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2019 State Of The City

Spring Wildflower Walks At Harrods Creek Park

Saturday, April 6 at 1PM (rain date April 7)
AND
Saturday April 13 at 1PM (rain date April 14)



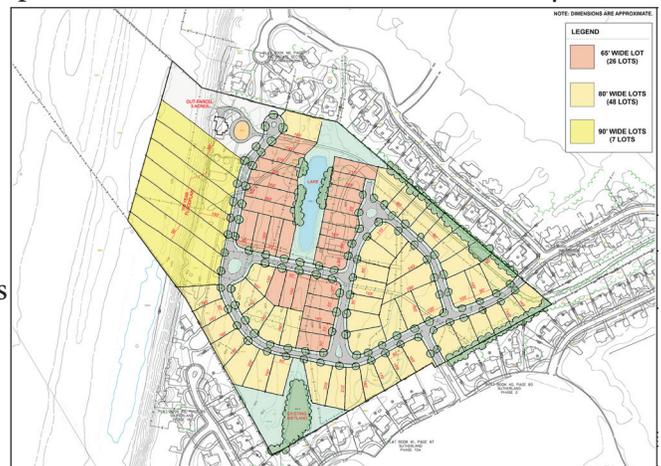
**DETAILS
INSIDE!**

The City of Prospect is in good shape. Financially, we have no debt, although our audit notes that we have long-term liabilities created by the State related to the State pension deficits totaling \$2 million. We have cash reserves of \$2,314,311. Our annual budget is approximately \$3.2 million, We have operated under budget for five years and are on track to do so again currently. Our essential services are being delivered consistently; and under the leadership of Chief Jeff Sherrard and Assistant Chief Tony Denham we have an excellent, professional police force with a quick response time. We have a competent and friendly staff, headed by Laura Taylor, who is our Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk, and Ron Cundiff, our Director of Public Works, all of whom work hard to keep the City running smoothly. We have our own Library, which is very popular and well-used, headed up by Councilwoman Sandra Leonard and numerous volunteers. We have an extensive Parks system, chaired by Linda Wardell, also with many volunteers. Finally, we just installed four new Council members, Greg Huelsman, Richard Overy, Harold Schewe, and Rande Swann, elected in November, who, along with re-elected veterans Frank Fulcher and Sandra Leonard, have hit the ground running, have all recently attended a three-day school given by the Kentucky League of Cities, and currently are working on a thorough review of all City Ordinances.

“Our” Fire Department, Harrods Creek, though governed separately, is an extremely valuable part of Prospect. It has an EMT on every shift, a response time within Prospect of 5 minutes or less, and most recently has its own ambulance, which, importantly, significantly cuts the time to get someone to the hospital. They are as close as a call to 911.

We continue to face challenges. The proposed “Prospect Cove” apartment project, which the Metro Council narrowly rejected in October of 2017, can reapply for rezoning beginning late October of 2019. Given the changes in Metro Council, it is likely it would not be rejected a second time. At LDG’s request, with the guidance of City Attorney Chris Gorman and the volunteer assistance of architect Herb Shulhafer, we have begun exploring what significantly revised plan would be acceptable to Prospect. If that exploration succeeds, it could become a “win-win.” If it does not, we (and they) probably face several more years of expensive litigation, with an uncertain outcome.

A second challenge has recently appeared, with the announcement that developer Stephanie Gilezan has contracted to buy the 50 acre McCall Farm, which lies behind Innisbrook and Sutherland, on which she plans to



Proposed “Breakers” Subdivision

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seek to build a new 81-lot subdivision called “The Breakers.” Unlike the Prospect Cove situation, The Breakers would not need rezoning, and unlike Prospect Cove, it is entirely within Prospect’s city limits. At a recent public meeting, at least two issues emerged. One is the means of access, both while construction is occurring, and later when people live there. In short, her plan would impact both Innisbrook and Sutherland. The second issue has to do with drainage. We will be participating in all Planning Commission hearings as this unfolds.

