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**GRAND PRAIRIE UPCOMING EVENTS
FEB. 7-17**

- Now-Feb. 7 Registration is underway now through Feb. 7 for the Citizens Police Academy. Residents who live or work in Grand Prairie are invited to sign up and learn more about the Grand Prairie Police Department at the Citizens Police Academy. The free course begins Thursday, Feb. 7 and continues through May 1. The course is conducted once a week on Thursdays from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Charles V. England Public Safety Center at 310 W. College St. Attendees will learn how the Grand Prairie Police Department works through a series of lectures, demonstrations, tours, hands-on practice and an opportunity to ride along with police officers. Participants must agree to a background and criminal history check, be 18 years old or older and not convicted of a felony. To register, call Charlene at 972-237-8724 or email Lt. Dennis Clay at dclay@gptx.org.
- Feb. 1- April 15 The AARP will be providing free tax help at the Grand Prairie Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, starting Feb. 1. Tax help sessions will be held each Friday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 15. Participants should bring last year's tax return and all W-2 and 1099 forms. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- Feb. 7 The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society's monthly meeting, featuring "Photography Download 101" by Wally Goodman, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive. Meet and greet begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Call 972-264-5656 for more information.
- Feb. 7 People and Nutrition (PAN), a commodity supplemental program that provides nutritious foods at no cost to qualified participants, will be accepting new applications from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Grand Prairie United Charities, 1417 Densman St. Call 972-262-2014 or visit www.gpuc.org for info.
- Feb. 8 An After-School Bash at Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 601 E. Grand Prairie Road, will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, free for the recreation center members, featuring pick-up basketball, nachos and drinks. Call 972-264-6890 for more information.

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- Feb. 8 Daughters and fathers of all ages are invited to attend the Grand Prairie Daddy Daughter Valentine's Dance, on Friday, Feb. 8, at Bowles Life Center, 2750 Graham St. Dinner will be served 7 p.m.-8 p.m., and dancing will be held 8 p.m.-10 p.m. The cost is \$40 per couple and \$15 per additional child. A photographer will be available at 6 p.m., and pictures may be purchased for an additional cost. Tickets are available at Bowles Life Center, 972-237-7529; Charley Taylor Recreation Center, 972-264-6890; Dalworth Recreation Center, 972-264-7670.
- Feb. 9 The African-American Heritage Community Spelling Bee will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9 at Dalworth Recreation Center, 2012 Spikes. Call 972-264-7670 for more information.
- Feb. 11 The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11 at City Hall, 317 College St. Call 972-237-8255 for more information.
- Feb. 11 Make-a-Valentine Craft, a free craft time for kids, will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11 at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, in the Children's Theatre. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- Feb. 11 The Betty Warmack Library's Readers Guild will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11 at the Betty Warmack Branch Library, 760 Bardin Road. Call 972-237-5770 for more information.
- Feb. 13 Celtic Woman will perform at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Feb. 13 For teens, crash the library after closing with computer time, crafts, food and a movie presentation of Romeo and Juliet, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Bowles Branch Library, 2750 Graham St. This program is open to the first 12 teens (12 to 18 years) that register starting Feb. 11. Sign up at the library. Call 972-237-7540 for more information.
- Feb. 13 Teens, join us on Anti-Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 13, for a snack and a movie at 4 p.m. at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. The movie will be Tim Burton's animated feature about a young man who finds out that his bride is a corpse. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- Feb. 14 Celtic Woman will perform at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14 at NOKIA Theatre. Call 214-373-8000 or 972-647-5700 for tickets.
- Feb. 16 The Friends of the Library will hold a clearance book sale – all items 25 cents each – from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.

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- Feb. 16-24 In preparation for Warrant Roundup, residents with outstanding warrants are encouraged to come into the Grand Prairie Municipal Court, 200 W. Main St., Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. now through Feb. 15 to settle their account before Marshalls roundup those with outstanding warrants Feb. 16-24. You can check your warrant status online at www.gptx.org/warrants. Call 972-237-8600 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 more information.
- Mondays Improve your communication skills through Toastmasters, which will 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 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 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.
- Baby storytimes will be held at a new time, noon on Tuesdays, for babies 0 to 17 months and their parents at the Main Library, 901 Conover Drive, starting Jan. 8. Call 972-237-5700 for more information.
- 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 \$10.

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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. 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 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 session runs Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Call 972-237-5770 for more 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 more 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). 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.

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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