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**GRAND PRAIRIE UPCOMING EVENTS
NOV. 28 – DEC. 9**

- Nov. 23-
Jan. 1 The lights are back at Prairie Lights now until Jan. 1, 2007. With 2 million colorful twinkling lights in 500 displays set along two miles of winding roads, the popular Prairie Lights drive-through holiday display has returned to Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway in Grand Prairie. Santa, elves, snowmen, reindeer, angels, poinsettias and the world's longest tunnel of lights are just a few of the displays showcased during the 40-day event. The theme park also offers photo opportunities with Saint Nick on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Every night the park opens a holiday village with concessions, a free carousel and Santa's Store for shopping. Prairie Lights is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, visit the Prairie Lights Web site at www.prairielight.org or call 972-237-GLOW (4569). The event is presented by the city of Grand Prairie. Prices are:
Car: \$12 Monday-Thursday non-holidays; \$15 Friday-Sunday and holidays
Limo: \$20
Small commercial bus: \$30
Large commercial bus: \$60
- Nov. 28-
Dec. 3 Radio City – Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes is showing now through Dec. 3 at Nokia Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for times and ticket information.
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Dec. 18 Sponsor a Grand Prairie senior this holiday season. The Grand Prairie Senior Center has an Angel Tree in the front lobby for local seniors who could use a few things or some company during the holidays. Stop by the Senior Center, 925 Conover Drive, before Dec. 18 to contribute to the cause, or call 972-264-4975 for more information.
- Nov. 28 The City of Grand Prairie is hosting four neighborhood meetings to inform residents and gather feedback regarding the Citywide Master Drainage Study. The first meeting, intended for the areas south of I-30 to Pioneer Parkway (Cottonwood Creek, Dalworth Creek, Gopher Branch, Turner Branch, Thompson Branch and Mountain Creek), will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on

Tuesday, Nov. 28 at City Hall Council Chambers, 317 College St. The city has contracted with Halff Associates Inc. as the lead engineering firm to prepare the drainage study that will assist Grand Prairie in cost-effectively managing flood or storm waters. The public is also invited to post comments on the City of Grand Prairie's Web site at www.gptx.org under "What's New."

- Nov. 30 "Keep Kids Fit: Healthy Nutrition for Families," will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. Licensed dietician Ronda Sisak will discuss the role of nutrition and exercise in a healthy family as well as present tips for avoiding childhood and adult obesity. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- Nov. 30 The City of Grand Prairie is hosting four neighborhood meetings to inform residents and gather feedback regarding the Citywide Master Drainage Study. The second meeting, intended for the areas south of Pioneer Parkway to I-20 (Cottonwood Creek, Kirby Creek, Prairie Creek and portions of Fish Creek), will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway. The city has contracted with Halff Associates Inc. as the lead engineering firm to prepare the drainage study that will assist Grand Prairie in cost-effectively managing flood or storm waters. The public is also invited to post comments on the City of Grand Prairie's Web site at www.gptx.org under "What's New."
- Dec. 2 The 24th Winter Wonderland Holiday Festival at City Hall Plaza will feature a full afternoon of activities from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 including, horse-drawn carriage rides, barrel train rides, hay rides, holiday arts and crafts, face painters and balloon artists, a rock climbing wall, bounce houses, festival foods and, of course, Santa Claus. Entertainment on three stages will include Grand Prairie ISD Fine Arts chorus, orchestral and dance performances, presentations by other community groups and further talent to be announced. All entertainment and rides are free. Santa Claus will make a special appearance in the afternoon and will be available for photos with his young fans. The "Big Switch" will be thrown at dusk to light up all of the City Hall Plaza. For information call 972-237-8100.
- Dec. 2 Tour one of the City of Grand Prairie's beautifully restored historic homes for free from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Copeland Home Open House, 125 SW Dallas St. Historical Commission members will offer tours and answer questions about the quaint 100-year-old Copeland Home, located within the original town site of Grand Prairie. Built in 1902 by B.P. Hale and his wife, Ruth, the home was purchased by the Copeland family in 1908. Dr. Copeland, the home's namesake, assisted in the birthing of more than 4,000 babies in Grand Prairie during the early 1900s. To get to the home from Main or Jefferson streets, turn south on SW 2nd Street and east on SW Dallas Street. For more information call 972-237-8140.

- Dec. 2 The last lesson in a series of homebuyer education courses hosted by Countrywide Home Loans, "Closing and Maintenance," will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St. The class is free. Call Stassa Miller to RSVP at 214-205-1464.
- Dec. 5 The City of Grand Prairie is hosting four neighborhood meetings to inform residents and gather feedback regarding the Citywide Master Drainage Study. The third meeting, intended for the areas south of I-20 to the southernmost corporate city limits (portions of Fish Creek, Cedar Branch, Alspaugh Branch and the tributaries that drain to Joe Pool Lake), will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road. The city has contracted with Halff Associates Inc. as the lead engineering firm to prepare the drainage study that will assist Grand Prairie in cost-effectively managing flood or storm waters. The public is also invited to post comments on the City of Grand Prairie's Web site at www.gptx.org under "What's New."
- Dec. 5 The 106.1 Kiss FM's Jingle Ball, featuring Fall Out Boy, Gym Class Heroes, Jibbs, JoJo and more, will show at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Nokia Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 7 Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons has been rescheduled to perform at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for information.
- Dec. 7 The People and Nutrition program, a commodity supplemental program that provides nutritious foods at no cost to qualified participants, will be accepting applications and assisting those qualified from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7 at Grand Prairie United Charities, 1417 Densman St. The program is sponsored by Grand Prairie United Charities and North Texas Food Bank. Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum, children up to age 5 and residents age 60 and older may qualify. Call 972-262-2014 for eligibility information or visit www.gpuc.org.
- Dec. 8-10 The Grand Prairie Arts Council presents "The Nutcracker," a two-act play based on the ballet by Tchaikovsky at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. Performances are held at the Grand Prairie Ninth Grade Center, 102 High School Drive. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, students and seniors. Call 972-642-2787 for more information.
- Dec. 8 "How the Edge Stole Christmas," featuring Taking Back Sunday, 30 Seconds to Mars, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Kill Hannah, Black Tie Dynasty and Plain White T's, will show at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 at Nokia Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 9 "How the Edge Stole Christmas," featuring Disturbed, Stone Sour, Three Days Grace, Buck Cherry, Drowning Pool, Flyleaf, Army of Anyone, Crossfade and Nonpoint, will show at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Nokia Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.