



My Flower Mound

Town News and Events

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Denton County Collections Committee Seeking Donations

Do you have antiques you're looking to donate? The Denton County Collections Committee is on the hunt for historical items that can be used to furnish the Gibson-Grant Log House.



The committee is interested in acquiring a kitchen table, two kitchen table chairs, kitchen utensils, a dry sink, cooking stove, overhead converted kerosene lamp, rocking chair, dresser, bed, wall sconces, axe, and spinning wheel, among other items.

The Gibson-Grant Log House was constructed in 1860-61 and is one of the few remaining log structures of the mid-nineteenth century still standing on its original site in Denton County. The house, which is currently undergoing renovations, will ultimately become a museum. The restoration is estimated to be complete this fall.

If you have questions about the Denton County Collections Committee or are interested in donating items, please contact Gary Hayden, chairman of the Denton County Historical Commission, at MCHPartnersInc@gmail.com.

Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month

July is National Parks and Recreation Month! What better way to celebrate than spending some time enjoying Flower Mound's 57 parks (with 35 unique playgrounds), 60 miles of multi-use trails, or 53 baseball, softball, and soccer fields? Parks and Rec staff also manage the Community Activity Center, Senior Center, and oversee special programs and events. To celebrate in July, staff created a calendar full of different ways you can enjoy our many Parks and Recreation amenities and services all month long. View the calendar and keep up with the latest Parks and Recreation news by following the department on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FlowerMoundParksAndRec/) or Twitter (@FMParksandRec). Thanks for all you do, Parks and Rec!

How To Recycle Plastic Bags

Plastic bags cannot be placed in your single stream recycling bin for curbside pickup because the bags can get tangled around the machinery as recyclables are being processed and can cause equipment damage and work stoppages.



But plastic bags ARE recyclable! There are many locations around town that will happily take your plastic bags to be recycled.

Keep Flower Mound Beautiful has bag collection bins at several Town facilities, including the Community Activity Center, Senior Center, and Library, as part of their Bags to Benches campaign. If 500 pounds of plastic film are collected during a six-month period, they receive a new bench made of recycled materials for our community! Acceptable items include plastic films labeled #2 or #4, grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, Ziplock and other reclosable bags, bubble wrap, and more. Each dropoff location has information on what is accepted. So far, Keep Flower Mound Beautiful has been able to provide benches to the Library and the CAC.

Additionally, many grocery stores and retailers in our area have bins near the front of their stores for plastic bag recycling. Visit how2recycle.info/SDO to find your nearest drop-off location.

Display Your Artwork at Town Hall

Are you an artist, or know someone who is? The Town accepts submissions for our Town Hall Art Display year round! The display space was created to showcase local artists' work and provide residents with a space for arts and culture.

All ages are welcome to submit two-dimensional works of art, and we accept solo and group submissions. Please visit www.flower-mound.com/artdisplay for details on how to apply.

New Businesses Now Open, Coming Soon

Now Open

CLINK Wine Bar + Bites (2601 Lakeside Parkway): CLINK offers 16 wines and four beers served on tap, as well as rotating wines from around the world, available by the glass or bottle. While you're there, grab some grub, from charcuterie and cheese boards to salads, flatbreads, paninis, small plates, and more! Learn more at <https://clinkwinebarandbites.com/>.



Wicked BOLD (3347 Long Prairie Rd.): Wicked BOLD offers an all-vegan menu featuring charcuterie boards, sandwiches, small plates, kids' meals, and what many may argue is the main event - chocolate! You can order Wicked BOLD's chocolates (classic, hazelnut, spicy, or salty) individually or in a flight. Or, you can mix it up and get a s'mores or fondue board. Wicked BOLD offers a variety of mocktails, from Cucumber Fizz to Irish Whiskey, Paloma-Spicy, Margarita, Smoked Rosemary Palo, and many more! The restaurant also serves wine and beer. View the full menu at <https://wicked-bold.com/pages/menu>.

Zalat Pizza (5801 Long Prairie Rd., Suite 690): The self-proclaimed pizza zealots make their dough in-house and roast Roma tomatoes and add fresh basil to make their pizza sauce. With more than 10 locations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Zalat Pizza offers a range of specialty pies. For more information, visit <https://zalatpizza.com/>.

Coming Soon

Clean Eatz (2201 Long Prairie Rd., Suite 101): The healthy food restaurant will offer bowls, burgers, wraps, flatbreads, smoothies, and more, as well as a weekly meal plan service and catering. An opening date hasn't been announced yet, but you can find more information at <https://www.cleaneatz.com/locations/flower-mound-tx>.

Flurry's Market + Provisions (2608 Long Prairie Rd.): Flurry's is a Texas meat market with Louisiana flair. Flurry's will offer fresh beef, pork, yard-bird, and seafood, along with salads and sides. The storefront will also feature a boutique gift shop and will act as a bistro, serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more at <https://flurrysmarket.com/>.



S&P, Fitch Reaffirm Town's AAA Bond Rating

In June, bond rating agencies Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Fitch reaffirmed the Town's AAA bond rating for its General Obligation Refunding bonds and Certificates of Obligation. AAA is the highest bond rating achievable and helps the Town continue saving millions of taxpayer dollars through low interest rates.

"Since 2014, the Town has received the AAA rating from these agencies, which is a testament to the strong financial leadership provided over the years by administration, and particularly by Interim Town Manager/CFO Debra Wallace," Mayor Derek France said. "To maintain this rating during a global pandemic is truly impressive, and we are proud to be one of only a few communities in Texas to consistently achieve this AAA designation."

In addressing the pandemic's effect on the Town, Fitch recognized that the "combination of the town's expenditure flexibility, revenue-raising authority and solid reserve levels leaves it well positioned to address challenges posed by emergence from the economic disruption caused by the pandemic. It is expected to remain so through future economic cycles."

S&P reiterated the importance of the Town's cost-saving measures during the pandemic, which helped offset some of the initial revenue declines. "Flower Mound has a history of maintaining very strong finances, supported by very strong financial-management practices and policies and a growing, diversified economy. COVID-19 and the recent related recession weakened sales tax collections initially, but prudent fiscal practices positioned the town well to manage decreasing revenue in the latter part of fiscal 2020. Fiscal 2020 ended with a general fund surplus, strengthening an already very strong budgetary flexibility."

Specifically, S&P stated that the AAA rating is a reflection of the Town's:

- Very strong economy
- Very strong financial management, with strong financial policies and practices
- Strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses in the general fund
- Very strong budgetary flexibility
- Very strong liquidity
- Adequate debt-and-contingent-liability profile, with debt payments being a small percentage of expenditures
- Strong institutional framework with policies and procedures in place to help ensure the Town's good financial standing continues

To view the entire S&P report, please visit <https://bit.ly/3gMoStH>. To view the entire Fitch rating report, please visit <https://bit.ly/2UhVouT>.