



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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New Year Brings Swearing In

Along with the new year came the swearing in of the 2015 version of the Prospect City Council, Ethic Commission and Mayor. On January first at Prospect City Hall a full house turned out to witness the ceremonies. Among those sworn in were the 2015 Ethics Commission



(Top Left) consisting of The Honorable Justice Martin Johnstone, John Embry And Susan Nicholson. They were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Sara Combs of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Also sworn in were three of the members of the Prospect City Council (pictured bottom left). Sworn in by Justice Johnstone were (from left to right) Council Members Frank Fulcher, Sandra

Leonard and Luke Schmidt. Not pictured are the other three Council members, Stuart Miles, Sandy Tucci and Jeff Stovall who could not attend because of holiday commitments. They were sworn in earlier during private ceremonies.

The final ceremony of the day, the swearing in of Mayor John Evans, was performed by a very special guest to Prospect (above right). Mayor Evans was sworn into office by the Honorable John T. Evans, Circuit Judge for Harrison County, Indiana. Judge Evans is Mayor Evans's eldest son.



Welcome and Thank You to all of the City of Prospect's officials both new and experienced!

Coyotes In Prospect

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. Due to "Packing" of juveniles and the approaching mating season, sightings become more common along with reports of "yodeling" this time of year. It should be noted that attacks on humans are rare but small and older pets are at risk. 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 to approach any "Stray dog" and always supervise small children when playing outdoors.**
- **Never "run away" from a coyote.**



(This article has been condensed for the newsletter. For a full version please email Ron Cundiff at citymaint@prospectky.com or visit www.prospect.us)

Annual Report On The State Of The City by Mayor John Evans

The City continues to be in excellent financial shape. We have no debt. At the end of 2014 our net position was \$3,367,169.58. We operated below budget in the fiscal year that ended 6/30/14, and we are significantly below budget so far this fiscal year. A major part of the savings are due to our achieving lower costs in our Police Department, and we will continue this trend without in any way lowering the quantity and quality of our police force.

The City's accounting has improved by going to a purely cash method.

We did no paving last year due to a problem with our paving company. That problem has been resolved. We will do a substantial amount of paving on our streets this year when warm weather gets here.

We laid a foundation in 2014 for improving the City's appearance and we will build on that this year. We retained Hanlon Horticultural Consultants, and we are lucky to have Andrea Hanlon advising and supervising our landscaping. Following the bidding process, we have just awarded the landscaping and gardening contract, as well as the mowing contract, to ProTurf. They will begin work March 1st. If you want to see their work, take a drive around Sutherland (which does its own landscaping and has been using ProTurf for many years).

The City's new Landscaping and Beautification Committee has set as its first priority improving the appearance along U.S. 42 through Prospect. We have conferred with the Highway authorities, learned the permitting process, and will be identifying the sections to be worked on first this spring. Similarly, we soon will begin cleaning up and then beautifying the west edge of Timber Ridge Drive from just past the Kroger fuel station to River Road. This is made possible by a gift of that strip of land from Mrs. Carolyn Helm to the City.

Many other important City functions continue to work well due to many, many residents who volunteer to make this happen. These include the Library, led by Councilwoman Sandra Leonard; the Parks Committee, led by Linda Wardell and Councilman Stuart Miles; the Ethics Committee, led by John Embry; the new City website, achieved by the work of Kathy Sauer, Joe Kehlbeck and Sandra Leonard; the Forestation Board, led by Lee Tucci, which keeps qualifying Prospect as a Tree City year after year; The Code Enforcement Board led by Evan Comer; and, the History Book Committee, which in this next year will produce a book on Prospect's history in commemoration of the City's 40th anniversary.

