



**KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**CITY HALL EAST - CONFERENCE ROOM C, 300 W MAIN STREET**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- [1.](#) Recognition of Retiring Members and Introduction of New Member
- [2.](#) Voting for New Chairperson and Co-Chairperson
- [3.](#) Review Minutes from June 11, 2024 KGPB Commission Meeting
- [4.](#) KGPB Award Ceremony Updates
- [5.](#) Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship
- [6.](#) HEB Our Texas, Our Future Grant through Keep Texas Beautiful
- [7.](#) National Environmental Education Foundation's International Paper National Public Lands Day Site Matching Grant
- [8.](#) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seed Swap Participation and Needs
- [9.](#) Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting
- [10.](#) Upcoming Events List

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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### *Certification*

*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 December 6, 2024.*

*Amanda Maron*

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*Amanda Maron*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
COMMUNICATION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Recognition of Retiring Members and Introduction of New Member  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will recognize the retiring Commission members and introduce the new Commission member.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Voting for New Chairperson and Co-Chairperson  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

Residing Chairperson will accept nominations for the new Chairperson. After voting, the new Chairperson will resume the meeting and accept nominations for the new Co-Chairperson.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Review Minutes from June 11, 2024 KGPB Commission Meeting  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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**ANALYSIS:**

Commissioners will review the minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting and then approve them.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



**KEEP GRAND PRAIRIE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION**  
**CITY HALL EAST – CONFERENCE ROOM C, 300 W MAIN STREET**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Chelsea Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **KGPB Commission Members Present**

Stephanie Brown	Darren Ferrar	Marcela Gonzalez	Gregory Hamilton
Kevin Jazak	Chelsea Pavey		

#### **KGPB Commission Members Absent**

Brandi Bastas	Veronica Crawford	Ann Stevenson
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#### **City Staff Present**

Amanda Maron – KGPB Coordinator  
 Rose Chavez – Solid Waste and Recycling Manager

#### **Guests**

Jonathan Head

### AGENDA ITEMS

**Review of Minutes from March 12, 2024 KGPB Commission Meeting** – Kevin Jazak made a motion to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes as corrected. Darren Ferrar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship** – Amanda Maron shared that the silent auction raised \$1,595, online ticket sales raised \$176, door ticket sales raised \$15, and online t-shirt sales raised \$20 for a fundraising total of \$1,806. The 2024 scholarship total was \$1,750. The Commission decided to continue with the two scholarships of \$1,000 and \$750 for 2025. Commission inquired about adding a video component to the application.

**KGPB Award Ceremony Updates** – Amanda Maron presented the awardees list and asked the Commission for thoughts on award categories. The award categories continue to be supported. The decorations, refreshments, and run of show were all appreciated.

**The Greatest American Cleanup** – Amanda Maron shared that the Greatest American Cleanup proclamation would be made at the August City Council meeting. She invited the Commissioners to attend.

**Clean Prairie Fall Sweep Participation and Needs** – Amanda Maron shared that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Sweep would be taking place on September 21<sup>st</sup> and requested assistance for packing supply kits and handing out supply kits. Gregory Hamilton and Darren Ferrar expressed interest in providing assistance.

**Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting** – Amanda Maron shared a PowerPoint featuring the Commission financial updates, several volunteer events, and several educational events. Notable items include:

The Commission has \$6,282.49 available in the trust fund.

Three Adopt-a-Stream cleanups were completed, resulting in the removal of 840 pounds of litter and debris by 51 volunteers. Sites included: Cedar Creek at Friendship Park, Cottonwood Creek at SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and Kirby Creek at Kirby Creek Park.

A garden class was hosted by Lockett Community Gardener, Abigail Zabala. CREW Camp was hosted at the landfill, 294 GPISD students attended over five days.

**Upcoming Events List** – A list of upcoming events list was distributed, and Commissioners were invited to attend the events. Monthly gardening classes with special guests from Texas A&M Agrilife and a local Amazon author are scheduled. Several Adopt-a-Stream events are scheduled with corporate groups. The Green and Clean Campus Program Kickoff is the evening of September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chelsea Pavey adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** KGPB Award Ceremony Updates  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

Commission will discuss themes and recognition categories for the spring 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None





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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Fundraising and Application Updates for the KGPB Commission Scholarship

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share updates from fundraising activities and updates on the application process.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** HEB Our Texas, Our Future Grant through Keep Texas Beautiful  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share a recent grant application and how it will help fund projects at the Community Gardens.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024

**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron

**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator

**TITLE:** National Environmental Education Foundation’s International Paper  
National Public Lands Day Site Matching Grant

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share a recent grant application and how it helped fund projects at the Community Gardens.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 21/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seed Swap Participation and Needs  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seed Swap event and request participation from the Commission.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Summary of Events Since Previous Meeting  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share a summary of events that have occurred since the June 11, 2024 meeting.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

# Coordinator's Report

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

# Recent Happenings

- Commission Accounts

Lawson Actv	Name	Dept	Lawson Unit	Fund	9/30/23 Balance	Rev	Exp	6/30/24 Balance
KGPB	KGPB Commissions	11	330293	3302	1,064.40	-	-	1,064.40
PROJ	KGPB Youth Scholarship Fund	11	330493	3304	6,282.49	350 -	-	6,632.49

- Adopt-a-Stream Cleanups
- Days of Service
- Garden Classes
- Council Recognition



# City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

June 26 - 🌍

Item 9.

