

PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Fall Festival, City Staffing, MSD, And The "Orange Trail"



Saturday afternoon and evening, October 24th, the City again will celebrate Fall and the Hallowe'en season. Called "Fall Festival," held at Little Hunting Creek Park and the trails into Putney Pond Park (between City Hall and the Fox Harbor entrance), there will be a pumpkin-decorating contest for kids 13 and under; bouncy houses, slides, a climbing wall, and other inflatable games and activities; popcorn, cotton candy, and sno-cones; and a trackless train to ferry you to the head of our themed trail. We're still looking for volunteers to set up and man stations along the trail, which this year is themed "Candyland," so call City Hall at 228-1121 if you'd like to sign up. After dusk we'll gather in the park for a free outdoor showing of "Bedknobs and Broomsticks" on a 30' by 40' inflatable screen. It's sure to be an enjoyable adventure for the whole family.

Everyone who calls City Hall, or checks out books, knows Laura Taylor, whose welcoming "How may I help you?" is her trademark. The holder of three degrees (two Masters), she has been promoted to City Clerk by me and a unanimous Council.



From left to right:
Laura Taylor, Mike Lesch and Christian Leighninger

Next, our bookkeeping is now being done part-time under contract with an accounting firm, under Holly LeVold's supervision. Holly, in case you didn't know, does a great job as our Chief Administrative Officer. Third, Mike Lesch, who has been handling both Code Enforcement and also being part-time assistant to Ron Cundiff on maintenance, now will spend full time on Code Enforcement plus handling business licenses and building permits. Finally, Christian Leighninger has been hired full time to give us a two-man maintenance staff, headed by Ron, which we have badly needed, more so now that we are cutting some of our own grass. Christian is a hard worker and has more energy than two people, and we're delighted to have him. The total incremental cost of these changes is \$4,250, or 0.13% of our budget.

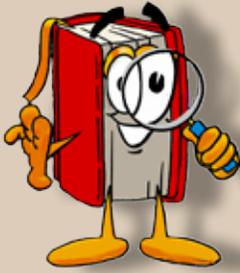
We held a second public meeting here with MSD on September 24th. They brought 6 of their top people to explain what they've done, what they're going to do, and answer any questions. One of their officers attending was Tony Parrott, who by now has taken over from Greg Heitzman, who has retired after 4 years as CEO. Mr. Parrott's email address is tony.parrott@louisvillemsd.org. Please send any questions or issues concerning continuing or unaddressed problems with stormwater or wastewater to him, with a copy to me at mayor@prospectky.com.

Last but by no means least: you should see the new "Orange Trail" in Harrods Creek Park. First, it is terribly misnamed, because it's not "just" a trail (and it certainly isn't orange). I went there last week. It is wide, open, and beautiful, so much so that it reminded me of the only time I have seen Montana — the "Big Sky." City land to begin with, MSD buried their pipes there and tore up a wide swath. MSD paid for a very large number of new young trees, which have been planted, as well as for a gravel parking area, and new grass and many wildflowers also have been planted there. It parallels Harrods Creek, and I would guess it's a mile long. Another time, find the park bench overlooking Putney Pond, watch for "Whitey" (the resident White Egret), dozens of redwing blackbirds who live among the cattails, and enjoy a chorus of bullfrogs. All this is due to the dedication and countless hours of volunteer work, including the Boy Scouts courtesy of Lynn Granger, headed by the City's Parks Committee led by Linda Wardell and Councilman Stuart Miles. The Parks Committee receives less than 1.2% of the City's budget.



John E. Evans - Mayor

Looking For A Deal On Some Good Books?



Then you need to be at
Prospect City Hall on
**October 16th and 17th for the Fall
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.

Whats That Up In The Sky?



It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a.... Drone? Yes, that is a drone flying over the city. The Prospect History Book Project has gone high-tech.

Volunteers are using drones to take pictures of our subdivisions and comon areas for the upcoming history book. Questions regarding the drone or the project may be directed to Councilwoman Sandra Leonard at 228-6657 or sleonard@prospectky.com

Last Call For Pet Pictures

The deadline for pet pictures is rapidly approaching! Pictures for the 2016 City of Prospect calendar 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 city-maint@prospectky.com. All photos must be in landscape format, that is to say oriented "long ways," not "up and down," such as the picture to the left. Pictures will be selected based on overall cuteness and picture quality. Sorry, but please don't submit cell phone pictures. Most cell phones do not take a high enough quality picture for it to be enlarged to the needed size. Deadline for entry is November 1, 2015.



