

ENTERTAINMENT

Prosper 8th Annual Health & Safety Fair Joins Prosper Arts & Music Festival



Members of the Town of Prosper Fire Department Prepare for the Festival

Town of Prosper Chief of the Police, Kirk McFarlin, and Chief of the Fire Department, Ron Tucker, announced that their Annual Health & Safety Fair has joined the Prosper Chamber of Commerce's Arts and Music Festival. This comingled event will be held on Oct. 3, 2009 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Prosper Town Center.

Chief McFarlin stated that "The Town of Prosper's Police Department is excited about joining forces with the Prosper Arts and Music Festival. It's a win-win situation for the festival attendees since they will

have the opportunity to interact with their local law enforcement officials in a family friendly environment."

The Town of Prosper Fire Department has added several new events to the Prosper Health and Safety Fair this year. Chief Tucker expressed that "We are confident that the residents of our community will enjoy bringing their families to our Health and Safety Fair. The children and their parents will have the opportunity to meet our local firemen and see the equipment we use such as fire engines, CARE flight helicopters and EMS units up close and

personal."

The Prosper Health & Safety Fair will be joined by representatives from MADD, North Texas Tollway Association, Collin County Sheriff's Association, North Texas Auto Task Force, Collin County Constables and many others. Representatives from the medical community and local area hospitals will be on hand to discuss health and safety tips and perform health screening procedures.

Captain Gary McHone of the Town of Prosper Police Department shared that "Our goal for this festival is twofold. One goal is to increase the

health and safety of the Prosper community through education and fun. Many of our area residents are not aware of the local resources available to them. That is one reason that why the Health & Safety Fair is so important." McHone went on to say that "The second goal is to raise funds for our 'Cops for a Claus' program." He has been involved in the 'Cops for a Claus' program since its inception. "The mission of Cops for a Claus is to ensure that the children of families in need in our area have a merry Christmas. We raise money to assist families and individuals of those less fortunate" shared McHone.

Over \$10,000 was raised last year for the 'Cops for a Claus' program from local Town of Prosper residents and Prosper ISD families. In spite of the economy, Captain McHone is optimistic that they can raise over \$10,000 this year. "The residents of our area are very giving people" McHone stated.

One way the local community can help in the 'Cops for a Claus' fundraising is to participate in the "Swinging for Safety" event that will be held on the festival grounds. For a small contribution you have the opportunity to use a sledge hammer and pound your frustrations away on a donated wrecked car. Fun, exercise and a good cause will be served by

swinging away!

A new addition to the Health and Safety Fair is a BBQ cook-off sponsored by the Prosper Fire Fighters Association. Curtis Smith, President of this group said "This is the first year we have offered this event and we're excited." Members of fire fighters associations throughout north Texas and local area residents have the opportunity to participate in the cook-off. Smith mentioned that "We believe we may have several of our Prosper City Council members participate. We've discovered that we have a competitive group of cooks on our city council." Smith, who is also a Captain with the Town of Prosper Fire Department, invites all area residents who wish to display their culinary BBQ prowess to contact him for more information at 214.585.8813 or prosperbbque@gmail.com.

The Town of Prosper's Fire and Police Departments invite you to join them on October 3, 2009 for their annual Health & Safety Fair. Local residents will have the opportunity to interact with the local law and safety officials while enjoying the Prosper Arts and Music Festival's artists, jewelers and crafters, the free Kids Corner and some great local entertainment. Bring your family for a fun filled day on October 3, 2009 to the Prosper Town Center.

More information may be obtained by visiting www.prosperartsandmusicfestival.com or calling 972/342-8420.

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This is the third sketchcrawl hosted by Mecca on Main. Each one has brought more sketchers and everyone loves the synergy of sketching with other people. Mecca is offering a service to post the day's sketches to the forum where hundreds of sketchers from around the world post their sketches from the event. <http://sketchcrawl.com/about-sketchcrawl.html>

About MECCA ON MAIN Mecca on Main is a gathering place in Downtown Aubrey dedicated to providing a creative gathering place for artists of all levels. Art and Yoga classes are available, as well as a cafe and event space for meet-

ings, parties, receptions and gatherings of all kinds. Mecca artists are involved in a number of community activities including the Aubrey Art Education Foundation, Visual Art Society of Texas, Aubrey Main Street committee, the Aubrey

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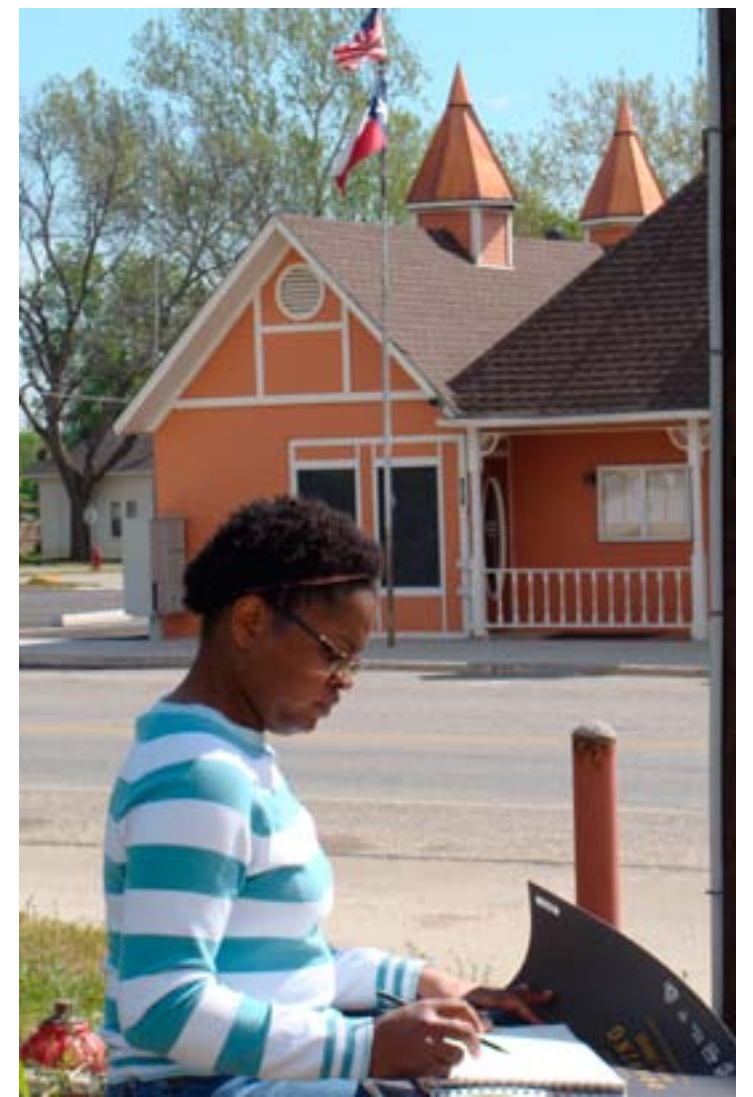
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