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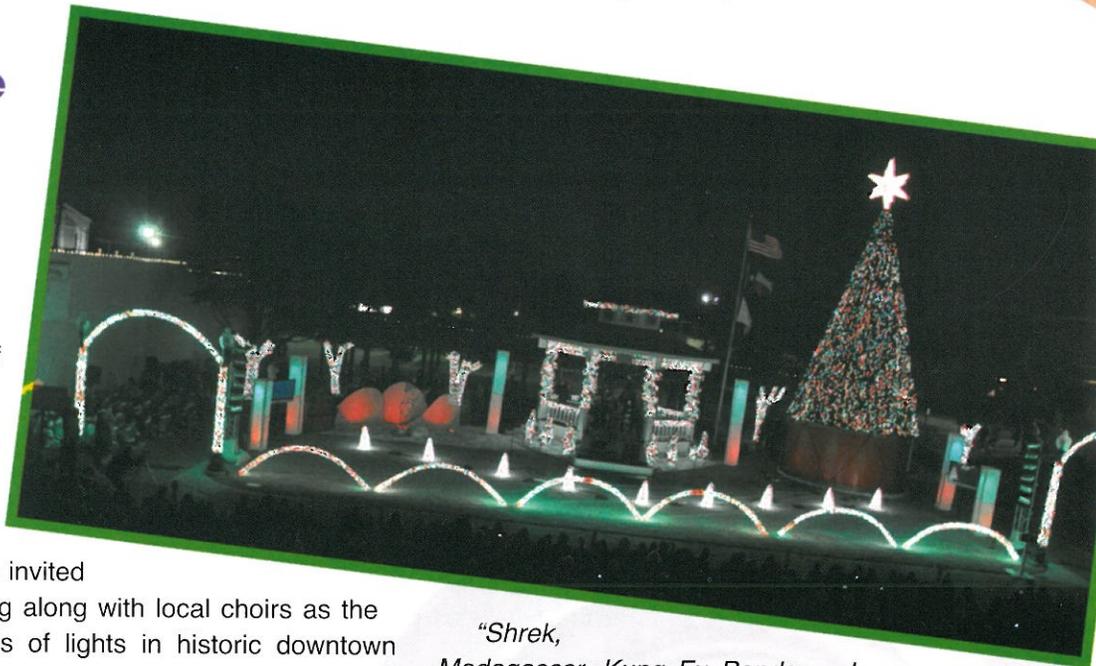
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Grapevine is the CHRISTMAS CAPITAL OF TEXAS

A complete calendar of Christmas events can be found at: grapevinetexasusa.com/Christmas.

CAROL OF LIGHTS – Town Square Gazebo, 325 S. Main Street. November 21st; 7 pm – The public is invited to this free event in which guests sing along with local choirs as the “switch is thrown,” lighting thousands of lights in historic downtown Grapevine.

LONE STAR CHRISTMAS, ICE! – Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail. November 11, 2011 – January 1, 2012. Gaylord Texan’s popular ICE! winter holiday attraction returns with an all-new, hilarious theme: ICE! featuring DreamWorks’ Shrek the Halls™ will delight visitors with its fanciful depiction of the animated holiday television special. Visit gaylordtexan.com for more details.



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CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW SPECTACULAR – Town Square Gazebo – 325 S. Main Street. November 21, 2011 through January 8, 2012. Be

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City Council Lowers Property Tax Rate, Approves Budget

The 2011 City budget will result in a lower tax rate this year, dropping from \$.35 per \$100 valuation down to \$.3480. This general fund budget includes cash financing of nearly all capital equipment and street maintenance. While the approved budget is conservative and primarily a maintenance budget, it includes a contribution of \$3,000,000 to the Quality of Life fund and a 1% pay increase for City employees. Revenue for the Quality of Life fund comes from sales tax and has funded projects such as the Oak Grove Ballfield expansion and renovation, the replacement of outdoor warning sirens and additional restrooms at parks. The City Council will be meeting in the coming months to consider plans for upcoming Quality of Life fund expenditures.

