

The Grapevine

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STATE HIGHWAY 121/360 INTERCHANGE PROJECT ADVANCES

Construction is currently underway for a \$61 million project that will add new direct connectors for SH 114, SH 121 and SH 360 that will minimize weaving, reduce congestion and improve safety in the area. This is North Texas region's first congestion relief project funded as part of a statewide \$1.3 billion plan to reduce gridlock in some of the state's most congested areas. The SH 121/360 Interchange improvements were included in the original DFW Connector project, but funds were not available at that time to deliver the entire scope. When congestion funding became available for these improvements in February of this year, TxDOT and NorthGate Constructors negotiated a plan to build this portion of the original project. From northbound SH 360, there will be two new ramps: one to SH 121 and one to SH 114. From northbound

SH 121, there will be a new ramp to westbound SH 114 and a reconfigured exit to William D. Tate Avenue. From the existing eastbound SH 114 to southbound SH 121/360 bridge, NorthGate Constructors will add a new ramp to southbound SH 121 and reconfigure the ramp to southbound SH 360. From southbound SH 121, there will be a new ramp to SH 360. Construction is projected to be complete in early 2019. For the most current construction updates, please visit DFWConnector.com or call 877.411.4212.



GRAPEVINE DOG PARK PLANS PROGRESS

The dog park slated for the southern region of the City will be located in Bear Creek Park, totaling approximately five acres. This site was chosen through a site analysis process and will accommodate the unique conditions required for a safe and fun dog park for all users. To the right, is the concept plan for the park which is scheduled to begin construction in 2017. This project is funded by the Quality of Life fund. Follow our social media channels for project updates. Visit PlayGrapevine.com for a full view of the map (shown right).



City of Grapevine Dog Park at Bear Creek Park overall plan



Christmas Capital of Texas® Events throughout Grapevine

See page 3 for a full listing of events or visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas.

LIBRARY

Grand Opening of the New and Improved Teen Zone

Teens, keep your eyes and ears open for the official opening date of our new and improved Teen Zone. We will have new activities, study spaces, books and more.

Perot Museum TECH Truck

Friday, November 4, 4 pm. Mark your calendar for the return of the TECH (Tinker, Engineer, Create and Hack) Truck, this time for older elementary school and middle school ages. No registration needed; just join us in *CreateIt*.

"Coffee: The Cup of Inspiration"

Sunday, November 6, 3 pm. Learn how to make a great cup of your favorite brew as David Clark of Buon Giorno Coffeehouse & Roastery shares his expertise on the coffee brewing and roasting process. David will discuss the discovery of coffee in Ethiopia, relate humorous stories of how coffee made its way through world trade routes and offer samples to taste.

DIY Skin Care Products

Saturday, November 12, 2 pm. Tweens and teens (ages 10+), have any of you ever wondered how you could make some of your own skincare products at home? Annemarie is going to be here to teach us how to do it ourselves.

James Wand: Spy Magic

Thursday, November 17, 7 pm. Through a hilarious and entertaining magic show, James Wand shows kids that the most important skills a secret agent needs are reading and writing. Secret codes, invisible writing and a cool spy book will fascinate the children and motivate them to excel in these essential skills. All ages are welcome at Family Night programs.

Escape Room

Tuesday, November 22, 7 pm. Calling all teens and tweens: Have you ever wondered if you have what it takes to solve puzzles and crack the code to get out of an escape room? Now's your chance!

Chef Scott's Thanksgiving Cooking Camp

Monday, November 21 - Wednesday, November 23, from 2 to 3 pm each day. Chef Scott Horwitz will share some Thanksgiving favorites while the children practice some basic cooking skills. This program is for elementary school ages.

Flutasia

The community flute choir will play a variety of holiday musical favorites for your listening enjoyment. Flutasia performs Tuesday, December 13, 7 pm.

How Pinteresting: Holiday Photo Fails Edition

Thursday, December 22, 2 pm. Teens and tweens: We'll be gathering photo booth props and some fabulous (and not-so-fabulous) holiday pictures from Pinterest to see what we can improve upon or recreate.

Spectacular Christmas Light Show

Thursday, December 22, 7 pm. The Slicks present their LED light-up show including juggling, hula-hooping, and more, all with a holiday theme. You've never seen Christmas lights like these!

Minecraft Mayhem

Wednesday, December 28, 12-4 pm. Our month-long celebration of a Merry Minecraft Christmas will culminate with an afternoon of activities, games, crafts, and fun, all from the world of Minecraft. This come-and-go program is for elementary school ages.

