

The Grapevine

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CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FY15 BUDGET, LOWERS TAX RATE

On September 10 at a special meeting with the Grapevine City Council, the FY2015 Operating Budget was approved. The City Council voted once again to lower the ad valorem tax rate for our residents from \$.3425 to \$.3324 per \$100 valuation. The line graph below is provided to illustrate the City's continued trend over the past several years of reducing the ad valorem tax rate in Grapevine. Tax rate decreases are made possible by our robust sales tax base that is supported by not only our residents and surrounding cities, but also by the millions of visitors per year that come to Grapevine.

Besides the tax rate, other critical priorities this year included maintaining a large fund balance reserve fund that will allow for stability in the

event of a fluctuation in sales tax and paying cash for capital expenditures whenever logical and feasible.

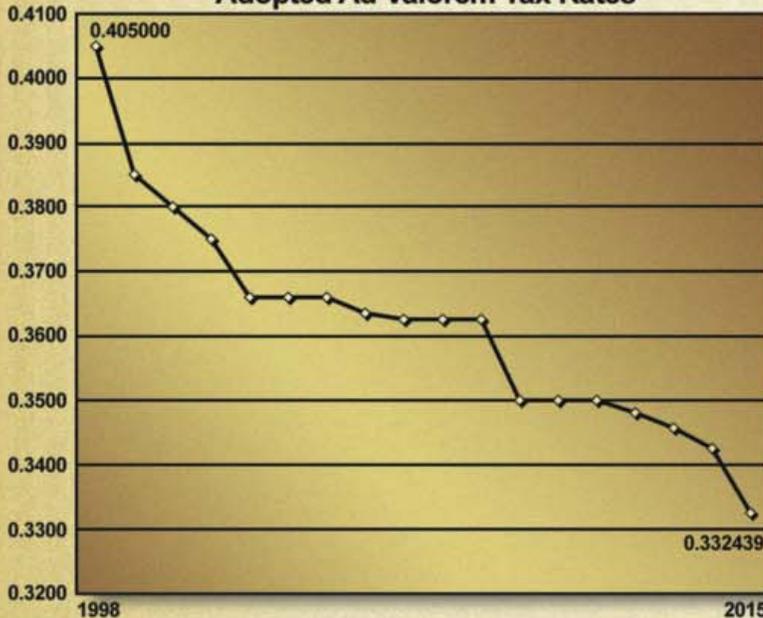
New focuses this year include adequate staffing in the Fire Department, Information Technology Department and the Convention & Visitors Bureau. As Grapevine has grown and emergency medical services have become more complex and more regulated, it's become apparent that we need a dedicated individual to manage EMS issues. Two additional firefighters will help to reduce overtime costs and insure adequate staffing of the fire apparatus. More and more of our core functions find us dependent on technology. Having an additional I.T. staff person in place will ensure that we are

working towards providing the highest level of technical services to our City staff and to our community.

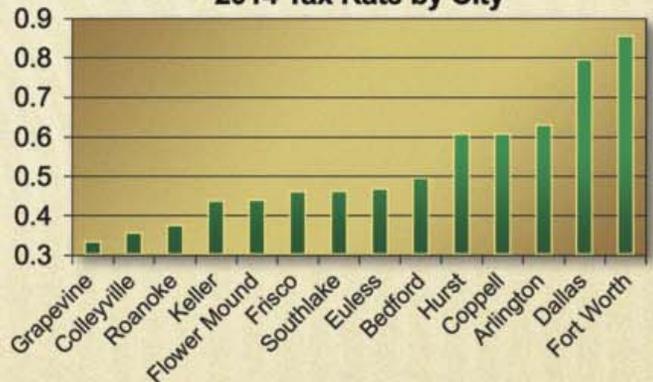
The addition of our new Economic Development Director over the summer will complement City staff as he and his team will masterplan, develop and market the 185 acres of land purchased by the City last year. He will also provide efforts in selecting unique and powerful venues that will better our economy, community and business climate. The Metroplex is booming and as we find ourselves head-to-head with other cities in competition for projects that will increase our sales and property tax base, it's important that we have the best talent on hand to recruit new business and retain those that we have, whether large or small.

