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Town hosts fourth annual Prosper Community Picnic

PROSPER (August 14, 2015) While still a week-and-a-half before the official start of fall, the Prosper Community Picnic, set for Sept. 12, symbolically ushers in the cooler, more pleasant and colorful days of autumn.

"We're delighted to continue the tradition of the Community Picnic," says Julie Shivers, Recreation Services Coordinator. "It's an ideal way to preserve that 'small town' feeling that's cherished by so many Prosper residents."

For generations in Prosper, the start of the fall season meant families would get together to help each other with the harvest and enjoy the fruits of their labor as a community. That same sense of togetherness and sharing is exemplified in the fourth annual Prosper Community Picnic, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 at Frontier Park, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The free event is once again supported by assistance from local churches, which will supply the hot dogs, condiments and drinks. Members of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church and Prosper United Methodist Church are uniting in not only providing the food but also in grilling and serving.

And, in the spirit of sharing, the Community Picnic will again serve as the staging area for the Bethlehem Place School Competition called "Hunger is No Picnic." It's an effort to help resupply the local food pantry with canned goods and non-perishable food items.

During the picnic, brightly-decorated truck beds, each labeled with the respective Prosper ISD school name, will collect items for the food pantry competition. At the event's conclusion, the school with the highest percentage of items to students will be awarded the traveling trophy, and win a pizza party for the teachers and staff. The pizza party is courtesy of Pizza Hut and its local manager Andrew Snyder.

Erica Kruckenber, the food pantry's Executive Director, expressed her thanks. "I continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of Prosper residents and students in remembering that hunger actually is no picnic for people right here in our community," she said.

Picnic planners have added several new, fun attractions to this year's event, including a bungee trampoline, Wizzer and mechanical bull. In addition, a D-J will keep things lively, the Xtreme Gaming Truck will be onsite, an inflatable slide, balloon artist, airbrush artist and LEGO® Bricks, provided by the local Bricks 4 Kids franchise, will keep everyone entertained. Refreshing Kona Ice drinks will be available for purchase at reduced prices.

Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic supplies, kites and fishing poles to take full advantage of park amenities. Glass containers and public display of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

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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 15,000 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 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."