



MIRA LAGOS

# Messenger



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# HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

Observed on the first Monday in September, Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events. [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

Looking to meet new people with your same interests and have fun doing it?  
**Look no further, Mira Lagos has many Activity Groups to choose from.**

**Lucky River Poker Club for ML Men**  
 Contact Mike Watkins, [Watkins9111@att.net](mailto:Watkins9111@att.net)

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 Contact Lisa Watkins at [watkins9111@att.net](mailto:watkins9111@att.net)

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# What's Happening



## Pruning with a Purpose Fall Gardening Series

**Date: 09/29/2015 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location: Main Library**

**901 Conover Dr.**

**Grand Prairie, Texas 75051**

City Horticulturist Susan Henson returns to the Main Library on TUESDAY nights with another great gardening series.

Pruning with a Purpose – Learn when and how to prune trees and shrubs thus increasing the life span of your trees and shrubs. Learn what Crape Murder is and take the guess-work out of when you prune trees, fall blooming and spring blooming shrubs so the you will have the best and longest living landscape in the neighborhood!

Made possible by the  
Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation Department.

## Cyclin' with the Mayor



Join Mayor Ron Jensen for monthly bike rides through November as part of the Get Fit GP community wellness initiative. The rides feature a different 5-mile route each month and are set at a casual pace.

Upcoming Ride

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015

Start 6 p.m. at Central Park

The Summit Adult Activity Center • 2975 Esplanade

[www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)

# Get Fit GP

## CAMP GLADIATOR

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2015**

Get Fit Grand Prairie is a citywide wellness initiative connecting residents to local resources for improving health through physical fitness and healthy food options.

The Get Fit GP program, which began in January 2014, presents tools, tips and local resources through the Get Fit GP website, ([gptx.org/Get-FitGP](http://gptx.org/Get-FitGP)) to help residents get up, get out and get fit.

The website highlights certain topics each month, encouraging residents to participate in activities hosted by the city and its partners. This month's activity is Camp Gladiator at the Farmers Market. The event begins on 2nd street at 8:00 a.m. [www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)



Hosted by: Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce  
Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.  
QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway.

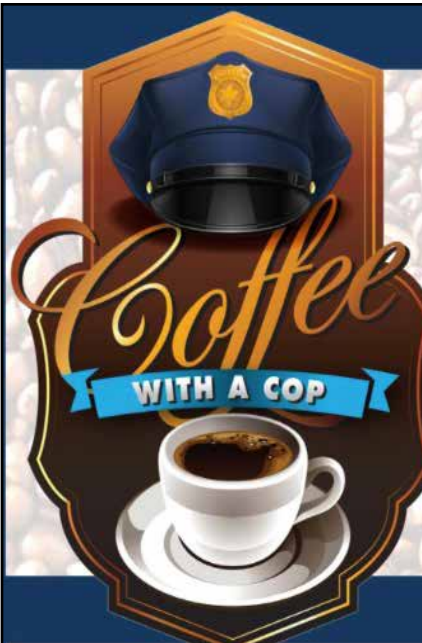
The focus of this event is to highlight and promote local businesses  
Hours of Operation:

\*4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Senior Citizens Hour

5:00 PM – 8:30 PM Open to the Public

Silent Auction Closes at 8:00 PM

Admission Ticket Prices:	<i>*Bring a Can Good and Receive \$1 Off*</i>
ADULTS	\$10.00
SENIOR CITIZENS (55 Yrs.)	\$5.00
STUDENTS	\$5.00
KIDS 5 YRS. AND UNDER	FREE
FAMILY PACKS (2 Adults/2 Student or Senior Tickets)	\$25.00 (Save \$5)



**Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**8am-10am**

**Chick-fil-A**

**3041 W. Camp Wisdom Rd**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!**

**Officer Joe Wood 972-237-8966 or Greg New 972-237-7545**

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

**Date: 09/12/2015 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Location: Development Center  
 206 W. Church Street**



Registration is required and space is limited, so please register early. Register online or call (972)-237-8055.

