

PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Mayor Evans (far left) swears in the 2017-18 Prospect City Council. (from left to right) Jeff Stovall, Sandra Leonard, Stuart Miles, Luke Schmidt, Susan Nicholson and Frank Fulcher.

Zoning Meeting, City Council And More.....

The 198 unit 4 story apartment project along Timber Ridge Drive proposed by LDG must have a zoning change in order to be built. The Planning Commission's public hearing on that proposed zoning change now has been set for Tuesday, January 31st beginning at 6 p.m. Despite a petition signed by over 500 Prospect residents to hold that hearing at a convenient location near Prospect, the downtown zoning authorities have decided to hold it downtown, at the "old jail" building at 6th and Liberty Streets. IT IS IMPORTANT that as many of us as possible attend, and sign up to speak, at this public meeting. (Signup sheets will be available that evening at the meeting.) The City of Prospect will provide several buses to take us to this meeting, and then to bring us home afterward. The buses will assemble at 4:30 at the Prospect Point parking lot (in front of the Prospect Post Office) and will begin the drive to downtown, some

beginning at 5 o'clock, some later, on Tuesday, January 31st. Of course, you may drive yourself if you prefer. There is a large public garage immediately behind the Old Jail with entrances off 6th Street and Armory Place. Well over 200 residents

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Council Member Tucci Retires



We here at City Hall wish to extend both our congratulations and our regrets on the retirement of Council Member Sandy Tucci. Sandy was first elected to City Council in November 1996 and has served continuously ever since, making her the city's longest-serving Council Member. In 2008 Sandy's fellow Council Members acknowledged her years of service to the Prospect community by awarding her the Beach Craignyle Public Service Award. During her 20-year tenure she has been a conscientious steward of the city's finances, the police department, and our trees, as well as advocating for the Fox Harbor neighborhood, where she resides, and writing book reviews for the city newsletter. Over the years Sandy served on committees ranging from the Ordinance Review Board to the Police Department Evaluation Board, the Budget Committee, and the Library Committee.

More recently, she has occasionally shouldered the responsibility of presiding over Council meetings in the mayor's absence. As Mayor Evans observed at the November Council meeting, we will miss Sandy's wit and wisdom, and wish her all the best in her retirement from Council.

Plowing Ahead!

We don't know how much or when, but we do know with the advent of the winter season, that snow is on the way and with it, snowplows. The City spends a substantial amount on snow removal each year. Maintaining hills and main thoroughfares are the main focus during snow events with secondary streets coming next. Flat areas and courts follow. Below are some tips to help make it easier on all of us:

- ❄ Do not park your car on the street if it can be avoided. If deemed a hazard it can and will be towed.
- ❄ If you have a rubber driveway/gutter mat, remove it before the snow starts to avoid it being dragged down the street by a plow. The City is NOT responsible for replacing or paying for these.
- ❄ If you have installed asphalt curbing to redirect water it is recommended that you mark the area with pole markers or small traffic cones so they are visible to the plows. These are available at most hardware stores. While every effort is made to avoid damaging these curbs, it is impossible to know where they were added when buried beneath snow. They will not be replaced by the City if damaged.
- ❄ It should be noted that the City is not responsible for clearing the end of your driveway. To report issues or damage resulting from plowing please call City Hall at 228-1121

'Tis the Season

It's that time of year once again. No not spring, at least not yet anyway, it's pothole season! The constant cycle of freezing temperatures and consequent warming causes those pesky little menaces to rear their ugly heads. Potholes form when water gets in the cracks in the roadway, freezes and expands. While the city does its best to fill potholes as they occur, sometimes they slip past us. To report a pothole on a "city owned street" please call City Hall at 228-1121 or email it to citymaint@prospectky.com and we will take care of it as soon as we possibly can.

To report a pothole outside of the city or on US 42 you can call "Metro Call" at 311.



