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# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## Spring Brings The Busy Season!

Work on the plan for improving the appearance of U.S. 42 through Prospect, and for connecting our neighborhoods and businesses with sidewalks and bike paths, was begun last month. This initiative has been the unanimous priority of our Landscaping and Beautification Committee which includes representatives from all of our neighborhoods. A core planning group of three Council members, Holly, and me, have hashed this out thoroughly, and retained QK4 to work with us to develop a strategic plan, and then to implement it. As they progress there will be opportunities for review and input by the full Committee and by residents at large. Completion of the planning phase should take about six months, and at that point we will start implementing the plan in stages. Complete implementation may take several years. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about this.

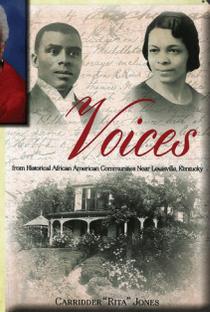
We are in the last year of the East End Bridge construction. A last phase includes LG&E's running an electrical feed from the Fire Station up the hill to the control building which was built there recently. That work will close one of the lanes of U.S.42 westbound for three months between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The City of Prospect Library Proudly Presents:

Local Author

## Rita Jones

Carrider "Rita" Jones is a historian, playwright, and an author. Her recent book, *Voices From Historical African American Communities Near Louisville, Kentucky* captures and supplements oral histories of early, local African-American communities.



Her work uniquely expresses the essence of living here during the last one hundred years.

Discussion will include her interviews in Prospect, Harrod's Creek, Happy Hollow, and the historic James Taylor subdivision, all of which had their origins in the 19th century. The Day Law and education at the Jefferson Jacob Rosenwald School on Shirley Avenue are integral to the communities. Her research was part of a Filson Historical Society Project.

Prospect Library  
Friday, June 17  
2:30 P.M.

Her Books will be available for purchase at the event

Our new landscaping contractor, The Klausung Group, seems to be off to a good start. So far I've had only compliments on their work. Andrea Hanlon, our contract horticulturists, again is overseeing the work almost daily.

MSD says it has a draft plan for addressing the problems we experienced most severely last summer, some of which we continue to experience, and will present it to us soon. I do not have a date yet, but expect it will be within the next month, and it will be widely published. I anticipate this will involve a public meeting similar to those we had with them last fall.

We've been working with neighborhood associations to maintain and, where needed, repair or replace, things like entrances, lights, irrigation, plantings, brickwork and ironwork. The irrigation system in Bridgepointe has just been replaced with a new system, and the City has worked with Bridgepointe to refurbish their entrance lanterns. Those various associations are invaluable to maintaining our community. Our largest neighborhood, Hunting Creek, alone has no formal association, although they wonderfully come together every Christmas to "Light Up Hunting Creek." There also are small neighborhoods within Hunting Creek.

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Saturday, April 9 at 1PM  
Putney Pond & Woodlands Park  
Meet at Putney Lane Circle  
(off Timber Ridge Dr.)

**AND**

Sunday April 17 at 10AM  
Harrods Creek Park  
Meet at Harrods Creek Trailhead,  
On Montero Drive  
(Hunting Creek subdivision)

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes,  
walking stick recommended, some trails are  
steep and may be muddy  
Bring drinking water  
In case of rain, there will be a slide show presentation at City Hall  
Questions? Call City Hall 228-1121



## Trying To "Sniff Out" A Deal On Some Good Books?

Then you need to be at  
Prospect City Hall on  
**May 20th and 21st**  
**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 (especially paper backs) 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.

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For instance, the John Hancock Association, in Hunting Creek, has just completed a very nice landscaping renovation of the entrance there. The entrance to Hunting Creek itself, at U.S.42, used to have a magnificent, large Beech tree, which died and was taken down about three or four years ago. A new but sizeable young Beech tree will be planted there by the City this month. Also, work by the City on the medians of Hunting Creek Drive will be done this year. Drainage along U.S.42 needs correction but the Water Company's work currently in progress along there will have to be completed before meaningful drainage work can be done.

I will be presenting the Council with a draft budget for 2016-2017 before the April 18th Council meeting. I also will present a proposed set of amendments to the current budget.

John E. Evans - Mayor



## Yardwaste Reminder

Yard waste Pick-up has returned to its regular schedule. Yard waste pick up is the first day of your normal weekly garbage service.  
(Monday or Tuesday depending on location.)

## Sign Up For "City Mail" Email

Through "City Mail" residents can be alerted to everything from meetings and city events to special situations that may require temporary street closings. Another advantage is that you can receive the city newsletter before it hits the mail.

One thing that makes "City Mail" so unique is that unlike the spam that you inevitably receive through your e-mail, 'City Mail' can be directly responded to by simply clicking your reply button. This gives our residents yet another direct line of communication with City Hall. Any Prospect resident who would like to sign up for this free service should e-mail Ron Cundiff at [citymaint@prospectky.com](mailto:citymaint@prospectky.com) with their name and street address.

*The City Mail program is available only to persons living inside the Prospect city limits.*

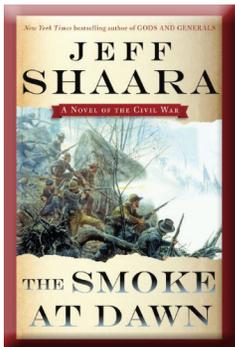
## Prospect Business Spotlight

### HIGHLAND CLEANERS

Springtime means spring cleaning, and that in turn means freshening up your household linens and making room in your closet for Derby-season wear. Highland Cleaners is here to help! This family-owned business will clean your drapes and duvets, blazers and ball gowns. They also offer professional alteration and tailoring services and are equipped to care for special garments such as wedding dresses and leather and suede items. They're eco-friendly, too, using the least harmful cleaning methods available and recyclable packaging. Ask about Green Clean for more details. Located at 9211 US 42 in Prospect Plaza, Highland Cleaners is open weekdays 7-7 and Saturdays 8-4. For more information, visit [www.highlandcleaners.com](http://www.highlandcleaners.com) or contact them at 228-0700.