For a complete look at the adopted FY2015 Operating Budget, visit GrapevineTexas.gov.

Adopted Ad Valorem Tax Rates



2014 Tax Rate by City



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LIBRARY

New! Afterschool Builders Club (A.B.C.)

Ages 5+, join us every Tuesday from 4-5 pm throughout the school year as we build using manipulatives, legos, prism bricks, marble mazes, stretch & connect builders, and more. No registration or supplies needed. Just bring your imagination.

Make & Take Thanksgiving Placemats

On Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm, make a special keepsake Thanksgiving placement with paper, markers, and die-cut shapes and stickers. Please feel free to bring any pictures you'd like included.

Parenting 101

Are you new to parenting? Have you ever thought, "What do I do now?" Parenting 101 is designed to help new parents discover the characteristics of becoming an effective parent. The Parenting Center requests that participants register on their website parentingcenter.org but registration is not required to attend. Please join us for this free workshop on Saturday, November 15 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Free SAT/ACT practice test to mark National Practice Test Day

Kaplan is offering a SAT/ACT Combo practice test on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 10 am - 2:30 pm at the library. Each student will receive a detailed individual score report two weeks after the test. Visit GrapevineTexas.gov or call 817.410.3405 for registration information.

Pilgrim's Cooking

Chef Scott Horwitz, returns with a program on the food the pilgrims would have eaten. He'll make and share samples at Family Storytime on Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm. All ages are invited.

Improv Workshop

Looking for something fun to do on the school break? Join improv teacher David Patrick from The Acting Studio Grapevine for fun and interactive improv games on Saturday, November 22 from 2 to 3 pm for those in 6th grade and up. No registration needed.

Game Fest

Video games and board games including Wii, Kinect, Scrabble, Connect Four, Chess, Checkers, and more will be set up in the program room for Tweens and Teens on Wednesday, November 26 from 2 - 3 pm.

Holiday Crafts for Tweens and Teens

Drop in on Saturday, December 6 between 2-4 pm and make holiday cards and cool crafts. Supplies will be provided; no registration needed.

Make & Take Christmas Crafts

Join us for Family Storytime on Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm to make Reindeer Candy Canes and other fun Christmas-themed crafts.

Lego Mindstorm Robotics EV3 Workshop

Ages 10+ are invited to call 817.410.3405 to register for the next robotics workshop on Saturday, December 13 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Snap Circuits

Ages 8+ are invited to join us for a new technology program using Snap Circuits—color-coded, real circuit components that snap together to create working electronics on Saturday, December 13 from 2 to 3 pm in the storytime room. Please call 817.410.3405 to reserve a spot.

Flutasia

The community flute choir will play a variety of holiday musical favorites for your listening enjoyment. Flutasia performs Monday, December 15 at 7pm.

Nutcracker Puppet Show

Nutcracker in a Nutshell (Performed by 2 Nuts) is a puppet show mini version of E.T.A. Hoffmann's classic holiday story. It features Clara, Godfather Drosselmeier, the Nutcracker Prince, and four musical numbers from Tchaikovsky's ballet suite. This 30 minute puppet show that celebrates the season of gift giving and children's dreams will be performed on Thursday, December 18 at 7 pm.

Visit our website at GrapevineTexas.gov for more events as they are added to our calendar and for on-going events such as storytimes, Entwined Minds Book Club, R.E.A.D. to a Furry Friend, knitting and quilting groups, Genealogy Name Droppers, and more. We are also on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, so like or follow us to keep up with events.

artisans Market

You're invited to the Friends of the Library's 10th Annual Artisans' Market.



Join us on **Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to 5 pm** and **Sunday, November 9 from 2 to 5 pm** to support local artists and your local library.

Don't miss this great holiday shopping opportunity that also benefits Grapevine Public Library.

A wide selection of unique items will be available including **art glass, pottery, pen & ink art, knitted and hand-woven items, jewelry, nature and travel photography, ornaments, pet portraits, food baskets, and more.** Get your holiday shopping done early at the Artisan's Market and truly give a one-of-a-kind gift this year.

