



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## Cundiff Awarded Craigmyle 2016 Award



Prospect's director of Parks and Maintenance, Ron Cundiff, shakes hands with Mayor John Evans after receiving the 2016 Craigmyle Award.

During the May Prospect City Council meeting, Mayor John Evans and the City Council awarded the City's highest honor, the Craigmyle Public Service Award, to Parks and Maintenance Director Ron Cundiff.

Ron started working for Prospect as a handyman in 2000 under then-Mayor Lonnie Falk. Ron's duties for the city run the full gamut, from overseeing contractors, to sign replacement, to light IT work and designing printed materials for the city. "It really is a great place to work. It's something different every day. You get a real sense of pride when you hear someone say how beautiful Prospect is, and you know in some small part you're responsible for that. Getting to watch things like some of the residents' children who you see on a regular basis grow up, or that sprig of a tree you planted grow to become a huge tree: there's nothing like it," said Ron. "I'm truly honored and humbled by this recognition."

The Craigmyle Public Service Award was established in 1989 to honor Beach Craigmyle "for his service as citizen, Mayor and Council member through many tireless years of dedication to Prospect, before, during, and after its incorporation in 1974." The first recipient of the Craigmyle Public Service Award was Beach Craigmyle himself, who received the award from Mayor Glass in 1990. Soon after the award was established, it was the mayor's decision alone as to who would receive it. In 1994 a change was made in the process of determining the recipient to include the Mayor and Council members. Elected officials, volunteers, and employees all have been named as recipients.

## Lots Going On!

Summer's almost upon us, and that means Prospect is bursting with activity. Work continues on installing the 16" water main along the south side of US 42, which requires blocking the right-hand lane of eastbound US 42. Soon the right-hand westbound lane of US 42 between the fire station and the top of the hill near Bridgepointe will be blocked for several weeks so LG&E can install a secondary electrical feed to the control building now being built on top of the tunnel entrance. We will all be relieved when the heavy truck traffic along Timber Ridge Drive comes to an end and the road is repaved, which Walsh Vinci has told me should happen in June. Meanwhile, the core group working on the beautification of the US 42 corridor through Prospect continues to



Little Hunting Creek Park next to Prospect City Hall

meet with design engineers from Qk4. Once plans start to take shape we will reach out to the Prospect community to solicit public input.

All the rain we've had lately has probably reminded some of you of the torrential rains from last summer and the damage they wreaked in some of our neighborhoods. I have been in regular communication with MSD, and they have put together a proposal to correct our long-standing drainage and flooding issues. This proposal comes with a \$7 million price tag. Without a substantial rate increase,

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MSD will not have the funds to implement this proposal. Last Monday, May 23, the MSD board of directors unanimously voted to seek a 20% rate increase to pay for these and other much-needed capital improvements. Now that the board has approved the request, it must go to Metro Council for its approval. The date of the vote in June has not been set.

Recently MSD deeded 4 tracts of land to the city. Three of those tracts were the sites of the former sewer treatment plants, one of which has already been repurposed as a parking lot for visitors to Harrods Creek Park. The fourth tract, which includes Little Hunting Creek Park, had been inadvertently deeded to MSD in 1999 but has now been returned to the city. Once all the paperwork has been processed and recorded we will be expanding the parking lot at City Hall and putting in a children's play area. City Hall will also soon be getting a much-needed new roof.

The staff at City Hall are busy making plans for this year's July 4th "Boomsday" celebration. City Administrator Holly LeVold tells me Cowley Park will be teeming with bouncy houses, climbing walls, a bungee run, obstacle courses, wet and dry slides, games, and concession booths for everyone. We'll also have the trackless train and food trucks from Red Top Gourmet Hot Dogs, Moe's BBQ, Zoom Zoom Yum, and Kona Ice. We'll start lining up for the parade down Westover Drive at 5:30 and cap the night off with a grand fireworks display at dusk. It promises to be a memorable event.

John E. Evans - Mayor

### Protect Your Ash Trees

If you have ash trees that are otherwise in good health, you may want to protect them from the Emerald ash borer (EAB) which has killed millions of trees. Ash trees can be protected against EAB by using various insecticide treatments.



The city has negotiated special pricing for EAB treatment from the Bob Ray Company for residents. For trees at least four inches in diameter at chest height, Bob Ray will charge \$10 per inch (\$70 for a seven inch diameter tree) to inject them with insecticide. This treatment will provide protection for two years and would then need to be repeated. Trees with diameters less than four inches would be treated by soil drench rather than by injection. The charge for that would be \$25 per tree and would need to be repeated annually.

