

The Grapevine

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Post-Christmas Recycling & Tree-Cycling Event

The City of Grapevine will be hosting its second Post-Christmas Recycling & Tree-Cycling Event on Saturday, January 5 from 8 - 11:30 am at the City's Municipal Service Center, 501 Shady Brook Drive.

The City will be mulching clean unflocked/bare Christmas trees and providing the mulch for residents. Styrofoam, cardboard and wrapping paper recycling will also be provided.

In addition, the City will be accepting normal recyclable items (paper,



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2013 Brings Much Change to Grapevine

The next six months will bring some exciting changes to Grapevine, including the start of the design of the Community Activities Center expansion,

the location and design of the new public safety building, complete renovation of the Dove Pool and a brand new Casey's Clubhouse universally accessible playground as well as the substantial completion of the DFW Connector project.

The CAC expansion, approved by voters in November, will include an expanded weight and



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Grapevine Lake Master Plan Citizen Input Wanted

The City of Grapevine wants to hear from you! In an effort to determine the needs of our citizens and visitors to Grapevine Lake, a survey is available at grapevinetexas.gov.

Each Grapevine family is asked to complete a survey online to let us know what you would like to see at the lake. The survey information will be used to develop a master plan for presentation to our City Council as well as to the public. Please complete the survey within the next 10 days. Additional information about the lake is available at grapevinetexas.gov.



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Have you heard the story of the Torian Cabin on Main Street?

"This cabin of hand-hewn logs was built along a creek at the edge of the cross timbers near the pioneer community of Dove. It originally stood on a headright settled in 1845 by Francis Throop, a Peters colonist from Missouri. J. C. Wiley bought the property in 1868. He sold it in 1886 to John R. Torian (1836-1909), a farmer from Kentucky. Torian family members occupied the structure until the 1940s. The cabin was moved about four miles to this site in 1976. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark – 1978"

The cabin only has two rooms. The bedroom which would have been occupied by a mother, father and maybe the youngest child in a cradle and the second room which served as a living room, dining room and kitchen. In the cool months of the year the other children might sleep on the floor by the large fireplace or older children could find a spot in the rafters above the room, warmed by the rising heat. During the hot summers the children slept outside



on the porch.

The period pieces that are displayed in the kitchen area illustrate the limitations the cook had when preparing meals for a large family. The wardrobe in the bedroom was used to store the meager clothing selections for all members of the family. Rag rugs were common in those days since

they were a thrifty way to reuse "good" material from worn out clothing.

Learn more about the Torian Cabin's history and the Torian Family in the *Grapevine Area History* book which can be purchased or checked out at the Grapevine Public Library. 🍇

2013 City Officer Election

The first day a candidate may file an application for a place on the May 11, 2013 City Council Election ballot is January 30. Grapevine City Council members are elected at-large, meaning that each represents the entire citizenry. The last day a candidate may file an application for a place on the ballot is Friday, March 1. City Council Place 3 and City Council Place 4 are up for election this year.

Informational candidate packets will be available on January 21, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 200 South Main Street, First Floor, 817.410.3182.

Are you a registered voter?

To vote in the upcoming election, you must be registered with the Tarrant County Elections Office 30 days prior to Election Day. The Grapevine City Officer Election is May 11, so you must be registered by April 11 to be eligible to cast your ballot.

Voter registration cards are available at the Grapevine Library and City Hall, or you can print an application at votetexas.gov. 🍇

First Day to File

January 30, 2013

Last Day to File

March 1, 2013

City Officer Election

May 11, 2013

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plastic, metal, etc.) and will also be providing document shredding at this event. The following recyclable/re-usable items will also be accepted: Vehicle tires, E-waste (computers, printers, TVs, etc.), mattresses, eye glasses, cell phones/PDAs, printer cartridges, batteries, and re-usable items (books, clothing, etc.) that will be donated to local charities.

Canned and dry foods will be collected for families in need at this event. Goods will be distributed by GRACE.

Items that will NOT be accepted are: Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, pesticide/herbicide, etc.), any liquids, unknown waste, ammunition/explosives, closed cylinders (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. 🍇

Bag It, Don't Blow It

In the City of Grapevine, it is illegal to sweep, blow, or otherwise distribute leaves and grass clippings to the street. Leaves, grass, tree limbs and other lawn materials prevent the street sweepers from effectively cleaning the streets and in some cases disrupt the storm drain system by blocking storm drain inlets or pipes, and increasing the potential for flooding. Lawn materials can also



BENEFITS TO MULCHING

- Greener and Tougher Lawns
- Disease Resistance
- Less Need for Fertilizers
- Less Maintenance Time
- Less Need for Watering

contribute to sucking the life sustaining air (oxygen) out of our creeks, streams, and lake. The same materials along with fertilizers, in some cases, contribute to fish kills, algae blooms and excess moss in our lake.

