The maximum height for grass in Grand Prairie is 10



inches. It is unlawful for any person with ownership in a property or in an alley easement in the City of Grand Prairie to have grass, weeds, rubbish or brush at a height greater than 10 inches, or for property to appear unsightly or unsanitary along, upon or across the sidewalk, alley or street. Seven days after a property owner has been given notification of high grass Code Compliance will issue citations and may have the property mowed. The resident will be billed and charged a \$150 administrative fee.

BILL HILLS

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Enforcement. He is a current or former member of the Coalition of Minority Public Administrators, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Texas Housing Association, and National Forum of Black Public Administrators. He is a certified NAHRO Public Housing Manager and state of Texas registered and certified Code Enforcement Officer. Bill has served on numerous city of Grand Prairie employee and internal process improvement committees. Bill is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Omicron Gamma Gamma Chapter, serving the mid-city community.

Bill has a degree in Public Administration, having attended the University of Texas at Austin, with completion of course work at Kensington University.



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National Preparedness Month 2020



If you have questions, contact Grand Prairie's
Office of Emergency Management at:
972-237-8333 / oem@gptx.org

FLOOD INSURANCE

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 the recent, devastating flood events in Texas.

Without flood insurance, you are on your own. Your standard homeowner's 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 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 \$350 a year 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 the 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, meeting with a department representative in person, or by accessing the City's website at gptx.org/floodplain.

Do you want to know the flood zone of your property to determine your flood risk? The city provides a map information service enabling all residents 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 The Development Center. Current FIRMs can be found at the following link on the city's website: 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

CELEBRATE THE WORLD LIBRARY PROGRAM



All ages welcome!

Virtual program

[facebook.com/grandprairielibraries](https://www.facebook.com/grandprairielibraries)

Join us to celebrate and learn more about holidays from around the world. Party kits will be available at our libraries, and are first come, first served.

October 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Dia de los Muertos

Make Atole, create papel picado, honor your ancestors, see traditional facepainting and learn more about this fun and spooky holiday. Kits available beginning October 5.

FOREST OF FEAR



October 16-17

October 23-24

7-10 p.m.

Loyd Park, 3401 Ragland Road
\$15 per vehicle park entry fee

Forest of Fear is one of the best displays of Halloween spirit in Texas. Loyd Park transforms from a campground into a drive through of creative Halloween displays. Drive through in your own vehicle and take in the spectacle. Hayrides will not be offered this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Personal trailers will not be allowed for use. Call 972-237-4120 for more information or visit GrandFunGP.com.

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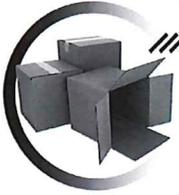


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Garden Hoses, Extension
 Cords & Wire Hangers
 Mangueras de Jardín,
 Cables de Extensión y
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For more information, visit gptx.org/recycling or call 972-237-8061.

Para obtener más información, visite gptx.org/recycling o llame al 972-237-8061

AMERICAN EXPERIENCES

Presented by Grand Prairie Libraries

Select Tuesdays at 7 p.m. • Virtual Program via Zoom

In this series, we will seek to learn more about the challenges, realities and hopes of different minority groups in this country. To register for these programs, please visit <https://gplibraryamericanexperience.eventbrite.com>.

FIRED UP FOR READING



Saturday, October 17 at 10 a.m.

All ages

facebook.com/grandprairielibraries

Join the library for a special Fired Up for Reading where we bring all the firefighter action to you! Tune into the Grand Prairie Libraries Facebook page to see inside a fire station as we tour with Grand Prairie firefighters.

REPORT POLLUTION

Have you ever seen paint running down the street into a stormdrain, an abandoned drum on the side of the road, or an unidentifiable liquid in a gutter and wondered who you could call to take care of it? The city's Environmental Quality Division remedies human and environmental health hazards. Just call 972-237-8055 to report your pollution concerns. Your earth thanks you!

PHOTO CONTEST

Grand Prairie residents are invited to enter the 2021 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2020.

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 photos 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 December 2020. The calendar will be printed in December 2020.

