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GRAND PRAIRIE UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- Now-May 15 Registration is underway now through May 15 for the city's wiffleball tournament series. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Contact Rod Hayes at 972-237-7533 for more information. Games begin at 9 a.m. on May 17 and June 14 at Mike Lewis Park, 2600 block of North Carrier Parkway.
- Now-Oct. Grand Prairie residents can now enter Lynn Creek Park, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway, on Lake Joe Pool free with a current driver's license with a Grand Prairie, Texas, address. This offer is good for one vehicle, up to six people in the vehicle. Customers towing a boat and non-residents will still pay the \$10 entrance fee. Offer is not valid on special event days, July 4, and during Prairie Lights. Other restrictions may apply. The park features a new white sand beach, SS Prairie Dog mega-playground, shade structures on the beach, picnic areas and bathhouses. The large picnic pavilions are rentable within the park by calling 817-467-2104. The day park is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily March through October. Visit www.lakeparks.net for more information.
- Now-Oct. 1 The annual Calendar Photo Contest is underway with a special theme for 2009: Historic Grand Prairie. The incorporated city of Grand Prairie will be 100 years old in 2009, and the city's annual photo calendar will celebrate, featuring photos with historic significance, such as:
- old photos of people, places and events from early and mid-century Grand Prairie
 - new photos of historic places in Grand Prairie
- We will also accept non-historic photos of pretty Grand Prairie places, people and events. Amateur and professional photographers must live in Grand Prairie and the photos must be taken in and of Grand Prairie to enter the 2009 City Calendar Photo Contest. Entries accepted through Oct. 1, 2008. A panel of judges will select photos most appropriate for the 2009 City Calendar. A list of Grand Prairie historic landmarks can be found at <http://www.gptx.org/HistoricalMarkers.aspx>. To view complete contest guidelines, visit www.gptx.org/photocontest.
- May 1 Landscape Design #2, a free gardening class, is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road. Call 972-264-6890 for more information.

- May 3 The City of Grand Prairie's largest annual parade will kick off Cinco de Mayo festivities at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3 at East Main and NE 14th streets, proceeding west on Main to City Hall Plaza. Free entertainment will be staged from noon to 6 p.m., with more than 25 Grand Prairie ISD performing groups, mariachi bands and vocalists. The festival will also feature arts and crafts booths, informational exhibits, kiddie rides and plenty of Tex-Mex food favorites. For more information call 972-237-8100.
- May 3 See how Grand Prairians lived in the 1900s with a free tour of the beautifully restored historic Copeland Home, 125 SW Dallas St., from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 (every first Saturday of the month). Docents will give tours and answer questions about the quaint 100-year-old home in which Dr. Horace V. Copeland lived with his family. Dr. Copeland helped birth more than 4,000 Grand Prairie babies during his career. To get to the home, from Main or Jefferson streets in Grand Prairie, turn south on SW 2nd Street, and travel east on SW Dallas Street. Call 972-237-8086 for more details.
- May 3 The Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road, is hosting a Family Afternoon Film from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. This month's animated feature film explores the life of a rat trying to become a great Parisian chef. Call 972-237-5770 for more information.
- May 3 A Student Art Show, supported by Grand Prairie Arts Council, will take place during the City's Cinco de Mayo festival on Saturday, May 3 at City Hall Plaza, 317 College St. Call 972-642-ARTS for more information.
- May 3 Widespread Panic will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- May 5 Join Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road, for an evening of Cinco de Mayo festivities on Monday, May 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with carnival games, piñata bashing, face painting, candy and fun for free and open to the whole community. Call 972-264-6890 for more information.
- May 5 Youth (up to 18 years of age), receive a free comic book during Celebrate Free Comic Book Day on Monday, May 5 at the Bowles Life Center Branch Library, 2750 Graham St., while supplies last. Call 972-237-7540 for more information.
- May 6 UNSC: SPARTAN Training, dedicated LAN gaming for teens ages 13 to 18, will take place at the Bowles Life Center Branch Library, 2750 Graham St., from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Limited spots available. Register in person starting May 5. Call 972-237-7540 for more information.
- May 6 The City of Grand Prairie City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at City Hall, 317 College St. Usually conducted on the first and third Tuesday of each month, City Council meetings are open to the public, and citizen input is welcome. Call 972-237-8035 for more information.

- May 6 Learn about Working with Native Grasses that Work, a free class with Carol Feldman, on Tuesday, May 6. Contact Selena Jackson for details and to register: 972-237-8377
- May 6 Take an Afternoon Film Break at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6 at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, for a motion picture starring Amy Adams and Patrick Dempsey. Snacks and sack lunches welcome. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- May 9 The Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, presents Dollars and Sense, a free Program, featuring money-saving tips and credit know-how, at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 9. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- May 10 Mayfest—A Celebration of the Trinity River will feature a variety of activities including aquatic demonstrations, exhibits and conservation tips, information on summer camps, swimming pools, golf courses, entertainment, arts and crafts vendors and festival foods from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at Kirby Creek Nature Center, 3400 Corn Valley Road. Call 972-264-8729 for more information.
- May 10 The City of Grand Prairie will conduct a general election for Council Member, District 1, on Saturday, May 10. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Only registered voters in District 1 are eligible to vote in this election. Visit <http://www.gptx.org/Election/> for more information on early voting and a list of polling locations.
- May 11 Dolly Parton will perform at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- May 12 The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 12 at City Hall, 317 College St. Call 972-237-8255 for more information.
- May 12 The Grand Prairie Police Department is hosting a Memorial Service in honor of Peace Officer Memorial Week at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12 at 801 Conover Drive. Call 972-237-8713 for more information.
- Sundays Tour the Grand Prairie AirHog's minor league ballpark, pick your seats for season tickets and meet the staff during Open House every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The stadium, under construction, is located off of Lone Star Parkway between Nokia Theatre and Lone Star Park. Call 972-504-9383 for information.
- Mondays Improve your communication skills through Toastmasters, which meet on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes St. Call 972-264-7670 for more information.
- Study Zone is held Each Monday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., a time for kids to work on their homework in the Bowles Branch Library, 2750 Graham St. Extra

pencils and supplies will be on hand as well as a snack, and a librarian to help with the tough parts! Call 972-237-7540 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Baby storytimes are held at noon on Tuesdays, for babies 0 to 17 months and their parents at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. Storytimes are on hiatus during the month of May. Call 972-237-5700 for info.

Tues, Thurs “Lil Tots: Let’s Get Active” at Charley Taylor is a six-week class focused on physical and social development for children ages 4-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call 972-264-6890 for info. The fee is \$20.

Tues, Wed Toddler and preschool storytime at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, is held at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and (the same session) 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Storytimes are on hiatus during the month of May. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.

Wednesdays Tot Tyme, for children ages 2-5, 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 and building objects. Parents must stay with their child during this playtime. Free with membership. Call 972-264-7670 for 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 usually runs four weeks with a break between sessions. May 7 and 14 are the only storytimes during the month of May. Call 972-237-5770 for information.

Sippin’ in the Stacks, a time for adults to browse the library while enjoying coffee, tea and light snacks, is held from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays at Bowles Branch Library, 2750 Graham St. Call 972-237-7540 for information.

Thursdays 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). Storytimes are on hiatus after May 15. Call 972-237-7540 for info.

Thursdays 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.

New student registration for the Dallas ISD-sponsored free GED classes is held on Thursdays at the Grand Prairie Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. New students should come for an entire session in order to be pre-tested. All students should bring pencils, black pens and notebook paper. Classes are held: Mondays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For information on other adult basic education classes provided by Dallas I.S.D., call 972-749-2525.

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