



NEWS RELEASE

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**GRAND PRAIRIE UPCOMING EVENTS
DEC 12-30**

- Dec. 1-15 The City of Grand Prairie is calling for volunteers to help build Habitat for Humanity homes Dec. 1-15 for two Grand Prairie families in need. Individuals, businesses, church groups, city employees, friends and family are all invited to participate. Workers are needed at 2911 and 2915 Preston Trail from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Dec. 1-15. To volunteer, contact Matt King at mking@gptx.org or at 972-237-8128.
- Now-Dec. 18 You can help feed a family and make the holiday happier for a child this year through Santa Cop and Santa Spot, two non-profits that help 300 to 400 Grand Prairie families every Christmas with food and toys. Bring new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0 to 18 and non-perishable food to donation boxes now through Dec. 18. Donation boxes are located at the following locations: Grand Prairie Fire Stations; City Hall, 317 College St.; City Development Center, 206 W. Church St.; Grand Prairie Credit Union, 209 N. Center St.; Police Station, 801 Conover Drive; Main Library, 901 Conover Drive; Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Road; Bowles Library, 2750 Graham St.; City Hall Annex, 318 W. Main; YMCA, 4556 S. Carrier Pkwy. For more info, call 972-237-8814 or e-mail mcalvert@gptx.org.
- Now-Dec. 20 The Senior Angel Tree in Grand Prairie gives residents the opportunity to give and local senior citizens the chance to receive. Now through Dec. 20, citizens can find out how to make this Christmas the perfect holiday for seniors throughout the community. To sponsor a Grand Prairie senior citizen during the holidays, stop by the Senior Center, 925 Conover Drive, or call 972-264-4975 for information.
- Nov. 22-
Dec. 31 Prairie Lights, Grand Prairie's drive-through holiday spectacular, is back Nov. 22- Dec. 31 at Lynn Creek Park on Joe Pool Lake. See more displays this year 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and holidays. Stop by Holiday Village half way through the drive for concessions, gifts and Holiday Magic, a brand new 10-minute light show. The cost is \$12 per car load Monday-Thursday and \$15 per car load Friday-Sunday and holidays. Entrance fee to the Holiday Magic show is \$2 per adult and \$1 per child (12 and under). Visit www.PrairieLights.org for details or call 972-237-GLOW.

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- Now-Jan. 5 Purchase a Grand level membership plan for Bowles Life Center now through Jan. 5 and receive the Bowles Life Center Holiday Package free, which includes one hour of personal training and fitness assessment, one Bowles Life Center water bottle and three fitness classes. Call 972-237-7529 or stop by Bowles Life Center, 2750 Graham St.
- Dec. 12 Mix 102.9 Eye Candy Christmas, featuring Duran Duran, James Blunt, The Last Goodbye and Sara Bareilles, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 12 The Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, presents a Christmas ornament “Make It and Take It Craft” for kids at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Call 972-237-5700 for information.
- Dec. 12-13 Stop by the Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road, for children’s ornament craft time from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 12-13 and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 15. Call 972-237-5770 for more information.
- Dec. 13-16 The Grand Prairie Arts Council will present the Best Christmas Pageant Ever at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13-15 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Woman’s Club of Grand Prairie, 1 Park Square North, in Turner Park. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, students and seniors (age 55 and older). Call 972-642-2787 for info.
- Dec. 14 How the EDGE Stole Christmas – Night 1 – will feature Modest Mouse with special guests Jimmy Eat World, Silverchair, Paramore, Coheed & Cambria, The Staring Line, Silversun Pickups and The Vanished at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 at NOKIA Theater. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 15 How the EDGE Stole Christmas – Night 2 – will feature Avenged Sevenfold and The Toadies with special guests Flyleaf, Seether, Puddle of Mudd, Madina Lake, Miser and Drive A at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 15 Bring your child to have breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road. For \$15 (parent and child), each child will have a Polaroid picture taken with Santa and a chance to chat with him personally for holiday requests. Space is limited, so call today to reserve your spot at 972-264-6890.
- Dec. 15 Join Santa at the Kirby Creek Indoor Pool, 3201 Corn Valley, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15. Kids can have their picture made with Santa and decorate a frame. Come in at 1 p.m. and stay to swim all day. The cost is \$2 per swimmer. Call 972-263-8174 for more information.

