



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Throughout most of 2017, our community was faced with the very real possibility of a massive, 4 story, 500 foot long apartment project being built, by a company called LDG, on Timber Ridge Drive, on Prospect's border, but just outside Prospect's City limits. In April and May, 2017, we received contributions from 290 Prospect households, totaling \$230,000, to help finance the purchase of the land for an alternative development of shops, restaurants, etc., but were shut out when LDG raised its offer from \$2.8 to \$3.1 million, which the owners of the land accepted. So we returned all of your checks. In August, 2017, the Metro Planning Commission, after another long evening of testimony, unanimously recommended approval, and the matter went to the Metro Council. On October 24, 2017, that 26 member body rejected that Planning Commission recommendation (this is unusual) by the narrowest possible vote, 14 – 11. Had it been 13, we would have lost. Within 30 days, LDG filed suit against the Metro government and the Metro Council, claiming in part that the Council vote was not supported by any evidence. At my request, our City Attorney intervened in that part of the lawsuit, and it is still pending, while certain discovery we have sought from LDG, as to whether it has any interest in the land, gets completed. Meanwhile, I am exploring what we can do to try to keep these developers from taking another run at getting the R-7 rezoning they need, which can be done 2 years after the Metro Council's vote last October. (They could build something considerably smaller right now under the existing zoning, but apparently that does not fit their business plan.) I will keep you informed.



Rumpke. In recent weeks we have had more reports than usual of trash pickups being missed. I have had a sit-down meeting with their supervisor for Prospect, Derek Rainbolt, and I call him whenever there is a problem. His number is 377-5813, so you can contact him directly, but please continue to keep us informed of any continuing problems.

John E. Evans John E. Evans, Mayor

HCFD Brings Ambulance Service To Prospect



Savvy budgeting by Harrods Creek Fire Department allows the Prospect community to benefit from an ambulance service. According to Lt. Colonel Keith Brooks, the HCFD has been servicing the Prospect area with advanced life-support certification. This allowed their trained technician to stabilize the patient, but had to wait on transportation. Now with this new added service, the HCFD can arrive on scene with the new ambulance which can be life saving. As the demands for medical attention has increased, the HCFD evaluated the needs of the Northeastern Jefferson County and added this invaluable service. So hats off to you HCFD!

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX INFO INSIDE

All City Of Prospect Tax Bills Have Been Mailed



Everyone owning property within the Prospect city limits should be receiving their 2018 city property tax bills within the next few days if not already.

- If you have not received your bill by August 25th, please contact City Clerk Laura Taylor at 228-1121 or cityclerk@prospectky.com.
- Payment is due no later than September 30. The postmark date will apply to mailed payments.

Payment may be submitted by mail using the envelope included with your bill, in person during business hours, or by the after-hours drop box by the door beside the Gallopalooza horse.

- We accept payment by check or cash only.
- **If your tax bill is paid out of escrow, it is your responsibility to forward the bill to your financial institution.**
- If you need to change your mailing address or apply for a homestead or disability exemption, contact the PVA at 574-6380 (Jefferson County) or 222-9320 (Oldham County).

Each bill also comes with 2 City of Prospect car stickers. Affix the sticker to the bottom left corner of your vehicle's rear window as you are facing it. While use of the stickers is voluntary, the City has found that they assist officers in determining the ownership of vehicles while patrolling neighborhoods. If you need additional stickers, please contact City Hall at 228-1121.

Taylor Earns Certification

Congratulations to Prospect City Clerk Laura Taylor who recently earned her certification as a Kentucky Municipal Clerk. CKMC designation requires 120 hours of training over a 3-year period in such areas as records management, municipal law, human resources, finance, and

customer service, and membership in the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association. The next step for Laura is to attain designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, which would qualify her to work as a city clerk anywhere in the United States.



Laura Taylor

Forestation Board Seeks Tree Adoptions

If you have strolled through Little Hunting Creek Park next to City Hall lately you may have noticed the new tree identification tags. We'd like to identify many more trees for you around Prospect. If you would like to help us in this endeavor, each tag costs about \$20 and any contributions towards this cause can be made by sending a check to City Hall marked "For use by the Forestation Board". We'll take care of the rest!

Another way you can help our trees is by adopting one! Many trees were planted where irrigation systems don't exist and could use extra watering that the city doesn't have the man power to cover as much as needed. If you'd like to adopt a tree we'd love that. Some trees have watering bags called gator bags attached around the base. These can be filled with water during the driest months of September and October. Won't you ensure a tree doesn't go thirsty and contact the Forestation Board to find out which trees have been adopted?

Council Meeting Minutes Available Online

American Legal Publishing, which hosts the Prospect city code in their online library, also hosts our City Council meeting minutes. Currently, all minutes from June, 2018 back to the first City Council meeting on April 4, 1974, are available online. To explore this fully-searchable archive visit:

prospectky.us/government/council-meeting-minutes-transcripts-and-agendas/

and click on "Meeting Minutes," or "View Code" if you're interested in city ordinances.