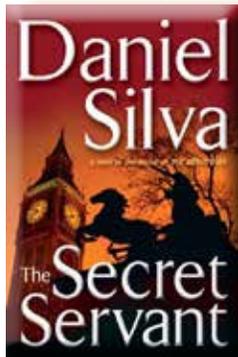
City Administrator Holly LeVold's new buddy Viggo

Prospect Business Spotlight Prospect Party Center

Are you planning a party? Whether you're looking forward to a weekend of tailgating or hosting an autumn-tide gathering in your home, the Prospect Party Center has all your party supplies for an occasion to remember. In addition to a wide selection of beer, wine, and spirits from around the world, the Prospect Party Center offers gourmet foods and cheeses for preparing appetizers and hors d'oeuvres and party supplies such as balloons, party favors, decorations, and tableware. They'll even help with invitations! Those fortunate enough to be invited to one of these events can even call upon the friendly staff at the Prospect Party Center to help put together a hostess gift. Stop by the Prospect Party Center at 9521 U.S. 42 in the Prospect Point Shopping Center Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m.-7 p.m., or give them a call at 228-3390.

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

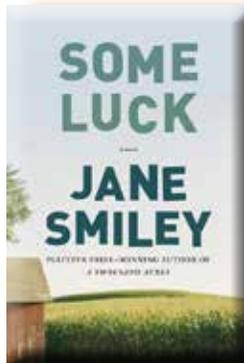
Prospect Library News



We have a new 11 disc audio book by Daniel Silva, *Secret Servant*, featuring Israeli intelligence officer and art restorer Gabriel Allon who, along with his usual team, must once again defeat Islamic terrorists who have kidnapped the daughter of America's ambassador to the UK. This is a good series, especially good, perhaps, as an audio book for a long drive to an away game. It's a teeny bit dated, the U.S. President, whom we hear briefly, has a distinct Texas accent, and it's not Rick Perry. You may find yourself driving around the block a

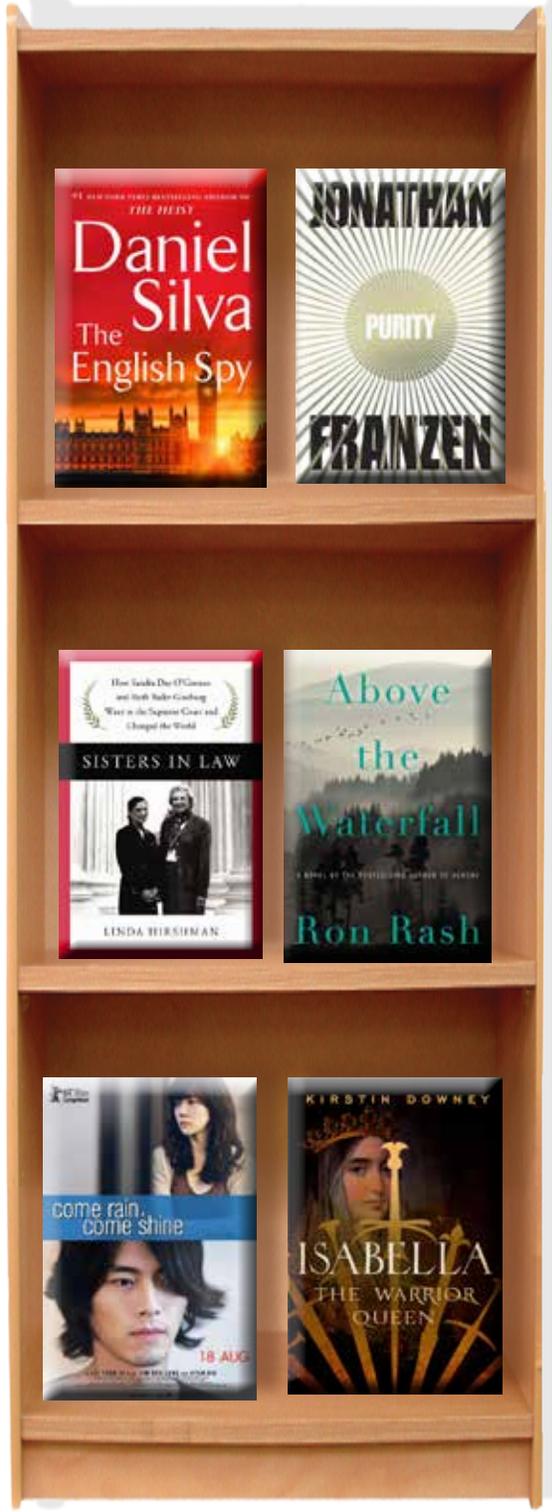
few times to hear the end if you get home early.

