



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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City Ordinance Reminder

Spring is upon us, and many of us are planning new projects around our homes. Before beginning, please remember to review the Prospect Code of Ordinances to ensure you are up to date on any rules and regulations that may pertain to your projects, as well as any permits that may be required. Some examples such as pools, fences, decks, playhouses and gazebos require a permit be issued by The City, a permit fee and a refundable deposit. Dumpsters and PODs also require a permit and permit fee, and must be placed in your driveway with dumpsters also requiring a deposit. All boats, trailers and RVs are to be stored inside of a garage except at times of loading, unloading, repair and/or maintenance, at which time a 72 hour permit may be requested at City Hall.

For more information on these and all of our city ordinances, please visit our website at: <http://prospectky.us/prospect-ordinances> for complete details or contact Prospect Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Lesch at 228-1121.

**Yardwaste Pick Up
Returns
To Your First Day
Of Garbage Pick
Up The Week Of
March 30th**



Have you ever been in an Emergency Situation and thought "If I only knew CPR or taken a class, I could have helped?" *SafetyNet* is a new company started by two local Firefighters who are in partnership with Harrods Creek Fire Department, bringing affordable CPR training to the Community. They are committed to providing the necessary emergency training

needed to administer CPR to family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Their instructors have been certified by the American Heart Association and want to increase the awareness of providing training of lifesaving techniques. Classes are offered for First Aid, CPR, and AED every 1st Wednesday of the month from 5:30 – 9:30 at Harrods Creek Fire Station.

If you are interested in taking a class, or your company needs certification, check out the website: cprsafetynet.com or go to HCFD.org to find out more information to register. You may also contact Dee Jay Kelly @ 741-1654

Parks & Recreation to Host Wildflower Walks

Prospect's Parks & Recreation Committee will host two wildflower walks this spring, led by resident expert, Jacquelyn McGrail. On each walk, you can expect to see between 20 and 30 species of native wildflowers in bloom, as well as a variety of trees, shrubs and birds.

The first walk will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 10AM in Putney Pond & Woodlands Park (rain date Sunday, March 29 at 1PM). Meet at the circle at the end of Putney Lane, off Timber Ridge Drive in The Landings subdivision.

The second walk will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 10AM in Harrods Creek Park (rain date Sunday, April 12 at 1PM). Meet at the trailhead on Montero Drive, off Deep Creek Drive in Hunting Creek subdivision.

To enhance your experience, we suggest the following:

- Dress for the weather (layers recommended)
- Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots
- A walking stick is advised as portions of the trail may be steep and/or muddy

You are invited to RSVP via email at lindajwardell@gmail.com, so that we know how many participants to expect, and also in order contact you with any changes in plans. If you have additional questions, please call City Hall at 228-1121.

A Message From Mayor John Evans

Just five weeks ago a foot of snow fell on us overnight. I want to publicly thank Bob Kirzinger and his Company for the work they did clearing Prospect's streets. Many of them worked for 18 hours straight. We had a minimal amount of complaints, and one of those was for not plowing a private driveway.

Just 4 weeks ago it was 5 below zero. Now spring seems to be here and our landscaping work is underway. The west side of Timber Ridge Drive, across from Smithfield Greene, has been cleared of weeds and brush, soon will receive some attractive plantings and a stone entrance wall, similar to others around the City, will stand at the entrance as you enter off of River Road. The Road itself will be paved by the bridge contractor this summer. Along U.S. 42, the stretch between Happy Hollow Road and the entrance to Hunting Creek has similarly been cleared, and as soon as it is dry enough it will be graded, seeded, and a four-rail fence put up to blend in with the fences and well-kept properties near it. The courts in Innisbrook will receive long needed attention. The neighborhood entrances, such as the Landings, already are being worked on. Work is occurring now along Hunting Creek Drive, mainly clearing and sodding, with new tree plantings to be done in the fall. Cowley Park will be spruced up. We are coordinating with the various neighborhood associations. There is more to be done to make our city look as good as it should, but it will take time. Our new landscaping contractor, Pro-Turf, and our landscaping consultant, Andrea Hanlon, are working together on these things every day.