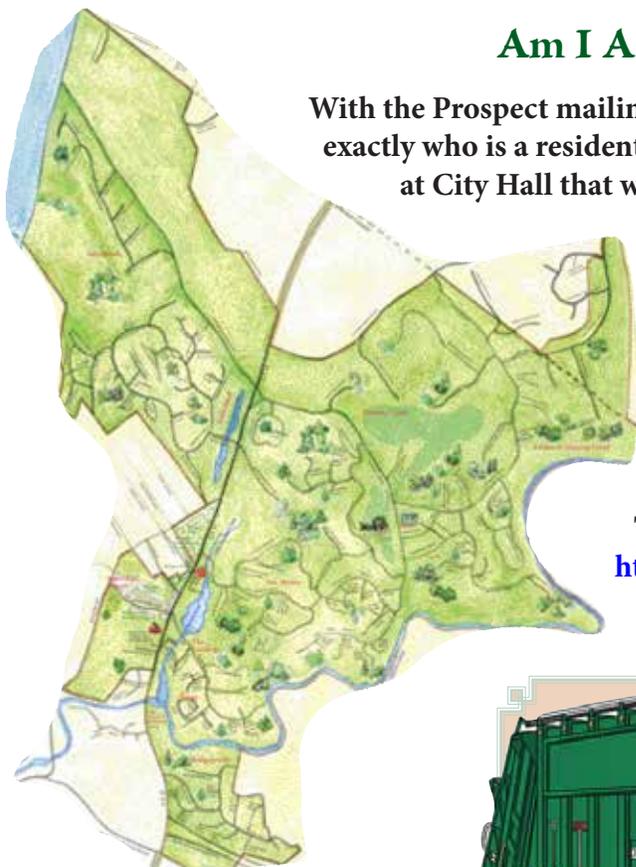
Am I A Resident Of Prospect?

With the Prospect mailing zone being so immense, it can be a little confusing at times just exactly who is a resident of the City of Prospect and who is not. Not a week goes by here at City Hall that we do not receive a call from someone requesting city services who does not live in the city yet think they do. The actual city proper is quite small when compared to the mailing area that includes areas as far out as River Bluff, Cardinal Harbor, Paramont Estates and even Norton Commons all the way over on Brownsboro Road (HWY 22).

Even some close areas such as the north side of River Road and intersecting streets as Bass Ave. and Mayfair Ave. are not inside the city's boundary.

To help clear up this confusion we recommend go to:

<https://kentucky.hometownlocator.com/ky/jefferson/prospect.cfm> for a clear view of the exact City of Prospect borders.



RUMPKE REMINDERS

All trash, recycling and yard waste must be out for collection no later than 6:00 A.M. on the morning of your scheduled pick up day. Rumpke will not return for waste set out too late.

If you have a large amount of trash and/or recycling, it must be set out by the street. Rumpke will only take as much waste from your back door as they can fit in one of their 95-gallon toters. Please also break down any cardboard boxes you may have.

HARRODS CREEK TRAIL BASH

Lace up those running shoes for the second annual "Harrods Creek Trail Bash" 5k and 10k trail race. The race will take place November 18th in Harrods Creek Park.

Last years event was very well attended so early registration is recommended.

ONLY 150 SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE AND THEY GO FAST!

Entry includes a race t-shirt, finisher/overall awards, professional chip timing, beautiful course, and post-race chili! Proceeds benefit the upkeep and improvement of Harrods Creek Park!

Register by November 5th to guarantee your shirt size.

Registration ends November 17, 2018.

Don't want to run but still want to help out? Volunteers are needed to hand out water, direct runners, and give out finisher awards.

To sign up, volunteer or just donate to the cause go to:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Prospect/HarrodcCreekTrailBash5k10k>

Coffee with the Mayor

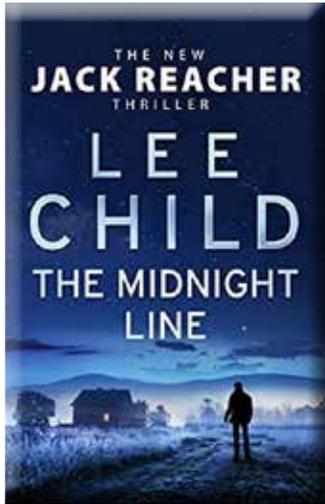
You are cordially invited to come meet with Mayor Evans and Chief Sherrard and voice any concerns or issues that involve the city. The Mayor and Chief will be available every Friday from Noon to 1 PM at the Prospect Starbucks.



Prospect Library News

Reviews

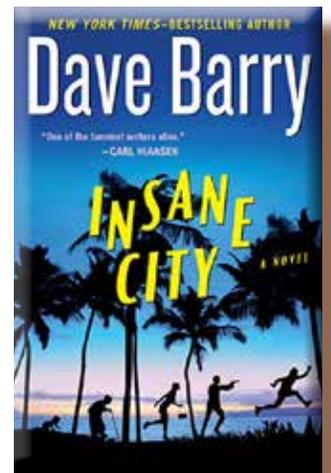
Summer time once meant, for some of us, roller coaster rides, some satisfying moments of near terror, but also, deep inside, knowing that the ride will end, right where it began, and that, sooner or later, our stomachs will catch up with the rest of us.