To obtain EAB treatment, call Laura Lyon at Bob Ray (269-1190) by June 3. The treatments would be done in June. The Prospect Forestation Board does not recommend treating ash trees for EAB if they are in severe decline from other problems.

While you are sprucing up your yard, mulching around trees is a good practice, but don't let the mulch touch the trees. Mulch contact promotes tree disease.

### City Ordinance Reminder

Summer is upon us, and many of us are planning new projects around our homes. Before beginning, please remember to review the Prospect Code of Ordinances to ensure you are up to date on any rules and regulations that may pertain to your projects, as well as any permits that may be required.

Some examples such as pools, fences, decks, playhouses and gazebos require a permit be issued by the City, a permit fee and a refundable deposit. Dumpsters and PODs also require a permit and deposit fee, and must be placed in your driveway or yard. All boats, trailers and RVs are to be stored inside of a garage except at times of loading, unloading, repair and/or maintenance, at which time a 72 hour permit may be requested at City Hall.

It is also the time of year that some of us may want to have a yard sale. All yard sale signs are to be under 1 square foot in area and may only be placed on the actual day of the sale. No signs of any kind are to be placed on public property as they are causing damage to our street signs and light posts. This includes signs for missing pets.

For more information on these and all of our city ordinances, please visit our website at <http://prospectky.us/prospect-ordinances/> or contact Prospect Code Enforcement Officer Mike Lesch at 228-1121.



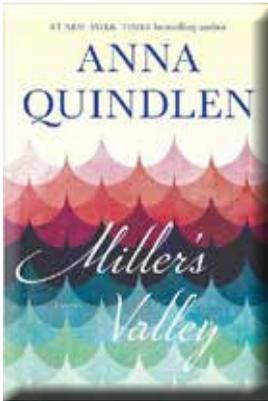
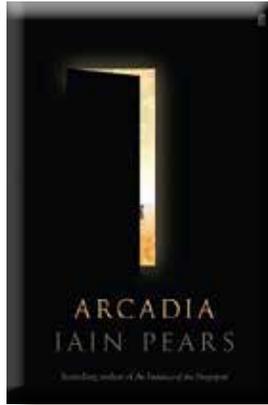
### Feeding The Deer? You're Not Doing Them Any Favors!

It has come to the City's attention that some residents are feeding deer from their yards. Besides the obvious effect of causing deer to lose their natural fear of man, there are several reasons why people shouldn't feed deer. Improper food, such as corn, can result in digestive problems. Feeding also encourages more deer than normal in a specific area. When deer are concentrated into one place, diseases that are spread by contact become an issue as well. Direct contact, or indirectly through contact with waste, food, urine and feces that accumulate at the feeding site are a major risk for the spread of diseases. Also providing food too close to roadways can increase deer versus auto accidents. Rather than feed deer, land owners should plant native trees and shrubs that provide food (nuts and fruits) and cover (evergreens).

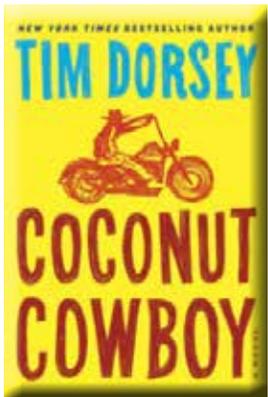
As set forth in Prospect Ordinance § 90.09 it is illegal in the City of Prospect to feed the deer and could result in up to a \$500 fine.

# Prospect Library News

Iain Pears has written a number of clever art and artist themed mysteries. That gift for complication serves him well in his much longer and trickier novel, *Arcadia*. It spans time zones – not in the sense of Eastern or Central but of the 1960's and two times far in the future with the aid, naturally, of a time machine. Readers may be put off by that last, fantasy and science fiction aren't popular genres. But skipping this book means skipping three good stories, great characters, some of whom flit across centuries. *Arcadia* was fun to read, sort of like opening a box of chocolates; you never know what the next piece of candy, the next chapter, will be.