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](mailto:citydesk@prospectky.com)

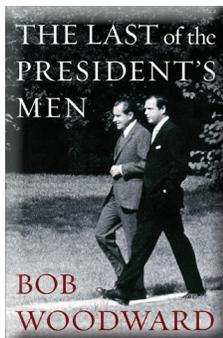
# Prospect Library News



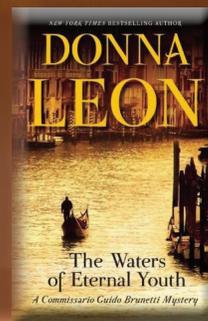
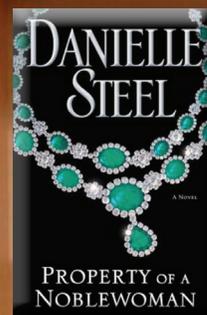
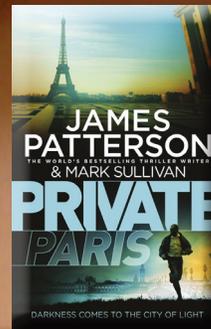
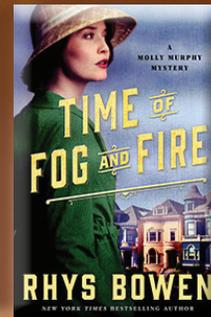
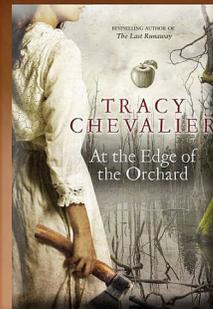
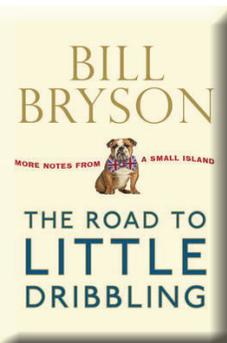
Sometimes it seems as if every participant in the Civil War spent more time writing letters than marching and fighting. And the recipients of the letters, whether it was Jefferson Davis or a fellow's mother, kept every one. This is a real bonanza for historians and writers of historical fiction like Jeff Shaara. Details of short rations, bone-chilling rainy weather and mud, mud, mud as well as epic battles in places we all know....Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, and in the case of *The Smoke at Dawn* exactly how Confederate General Braxton Bragg,

having won the initial battle and captured the high ground, managed to lose. He had good generals – Longstreet and Cleburne, but he quarreled with them, all the while facing, across the river, Ulysses S. Grant and Sherman. While this is a work of fiction, the wealth of material Shaara tapped into is authentic, and knowing how it all came out somehow doesn't diminish the suspense one feels. Shaara and his father have written many excellent books centered on the Civil War. This is his latest.

At this point, it might seem as if every participant in Richard Nixon's presidency, except his dog, Checkers, has written a memoir. Not so until now, when Bob Woodward, who has made a career of writing about Watergate, stumbled across Alexander P. Butterfield, the man who revealed the taping system in Nixon's office. Ironically, Nixon believed that releasing the tapes would exonerate him, reveal his strengths. The tapes did that, but also revealed his complicity in the cover-up, revealed his anti-Semitism, his weaknesses. The paradox of Nixon remains, but *The Last of the President's Men* exposes a new one. How could Butterfield, the son of an admiral, himself a decorated Air Force colonel, follow Nixon's directives to try to impugn the motives of the people who revealed the massacre at My Lai, defend the man responsible for it? The answer may be as simple as that he had cashed in his chips, resigned from the Air Force, before he had even met Nixon. Mortgages, tuition, pride. In the end, while he didn't volunteer the information, he was relieved when someone finally asked him, was there a taping system in the Oval Office? For those of us old enough to remember those times, this is an interesting book.



Bill Bryson is a champion walker, hiking the Appalachian Trail, rambling across Australia, strolling through England from village to village. In the past, that walking yielded wonderfully funny books detailing his missteps and mishaps. He was a happy hiker. Sadly, it's clear from *The Road to Little Drizzling* that he's become a cranky old curmudgeon, complaining about litter, the disappearance of greengrocers in all those English villages he revisits, 40 years later. And while he walks impressive distances, when he reaches a new town he looks for a good pub, a pint, and an interview with the bartender. This is fairly lazy reporting. Bryson has written some charming, funny books. This isn't one of them.



Sandy Tucci



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**City Hall, Police And Library Hours** Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150  
 Monday .....8:30 - 6:30 Prospect Police Dispatch.....228-COPS(2677)  
 Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00 Police, Fire & EMS Emergency .....911  
 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 February 2016	Actual YTD 15/16 (through Feb. 29th)	15/16 Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$159,029.96</b>	<b>\$2,711,513.48</b>	<b>\$3,064,317.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
General Government	\$ 74,176.61	\$615,350.39	\$831,495.19
Police Dept.	\$ 84,507.05	\$583,737.01	\$976,413.78
Public Works	\$ 67,324.01	\$660,189.08	\$1,189,598.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$226,007.67</b>	<b>\$1,859,276.48</b>	<b>\$ 3,064,317.00</b>
4800 – Municipal Road Aid Income	\$7,428.56	\$63,439.89	
4810- Interest Income – Restricted	\$0.72	\$18.96	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,429.28</b>	<b>\$63,458.85</b>	

(A complete detail of these financials can be seen on our website [www.prospectky.us](http://www.prospectky.us) or you may stop by City Hall for a paper copy.)

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