The welcome repaving of US 42 through Prospect has created a serious problem with visibility, especially at night, with no reflectors marking where the lanes are. We got the Highway Department to contract for the installation of reflectors, but it requires temperatures above 50 and dry pavement to get it done.

The Chinese have a saying, “May you live in interesting times.” In sum, we do.

John E. Evans

John E. Evans, Mayor

Prospect Parks & Recreation Announces Two Spring Wild Flower Walks in April

Prospect Parks & Recreation is sponsoring two wildflower walks in Harrods Creek Park. The dates are Saturday, April 6, at 1:00 PM (rain date Sunday, April 7, at 1 PM), and Saturday April 13, at 1 PM (rain date Sunday, April 14, at 1 PM).

The tours will be led by Jacquelyn McGrail and Carolyn Embry, who are Prospect residents and wildflower aficionados. The group will meet at the Harrods Creek Park trail head on Montero Drive, but anyone not comfortable utilizing a rugged stream crossing with steps is invited to meet in the parking lot and take the connector to the Blue Trail. There will be someone at the parking lot to guide you to the alternate meet-up location which avoids the stream crossing.

The trail is narrow, with rocks and exposed roots in some places, plus some steep ascents and descents. Sturdy boots or athletic shoes and a walking stick are highly recommended. Dress for the weather, in layers.

The walk is approximately 2 miles along the Blue Trail, but an extended route will be available on the Green Trail. Those more comfortable with a

shorter walk can turn back at any point along the trail.

If you have any questions about this event, please call City Hall at 502-228-1121.

Up to the Minute(s)



After receiving several requests, we are now updating our online archive of City Council meeting minutes monthly! You can now read, search, and print minutes from the city’s founding

in April 1974 through January 2019 by visiting “<https://prospectky.us/government/council-meeting-minutes-transcripts-and-agendas/>” and clicking the green box that says “View and Search Council Minutes.”

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.





TREE CITY USA®

Tree City Again!

Prospect has been certified by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City for its eleventh year.

To become a Tree City, the Arbor Day Foundation requires such cities to have a Tree Board, a Tree Care Ordinance, a Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Prospect began meeting these requirements when the Prospect City Council passed its "Tree Ordinance" relating to the selection, planning, protection, care, maintenance and management of Prospect's trees in December 2007.

Some of the program's accomplishments include identifying the species and condition of our over 1500 city trees, counting them street by street, median by median, planting hundreds of trees in City lands and parks, protecting existing trees against destructive insects, holding an annual give-away of trees to residents, and causing the removal of hazardous trees to improve public safety.

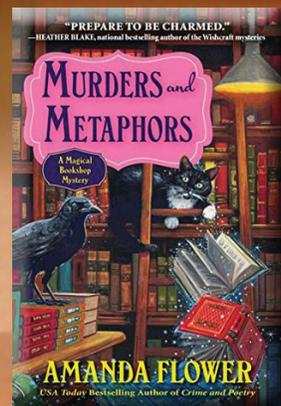
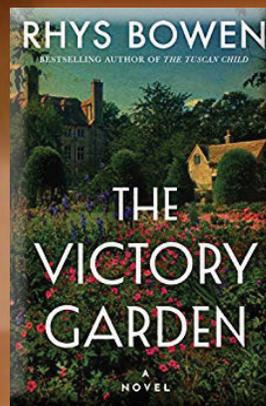
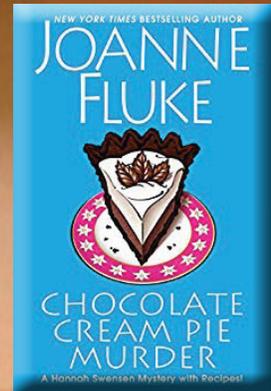
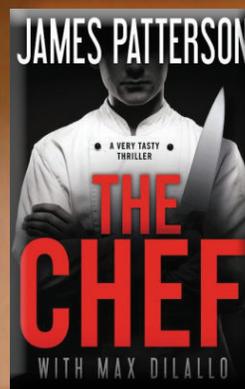
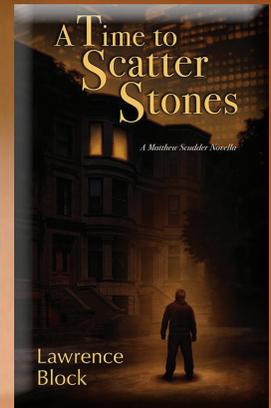
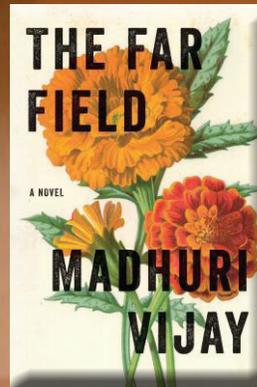
All of these activities have enhanced the beauty of our tree canopy and added to the property values of our residents.