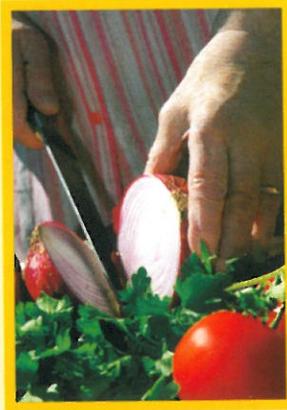
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Parks and Rec

Community Activities Center

Cooking Demonstrations

These classes will be a fusion of Indian, American and Asian flavors and recipes. Using various common spices and other easily available ingredients, participants will be able to whip up snacks, meals and nutritious salads for the family. Easy to learn and repeat at home with very little effort. Sessions are six weeks long on Fridays beginning in November through February. For further information and registration, please call 817-410-3450.



Cooking Classes

Get ready for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baking season by participating in Chef Patty's (from Pattycake's Bakery) cooking classes. The Thanksgiving class, which costs \$30 per person, will be held Sunday, November 13 from 2-4 pm. A second class for Christmas baking will be held on Sunday, December 4 from 2-4 pm and costs \$25. Both classes will be held at the Community Activities Center and will include demonstrations, samples, and recipes. Sign up for one or both of these classes at the CAC or by calling 817-410-3450.

Pattycake's Bakery Presents... Gingerbread House Making

Grapevine's own Pattycake's Bakery will be baking up the pieces for you to build your gingerbread dream home on Saturday, December 10. Professional chef, Patty Wilson, will provide all the materials and assist you in creating a festive holiday home. Three sessions will be held: 10:30 am, 1 pm and 3:30 pm. At only \$20 per house, you can build one as a family or each person can build their own. Register at playgrapevine.com or by calling 817-410-3450.

Brown Bag Lunch with Santa-FREE

Bring a sack lunch and eat with Santa at the Community Activities Center on Wednesday, December 14 from 11:30 am-1 pm. After dining, you can enjoy holiday storytelling, visit with Santa, decorate cookies, make a holiday craft or jump in the bounce house. Complimentary cookies and drinks will be provided. For more information, please call 817-410-3450.

Special Programs for Homeowner & Neighborhood Associations Being Offered

Keep Grapevine Beautiful (KGVB) is reaching out to partner with Grapevine's homeowner and neighborhood associations! Several programs are offered 'free of charge' to neighborhoods which include storm drain marking, recycle bin distribution, educational seminars, Adopt-an-Area programs, Yard and Neighborhood of the Month award programs, monthly newsletters and more. For more information, please visit kgvb.org.

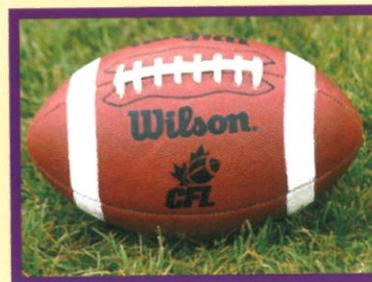


KGVB - Keep Grapevine Beautiful

The Board of Directors within the Keep Grapevine Beautiful organization is seeking additional committee members. Committees are busy making plans for a multitude of programs and projects and seek citizen input and expertise. Committees typically meet once a month and engage in creative brainstorming, strategic planning, finance and implementation of their ideas. Committees include Marketing, Education, Beautification, Litter/Recycling and Water Quality & Conservation. If interested, please visit kgvb.org.

Athletics Fall Open Tennis Tournament

Registration deadline is November 16. Tournament will be held November 19 and 20 at Grapevine High School Tennis Courts and Dove Park Tennis Courts. Fee is \$18 for singles and \$32 for a doubles team. Match times will be available on November 18.



Winter 8 on 8 Flag Football

Registration is December 26, 2011 through January 2, 2012 with late registration January 3-9, 2012. Games are played on Sundays. Fee is \$315 per team. Team packets available January 5, after 12 pm. Season dates are January 15 - March 4, 2012. 🍷

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

AS I REMEMBER

Christmas Time in Grapevine during the 1920s

In researching Christmas in Grapevine, I found Addie Millican Scott's book entitled *As I Remember*. She writes about growing up in Grapevine and the attached is her account of Christmas which was very typical of the 1920s.