GRAPEVINE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau Galleries, 636 South Main Street. November: Pastel Society of the Southwest Annual Awards Exhibition and "Who Am I: Images of Personal Identity" Exhibit. December: "Season's Greetings" - Photographers Holiday Cards & "Santa in the Workshop" - Hand-carved Santas from around the World. Open daily. Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5:30 pm, Saturday 10 am - 6:30 pm and Sunday 12 pm - 5 pm. Free admission.

Food for Thought Gallery Talks. Bring your lunch and get in touch with your artistic side at this interactive event. November 26, *Get Grateful*; December 31, *Create A Crown*. Noon - 1 pm. Free admission. For details, visit GrapevineMuseums.com.

Settlement to City Museums - Museum Walking Tour, 208 West Hudgins. Learn the history of Grapevine through hands-on activities, photographs and artifacts. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm. Free.

Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Cotton Belt Depot, 705 South Main Street. Hop aboard the Grapevine Vintage Railroad and step back in time to the 19th century. For details, visit GVRR.com.

Nash Farm - 626 Ball Street. November 7, "Crochet, Knit & Sew"; November 22, "Holidays & Birthdays"; December 5, "Christmas Fun," 10 am - 12 pm. \$3 per person. December 6, Victorian Christmas, 3 - 6 pm. Free. For more details, visit nashfarm.org.

8th Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes - Ted R. Ware Plaza, 206 W. Hudgins. November 8, 4 - 7 pm; \$10 per person. Historic homes in Grapevine will be open to the public for touring. For details, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com.

ICE! & Lone Star Christmas - Gaylord Texan Resort; 1501 Gaylord Trail. November 13, 2014 - January 3, 2015. Gaylord Texan's popular winter holiday attraction will feature Frosty the Snowman. Visit gaylordtexan.com for more details.

Dismay in a Manger - Texas Star Dinner Theater, 816 South Main Street. An interactive western-style holiday entertainment experience. Fridays and Saturdays, November 21 - December 27. For more details and tickets, visit texasstardinnertheater.com or call 817.310.5588.

Main Street LIVE - Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street. Main Street LIVE (formerly The Grapevine Opry Show) will now alternate between a country show and variety-style show. Holiday shows: November 22 & 29, December 5, 6, 12, 19, 20 & 31. New show time: 7 pm. For tickets call 817.481.8733.

Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Cotton Belt Railroad District, 705 South Main Street. North Pole Express®: November 28, 29 & 30; December 5-7, 12-14 & 19-23. WFAA - Channel 8's Santa's Helpers Toy Drive: December 11, 4 - 11 pm. Christmas Wine Trains: December 11 & 18; 7 pm. Open to adults 21 years and over. After Christmas Train Rides: December 26-30; 1 pm. For more details, visit GVRR.com.

Christmas on Main - Historic Downtown Grapevine. November 28, 29 & 30; December 5-7, 12-14 & 19-21. Christmas on Main will feature jolly Christmas characters, tractor-drawn wagon rides and decorations adorning the mile-long stretch of Grapevine's Historic Main Street. Tractor-drawn wagon rides \$1 per person, all ages, per ride.

SNOWLAND! - Great Wolf Lodge, 100 Great Wolf Trail. November 29, 2014-January 4, 2015. For overnight guests. Daily snow shows inside the Grand Lobby, appearances by Santa, holiday sing-a-longs and much more. Visit greatwolf.com for more details.

Parade of Lights - Historic Downtown Grapevine. December 4, 7 pm. North Texas' largest lighted Christmas parade. The parade begins at Main Street & Hanover Street and heads north on Main Street. The parade is free and open to the public.

Victorian Christmas - Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street. December 6, 3 - 6 pm. Make traditional ornaments. Free Admission. For more details, visit nashfarm.org.

Twinkle Light Boat Parade - Lake Grapevine. December 6, 6 - 9 pm. It's a floating festival of lights on Lake Grapevine with a parade of boats decorated in their holiday finest. For additional information, please call Scott's Landing at 817.481.4549. Free to view.

Enjoy Octonauts at SEA LIFE Grapevine Aquarium and Holiday Bricktacular at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center, 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway. For details and schedule, visit legolanddiscoverycenter.com and visitscalife.com/grapevine.

The Texas Tenors - Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street. December 16, 17, 18 & 19. 7:30 pm. \$35 per person. For tickets, visit palace-theatre.com or call 817.410.3100.

