



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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January 2014

## David And Sophia Khazai's Gift To Prospect



Two exquisite handmade Persian rugs now reside in City Hall thanks to the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. David Khazai. One rug measuring ten by fourteen feet is in the library on the second floor. The photograph shows David and Sophia with that rug just as on the day in December when they brought it to City Hall. The other gorgeous rug is on the main floor as you approach the Council meeting room. When you come in, you can't miss it – in fact, you really can't avoid walking on it. When this was voiced as a possible concern, Sophia commented that it will last for a hundred years.

There is a story here. John and Sally Evans visited the Khazai showroom just before Christmas, looking for a rug for their home. When John was giving Sophia his information, Sophia noticed that John's card said Mayor of Prospect. That was when David Khazai said he was going to give the City of Prospect a large valuable rug for City Hall to thank all the many Prospect residents who have been his customers over the years. When a few days later Mr. and Mrs. Khazai arrived at City Hall, it was with two rugs instead of one. With their help, the decision was made that the library was the perfect place for the larger one, and the main floor for the nine by eleven rug.

The City Council has adopted a resolution thanking David and Sophia Khazai for their gift, and a brass plaque is being prepared for the library denoting the Khazais' gift to Prospect. When you come to City Hall and see

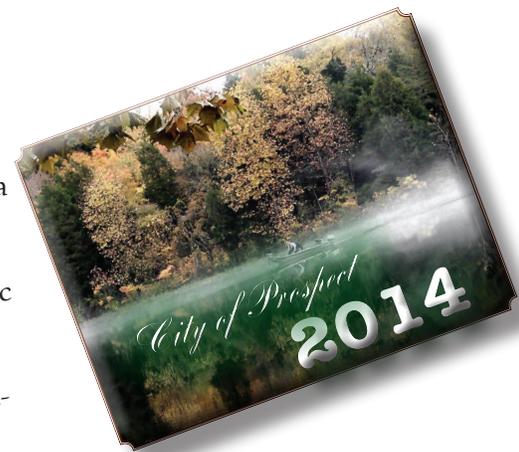
them, you may wish to add your thanks, to David and Sophia Khazai, for these extraordinary gifts to the City. Their telephone number is 327-1499, and their email address is [dkhazai@kerugs.com](mailto:dkhazai@kerugs.com). Their mailing address is 9800 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY 40223.

## Newsletter And Calendar Get Some Changes

The Newsletter has changed. The minutes of the Council meetings are omitted. You can read them online at [www.prospectky.com](http://www.prospectky.com), or you can call and ask for a copy to be mailed to you. News about current matters will be added. This will include information from the neighborhood associations, and from the Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce, as we receive it. Any comments about these changes, or suggestions, are welcome.

The 2014 City of Prospect Calendar is now available, thanks to the photographic and computer talents of Ron Cundiff, and it is beautiful. However, this year the City is not mailing a calendar to every household in Prospect. Because it is expensive to do so and not everyone wants one, it was decided to simply make them available as needed. Being that they are produced completely "In-House" at Prospect City Hall, this saves not only time and production cost but mailing cost as well.

Copies are available at City Hall, or you may call or email and we will send you one.



The 2014 Prospect City Calendar is available for pick up at Prospect City Hall at the front desk!

## Prospect Election Deadline

The deadline to file to run for any elective office in Prospect in the 2014 election is this January 28, 2014.

The deadline always used to be in August, but this changed due to Prospect having moved from a Fourth Class to a Third Class City. For the first time in Prospect's 40 years, it is possible that candidates will be on the primary elections ballot in May. Whether this happens depends on how many people file (by January 28th – no filing may be made after January 28th). In any event, the final balloting will still occur in the general election in November. If you want further information, or help about how to file, call the Jefferson County Clerk's Office at 574-5889.



# ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CITY BY MAYOR JOHN EVANS

The City is in good financial shape. We have no debt. In September, our auditors reported that as of June 30, 2013, the City had a Total Net Position of \$4,839,551, comprised of \$1,842,179 unrestricted cash, \$419,403 cash restricted for street maintenance, and \$2,577,969 invested in capital assets. This compared with the Net Position a year earlier of \$4,488,481, showing a favorable change of \$351,070 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The City operated well within its budget during that period. We are within our current budget so far this year, despite certain personnel changes. We continue to monitor expenditures and budget compliances monthly.