– Joe Ann Standlee, Historian for the Grapevine Historical Society



Mama always ushered in Christmas by greeting everybody she saw on the morning of December 24, with, "Christmas Eve Gift." I don't know just what that meant or how the custom arose, but it gave us a good send-off for the exciting two days ahead. Dad's "thing" for Christmas was acting as if nothing was happening or about to happen, then surprising us with what he had accumulated to please us when we arrived home from the church Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

Yes, we celebrated Christmas! – but not for weeks and weeks before the event as is done today. Not surprisingly it was the most celebrated holiday of the year at school. We had handmade Christmas decorations, staged Christmas plays, and sang Christmas songs.

We had drawn names and the last day before the holiday each child brought a small gift for the child whose name he had drawn and brought some little token for the teacher. Poor teacher! She was showered with small bottles of cheap perfume and small boxes of cheap handkerchiefs. Remember, those were depression

years and we all knew in truth "it is not the gift, but the thought that counts."

At home, Christmas preparations were concentrated in the last days before Christmas. We did our shopping, such as it was, at the local drug store or dry goods store, or if we had been forethoughted enough, we might have ordered something from the Sears-Roebuck catalog. We voiced our wants in plenty of time, each concentrating on one special item. We were often told that the requested gift was too expensive, yet it usually appeared. The special gifts I remember most vividly were my roller skates, my very own desk and my first wrist watch.

There was always a Christmas tree program at the church on Christmas Eve. I went with Mama (and my brother and sister) to that program where I received a small gift which Mama had previously put on the tree, along with a small bag of candy supplied by the church. After the program we walked home, somehow knowing that Santa Claus would have been there during our absence. (Santa Claus always came to our house early on Christmas Eve). Dad, who had not gone to the church

program, would have retrieved our special gifts from their hiding places and put them under the tree. Also, he would have brought home a box of chocolate covered cherries (I hated them because I could never capture the juice before it leaked all over me); a big bag of apples, oranges, and nuts; and an assortment of firecrackers and Roman candles to shoot off after we had opened our presents. Later, friends of mine who lived elsewhere seemed shocked that we shot firecrackers on Christmas Eve, but fireworks were always part of our Christmas celebrations during my childhood.

Christmas Day was an unstructured, restful day – for everybody but Mama, that is. She cooked some of the goodies ahead of time, but spent a busy morning cooking the rest of Christmas dinner. If the weather was mild enough for people to be outdoors, as it often was, a neighbor might stop in briefly or other children might appear to show off their new toys. Otherwise, we just holed up to enjoy dinner and to play and snack during the rest of that family day at home. 🍇



Santa Cops

Since its inception, Santa Cops has brought Christmas gifts to thousands of needy children in the community between the ages of 6 months to 17 years old.

The program is funded entirely by local donations and is organized and implemented by Grapevine Police Officers & 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 Police Department, at 307 W. Dallas Road, or to other drop boxes located at the Senior Activities Center,

Community Activities Center, Central Fire Station, Waffle House, and City Hall. Cash donations are also appreciated.

Individuals and community groups interested in helping wrap the Santa Cops' toys for the children are most welcome "the more the merrier"! This year's community gift wrapping dates are December 1, 6, 8 and if necessary, December 13 and 15.

For additional information please contact Senior Officer Jason Keller at 817-421-2192. 🍇

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sure to stop by as the Christmas Light Show Spectacular, a 25-minute synchronized light display, runs every 30 minutes starting at 6 pm at the Gazebo. Last show is at 11 pm.

NORTH POLE EXPRESS® – Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main Street. Nov. 25-27; Dec. 2-4; Dec. 9-11 & Dec. 16-21. Enjoy a fun-filled, 30-minute ride on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad's holiday themed train, complete with carols and an enchanting encounter with Santa Claus himself, presented by Chesapeake Energy. Visit gvr.com for more details.

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN – Historic Downtown Grapevine. Nov. 25-27, Dec. 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18. Christmas on Main Street 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, per ride, all ages.

