



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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June is winding down, which means one fiscal year is nearly over and a new one set to begin. We are on target to come in about \$197,000 under budget for the current fiscal year. Meanwhile, City Council has just approved the ordinances that comprise the 2016-2017 budget of \$3,184,925.00. It is a balanced budget, as required by law.

Everywhere we turn it seems work is being done somewhere along US 42. An electronic billboard announces the closure of the right-hand lane of westbound US 42 between the fire station and the top of the hill. This will allow LG&E to lay a secondary electrical feed to the tunnel control building. On the other side of town, digging continues for the 16" water main being installed parallel to eastbound US 42 to Happy Hollow Road. Once the pipe has been laid and buried, crews will go back and clean up, including repairing road surfaces at Timber Ridge Drive, Fox Harbor Road, and the entrance to City Hall. Weather permitting, they should be done by September 2. Additional heavy equipment is working on correcting poor drainage along US 42 between Happy Hollow Road and the entrance to Hunting Creek, where pools of standing water are a frequent hazard.

Another issue of concern is the dangerous traffic situation between the Harbor and Bridgepointe. The police department has stepped up traffic enforcement and consequently has seen a sharp uptick in citations, the majority of which are for speeding. In addition, several residents and I recently met with Senator Ernie Harris to ask for his advice and support in reducing the danger. Upon his recommendation we will be drafting a letter to officials with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's 5th District.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Qk4 will have presented their first round of proposals for improving the US 42 corridor through Prospect. Among the design elements the planning committee hopes to see are a sidewalk from Innisbrook to the Kroger shopping center and a multi-use path along the south side of US 42 that will eventually be incorporated into the Louisville Loop.

At Monday's meeting City Council took a first look at the agreement that would allow Google Fiber to come to Prospect. Although high-speed Internet is a desirable thing, we must proceed with caution to ensure the aesthetic integrity of our City, not least its permitting requirements.

Last but not least, Independence Day is right around the corner, and we are pulling out all the stops. I'm very pleased to announce that the Oldham County Community Band will be playing during our parade and for the flag ceremony at the grandstand. City Administrator Holly LeVold tells me we'll have more inflatables than ever before. We'll also have food trucks, the trackless train, a watermelon-eating contest sponsored by Kroger, and a special red, white, and blue-themed fireworks display to put the final touch on what promises to be a spectacular night. So decorate your golf carts, bicycles, and strollers, and meet us at 5:30 on Monday, July 4th to join the Harrods Creek Fire Department and local law enforcement agencies for the best parade around!

John E. Evans - Mayor

Join The IRT!



The Prospect Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee is forming an Invasives Removal Team (IRT) to combat invasive weeds in our parks. Alien invasives are plants from foreign countries that have spread into natural areas, damaging the native vegetation and ecology. They crowd out native wildflowers and negatively impact beneficial insects (such as butterflies and bees) as well as songbirds. When invasives take over, critical host plants and nesting sites are lost. Many of these plants are accidentally introduced when they "escape" from our landscaped yards or their seeds are spread by birds. Team members will receive training in identifying and removing these invasive plants, and may work together at prearranged times, or separately on their own schedule. A number of parks enthusiasts have been working to remove invasives over the past few years, and we have seen a dramatic increase in wildflowers and other native vegetation as a result. We hope to expand this effort and look forward to additional positive results in the future. Several residents have expressed an interest joining our team, but we would like to have a few more before scheduling our first planning meeting. Please join us!

To sign up, contact City Hall at 228-1121.

Look Inside for 4th of July Info



Local Author Rita Jones Speaking Event An Overwhelming Success !



Photo Credit: Anthony Jones

Local historian and author, Rita Jones, spoke to a packed house on June 17 in the Lawrence C. Falk Library at Prospect City Hall. Above: Mayor Evans introduces Ms. Jones to full gallery. Right: Ms. Jones signs a copy of her book for a fan! This was the second in author events this year, stay tuned for future events!

Tips For Avoiding The Summertime Blues!

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.

