



November - January 2019

2019 Budget Keeps Tax Rate Flat, Focuses on Sustainability and Service Levels

In September, the City Council approved the 2019 budget that maintains the 2018 tax rate of \$.289 per \$100 of valuation. The tax rate in Grapevine remains the lowest among our neighboring cities, and it is the second lowest among all full service cities with populations over 50,000 in Texas. Since FY 2015, the Grapevine City Council has reduced the property tax rate by 16 percent to provide tax relief to Grapevine residents and businesses. Total budgeted expenditures in the City's general fund were only 1% over fiscal year 2018, and maintained a general fund reserve which is set at 20% of projected annual expenses

The low property tax rate is made possible by sales tax revenues that remain strong, despite the prevalence of online shopping. Economic Development staff continue to focus on projects that either generate new sales tax or projects that increase density in certain areas and support sales tax generators that are already here.

For example, the Kubota North American Headquarters added nearly 300 jobs in Northeast Grapevine. The employees there will assist in the sustainability of the current and new restaurants as well as retail establishments in northeast Grapevine. Paycom Software, Inc. relocated its Texas operations center to Grapevine and provides a service that also generates sales tax for the City. Paycom will eventually have 1,000 employees who will also be able to benefit from Grapevine's restaurants and retail nearby.

Fiscal Year 2019 brings many exciting projects to fruition, including a mobile library program, Grapevine's first City dog park, the expansion/renovation of the Oak Grove Softball fields, a makeover for Fire Stations 1 and 4, renovation of the Bessie Mitchell meeting facility at the Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park, and of course, TEXRail will begin its commuter rail service in January of 2019.

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GRAPEVINE LIBRARY

Cooking with Chef Scott Horwitz: A Twist on Thanksgiving Favorites

Monday, November 19, 2 pm

Chef Scott Horwitz returns just in time for Thanksgiving to demonstrate some new ideas for those old favorites that are classics at your Thanksgiving feast. No registration necessary. Ages 8 through adult.

The Buzz About Bees

Saturday, November 24 at 11 am

Beekeepers Justin and Tonya Vandergriff will teach children all about how incredibly important bees are to our world. They will come dressed in their beekeeper suits and hats, show us their tools, and bring an enclosed observation hive so we can see the live bees in action. Everyone is welcome. No registration needed.

Holiday Card Making

Tuesday, December 4 at 10:15 am

Create holiday cards with arts & crafts expert Jessica Strange. This program is for active adults 55+.



Flutasia

Monday, December 10 at 7 pm

The community flute choir will play a variety of holiday musical favorites for your listening enjoyment.

Jingle & Jolly Show

Thursday, December 20 at 7 pm

This show stars Jingle the Elf (Magician/Puppeteer Brett Roberts) and Jolly the Snowman (a costumed character). Throughout the show, Jingle will tell the kids about his responsibilities in Santa's workshop and during the grand finale, Jolly the Snowman comes out to lead everyone in singing a Christmas carol. The children will participate in a snowman race, decorate a tree and test all the zany inventions in Santa's workshop. All ages welcome. No registration needed.

Nutcracker in a Nutshell (Performed by two Nuts)

Saturday, December 22 at 11 am

Enjoy a 30-minute puppet show mini version of E.T.A. Hoffmann's classic holiday story, presented by master puppeteers, Sandra MacLean and Sandy ShROUT.

Music of the West African Kora

Saturday, January 5 at 11 am

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration for kids and their families on the Kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart-and-soul of the Kora's musical repertoire, in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Organizing 101 for 2019

Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm

Professional Organizer, Tammy O'Neil, will help you reclaim your time, money, space, and energy for the new year. Ms. O'Neil will provide helpful organizing tips and techniques that best suit your individual lifestyle. Through the process, you'll learn to simplify your life by releasing emotional and physical clutter to begin a new "Attitude to Action" plan.

Artisans' Market

You're invited to the Friends of the Library's 14th Annual Artisans' Market on Saturday, December 1 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, December 2 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, pottery, graphic art, accessories, knitted and hand-woven items, jewelry, photography, puzzles, handcrafted wood items and more. Get your holiday shopping done early at the Artisans' Market and truly give a one-of-a-kind gift this year.