Christmas Movies at the Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street. \$5 per person. For full movie listing, visit palace-theatre.com or call 817.410.3100.



Holiday Calendar of Events

November 2-December 27
(Fridays & Saturdays) - Dismay in a Manger
Texas Star Dinner Theater,
816 South Main Street
Visit texasstardinnertheater.com
for more details.

**November 8 - 8th Annual Candlelight
Tour of Homes**
4 - 7 pm at Ted R. Ware Plaza,
206 W. Hudgins.
\$10 per person

**November 13 - Make & Take Thanksgiving
Placemats**
7 pm - Grapevine Public Library

**November 13-January 3, 2015 - ICE! &
Lone Star Christmas**
Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail
Visit gaylordtexan.com for more details.

**November 20 - Pilgrim's Cooking by
Scott Horwitz**
7 pm - Grapevine Public Library

November 22 - "Holidays & Birthdays"
10 am - 12 pm at Nash Farm. For more
details visit nashfarm.org.
626 Ball Street
\$3 per person

**November 22 & 29, December 5, 6, 12,
19, 20 & 31- Main Street Live
(Holiday shows)**
7 pm at Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main Street
Visit mainstreetlive.org for more details.

November 24 - Young@Heart Gardeners
Seniors make and take their own personalized
ornaments
10 am-12 pm at Bessie Mitchell House,
\$5 fee
Register at Senior Activity Center or
Community Activities Center.

November 24 - Carol of Lights
7 pm at the Gazebo on Historic Main Street,
Downtown Grapevine
Free and open to the public.

**November 24-January 4, 2015 - Light
Show Spectacular**
6 pm-11 pm Nightly at the corner of Dallas
Road and S. Main Street (new location)
Free and open to the public.

**November 28, 29 & 30; December 5-7,
12-14 & 19-23 - North Pole Express®**
Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Cotton Belt
Railroad District, 705 South Main Street
Visit gvrr.com for more details.

**November 28, 29 & 30; December 5-7,
12-14 & 19-21 - Christmas on Main**
Historic Downtown Grapevine Main Street

December 4 - Parade of Lights
7 pm on Historic Main Street,
Downtown Grapevine
The parade is free and open to the public.

December 5 - "Christmas Fun"
10 am - 12 pm at Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street
\$3 per person

December 6 - Victorian Christmas
3-6 pm at Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street
Free admission. For more details visit
nashfarm.org.

December 6 - Twinkle Light Boat Parade
6-9 pm on Lake Grapevine
Free to view. For more details call Scott's
Landing Marina 817.481.4549.

**December 6 - Holiday Crafts for Tweens
& Teens**
2-4 pm at Grapevine Public Library

December 6 - "Victorian Christmas"
3 - 6 pm at Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street. For
more details visit nashfarm.org.
Free

**December 11 - WFAA Channel 8's Santa's
Helpers Toy Drive**
4 - 11 pm at Grapevine Vintage Railroad -
Cotton Belt Railroad District,
705 South Main Street
Visit gvrr.com for more details.

**December 11 - Make & Take Christmas
Crafts & Family Storytime**
7 pm at Grapevine Public Library

December 11 & 18 - Christmas Wine Trains
7 pm at Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Cotton
Belt Railroad District, 705 South Main Street
Visit gvrr.com for more details.

**December 18 - Nutcracker in a Nutshell,
Puppet Show**
7 - 7:30 pm at Grapevine Public Library

**December 26-30 - After Christmas
Train Rides**
1 pm at Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Cotton
Belt Railroad District, 705 South Main Street
Visit gvrr.com for more details.

**January 7 & 21 - Christmas Tree
Recycling**
Republic Service will provide curbside pick-
up of unflocked trees on these days.

Christmas Movies at the Palace Theatre,
300 South Main Street. \$5 per person. For
full movie listing, visit palace-theatre.com or
817.410.3100.



SPECIAL INTEREST

Santa Cops



Once again, this fall, the Grapevine Police Department will be full steam ahead with its annual Santa Cops Program. The Santa Cops program delivers toys to economically disadvantaged children in the community. In 2013, the Santa Cops program brought toys to 413 families and 1,409 children in the GCISD area.

