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## Town's Park System to expand with peaceful retreat

PROSPER (April 21, 2010) Ground has been broken for what promises to be a unique place of rest, relaxation and respite for residents of the Town of Prosper, according to Town Park Planner Wade Harden.

"It's extremely appropriate that we have begun development of a park designed for passive recreational uses and named it in honor of the honorable Ralph Boyer, former mayor and a true gentleman in every sense of the word," he said.

Mayor Boyer served Prosper for several years, and was credited with maintaining much of the area's local charm while guiding its controlled growth.

Boyer Park is located on an undeveloped half-acre plot on the southwestern edge of the downtown area, immediately adjacent to the Town's Development Services offices. Bordered by Second St. on the north, First St. on the south and Church St. on the west, the park will contain several elements that many residents will find rather distinctive, said Harden.

"In addition to the generous seating areas, the park's mature trees and lanai structures will offer shady, comfortable spaces for people to enjoy nature or gather in small groups for fellowship. The water spray feature will also add to the serenity and contemplative nature of the park, and the extensive use of locally-quarried stone gives the park an unobtrusive feel," he said. Additional parking and adequate lighting are also part of the plan.

And, while there will not be any playground equipment installed at the park, the presence of children will be felt, nonetheless, through a memory wall on which the names and handprints of local children will be displayed on tiles. Detail on the sale of the tiles, the proceeds of which will go toward defraying the cost of the wall, will be distributed at a later date.

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The park construction is under the direction of SPSD Contractors. The park is funded through proceeds from the Park Improvement Fund, an endowment financed by contributions made by the developer community as part of the new construction process.

More information on Boyer Park and the children's memory wall can be obtained from Wade Harden, at [wade\\_harden@prospertx.gov](mailto:wade_harden@prospertx.gov) or (972)346-3502.

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**Photo cutline: Preparing to assist with the development of Boyer Park by turning the first shovelfuls of dirt are (from left to right) Chris Sanchez (Parks Board Secretary), Daniel Ting (Parks Board member), Thomas Blaney (Parks Board member), Loren Moulder (Parks Board Chair), Kenneth Dugger (Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem), Ralph Boyer, Ray Smith (Mayor Pro-Tem), Dave Turley (Council member), Meigs Miller (Council member), Julie Fredrickson (SPSD), and Mike Land (Town Manager).**

**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 9,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."