Please visit Library.GrapevineTexas.gov or our newsletter for all on-going events such as story times, Entwined Minds Book Club, R.E.A.D. to a Furry Friend, knitting and quilting groups, Genealogy Name Droppers, and technology programs and more.

IN THE NEWS

Grapevine Public Library Director Janis Roberson Announces Retirement

Janis Roberson, Director of Grapevine Public Library, has announced her retirement after 40 years of service. Janis earned her Master's degree in Library Science from Texas Woman's University in 1976 and began working for the city in 1978 when the library was housed in the west half of the former police building on Dallas Road. The library flourished under her guidance and went from a 4,000 square foot area to its own 15,000 square foot building in 1986, the same year the volunteer program was launched. The library was renovated and expanded to 53,000 square feet in 2001, and expanded once again to 54,500 square feet in 2017. The library is a credit to the community and was brought to life through Janis Roberson's leadership and the support of the Mayor, City Council, and citizens of Grapevine. The final piece of Janis' vision is now in place. Grapevine Public Library is proud to announce a new mobile library service launching next summer: G.R.O.W. (Grapevine Resources on Wheels). Janis Roberson may be leaving her post as Director, but her legacy will carry on in the City of Grapevine for years to come. Janis will retire on January 31, 2019.



Janis Roberson

Bessie Mitchell Meeting Facility Gets Facelift

The Bessie Mitchell Meeting Facility, 411 Ball Street, is in the heart of the Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park. This facility is loved by residents and has been utilized on average of 360 times annually. City Council authorized a remodel of this facility in the summer of 2018. The remodel will bring the facility up to current accessibility standards, allow for a dedicated set of restrooms for park and garden users, as well as dedicated restrooms for facility renters. The outdoor portion of the remodel will provide the facility an updated appearance that will match the beauty of the

Botanical Gardens. The indoor portion will allow for a much more efficient use of space within the facility. The kitchen will be larger and will have serving windows to accommodate catering inside and outside on the new covered patio. The entrance of the facility will be moved to the south to provide a much more welcoming entrance. All changes will provide users with a more functional space and a better overall experience. Patrons will enjoy a new and improved Bessie Mitchell Meeting facility in 2019.



GRAPEVINE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Hometown Christmas, Tower Gallery, 636 South Main Street

Experience the charm and spirit of a classic American town preparing for Christmas. Stroll through vintage vignettes and snap pictures to create "Instagrammable" memories. This interactive Christmas exhibition will delight kids of all ages. Monday, November 19 – January 6, 2019. Admission is free. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas for more information.

North Pole Express®, presented by Great Wolf Lodge, Grapevine Vintage Railroad, 705 South Main Street

As one of the most popular Christmas Capital of Texas® events, families and children of all ages will enjoy this one-of-a-kind Christmas experience. November 23 – 25 and 30; December 1 – 2, 7 – 9 and 14 – 23. Tickets are \$28.50 per person. For more information, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas.



Christmas Farmers Market, Town Square Gazebo

Shop at the Grapevine Christmas Farmers Market featuring flavorful and fresh local produce, baked goods, local cheeses, nuts, gift baskets and more. November 23 – 25, 30 and December 1, 2, 7 – 9 and 14 – 23. Open from 1 – 9 pm daily. For more information, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas.

Twinkle Light Boat Parade, Grapevine Lake

It's a floating festival of lights on Grapevine Lake with a parade of boats decorated in their holiday finest! This lighted boat parade starts at Twin Coves Marina and picks up entries at each marina (Scott's Landing and Silver Lake), as it circles the lake. The parade is visible from the shores of Grapevine Lake and the Glass Cactus Nightclub at the Gaylord Texan Resort. Saturday, December 1; 6 – 9 pm.

Victorian Christmas Tour, Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street

Step back in time to the late 1800s and experience traditional Christmas on the farm. Gather at the Pole Barn before taking a tour through the historic barn and around to the farmhouse. End with a campfire, cider and cookies. \$3 per person. Saturday, December 1; 3 – 6 pm. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Nash-Farm for more information.