Examples such as pools, fences, decks, playhouses and gazebos require a permit be issued by the city, along with a permit fee and a refundable deposit. Dumpsters and “PODs” also require a permit and fee, and must be placed on your property. Both also require a deposit.

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 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 or attached to signs or light posts as they cause damage. 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/>.

Get in Stride and Stay Safe Safety Tips for Runners and Walkers

Summer is here, and with it we notice an increase in people running and walking as a quick, inexpensive way to stay fit. For your personal safety and well being, we would like to remind you of the following tips when walking or jogging in or around the City of Prospect.

- If sidewalks are available please use them.
- Always walk or run against traffic so you can observe approaching automobiles.
- Wear bright clothing or reflective vests or utilize lighting devices to warn motorists of your presence on the road. This is extremely important during the hours of dawn and dusk.
- Carry a cell phone in case of an emergency.
- Tell someone where you are going and when to expect you back.
- If you elect to use an Ipod or radio, be sure to keep the volume low enough to ensure that you hear nearby traffic.

Find Out Faster, Sign Up For “City Mail” Email Alerts

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 with their name and street address. ***The “City Mail” program is available only to persons living inside the City of Prospect city limits.***

CITY OF PROSPECT'S

23rd Annual

4TH

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AN OLD FASHIONED
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

JULY 4th at
COWLEY PARK
(Westover Drive At Deep Creek Drive)

PARADE - 6:00 PM
(Westover Drive at Westover Court)

FEATURING

FOOD TRUCKS

FACE PAINTERS

GRAND PARADE

BOOMSDAY

Suburban Louisville's
largest fireworks show

AND MUCH MORE

INFLATABLE
KIDS RIDES

TRAIN RIDES

MUSIC

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE...

When darkness falls (usually about 9:45) prepare yourself for sensory overload as "BOOMSDAY" lights up the night sky with a special red, white, and blue themed display. Perfect viewing is available from the hillside facing the Hunting Creek Golf Course or just about anywhere in Cowley Park!

.....AND TUMBLE!

We'll have your kids bouncing off the walls.... LITERALLY! Once again this year the City is providing a bouncing good time with an inflatable play area. This year there are more rides than ever before!

PLEASE!

DO NOT bring pets to the Green Space. Some children are afraid of animals and we don't want to ruin their holiday.

DO NOT bring **any** fireworks to the celebration (including sparklers). The area is too crowded and we do not want anyone to be injured.

GRAB A BITE!

No need to interrupt the fun by dragging everyone home for supper. The City has arranged for a mix of vendors offering a variety of fun food.

Or, if you prefer, there is always plenty of room for a blanket on the grass and a good old-fashioned picnic basket from home!

