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## Parks Board Chair recognized by state advocacy group *Barbara Cottone named 2015 Advocate of the Year*

PROSPER (December 4, 2015) Cited for her work with the Parks and Recreation Board as a tireless volunteer and supporter, Barbara Cottone has been named Advocate of the Year for 2015 by the North Region of the Texas Recreation and Park Society, says Parks and Recreation Manager Will Mitchell.

The award recognizes a group or individual who has made a significant contribution to parks and recreation in their community, specifically in the areas of volunteering, service and support of leisure service programs.

“Barbara has been an incredible asset for Prosper through the years,” he said. “Her level of knowledge, along with her vision and experience in the field have made a difference in the quality of our programs and facilities. We have been extremely fortunate to have her in Prosper.”

Cottone retired from the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Richardson, and moved to Prosper, where she was appointed to the Prosper Parks and Recreation Board in 2012. She currently serves as Board Chair. During the development of the Parks Master Plan over the last two years, she served as Chair of the Advisory Committee. The Master Plan was completed earlier this year and approved by the Town Council in the fall.

“She is the consummate volunteer,” added Mitchell. “Her level of energy is matched only by her level of commitment to making Prosper a model for parks and recreation programs. She serves as a visionary for our Board, a mentor for our staff and an advocate for our programs.”

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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.”

Photo and cutline



**PROSPER PARKS BOARD CHAIR RECEIVES HONOR – Prosper Parks and Recreation Board Chair Barbara Cottone (center) receives the 2015 Advocate of the Year award from the North Region of the Texas Recreation and Parks Society. The society’s Executive Director Michael Ann Lord (right) and North Region Director Trent Kelly presented the award at the TRAPS annual conference recently. Cottone has been on the Parks Board since 2012 and also chaired the Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee for the last two years. The Master Plan was adopted by the Town Council last fall.**

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