Grand Prairie residents have the option of bringing household hazardous wastes to a local HHW collection event here in Grand Prairie or taking household hazardous waste to the Environmental Collection Center (ECC) in Fort Worth, 6400 Bridge St. near I-30 and Loop 820. The ECC is open on Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to

7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A current water bill or driver's license is required as proof of residency. For more information call the ECC at (817) 392-3279.

NOTE: To comply with new regulations, old medicines (both prescribed and over-the-counter) are no longer accepted at household hazardous waste collection events. Take old medicines to the Grand Prairie Police Department's Public Safety Building at 1525 Arkansas Lane or call 972-237-8811 anytime Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

[www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)

**Rockin' 88's...The Music of Our Lives!**

**Ron Dilulio, Pianist and his Orchestra**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

## ROCKIN' 88'S September 12 • 8:00 pm

**Uptown Theater  
 120 E Main Street Grand Prairie, Texas 75050  
 Presented by:  
 Uptown Theater Presenting Series**

From concert pianist to music director of the famous Louisiana Hayride, Ron Dilulio brings an extraordinary range of musical experience to this world premiere musical event. Ron's piano and vocal stylings of legendary popular keyboardist-singers, backed by an orchestral ensemble guarantees to please audiences of all ages.

<http://uptowntheatergp.com>

## El Grito

### El Grito-Hispanic Heritage Kick Off Celebration

**Date: 09/15/2015 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Location: Pioneer Event Center  
 1025 W. Pioneer Parkway**

This event kicks off the Hispanic Heritage month with El Grito, which marks the Independence of several Latin American countries. Live music, traditional food, Mariachi as well as representation from Mexican Consulate and the Mayor will be at the event.

For information, contact (972)-480-7501. [www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)

# National Good Neighbor Day



**Each year on September 28, neighbors across the United States celebrate National Good Neighbor Day.**

This day was created to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of a good neighbor.

It is a blessing to have a good neighbor but it is even a greater thing to BE a good neighbor.

Good neighbors often become friends, they watch out for each other, lend a helping hand and are there for advice when asked. Neighbors are there when we need to borrow something, to get our mail for us when we are on vacation, to watch our homes and our pets as well as the many other things we do with our neighbors.

### CELEBRATE

To celebrate National Good Neighbor Day, do something nice for your neighbor today. Post on social media using #NationalGoodNeighborDay to spread the word.

### HISTORY

National Good Neighbor Day was created in the early 1970's by Becky Mattson of Lakeside, Montana. In 1978 United States President Jimmy Carter issued Proclamation 4601:

"As our Nation struggles to build friendship among the peoples of this world, we are mindful that the noblest human concern is concern for others. Understanding, love, and respect build cohesive families and communities. The same bonds cement our Nation, and the nations of the world. For most of us, this sense of community is nurtured and expressed in our neighborhoods where we give each other an opportunity to share and feel part of a larger family...I call upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

In 2003, National Good Neighbor Day was changed from the fourth Sunday in September to September 28. <http://nationaldaycalendar.com>



## Coffee Cup Connection September 11, 2015

Coffee Cup Connection is an early-bird networking and educational meeting presented by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Donuts, coffee and juice are provided. The Chamber just asks that attendees provide \$1 and a business card for a drawing at the end of the meeting. Half of the money collected supports the Chamber's coffee fund, and the other half goes to the winner! The outcome of your attendance should be referrals to your business.

**Speaker: Medical Center of Arlington  
Topic: "Health"**

[www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)



## WANT TO BE A CONTESTANT?

Imagine your name being called to "Come On Down!" The dream comes true for many lucky people every show. Contestants on The Price is Right Live™ are selected entirely at random from among all eligible people who have registered. Registration takes place at the theater or showroom on the day of the show beginning up to three hours before the scheduled start time. Prizewinners will be required to present a drivers' license or other government-issued ID. Good Luck!

