Drainage, Paving and Parks!

At least 50 Prospect residents came to a public meeting with MSD officials at City Hall on August 20th. More than 60 have sent emails, many with photos and videos, to MSD’s CEO, Greg Heitzman, describing their problems with flooding, and in some cases sewage, repeatedly invading their homes and destroying property, during the intense rains in late June and mid-July. MSD has promised to investigate every one of these and address them. This flooding situation has gone on all over Jefferson County. Numerous County residents lost their homes entirely. We are in regular communication with MSD and will continue to be. We understand that MSD intends to hold another public meeting here in the near future, and will publicize that as soon as a date is set.

Seventeen of our streets have just been re-paved. No paving was done last year. The cost, over $300,000, will be paid out of the City’s separate Road Fund, which annually receives money from the State. The choice of which streets to pave this year was made following visual inspections by me and Ron Cundiff, our Maintenance Director. Timber Ridge Drive between U.S. 42 and River Road will be paved by Walsh Vinci, the bridge contractor, this fall.

We are getting our Park back! For reasons no one knows, the open green space between City Hall and Fox Harbor Road (now known as Little Hunting Creek Park) was deeded to MSD in 1999 along with the transfer of our sewer system and plants. When I met with MSD earlier this week, we all agreed that the transfer of this land was done by mistake, and they will give it back to us within a month. This is where we held our Fall Festival last October, and will again, bigger and better, this year. I will seek to expand the City Hall parking area onto the west edge of this land so that residents will be able to park here, rather than across U.S. 42, when a City meeting attracts many people.

John E. Evans - Mayor

The City of Prospect Presents

James M. Prichard

Embattled Capital - Frankfort, Kentucky in the Civil War

Wednesday, September 16
2:30 P.M.
In the Lawrence C. Falk Reading Center
Located at City Hall

Mr. Prichard has written and contributed to numerous works on the Civil War including The Kentucky Encyclopedia, The World Encyclopedia of Slavery, Confederate Generals in the Western Theater, and Virginia at War: 1863, to name a few. He works in the Special Collections Department of the Filson Historical Society in Louisville and is the former Research Room Supervisor for Libraries and Archives in Frankfort.

Books will be available for purchase after the presentation. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Leonard, 228-4637 or leonard@prospectky.com.
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Fall Festival Promises To Be “SPOOKTACULAR”!

Trailblazers needed! Prospect’s Fall Festival was such a great success last year we’re left with no option than to make it bigger and better, and for that we need YOUR help. Specifically, we’re looking for groups of volunteers from all of Prospect’s subdivisions to create and man stations on our themed trail. Are you a Grim Reaper from River Glen? A Westover Drive Werewolf? Don’t let the Bridgepointe Trolls and Fox Harbor Fox & Hounds have all the fun! The more teams we get, the spookier—and if enough volunteers sign up, we may even have two themed trails: a haunted trail, and another with a “Candyland” theme. So call up your friends and neighbors and start brainstorming! If you have any questions or want to sign up to volunteer, give us a call at 228-1121.

Fall Festival will be held in Little Hunting Creek Park (next to City Hall) Saturday, October 24 beginning at 4 p.m., with the themed trail opening at 5. After dusk we’ll be showing “Bedknobs and Broomsticks” on an inflatable screen, so bring your blankets and lawn chairs to relax and enjoy the show. It’ll be spooktacular!

Got a Drone?

We need pictures of Prospect for our history book. If you have a drone that can take clear, overhead photos and are willing to volunteer to help us, please contact Sandra Leonard, 228-6657 or sleonard@prospectky.com.

Dont Miss Your Chance!

The pictures for the 2016 City of Prospect Calendar are pouring in! Don’t miss your chance! Next year’s edition will feature “The Pets Of Prospect”. Do you have a picturesque pooch? A chromatic kitty? Or perhaps maybe even a glamorous gecko? No matter what your “little buddy” is we are asking for photos of him or her to feature in the 2016 calendar!

Pictures can be submitted to Ron Cundiff by either burning them to a disc and dropping them off at City Hall, or if under 5 meg in size, emailed to citymaint@prospectky.com. Please include your name and your pet’s name with the submission.

Now the important part! All photos must be in landscape format, that is to say oriented “long ways,” not “up and down,” Deadline for entry is November 1, 2015.

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Prospect Business Spotlight

Ladybug Gifts

With summer behind us and the kids back in school, there’s no time like the present to get started on holiday shopping, and there’s no better place than Ladybug Gifts in Prospect Plaza, across U.S. 42 from City Hall. Ladybug Gifts offers jewelry, handbags, home décor, accessories, and baby gifts to the discerning shopper, much of it with an option for personalization. Their gift specialists are also happy to provide free wrapping or help you place a special order. You can also place orders online at www.ladybugprospect.com. Please be sure to stop by Ladybug Gifts between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday or Saturday 10-5, or give them a call at 384-4438. The holidays will be here before you know it!

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 Laura Taylor at citydesk@prospectky.com.
George Washington understood that it wasn’t necessary to defeat the British to win the Revolutionary War. All he needed to do was hold the Continental Army together, and eventually, the British would give up and go home. He also understood that the main difficulty in holding his army together wasn’t his soldiers’ courage and endurance, it was the inability of the states, under the Articles of Confederation, to provide the means to feed, clothe, arm, and shelter his army. It was the latter weakness that led him to come out of retirement to attend the Constitutional Convention, along with Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison. Joseph Ellis’s *The Quartet* tells the story of those meetings, those men, that won what Ellis calls the Second American Revolution, the one that made it possible for the states to unite under a federal government strong enough to create a nation. Washington’s insights are still relevant. Had we remembered, we might have avoided Vietnam, Iraq, where the armies we were fighting didn’t have to beat us, they just had to outlast us. And in Europe today, the European Union, and the euro, are as dominated by big countries like Germany as the small states like New Hampshire were overwhelmed by Virginia’s wealth and power under the Articles of Confederation. A good story, well told.

Chimanda Ngozi Adichie, author of *Americanah*, has a real disadvantage. Her novels will always be on the top shelf, far over to the left, easy to overlook. And that’s a shame, because this is a special novel. Adichie is a winner of a MacArthur award; what she writes is worth reading. This is a novel about American Africans, not African Americans. Adichie’s American Africans, like Adichie herself, are people who grew up middle class in Africa, unconscious of color because everyone, from prime ministers to bus boys, was black. Only when young people from, say, Nigeria, came to the U.S. or Britain for college, did they find themselves in a special category, not white, of course, but also not African American. Her heroine, Ifemelu, has harrowing experiences trying to finance her studies – scholarships and work study don’t cover food, shelter, books. But in the end she thrives, with university appointments and a popular blog – some of which are part of the book. Three wonderful men fall in love with her – that’s about 2 1/2 more than most women experience. But her first love, Obinze, and Africa itself, call her back. Ifemelu, like the author, has become a person of two worlds and of neither. This is a novel that will both intrigue readers and probably stretch their minds.
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.

All City Of Prospect Tax Bills Have Been Mailed
Taxes Are Due By October 1st

Late payment penalties will apply after that date. Please call 228-1121 if you have not received your bill. You may also want to note City Hall’s after hours mail drop slot near the old city hall entrance to the left of the main entrance.

Please remember... It is your responsibility to forward your bill to your lending institution so the bill can be paid promptly and avoid penalties.