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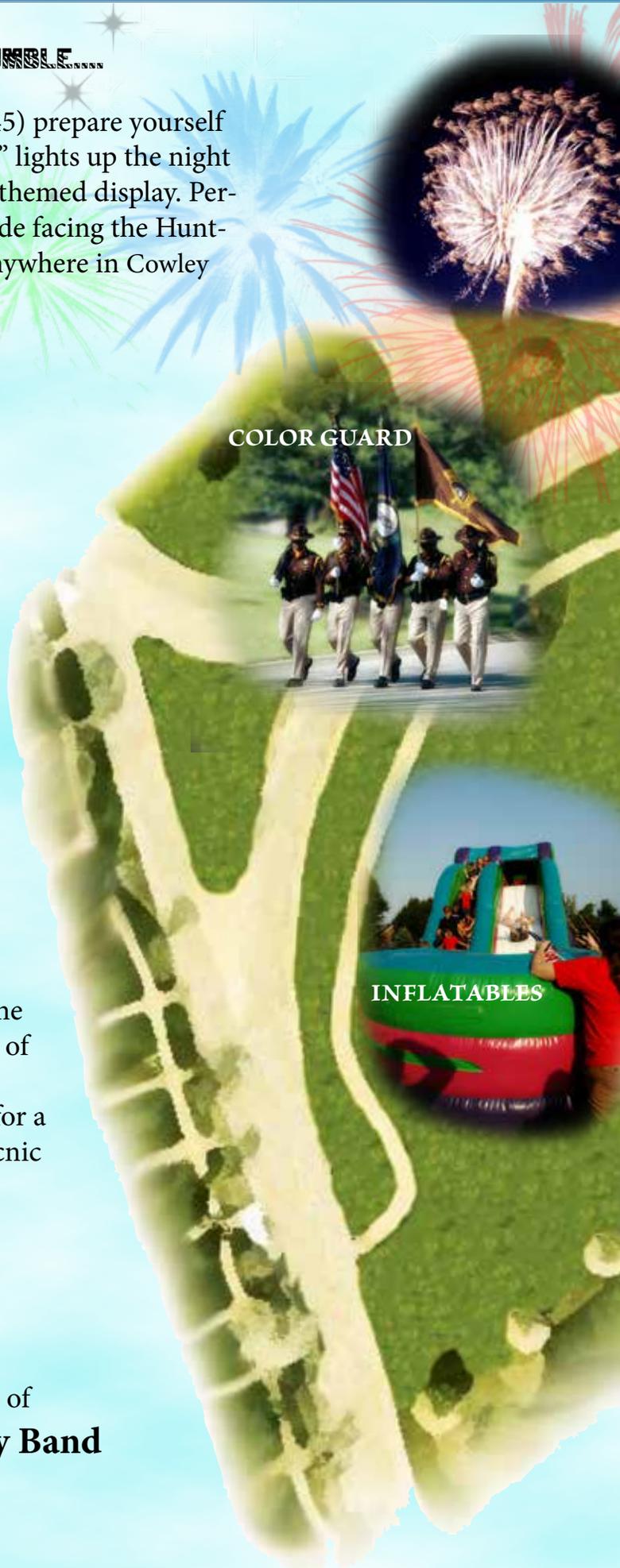
This year, come and enjoy the sounds of
The Oldham County Community Band



COLOR GUARD



INFLATABLES



COME BE PART OF THE GREAT PARADE!

The parade begins at Westover Court on Westover Drive and proceeds to the Cowley Park Open Space, led by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Color Guard. There are many different categories that you can enter and you might even win a prize! Whether you're a walker, a rider or even putting together a float, there are plenty of prizes for the best costumes and decorations!

The Parade begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. BUT judging will begin at 5:30. Parade registration is at the parade head at Westover Court.

Prizes will be awarded following the flag raising ceremony at the Gazebo where one person will win the Grand Champions Trophy!



GRAND PARADE



REST ROOMS



**PROSPECT POLICE,
LOST PARENT STATION**

MOM, I GOTTA GO!

Not a problem! For your convenience, restrooms are located in the north-east corner of the open space complete with a hand washing station.

Please remember that Hunting Creek Country Club is a private club and its facilities are for members only.



ALL ABOARD!

Returning this year, climb aboard the Prospect Express! A trackless train will be giving free rides around the celebration area to young and old alike!

PROSPECT POLICE TENT AND LOST PARENT STATION

Stop by for a visit with your very own Prospect Police Department! Kids, this is the place you need to go if you lose those pesky parents.....you know how they can be.



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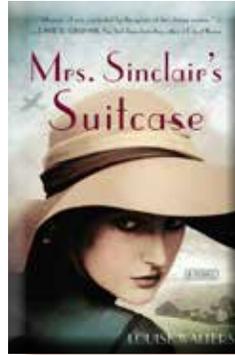
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Prospect Library News

Descriptions of books as “women’s” or “young adult” or whatever eliminate potential readers – how can a manly man check out a chick-lit book unless he pretends he’s picking it up for his girlfriend? And, of course, readers don’t fit into neat boxes. Some of the books I’ve enjoyed most recently are middle-school books I bought for grandchildren, and when there’s a new *Jack Reacher*, my husband and I share it.