Jane Smiley, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, has created some wonderful characters and great stories over a long career. The characters in *Some Luck*, are part of a large Iowa farm family, and the novel takes us through their lives over a long swath of the 20th century, from the end of World War I, droughts, floods, the Depression, World War II. It should be interesting. The people are Iowa-nice, and that may be the problem. Much as in real life we all prefer nice people, in fiction the Joker is more interesting than Batman, Darth Vader is compelling, Boris Bad-enough is more fun than Dudley Do-Right. Smiley has proposed this book as the first of a three part series. That may be more of a threat than a promise.



The Violinist's Thumb by Sam Kean actually has a longer, more descriptive title. The rest of it is: and Other Lost Tales of Love, War, and Genius as Written by Our Genetic Code. The violinist in the title is Paganini, a virtuoso who had incredibly flexible fingers – he could stretch his pinkie finger out at a right angle to his hand; he could stretch his index finger across the back of his hand to touch his pinkie finger. It's easy to imagine the advantage he had over other violinists. But that flexibility was also a curse – all his joints were that rubbery. They caused him severe pain. He suffered from poor vision and fatigue and died young. Kean's discussion of genetics, a topic that can lead to a tangle of alphabets – DNA, RNA, is leavened with interesting stories both of the scholars who study the topic and of the people who benefit or suffer because of their genetic heritage. For puzzle fans, he also includes a DNA related acrostic.

Historical novels can be fun and informative. Good ones tend to be true to the time period, but the true historical figures appear mainly as cameos, because how can the author make us believe she knows what Ulysses S. Grant was thinking? Jennifer Chiaverini's *Mrs. Grant and Julia* is a textbook example of bad writing. Hackneyed, trite, dishonest and based much too heavily on Julia's diary. Julia Grant's crossed eyes brim with, fill with, spill over with tears every time she and Grant part or meet. The novel is less than 400 pages long, but it seemed to last nearly as long as the Civil War.





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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	

City-Wide Shredding Event Planned

The City is sponsoring a "City-Wide Shredding Event". On October 17th from 9AM-12PM, Greenway Shredding will be at the rear of City Hall to take care of all your shredding needs. The items will not be shredded on site, but securely taken to their facility and destroyed. Some residents may not be comfortable with letting their items be taken away. Those residents may take their items directly to Greenway Shredding at no charge. However, you must show proof of residence.

The City Of Prospect's

2nd Annual FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, OCT. 24 @ 4 p.m.
At Little Hunting Creek Park
(Next To City Hall)

PUMPKIN DECORATING

TRAIN RIDES

CANDY LAND

ROCK WALL

THEMED TRAILS

INFLATABLE RIDES

FOOD TRUCKS

FEATURING

MOVIE NIGHT
 WITH

Disney's

Bedknobs and Broomsticks

Showing at dusk on
a giant inflatable screen!

The City of Prospect's
8th ANNUAL ARBORFEST

Saturday, October 17th
9AM- 12 Noon

Prospect City Hall Parking Area

It is time again to celebrate Prospect's designation as a Tree City USA with Arborfest. There will be 100 free trees available to residents, and they do go quickly. This year's trees include new varieties not offered in previous events.

Large tree: Swamp White Oak

Medium trees: Old Glory Red Maple, Princeton Elm, Sourwood

Small trees: Japanese Tree Lilac, Chinese (Housa) Dogwood

Information on each species will be available as well as planting guidance and tips on dealing with our neighbors the deer.



City Arborist Andrea Hanlon will be on hand as well as arborists from tree care companies. Coffee and juice will be available to help get the morning started. There will also be a special new activity for children.