Therefore, it is best to use a mower to mulch the material and leave it on the lawn. There are many benefits to mulching leaf and lawn litter. Lawn benefits include greener and tougher lawns, disease resistance, less need for fertilizers, less maintenance time, and less need for watering.

Additionally, refrain from using excess fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Overuse and improper application of fertilizer leads to rain water runoff effectively choking out surface waters in the same manner as do lawn materials; while excess herbicides and pesticides kill aquatic plant and animal life directly.

And, if you decide not to leave the clippings and leaves on the lawn (please remember) don't just blow it into the street. 

Certified Texas Birth Certificates

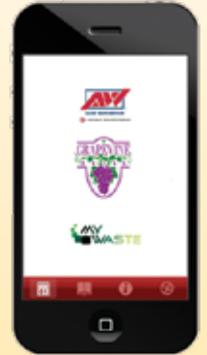
Certified Texas Birth Certificates for Texans born from 1926 to present are issued daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the City Secretary's Office in City Hall. Children must be two months old. Certificates are \$23 each.

Applications may be found at grapevintexas.gov under the City Secretary Department. For additional information, please call 817.410.3181.

GREENER Cleaner Grapevine



New City of Grapevine 'my-waste'TM mobile app

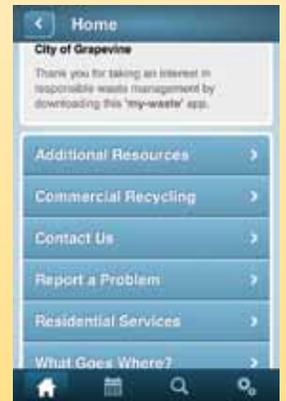


If you are one of the growing number of people who has a smartphone or tablet, you can download a City of Grapevine app that puts garbage, recycling, special waste collection details and more at your fingertips, anytime you want them.

Called 'my-waste'TM, the app lets mobile device users download the full range of information that is on our website or in the collection schedule that Grapevine distributes. By downloading 'my-waste'TM, Grapevine residents can check details for regular and special collections and events for household hazardous waste or e-waste days, and more.

Special features of the City of Grapevine 'my-waste'TM App include a search function that lets residents quickly find information about what to do with a regular or out-of-the-ordinary item, plus there are tips for reducing and recycling waste in apartment and condo buildings.

The City of Grapevine 'my-waste'TM download is free. Residents can get it by visiting my-waste.mobi/TX-Grapevine/, then selecting the icon link either at the iPhone/iPad or Android App store. Or by using the QR code to the right.



For further information, please contact the City of Grapevine Environmental Services division at 817.410.3330. 

Convention and Visitors Bureau

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW SPECTACULAR - Town Square Gazebo, 325 South Main Street. Be sure to stop by as the Christmas Light Show Spectacular, a 25-minute synchronized light display, runs continuously from 6 – 11 pm at the Gazebo through January 6.

GRAPEVINE OPRY - Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street, 7:30 pm. January 12, Grapevine Opry Bands & Friends; January 19, New Artist Saturday; January 26, February 9 and 23, Country Music Showcase; February 2, Legends: Singin' The Blues - the music of Marty Robbins. Visit gvopry.com for more details.

PALACE THEATRE - 300 South Main Street. First Friday Film Series - First Friday of each month at 7:30 pm. \$5 per person; February 22, Zach King 4th Annual Concert, 7:30 pm; Tickets \$15 and \$20. April 12-13, New Vintage Art Show. For more information, please visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com or call 817.410.3100.

GRAPEVINE VINTAGE RAILROAD - Cotton Belt Railroad District, 705 South Main Street. Ride the rails for this family-friendly vintage railroad experience for the entire family. March 11-17, Spring Fling Trains; March 30 & 31, Easter Trains; from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, catch the Train Robberies on the Grapevine to Fort Worth Stockyards train. Visit gvrr.com for more details.

