



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S NEWS IN PROSPECT

* This past Monday's Council meeting was fairly uneventful. The ABC Ordinance was amended, and an ordinance dealing with ATVs and other conveyances had a first reading. The Council also discussed reviewing and possibly revising the City's sign ordinance. Since the meeting, the City and Kroger have resolved the matters which prompted that discussion, but it is anticipated that the Council will still conduct that review. The minutes of all Council meetings are posted on the City's website after they are approved, and we will mail them to anyone who requests them.

* We have two new assistants at City Hall. Julia Clore is our new assistant for financial matters and record keeping.



Ms. Melinda Hillebrand is the new Deputy City Clerk.

Melinda Hillebrand is our new receptionist, library assistant, and secretary. Both prefer to work 20 hours a week, which is what the City needs. We are lucky to have them both.

* Julia is very excited about working for the City of Prospect, being from the area. Her childhood home was right off Herr Lane. She attended Wilder, Kammerer and Ballard. She graduated from UK with a Bachelors Degree. She is married to Chad Clore. She recently moved to Oldham County where they live their daughter Charlotte Rose.

* Melinda is very happy to be working for the City of Prospect. She is originally from Vevay, Indiana, but moved to Louisville to attend the University of Louisville,

where she met her husband, David. Melinda is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University where she completed her Bachelors Degree in Business Management. She currently lives in Shelby County with her two sons Austin and Kyle.



Mrs. Julia Clore is the new Financial Clerk for the City.

* The snow and ice have melted. Unfortunately the weatherman says there is more very cold weather coming, so we have the plows and salt ready.

* Two State legislative matters are pending which are of interest to our City. One is the draft legislation which would reclassify all Kentucky cities by type (such as mayor-council, or commission form) rather than by population (which has been true for over a century) is over 300 pages long and being studied. It has been drafted by the Kentucky League of Cities. The other is the local option sales tax being championed by Metro Louisville, which involves proposed legislation to amend the Kentucky Constitution to allow localities to vote on whether they want to impose on themselves a one percent sales tax for a specific project which would sunset when that project is complete. There also is "enabling" legislation which would take effect only if the Constitutional amendment occurs.

* The Lawrence C. Falk Library has some new sections. There is an entire bookcase of biographies, and another of many classics including such oldies as Treasure Island (remember Captain Hook?), Little Women and Peter Pan. This is such a great resource, as Mrs. Tucci points out every month in her book reviews.

* A committee has begun working on a 40th anniversary book about Prospect. If you would be interested in doing this, please contact Mayor Evans at City Hall, 228-1121, or mayor@prospectky.com.

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The Mayor's Advisory Committee now has met twice, each time for about one and a half hours, and it is proving a worthwhile avenue of communication. If you are not on this Committee but would like to be included as a member of the next Mayor's Advisory Committee, please contact Mayor Evans at mayor@prospectky.com.

Recycle it, trash it or reuse it?

We've all got one! That big green tub that says "City of Prospect Recycling Program" on the side. But not everyone is sure what should go in it and find themselves asking "Should I recycle it or just trash it?" Well here's a little help from our friends at Rumpke!

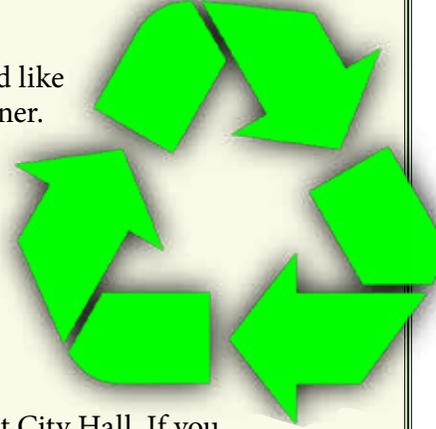
Recycle it!

Plastic BOTTLES & JUGS. Numbers no longer matter. As long as the container is shaped like a bottle or a jug (smaller top, larger bottom), then you can toss it into your recycling container. Office paper, Newspapers, Magazines & catalogs Recyclables, Junk mail & envelopes, Telephone books, Paperboard (like cereal boxes) Cardboard, Glass bottles and jars (any color), Aluminum and metal cans. **All containers should be completely emptied.**

Trash it! (or reuse it)

Plastics that aren't bottles or jugs including plastic food containers, yogurt containers and plastic bags. Tissues, napkins, paper towels, drinking glasses (try to reuse first), mirrors, window glass, aluminum foil, pie pans and roasting pans as well as metal other than cans (another option is to take it to a specialized steel recycler)

If you do not have a recycle bin and would like one, they are available for free at Prospect City Hall. If you would like additional bins they are available for \$12 per bin. Remember, protecting and preserving the environment is a group effort. Join Rumpke's team of Green Guardians and pledge to reduce your waste and increase your recycling efforts. - See more at: <http://rumpkecleanandgreen.com>



Coyotes In Urban\ Residential Areas

Seeing a coyote walking down a busy street or in the middle of a subdivision isn't as uncommon as most would think. Recent coyote sightings give reason for reminding residents of important safeguards to protect persons and pets against these wild animals. Although we have an abundance of it here in Prospect, coyotes do not require open space to survive, and are very comfortable living in close proximity to humans. Coyotes are found in every county, including Jefferson, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. With human development and an increase in coyote population, sightings are becoming more and more common. Below are a few pointers to help deal with coyotes that make those occasional visits.