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

Grand Prairie Farmers Market Best In Texas

By
Rita Cook

September 24, 2020

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The Grand Prairie Farmers Market consistently wins best Farmers Market in Texas

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Grand Prairie Farmers Market #1 in Texas, #13 In Nation

GRAND PRAIRIE – The Farmers Market in Grand Prairie received the thumbs up again this year. Voted number one in Texas, the Farmers Market in Grand Prairie is about more than just fresh produce. Locals and visitors alike also enjoy themed Saturdays that definitely wet the taste buds.

Located on Main Street just east of President George Bush Turnpike, Grand Prairie's Farmers Market has been a treasure to Grand Prairie and the surrounding community for 11 years. In fact, it is one of the anchors for downtown Grand Prairie. The weekly market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants, tamales, baked goods, salsas, dips, relishes, eggs, honey, chips, soaps, candles and more.

The [Farmers Market](#) hosts many great events – from the Crawfish Boil and Hatch Chile Fest, to the three-day Main Street Fest that brings in tens of thousands of festival goers throughout the year.

See their website for a list of farmers and market vendors: www.gptx.org/farmersmarket. If you are interested in being a vendor at [Grand Prairie](#) Farmers Market, contact Ray Kunze, Manager of Farmers Market at 972-237-8100 or email farmersmarket@gptx.org.

Award Winning Farmers Market

"This year, Grand Prairie's Farmers Market was once again voted #1 Market in Texas through American Farmland Trust," Kelly Eddlemon, [City of Grand Prairie](#) Marketing Supervisor for the Parks, Arts and Recreation department said.

Past awards from American Farmland Trust include 2014 – Top 3 Farmers Markets in Texas; 2015 – #1 in Texas; Top 10 in Nation; 2016 – #1 in Texas; Top 10 in Nation; 2017 – #1 in Texas; Top 10 in Nation and now in 2020 – #1 in Texas; #13 in Nation.

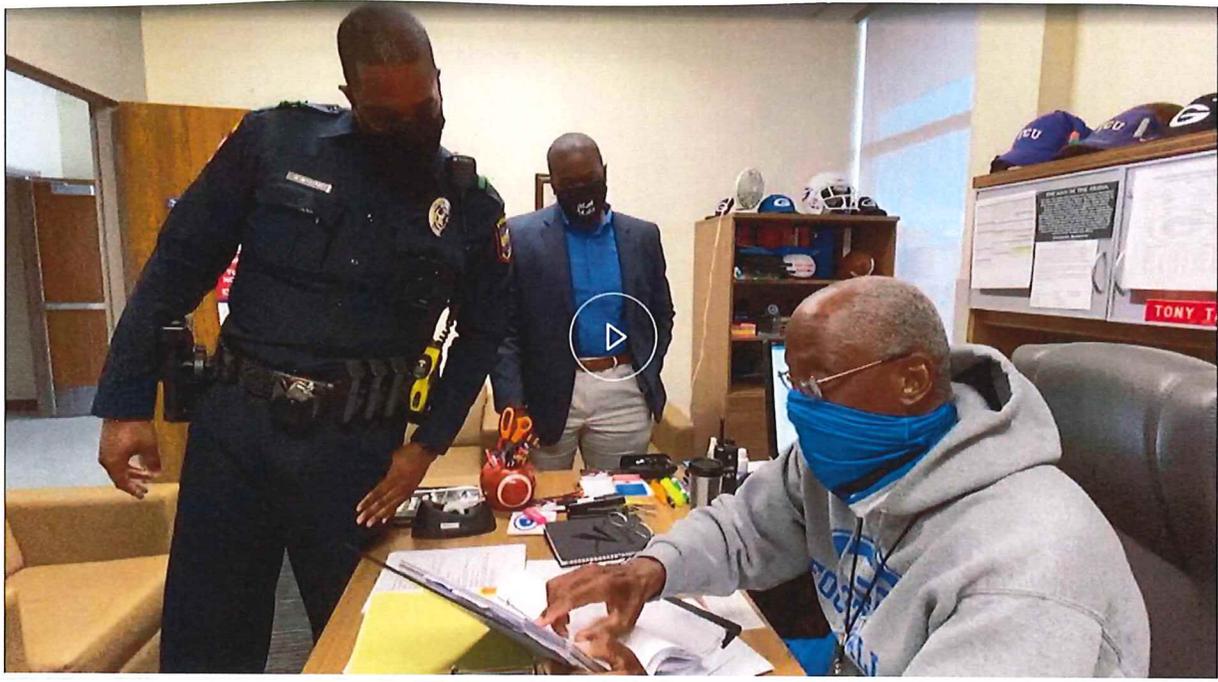
The history of Grand Prairies Farmers Market at Market Square began when Market Square was designed by Killis Almond and built by Phillips/May. A city facility, the [Grand Prairie](#) Sports Facilities Development Corporation contributed

\$450,000 toward the cost of the \$1.2 million park. Construction began in March 2009 and the grand opening was held Oct. 24, 2009.