The Santa Cops program is funded entirely by local donations. It is organized and implemented by Grapevine Police Officers and V.I.P.s (Volunteers in Police Service), their families, and community volunteers. Anyone interested in donating a new, unwrapped toy can take it to the Grapevine Police Department at 307 W. Dallas Road, or to several other drop boxes located throughout the city. Drop boxes will be located at the Grapevine Senior Activities Center, Community Activities Center, 1250 William D. Tate Avenue, Central Fire Station, Grapevine Golf Course Pro Shop, City Hall, Waffle Way, and Big Lots by November 26. Donations will be accepted until December 21. Cash donations are also accepted year round.

Individuals and community groups interested in helping wrap the Santa Cops toys for the children are most welcome! The community gift wrapping dates are the Tuesdays and Thursdays of December 9, 11, 16, and December 18, if necessary. The gift wrapping hours are from 6 pm to 9 pm and are come-and-go at a location to be determined. The police officers will deliver the toys in time for Christmas.

For the past several years, Willhoite's Restaurant, 432 S. Main Street, has hosted a Santa Cops toy drive. Willhoite's collects toys for Santa Cops all during the month of December, but on one special evening, Wednesday, December 10, guests are invited to Willhoite's to bring toys, fellowship, and share the joy of Christmas with Grapevine Police officers. The festivities start at noon and there will be a silent auction, raffle, and live music at 9 pm.

For further information, contact the Community Relations Division of the Grapevine Police Department: Contact Sr. Ofc. Wade Easley at 817.421.2192, weasley@grapevinetexas.gov or Sr. Ofc. Scott Rhodes at 972.724.2126, scottr@grapevinetexas.gov. Check the Grapevine Police Department's Facebook page for the Toy Shoppe Wrapping location and other updates as the time approaches.



Save the Date

Mark your calendars to join us for the **Grapevine Veterans Day Parade** through Historic Downtown Main Street **Saturday, November 8 at 9 am.**

Show your appreciation to our Veterans by waving from the sidewalks or cheering them along the route.

Immediately following the parade, U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant is hosting the 2014 Veterans Fair from 10 am until 1 pm at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens located at 411 Ball Street. Enjoy music, food, games, entertainment, learn more about Veteran benefits and see the Wall of Honor.

For more information about the Veterans Fair, visit marchant.house.gov/veteransfair or call Congressman Marchant's office at 972.556.0162.

City News

Christmas Tree Recycling!

"Treecycle" your Christmas tree!

Republic Services will collect your unflocked Christmas tree on January 7 or 21, 2015. Trees must have all ornaments, lights and tinsel removed in order to be picked up for recycling.



Clean Brush Program 2015 Schedule

Your clean brush pick-up dates for 2015!

Grapevine will continue alternating Clean Brush pickup with Bulk Item pickup for 2015. Clean Brush pickup will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. For 2015, these dates are:

January 7 and 21	May 6 and 20	September 2 and 16
February 4 and 18	June 3 and 17	October 7 and 21
March 4 and 18	July 1 and 15	November 4 and 18
April 1 and 15	August 5 and 19	December 2 and 16

Tree limbs, clean brush and yard waste (leaves and grass clippings) are acceptable on these dates.

6th Annual Grapevine Recycles Day - November 15

Time to recycle before Christmas!

In association with America Recycles Day, the City of Grapevine will be hosting its annual Grapevine Recycles Day Event on Saturday, November 15 from 8 am until 11:30 am. The event will be hosted at the City's Municipal Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive. The City will be accepting the following recyclable and re-usable items:

Appliances (*New this year!)	E-Waste (Computers/Printers/TVs)	Glasses Cell Phones/PDAs
Paper/Cardboard	Mattresses	Sneakers/Books/Tools/Toys
Plastic	Vehicle Tires	Ink Cartridges/Toner
Metal	(No bicycle tires)	
Styrofoam	Batteries	

Document shredding will also be provided at this event.

Items that will NOT be accepted are: Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, pesticide/herbicides, etc.), liquids, unknown waste, ammunition/explosives, closed cylinders (i.e., extinguishers, propane tanks), medical waste, radioactive material, commercial or business waste.

You may download and complete the survey for this event prior to attendance at: bit.ly/1sddMwV.