Currently we are assessing the condition of our streets in preparation for a substantial amount of paving this summer. This will be paid for from the City's separate road maintenance fund, which receives annual amounts from the State for this.

We have received a \$2,800 litter abatement grant from the State, and recently purchased 3 sets of decorative metal trash and recycle cans to be placed in various areas in the city. Each will have a concrete base. We hope to add more. Current sites are Putney Lane, Fox Harbor entrance, and Timber Ridge at 42. Our new Code Enforcement employee, Mike Lesch, regularly tours the city streets picking up litter, among his other duties. Mike does a good job of enforcing our ordinances in a friendly way. Call us if you need his help.

Our accountants have given us our financial statement for the first 2/3 of the current fiscal year, through February. That statement shows that we are operating well under budget. If you would like a copy, let us know.

We have just been notified that we have been awarded Tree City USA for the 7th straight year, and Growth Award for the 4th straight year. Thank you to our Forestation Board, headed by Lee Tucci, for achieving this.

Tree Topping Does More Harm Than Good

Tree topping, also called "heading" or "hat racking" is a dangerous means of reducing the size of a tree. Residents might use this procedure to "shape" a tree or because they are concerned that the tree is becoming too tall and could be a risk for falling. Topping, however, could actually increase risk over time, and is stressful and harmful to trees. Since leaves provide

the food needed by trees, removing them can cause the tree to go into survival mode, producing multiple shoots at such a rapid pace that the tree can become too weak and die. These quickly-produced shoots are fragile and prone to breakage, increasing risk. Large open pruning wounds can foster insect and disease infestations, as well as serious decay of the tree. Additionally, a topped tree appears disfigured and can never recover its natural graceful form. While healthy attractive trees can add ten to twenty percent to the value of a property, mutilated trees are viewed as an expense and a potential liability.

Alternatives to topping: Small branches should be removed back to their point of origin, while a larger limb should be pruned back to lateral branch that is large enough to assume the terminal role (at least one-third the diameter of the limb being removed.) Sometimes, the best choice might be to remove the tree and replace it with a species more appropriate for the site. Any significant work on a tree should be performed by a certified arborist and the provider should have a permit to operate in the city of Prospect.

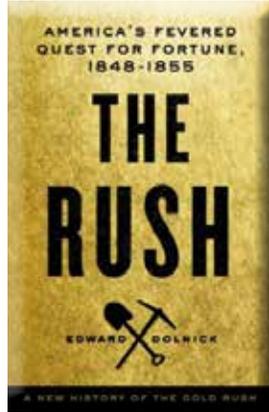
In Prospect, all public trees - those planted between the sidewalk and the street, within close distance of the street and those on medians, are under the supervision of the city and are NOT to be topped or removed by residents. In

fact, topping a public tree is a fineable offense. If there is a concern about a public tree, please contact City Hall at 228-1121. Our city is dedicated to increasing the beauty and livability of our community by maintaining a natural and beneficial tree canopy!



Prospect Library News

How many residents of Prospect would, upon hearing of a gold strike in the far reaches of a tributary of the Amazon, or diamonds glittering in a tropical stream trickling into the upper Congo, drop everything and join the rush to riches? Probably not many. We're too comfortable, the risks are too great. And Kentuckiana's poorest folk wouldn't go either. Where would they get the money for plane fare, helicopter charters, the camping equipment? The demographics of the people who didn't join the rush to California in 1849 Gold Rush were similar. The people, mostly men, who quit their jobs and set off, cross country, or across Panama, or around the tip of South America were the people stuck in the middle, clerks, for instance. Back then, in the days before carbon paper and typewriters, thousands of people toiled away copying, with pen and ink, multiple copies of sales receipts, wills, deeds...boring, tedious with no hope of advancement. They were copy machines. Those people, with a bit of money but with no "pioneering" skills, no experience with mules, oxen, camping, set off to change their prospects. Edward Dolnick's *The Rush* is an interesting story of those adventurers, winners and losers, who risked everything. Taking such chances is an American tradition – we all have ancestors recent or long ago, who said goodbye, stepped on a boat or plane, and came to the New World for a fresh start.



