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# News Release

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## Second annual Town Expo and truck display set

LITTLE ELM (March 22, 2017) Building on the highly positive reaction from residents to last year's inaugural Town Expo and Touch a Truck event, the Town has scheduled the second one for Saturday, April 1.

"Deepening the relationship between Town staff and the residents they serve has many advantages for both," says Skye Thibodeaux, Town Planner. "Creating a forum where people can speak to representatives from every Town department ensures that questions regarding Town services can be addressed."

The Town Expo will take place on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Little Elm Recreation Center, 303 Main St. The event is free and open to the public. Each Town department will provide an overview of what they provide, and staff members will be on hand to answer questions.

In addition, several service vehicles will be available for children to view, board and become familiar with. The trucks will be fully-manned by Town personnel who will ensure safety, and provide insights into the equipment's capabilities.

Four half-hour seminars will take place in the Rec Center's face-painting area.

At 10:30 a.m., the Water Is Life and Trash & Recycle Seminar will be hosted by Public Works. Presenters Glyn Strickland, Kevin Mattingly and Andrew Figueroa will discuss water conservation, irrigation and answer questions regarding trash and recycling collection.

From 11:30 a.m. to noon, Police Officer Nicole Shaw, Sergeant Jimmy Lewis and Fire Chief Brian Roach will conduct a Public Safety Seminar. The three will discuss ways in which residents can assist in community policing, and ensure their homes and property are safe from fire risk.

That will be followed at 12:30 p.m. with a 30-minute Economic Development Seminar. Presenters Jason Laumer and Jennette Killingsworth will speak about the Town's efforts at attracting the kinds of businesses and enterprises that fit the Town's future plans.

And rounding out the seminars at 1:30 p.m. will be the Town Manager and Elected Officials Seminar. Presenters include Town Manager Matt Mueller and various members of Town Council. The seminar will be an open discussion about the various projects and programs that Little Elm is involved in currently and in the future.

"We are expecting a very good turnout, based on the great feedback we got at last year's event," said Thibodeaux. "Every day, I see the dedication Town employees have to their jobs, and we hope that dedication translates into an enhanced quality of life for our residents."

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**ABOUT LITTLE ELM** – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.