Visit Library.GrapevineTexas.gov for details regarding robotics and technology programs and for ongoing 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. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Artisans' Market

You're invited to the Friends of the Library's 12th Annual Artisans' Market

Join us on Saturday, December 3 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, December 4 from 2 to 5 pm to support local artists and your local library. Don't miss this great holiday shopping opportunity that also benefits the Grapevine Public Library. A wide selection of unique items will be available including steampunk lamps, pottery, graphic art, accessories made from recycled men's ties, leather wallets, knitted and hand-woven items, jewelry, photography, handcrafted wood toys and puzzles, and more. Get your holiday shopping done early at the Artisans' Market and truly give a one-of-a-kind gift this year. Chair 2 massages will also be available this year to make the season more relaxing.



GRAPEVINE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

10th Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes, Historic Downtown Grapevine. November 5, 4-7 pm. Historic homes in Grapevine will be open to the public for touring. For details, please visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com.

Christmas Capital of Texas® events throughout Grapevine. Mid-November through January. For a full listing of events, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas.

Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau Galleries, 636 South Main Street. Open daily. Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday, 10 am-6:30 pm and Sunday 12-5 pm. December 2 through January 15, 2017, "Emerging Excellence" - A Juried Student Art Show. For details, visit GrapevineMuseums.com. Free.

Hometown Holiday at Settlement to City Museums at Ted R. Ware Plaza, 206 West Hudgins Street. In December, Victorian-Era Christmas crafts and activities at Settlement to City Museums. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm; Sunday, 11 am-4 pm. Free.

Christmas Events at the Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street. Enjoy classic Christmas movies or live holiday performances in the beautifully restored Palace Theatre. For tickets and full list of events, visit Palace-Theatre.com or 817.410.3100.

ICE!® & Lone Star Christmas - Gaylord Texan Resort; 1501 Gaylord Trail. November 10-January 1, 2017. Families will marvel at dozens of lavish holiday displays including more than two million twinkling lights and larger-than-life decorations during Gaylord Texan's Lone Star Christmas. Visit GaylordTexan.com for more details.

Texas Star Dinner Theater, 816 South Main Street. "Unseasonable Greetings", is an interactive western-style holiday entertainment experience. November 18-December 30. For more details, visit TexasStarDinnerTheater.com or call 817.310.5588.

Vetro Glassblowing Studio – Handblown Glass Ornament Workshop, 701 S. Main Street, Studio 103. November 19-December 30. Times vary by day. Create your own personally-designed ornament. For more details, visit VetroArtGlass.com.

Carol of Lights - Town Square Gazebo, 325 South Main Street. November 21, 7 pm. Guests can sing along with local choirs as the "switch is thrown," lighting thousands of lights in Historic Downtown Grapevine.

Magic of Christmas Light Show, Main Street & Dallas Road. November 22-January 2, 2017. The Christmas Light Show Spectacular, a synchronized light display, runs continuously, 6-11 pm. Free.

Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Cotton Belt Railroad District, 705 South Main Street. North Pole Express®: November 25-27; December 2-4, 9-11 & 16-23. WFAA – Channel 8's Santa's Helpers Toy Drive: December 6, 5-8:30 pm. Christmas Wine Trains: December 1, 8 & 15; 7 pm. Open to adults 21 years and over. After-Christmas Train Rides: December 26-30; 1 pm.

Christmas on Main, Historic Downtown Grapevine. November 25-27; December 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will depart behind the Gazebo during select hours. Rides are \$1 per person, per ride, proceeds benefit the historic preservation of Nash Farm.

SNOWLAND - Great Wolf Lodge, 100 Great Wolf Trail. November 26-January 1, 2017. For overnight guests. Daily snow shows inside the Grand Lobby. Visit GreatWolf.com for more details.

Dr. Sue's Hand-Crafted Hot Chocolate Tastings – 417 S. Main Street November 21-December 23, 3-6 pm daily. For more details, please visit DrSuesChocolate.com.

Country Farmers Market Christmas, Town Square Gazebo Pavilion. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25-December 11; Daily, December 16-23.

Parade of Lights, Historic Downtown Grapevine. December 1, 7 pm. North Texas' largest lighted Christmas parade. The parade is free and open to the public.

Twinkle Light Boat Parade, Grapevine Lake. December 3, 6-9 pm. A floating festival of lights on Grapevine Lake 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.

Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street. Victorian Christmas at Nash Farm is December 3. For more details and to register for events, visit NashFarm.org.

Octonauts at SEA LIFE Grapevine Aquarium and Holiday Bricktacular at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center. 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway. Enjoy a variety of holiday activities. For schedule, visit LegolandDiscoveryCenter.com and VisitSeaLife.com/Grapevine.

"Santa's Wonderland" - Bass Pro Shops, 2501 Bass Pro Drive. Enjoy old-time model trains, arcades, carousel and free crafts every week. For more information, call 972.724.2018 or visit BassPro.com.

For more information about Grapevine's festivals and events, please visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com or call 817.410.3185. All events and dates are subject to change.



City News

Grapevine Police Santa Cops Program

The Grapevine Police Santa Cops program, in its 21st year is operated by Grapevine Police Officers, their families, community volunteers and is funded by local donations. Through your donations, Santa Cops deliver donated toys to economically disadvantaged children in the Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District. Through this program, Christmas wishes are fulfilled for hundreds of area children each year.

The Santa Cops program benefits from the extreme generosity of the people in our community! Santa Cops accepts monetary donations and new (unwrapped) toys which may be dropped off at the following locations: Grapevine Police Department, 307 W. Dallas Road; City Hall, 200 South Main Street; Central Fire Station, 601 Boyd Drive, or The REC, 1175 Municipal Way.



Santa Cops is always in need of volunteers. Please follow the Grapevine Police Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram accounts for the Santa Cops workshop location.

Please register for our new Santa Cops Community Information Service at Nixle.com or text **SANTACOPS** to 888777. Information will be sent directly to you via text or email.

Our gift wrapping times are from 6-9 pm on the following dates:

December 6 December 13
December 8 December 15 (if necessary)

For additional information, please contact Grapevine Police Community Relations at 817.410.3206.

Key Safe Boxes Available

In the event of an emergency, people often call the Fire Department to their home and many times, the door is locked and firefighters cannot enter without damaging the door. Many commercial property owners have a key safe box on the exterior of their buildings to avoid such damages. Today, Grapevine homeowners may also have a key safe box installed at their home. Once installed,

the homeowner would place their house key in the key safe box for firefighters to access in the event they arrive and encounter a locked door. For pricing details, visit KnoxHomeBox.com. For all other inquiries about this product, please contact our Fire Department at 817.410.4420.

Prevent Kitchen Fires

With cooler outdoor temperatures, more cooking is taking place inside the home. Cooking is one of the main causes of home fires and injuries in the United States. Prevent cooking fires by following a few simple steps:

- Stand by your pan or pot: If you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. This way, no one can bump or pull them over.
- Watch what you are cooking: Fires start when the heat is too high. If you see any smoke or if the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off.



- Keep a pan lid or baking sheet nearby: Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put the fire out. Turn the burner off.
- Keep the oven door closed: Keeping the oven door closed will contain the fire and limit the possibility of it spreading.

If a fire occurs in your house, get everyone out to a family meeting spot and call 911.

City News

November 8 Election

Along with Federal and State elections, there will be a measure on the November 8 ballot to consider the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only. The polls will be open from 7 am-7 pm on November 8. On this day, voters must vote at their designated precinct location as listed on your Voter Registration Card. Please visit TarrantCounty.com/en/elections.html for your precinct and voting location. During early voting, Grapevine residents may vote at any polling location in Tarrant County, including The REC, 1175 Municipal Way.

Days and Hours for Early Voting by Personal Appearance at The REC

October 24-28	Monday - Friday	8 am-5 pm	October 31	Monday	7 am-7 pm
October 29	Saturday	7 am-7 pm	November 1-4	Tuesday - Friday	7 am-7 pm
October 30	Sunday	11 am-4 pm			

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget—Tax Rate Decrease

On September 6, the Grapevine City Council approved an operating budget of \$172.8 million for the 2016-2017 fiscal year that begins October 1. The budget will allow Grapevine to maintain the high quality service levels that residents have come to expect. The City Council also approved adoption of a property tax rate of

\$0.289271, which represents a 12% decrease from the previous year. Grapevine citizens will continue to benefit in having one of the lowest tax rates in Texas for a City our size. This rate decrease will also help relieve homeowners of the tax burden that is a result of home appraisals in our booming real estate market.