A word must be said about the many neighborhood associations that do so much toward providing the amenities of living in Prospect. In a way these are cities within the City, including Bridgepointe, The Landings, The Woodlands, Sutherland, Innisbrook, Fox Harbor, The Estates of Hunting Creek, and John Hancock Place. The Hunting Creek Country Club for fifty years has been an important social center for many residents from many of our neighborhoods. All of these associations have elected boards, dues, budgets, and offer recreation and beautification amenities.

Going forward, I envision our City striving to improve its attractiveness and taking care to maintain and improve our police force, while continuing to be a place where neighborhoods have swimming pools, tennis courts, and other recreation facilities, as well as local parties on Labor Day and at Christmas, with City-wide celebrations such as those on the Fourth and in the fall.

Your City government will work to maintain and improve these functions and activities which make Prospect such a great place to live. This includes things you don't notice unless they are not carried out routinely and well, such as twice a week trash collection and snow and ice removal, enforcing the speed limits, enforcing our laws, and keeping us free from litter. As to speeding and litter, please help us.

As for all of us at City Hall, our doors are always open, and we will continue to try to be responsive to your suggestions and concerns. Call us or come see us anytime. We look forward to it.

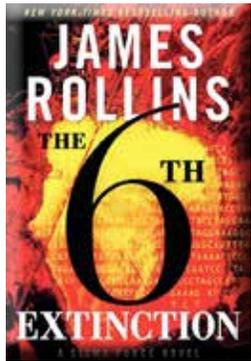
John E. Evans
Mayor

Junior Girl Scouts Visit City Hall



On January 7th, city hall was visited by Junior Girl Scout Troop 504. The ladies of the troop, along with troop leader Lisa Bache, were given the tour le grande of the facilities by Mayor John Evans along with a tour of the police department by Officer Toni Leitsch. If you have a youth organization that would be interested in a tour please call City Hall at 228-1121 to make arrangements.

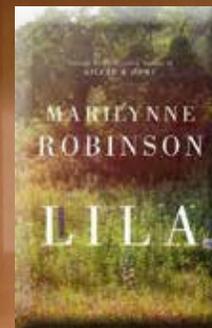
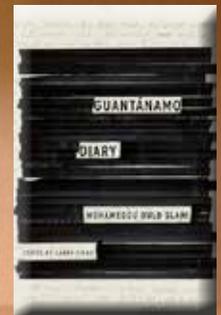
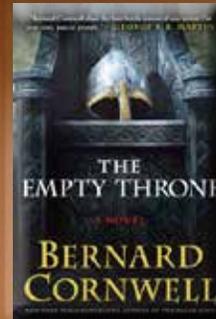
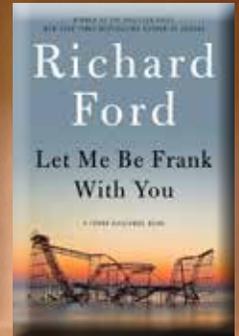
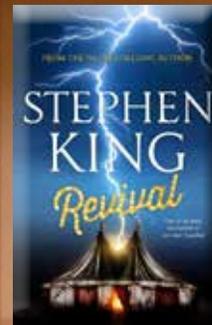
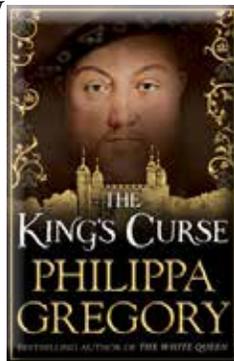
Prospect Library News



The good news/bad news about James Rollins' Sigma Force novels is that we know the good guys, Sigma Force and friends, will survive, so we can relax. That also reduces whatever suspense Rollins is aiming for to something fairly tepid. The Snow Cat will manage to leap the icy crevasse, Sigma's bullets will hit the mark; the bad guys' bullets will ricochet and bounce harmlessly to the ground. *The Sixth Extinction* begins with the premise, as in Elizabeth Kolbert's non-fiction book, *The Sixth Extinction – an Unnatural History*, that global warming is real, it's a result of human actions, and that, already, some plants and animals are extinct as a result. In Rollins' novel, the extinction is further along, scientists, good and evil, are working to help life on earth adapt to the changes, in the case of the evil scientists, by destroying humans so they can no longer destroy the world. The action takes place near Yosemite, in D.C, Brazil, and Antarctica. The best part of the book is in the afterword, where Rollins details the scientific and historical underpinnings of his story.