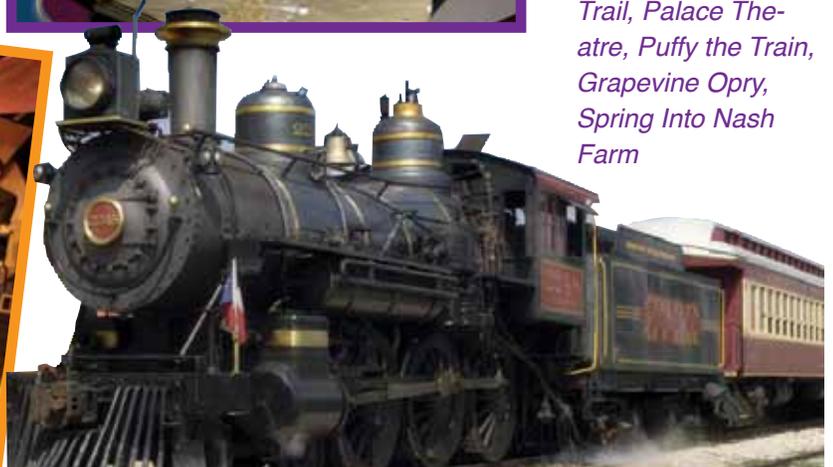
NASH FARM, 626 Ball Street. Enjoy old-fashioned family fun at the farm! For more details, visit nashfarm.org. January 12 & 13, Butchering & Curing, 10 am - 2 pm; February 9, Bread Baking, 10 am - 12 pm; March 15, Tales at Twilight, 5 - 7 pm; April 20, 12th Annual Spring Into Nash Farm, 10 am - 2 pm; May 11, Produce Canning, 10 am - 12 pm; June 22, Dairy Days, 10 am - 12 pm; July 6, Farmhand's Social, 6 - 8 pm.

SWEETHEART WINE TRAIL - Historic Downtown Grapevine. February 9 & 10, 11 am - 5 pm. Along the wine trail, guests will taste three varieties of wines from each winery and enjoy food compliments. Trail departs at Cross Timbers Winery, 805 North Main Street. Must be 21 and over. Visit grapevinewinetrail.com for more details.

GRAPEVINE CONVENTION CENTER - 1209 South Main Street. DFW Antique Show, February 1-3, Friday: 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm, Sunday: 10 am - 3 pm; Divine Consign, February 17 & 18; Sunday 11 am - 4 pm and 6 - 9 pm, including half priced items Monday, 8 am - 12 pm; AKS Gem Show, February 22-24, Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm.

For more information about Grapevine festivals and events, please visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com.

Photos clockwise from upper left: Sweetheart Wine Trail, Palace Theatre, Puffy the Train, Grapevine Opry, Spring Into Nash Farm



Grapevine Library

The Incredible Bubble Show

Soap Bubble Artist Linda Berman has transformed children's natural fascination with bubbles into a unique interactive learning experience including a focus on reading, math, science, art, colors, shapes, listening, thinking "outside the bubble," and lots of good, clean fun. Join us for this special event for all ages on Thursday, January 10 at 7 pm.



e-Book Seminar

Learn how to download FREE library books to your new Kindle, Nook, iPad, tablet, smartphone, iPod or computer. Feel free to bring your device in, and we can show you how to check out e-Books and e-Audiobooks, download them to your device, and even return them early for those speed readers. Saturday, January 12 at 2 pm and Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm.

Entwined Minds Book Club

The book club meets every 2nd Monday at 1 pm at the Library. The book for January 14 is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. On February 11, the book will be *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin. It will be time to select the next books to read at the February meeting, so be sure to bring your reading lists.

Open House Celebrating 90 Years of Library Service

Save the date: Sunday, March 3 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm, the Friends of the Library invite you to an Open House with refreshments, face painting, balloon art, magic, puppetry, crafts, and a visit from the Berenstain Bears costume characters. We will also feature demonstrations of the new services and equipment available to our patrons including our new catalog, express check machines, microfilm reader/printers, eBooks, online resources, and more. Please join us and see just how much library service has changed in 90 years.

Tech Talk

This is an exciting time for Tech Talk and participants. We are going to bring in experts in various fields and companies to assist you with technology. On Tuesday, January 15 at 10:15 am, Andi Spencer will be presenting a program on Consumer Health websites. Learn about the best websites for information on medical diagnoses and prescriptions.

Diabetes Education

Have you or one of your loved ones recently been diagnosed with diabetes? This is a great educational class for those recently diagnosed and their caregivers. Learn some hints to help you control your diet on Thursday, January 22 at 10 am.