SH 114 Landscaping Phase One Nears Completion ~A Quality of Life Project~

Phase I of a native landscape plan for the SH 114 corridor from Main Street west to William D. Tate Avenue is expected to be complete this month. Phase II will begin late this fall from Main Street to Texan Trail. The goal of this project is to create a visually appealing entrance to the City that residents and visitors will enjoy while softening the view of the expanded hardscape that was a

result of the DFW Connector project. This project is funded by a combination of federal and state grant funds with supplementation from the Grapevine Quality of Life fund. The Quality of Life fund is a separate fund that is set aside annually for projects that keep Grapevine a great place to live.

Grapevine Recycles Day - Saturday, November 12

In association with America Recycles Day, the City of Grapevine will be hosting its annual Grapevine Recycles Day Event on Saturday, November 12 from 8-11:30 am at the Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive. Save time in line by completing the survey for this event at GrapevineTexas.gov prior to your arrival.

Recyclable/Reusable Items ACCEPTED:

- *NEW* fire extinguishers
- paper/cardboard
- appliances (refrigerators, dishwashers, metal ranges, etc.)
- plastic
- styrofoam (clean/white and packing "peanuts" only)
- eyeglasses and hearing aids
- re-usable items (books/tools/toys/clothes/sneakers/etc.)
- vehicle tires (NO tractor or bicycle tires.
Tires must be removed from rims)
- ink/toner cartridges
- batteries

- cell phones/PDAs
- e-waste (computers, printers, tv's)
- mattresses

Document shredding will also be provided at this event.

We will also be collecting food donations for GRACE and unwrapped toys for the Santa Cops Program.

Items NOT ACCEPTED:

Household hazardous waste (paint, oil, pesticide/herbicides, etc.), liquids, unknown waste, ammunition/explosives, closed cylinders (extinguishers, propane tanks), medical waste, radioactive material, commercial business waste.

Visit our expanded education and outreach area across the street from the event. Free food and a variety of giveaways will be provided by Keep Grapevine Beautiful (KGVB). For more information, please call 817.410.3330.

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS – FREE

Visit our Christmas Light Show Spectacular at Main Street and Dallas Road for our synchronized holiday light display. The show will run continuously from 6-11 pm beginning November 22 through January 8.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Daddies and daughters are invited to enjoy an enchanting evening of dancing, food and fun. This formal affair is a stylish night of dreams and sophistication to create memories you and your daughter(s) will cherish for a lifetime. Tickets go on sale December 5 and are available for purchase at The REC, 1175 Municipal Way, by calling 817.410.3450 or at PlayGrapevineReg.com. Space is limited and tickets will not be sold at the door.

Ages: 2-18 year old girls

Dates/Times: Friday, January 27, 2017; 7-9 pm

Saturday, January 28, 2017; 4-6 pm,

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Fee: \$18/person on or before January 21

\$20/person beginning January 22

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Location: Compass Center, 4201 Pool Road, Grapevine

PARKS

ANNUAL TREE SHARING PROGRAM 2016

The Annual Tree Sharing Program is a joint effort between the City of Grapevine and Grapevine homeowners in "sharing" the cost 50/50, of up to two trees per household planted in the homeowner's yard. There are a limited number of trees for sale and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Sales have begun and will continue each Monday-Friday at the Grapevine Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive from 9 am-4 pm, while supplies last.

Species available this year are: Red Oak, Burr Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Chinese Pistache, Possunhaw Holly, Yaupon Holly, Desert Willow, and Little Gem Magnolia. All trees will be professionally procured and planted. Trees may be planted in the front or back yard within criteria established by the City. The Tree Sharing application (with complete details) may be obtained at PlayGrapevine.com. For more information, call 817.410.3350 or email lgrove@grapevintexas.gov.

The REC - FITNESS

STRETCHING 2 MOVE – NEW

Learn how your body was meant to move and unlock its potential. Most of us lose our ability to stretch and move properly due to aging, so let's get back to the basics. You will learn how to regain the flexibility that once came so easily as a child. You'll leave this class feeling energized and walking tall. Drop-ins are welcome.

Ages: 16+

Fee: \$40 Member / \$50 Non-member

Days/Times/Code: Mondays, 7:30-8 am, 706201

Instructor: Nathan Worden, MEd, FMS, NKT, CPT

Location: The REC, 1175 Municipal Way



GENTLE STRETCH YOGA (WITH A TOUCH OF YIN) – NEW

This gentle class practiced to soothing music combines Level 1 poses, breath work and meditation, giving you an overall body stretch. You will also enjoy the addition of passively held Yin poses that work on the deep, dense connective tissues of the tendons, ligaments and cartilage, which are difficult to energize and open. Yin helps release and surrender the body, consequently releasing and surrendering the mind, letting go, becoming calmer and less reactive to stressors. Geared toward students who wish to move at a slower pace. This is an excellent complement to your yang-dominant (fast paced) lifestyle. Drop-ins are welcome.