**Tuesday, September 22**

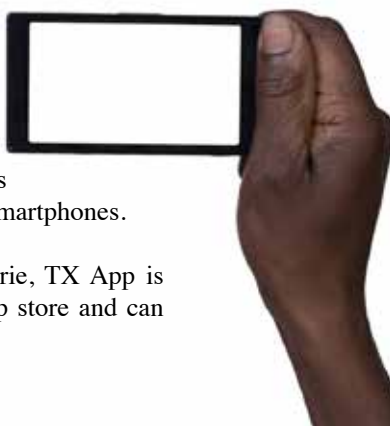
**Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie**

<http://priceisrightlive.com/touring-dates/#sthash.nV5GawYT.dpuf>

## Report City Issues in a Snap

Residents can now report issues such as street light outages and code violations using their smartphones.

The Snap and Send Grand Prairie, TX App is now available on the Apple App store and can be downloaded FREE.



# Congratulations Yard of the Month Winners

2748 Columbus  
 2831 Serrano  
 2836 England  
 2936 Barco  
 2951 Albares  
 3212 Porma  
 7268 Bucanero  
 6944 Sarria  
 3056 S Camino Lagos  
 3027 N Camino Lagos



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"Who knew buying and selling a house at the same time could be so easy. Christina is awesome!"

- T. Mays

**FREE MARKET ANALYSIS**  
 Christina Kang 817.739.7433

## Handling Home Inspections & Repair Negotiations

Sellers often feel that once they get a contract for sale of their home, the hard work is over. In reality, there are several more points of negotiation. One of the most challenging is handling requests for repairs. Some of the items typically called out on a home inspection can be necessary repairs. Other items can be the result of code changes through time, or typical wear and tear. Inspectors are generalists and it is their job to raise a red flag for potential issues. But once you have that report, it is important that you have a trusted network of specialists to verify the inspector's suspicions and help determine what is truly in need of repair.

### Market Statistics: This Month vs. Same Month 1 Year Ago

- ▲ The average sales price increased by 2.4% to \$282,892
- ▲ The average list price increased by 3.4% to \$299,016
- ▲ The average price per sq. foot of all homes sold increased by 6.7% to \$96 per sq. foot
- ▼ The average days on market for homes for sale has decreased by 18.4% to 31 days
- ▼ The percent of list price that homes are selling for is down 0.2% to 98.2% of the list price
- ▼ The number of months' supply of homes for sale is down by 50.0% to a 2.1 months' supply
- ▼ The number of homes for sale in the area has decreased by 33.3% to 60 homes
- ▲ The number of homes listed last month for sale increased by 25.0% to 50 new listings
- ▲ The number of pending sales has increased by 42.9% to 40 homes
- ▲ The number of existing homes sold in the last month increased by 9.7% to 34 homes



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# Mansfield ISD After-School Care Programs

The Academic Athlete  
 c/o Jason Roberts  
 7300 Hinton Dr  
 Mansfield, TX 76063  
 admin@theacademicathlete.com  
 817-456-4063

- Facility
- Imogene Gideon Elementary
  - Thelma Jones Elementary
  - Janet Brockett Elementary
  - Louise Cabaniss Elementary

Mansfield After-School Care  
 Doris Carter,  
 Darrell Davis & Sheri Davis  
 P.O. Box 406  
 Mansfield, TX 76063  
 www.masconline.com  
 817-473-8353

- Facility
- Annette Perry Elementary
  - Alice Ponder Elementary
  - Erma Nash Elementary
  - J.L. Boren Elementary
  - D.P. Morris Elementary
  - Willie Brown Elementary
  - Roberta Tipps Elementary
  - Elizabeth Smith Elementary
  - Cora Spencer Elementary
- www.mansfieldisd.org



YMCA  
 c/o Beth LeCroy  
 2200 South Davis Street  
 Arlington, TX 76013  
 bethl@ymca-arlington.org  
 817-275-8418

- Facility
- Charlotte Anderson Elementary
  - Glenn Harmon Elementary
  - Kenneth Davis Elementary
  - Tarver-Rendon Elementary
  - Mary Jo Sheppard Elementary
  - Carol Holt Elementary

Boys & Girls Club of Arlington  
 Steve Wurm, President  
 Tiffany Slotsve, Director  
 608 Elm Street  
 Arlington, TX 76011  
 817-275-6551

- Facility
- Martha Reid Elementary
  - Anna May Daulton Elementary
  - Nancy Neal Elementary



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community. Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is October 12.

The term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic and/or Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin."