Habitat Protection for the Birds

Dr. Ray Chancellor will discuss birds of the local area and how important the protected habitat of the backyard and community open land are both to their global survival and local ecology. It will also be a wonderful time to learn how to make your backyard wildlife friendly. He will share his personal photographs that have been taken over the last 40



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New! Zinio Online Magazines

With your library card, you now have 24/7 access to 116 magazines on your computer or mobile device. Some popular titles include *Consumer Reports*, *Forbes*, *Rolling Stone*, *Seventeen*, *Car and Driver*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Us Weekly*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Reader's Digest*, *Men's Health*, *Newsweek*, *Field & Stream*, *Popular Science*, *ESPN Magazine*, *MacWorld*, *PCWorld*, and many more. Please try this new, valuable resource by visiting grapevine.lib.tx.us, selecting Online Resources from the menu, then selecting Magazines & Newspapers. Just follow the prompts to set up your account, and you'll have a vast wealth of entertainment and information at your fingertips.

Parks and Rec

Get your CAC Membership Today

January ushers in a New Year and it typically brings New Year's resolutions. If your resolution is to start an exercise routine, join the CAC and it will only cost you \$35 for the entire year. We would love to have you and your family be a part of this full-service fitness facility and we know you will enjoy being a part of the exciting expansion of the CAC.



Preschool Playtime Winterfest

Thursday, January 17, 9-11:30 am

The Community Activities Center's gym will be filled with winter activities including crafts, snacks, bounce house, toys, balls and more! At only \$1 per child (parents are free) it is the perfect spot for your next play date! No registration required, entry fee accepted at the door.

For the Birds

Thursday, January 17, 4-4:45 pm

In this fun, Botanical Gardens program, preschoolers will learn about what birds do in the garden during the winter months. Children will create natural goodies for the birds that they can take home to feed to birds in their own yard. Register online at playgrapevine.com or by calling 817.410.3450.

Bird Sanctuary Week

Every visitor to the Garden during the end of January (January 21-31) is invited to make a bird feeder (limit one bird feeder per person and bird feeders must be created on-site). Supplies will be in the Children's Garden, located in the southeast portion of the Garden, across the creek. This is a one-time event provided by Grapevine Parks & Recreation and the Grapevine Garden Club. For more information, please call Lisa Adams Grove at 817.532.7343. We hope you celebrate and enjoy Bird Sanctuary Week with us!



Special Events at the CAC

Date Knight-A Royal Adventure — A Mother/Son Event

Enjoy an evening where chivalry is king and excitement abounds as you and your little knight in shining armor enjoy an evening of epic adventure! Join us on Saturday, February 9 at the Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way from 7-9 pm and build priceless memories as you take a walk back in time surrounded by sights and sounds when nobility was the norm. Experience only the best the Middle Ages has to offer with a grand banquet, dancing, activities, games and contests for your dragon slayer to show his valor. Costumes encouraged and prizes will be awarded. One night only! Tickets go on-sale December 30 and are available at the Community Activities Center, at playgrapevine.com or by calling 817.410.3450. Space is limited. Fee: \$10 per person.

An Evening in Candy Land - Daddy/Daughter Dance

Experience all the color and fun this sugary sweet event has to offer at our annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 2 at the Community Activities Center, 1175 Municipal Way. Fathers and daughters are magically transported into a larger-than-life version of the classic board game. Enjoy the adventure from the top of Gumdrop Mountain through Peppermint Forest and into Candy Castle. Have a delightful time enjoying dancing, games, limo rides, fun foods and so much more! Many fun photo opportunities will help capture those candy-coated moments together that you'll both treasure forever. One night only! Tickets go on-sale December 31 and will be available at the Community Activities Center, at playgrapevine.com or by calling 817.410.3450. Space is limited and the event will sell out. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Fee: \$15 per person on or before January 30, \$18 per person beginning January 31, Ages/Time/Code: Daughters 0-7 years, 4-6 pm, Daughters 8-18 years, 7-9 pm. Tickets will not be sold at the event. Dads with daughters in both age groups may choose to attend either time slot.



Senior Activities Center (SAC)

All activities are available to adults 55 years and better! For more information, please call 817.410.3465. The Senior Activities Center is located at 421 Church Street.

Athletics

Spring Adult Softball

Registration: January 27 - February 3
Late Registration: February 4 - 11 (Add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: February 24 - April 26
Fees: \$170/team COED Fun
All other leagues are \$320/team

Winter Indoor COED Volleyball

Registration: January 27 - February 3
Late Registration: February 4 - 11 (Add 10% late fee)
Season Dates: February 18 - April 4
Fees: \$155/team

Winter Flag Football 8/8

Late Registration: December 31 - January 7
Season Dates: January 13 - March 3
Fees: \$315/team



Mardi Gras Dance!