PARADE OF LIGHTS – Historic Downtown Grapevine. December 1st; 7 pm. The Grapevine Parade of Lights is North Texas' largest lighted Christmas parade. The parade begins at Main Street and Hanover Street and heads north on Main Street. The parade is free and open to the public.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS – Nash Farm. December 3rd; 10 am – 12 pm. Make and take ornaments. Free Admission. For more details visit: nashfarm.org.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT THE HISTORIC PALACE THEATRE – 300 S. Main Street. "Christmas at the Movies" Musical. Watch scenes from your favorite Christmas movies come alive on stage during the Texas Family Musical production

of Christmas at the Movies. Music and choreography featured from White Christmas, Bells of St. Mary, Meet Me in St. Louis and other traditional favorites. Dec. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 & 18 at 7:30 pm; Dec. 11 & 18 at 4 pm; Dec. 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 2:30 pm. Matinee and Evening - \$25, \$27, \$29. Children 12 and under – ½ price. Family price – (family of four=\$50), each additional family member \$15.

TEXAS TENORS – Mixing country and classical music with their own Texas Tenor flavor, they will bring Christmas audiences to their feet. Tickets: palace-theatre.com or 817-410-3100. Dec. 2, 4, 20, 21, 22 & 23; 7:30 pm; \$25 per person. Group pricing: (20 or more) \$19 per person.

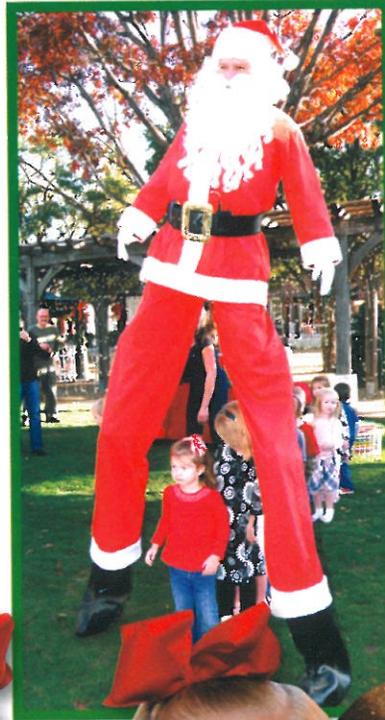
BLINKY, SANTA'S MUSICAL ELF – Palace Theatre. Dec. 5-9 & Dec. 12-16; 9:30 am and 11 am; \$5 per person. Fast moving, interactive children's Christmas show. Great for school programs and families. Tickets: texasfamilymusicals.com or 800-547-4697 or 817-573-9191.

CHRISTMAS WINE TRAINS – Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main Street. December 8th, 15th & 22nd; 7 pm. Get into the holiday spirit aboard a Christmas Wine Train, featuring festive treats and Grapevine wine. The Christmas Wine Trains are open to adults 21 years and over. Visit gvr.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIES AT THE PALACE – Palace Theatre. Enjoy your favorite family Christmas films on the big screen at the Palace Theatre. Ticket price is \$5. For tickets or additional information, call 817-410-3100. Dec. 3rd, 1 pm & Dec. 6th, 7 pm - *White Christmas*. Dec. 5th & 12th, 7 pm; Dec. 17th, 1 pm – *A Christmas Story*. Dec. 10th, 1 pm; Dec. 13th & 19th, 7 pm - *It's a Wonderful Life*. Dec. 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 1 pm - *Frosty the Snowman/A Garfield Christmas Special*.

AFTER CHRISTMAS TRAIN RIDES – Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main Street. December 26th-31st and Jan. 2nd; 1 pm. With all of the family in town, come out and hop aboard the Grapevine Vintage Railroad for a step-back in time. This week only, trains run every day from the Grapevine Depot at 1 pm and travel to the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. Visit gvr.com for more information.