According to this Census, 50.5 million people or 16% of the population are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.

Please share in this special annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. <http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org>

Ballet Folklorico from Mosaic Dance Academy and Mariachi Del Sol from the GPFSA perform on stage in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month at Grand Prairie Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015.

## Hair Braiding 101

with De Johnson, of Nappiology

09/12/2015 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Betty Warmack Library

760 Bardin Rd. – Grand Prairie, Texas 75052



De Johnson of Nappiology Inc. will demonstrate the art of braiding, with an eye toward teaching women to braid their own naturally curly or kinky hair. She will be assisted by other local hairstylists.

Nappiology, Inc. is a 501(c)(6) non profit organization that embraces and celebrates natural hair and educates others on natural beauty.

## Notary Services



On-site manager, Stacy McGrath, is a Notary for Mira Lagos Residents needing services.

Please make an appointment at [manager@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:manager@miralagoshoa.com).



## Grand Prairie West Nile Virus Statistics



In 2014, Grand Prairie reported 11 mosquito West Nile cases and no human cases.

In an effort to manage the mosquito population and educate the public on this serious issue, the City of Grand Prairie takes the following measures:

- Ground sprays in response to positive human and mosquito positives in the City
- Surveys the areas where positives have been found
- Crews have surveyed and are continuing to survey low lying areas for standing water. When possible mosquito habitat is found, larvicide is applied
- Applied larvicide to over 20 areas throughout the city
- Provides post cards and door hangers to residents with pools
- Inspects pools on complaints and at known vacant residences
- Provides information to vulnerable populations

Mosquito season started early in 2015 and so did the City's annual Fight the Bite campaign. Grand Prairie has trapped mosquitoes since April 1, 2015. The City has 44 trap locations and collects from 25-30 traps weekly.

[www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)

## Childcare in Grand Prairie



Childcare in Grand Prairie is available through 50 commercial and church associated day care centers and approximately 74 registered childcare homes. The City also has several After-school programs including the YMCA, two

Boys and Girls Clubs (<http://www.bgcarrtx.org>), and two Girls, Inc. of Tarrant County ([www.girlsinctarrant.org](http://www.girlsinctarrant.org)). All facilities must be permitted through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (<http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>).

In addition to state regulations, all childcare providers in Grand Prairie are required to be permitted by the City of Grand Prairie.

The City requires a valid permit issued by the Environmental Quality Division to childcare centers and anyone keeping unrelated children in their homes. The purpose of the permit requirement is to ensure the health, safety, and well being of children in the day care setting. The Environmental Quality Division conducts at least two unannounced inspections a year to ensure compliance with health, safety, and security provisions of the City of Grand Prairie Ordinance.

For more information, contact the office of Environmental Quality  
206 W. Church St., 2nd Floor • Phone 972-237-8055 • [www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)

# SWAP MEET

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25,  
AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

If it's on wheels, or ever was, there is a good chance you'll find it at the 40th Annual Auto Swap Meet on Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2015 at Traders Village in Grand Prairie.



Car buffs can browse through over 400 spaces occupied by collectors and vendors from across the United States. Acres of cars, parts, accessories and memorabilia items will be displayed and there will be 'FREE PARTS HAULING'. Buyers can find everything from vintage Model T Fords to "handyman specials" that may need repairs. In addition to acres of car parts the Annual Auto Swap Meet will feature row after row of memorabilia items, such as old-fashioned gas pumps, signs, toy cars, advertisement pieces and much more.

Sponsored by the Lone Star Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA), this colorful gathering of sellers, buyers, collectors and "horse traders" will be open to all makes and models of automobiles and parts.

Swap Meet Committee and Traders Village reserve the right to reject and/or eject any person or firm they deem undesirable for any reason. Their actions and decisions are final.

Register by September 5, 2015 for these rates. After that date if any open spaces are available, they will be sold at the registration area on September 24th at 9:00 a.m. Spaces are reserved on a first come, first served basis. AFTER SEPTEMBER 5TH, ANY UNSOLD SPACES WILL BE \$40 EACH. <http://tradersvillage.com/>

## Current Water Restrictions



The following restrictions are in effect in the city of Grand Prairie:

- No watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Even Numbered addresses may water on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday and Fridays.
- Handheld and soaker hoses are allowed to be used any time.