Join us for a spectacular dance on Saturday, February 16 from 7-9:30 pm at the Community Activities Center located at 1175 Municipal Way. Fee: \$5/person at the door. Please call 817.410.3492 to make your reservation.

Computer Class Registration

Computer class registration takes place on Monday, January 7, for the next session of free classes that begins the following week. Register in person from 9 am - 12 pm or by telephone, 1-2 pm. A complete list of classes offered is available at the SAC or at playgrapevine.com.



AARP Driver Safety

Successful completion of the four-hour course helps to reduce the cost of one's automobile liability insurance premium. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Please call to register for the class to be held on Tuesday, January 22 from 1-5 pm.

AARP Tax-Aide

If you need assistance with your taxes, certified volunteers are available on Wednesdays to help those in the low to middle income range with special emphasis given to those aged 60 and over. Please call for an appointment on any Wednesday between February 6 - April 10.



Mackinac Island featuring The Grand Hotel & the Tulip Festival

This Collette Vacation takes place May 6-14, 2013 and includes a two-night stay in one of North America's most impressive hotels – Mackinac Island's legendary *The Grand Hotel*. In addition, you will spend two nights in Chicago, enjoy a German wine tasting and a Bavarian meal in Frankenmuth, and visit the Veldheer Tulip Gardens and the Windmill Island Gardens. The tour ends with an elegant dinner served at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. Prices including round trip air, air taxes and fees, and hotel transfers are: double, \$2,899; single, \$3,499; triple, \$2,869. Waiver/cancellation insurance is available for \$165. After January 7, reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking. Stop by the SAC and pick up a detailed brochure.

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years in the local ecosystem and his own backyard. Presented by the Garden Club on Saturday, January 26 at 2 pm.

Make & Take Valentines

Join us for Make & Take Craft Night on Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm. We'll provide everything you need to make beautiful Valentines for your family and friends and other fun Valentine's Day crafts.

Doofus the Dragon's Valentine Puppet Show

Puppeteers Sandra McLean and Sandy Shrout will visit Family Storytime on Thursday, February 14 at 7 pm to present a funny, interactive puppet show for Valentine's Day. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun family event.

Library Catalog App

Grapevine Public Library has a brand new iPhone app that allows you mobile access to our catalog, your account, and more. It is available free in the App Store; just search for Grapevine Public Library. While it is only available for iPhone at the present time, an Android version will be available in the future.

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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
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fitness area, indoor aquatics, a new senior activities center, and more classroom space. This project is currently under design and is expected to be complete in 2015. A site is currently being purchased for the public safety building, also approved by the voters, which will house all police functions, fire administration, detention, municipal court and the emergency operations center. This project is expected to take about a year to design and 18-24 months to construct. The anticipated opening will be in 2016. Both of these projects are being accomplished without a tax rate increase.

Two major quality of life projects are well underway as well and expected to be complete by this summer. The complete renovation of Dove Pool, which will include slides, a beach entry with children's water playground, a new bathhouse and many other features will be complemented by the new sprayground and the soon to be under construction Casey's Clubhouse renovation. Casey's Clubhouse, which was built by grants and community volunteers in 1998 was built to honor the memory of Casey Tridico, an 8-year-old student who attended Dove Elementary with Muscular Dystrophy which required her to use a wheelchair. The idea behind Casey's Clubhouse was to have a universally accessible playground for ALL children to play together. The Casey's Clubhouse renovation will do even more to accommodate all children. The playground will be equipped with activities that are safe and designed for children with motor disabilities, sensory issues, Autism, as well as hearing and vision challenges. The City has worked

in conjunction with Casey's parents, Debra and Louis Tridico to be sure this project continues to honor Casey's memory.

A new Grapevine History Museum will open on Hudgins Street that will be a new home to the artifacts owned by the Grapevine Historical Society. The interior museum quality displays were funded by the Grapevine Historical Society. The museum will tie the new CVB Headquarters to the Ted R. Ware Plaza where the Settlement to City Museum, Donald Schoolhouse Museum and the Cotton Ginners House. All of these structures, in conjunction with the Nash Farm are used to educate GCISD children about the history of our area.

Finally, we should all see some relief with traffic congestion this coming year since the DFW Connector has entered into its final phase and should be substantially complete by the summer. Over the next few months we will see several fly-overs complete, the Northwest Highway/1709 Bridge, final completion of the Main Street Bridge and Highway 26.

The Mayor, City Council and staff feel very thankful for a prosperous 2012 and as we look ahead, hope for many more to come. 

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