



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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The Financial Statement from our accountants for the first nine months of this fiscal year shows we are operating below budget. Copies are available. A proposed budget for next fiscal year beginning July 1st was presented to all Council members two weeks ago and discussed at the April 20th Council meeting. Thanks to Councilwoman Sandra Leonard, Assistant Chief Todd Shaw, Holly LeVold and Julia Clore for the many meetings and their work in accomplishing this. It will receive a first reading at the May Council meeting.

Landscaping work has been slowed down by all the rain. As soon as we have a few more dry days the stretch between Happy Hollow Road and the entrance to Hunting Creek will be graded to prevent the accumulation of water you see there now, and it will be seeded. After that our Maintenance Department will build a four rail fence there to match the others along that stretch of 42.

Work along Hunting Creek Drive also has been hindered by rain. Now that it has let up, that work has resumed. This

particular part of the City is the oldest, and needs a lot of improvement, which we are going to do. Dead and dying trees have been removed and new ones will be planted as soon as we can get them. The same is true of the large triangular area at the entrance to Hunting Creek. At the same time, we are working with the neighborhood associations of the other subdivisions, such as Bridgepointe, the Landings, Innisbrook, and the Hunting Creek Estates. Entrances to all neighborhoods will have flowers planted as soon as weather permits.

Our current trash and recycling collection contract expires in June. Council Members Frank Fulcher, Luke Schmidt, Sandra Leonard, and others have put a lot of work into a new form of contract, and it was advertised for bids starting last week. Following up on the termination of the take-home police cars, the excess cars have now been sold. This policy change will save the City more than \$35,000 a year.

We are in discussions with paving contractors. The company which just won the Metro contract will be coming here so we can explore piggybacking on Metro's contract. We currently expect to begin paving as early as June. This will be paid for out of the separate road budget. The bridge contractor will repave Timber Ridge Drive this summer.

Plans for the annual July 4th celebration are well underway. We have contracted with the same fireworks company as last year, and are lining up everything else, such as food vendors.

I want to publicly express my appreciation to the City's employees for their good work. It always is dangerous to single anyone out, but just this time I want to say how lucky we are to have Holly LeVold as our Chief Administrative Officer. Our entire administrative staff does a good job. On rare occasion someone abuses them for simply doing their job such as enforcing the ordinances which the Council has passed. Please don't do that. Similarly, our police not only protect us but help our residents in many ways, and we hear about it. I received compliments about two of our officers just this week. Praise for someone

doing his or her job well goes a long way.

John E. Evans - Mayor



BBB Announces New Way to Report Scams

The Better Business Bureau serving Louisville, southern Indiana, and western Kentucky is proud to announce a new way for consumers to report scams! BBB's Scam Tracker is a website that allows consumers to report schemes and review other cases of fraud occurring across the United States and in their local areas. Consumers can also see what types of scams are trending. Each report details the scam, how much money the victim has lost (if any), gives tips on how the scam works, and provides tips on what you can do to protect yourself against scams.

Nearly 400 scams have been reported, so far, across the Country. BBB's President/CEO, Charlie Mattingly, says, "BBB Scam Trackers allows the public to report con artists working the phones, emails, and streets, not only in Louisville, but across the nation."

Reported scams include IRS imposter scams, foreign lotteries, sweepstakes, debt relief, fake tech support, government grants, work-from-home scams, and more.

If you hear about a scam, please report it by going to: <http://www.bbb.org/scam-tracker/louisville>. Of course, you can still call BBB to report scams, at 1-800-388-2222.



Connecting Prospect

The City of Prospect, with Louisville Metro Parks & Recreation, will be hosting a public meeting for a project to consider possible routes to connect the City of Prospect and East End Bridge with a pedestrian/bicycle path. Once the path from Prospect reaches the East End bridge it will connect to a 15 foot wide pedestrian/bicycle path on the bridge that will be separated from the traffic lanes.