Prospect continues to be the most desirable place to live, for dozens of reasons: around the clock police protection, reliable refuse collection and winter snow and ice removal, are a few of the essential services the City provides; and, dozens of our residents work on committees to maintain and improve amenities such as forestation, public parks, and our library. Our six Council members meet every month to consider and act on a myriad of issues, and in recent years there always have been more residents offering themselves for this task than there are seats available. In addition, many of our neighborhoods have associations whose volunteers devote many hours of their time to enhancing the quality of life in their respective parts of Prospect.

Calendar year 2013 has been bumpier than usual in several ways. Mayor Eberle resigned in February, leaving the appointment of his successor to the City Council (under State law). In April the Council appointed Judge Ken Corey as Mayor. In June, Councilman Mike Scott very suddenly and tragically died. His close friend Frank Fulcher was appointed to fill out his term. Judge Corey resigned as Mayor on July 1st. On July 29th, the Council appointed me as Mayor. I intend to serve out the remainder of the four year term through December 2014, and I have filed my petition to run for a four year term in the 2014 elections. Our bookkeeper, Debra Skaggs, has left, and we are in the process of filling that need. Our Deputy Clerk, Holly LeVold, has been promoted to City Clerk. In the near future, Ann Simms, who has been the Chief Administrative Officer for nearly 20 years, will be retiring, on June 30, 2014. We currently are considering who shall succeed her. The bridge construction with its blasting and daily army of trucks, and the Water Company's digging throughout the City, have been additional annoyances. They are, however, beyond our control, and temporary.

I was Prospect's Mayor 30 years ago; I've been involved in our City government since 1975, when I was Mayor Tom Pfau's City Attorney; and the point is - I am impressed and encouraged by how very well the City has done over nearly 40 years, in spite of disagreements which, at the time, seemed all-encompassing. There have been several, but perhaps the biggest was over the shopping center which is now the Kroger center, a dispute which occupied most of the 1990s, took us to the Kentucky Supreme Court, and caused an entire city council to be defeated. Democracy can be messy. But, during the time since then, Prospect has added several beautiful new neighborhoods (The Estates of Hunting Creek, Bridgepointe, Sutherland, Innisbrook), new parks (Harrods Creek, Putney Pond), the library, and has adjusted to its new size and to the growth of the business community along the north side of U.S.42.

I am honored to be serving Prospect again!

*John E. Evans* Mayor

## Upcoming Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be Monday, February 17th at 7 p.m. Except in December and January (when the meetings are on the second Monday), the regular Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Comments from citizens of Prospect are always included on the agendas.

The second meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7 p.m. at the conference room in the Kroger Center. The Committee of 24 consists mainly of Prospect residents, some of them the heads of their neighborhood associations, some at large; and some area businesspeople having businesses in the City. The purpose is for residents and area businesses to voice suggestions or concerns they have and for the Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, and Police Chief to listen and respond. The next meeting after that will be in March, and new people will be asked to participate. Please let Mayor Evans or Ann Simms or Holly LeVold know if you would like to be included in the March and/or May meetings – [prospectky.com](http://prospectky.com), or 228-1121. at 228-1121.

# Prospect Library News

Spoiler alert! Prospect's snow birds should not read Carl Hiaasen's *Bad Monkey*. Most of the action, and there is plenty of it, takes place from Miami to Key West and the Bahamas. The cast of characters includes land developers, Medicaid fraudsters, a drunken, over-sexed sorceress, a monkey, and a severed arm. The novel's

protagonist, a detective busted to restaurant inspector, uncovers corpses along with a disgusting array of cockroaches, living and dead, mice, same, and food in varying stages of decay. It's all fun, but having read the book, a reader traveling south might be tempted to take a stash of freeze dried food and avoid going deep sea fishing. Who knows what might be reeled in.

For those of us toughing it out in Prospect or skiing in Colorado, enjoy the book.