Market Square Grand Prairie

Market Square is a one-half acre park with a building that features bays for up to six vehicles to sell produce and other goods. The architecture is reminiscent of a red barn with a corrugated tin roof, evoking ties with the city's history. A pavilion extends the ability to include more vendors for farmers' market just to the west of the barn. Shade structures, landscaping, benches, and a paved area provide space for outdoor entertainment. A "pot-belly" water tower sits on the corner near the same location a similar tower stood in the early 1900s. It acts as a directional beacon for those looking for Market Square.

Market Square is home to the Farmers Market, open on Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon, Spring through December.



Gerald Hodges alongside Grand Prairie High School's School Resource Officer Wesley Jackson and head coach Tony Tamedy discussing plans for a sports camp. (Spectrum News 1)

HUMAN INTEREST

Grand Prairie's Inclusion Coordinator Working to Make a Difference

BY LUPE ZAPATA | TEXAS
PUBLISHED 11:20 AM CT DEC. 08, 2020

GRAND PRARIE, Texas – Four months after the City of Grand Prairie created a position to promote diversity and inclusion, the man holding the title of Inclusion Coordinator is working to make sure the city is building unity and relationships between different city organizations.

Following the nationwide protests this summer in response to the May 25 death of George Floyd, community leaders across the country are working to rebuild a damaged trust in law enforcement.

demanding true racial justice reform and an end to racism, the Grand Prairie City Council calls upon city employees and Grand Prairie residents to demonstrate human dignity toward one another.”

The resolution came after community members gathered for a vigil for George Floyd held in front of Grand Prairie City Hall on June 7. There leaders of local NAACP chapters urged attendees to let their voices be heard with the goal of seeing reform within police departments across the country. Issues including limiting use of force, imposing stricter education and training, and accountability for officers were addressed at the vigil.

The June resolution led to the July hire of what the city named an Inclusion Coordinator. This new position was earned by Gerald Hodges, a former Grand Prairie police officer and detective. Gerald is part of the City Manager’s Office and works closely with the city’s Deputy City Manager/Chief Operating Officer Steve Dye, who’s the city’s former chief of police.



Inclusion Coordinator Gerald Hodges. (Lupe Zapata/Spectrum News 1)

“We weren’t having any problems in Grand Prairie post George Floyd, we weren’t having any riots or protests, but we can always do better,” said Dye in a recent

“Our mission statement is to promote an inclusive culture and creating equity to preserve a high quality of life in our community,” said Hodges during the seminar. “This was created by our city council. It's really important that inclusion is the conversation from leadership. Your policies are not as important as your practice.”

Hodges is currently working with alongside Grand Prairie High School’s School Resource Officer Wesley Jackson and head coach Tony Tamedy to create a sports camp where athletes will get to experience a positive interaction with police officers.

“Because COVID hit so hard, and a lot of these families lost jobs, they don't have the money for fun activities during the summer, as well as to get these kids back being active," Hodges said.

Initiatives like Friendship Day where city employees are paid to perform community service within the city of Grand Prairie, and Wisdom Wednesday, in which locals 50 years and older will be interviewed and have their stories shared aiming to combat ageism and allow history be told “through the eyes of those who lived it,” according to Hodges, are just some of the programs he’s currently working on.

Hodges believes a position like his will spring up in cities across Texas as city leaders work to address racial injustice and a lack of inclusion in their communities.

“I think cities will have to,” he said. “I think you have to have inclusion as part of your mindset. I truly, honestly believe that will be leading the way along with other cities to a mindset of inclusion, so I'm excited and I think Grand Prairie is just a place to come work live and play, so I'm a little biased.”

He’s proud to be a part of a community that is reactively working to fight racism and inequality. For him the job is a welcomed challenge.

