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Annual Prosper Christmas Festival to Take Place December 2 from 3-7 p.m. at Prosper Town Hall

Community Tree Lighting and Drone Show at 7 p.m. with Mayor David Bristol

PROSPER (November 29, 2023) Make plans to attend the annual Prosper Christmas Festival on December 2 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Prosper Town Hall, [250 W. First St.](https://www.prospertx.gov) This popular event draws thousands to Downtown Prosper, bringing together residents, businesses, schools, nonprofit groups, skilled artisans, talented performers and Town officials in the spirit of community that is uniquely Prosper! The magical event is free of charge due to the generosity of Sponsors at many levels. Top Tier Platinum Sponsors for 2023 are DFW Improved, Sinacola and Texas Health Prosper.

The festival caters to families and offers memory-making experiences for all ages! More than 90 exhibit spaces will be decorated in holiday style and feature entertaining games, giveaways and unique gift items. Available for sale will be fine art, jewelry, holiday decor, apparel, wood-crafted items, ceramics, juice, elderberry syrup and a host of baked goods and confections.

The new Grand Entryway will be lined with holiday wreaths made by fifth-grade students from each Prosper elementary school. This partnership between the Prosper ISD Fine Arts program and Prosper Parks & Recreation Department is another example of the cooperative spirit that strengthens the community.

"This signature event of the Town will be a blend of traditional items event goers will recognize from the past with an infusion of new and exciting components," said Parks and Recreation Director, Dan Baker.

In addition to the exhibits, festive main attractions provide nostalgic and entertaining yuletide adventures! These event highlights are made possible by the support of Gold Sponsors:

- Santa's Workshop presenting complimentary Photos with Santa, sponsored by The Gin
- Santa's Selfie Station filled with holiday backdrops and props, sponsored by Renewal by Anderson
- Horse-drawn Wagon Rides, for a nostalgic trip around Downtown Prosper, sponsored by Carpet Tech.
- The Community Stage, showcasing amazing stage performances by school choirs, singers, dancers and performers, sponsored by Bart's Heating and Air
- The Kid Zone, with a host of inflatables and fun, sponsored by Primrose Schools
- An exciting Drone Show as the festival finale, sponsored by Super Splash

Additional Sponsors at the Gold Level include LSW & Everhart Real Estate, Communications Sponsor of an improved surround sound system and walkie-talkies and Raising Cane's, Hospitality Sponsor, supporting the grand event entryway and sponsor goodie bags.

Sponsors at the Silver level include A Joyful Mess painting ornaments with kids in their exhibit, Growing Sprouts Photography offering portrait quality photos with Santa in his Workshop, Prosper Pantry sponsoring kids' creativity with yummy treats at the Cookie Decorating booth and Starbucks, making the season bright with complimentary coffee!

Additional Sponsors at the Silver level are Brown & Griffin Real Estate, Children's Health, Eye Gallery, Farmers Bank and Trust, Grand Love, Home Sweet Happy Designs, Matco Services, Koper Outdoor; Prosper Chiropractic & Wellness Center and Prosper Insurance Agency.

The delightful Kids Christmas Shoppe inside Town Hall, sponsored by Cook Children's Health System, returns to the event with expanded gift options for all ages. The Shoppe offers a safe and fun venue for those in kindergarten through fifth grade (ages 5-12) to shop for family and friends and learn the blessings of giving.

To register a child for the shopping experience, please visit the Kids Christmas Shoppe Registration tent on event day. Registration will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and located on the east side of Town Hall. Young shoppers will receive designated time slots and badges to enter the secure area. Adults who have been background-checked will guide

the young shoppers in 15-minute shifts. While children shop, parents and guardians will wait in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

The Kids Christmas Shoppe will accept cash and credit cards. Proceeds benefit the Recreational Scholarship Fund which assists Prosper residents and those in the Prosper ISD school district to attend camps and classes when they are financially unable to do so.

As the festival draws to a close at 7:00 p.m., children will be called to the Town Hall lawn for the annual Community Tree Lighting led by Prosper Mayor David Bristol. Anticipation is high as the excited group counts down together to the lighting of the official Town of Prosper Christmas tree. Following the tree lighting, an exciting Drone Show, new to the festival this year, will cap off the festivities.

Attendees are encouraged to park and ride the free shuttles to and from the event, as parking is limited in the Downtown Prosper area. Complimentary shuttles will run from Reynolds Middle School, [700 N. Coleman Street](https://www.prospertx.gov/700-n-coleman-street) and Prosper High School, [301 Eagle Drive, beginning](https://www.prospertx.gov/301-eagle-drive-beginning) at 1:30 p.m. and continue to run as long as needed to return attendees to their cars. An ADA bus will run to the event from Reynolds Middle School.

For those who wish to participate, Child ID bracelets will be available at the Prosper CERT tent located next to the Prosper Fire Dept. tent at the event. Bracelets are free of charge and provide critical information to help reunite families should a child be separated from a parent or guardian.

Detailed information about the Prosper Christmas Festival, including Sponsors and Exhibitors, transportation and road closures, stage performance schedule, food trucks, and main attraction details can be found at [prospertx.gov/christmasfestival](https://www.prospertx.gov/christmasfestival). To reach the Prosper Parks & Recreation Department, please call 972-569-1160.

Prior to the Prosper Christmas Festival, at 2:30 p.m., the annual Prosper Rotary Club Christmas Parade will make its way down Broadway Street to the festival grounds. For parade details and entry forms, please contact the Prosper Rotary Club at prosperrotary@prosperrotary.com.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to approximately 36,000 residents with a projected build-out population of 72,000. Prosper is located where the northern edge of Dallas' Golden Corridor meets the U.S. 380 Corridor. Recognized as a Tree City USA and certified as a Scenic City silver-level community, Prosper's parks and playgrounds encompass 634 acres of open space, recreational venues, and facilities for sports, fitness and 52 linear miles of hike-and-bike trails. The Town offers community engagement programs such as the Prosper Citizens Academy, New Resident Mixer, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens Fire Academy and Community Safety Initiative. Prosper's motto is "a place where everyone matters." Learn more about Prosper and upcoming events by visiting [prospertx.gov](https://www.prospertx.gov).