Oh! ...Tannenbaum

Christmas tree disposal: There is no deadline for leaving Christmas trees out for Rumpke to collect. Please cut down any trees taller than 6', remove all decorations (including tinsel), and put them out with regular trash, not yard waste.



e-Cycle Event

First Baptist Church of Prospect
8911 US Hwy 42, Prospect KY – 228.3286
Saturday, January 7
9AM – 12PM

Items to be recycled include:

Computer Towers

Keyboards/Mice

Flat Screen/LCD Televisions (only)

Flat Screen/LCD Monitors (only)

Telephones

Home Electronics

Small Appliances

Cell Phones

Ink Cartridges

Batteries

No old-style (CRT) televisions.

No CRT computer monitors



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AVAILABLE**

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Councilmember Susan Nicholson

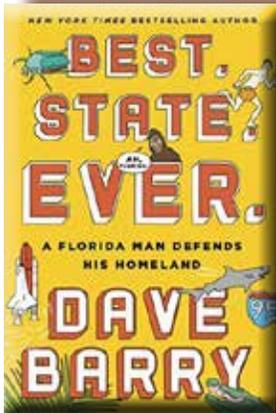
attended the initial meeting at the Prospect Church last September, and many spoke. I hope for an even bigger turnout for this critical public meeting of the Planning Commission.

I had the privilege of swearing in the newly-elected City Council on December 12th. They are: Frank Fulcher, Sandra Leonard, Stuart Miles, Jeff Stovall, Luke Schmidt (all incumbents), and Susan Nicholson of Fox Harbor. In my opinion, they will be a great City Council for 2017-2018.

Councilman Luke Schmidt recently was chosen to chair the Prospect Community Planning Committee, which informally, now formally, has been working for nearly a year on the planning of major improvements to both U.S.42 and River Road through Prospect, focused on both beautification and connectivity, including mixed-use paths on both sides of 42 and also along the south side of River Road. With the planning nearly done, the next phase will be doing the engineering work and applying for grants. The Committee, now, and for the past year, also includes Sandra Leonard, Stuart Miles, Herb Shulhafer, Holly LeVold, and me. The engineering firm of Qk4 has been working with us during most of this time.

We enter 2017 with much accomplished, the east end bridge and its travails to us completed, Christmas with families and friends upon us, and much to look forward to in 2017. *John E. Evans* - Mayor

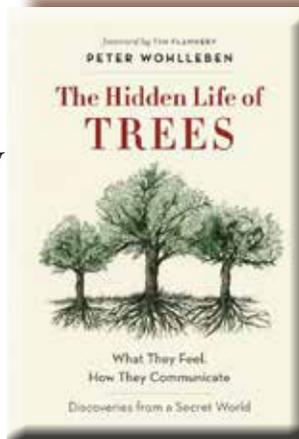
Prospect Library News



If a young person in Prospect were to announce an intention to become a writer of comic essays, bizarre murder mysteries or humorous novels, the best advice, better and less expensive than going to college, would be to move immediately to Florida. Prospect simply doesn't have enough material - a lovesick deer or two, raccoons with criminal intentions (why do you think they have masks?) on our garbage, to sustain a career. But Florida, home of Burmese pythons, alligators, the Swamp Ape, and people, to hear writer Dave Barry tell it, far (a) stranger (b) stupider (c) dangerous (d) all of the