The meeting will be **Tuesday, May 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Prospect City Hall, 9200 US Highway 42, Prospect, KY 40059**. The meeting will be an open house format with a brief overview of the project. Residents are invited to view exhibits about the project and provide input on potential routes that would connect the City of Prospect and East End Bridge. Metro Louisville Parks is working on securing funding for this project.



Looking For A Deal On Some Good Books?

Then you need to be at Prospect City Hall on **May 15th and 16th for the Spring Prospect Library Book Sale!**

We've got deals on HUNDREDS of gently used books, tapes and CDs. Book donations are always welcome and are tax deductible! If you only have a few to donate (5 or less) they can be placed in the book drop. Please bring large donations in or ask at the front desk for assistance.

Protect Your Ash Trees

Prospect has arranged to have Limbwalkers, which will be treating city ash trees against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), to also treat privately owned trees for the same rate as the company is charging the city. As you may have learned from radio and television commercials, the insect is present in our area, and untreated trees die. The rate Limbwalker is charging the city and private home owners is \$8 per diameter inch. The diameter inch is determined by measuring the diameter of the ash tree about 4- 1/2 feet above the ground, thus treating a tree with a diameter of 10 inches will cost \$80. Trees need to be treated every two years. Trees smaller than 5 1/2 inches in diameter require a different treatment. That treatment must be repeated annually.

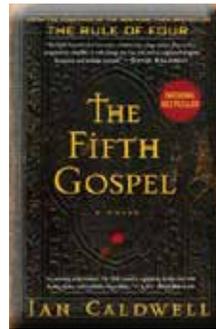
Untreated trees can quickly succumb to the ash borer, and the cost of removing a dead tree can be considerably higher, plus, of course, the immeasurable cost of no longer having a beautiful tree to grace your property.

If you would like your ash trees treated, call Gary Murphy at Limbwalkers (502-639-1653) before May 12 to make arrangements. The work will be done sometime in May or early June.



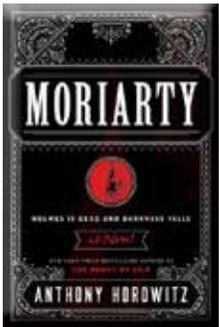
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The Fifth Gospel by Ian Caldwell is set in the Vatican in 2004. The plot involves the Shroud of Turin, the internal rivalries of various power centers in the Vatican, a mysterious death, a trial, and the lives of two brothers, both Catholic priests, one Roman, one Eastern. But, while there is plenty of intrigue and violence, this is no Dan Brown novel – no crazed Albino monks, no evil Opus Dei conspiracy. Central to the story is the desire of the sick, old Pope John Paul to unite the Roman and Orthodox churches, the extreme measures taken by some in the Vatican to derail the process, and the Shroud – how did it arrive in Western Europe in 1204 and where had it been before that, and, of course, was it truly the cloth that was wrapped around the crucified Christ’s body, leaving an image on the cloth?



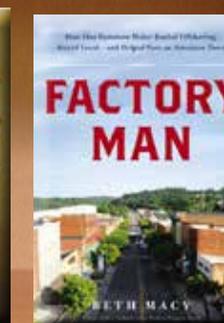
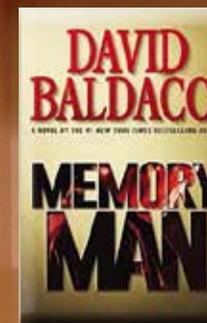
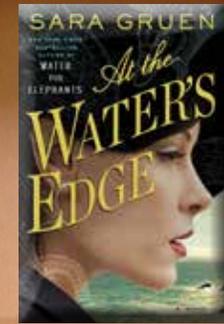
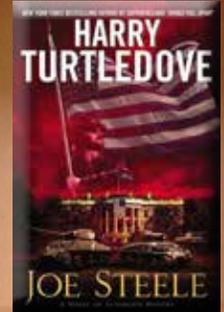
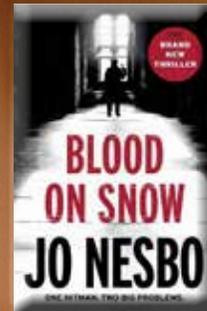
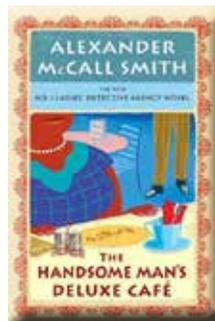
Clearly, such questions are of more interest to Roman Catholic readers than to others, but there is much here to interest more general readers. First is the Vatican itself – almost a character. Did you know that within the Vatican are not only the Pope and the Sistine Chapel, but also a dry cleaners, a supermarket, a gas station, families with children? And the two brothers grew up there. Bible studies people will find the discussion of the contradictions among the four Gospels interesting – others can skim through those parts and still enjoy the love story, the political in-fighting (those guys play hardball – they make Congress look like a Quaker meeting.) It isn’t necessary to share a faith to be moved by its power and meaning to the faithful as any non-Jew who has read Chaim Potok’s *The Chosen* can testify.