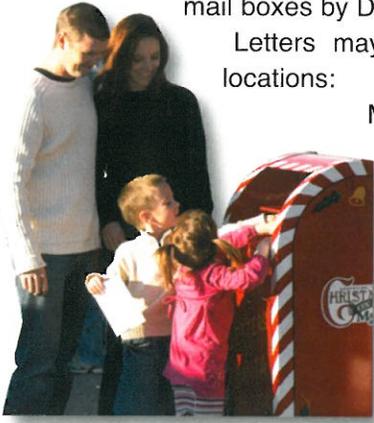
LETTERS TO SANTA-FREE – Kids, write your letter to Santa and get a response back from the North Pole! Please be sure to include your return



Photos, from left: After Christmas Train Rides; Christmas on Main

address so Santa can mail you a response. Letters should be in the mail boxes by December 18 to ensure a response.

Letters may be mailed from any of the following locations:



Main Street Gazebo, 325 South Main Street

Cotton Belt Depot, 707 South Main Street

Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way.

Days/Dates: Sat., Nov. 26-Mon., Dec. 19. To email a letter to Santa, please send to santa@lettertosanta.us.

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The Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) fund is faring well as hotel tax revenues continue to be on the upswing. The CVB will move into their new headquarters soon with final completion of the building expected in early 2013. The building will house several museums on the bottom floor which will serve as an attraction in the Historic District and a gateway from Main Street to the Ted R. Ware Plaza and the Settlement to City Museum which will eventually be directly connected to the Nash Farm. The new Convention and Visitors Bureau building is funded solely by hotel tax revenue that, under state law, can only be used for such items as the promotion of the community, visitor attractions, convention centers, historic preservation and supporting services to the above. The construction of the building and the connection to the rest of the attractions will provide a cultural and economic boost to the south end of the historic district that will be further accentuated by the commuter rail station that is planned at the intersection of Main Street and Dallas Road in the former Security Manufacturing facility.

PERMANENT STREET MAINTENANCE FUND (PSMF) – The PSMF allows for the purchase of materials used for annual repair and maintenance of all city streets, parking lots, park roads, and boat ramps to include the following:

- Approximately 90,000 square yards of asphalt paving
- Approximately 10,000 square yards of concrete and curb and gutter removal and repair
- Approximately 5,000 square yards of total street reconstruction
- Major patching, pothole repair, and crack sealing as required
- Unforeseen emergencies (de-icing of roads and bridges, storm clean up etc.) as needed.

In the current fiscal year, the amount budgeted in this account is \$1.4 million.

Convention and Visitors Bureau

FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES AT THE PALACE – Palace Theatre. November 4th – “National Velvet”; 7:30 pm; \$5 per person.

5TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES – Homestead Winery, 211 E. Worth Street. November 5th; 4 pm – 7 pm; \$10 per person. Historic homes in Grapevine will be open to the public for touring. Several homes and wineries will be available for touring. The tour begins at Homestead Winery and moves on to township homes and Main Street.



SOMETHIN' PUMPKIN – Nash Farm– November 12th; 12 pm – 2 pm. Pumpkin picking and processing. Free admission. Tractor rides \$1 per person. For more details visit: nashfarm.org.

GRAPEVINE OPRY – Palace Theatre, 7:30 pm. November ticket prices are: Adults, \$15; children 12 and under, \$10; Nov. 5th - Country Music Showcase; Nov. 12th - 24th Anniversary Spectacular; Nov. 19th - Country Music Showcase; Nov. 26th - Christmas Holiday Preview. December ticket prices are \$25 per person. Group sales: 25 tickets or more - \$19. Dec. 3 - Fabulous Fifties Christmas; Dec. 10th - Country Christmas; Dec. 17th - Christmas Wonderland; Dec. 31st - New Year's Country Eve. Many shows sell out and advance reservations are strongly recommended. Visit govopry.com for more details.

Certified Birth Certificates Available

For persons born in Texas 1926 to present – child must be two months old

City Secretary's Office, 200 South Main, First Floor

Application on internet – grapevinetexas.gov/depts/citysecretary or call 817-410-3181 for additional information.