Sometimes novels that win National Book Awards, while doubtless noble, are peopled with uninteresting characters doing not

much.. Not so in James McBride's award winning *The Good Lord Bird*, a book that is chock full of folk – abolitionists like John Brown and his sons fighting pro-slavers in Missouri - and action, leading up to the famous raid at Harper's Ferry. This is a picaresque novel whose narrator, a 13 year old boy masquerading as a girl, a slave "liberated" by Brown, has plenty of adventures. Seeing those people and events through his eyes is a brilliant stroke, reminiscent of Twain's use of Huckleberry Finn to tell his story. And in the end, crazy old John Brown is transformed and his failure as a strategist is outweighed by how he transformed the issue of emancipation. McBride also wrote the best-selling *The Color of Water*.

Bill Bryson's *One Summer: America, 1927*, is, initially, a puzzling topic. All I could think of that happened that year is my parents' wedding, significant for me and my sister, but hardly worth a book. Of course, Bryson knows what he's about. In 1927 Lindburgh flew to Paris, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig played baseball, Al Capone sold bootleg liquor in Chicago, the KKK enjoyed its peak membership by broadening its list of enemies to include immigrants, Catholics and Jews, movies learned to talk, stocks sold at 600% above their book value – all in all, it was quite a year. Bryson is always readable. A few Prospect residents were around in 1927, many of the rest of us may enjoy reading about those days. ~ Sandy Tucci

## What To Know About the Lawrence C. Falk Library

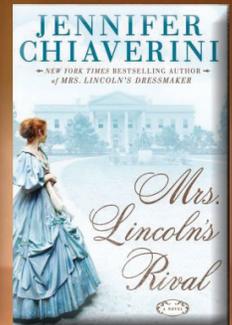
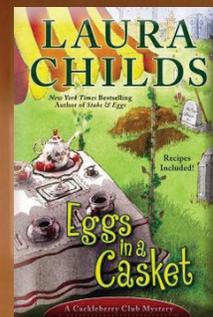
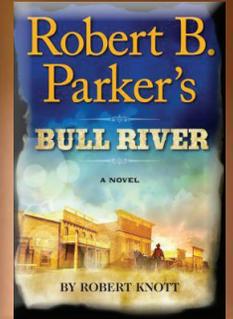
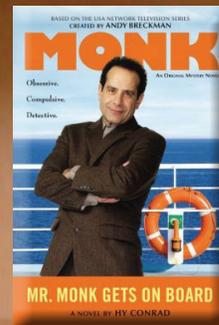
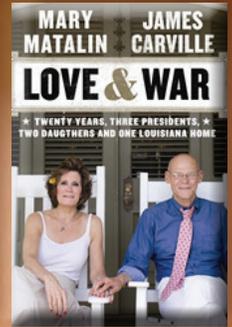
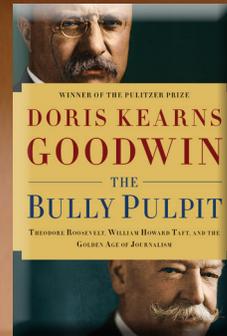
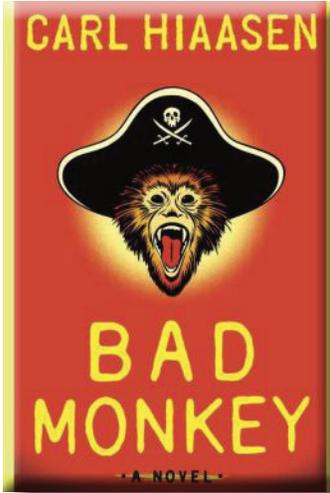
### Location:

The second floor of Prospect City Hall. Telephone 228-1121.

### Hours:

Monday, 8:30-6:30; Tues-Thurs, 8:30-5:00; Friday, 8:30-3:30.

Please remember that the Prospect Library is not part of the Louisville Library system. Items borrowed from Prospect must be returned to Prospect.





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Prospect Police Department (Non-Emergency).....228-1150

Prospect Police **Emergency Dispatch**..... 228-COPS(2677)  
 Fire & EMS Emergency ..... 911  
 Missed Garbage Pickup (call City Hall) .....228-1121  
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