The Pact – Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream is an awkward, if accurate title. Unlike Rollins' latest book, this is a true story of people - Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Ramick Hunt – overcoming enormous odds to become doctors. And even though the title gives the ending away, this is a compelling, heartening story, and the pitfalls they meet on their way are tougher than anything Rollins can imagine. All three men met as youngsters just across the street from the housing projects in Newark, New Jersey. Their families were poor, broken, plagued with addictions, crime, violence, and the boys were not immune to the peer pressure of the gangs on their corners. Two were arrested but were juveniles, one, in his last year of medical school, was arrested in one of those “driving while black” situations. Yet, those boys were smart; caring adults noticed; their grades in school were always stellar. When the state of New Jersey began a program to get more minorities to become doctors and practice in the inner cities, they promised each other they'd do it. It's easy to think of their success as miraculous, but the true miracle workers were the family members who sacrificed the little they had, the mentors who guided them, but, mostly, the young men themselves.

Kate Middleton has it easy – some morning sickness, but no pressure to produce a son. England has managed just fine under two Elizabeths and a Victoria. It was much tougher in Henry VIII's day. None of his many wives produced a son who survived infancy, and we all know what happened to his wives. Philippa Gregory explores this story exhaustively in *The King's Curse*. The novel covers 42 years – that's 168 seasons of plantings, progressions, harvesting, Christmases – from the perspective of Margaret, Countess of Salisbury. Hilary Mantel has covered this ground in *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up the Bodies*. If this slice of British history interests you, try those novels instead.



Sandy Tucci



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 Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00
 Friday.....8:30 - 3:30

Prospect Police Department (Non-Emergency).....228-1150
 Prospect Police **Emergency Dispatch**.....228-COPS(2677)
 Fire & EMS Emergency911

Coffee with the Mayor

You are cordially invited to come meet with Mayor Evans and Chief Sherrard and voice any concerns or issues that involve the city. The Mayor and Chief will be available every Friday from Noon to 1 PM at the Starbucks located in the Kroger Shopping Center.

	Month Ended	Actual YTD 14/15	Actual YTD 13/14	14/15 Budget
	December			
Total Income	\$37,485.93	\$2,374,407.36	\$2,088,642.67	\$2,956,000.00
Expense				
General Government	\$65,408.64	\$410,804.86	\$413,908.10	\$826,496.99
Police Dept	\$79,927.86	\$452,886.74	\$491,237.02	\$939,535.47
Public Works	\$72,735.65	\$414,222.37	\$397,126.63	\$1,189,967.54
Total Expense	\$218,072.15	\$1,277,913.97	\$1,302,271.75	\$2,956,000.00
4800 · Municipal Road Aid Contribution	\$9,579.06	\$65,406.80	\$58,739.17	
4810 · Interest Income - Restricted	\$7.48	\$46.02	\$42.53	
Total	\$9,586.54	\$65,452.82	\$58,781.70	

A complete detail of these financials can be seen on our website www.prospeckyky.us or you may stop by City Hall for a paper copy.



Happy 102nd Birthday, Charlie Skinner!

Prospect resident Charles “Charlie” Skinner found himself the center of attention recently when Kroger hosted a surprise party celebrating Mr. Skinner’s 102nd birthday on January 13, 2015. Mr. Skinner, a native of Rochester, NY and long-time resident of the Prospect area, was presented with a cake and a giant card signed by employees and customers at the Prospect Kroger. When asked his secret to a long life, Mr. Skinner credited shopping at Kroger and eating vegetables. Fittingly, his birthday cake waited for him in the produce section.