When watering, a constant stream of water should not be allowed to flow into the street drainage.

Watering during precipitation is prohibited. Rain sensors are required on newer watering systems.

### Contact Info Public Works

317 N. Belt Line Rd.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
Phone: 972-237-8377  
Fax: 972-237-8396

\*The following restrictions also apply at all times:  
Residents and business are prohibited from watering their lawns anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

# Recipe of the Month – Chicken Enchiladas

## Ingredients

- Original recipe makes 36 servings
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cooked and shredded
- 1 (8 ounce) jar picante sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 8 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
- 36 (6 inch) corn tortillas
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

## Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).  
 In a medium bowl combine the shredded chicken, picante sauce and ground cumin.  
 Mix together.

In a small skillet heat vegetable oil over medium high heat. Place a corn tortilla in the oil for 1 to 2 seconds on either side to soften. Repeat with all of the tortillas (if possible, have someone help you do this). Place tortillas on paper towel to soak up some of the oil.

Put 1 tablespoon of the chicken mixture in the center of a tortilla and sprinkle some cheese on top. Roll up tortilla and place on a lightly greased cookie sheet, seam side down. Repeat with all of the tortillas until chicken mixture is gone. If there is any cheese left over, sprinkle it over the rolled tortillas.

Bake tortillas in the preheated oven for 15 to 25 minutes or until tortillas are a little crispy and golden brown.  
<http://allrecipes.com>



**Mira Lagos  
 HOA Bi-Annual  
 Community  
 Garage Sale**  
 Sat, Sep 12, 7am-3pm  
 Mira Lagos Community

Apply for your permit via the  
 City of Grand Prairie website: [www.gptx.org](http://www.gptx.org)  
 click "City Government"  
 click "Departments"  
 click "Code Enforcement"  
 click "Garage Sale Permit"

Please forward permit information asap to  
[social@miralagoshoa.com](mailto:social@miralagoshoa.com) in order  
 to be added to the map.

Please include your name, permit number,  
 address AND village.

You may opt to sell items on 1 to 3 days  
 during the scheduled weekend.



**Farmers Market - Celebrity Cook Off**  
**Date: 09/26/2015 • 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Location: Market Square**  
**120 W. Main Street**

Round-one of the first ever Grand Prairie Celebrity Cook off! Eight Grand Prairie celebrities will battle in a single-elimination cooking tournament beginning September 26 at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market. This competition will take place over two weekends, with the champion being crowned on October 10. There will be four single-elimination rounds every hour.

The semi-finals and championship will take place October 10, starting at 9:30 a.m. Come listen to live music, shop the market, and see who has what it takes to reign supreme at the this year's Celebrity Cook-Off Championship at Farmers Market.

Farmers market is open Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. March through December, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, pasta, spices, tamales, candles, soaps and more. For more information about the Grand Prairie Farmers Market, call 972-237-4599.  
<http://www.gptx.org>

# Mayor's Community Table

**Date: 09/22/2015 7:00 PM**

**Location: Ruthe Jackson Center • 3113 S. Carrier**

**Grand Prairie residents are invited to the second Mayor's Community Table.**

Mayor Ron Jensen hosts these dining experiences with the goal of bringing together the community to get to know new people. The first event was a lunch in May 2015 attended by 130 residents. The city assigns seating to achieve a mix of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and races.

The cost of the event will be \$10 per person. To attend, RSVP to 972-237-8012 or [pmarcum@gptx.org](mailto:pmarcum@gptx.org) by Sept. 16, 2015.

To ensure a great mix of attendees at each table, please provide the following:

- Age: 20-35; 36-50; 51-65; 66+
- Race: African American;
- Hispanic; Asian; Caucasian; Other
- Gender: Female; Male

**For more information call 972-237-8151 or email [pmarcum@gptx.org](mailto:pmarcum@gptx.org).**



**Fiestas Patrias**  
Saturday, September 12th 2015

Come out to Traders Village and celebrate the Mexican national holiday referred to as Fiestas Patrias, also called Diez Y Seis de Septiembre. Mexican Americans began celebrating fiestas patrias to reinforce their cultural links with each other and with Mexico. They included festivities that involved special music, songs, dances, native cuisine, costumes, and homage to folk heroes.