Thank you to the 10 Republic Services Environmental Solutions staff members who volunteered to tidy up the historic Vernoy Cemetery. 🌱  
On June 21, crews removed 2,540 pounds of fallen tree branches and completed string trimming around the headstones.

Adopt-a-Cemetery is part of the Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Program. Learn more at [www.gptx.org/kgpb](http://www.gptx.org/kgpb)

#KeepGrandPrairieBeautiful







# City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

July 2 · 🌐

Item 9.

🌱🌻 Over the weekend, Helping Us Help Her pitched in at Lockett Community Garden, rebuilding beds and pulling weeds to support local produce growth! Lockett is one of six gardens in Grand Prairie offering free spaces for residents to grow fresh, healthy food. 🍅🍏

Dive into gardening with us! To learn more about our community gardens and Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful visit [www.gptx.org/kgpb](http://www.gptx.org/kgpb)





## Walnut Creek with NTRR & TRA





## City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

July 18 · 🌐

Item 9.

🌐🧹 Join us for "The Fall Sweep" on September 21 at Veterans Park! During the last cleanup, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful volunteers collected 160 pounds of floatable litter, including plastic water bottles and polystyrene.

Let's make a difference together! 🌱 For more details and to register, visit <https://shorturl.at/liq8L>





## City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

July 22 · 🌐

🌱🌻 Join us for a blooming good time! 🌻

📅 Saturday, July 27

🕒 2-3 p.m.

📍 Main Library, 901 Conover Dr.

Matt Orwat from the Dallas County AgriLife Extension Office will be sharing his pest-busting secrets in our Gardening Class: Integrated Pest Management. 🌱🐞







City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

August 2 · 🌐

Item 9.

## 🌱 Compost 101 Class 🌱

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2-3 p.m. at the Main Library, 901 Conover Dr., for a fun and informative Compost 101 class! 🌱🍂

Discover the secrets of turning your yard and kitchen waste into nutrient-rich compost with Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful! 🌞





## City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

August 6 at 6:52 PM · 🌐

Item 9.

The City of Grand Prairie proudly presents a proclamation acknowledging our dedication to Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful's "The Greatest American Cleanup."

💎 We're excited to join this national effort to inspire Americans to pick up 152 pieces of litter before our country's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026.

For the next two years, we'll host several events to meet the goal and work towards a cleaner, greener GP! 🌱 🗑️



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# Playground Adventures and Epic Ponds with Richemont CSR Interns







# Great Southwest Nature Park with Litter Crews





# Insects in the Garden with Texas A&M Agrilife



# NEEF Grant with International Paper at Bush Community Garden



# Fire Hydrant Painting Girl Scout Project





City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

September 13 · 🌐



Item 9.

Join us for our annual Fall Sweep on September 21.  
Sign up today and help keep Grand Prairie beautiful! 🍂

For more information and registration, visit <https://ow.ly/7ZCp50TnmtM>

*Volunteer with us  
September 21 to keep  
Grand Prairie litter free.*

REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16.



*Fall  
Sweep*







City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

September 29 · 🌐



Item 9.

We want to take a moment to give a huge shout-out to all the amazing volunteers who joined us for our third annual Fall Sweep! 🍂

We had 264 volunteers sign up to remove 1,834 pounds of litter and debris from streets and parks in Grand Prairie!

You rolled up your sleeves, picked up trash, and made our parks and streets look fantastic. ✨  
Your hard work and teamwork really made a difference, and it was so inspiring to see everyone come together. 😊





City of Grand Prairie - Municipal Government

October 3 · 🌐

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Item 9.

🌱 Gardening Class: Build Healthy Soils for Your Backyard! 🌱

Join us on Saturday, October 5, from 2-3 p.m. at the Warmack Library (Empower Room, 760 Bardin Rd.)

Led by expert Brian Koch from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. 🌱

📧 RSVP now to [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org)







🌱🌟 Wow! Last weekend at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful gave away 74 peach trees in just an hour!