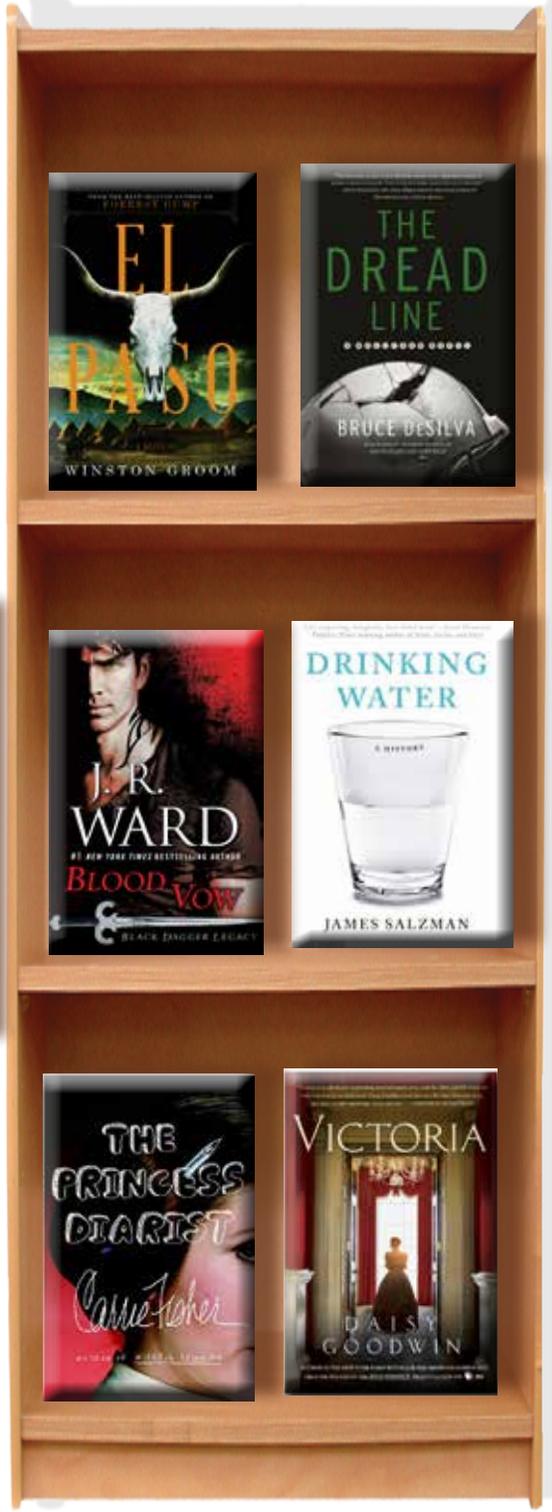
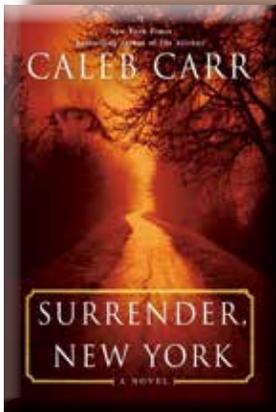
above than any of the critters slithering through the Everglades and sometimes Floridians' backyards. Barry's latest, *Best State Ever*, may not be his very best. He has, after all, written 39 books and it's hard to keep topping oneself. But this is an amusing collection of essays and perhaps a good preview for Prospect's snowbirds before they head south this winter.

The Hidden Life of Trees sounds like the title of an especially boring PBS nature show. Perhaps the title is a bit more spritely in author Peter Wohlleben's original German. Wohlleben, a forester, turns out to be a charming guide as he explains how groves of trees communicate with each other, with healthy trees even sending water and nutrients to sick or weak neighbors, how fungal growths attached to root systems connect the trees, how each tree has seasons of rapid growth, hibernation, slow growth to solidify gains. His trees sound smarter and more altruistic than some people. Some tree species are pioneers, colonizing new territory, some poor street trees struggle alone, and, best of all to Wohlleben are groves of mature hardwoods, allowed to grow to their full height and full life span, from 400 to 500 years. It has been his life's work to protect his trees, study his trees, and now to share what he and scientists in many countries have recently learned. Truthfully, I was astonished at how much I enjoyed a book I picked up more from a sense of duty than pleasure. You might too.



"Is the game worth the candle?" That was a reasonable question back in the day. Is the pleasure we're getting from playing a game in the evening equal to the cost of making or buying a candle?

In the case of Caleb Carr's *Surrender, New York* the answer might well be a reluctant "no." In book publishing, sometimes an author is fortunate enough to have an editor who actually edits a manuscript; other editors, I suspect, simply say "Atta boy" and take the author to lunch. A good editor would have slashed at least 100 pages from this door stop of a book, dropped 50% of the f... and s... words, and greatly improved this novel. The premises aren't bad - that all the CSI shows have convinced the public that all crime detection is simply a matter of DNA analysis, that some young teens are "throwaways" abandoned by their parents, and, surprise, surprise, some public officials are corrupt. The characters and settings are interesting, and if you have the time, and the candles, this isn't a terrible read.



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City Hall, Police And Library Hours	Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150
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.



Yard waste returns to the “Winter Schedule” beginning the first week in January. Pick up will be Thursdays, city wide.

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