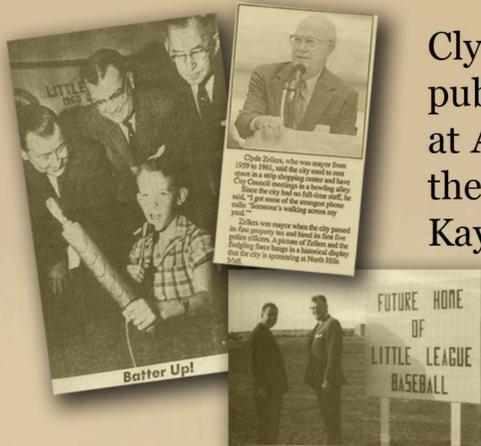


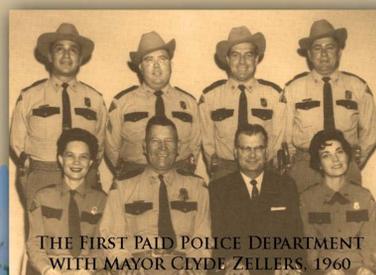
# Clyde Zellers Park

Clyde Zellers was born in Weatherford, Texas in 1918. He attended Weatherford public schools and Weatherford Junior College before going to the University of Texas at Austin. He enlisted in the Army Air Force in World War II from 1941-1946. After the war, he married Lorene Hord, and later they moved with their daughter, Sandra Kay, to North Richland Hills in 1954. Mr. Zellers also attended Brite Seminary and served as a Methodist minister from 1974 to 1989. He became a hospice chaplain from 1989 to 1996.



After moving to NRH, Clyde became involved in community affairs. He served on the NRH Zoning Commission, then was elected to the City Council in 1959. Mr. Zellers became mayor pro-tem in 1960, then was elected mayor in a special election in August, serving in that office until the 1961 election. Mr. Zellers was a proponent of "progressive development" for North Richland Hills and believed in city services, such as police, fire and street and drainage improvements. In March, 1961 Mr. Zellers entered the ministry and decided not to run for reelection, but his progressive leadership helped to establish invaluable city services for North Richland Hills as the City adopted its first property tax, Police Department and Fire Department.

Clyde Zellers Park was dedicated on November 15, 2003 in honor of his service and contributions to the City of North Richland Hills.



THE FIRST PAID POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH MAYOR CLYDE ZELLERS, 1960

"IT IS ESPECIALLY AMAZING TO WATCH THE RAPID GROWTH OF THIS CITY. I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER SERVING ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE HONOR OF BEING MAYOR OF OUR GREAT CITY." -CLYDE ZELLERS (1918-2007)