Victorian Christmas Card Printing, Settlement to City Museums, 206 West Hudgins Street

Create your own Christmas greeting cards using our 1881 Chandler & Price printing press. \$5 per person. Saturday, December 1; 1 – 3 pm. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas for more information.

Christmas Concerts at The Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street

With four diverse Christmas programs, you can experience a little of everything. Returning favorites include Sinatra-style crooner Ricki Derek, Elvis-tribute artist Kraig Parker, A Grapevine Opry Christmas and The Texas Tenors - Deep in the Heart of Christmas. December 1 – 15. Call Grapevine ticket line at 817.410.3100 to purchase tickets. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas for more information.



GRAPEVINE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Parade of Lights, Historic Downtown Grapevine

Bring the entire family to the Parade of Lights, the largest lighted Christmas parade in North Texas. This Grapevine tradition features more than 100 lighted floats and marching bands. Look for Santa Claus on the last float! Come early to claim your spot along Historic Main Street to watch this exciting holiday event. Thursday, December 6; 7 pm. For more information, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas.



First Fridays at the Farm – Christmas Decorating, 626 Ball Street

Decorate the farmhouse while enjoying cookies and cider. \$3 per person. Friday, December 7; 10 am and 1 pm. For more information, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Nash-Farm.

Classic Christmas films at The Palace Theatre, 300 South Main Street

Tickets are \$6 per person. November 24 – December 23. Movies include *Home Alone* (1990); *A Christmas Carol* (1951); *A Christmas Story* (1983); *Holiday Inn* (1942); *White Christmas* (1954); *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947); *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946); and an animated double feature of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965) and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (1966). Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas or call the Palace Theatre Box Office at 817.410.3100 for more information.



Farmstead Christmas Celebration, Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street

Join the farmhands for a family celebration of the season including making ornaments, traditional music, refreshments and more. \$5 per person. Saturday, December 8; 1 – 4 pm. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Nash-Farm for more information.

Parlor Sociable - Christmas Fun, Nash Farm, 626 Ball Street

Enjoy a social call to Nash Farm during the Christmas season with coffee, tea and sweets, along with parlor games and conversations. \$15 per person, 14 years of age and older. Thursday, December 13; 10 am and 2 pm. For more information, visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Nash-Farm.



Christmas with the Keelings, Settlement to City Museums, 206 West Hudgins Street

Experience traditional tree-trimming and learn about some of the customs of a Victorian Christmas in the historic Keeling family home. \$5 per person. Saturday, December 15; 1– 3 pm. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas for more information.

Tales of a Victorian Christmas, Settlement to City Museums, 206 West Hudgins Street

Enjoy light refreshments as you listen to traditional Christmas stories told by authentic storytellers. Saturday, December 22; 4 – 5:30 pm. Visit GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Christmas for more information.

GRAPEVINE PARKS & RECREATION

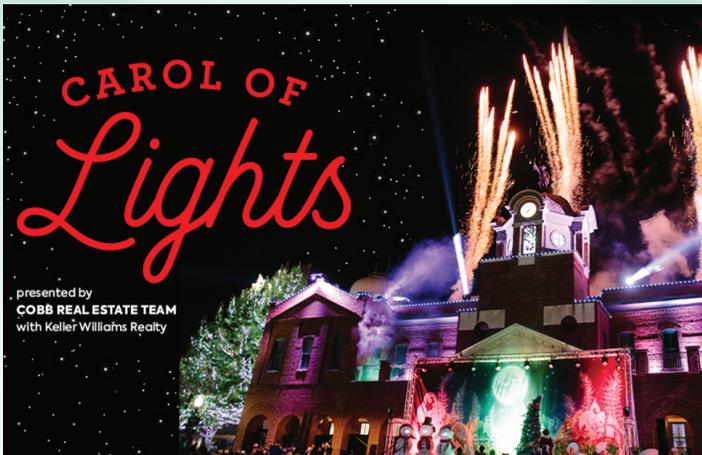
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Carol of Lights - Presented by Cobb Real Estate Team
Discover the magic of Christmas this year as we illuminate all of downtown Grapevine with the annual Carol of Lights show and street lighting in the Christmas Capital of Texas®. Experience live performances, dazzling dance numbers and breathtaking fireworks to get the entire family in the Christmas spirit! Show up early and enjoy taking photos with live reindeer, creating seasonal crafts, and savoring tasty food from food vendors. This year, WFAA morning show hosts, Kara Sewell and Ron Corning, will emcee the Rockefeller Center style show and entertain the crowd as Mayor William D. Tate "flips the switch" lighting all of Historic Downtown Grapevine. Tickets for optional reserved seating are available at GoGrapevine.com/CarolofLights. Tickets will not be sold at the event. Complimentary seating and space for standing will also be available.

