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# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## From The Mayor

This month's newsletter features Prospect's Police Force. We are extremely lucky to have them. They work every day and all night to keep us and our property safe. Last year Prospect was given an award for being the safest city in Kentucky. They are extremely good at their jobs: highly professional, courteous and helpful. Many residents say they are the single best thing our taxes pay for. Any time you need the duty officer, for any reason, dial 228-COPS, identify yourself, your problem and your location, and he or she will respond quickly. Of course, in an urgent emergency, it's still 911.

**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.*



At this writing, the Prospect Cove situation is unresolved. LDG, the four-story low income apartment developer, saw its contract to buy the 10-acre tract expire in February. They are trying to get it renewed, and the fact that they propose a high-density use, together with the fact that federal funds are a big part of what they do, gives them a bidding advantage. Another pair of developers are competing to buy the land, and propose building two restaurants and retail shops (all one story) along Timber Ridge Drive and two 2-story office buildings further back. Their plan also includes turning the 5 of the 10 acres which are not suitable for any buildings into a park for the City of Prospect. Please feel free to call me at 727-9729, or come to Coffee With The

Mayor any Friday noontime at Starbucks if you want further details.

Work will begin soon on cleaning up along the sides of US 42, particularly between the Harrods Creek bridge and the new tunnel location. We also are working on getting new guardrails there. Also, Qk4 is doing surveying work in preparation for the planned improvements along 42 between Timber Ridge Drive and the entrances to Innisbrook and Hunting Creek, including the mixed use paths, landscaping, and lighting. We also will be working on getting the state to repave US 42 through the length of Prospect.

Our accountants' report through the end of February, which covers the first 8 months of the fiscal year, shows that City expenditures are 66% of the budget for the year. The City's receipts also are on track. Finally, the City has \$2,875,473 of assets, of which \$2,778,678 are liquid, and total liabilities of only \$1,700. My proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be presented to the City Council prior to its April 17th meeting.

*John E. Evans* - Mayor

## Drain Pains?

The city maintenance department has started a street storm drain clearing project. We have begun clearing clogged drains and making sure they remain clear to handle the coming spring rains. Homeowners can help us with this new service by making sure that the storm water gutters in front of their homes remain free of leaves, grass clippings and yard waste, something that responsible homeowners should be doing already.



To report a clogged drain on the street please call City Hall at 228-1121 or email the maintenance department at [citymaint@prospectky.com](mailto:citymaint@prospectky.com). Remember this is for on-street drains only. Clogged drains located on private property or off road should be reported to MSD at 587-0603.

## Maintenance Department Welcomes Additional Staff

The Prospect Parks and Maintenance Department would like to welcome its newest member, Bryan Whittlow. Bryan, a former corrections officer, comes to us via General Electric's Appliance Park.



# Meet Your Prospect Police Department



Chief Jeff Sherrard started in Law Enforcement with the Jefferson County Police Department in 1982. Previous assignments include the Adam, Charlie and David Districts, Homicide Unit, Internal Affairs Unit, Evidence Technician Unit, Metro Narcotics and Special Investigations.

In the newly merged Louisville Metro Police Department, Sherrard served as Commander of Training, Professional Standards Unit, Public Integrity Unit and Special Operations Division. He was with the JCPD Hostage Negotiation Team for 10 years with 5 years as team commander. He is also a two time recipient of the JCPD Exemplary Performance Medal. Chief Sherrard has a BS degree in Police Administration from the U of L.



Lt. Col. Todd Shaw began his police career in 1988 at Eastern Kentucky University. After 5 years at the Huntsville, Alabama Police Department, he returned to Kentucky in 1993 as a Kentucky State Police trooper. Lt. Col. Shaw moved to the Jefferson County Police and later

the Louisville Metro Police Department. Following retirement in 2009 he became Assistant Police Chief in Prospect. His career has included: Police policy writing, Basic Training Academy instructor, federal grant administrator, specialized unit supervisor, division resource officer supervisor, budget management, recruiting/selection, and long range strategic planning. Lt. Col Shaw was also certified as firefighter and EMT in Kentucky.



Mike Thomas has served the Louisville area in some type of emergency service or Law Enforcement since he graduated high school in 1972. Ofc. Thomas has been an EMT, an instructor in CPR and first aid for the American Red Cross, a fire fighter, and a officer on the Jefferson County Corrections Department. He has served as a patrol-

man in Prospect since 2006.



Toni Leitsch joined the Prospect Police in November of 2014. She has been in Law Enforcement since October 1991 as a cadet patrol officer and detective with LMPD. Officer Leitsch has also served the Presentation Academy's alumnae association and is currently the

Chaplain of the FOP lodge.



Harold Proffitt former Marine, served our country in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait as part of the first Gulf War. He has been in Law Enforcement since 1997 and with the Prospect Police since 1999. Along with being a patrolman, Ofc. Proffitt is certified as a bike patrol officer and firearms instructor.



Chris Harr began his Law Enforcement career in 1991 as a cadet with the Jefferson County Police Department. He completed the Police Academy at EKU and went on to serve Jefferson County as a sniper in the SWAT team. Officer Harr was promoted to Sergeant working traffic,

Special Investigations, and in the FLEX platoon in the 8th Division of LMPD. Officer Harr joined the Prospect Police Department in 2014.