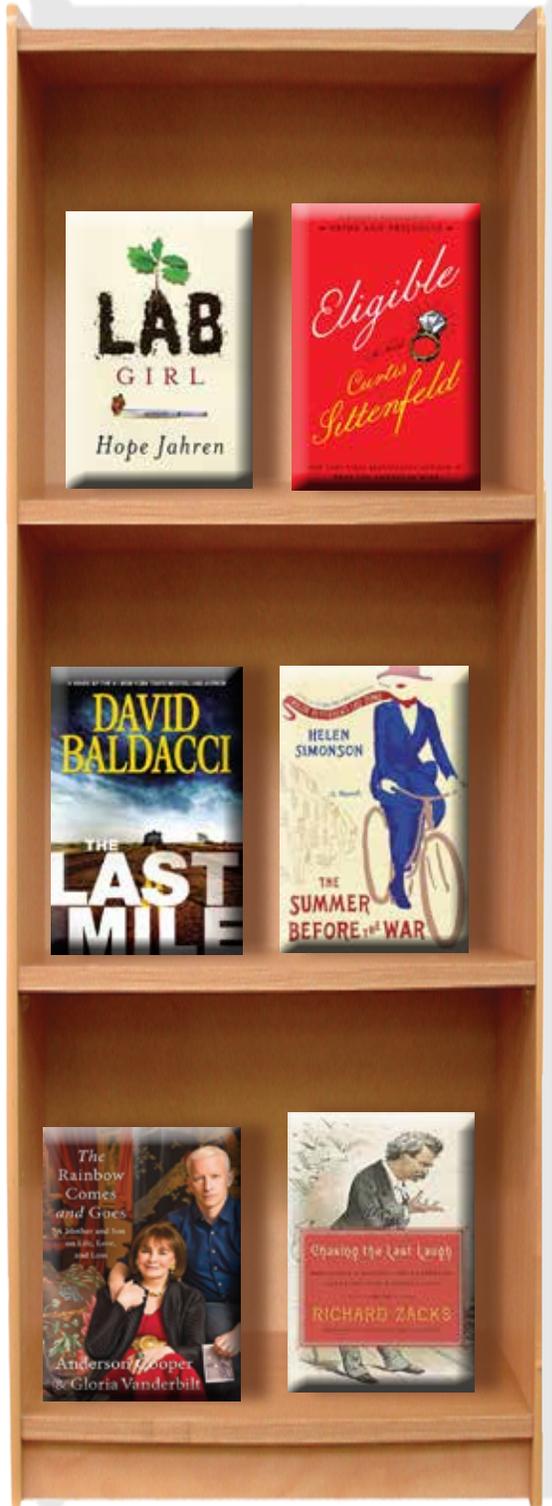


Some novels, mysteries, for instance, are extended puzzles, and when the puzzle is solved, either by a clever reader or in the closing pages as the butler is fingered, the story is over, and the characters slip back into the book, forgotten. Fantasy, horror, and science fiction ask readers to willingly suspend disbelief, but aside from a lingering unease when something goes bump in the night, readers know it's all pretend. But true storytellers, such as Anna Quindlen, create characters and lives that stay with us. We know them, we can imagine how the rest of their lives unfold. That's what Quindlen does in *Miller's Valley*, a story about people who live in a Pennsylvania valley the state has decided to flood to create a lake. The details are always spot on. The description of the state representatives' meetings with residents will ring a bell with those of us who went to all those bridge meetings. The characters drink Iron City and Rolling Rock beer. But more than those touches, the people, especially Miller family, seem utterly true. I'm a long-time Quindlen fan, so far she's never written a bad sentence, much less an ordinary book. Try it.



Tim Dorsey's vigilante history teacher, Serge, is back. *Coconut Cowboy* will probably be another best seller. It's hard to understand exactly why some people cheer on a character who kills, slowly and painfully, unpleasant people who annoy or offend him. Serge's sidekick, Coleman rides in the side car of Serge's motorcycle and is there both to be the recipient of Serge's monologues and because Coleman is too drunk or stoned to do otherwise. The plot is convoluted, the characters almost uniformly corrupt and stupid. While clearly some readers find Dorsey's books amusing, to me they are morally reprehensible....and I'll read almost anything. (A truly happy side note, April 14 was Beverly Clearly's 100th birthday. She wrote about Ramona and Beezus Quimby, Henry and Ribs, and is still making new generations of children laugh.)

Sandy Tucci





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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.*

### A New Face On The Streets!



We would like to welcome Mr. Rusty Waters to the city's staff. Rusty is the newest member of the Parks and Maintenance Department. When you see him out take a second to welcome him!



Now you can follow the Prospect Police Department on Facebook!



## City Council



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