Much less weighty is Anthony Horowitz’s *Moriarty*. Sherlock Holmes fans will recognize the name immediately. Set in the London of Watson and Holmes, this will satisfy fans, those Baker Street Irregulars, who wish that a few more stories would turn up in an old trunk that once belonged to Arthur Conon Doyle. Horowitz is a gifted mystery writer, having created tv’s *Foyle’s War*. How many readers will figure out who-dun-it before the last chapter?



And, lightest of all this month, so light you may need to

keep a firm grip on the book to keep it from floating away, is a return to the #1 Ladies’ Detective Agency. Alexander McCall Smith’s latest is called *The Handsome Man’s De Luxe Café*. Fans will enjoy the latest “mystery” Mma Ramotswe solves with the help of Anderson’s Principles of Private Detection, her late father’s advice, and her own good sense. Troubles in her town in Botswana are generally sorted out over a piece of fruit cake that the “traditionally built” Mma Ramotswe shares with her equally ample friend, Matron Potokwane, head of the Orphan Farm. Readers can enjoy this without having read previous books in the series, return readers will slip comfortably back into the life of the pleasant world McCall Smith has created.



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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
	March 2015			
Total Income	\$11,604.03	\$2,719,435.78	\$2,431,079.95	\$2,956,000.00
Expense				
General Government	\$59,069.08	\$578,827.15	\$603,171.39	\$826,496.99
Police Dept	\$50,115.91	\$656,100.52	\$707,579.83	\$939,535.47
Public Works	\$80,320.12	\$645,684.12	\$732,842.17	\$1,189,967.54
Total Expense	\$189,505.11	\$1,880,611.79	\$2,043,593.39	\$2,956,000.00
4800 · Municipal Road Aid Contribution	\$7,557.03	\$92,451.49	\$86,449.05	
5568 · Reforestation-MSD Allocated	\$0.00	\$18,771.50	\$0.00	\$42,000.00
5569 · Parks-MSD Allocated	\$0.00	\$54,243.05	\$0.00	\$54,243.05
4810 · Interest Income - Restricted	\$6.96	\$67.78	\$64.58	
Total	\$7,563.99	\$165,533.82	\$86,513.63	

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

Prospect Business Spotlight

Brownsboro Hardware

In the spring a homeowner's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of* gardening, grilling, and home improvement, and for Prospect residents Brownsboro Hardware is there to help. Their 2000-square-foot garden center is well-stocked with equipment and supplies for master gardeners to those with only faintly green thumbs, while next door they've got Benjamin Moore paints, Weber grills, and supplies for all your household hardware needs. They'll also refill your propane tank, cut keys and re-key locks, sharpen your tools, and help you match paint color. Located in Prospect Point Shopping Center next to Blackstone Grill, Brownsboro Hardware is open weekdays 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturdays 8-5, and Sundays 10-5. For assistance or more information, give them a call at 292-2595 or check out their website at www.brownsborohardware.com.

*Apologies to Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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@prospectky.com