



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Council Member Stuart Miles is the recipient of the 2017 Beech Craigmyle award.

Council Member Miles Selected As 2017 Craigmyle Recipient

This year's Beach Craigmyle Award goes to Council Member Stuart Miles. The only question is, why hasn't he received it earlier? Stuart's passion for many years has been developing, maintaining and improving our parks. His tireless work, his leadership, and his dedication to making Prospect a great and beautiful place, over many years, made this an easy choice. Congratulations, and thank you, Stu.

For all who were not here in the 70s and early 80s, Beach Craigmyle was Prospect's second Mayor. He succeeded Tom Pfau in 1978 and served until 1981. Like Tom, he also was an early President of the Hunting Creek Country Club, back when Hunting Creek and Fox Harbor were all there was of the City of Prospect. The award honoring him and his name was instituted during the nineties, to pay special recognition to residents who, like him, have shown special dedication to Prospect.

LDG and Prospect Cove are back in the news, because LDG has sued the Louisville Metro

Council and the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government. LDG claims that Metro Council's action denying the rezoning was arbitrary, and that its refusal to rezone violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution and also the federal Fair Housing Act. Call me if you have any questions about this.

You may have noticed the new four board fencing erected by Prospect (with thanks to our Maintenance Department, Ron, Rusty and Brian) along 42 across from Starbucks, during the last three weeks. The wood was wetter than normal so as soon as the wood cures a bit it will be painted, and in the spring a number of flowering bushes and small flowering trees will be planted along it. We also are planning to dress up the bare concrete sidewalls of the bridge across Harrods Creek, and install street lights along the top of each side. Attractive street lights all along 42 through Prospect also are in the works.

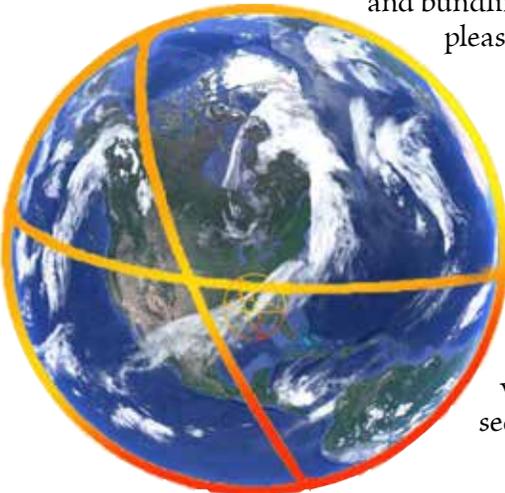


The newly completed fence along US42.

John E. Evans - Mayor

Newsletter To Go Completely Digital

For decades, the City has physically mailed a printed copy of the Prospect newsletter to every household inside (not to mention quite a few outside) the city limits. At a cost of over \$400 a mailing plus time spent physically printing, sorting and bundling each run, a substantial cost of time and money is incurred each year. We are pleased to announce that as of 2018 that will all change!



Beginning with the first issue of the new year the City of Prospect

Newsletter will go digital and all newsletter mailings will be sent via email. Besides the obvious benefit of saving paper, money and time, going digital offers several other bonuses that are not available with printed media. The number of pages with printed newsletters is always limited to a multiple of four, unless you have blank pages or go to the added hassle and expense of printing and adding an insert or doubling up an issue. Because no physical media are present when publishing digitally this is no longer an issue and page numbers are unlimited. Another bonus is speed of delivery. As many people who have already signed up know, via "Citymail" (the City's email address system), we can release the newsletter the second it is approved, instantly reaching hundreds of households.

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“So,” you ask, “*what do I need to do to keep getting the newsletter?*” If you are already on the City’s email list..... nothing! You already receive it. If not, to continue receiving the newsletter all one has to do is visit the City website at prospectky.us! Scroll down the main page to the section labeled “How can I sign up for email notifications and newsletters?” and fill out the simple four question form. We do not release or distribute email addresses or any other information provided. Don’t want to be on the mailing list? Not a problem, the newsletter will be posted to the website the same day as it’s emailed out. A very limited number of printed copies will still be available for pick up only, in the lobby at City Hall.



Leaving Town? Trust House Watch!

House Watch is one of the most viable crime prevention programs available and assists your police department in keeping your residence safe in your absence. Anyone living within the city limits of Prospect may utilize this program any and every time they leave town. You will find a House Watch form under the “Security” button on the city web page, prospectky.us, or you may call 502-228-1150 during business hours to be added to the HouseWatch list. Please give us 48 hours to process your HouseWatch request. Each day our officers are given a list of residences on the HouseWatch. We make every attempt to check your home on each shift. To help us help you, always include your email address and include a contact number for emergencies. Tell us if anyone is expected at your home in your absence, and tell us what they drive, if possible.

The Second Leading Cause Of Fires!



Most of us look forward to winter and its encouragement of hot cocoa, fuzzy clothes and warm houses. It’s also the peak season for the second leading cause of home fires in the US - heating equipment. Over 70% of these fires are due to improper use of space heaters, fireplaces and chimneys. The

Harrods Creek Fire Department would like to

remind you to keep 3 feet of clearance around space heaters and make sure they plug directly into a wall (not an extension cord or power strip). Ensure that they are turned off when you leave the room or go to sleep. FEMA and the US Fire Administration recommend all chimneys and vents should be cleaned and inspected yearly.

In addition to this seasonal information, please make sure that you have working smoke alarms in your home. If you are unable to test yours or have none and live in the Harrods Creek Fire District, please call 228-1351 and request that the fire department come out to test or replace your smoke alarms free of charge. We can also provide a home safety check to ensure you are as safe as possible.

