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Community celebrates Crystal Lagoon grand opening



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Windsong Ranch — a 2,000-acre community located in west Prosper — held three major events over the weekend to celebrate the Fourth of July and the opening of the Crystal Lagoon waterpark, a 5-acre water feature accompanied by a long sandy coast and watersports like kayaking and paddle boarding.

On Friday, the community held a VIP grand opening for the lagoon, and on Saturday was the Star-Spangled Splash Bash, which was accompanied by a public grand opening to the lagoon.

The fourth annual Star-Spangled Splash Bash was open to both residents and the public. The festivities included waterslides, lawn games and a wide selection of food trucks. Several families set up tents and lawn chairs by the band stage, enjoying the live music featuring Olivia Millerschin and the Six of the Matter Band, while others filled the Welcome Center, swimming in the two pools the amenity offered. Originally, the evening was supposed to be topped with a patriotic fireworks show, but due to bad weather, the show was moved to Sunday night.

"I have three kids," Sophia Weiss, a resident of the Windsong Ranch community, said during the Splash Bash. "We did the waterslide, we bought some lemonade, we've been swimming, and we went to the food trucks. We live here and we come to the fireworks show every year, it's probably the best show we have in Prosper."

The VIP event held on Friday was a thank you event held for members of the town, contractors and Crystal Lagoon personnel who have helped with the construction and financials of the amenity. In addition, Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps, national spokesman for Crystal Lagoon, made a guest appearance.

"Our Friday VIP event had about 400 attendees and was held in recognition of the many planners, engineers, contractors and municipal staff that have worked so hard over the past four years to make the Lagoon a reality," a representative of the developer Tellus Group said. "We also hosted developers from across the country who are very interested in how a Lagoon in their development would work. Michael Phelps serves as ambassador to Crystal Lagoons and was on hand to speak about the benefits of having a venue like the Lagoon, and spoke about his experience growing up around water."

The event featured a live Calypso band, fire dancers, a jet-ski stunt performance and jet-board performance by professional world-ranked pro athletes such as Ben Merrell, Chris Anyzeski, Tyler Chenault and more. The event also offered a Caribbean-style food selection of tropics spiced chicken kabobs, shrimp shooters, tropical fruit tarts and the tropical signature drink called The Lagoon.

"Our expectations were to have a good weather day that would showcase the crystal blue color of the Lagoon and provide a stage for a live performance and a venue where everyone involved could visit and enjoy themselves, and our expectations were definitely met," the representative said. "The feedback during the event was very positive, with many comments about the unique nature of the Lagoon and beaches being located here in North Texas. However, it is a bit early at this point to gauge post-event feedback, but we will learn that over the next few weeks."

Saturday's public grand opening allowed residents and guests to view the lagoon, but no one was allowed in the water.

"This event went very well," the representative said. "Non-residents of Windsong were invited to view the Lagoon from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and some of the visitors started lining up at 11 a.m. We had a steady stream of people who were able to tour the Lagoon, as well as talk to the homebuilders, who had set up information kiosks."

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