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Prosper launches inaugural Senior Citizen Program

Coffee with Mayor launches effort, July 5 potluck picnic on tap

PROSPER (June 18, 2010) Citing the need to provide more activities for members of an aging population, the Town of Prosper is developing a Senior Citizen Program that hopes to address the social, emotional and community needs of older adults, according to the program's administrator Kelly Vanaman, Utility Billing Clerk. Residents 65 years of age and older are welcome to become members or participate in events.

"Seniors are an important constituency for us, and we want to ensure that, to the extent possible, we try to meet their needs by creating programs that keep them engaged in Town activities and provide an outlet for them," she said.

To that end, the Town has already sponsored a "Coffee with the Mayor" event in which some 20 senior citizens were in attendance. Mayor Ray Smith addressed the assembled group at the Town Municipal Chambers. He entertained a number of questions from the enthusiastic group and met with individuals to address their specific concerns.

Following the Mayor's address, Vanaman spoke about the proposed Senior Citizens Program. She asked participants to fill out a survey of their preferences and asked each to become charter members by filling out a membership form. "We still have many other seniors who are eligible to participate, but were not at the coffee. We'd love for them to come by Town Hall and register," she said.

The next event planned for the program is a potluck picnic to coincide with other Independence Day activities. Set for Monday, July 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the picnic will take place at Main Street Park, 201 S. Main Street just south of the downtown area.

"We're asking seniors to bring a small covered dish to share with others. Since we will not have adequate refrigeration and we're set for an outdoor venue, we're asking people to be mindful of spoilage. And, of course, people

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should dress appropriately for the hot weather,” she said. Additionally, to prepare properly for the picnic, Vanaman is asking those planning to attend to submit an RSVP either by phone or e-mail.

Among Town employees also assisting with the program are Trudy Lindgren, Saul Alejos, Wade Harden and Roberto Benitez.

To RSVP for the picnic or to obtain more information on the program, residents should contact Vanaman at 972-569-1004 or kelly_vanaman@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.”