Finally, we would like to remind you that three of the largest causes of fires are careless smoking, electrical equipment malfunction and unattended cooking. If you would like to request a home safety check for any of these issues, please let us know and we will assist you.

Stephen P Hanson, Major
Assistant Chief/ Fire Marshal
Harrods Creek Fire Department

“Brush your teeth each morning. Get lots of sleep at night.....”



Many of us fondly remember the lyrics to the “T Bar V Show” from our childhoods. Matter of factly, quite a few of us were on the show to celebrate a birthday.

Unfortunately, because it was live broadcast television

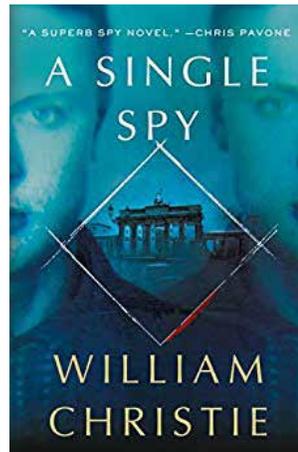
(“Gasp” Yes, kiddos, this was before the invention of DVR’s), there are few pictures of the kids who did appear on the show. If you happen to have one of a local child on the show, the history book committee would love to include it in the upcoming Prospect History Book. Please contact Sandra Leonard at sleonard@prospectky.com

That Pothole Was So Big.....

It’s that time of year once again. No, not spring, at least not yet anyway, it’s pothole season! The constant cycle of freezing temperatures and consequent warming causes those pesky little menaces to rear their ugly heads. Potholes form when water gets in the cracks in the roadway, freezes and expands. While the city does its best to fill potholes as they occur, sometimes they slip past us. To report a pothole on a “city owned street” please call City Hall at 228-1121 or email it to citymaint@prospectky.com, and we will take care of it as soon as we possibly can. To report a pothole outside of the city or on US 42 you can call “Metro Call” at 311.

Prospect Library News

Fictional spies, well done, can get a reader's blood racing. The protagonist in "A Single Spy" by William Christie is that kind of spy. Alexi, whom readers meet as a teenager in Soviet Azerbaijan in 1936, is such a person. He is living by his considerable wits, an orphan who is valuable to illiterate smugglers because he is literate and observant. They are the first group he works for, and they, like the Soviet Communists, the German Nazis, both of whom recruit and train him, even the British, have no loyalty to him –he is a useful instrument. And Alexi, in turn, is loyal only to himself. After recruitment and training by the KGB, he becomes a very skillful instrument, fluent in many languages, an expert, efficient killer, and, an X-rated plus, also trained by the KGB in the valuable and pleasurable art of Olympic-level performance in bed. All of his training is demonstrated as he is embedded (pun intended) in Russia, Iran, Germany. This is not a James Bond kind of spy novel. In some ways it is more of a John le Carre' story, but not so bleak and with much more action. William Christie writes well; the characters, the time, the places and the pace are all good. It's a page turner.



When the most interesting and human character in a novel is the disembodied voice of an artificial intelligence called Winston, the reader may be forgiven for wondering what has happened to Dan Brown, author of *The DaVinci Code*. Possibly an alien abduction. What is certain, however, is that the humans in his latest book, *Origins*, come across as cardboard, two-dimensional figures. Even Tom Hanks would have difficulty making the symbiologist, Robert Langdon, human.

The setting is Spain, Gaudi's Barcelona, the Guggenheim in Bilbao, the royal armory in Madrid. In Brown's acknowledgements, he should have mentioned a travel guide or two; while each locale is real, a tourist "must see," and is described lengthily, each place is also "spooked up" – the hallways are longer and darker, lights flicker, the rooms vaster, the stairways steeper.

The premise of the novel is that a brilliant scientist-mathematician-physicist has discovered, and wants to reveal to the world, the "true" origin of life. The suggestion is that mankind is divided into two groups, creationists whose belief in 6 24 hour days will be crushed by the reveal, and atheists, whose non-belief will also be shattered by the "truth."

It is a false dichotomy – there are all kinds of beliefs, all kinds of nuances. Brown sends gullible readers down fake rabbit holes – what or who is trying to block to information – the Catholic Church? An uber traditionalist offshoot of the Church, the monarchy (which, incidentally, bears no relationship to the actual Spanish monarchy; Brown probably assumes correctly that his readers only pay attention to Kate Middleton and the British royals, so he can invent freely.) At 457 pages, readers are asked to spend a lot of time on, at the end, not much.

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Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00	Police, Fire & EMS Emergency911
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.



Plowing Ahead!

We don't know how much or when, but we do know with the advent of the winter season, that snow is on the way and with it, snowplows. The City spends a substantial amount on snow removal each year. Maintaining hills and main thoroughfares are the main focus during snow events with secondary streets coming next. Flat areas and courts follow. Below are some tips to help make it easier on all of us:

Do not park your car on the street if it can be avoided. If deemed a hazard it can be towed.

If you have a rubber driveway/gutter mat, remove it before the snow starts to avoid it being dragged down the street by a plow. The City is NOT responsible for replacing or paying for these.

If you have installed asphalt curbing to redirect water it is recommended that you mark the area with pole markers. While every effort is made to avoid damaging these curbs, it is impossible to know where they are, especially when snow covered, and they will not be replaced by the City.

It should be noted that the City is not responsible for clearing the end of your driveway. To report issues or damage resulting from plowing please call City Hall at 228-1121.