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Non-profit exhibits, food drive mark Community Picnic

PROSPER (August 9, 2017) As communities like Prosper expand and grow, adding residents, rooftops and retail, many begin to leave behind the events and activities that call to mind the old-time charm and charisma of small towns.

In contrast to that trend, the annual Prosper Community Picnic continues as a hometown tradition that recalls those simpler days, occupying a warm place in the hearts of residents. The popular picnic is set for Saturday, Sept. 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Frontier Park, 1551 Frontier Parkway.

Instead of gathering to help a neighbor raise a barn or bring in a harvest, Prosper residents are invited to attend the free event to meet friends, make new acquaintances, and express those old traditions in new ways. In addition to free hot dogs, drinks, and dessert, attendees will enjoy music, fun, games and attractions for all ages.

This year, in an effort to assist Prosper-based non-profit agencies and organizations get the word out about their services, a limited number of booth spaces are available at no charge. Interested non-profits should contact Julie Shivers, Recreation Coordinator at julie_shivers@prospertx.gov or 972-569-1064 to reserve a space.

The event will retain the popular tradition of residents being personally served by Mayor Ray Smith and members of the Town Council. As usual, the generosity of the members of local churches and service organizations helps defray the major costs of the picnic, making it a truly community-based celebration.

For example, the membership of Lighthouse Fellowship Church is providing the hot dogs and fixings; the Prosper Ladies Association is furnishing and serving dessert; and members of Prosper United Methodist Church will provide and serve drinks.

As in previous years, Bethlehem Place, Prosper's only food pantry, will conduct its traditional "Hunger is No Picnic" food drive. Residents and guests who bring items may elect to place those items in the collection bins for their favorite school, helping that school win the travelling trophy, awarded to the Prosper ISD school that has collected the most donations throughout the contest.

"Inviting the non-profits to our event this year gives local organizations an opportunity to introduce themselves and their missions to the public," said Shivers. "It will be inspiring to see numerous organizations represented this year."

More information on the Prosper Community Picnic will soon be available at www.prosperparksandrec.org.

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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 20,000 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."