



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## 2017 State of The City



The proposed "Prospect Cove" 4-story, 198-unit apartment development on Timber Ridge Drive continues to receive daily attention from City Hall. This past January 31st a public hearing was held from 6 p.m. to midnight at Springdale Church by Metro's Planning Commission. Many thanks to the more than 200 Prospect area residents who attended. It was a great turnout, and was important. Many spoke against the proposal and the proposed rezoning. Led by our City Attorney, Grover Potts, we made a good factual record in opposition. By 12:30 a.m., the 7 member Com-



Hundreds of Prospect area residents showed up in force to voice their displeasure with the proposed complex at a Jan.31 zoning hearing.

An artist rendition of the 4 story, Prospect Cove complex. The planning commission asked that it be re-designed to better fit it's surroundings.

mission had decided (1) to delay ruling on the developer's rezoning application until some undetermined future date, and (2) to require the developer to modify its building plan and re-submit it. We will continue to keep you informed, by e-blasts and otherwise. Please call or email me with any questions.

Beautification and connectivity along U.S. 42 and River Road continues to get closer to implementation. Expect to see some improvements this year, and more in coming years. The Prospect Community Planning Committee is chaired by Councilman Luke Schmidt and includes Council members Sandra Leonard and Stuart Miles, architect and resident Herb Shulhafer, and me. The final planning report done by Qk4 was adopted by the Committee last Friday. It includes many visual improvements including landscaping as well as connectivity features including mixed-use paths. Engineering work and applications for matching grants will occur in the near future.

Prospect's Orange Trail of the Harrods Creek Park had its "official" opening recently with the completion of the road (off Montero Drive in Hunting Creek) and parking lot which serve residents who want to drive down to the trailhead. Along that beautiful, open to the sky trail you will see a large number of trees which have been planted this past year, and enjoy two swings overlooking Harrods Creek. A permanent canoe and kayak launch is in the planning stages to replace the existing temporary launch.

The City's finances continue to be in good shape, and we have begun work on the budget for FY 2017- 2018, which will be presented this Spring.

*John E. Evans* - Mayor

*Speed / spēd/ • n. 1. rapidity of movement or action: the accident was due to excessive speed | fig.*



Not like anyone really needs the definition of it spelled out to them, but speeding, particularly on the subdivision streets, has become an issue as of late. The city would like to remind all residents that the speed limit on all Prospect streets is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. By exceeding the speed limit through the subdivision you are not only endangering yourself but the lives of the children who are playing, fellow residents out for a stroll, and employees who are working in the area. The Prospect Police Department is being especially vigilant with the advent of warmer weather right around the corner. As more walkers hit the street and children start playing outside more, please take a second to ask yourself if the minute or two you saved yourself by breaking the law is worth the potential fine from a speeding ticket, or worse yet, taking someone's life through your own carelessness!

## Children's Nature Adventure At Harrods Creek Park

Looking for a fun-filled morning you and your children are sure to enjoy? Bring your kids to the Harrods Creek Park for the "Children's Nature Adventure" on Saturday, March 11th at noon for a wonderful time full of educational fun! Your children will be able to participate in activities that will not only educate but will also excite them about the amazing power of nature. Kids will take part in guided activities to stimulate their minds, such as learning about ecological succession. They will also have the opportunity to create a piece of artwork depicting what he or she believes the park will look like in 1,000 years, or create a haiku inspired by their favorite parts of nature.

This program, which is sponsored by Claire Kennedy and the Girl Scouts of America, is recommended for children ages 5 through 10, and will take place from 12 noon-1:15 pm. We will meet at the Montero Trailhead located on Montero Drive. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress for the weather. Water bottles and snacks will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you plan to attend, please call City Hall (228-1121) to sign up. In case of bad weather, the event will be moved to Saturday, March 25th, and will take place from 9:30-10:45 am.



Bald Eagles and Wild Turkeys are just a couple of things that can be experienced in Prospect's Parks

If you are a teacher, a Scout leader, or an adult who wants to share your love of nature with the children of Prospect, you're in luck! On Monday, March 27th at 7 pm, a training session will be held at City Hall discussing the best ways to teach children about nature. Informative, fun, nature-based activities will be shared, as well as tips on ways to keep kids engaged and interested. Please arrive no later than 7:10 pm. The session will last about one hour. If you plan to attend or have questions about the session, please call City Hall at 228-1121.



### A Good Walk Spoiled

No, we're not talking about golf! We are talking about inconsiderate pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs do their...umm.. "business", leaving it for others to deal with. Please remember to clean up after your dogs while out for a walk, especially while in the parks. Its not just considerate, it's the law! According to City of Prospect ordinance number \$51.03, taking "Spot" out for a walk without possessing a suitable device for the collection and sanitary disposal of animal waste could cost you up to a \$50 fine.



### A Stinky Situation

The City's sanitation carrier, Rumpke, has asked us to pass along that residents should refrain from putting deceased animals in their trash containers. In particular.... skunks. Because of the obvious olfactory results, Rumpke does reserve the right to refuse pick up to any residence in violation.