Date: Monday, November 19

Time: Vendors and activities begin at 3 pm. Show begins at 7 pm.

Location: City Hall, 200 South Main Street



Christmas Light Show Spectacular - FREE

Everyone's favorite tree is back at Grapevine Town Square Gazebo. Enjoy nightly performances of a synchronized light show in Historic Downtown Grapevine throughout the Christmas season. The show loops continuously with short breaks to capture that perfect family photo or holiday selfie. And, there's always a chance you'll see snow flurries during the show.

Dates/Time: November 20 - January 6, 6 - 11 pm

Location: Town Square Gazebo, 325 Main Street

ACTIVE ADULTS 55 & BETTER

Registration for Computer Classes

Registration begins Monday, January 7, in-person from 9 am - 12 pm or by calling 817.410.3465 for the next semester of computer classes beginning Monday, January 14. Registration priority is given to Grapevine residents. A complete list of classes may be viewed at GoGrapevine.com.

Daddy Daughter Dance, The Greatest Showman - Presented by Cobb Real Estate Team

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the moment you've waited for, the moment that's covered in colored lights, where the impossible comes true, where you're invited to The Greatest Show! Dazzle your daughter with a spectacle of song and dance. Enjoy dining on circus food, capturing a photo in the middle of the PT Barnum tent, and treating yourself to tasty desserts. Grapevine residents may begin purchasing tickets on December 10 and tickets will be made available for purchase for non-residents on December 17 at GoGrapevine.com/DaddyDaughter. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Dinner and dessert are included. The full menu will be made available closer to the event date and will include gluten free options. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 23.

Date(s): Friday & Saturday, January 25 & 26, 2019

Time: Friday 7 - 9 pm | Saturday 4 - 6 pm & 7 - 9 pm

Ages/Fee: 2 to 18 - year-old girls, \$20 resident | \$25 non-resident

Location: Compass Center, 4201 Pool Road



Mother Son Date Night: Top Gun

Goose and Maverick are headed out on another mission and they need your help! Take a picture in your own MiG fighter, test your Air Force knowledge and create your own dog tags for a true Top Gun experience. This evening will be full of fun activities, a full dinner, and tons of fighter pilot memories. Tickets go on sale on January 7 for Grapevine residents and on January 14 for non-residents at GoGrapevine.com/MotherSon. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Dinner and dessert are included. The full menu will be made available closer to the event date and will include gluten free options. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 20.

Date(s): Friday & Saturday, February 22 & 23, 2019

Time: Friday 7 - 9 pm | Saturday 7 - 9 pm

Ages/Fee: 2 to 18 - year-old boys, \$15 resident | \$20 non-resident

Location: Compass Center, 4201 Pool Road

AARP Driver Safety

Successful completion of the four-hour course may help to reduce the cost of your automobile liability insurance premium. The fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Please visit or call the Active Adult desk at 817.410.3465 to register.

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 16, 1 - 5 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION

THE REC

After Thanksgiving "Burn Off"

Every Thanksgiving, the average American eats an estimated 4,500 calories throughout the day. This year, head to The REC, the morning after to get a low impact, full body workout with instructor Wendy Dolan.

Date/Time/Fee: Friday, November 23, 9 – 10:15 am, \$6

Location: The REC, 1175 Municipal Way

Santa Claus is Coming to The REC - FREE

Bring your camera and capture the perfect photo of your little ones and Santa. Open to all ages.