“I think Muhammad Ali summed up best when he said that community service is our rent to be able to be upon this earth,” said Hodges, “That's kind of how I think of it is – I'm just so grateful that God has blessed me to be to this point in my life that I'm just hoping that I can spill some of that benefit off and help others as well.”

If you have an interesting story or an issue you'd like to see covered, let us know about it. Share your ideas with DFW reporter Lupe Zapata:

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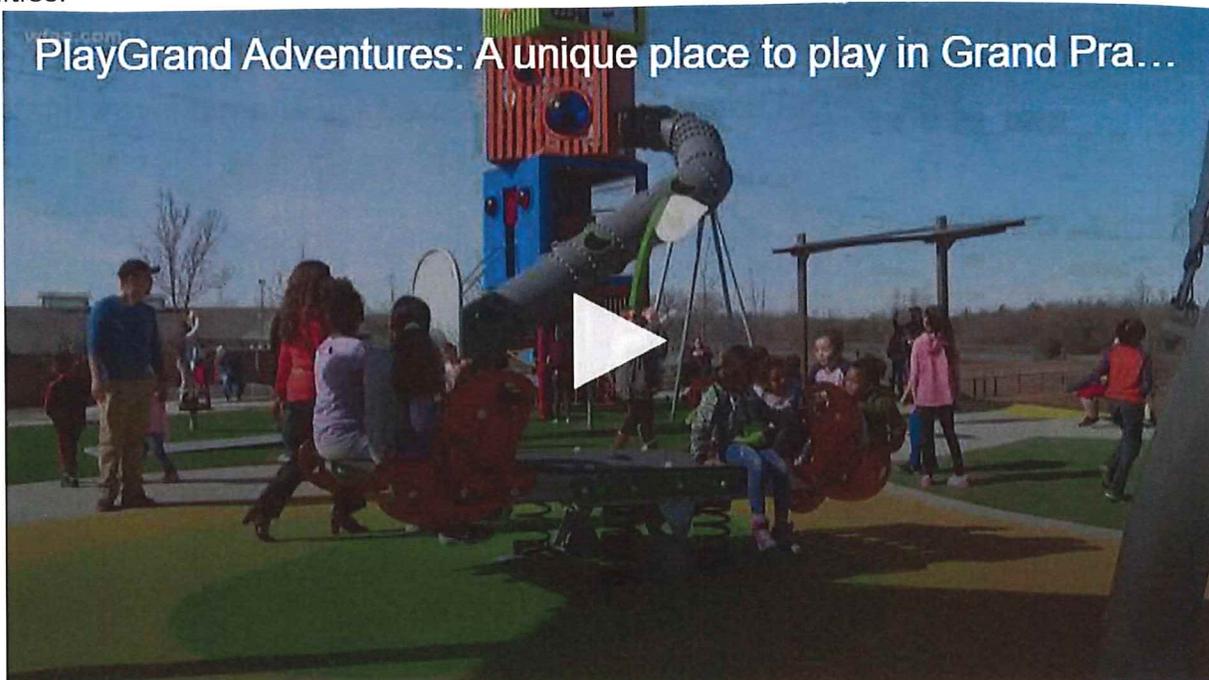
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FEATURES

PlayGrand Adventures: A unique place to play in Grand Prairie

The new playground is adaptive and inclusive for people of all ages and abilities.



Author: Tiffany Liou
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Updated: 7:05 PM CST January 20, 2020



GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — A new playground in Grand Prairie is set to be one of the largest specialized playgrounds in the state of Texas. It's called [PlayGrand Adventures](#) and is part of the [EPIC Park Project](#).

On Monday, children were laughing, hollering and running all over the colorful playground.

It's made for people of all ages and abilities. There are different textures, sensory games, music, slides, and ropes.

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The city started planning for PlayGrand Adventures in 2014. The grand opening was on Wednesday.

Grand Prairie Mayor Ron Jenson described it as "emotional."

"Look at the kids out here today," Jenson said. "It's bringing families together, kids together playing. So proud of this."

Dr. Rhonda Brown-Crowder brought her 12-year-old son, Caleb, to play. He has autism and is non-verbal, but the playground gives him a sense of "normalcy."

There are activities for children who have visual and hearing impairments, autism or are wheelchair users. Even parents who have disabilities can get involved.

"They can forget about their disabilities for a moment and just have fun and be a kid," Brown-Crowder said.