Residents are asked to please call City Hall for assistance in dead deer removal on private property. Animals on city streets may be reported to the Prospect Maintenance Department at 228-1121.



### Spring Cleaning For

### Hazardous Household Materials

While our waste and recycling contractor, Rumpke of Kentucky, handles a wide variety of waste and recycled materials, there are a several categories of materials they are not able to process. As you prepare for the spring and summer months and clean out garages or basement areas, you will want to note that hazardous household materials can be disposed of via the Jefferson County Household Hazardous Materials Collection Center (HAZ BIN) at 7501 Grade Lane. Accepted materials include pesticides, herbicides, lawn and garden chemicals, gasoline, kerosene, automotive fluids, solvents, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, mercury thermometers, oil based paints, propane grill tanks and many other items. If you have questions or need more information call "Metro Call" by dialing 311. For more information go online at [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov) and click on "solid waste" and then "junk disposal."

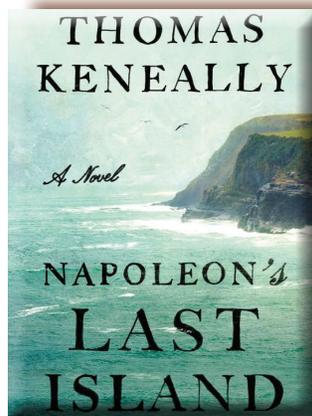
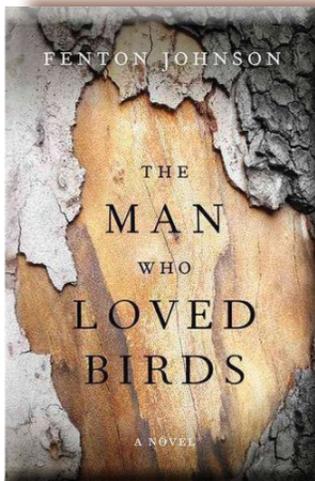


### Coffee with the Mayor

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.

# Prospect Library News

Readers of *The Man Who Loved Birds* will recognize the landscape of Fenton Johnson's novel. One character, a monk is from a monastery, not the Trappist one in Gethsemane, but a Benedictine one somewhat east and south of the one we know. But it is a monastery that makes cheese, and Flavian, who became a monk to avoid the Vietnam war, is a key character. The central character, Johnny Faye, is a Vietnam vet, illiterate yet wise in the ways of the quiet places of his landscape, the birds, the oxbow of a creek where he raises, as his parents and grandparents had done, marijuana. And therein lies the problem, as under the drug policies of the Reagan administration, the government can imprison the owner, and confiscate his land if any marijuana is found growing on his land – even if the landowner didn't know someone, say Johnny Faye, has planted a small crop on the owner's – say the monastery's – land. But gentle Johnny Faye isn't the villain, the villain is a county attorney who covets the land for his golf course. This is all very sad, and we can see early on that it will end badly, with good people, a small boy, a woman, an Indian doctor waiting for a green card, suffering and evil triumphant. Only a story? Not quite. It is based on a very similar real event that happened in Spencer County in 1971. This is a beautifully written, but ultimately tragic story.



*Napoleon's Last Island* is a strange book, a quasi-history of Napoleon's final exile and the colonial British family that was "seduced" by his charm and glamour, a fascination that ultimately led to the ruin of their small fortune and their reputation. Author Ken Kelly's book is based, of course, partly on fact, the "voice" of the book is that of the family's young daughter, spoiled, outspoken, whose command of French makes her a favorite of Bonaparte. Her letters and diary were the inspiration for the story, but it is

much embellished by Kelly.

Napoleon was joined in his exile by many of his favorites and their families. The British didn't lodge him in a prison cell, but in charming home, furnished with his own china, staffed his own chef, etc., while the British constructed a new home for him. A tropical island, a staff, freedom to roam the island, entertain and be entertained, and more than a hint of scandal and debauchery. Not exactly Quantamino. Napoleon is a fascinating figure whose reputation in the English-speaking world is probably somewhat dimmed by his having been England's enemy. But there are other, far better books for anyone who wants to learn about him.

*Sandy Tucci*





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### City Hall.....228-1121

<b>City Hall, Police And Library Hours</b>	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	

### Who Do You Contact If.....?

- You have low or no water pressure, or you see a water main break or fire hydrant leak:**  
 Louisville Water Company.....502-583-6610
- Your power is out or you suspect a gas leak:**  
 LG&E.....502-589-1444
- You see a street light out:**  
 LG&E..... <https://lge-ku.com/outages/report/streetlight>
- OR** City Hall.....502-228-1121
- You have a drainage problem in your yard:**  
 MSD.....502-587-0603
- You see a traffic signal that isn't working properly, a pothole not on a residential street (such as River Road or US 42), or a dead animal or debris not on a residential street:**  
 MetroCall Louisville.....311 or 502-574-7000
- You see a missing or damaged street sign, pothole, dead animal on a residential street or a dead deer in your yard:**  
 City Hall.....502-228-1121
- You need to renew or update your vehicle registration:**  
 Jefferson County Clerk.....502-574-5700  
 Oldham County Clerk.....502-222-6111

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