December 4, 11 & 13 from 10 am – 12 pm & 4 pm – 6 pm

December 6 from 10 am – 12 pm

Location: The REC, 1175 Municipal Way



AQUATICS

Special Needs Swim Night

Those with special needs and their families are invited to join us at The REC Aquatics Center for a unique swimming experience. Enjoy the entire indoor aquatics center, reserved exclusively for this event. Slide down water slides, soak in the spa, play on water features, float in the current channel and participate in special sensory stations. Register at GoGrapevine.com. Fee is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Date: Friday, November 16

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: The REC Aquatics Center, 1175 Municipal Way

KEEP GRAPEVINE BEAUTIFUL

Going Solar - FREE

Keep Grapevine Beautiful will host an environmental lecture featuring rooftop solar energy in Texas. Solar energy can generate pollution-free and emissions-free electricity, and the fuel comes to you. Please register at GoGrapevine.com.

Date: Wednesday, January 30

Time: 7 – 8 pm

Location: The REC, 1175 Municipal Way

ATHLETICS

Grapevine Baseball and Softball Spring Registration

Early registration for the 2019 spring season for youth baseball and softball opens on December 1 for participants ages 3 – 18. Register during the month of December and receive \$10 off the league fee. To register and/or for more information, please visit GBSA.org.

GO WILD!

iNaturalist Explorers

Enjoy a winter nature walk with plant ecologist, Suzanne Tuttle. On our walk, we will learn how to identify trees and shrubs in the winter when they have lost their foliage and practice using the iNaturalist app to document local plants and wildlife. All ages welcome. Smart phones are helpful but not required. Register at GoGrapevine.com/GOWild.

Date/Time: Saturday, December 1, 1 – 3 pm

Location: Parr Park Rotary Pavilion, 3010 Parr Lane



Holiday Higher Goals Youth Basketball Camps

Grapevine Parks and Recreation has teamed up with Higher Goals to host youth basketball camps during the holidays, November 19 – 21, December 26 – 28, and January 2 – 4. The fee for a full week of camp is \$90 per camp or \$35 for a daily fee. The camp is offered to boys and girls from ages 7 – 15 of all skill levels. Please register at GoGrapevine.com.

GRAPEVINE City News

Santa Cops Donates To Families In Need

The Grapevine Police Santa Cops program is now in full swing for 2018. Implemented in 1995 by now retired Officer Margie Salame, Santa Cops delivers donated toys to more than 800 economically disadvantaged children in our community each year.

Santa Cops is funded entirely by local donations, and made possible through the work of Grapevine Police Officers, their families and community volunteers. Toy donations may be made at any of the following collection sites:

Public Safety Building, 1007 Ira E. Woods Avenue;
City Hall, 200 South Main Street; Grapevine Golf Course, 3800 Fairway Drive; The REC, 1175 Municipal Way; and the GCISD Administration Building, 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue.



Santa Cops is always welcoming volunteers! This year's Santa Cops gift-wrapping location is 1317 West State Highway 114 (formerly the World Market store, adjacent to Target). Our public gift-wrapping dates are scheduled for 6 – 9 pm on Tuesday, December 4; Thursday, December 6; Tuesday, December 11; and (if necessary) Thursday, December 13.

Please register for our Santa Cops Community Information Service by texting the word **SANTACOPS** to 888777. Information and updates about Santa Cops will be texted directly to participants. You may also receive this information via email. For more information, please contact Sergeant Jason Keller at 817.914.4392.

Leaving Unattended Vehicles Running Is Risky

The Grapevine Police Department would like to remind everyone that leaving unattended vehicles running during cold weather puts your vehicle at risk of theft. Thieves are also seeking unattended, running vehicles at schools, daycares, banks, and convenience stores while the driver

is inside with the intention of running a quick errand. Auto theft and vehicle burglaries occur in a matter of seconds, giving criminals ample time to get what they want and get away before victims return.

Recycle and Minimize Waste This Christmas Season

Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycle your natural/live Christmas tree by placing your clean, unflocked and decoration-free Christmas tree at your curb on Thursday, January 3; Wednesday, January 16; or Wednesday, February 6, 2019 and it will be collected and "tree-cycled" into mulch.

For additional information regarding items that may or may not be recyclable, please contact the Environmental Services Division of Public Works at 817.410.3330.



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