Grapevine Library

Beginning Genealogy Workshop

A beginning genealogy workshop will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the program room at Grapevine Public Library. Nancy Maxwell, Genealogy Librarian, will conduct the workshop for those interested in learning how to start researching their family history. The workshop is free and open to the public. Attendance will be limited to 50 persons. Pre-registration is required, either by phone or in person. To pre-register, stop by the Genealogy Room or call 817-410-3429.

Wildlife on the Move: Boas vs. Pythons

There is much more to this fascinating group of



snakes than what we get from many mythical tales. Now you can learn the rest of the story. Join us on Thursday, November 10th at 7 pm to meet some of the smaller and gentler members of this family—from Africa, Australia, North America, South America, and Southeast Asia.

Diabetes Education

On Wednesday, November 16th at 10:30 am, Sherry Jones will be available to discuss the effects of diabetes, how to take care of yourself, and ways to continue living a healthy life. This is also a good opportunity for those caring for loved ones with diabetes to learn more about the disease. There will be another meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 am.

Teen Night: Make Your Own Holiday Cards

Give your holiday cards a personal touch. On Tuesday, November 29th at 7 pm, we will provide everything necessary to make holiday cards, including die cut shapes, ribbon, scrapbooking paper, stickers, and more. This program is for middle and high school ages.

You're Invited to the Friends of the Library 7th Annual Artisans' Holiday Market

Join us on Saturday, December 10th from 10am to 5pm

and Sunday, December 11th from 2pm to 5pm 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, coffee, and more. Get your holiday shopping done early at the Artisan's Market and truly give a one-of-a-kind gift this year.

Flutasia!

On Monday, December 12th at 7 pm, join us for a Holiday Music Concert by Flutasia! Flutasia is a local flute choir that presents music in a variety of styles. Listen to some of your holiday favorites, in a unique presentation.



Story Time Theater presents: Frosty the Snowman's Holiday Adventure

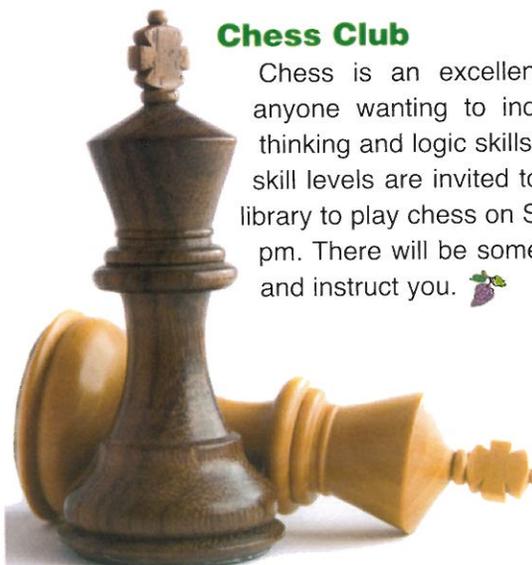
The story of Frosty the Snowman comes to life in this entertaining and interactive play presented by the actors of Story Time Theater. Get in the holiday spirit with a fun, family activity on Thursday, December 15th at 7 pm.

Las Posadas

Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm, we will be celebrating Las Posadas with a piñata party at Spanish Storytime. No se pierdan esta gran fiesta en la biblioteca para toda la familia. El miércoles, 21 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm, vamos a celebrar Las Posadas con piñatas.

Chess Club

Chess is an excellent activity for anyone wanting to increase critical thinking and logic skills. All ages and skill levels are invited to come to the library to play chess on Saturdays at 1 pm. There will be someone to assist and instruct you. 🍇



Senior Activities Center (SAC)

All activities are available to adults 55 years and better! For more information, please call 817-410-8130 or visit us at 421 Church Street. Please visit gvpard.com for more information.

FALL HARVEST OPEN HOUSE AND DANCE – Join us on Friday, November 4, from 2-5 pm for an afternoon of music, dancing, games, refreshments and fun. Consider this your personal invitation to come and check us out. We look forward to seeing you here!