Each participant filled out a voucher, and 67 amazing individuals signed up to join the garden program or volunteer. Thank you for making this event a success! 🌱❤️





Shoutout to the South Grand Prairie High School JROTC Warrior Battalion for their incredible work at the HAVEN Community Garden! 🌱👏

Over the weekend, they completed their Service Learning Project, replacing a section of the compost corral, planting two pear trees, painting the garden sign, and tackling various cleanup tasks. 🌱

This amazing effort was made possible with support from the [National Environmental Education Foundation - NEEF](#), [Post L Group Construction](#), and [Keep ...](#) See more



Item 9.





We are proud to announce that Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful received \$2,345 from the 2024 [Keep Texas Beautiful H-E-B Our Texas, Our Future Grant!](#) 🎉

🌱 This grant will enable us to install a drip irrigation system for the HAVEN Community Garden fruit tree orchard, enhancing fresh produce availability for local food pantries while supporting habitat protection and community beautification in Grand Prairie!

[#HEBHelpingHere](#) [#KeepTexasBeautiful](#) [#HEB](#) [#BeautifyTexas](#)



# Grant Winner

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful will install a drip irrigation system in the HAVEN Community Garden's fruit tree orchard, enhancing fresh produce availability for local food pantries while supporting habitat protection and community beautification in Grand Prairie. Community members will engage in a workday to maintain the orchard, fostering education about the benefits of an environmentally friendly community.



Keep Texas Beautiful







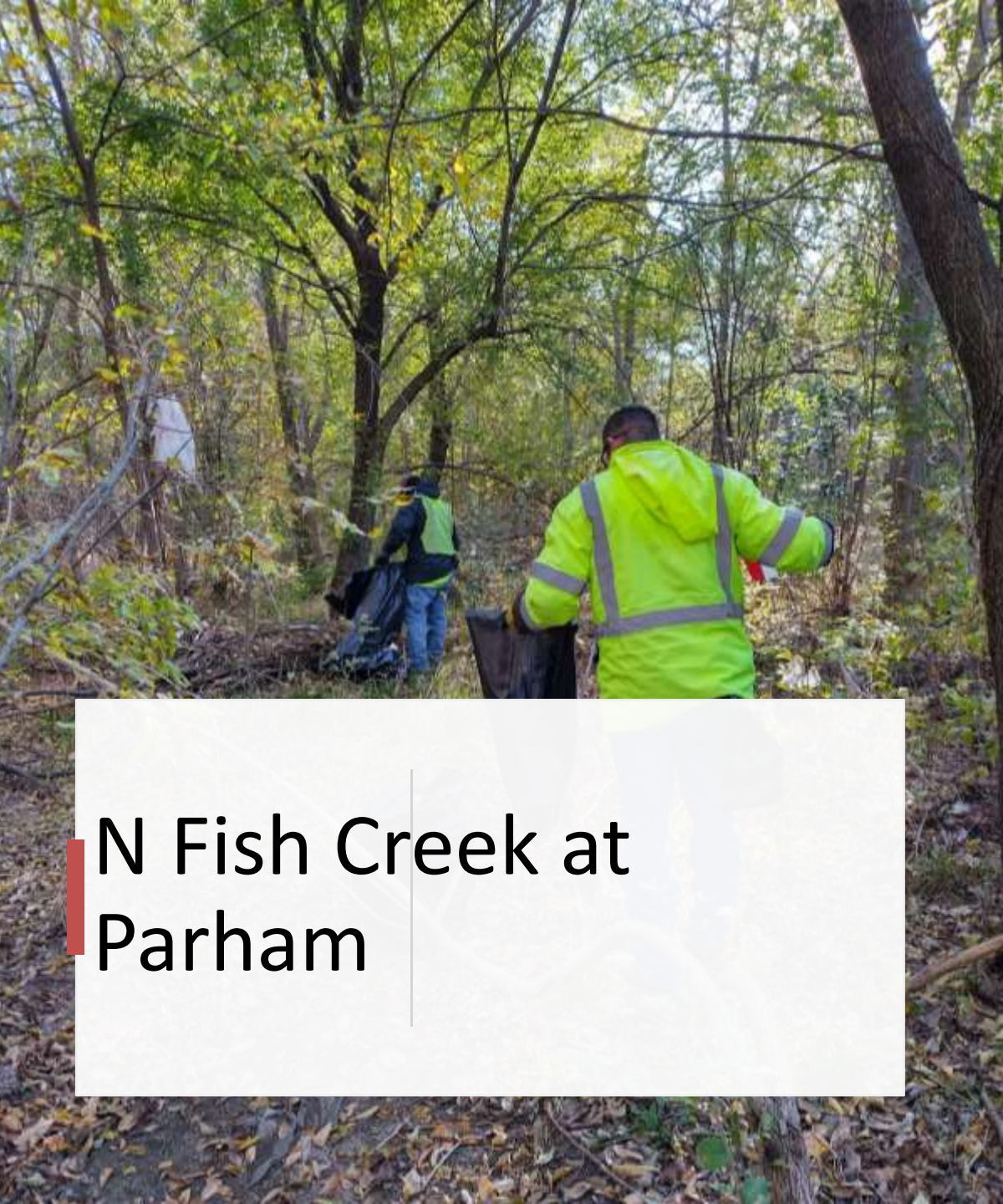
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## Great Southwest Nature Park with Republic Services Environmental Solutions Group