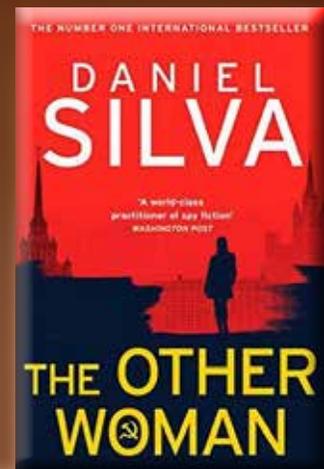
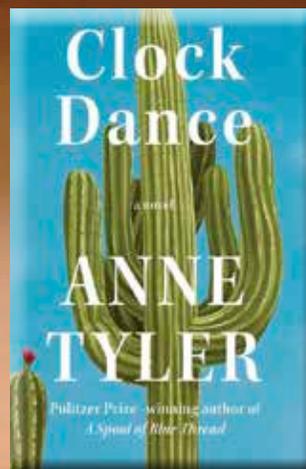
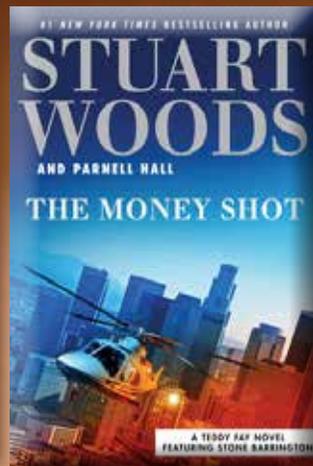
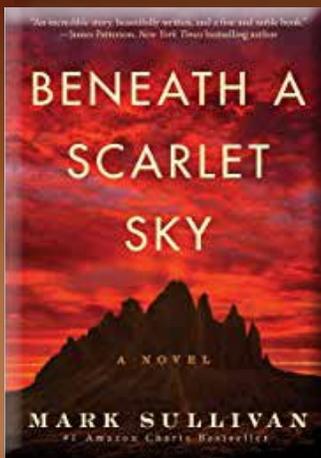
A Jack Reacher novel takes a little more time, but the effect is similar. We are never in any doubt at all that Reacher will get the bad guys, get the girl (very briefly, his main commitment seems to be to his toothbrush – he travels light) and he'll do it all with brains and bare hands. His only weapon is his body, which he should register with police in areas that require permits for guns. Lee Child's *The Midnight Line* takes place, as Reacher novels often do, in fly-over country, and Reacher, for those who haven't met him, is a nearly 7 foot ex Army major, military police. He's a loner, patriotic, not looking for trouble but finding it in each book. This one is topical, dealing with injured veterans, opioids, and, of course, evil-doers. Better than a roller coaster.

And as the summer reading time comes to a close, school kids still have the dreaded summer reading lists, uplifting novels with Caldecott and Newbury award stickers on them. Adults can just read Jack Reacher novels or *Insane City* which may surprise some readers because the insane city is Miami. Actual-

ly, Miami is the perfect setting for any aspiring writers of comic novels. All they have to do is read the local newspaper. Dave Barry, author of *Insane City* is like a juggler, who tosses first one ball in the air, easy, then, a second, and finally has ten objects whirling around. Barry combines an epically terrible bachelor party, a bridezilla, a python, an orangutan, Haitian refugees, billionaires, and spins them around. Readers can easily guess how the story will end, happily, with everyone getting his or her just desserts, but the details of how it all unfolds is what makes it a fun summer read. Pour yourself an iced tea or an adult beverage (this isn't a book for kids) and enjoy.



Sandy Tucci



“I’m Sooooo Tired!”



Thanks to the determination of Barth Johnson and the Beavin family, the Kentucky Waterways Alliance and the Harrods Creek Park Canoe and Kayak Launch, Harrods Creek now has one truck load less of dumped vehicle tires in it! Barth, a retired Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officer organized the event along with the Beavins. Together, with the help of a few volunteers, they managed to pull a total of 16 tires and an assortment of other trash from the creek. Thank You to ALL that assisted in this wonderful effort!



POLICY CHANGE AT HARRODS CREEK PARK

Due to the overwhelming popularity and small size of the parking area at Harrods Creek Park, trailer parking will no longer be allowed in the lot at Harrods Creek Park. You can go down to the parking lot and unload, but you will have to park on Montero Dr. Due to City ordinance, trailers **MUST REMAIN ATTACHED TO VEHICLE WHEN PARKED ON THE STREET.**

Also we have been notified that people are parking in the grass and wherever else they can fit in. Citations for illegal parking **WILL** be issued. We realize it is an inconvenience, but we are a new and growing facility and must protect what we are trying to create. Everyone’s cooperation is greatly appreciated.

City Hall, Police And Library Hours

Monday 8:30 - 6:30

Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00

Friday..... 8:30 - 3:30

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