

PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Internally, things are going just fine. Our finances, our staff, our police department, our library, our neighborhoods, and our parks, all continue to be great positives. It's the external forces that have created, and are creating, real and potential problems for Prospect.

Chief among them is the newest one, the proposal by a company, LDG, to construct a 4 story, 200 unit, low income apartment building just next to Timber Ridge Drive. This is driven by Louisville Metro with federal money. I alerted, and many residents of Prospect attended, the "neighborhood" meeting LDG conducted on September 26th. It was packed. Many good questions were asked, many good points raised. I caused a verbatim transcript to be recorded, and it will be posted as soon as I have it, along with a summary, and it will be useful in opposing the project. At this time, LDG does not own the prop-

erty, the property is not zoned for this use, and LDG has not made application to re-zone it. We have received hundreds of phone calls and many emails about this, all opposed. It will be addressed at our next Council meeting on Monday, October 17th beginning at 7 p.m.

A second one, also driven by Louisville Metro, concerns our trash/recyclables collection. For 42 years, Prospect has contracted with a waste collection company (currently Rumpke) for twice a week trash, once a week recyclables collection at the back door, paid for by your Prospect taxes. A few months ago, Metro's Public Works Department began a series of so-called "stakeholder" meetings, having the ostensible purpose of achieving greater diversion of waste from landfill trash to recyclables. I, and several Council members, and many other mayors and other interested parties, attended all of those meetings. The Jefferson County League of Cities, of which we are one of over 25 suburban city members, has sent a letter to Metro Mayor Fischer about this, and a meeting with him is planned. I personally believe Metro's Public Works Department wants to take over our trash collection, but I do not believe Mayor Fischer does. I will report any further developments. **Continued next page**



The City Of Prospect's

FALL FESTIVAL

FEATURING

PUMPKIN
DECORATING
TRAIN RIDES

INFLATABLE RIDES

FOOD TRUCKS

Saturday, OCT. 22 - Noon to 4 p.m. AND MORE!

At Little Hunting Creek Park
(Next To City Hall)

At the September Council meeting, after months of debate and hearing from Google Fiber representatives, Mayor Bill Dieruf of Jeffersontown, and several residents supporting the measure, Council voted unanimously in favor of Ordinance 549, which awards Google a 20-year, non-exclusive franchise to install a high-speed Internet network in the city. As Prospect was the last municipality in Jefferson County to sign on to the agreement, by our doing so Google can now finalize their design plans for laying the fiber and begin applying for permits. At this time we do not know when work in our area will begin, but we will keep you posted as we learn more.

The days grow shorter, the mornings are chilly, and landscapers are firing up their leaf blowers, which must mean that October is here. October, of course, means **Fall Festival**, and we hope all of you will come to City Hall on October 22. From 12-4 p.m., the Forestation Board will be distributing flowering trees on a first-come basis to residents in the parking lot. They'll also have mulching demonstrations and arborists on hand to answer questions and provide advice about tree care. At the same time, over on the Little Hunting Creek Park side of City Hall, we're going to have pumpkin decorating, face painting, a bouncy castle, 24' inflatable slide and other games, the trackless train, and the Sweet 'N' Savory food truck selling crepes, gelato, and drinks. Meanwhile, the **fall book sale will also be taking place all day Friday and Saturday** in the library on the second floor of City Hall. I hope all of you will come out and join us in the festivities.

John E. Evans - Mayor

The City of Prospect's
9th ANNUAL ARBOREEST
Saturday, October 22nd
12 Noon to 4PM
Prospect City Hall Parking Area
Featuring:
FREE TREES FOR PROSPECT RESIDENTS
Container-sized trees will be distributed in the parking lot behind City Hall on a First come basis! Come early to get yours.
ARBORIST CONSULTATIONS
BROCHURES  **MULCHING DEMONSTRATION**

FALL TREATS! All treats. no tricks!!

Harrods Creek Park Improvements Complete, Parking Lot Now Open

The City of Prospect is pleased to announce the opening of the final phase of Harrods Creek Park. With completion of this final phase, Harrods Creek Park is now 109 acres and features a new parking lot, which can accommodate 19 cars (one of which is a handicapped space). The creek is about a two-minute walk from the lot and provides direct access to the relatively level Orange Trail, a grassy 10-foot wide 1-mile hike along Harrods Creek. Much of the trail is suitable for those who have difficulty with hills or uneven surfaces.