Marianne Haverlin began her Law Enforcement career in 1994 with NYPD, in patrol, precinct narcotics and traffic, prostitution detail and riot special response. Officer Haverlin also served with Jefferson County Public Schools and the Bardstown Police Department before joining Prospect Police in 2002.



Michael McKeehan an Army veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, comes to us with experience at Jefferson County Police and Louisville Metro Police as a corrections officer, patrol officer, district narcotics detective, Asst. Commander of the Honor Guard, and field training of-

ficer. In 1998 Ofc. McKeehan received the Governor's Award for DUI detection and later participated in the LMPD Crisis Intervention Team. He has been with Prospect since 2015.



Julie Cobaugh joined the Prospect Police in April of 2016. Prior to that she was part of the Jefferson County Police Department and the Louisville Metro Police Department from 1997 to 2015.



Todd Meredith has served over 28 years in Law Enforcement, beginning with 15 years in the Charlie district of the Jefferson County Police Department. He went on to serve another 13 years in the 6th division of the Louisville Metro Police Department. With a calling for street-level policing, Todd served his entire Law Enforcement career in the patrol division. He attended U of L, and has experience as a Field Training Officer and acting Sergeant. During his career, Todd received numerous commendations, including Officer of the Year, the Exceptional Merit Award, and the Medal of Valor.



Steve Bailey attended the U of L Speed School of Engineering before beginning his career in Law Enforcement with the Jefferson County Police Department in 1992. Previous assignments include police cadet in all four county districts, patrolman, bike patrol officer, gang detective and narcotics detective. He spent his last ten years as a supervisor over the 3rd division flex unit, primarily investigating narcotic and felony cases. After 24 years of service with the Louisville Metro Police Department, Officer Bailey retired and joined our department in 2016.



Steve Hardy is a graduate of Shawnee High School and also attended University of Louisville. He was part of the Kentucky Army National Guard 223rd, Military Police Company, and a police officer for the U of L, Jeffersontown Police, and Kentucky State Police. He attained the rank of Sergeant with the Louisville Metro

Professional Standards Unit and Jefferson County Police Department.



Randy Carmichael began his law enforcement career in Charlestown, Indiana in 1990, after four years of active duty in the Army. He then worked at Sellersburg (Indiana) Police Department, from 1994-1997. Officer Carmichael transferred to Jefferson County Police and retired from Louisville Metro Police in 2015.

## Notice Of Public Meeting Canoe Launch Public Meeting

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on

Monday, April 17, 2017, from 5:30-6:30

Location: Prospect Library, in the City of Prospect

**Sponsored by: Prospect Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Committee**

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss a plan to replace the gravel and timber canoe launch in Harrods Creek Park with a more permanent structure that will not only be more functional, but also easier to maintain. We are currently exploring grant opportunities to cover a portion of the cost. Area residents are invited to attend this public meeting to review and comment on the proposed canoe launch design (created by National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program).

*Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; Governor's Office, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 within two (2) weeks of the date of the meeting.*

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## Spring Tree Care

Trees add a lot to our Prospect environment as well as to property values. Here are a few tips on how to care for them:

If you have ash trees, we have arranged to have Limbwalker, which will be treating City ash trees against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), to also treat privately owned trees in the city. The insect is present in our area and untreated trees die. Limbwalker will charge residents the same rate (\$8.50 per diameter inch) as the city. The diameter inch is determined by measuring the tree about 4 feet six inches above the ground. Please note Limbwalker's minimum charge is \$150. To get Limbwalker's special rate, call their office 634-0400 **before April 30** and tell them you are a Prospect resident.

Spring is a good time to prune away dead wood. Mulching wide areas around trees helps protect them from lawn mowers and retains moisture in the soil. The mulch should be about three inches deep. Don't pile it against the tree or touch the trunk. Fertilizer can be very beneficial, but the type/composition of the fertilizer needed should be determined by a soil analysis. See the Prospect web site (under horticulture) for the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Office or call 569 2344 for help. For more information, pick up a copy of the Prospect Tree Guide at City Hall and go to the website: [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) and click on "trees" and then "planting and care".



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

<b>City Hall, Police And Library Hours</b>	<b>Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150</b>
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	

### February Financials 2017

	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Month Ended</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>16/17 Budget</b>
	\$83,889.02	\$83,889.02	\$2,783,988.74	\$3,184,925.00
<b>Expense</b>				
General Government	\$111,025.28	\$111,025.28	\$743,819.44	\$1,021,252.63
Police Dept.	\$ 83,617.95	\$ 83,617.95	\$607,091.56	\$953,798.90
Public Works	\$ 85,934.28	\$ 85,934.28	\$757,141.64	\$1,209,873.47
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$280,577.51</b>	<b>\$280,577.51</b>	<b>\$2,108,052.64</b>	<b>\$3,184,925.00</b>
4800 – Municipal Road Aid income	\$10,827.24	\$10,827.24	\$67,916.86	
4810- Interest Income –Restricted	\$17.58	\$17.58	\$53.81	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,844.82</b>	<b>\$10,844.82</b>	<b>\$67,970.67</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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