Ages: 13+

Fee: \$40 Member / \$50 Non-member (monthly) or add this class to Tues/Thurs Basic Yoga Flow for only \$30 more

Days/Time/Code: Wednesdays, 7-8 pm, 706100

Instructor: Lynne Clem, Lynne@YogaInDFW.com

Location: The REC, 1175 Municipal Way

Note: This is a six-week series, October 12- November 16.



PARKS & RECREATION

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Grapevine Baseball & Softball – Registration for the spring 2017 season begins in December and concludes in early March. Enjoy softball and baseball for ages 3-18. Please visit PlayGrapevine.com or call 817.410.3450 for more information.



ACTIVE ADULTS 55 & BETTER

ACTIVE ADULTS 55 & BETTER AT The REC

All activities are available to adults 55 years and better. For more information, please call 817.410.3465. A complete schedule of activities is available at PlayGrapevine.com.

CHAIR EXERCISE

Need a place to start or a place to work on rehab? Chair exercise is our recommended beginner's class focusing on proper form and modifications, good posture, stability, and body awareness. Great music and laughter make 30 minutes fly by. To register, please stop by the Active Adult desk at The REC, 1175 Municipal Way or call 817.410.3465.

Days/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:45-10:15 am

AQUATICS

WINTER WONDERLAND POOL PARTY—SPECIAL EVENT

Join us for a frozen wonderland of fun, interactive games and special guests.

Day/Date/Time: Saturday, December 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

Fee: Members: Free

Non-Members: \$5/person

For more information, please call 817.410.3450.

The REC HOLIDAY POOL HOURS

Days/Times/Class:

Monday-Thursday, 5-8 am, Self-directed fitness

8-11 am, Fitness and programs

11 am-6 pm, Open swim and programs

Friday, 5-8 am, Self-directed fitness

8-11 am, Fitness and programs

11 am-6 pm, Open swim and programs

Dates: November 21-23, 25

December 19-22, 23, 26-29, 30, & 31

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ARBOR DAY

As a Tree City USA community, Grapevine celebrates the importance of trees annually. Help us celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees to replace those lost during recent flooding. On Saturday, November 5 from 9 am-3 pm, at Trawick Pavilion, 2700 Darren G. Medlin Trail, local Citizen Foresters will be available to answer your tree questions and the Texas A&M Forest Service Forester Courtney Blevins will present the Tree City USA flag to City officials. Tree saplings will be given away while they last. We invite you to be a part of this fun and important event. To participate, register at bit.ly/2cX29vp or contact Cindy Harris at charris@grapevinetexas.gov.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (WSI) CERTIFICATION

Learn to teach all ages to swim and give water safety presentations. It's a fun and meaningful job that is in high demand. Once certified, you may apply with the City of Grapevine in the "Learn to Swim Program" as a swim lesson instructor.



Prerequisites:

- Demonstrate proficiency in six strokes: freestyle, backstroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke, breaststroke and butterfly – 25 yards per stroke.
- Tread water for one minute.

Candidates must complete all prerequisite skills on the first day and must attend all four class days.

Register at PlayGrapevineReg.com or call 817.410.3450.

Ages: 16 and up

Dates/Code: November 14-18, 532000-11

Location: The REC Aquatics Center, 1175 Municipal Way



The Grapevine Texas Christmas Capital of Texas

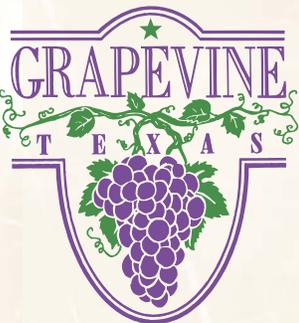


Christmas ... a wonderful time of the year

Celebrate the magic of Christmas in Grapevine, the Christmas Capital of Texas®! Grapevine is the perfect place to create wonderful Christmas memories with your family and friends this season. Enjoy more than 1,400 Christmas events in 40-plus days, as you see Grapevine sparkle with millions of lights, enormous decorations, animated characters and a whole lot more! Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com for more information.



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