Some of the very best books can't be classified – not who-dun-its, not spy thrillers, not romances – just great reads with truly memorable characters. *Norwegian by Night* by Derek Miller gave me more true pleasure than most of the books I've read this year. Imagine Saul, Jewish, 80 years old, retired watch repairman, ex-Marine sniper. Now living in Norway, a country with only 1000 Jews. Imagine him trying to rescue a young boy, a refugee from the Balkans, from the killer of the boy's mother. Every character in this book is terrific, most of them are very likeable, except for the ones that are despicable. I loved every word – my only complaint is that there weren't more of them.

Novels set in Florida may have a special appeal in a Kentucky winter, and that may be enough to recommend the latest in Elaine Veits' *Dead End Jobs mysteries*. Catnapped certainly devotes an inordinate amount of time to Helen Hawthorne's (one half of a husband and wife private detective agency) time as a cat groomer for some Persian cats. When the novel isn't busy detailing how to bathe those cats, contrasting those feline queens with other characters' cats, it's busy laying out such ripe red herrings that every cat in Florida and adjoining states would pounce on them. Add too much discussion of clothes, hair, shoes, and cutesy references to love making that take place, like sex in old movies, after the scene fades to black, and you have a forgettable book. This is "lite" reading, but for some on a gray afternoon, it's a harmless way to pass a few hours waiting for spring to arrive.

Sandy Tucci





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 Monday8:30 - 6:30 Prospect Police Dispatch.....228-COPS(2677)
 Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00 Police, Fire & EMS Emergency911
 Friday.....8:30 - 3:30

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 Prospect Starbucks.

	Month Ended	Actual YTD 14/15	Actual YTD 13/14	14/15 Budget
	February 2015			
Total Income	\$251,570.08	\$2,707,831.75	\$2,385,081.43	\$2,956,000.00
Expense				
General Government	\$55,261.33	\$519,758.07	\$534,140.53	\$826,496.99
Police Dept	\$90,679.99	\$606,331.61	\$644,212.83	\$939,535.47
Public Works	\$72,054.87	\$584,135.50	\$620,909.07	\$1,189,967.54
Total Expense	\$217,996.19	\$1,710,225.18	\$1,799,262.43	\$2,956,000.00
4800 · Municipal Road Aid Contribution	\$9,687.16	\$84,894.46	\$78,057.78	
5568 · Reforestation-MSD Allocated	\$0.00	\$18,771.50	\$0.00	\$42,000.00
4810 · Interest Income - Restricted	\$6.99	\$60.82	\$56.90	
Total	\$9,586.54	\$103,726.78	\$78,114.68	

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

Prospect Business Spot Light Gracious Plenty

The City of Prospect extends a warm welcome to Gracious Plenty, which will be opening their second location at 9207 US Highway 42, in Prospect Plaza off Carslaw Court, in mid-April. In addition to full-service catering and carry-out services, the Prospect location will offer dine-in with a recharge bar, where patrons can choose from a menu including freshly-made soups and salads, beef shepherd pie, turkey tetrazzini and a variety of delicious pastries and also recharge their phones, tablets, and other electronic devices while they eat. Owner Matthew Burgess anticipates business hours to be 10 a.m.-9 p.m. weekdays, as well as Saturday lunch and Sunday brunch. Uniformed emergency service professionals will receive a discount for dining in. For more information about Gracious Plenty's catering and carry-out services or for a glimpse of their menu, their website address is: www.graciousplentycatering.com.

Once an issue we will be selecting local business to feature in this spot. Want your Prospect Business to appear in the newsletter? Send a brief write up to Ron Cundiff at citymaint@prospecky.com