This event will held under the Big Red Patio next to the rides and family entertainment area. Admission to Traders Village is FREE and it's just \$4.00 to park. Traders Village is centrally located in Grand Prairie, Texas just minutes from Six Flags over Texas, off Highway 360 on Mayfield Road. For more info call 972-647-2331. <http://tradersvillage.com>



Patriot Day falls on 11th September (also commonly known as 'Nine-Eleven') and is remembered globally as the anniversary of the catastrophic terrorist attacks on the USA of 11th September 2001.

Embedded in the memories of everyone who lived through it, this was the day four jet planes were hijacked and crashed into the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, causing the deaths of 2,977 people. The fourth plane (United Airlines Flight 93) was directed at Washington DC, but its passengers bravely attempted to take back control and it crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The large majority of those lost after the attacks on the Twin Towers were working at or above the points of collision; thousands of people who had gone to work that morning like every other day, found themselves suddenly stranded at the top of a burning skyscraper. A number made the choice to jump from the flaming buildings rather than wait to be caught by the flames or for the building to collapse. No one could forget the terrifying and heartbreaking stories and images captured by the news footage of the day.

In the wake of the World Trade Center collisions, many brave men and women from the emergency services risked their lives to try to help rescue victims of the attacks, and of them 411 lost their own lives attempting to fight fires and rescue people.

Patriot Day is recognized by US law as the official day of remembrance for these tragic events, and has been observed every year since. Each year on this day, American flags are flown at half-staff to honour and commemorate those lives lost. The US President asks fellow Americans to observe a moment of silence at 8.46am (Eastern Daylight Time), the time of the first plane collision into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

While the events took place within the USA, the shock and grief experienced in response to the attacks was shared across the globe, and for this reason Patriot Day will be observed not only in America, but all over the world. [www.daysoftheyear.com](http://www.daysoftheyear.com)

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# Mira Lagos Area Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AirHogs vs. Sioux City Parent University Wild West Wits	2 Mansfield Mastermind Meeting First Sight, First Night	3 Assistance with Federal Agencies and Issues Texans@Cowboys	4 Dragon Blade movie Sherril Hill Couture Trunk Show	5 Camp Gladiator Hank Williams Jr. ESPN kick-off WI vs AL
6	7 Labor Day LCR No school Blackland Triathlon	8 Fall into Fun Gardening Mexico vs Argentina	9 Commission on Aging Meeting Microsoft free tech preview, Northpark	10 Chris Brown and Kid Ink Lovers and Executioners @ Circle Theatre	11 The Perfect Guy movie Patriot Day Coffee Cup Connection	12 Garage Sale Wurfest Mansfield Coffee with a Cop Mansfield 125 Hairbraiding 101 Fiestas Patrias
13 Giants @ Cowboys	14 BunKo	15 El Grito Hispanic Heritage Landscaping on a Dime	16 Ballet Folklorico de Mexico Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Cyclin' with Mayor	17 DIY flowers Garth Brooks 3rd Thursday Jazz @Fort Worth Central Library	18 Maze Runner movie 53rd Annual Indian Pow Wow Garth Brooks	19 Master Composter class Gloria Trevi Garth Brooks
20 Garth Brooks	21 Int'l Day of Peace	22 Mayor's Community Table The Price is Right Live! Right tree, Right place	23 Pay it Forward luncheon Van Halen	24 Branding Iron Breakfast Taste of Grand Prairie	25 Hotel Transylvania 2 movie 40th Auto Swap Meet Comedy Get Down	26 Wisteria St Market 40th Auto Swap Meet Pegasus Music and Craft Beer Festival Celebrity Cook-off AR vs A&M
27 Tangle Ridge tournament and lunch 8am Stars vs Panthers Falcons @ Cowboys	28 LCR Wild National Good Neighbor Day	29 Pruning with a Purpose Stars vs Blues	30 The Zombies, Majestic Theatre Dell Boomi cloud discussion at Top Golf			

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