Twelve-year-old Elisha Castaneda also played until he was too tired. He is the son of fallen Grand Prairie Police Officer AJ Castaneda, who died last year in the line of duty.

RELATED: [Hundreds line route through Grand Prairie to say goodbye to officer A.J. Castaneda](#)

Elisha's uncle, Daniel Castaneda, brought him to the playground. "[AJ] would be here right now with Elisah if he was alive."

Daniel said Officer Castaneda would have been proud.

"We want you to come out and enjoy your family together," said Duane Strawn, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation in Grand Prairie.

The park is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk. It is located at the 2100 block of Epic Place.

PlayGrand Adventures
2100 Epic Place, Grand Prairie, TX 75052
4.8 266 reviews
View larger map

Directions

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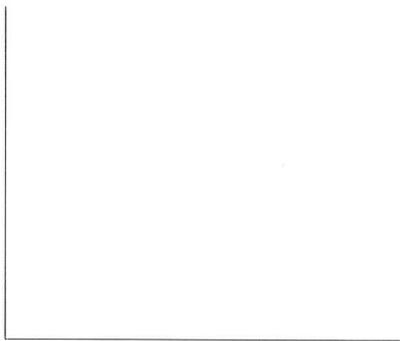
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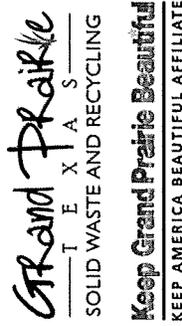
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- Family and Friends of JePatrick Morgan
- General Motors Financial
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- Lindsey Wilhite
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- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
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- Richard Delmark
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- Robert, VanDella, William, and Richard Menifee and Friends
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- See Nash Run
- SGP Friends of Rachel
- SGP Interact Club
- Steve and Beth Foster
- Streetwise Driving School
- Terry Brooks and Family
- Tim Borden State Farm Insurance
- Traders Village
- Wayne and Kaye Gilbert
- Young Women's Leadership Academy



City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government
March 17, 2020 · 3

The Adopt-a-Street Volunteer Appreciation Lunch scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020 has been canceled due to COVID-19.

Please help us congratulate the 56 Adopt-a-Street groups that completed at least three cleanups and cleanup reports during 2019!

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City of Grand Prairie
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Grand Prairie, TX 75050

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1701 W. Marshall Drive
Grand Prairie, Texas 75051

Dear Environmental Safety & Health Team,

Thank you for participating in the City of Grand Prairie's Clean Prairie Program in 2020 at the Gold Level. Your commitment to keeping Grand Prairie clean, orderly, and beautiful is greatly valued and appreciated. In this reporting year, your company embodied the program's principles by participating in the Cottonwood Creek Cleanup (which resulted in 180 pounds of trash and debris collected!), continuing your recycling and composting efforts with labeled containers in your dining area and throughout the facility, and contributing to the Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful scholarship. As such, your team is a stellar example to other businesses in the City.

We look forward to 2021 with a renewed mutual commitment to our community and the Clean Prairie mission.

Sincerely,

Steve Dye
Deputy City Manager/COO

Patricia D.B. Redfearn, Ph.D.
Solid Waste & Recycling Manager



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition was formed in September 2004, to perpetuate the city's commitment to promoting unity, equality, and justice as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community, and to provide a means to proactively pursue activities that recognize diversity and promote inclusion and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2006, the Grand Prairie City Council adopted a resolution reaffirming the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition mission and the city's commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of the Grand Prairie community, and pledged to actively pursue that goal; and

WHEREAS, through the initiative of the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition in cooperation with the City of Grand Prairie the National League of Cities designated Grand Prairie as an Inclusive City; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has recognized Mayor Ron Jensen, the Honorary President of the Unity Coalition, with the National First Place City Cultural Diversity Award for the Mayor's Community Table Initiative;

WHEREAS, this year the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition celebrates 16 years of service to our citizens by encouraging inclusion, unity and equality throughout our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ron Jensen, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Grand Prairie, Texas, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2020 as

UNITY DAY

in the City of Grand Prairie and urge our citizens to participate throughout the year in activities promoting inclusion, unity and equality in our community.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

Jorja Clemson
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member District 1



Ron Jensen
Mayor