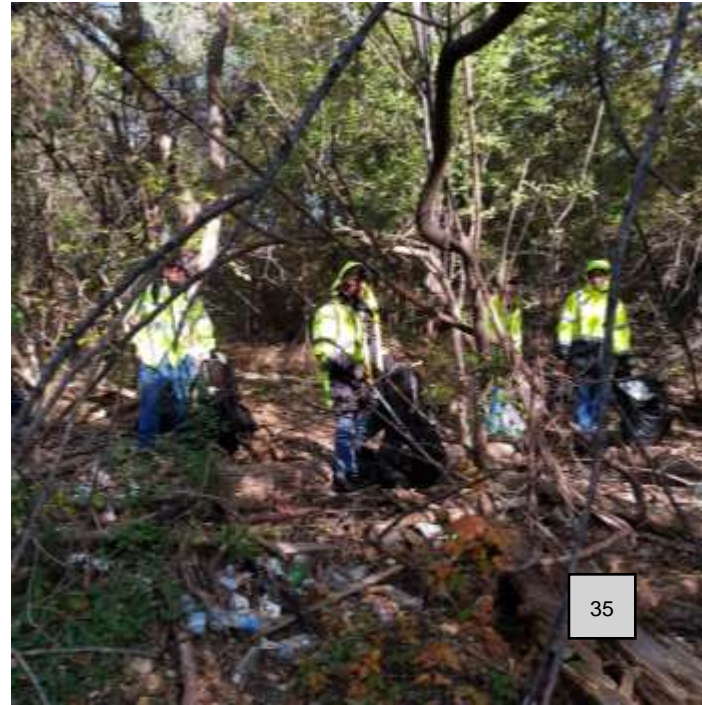
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# N Fish Creek at Parham

Item 9.





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**MEETING DATE:** 12/10/2024  
**REQUESTER:** Amanda Maron  
**PRESENTER:** Amanda Maron, KGPB Coordinator  
**TITLE:** Upcoming Events List  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

KGPB Coordinator will share a list of upcoming events hosted by KGPB and related organizations.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



# Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful Events

Updated for December 10, 2024

Item 10.

## Gardening Classes and Events, Information: [amaron@gptx.org](mailto:amaron@gptx.org)

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| Saturday, December 14 | 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seed and Plant Swap</b><br>Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd   |
| Saturday, January 18  | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  | <b>Planning and Seed Starting the Cool Weather Veggie Garden with KGPB</b><br>Inspire Room, Main Library, 900 Conover  |
| Thursday, January 23  | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. | <b>Feed the Pollinators Webinar: A Guide to Establishing a Monarch Waystation and Backyard Habitat</b><br><a href="http://www.ktb.org/events">www.ktb.org/events</a> |
| Saturday, February 1  | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | <b>Fruit Tree Pruning with Susan Henson, Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry Council</b><br>The HAVEN Community Garden, 1513 S Belt Line                               |
| Saturday, March 1     | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  | <b>Planning and Seed Starting the Warm Weather Veggie Garden with KGPB</b><br>Inspire Room, Main Library, 900 Conover  |

## Volunteer Opportunities, Info & Registration: <http://bttr.im/i2cc2>

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| Saturday, January 11 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.       | <b>Adopt-a-Stream of Johnson Creek with Nottingham Neighbors</b> , Larson Elementary 2620 Avenue K         |
| Saturday, January 18 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.       | <b>Adopt-a-Stream of Beacon Branch with Beacon Hill HOA</b> , 4848 Thames                                  |
| Saturday, January 25 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.       | <b>Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge</b><br>Fish Creek Linear Trail   |
| Saturday, February 8 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | <b>Day of Service</b><br>with Arlington-Grand Prairie Kappa League, Lockett Community Garden, 1037 Manning |
| Saturday, March 22   | 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.       | <b>The Big Event</b> – <a href="http://www.gptx.org/bigevent">www.gptx.org/bigevent</a>                    |

## Meetings and Trainings, Information: [www.gptx.org/boardsandcommissions](http://www.gptx.org/boardsandcommissions)

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| Tuesday, March 11 | 6:00 p.m. | <b>KGPB Commission Meeting</b> |
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***Save the Date: KGPB Volunteer Appreciation Awards  
are the evening of Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>***