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## Town presents opportunities to volunteer on boards and commissions

*Applications due on Sept. 2, appointees take office on Oct. 1*

PROSPER (August 9, 2010) Opportunities for Prosper residents and some non-residents to donate their time and expertise as members of the Town's various boards, commissions and committees are currently available, with nearly a dozen openings for membership in four major boards, according to Town Secretary Matt Denton.

"Our Council has been clear in encouraging all citizens to participate in the decision-making aspects of the community by becoming a member of the various boards, commissions and committees," he said.

Boards, commissions and committees are composed of volunteers that advise the Town Council on policy development and administration of services. Appointments are made each year by the Town Council as members' terms expire. When a vacancy occurs, the Town Secretary's Office is responsible for posting notices of the openings.

To be considered for an open position on the various Town boards, commissions and committees, individuals must fill out an application form and be willing to attend regularly scheduled meetings; must agree to serve a full term; and meet certain eligibility requirements specific to the body to which they are applying.

"Applicants also undergo a brief interview with the Town Council so that Council members can gauge the applicant's fitness for a position," he said.

The following board, commissions or committees are seeking applicants for membership:

### **Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors**

There are two positions open on this board. All seven board members are appointed by the Town Council, and each must be a fulltime resident of the Town of Prosper. The three-year terms are staggered to ensure continuity of service.

The board promotes broad-based business expansion, encourages sustainable job growth, and makes

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recommendations to Council regarding funding priorities to assist new, prospective and existing businesses. It meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 170 N. Preston Road, Suite 50. Currently, the Town Manager is the Interim Executive Director.

### **Park and Recreation Board**

There are three positions open on this board. Again, all seven board members are appointed by the Town Council; however in this case, not all seven must be fulltime residents of the Town. By Town ordinance, two of the seven members may be non-residents but must either own a business within the Town or reside within the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Terms are for two years, and the board elects a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

The board encourages the development of parks and recreation; recommends the acquisition of additional parks, equipment and supplies; participates with Collin and Denton Counties and other entities to acquire grant funding; assists staff and Town Council in the planning process of facilities, program development and goals and objectives. It meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The board is staffed by the Senior Parks and Recreation Planner.

### **Planning and Zoning Commission**

There are three positions open. As in the previous cases, the commission is composed of seven commissioners appointed by the Town Council. Membership eligibility for the two-year term requires that applicants must be qualified voters in the Town of Prosper.

The Commission, among other duties, reviews all current and proposed ordinances and amendments pertaining to planning and zoning and makes recommendations to the Town Council for action to be taken. It meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. and is under the direction of the Senior Planner.

### **Board of Adjustment/Construction Board of Appeals**

There are three positions open and two alternate positions open. This board is made up of five members and two alternates appointed by the Town Council, and each must be a resident of the Town or its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The board hears and determines appeals of administrative decisions; petitions for variances in the case of peculiar and unusual circumstances which would prevent the reasonable use of land; and such other matters as may be required by the Town Council or by law. This board meets on an as-needed basis.

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Applications will be accepted until Sept. 2 and may be obtained from the Town Secretary at Town Hall, 121 W. Broadway in the downtown area, or electronically at [www.prospertx.gov](http://www.prospertx.gov) under the Boards and Committees tab. Applicants who meet the appropriate criteria to apply for an open position may be contacted to schedule an interview with the Town Council.

Appointments will be made on Sept. 28, becoming effective on Oct. 1. More information can be obtained by calling the Town Secretary at (972) 346-2640 or via e-mail at [matthew\\_denton@prospertx.gov](mailto:matthew_denton@prospertx.gov).

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**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.”