We will also be collecting food donations for GRACE and unwrapped toys for the Santa Cops Program at this event. Also, please visit our expanded education and outreach area across the street from the event.

Please contact the City's Public Works Department at 817.410.3330 with any questions regarding this event.



TALK WITH A COP

The Grapevine Police Department is focused on building, strengthening, and maintaining long term relationships with the community we serve. If your neighborhood, organization, business, or group would like to have a Grapevine Police Officer attend your next meeting please contact Sgt. Dale Roath at daler@grapevinetexas.gov or at 817.410.3206.



PARKS & RECREATION

Learn to Play the Guitar

Introduction to guitar in a relaxed group environment. Learn basic techniques. Classes are on Tuesdays.

Ages/Time: 6-12; 6-6:55 pm
13 & up 7-7:55 pm

Adult Dance Classes

Line Dancing

Enjoy learning some of the most popular line dances such as Cupid Shuffle, Copperhead Road and many more.

Country & Western

Learning to dance with a partner in a fun-filled atmosphere. Learn the Two-Step, East Coast Swing and many more.

Ballroom

Learn to dance a variety of social dances including the Waltz, Foxtrot and many more.

For more information regarding guitar and dance classes, please call 817.410.3450 or email dmote@grapevinetexas.gov.



Carol of Lights

Join us for an all new special Carol of Lights in the Christmas Capital of Texas on Monday, November 24 at 7 pm in Historic Downtown Grapevine. Enjoy the sights and sounds as we turn back the clock to the 1900s and a simpler time when our fair City was becoming established and community was celebrated. Bring the entire family to join the celebration as the Mayor "flips the switch" lighting up our real 30' community Christmas tree and all of Historic Downtown Grapevine. Wear your period piece costume to immerse your family even further in the fun and enjoy the show from a special reserved section just for you! Usher in the season with sights, sounds, smells and songs that make this time of year so special. The night will culminate with the annual Christmas Fireworks Finale.

Light Show Spectacular – New Location!

Come see the 2014 Holiday Light Show Spectacular at its new location on the corner of Main Street and Dallas Road. This exciting synchronized light and sound display has become a Christmas time favorite! The show runs nightly beginning at 6 pm until 11 pm from November 24 through January 4, 2015.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER (SAC)

AARP Driver Safety

We are offering this class on Friday, November 14, 1-5 pm. The charge is \$15 for AARP members who have their card with them and \$20 for non-members. Call to sign up. Space is limited.

Young@Heart Gardeners

As we approach the holiday season, we need more decorations! Make your own personalized ornaments to take home and add to your tree. Join us at the Bessie Mitchell House on Monday, November 24 from 10 am to 12 pm. Register at the CAC or SAC with your \$5 payment.

Computer Class Registration

Mark your calendars for January 5 to sign up for computer classes. Walk-in registration takes place from 9 am until 12 pm or you can call between 1pm and 2 pm. Registration is first come, first served with priority given to Grapevine residents. A list of classes may be found at playgrapevine.com. Schedules will also be available at the SAC after December 15.

Islands of New England – August 24-31, 2015

Join this popular Collette Vacations trip and explore Providence, Newport, Boston, Cranberry Bog, Plymouth Rock, Plimoth Plantation, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown. Partake in a delicious traditional lobster feast on Cape Cod! The cost which includes air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, and round trip air from DFW is: double-\$2,579; single-\$2,979 and triple-\$2,549. Book before February 24 and receive a \$100 discount. Detailed brochures are available at the SAC or call to get one mailed to you.

All activities are available to adults 55 years and better. For more information, please call 817.410.3465 or visit us at 421 Church Street. A complete schedule of activities is available at playgrapevine.com.



Animal Control
817.410.3370

City Hall
817.410.3000

City Manager's Office
817.410.3105

City Secretary's Office
817.410.3182

Community Activities Center
817.410.3450

Convention and Visitors Bureau
817.410.3185

Development Services
817.410.3155

Fire Department
911, 817.410.8100

Grapevine Library
817.410.3400

Municipal Court
817.410.3284

Parks & Recreation
817.410.3470

Police Department
911, 817.410.3255

Public Works
817.410.3330

Senior Activities Center
817.410.3465

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