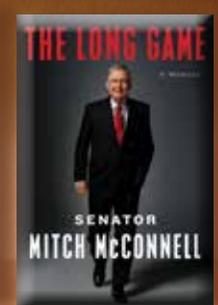
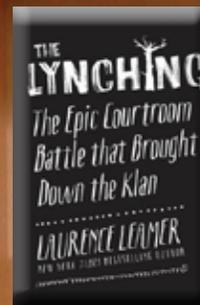
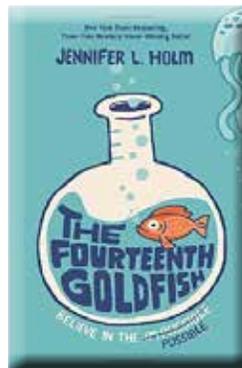
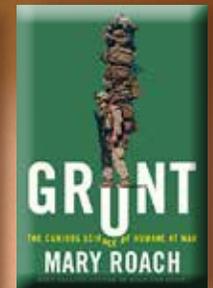
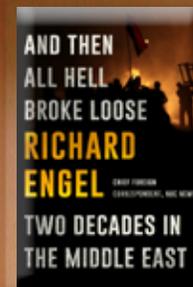
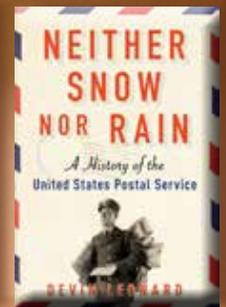
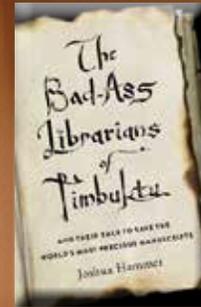
Still, there’s no getting around the fact that **Mrs. Sinclair’s Suitcase** by Louise Walters is a women’s book. We know from the start that by the end, page 270, the bookstore owner and his introverted bookish (naturally) cat owning employee will find true love. But there is also a parallel story, a mystery found in the contents of an old suitcase about a love affair in World War II that wends its way through the book. Unraveling the strands of that story is an equally interesting plot line. Set in England, if this sounds like your cup of tea, have a cuppa, tuck an afghan around your knees, and enjoy.



Carl Hiaasen writes best selling novels for middle schoolers as well as adults. His books are set in south Florida and feature a large and varied cast of “real” Floridians, the people who don’t live in fancy second homes in Naples, and are chock full of plot. “*Scat*” has much in common with his adult novels – humor, a passionate dislike of despoilers of Florida, developers, oil drillers – but with PG language and chaste hand holding rather than passionate coupling, kind of refreshing. In *Scat* we have an endangered Florida panther, a handful of greedy low-lives, a boy whose dad has just lost an arm and shoulder in Anwar province, lots of peril, a few unlikely good guys, and an all around good read. This is probably for ages 12 and up.

People who write for middle schoolers are generous. In the best books, and Jennifer Holm’s *The Fourteenth Goldfish* is one of them, the kids and their parents are real and combine good delineations of relationships and imaginative plots. The goldfish refer to the fact that the divorced parents love their daughter and “protect” her from the trauma of dead goldfish – so that, over time, they’ve replaced that first goldfish 13 times. But wait, there’s more – a scientist grandfather who has discovered the secret of regeneration, taken some of the potion himself, and reverted to his 13 year old state – but still with his brain, memories, and his inner crotchety old-man self intact. His and his granddaughter’s middle school experiences will resonate with 5th and 6th graders and, like Hiaasen’s *Scat*, may be fun for parents to read after the kids have gone to bed.

Readers familiar with Ariana Franklin’s terrific book set in 13th century England, *Mistress of the Art of Death* will be delighted to find her *The Siege Winter* on our shelves. Once again we’re in the Middle Ages (never step into a time machine set for the 1200’s) with a cast of characters including some mercenary soldiers, an evil rapist/priest and to balance it out, a gentle chaplain, a beautiful mistress of a castle on the Thames, and the turmoil of the civil war between two aspirants for the throne, Matilda and Stephen. This is just a pure pleasure to read. Get on the waiting list at city hall, and, when you pick up the book, clear your calendar so you can race right through it.



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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.

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 on Facebook!



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