NEW CLASSES! – A new six-week Jewelry Making Class begins Thursday, November 3, 10 am-12 pm. A weekly Card Making class is held on Mondays from 12:30-2 pm. Watercolor Class meets Tuesday afternoons 12:30-2:30 pm. Classes are designed for the novice and the experienced. Please call for more information.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY – Any military personnel whether active duty, retired, guard, or reserve, regardless of age, is eligible to receive a free AARP Driver Safety Program classroom course during the month of November. Spouses are also eligible to take the classroom course, free of charge, with a valid military spouse identification card. We are offering this class on Tuesday, November 15, 1-5 pm. For non-military people, the charge is \$12 for AARP members who have their card with them and \$14 for non-members. Call to sign up. Space is limited.

Get Ready for Unwind the Vine

What is it? Unwind the Vine is a program developed by the City and the Chamber of Commerce to promote businesses affected by the DFW Connector highway project. Area residents will receive a loyalty card in the mail or cards can be picked up at a participating business. The card will be stamped each time they make a purchase at one of the participating businesses along the construction corridor. Once the card has 10 stamps, the customer will leave the card at the business and it will be entered to win a monthly prize at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. A full set of tires will be given away in January as the very first prize, courtesy of Blagg Tire and Service. It's that simple! For more information visit, unwindthevine.com.



GREENER Cleaner Grapevine



Grapevine Recycles Day 2011 – Saturday, November 12th

In association with America Recycles Day, the City of Grapevine will be hosting its annual Grapevine Recycles Day on Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 8 am until 11:30 am. The event will be hosted at the Municipal Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive. The City will be accepting normal recyclable items (paper, plastic, metal, etc.) and will also be providing document shredding at this event. In addition, the City will be collecting vehicle tires at this event. The City will be collecting the following recyclable/re-usable items: E-waste (computers, printers, TVs, etc.), printer cartridges, batteries, sneakers, gardening tools, and books that will be donated to local charities. Items that will NOT be accepted are: household hazardous waste (paint, oil, pesticides/herbicides, etc.), liquids, unknown waste, ammunition/explosives, closed cylinders (i.e., extinguishers, propane tanks), medical waste, radioactive material, commercial or business waste. Please contact the City's Public Works Department at 817-410-3330 with any questions regarding this event.



Used Tires Collection Event – Saturday, November 12, 2011

The City of Grapevine will be accepting used vehicle tires for recycling at the Municipal Service Center (501 Shady Brook Dr). This service is being made available to Grapevine residents on November 12, 2011 from 8 am until 11:30 am. This used tire collection event is being performed as a Supplemental Environmental Project; performed as a result of a TCEQ enforcement action. Please contact the City's Public Works Department at 817-410-3330 with any questions regarding this event.





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WHOM TO CONTACT

- 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
- 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
817-410-8130
- Website
grapevintexas.gov

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Baylor and Grapevine Promote a Healthy Lifestyle

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine is collaborating with local communities to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles. The hospital will provide several awards to cities to utilize for local healthy initiatives totaling \$50,000 for efforts in Northeast Tarrant and Southern Denton counties. The City of Grapevine will be partnering with Baylor Regional Medical Center in this healthier lifestyle promotion by awarding prizes to those who join the campaign and successfully lose the most weight between January 1, 2012 and March 31, 2012. Please visit grapevintexas.gov for more information. 

Grapevine Police Department Citizen's Police Academy

The Grapevine Police Department is accepting applications for the 29th Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) class scheduled to begin mid February 2012. Each class is at 6:30 pm on Thursdays.

The Grapevine CPA is held twice a year in spring and in the fall. The Academy is open to any resident or employee of the City of Grapevine, and their families, free of charge.

During the fourteen-week Academy, students have the unique opportunity to see and interact with Police Department personnel. Topics covered include Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Investigations, Firearms Training, K9 Operations, Use of Force Issues, plus procedures of the Jail, Court System and Telecommunications, and the Community Relations Programs.

The goal of this Academy is to strengthen communications between the Police Department and the community. To provide a safe environment, citizens and police must jointly address issues and solutions.

Please visit the City of Grapevine website at grapevintexas.gov or if you have any questions please contact Sgt. Dale Roath at 817-410-3206 for more information. 

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