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- Dec. 17 The Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at City Hall, 317 College St. Call 972-237-8255 for information.
- Dec. 18 The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at City Hall, 317 College St. Call 972-237-8255 for more information.
- Dec. 20 A "Golden Compass" Adventure, a free program for children in the first grade or older, will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20 at Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road. Sign up at the information desk or call 972-237-5772 to reserve your spot (registration is limited).
- Dec. 24-25 Christmas holiday, city offices closed
- Dec. 26 -Jan. 9 Drop off your Christmas tree for recycling from Dec. 26 through Jan. 9 at these locations: corner of SE 14th and Densman streets; Home Depot parking lot, 5280 SH 360; and Grand Prairie Landfill, 1102 MacArthur. Remove ornaments, stands and plastic bags. Trees will be mulched. Artificial trees will not be accepted. Free mulch is available at the landfill for Grand Prairie residents. Trees may also be left at the curb on your normal garbage collection day. For more information call 972-237-8061.
- Dec. 28 Playhouse Disney Live will be held at 3:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 29-30 Van Morrison will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29 and on Sunday, Dec. 30 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Dec. 31-Jan. 4 Take your riding to the next level with Action Park Alliance Bike and Skate Camp Dec. 31-Jan. 4, 1002 Lone Star Parkway. Learn the basics or pick up a new trick. Call the shop at 972-262-4479 or go online for details at www.actionparkalliance.com/grandprairie.
- Mondays Join Adult Co-ed Volleyball at Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St., for only \$1 per person on Mondays. Each team plays a one-match game until eliminated. Call 972-264-7670 for more information.
- Tuesdays Yoga for only \$3 per class is provided for adults age 50 and older at 9 a.m. every Tuesday at the Grand Prairie Senior Center, 925 Conover Drive. Call 972-264-4975 for more information.

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Tuesdays Learn how to speak clearly and confidently with the Grand Prairie Toastmaster Club, which meets from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road. Visitors are welcome. Call 972-642-2792 or visit <http://grandprairie.freetoasthost.com/index.html> for information.

Learn how to whittle, carve and chisel wood into impressive pieces of art at the free woodcarving class at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Grand Prairie Senior Center, 925 Conover Drive. Call 972-264-4975 for more information.

Tues, Wed Toddler and preschool storytime at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, is usually held at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and (the same session) 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. These storytimes will not meet for the remainder of December but will resume in January Call 972-237-5700 for more information.

Wednesdays Tot Tyme, for children ages 2 through 5, is a special time for kids and parents to get out and play with others. Enjoy the climate-controlled gym at Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St., while playing with mats, hoops, tubes, huts and building objects. Parents must stay with their child during this unstructured playtime. Free with membership. Call 972-264-7670 for more information.

Storytimes at the Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road, are held each Wednesday. Join us at 10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. for stories. Storytime runs four weeks with a break between sessions. The next storytime semester is Nov. 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5. Call 972-237-5770 for more information.

Thursdays Baby storytimes are usually held at 11 a.m. on Thursdays for babies 0 to 17 months and their parents at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. These storytimes will not meet for the remainder of December but will resume in January. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.

The Bowles Branch Library, 2750 Graham St., offers stories and activities for school age children at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays. A morning storytime is held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays (please note that the rest of the library is not open at this time). Call 972-237-7540 for info.

Dances are held at 7 p.m. every Thursday for adults age 50 and older at the Grand Prairie Senior Center, 925 Conover Drive. The evening features live bands and quality food for only \$5 at the door. Free dance lessons are available at 6 p.m. Call 972-264-4975 for more information.

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