The completion of this park was made possible by the dozens of volunteers who put in hundreds of hours in creating almost 4 miles of hiking trails as well as 10 small wooden bridges. The park has two swinging benches overlooking Harrods Creek as well as a canoe launch. Five Eagle Scouts did their projects in the park adding an information kiosk, 8 wooden benches, and a trail marker system that has markers placed every tenth of a mile on all four trails (Orange, Blue, Red and Green). While there are too many people to thank individually for their work over the last 11 years to make this park possible, there are a few whose efforts need to be mentioned. I want to thank Linda Wardell who has been the chair of the Prospect Parks and Recreation Committee for 9 years. Linda has given hundreds of hours of her time to make the completion of the park possible. Susan and Nick Nicholson who were some of our first volunteers to work on this park and who

could always be counted on whenever we needed people to work on building trails. Sam and Zack Beavin, two Prospect residents and UK college students who designed and built one of the four trails on their own (the Green Trail). Ron Cundiff Prospect's Director of Parks who has gone beyond the call of duty to make our Parks great. Linda, Susan, Nick, Sam, Zack and Ron have all been awarded the Beach Craigmyle Award for their commitment to making this park a reality.

I also want to thank Lynn Granger who has been the liaison



for the Parks and Recreation Committee with the Boy Scouts of America and who has overseen over 25 Eagle projects for the City of Prospect. Finally I want to thank all the past and current members of the Parks and Recreation committee for their time and efforts in creating this park. Those members include Barbara Donoghue, Carolyn Embry, David Genske, Mike Powers, Sharon Dueffert, Eric Lehmann, Scott McClinton, Catherine Wallace and Councilman Jeffery Stovall.

We live in a city filled with incredible citizens who are willing to give up huge amounts of their time to make our city a better place to live. When I came up for the idea for this park I had no idea I could find so many incredible people who would step up to make it a reality. If you have not yet been to Harrods Creek Park I hope you can find the time to experience this great treasure that your community has created for you. The road to the new parking lot is located on Montero Drive near the intersection with Deep Creek Drive.

Dr. Stuart Miles

Looking For A Deal On Some Good Books?

Then you need to be at
Prospect City Hall on

**October 21st and
22nd for the Fall
Prospect Library
Book Sale!
9am to 5pm**

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.

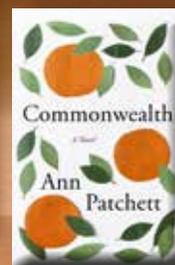
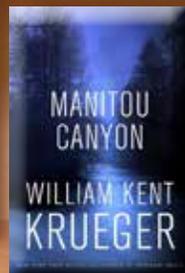
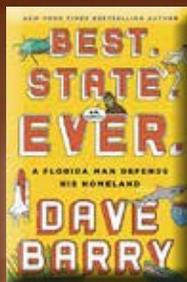
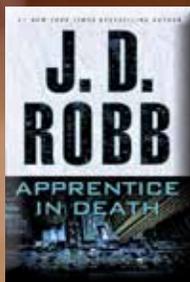
Every year the Prospect Library leases hundreds of books. While in the mix of books there are some non-fiction, some biography, some books by Big League Writers who win National Book awards and Pulitzer prizes. But many of the books are variations of mysteries and the kinds of thrillers where ordinary people become involved in rescuing an innocent in desperate trouble. It occurs to me that it's about time for some Prospect readers to put all that reading to work by writing a book or two.

Actor's Theatre has helpfully provided a little guidance for anyone who wants to attempt a spy thriller along the lines of their current production, *The 39 Steps*. You will need an ordinary citizen and a mysterious person in distress. Somehow, you, the writer, set the story in motion by having the mystery person rush up to your ordinary person. Where? Well, it could be in the produce department at Krogers, but it might be more fun if the ordinary citizen is, say, bird watching at Putney Pond or just lining up a putt on the golf course when mystery person rushes out of a small grove of trees. The mystery person must be running from someone or something. Because mystery person did something wrong? Never. But mystery person knows something dangerous. As soon as ordinary citizen agrees to help, as Sherlock Holmes would say, "The game's afoot!"

Just sprinkle clues randomly throughout your story, so only at the end will readers realize that the writer has provided all the dots, the reader just needed to connect them. And any good writer will be sure to insert a red herring to distract the reader from solving the mystery before the last page.

So, I promise to write an exuberantly favorable review of any book a Prospect reader turned writer turns out. Flex those fingers, fire up your computer, and get to work.

Sandy Tucci





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 Monday8:30 - 6:30
 Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00
 Friday.....8:30 - 3:30

Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150
 Prospect Police Dispatch.....228-COPS(2677)
 Police, Fire & EMS Emergency911

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.



Now you can
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 Police Department
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