- **Keep pets and pet food inside.**
- **Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult.**
- **Remove fallen fruit from the ground.**
- **Bag food wastes such as meat scraps or leftover pet food.**
- **Keep trash in containers with tight-fitting lids.**
- **Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.**
- **Use "hazing" behaviors to scare away coyotes.**
- **Teach children to never try to approach any "Stray dog" and always supervise small children when playing outdoors.**
- **Never "run away" from a coyote.**



Prospect Library News

Donna Tartt's many fans have reasons to cheer her latest novel, *The Goldfinch*. Reviewers have described it as a coming of age story and as Dickensian, but such labels diminish what an extraordinary story this is, and how well it is told. The goldfinch in question is a (real) famous painting that disappeared in the aftermath of a (fictional) terrorist attack on the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

A young survivor, 13 year old Theo whose mother died in the attack, rescues the painting, but then, for reasons connected to his youth, his grief, the tumult of his life after the attack, keeps the painting. His years from the attack until his mid-twenties is the coming of age part. For those who suffered through *Great Expectations* in ninth grade, forget all that. The "Dickens" reference is to the memorable characters who shape Theo's life and the wonderful coincidences that keep the plot bubbling. Even though I told myself that this is just a story, every time I could sense that Theo was about to make a bad choice, I had to put the book down for a while, sort of like those people in early silent movies who felt compelled to shout to the hero "Look out behind you!" Tartt is that good. This is a long book, but one I hated to come to the end of.

The Dreyfus affair that merits a paragraph or two in history of western civilization courses had nothing to do with sex, so most college freshmen skip right over it. Robert Harris (many Prospect readers have enjoyed his *Pompei*, *Fatherland*, etc.) has a new book, *An Officer and a Spy*, that brings that shameful episode to life. Hitler wasn't the first anti-Semite – the poison permeated European society for a thousand years, and the French military and French citizens were only too happy to convict Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a Jew, of spying and exile him to solitary confinement on Devil's island. When a newly appointed head of military intelligence, Georges Piquart, discovers Dreyfus's innocence, he encounters a military bureaucracy that is unwilling to admit its error – so unwilling, that they attempt to kill Piquart to stop his investigation. This is a novel, not a history, but the history is true, the "novelization" lies in the invented dialogue, inner emotions, that Harris supplies. Harris scores again.

Frederick Forsyth is another favorite author. His first novel, *The Day of the Jackal*, was so suspenseful that readers who knew perfectly well that in fact de Gaulle had not been assassinated still held their collective breath as they flipped the pages. Forsyth is back again with *The Kill List*, set in the present day with a Marine officer tasked with finding and killing a Muslim cleric who incites his followers to kill. This story has high tech weapons, derring-do, capable government civil servants and skilled special forces types. Forsyth is much better than Tom Clancy, so fans of Clancy-type novels should really enjoy this one. - *Sandy Cucci*

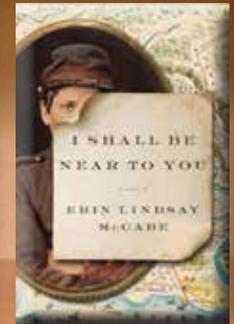
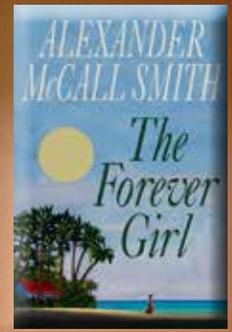
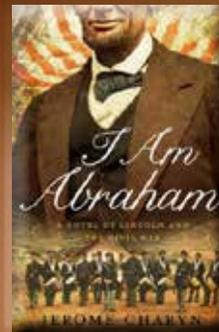
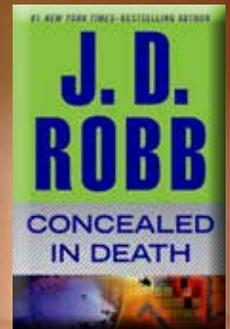
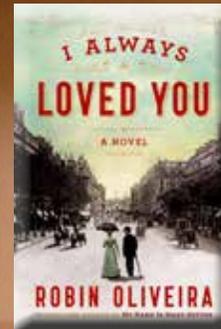
What To Know About the Lawrence C. Falk Library

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.





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 Friday.....8:30 - 3:30

PROSPECT CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall.....228-1121

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
 Drainage or Sewer Complaints/Assistance (MSD)..... 587-0603
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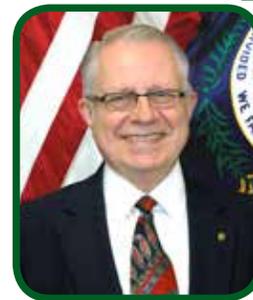
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