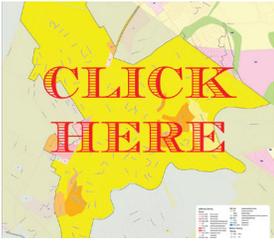
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Am I Really A Resident Of Prospect?

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 multiple calls from persons requesting city services who do 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, Paramount 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, the city has purchased a map from Lojic.com and placed it on the Prospect website for a clear view of the exact City of Prospect borders. The new map can be found at: <https://prospectky.us/prospect-residence/>

Harrods Creek Park Scuba Trail?



The recent flooding has once again inundated the orange trail at Harrods Creek Park leaving a layer of silt. While the waters have receded the silt remains. We humbly ask that residents refrain from using the orange trail to give everything a chance to firm up. Walking on the trail when it's covered in mud leaves foot prints which harden into an uneven surface making walking and maintenance more difficult.



Delinquent Property Taxes

As of February 28, there are 29 unpaid 2018 property tax bills. Beginning April 1, any remaining outstanding bills will be subject to liens. Feel free to contact City Hall at 228-1121 or cityfinance@prospectky.com if you think you may be delinquent or if you want confirmation your 2018 property tax has been paid.

Eagle's Way Trail – Completed!

Troop 109's Ryan Kothrade recently finished his Eagle Scout Project by installing 24 individual mile marker signs and posts throughout the Putney Pond trail system. Ryan's efforts put the finishing touches on "Eagle's Way Trail" which runs from Little Hunting Creek Park, adjacent to Fox Harbor Road, to the back side of Putney's Pond. Including Ryan, a total of 20 Eagle Scout candidates from Troops 30, 163, 170, 306 and 317 all participated in the creation of Eagle's Way Trail. Together, they purchased \$ 21,875 of materials, built 482 feet of board walk



from custom cut cedar boards and hauled in by hand nearly 30 tons of gravel in constructing 450 feet of bordered trails. Thanks to these Scouts an area that remains wet and muddy, more often than not, is now accessible for pedestrian use year round!

To date, 33 Eagle Scout candidates of the Lincoln Heritage Council, have completed a total of 49 structures throughout the parks of Prospect. In addition to the trail projects they have added benches, foot bridges, trail head kiosks and picnic tables. Another 300 feet of gravel and bordered trail will be built by two more Scouts in the months ahead.

We would also be remiss if we did not mention and show appreciation for the supervision, determination and vision of Mr. Lynn Granger. Lynn is the Boy Scout liaison for the Prospect Parks and Recreation Board as well as an active Scout leader who organizes the proposed projects. To our Scouts, their friends and families, we salute you for your efforts and a job well done!

Your Right to Know

The Open Records and Open Meetings Acts are essential tools for helping Kentuckians understand how their government operates. To explain these laws, the Office of the Attorney General publishes a free booklet entitled "Protecting Your Right to Know" that you can download by going here: <https://ag.ky.gov/publications/AG%20Publications/Protecting-Your-Right-to-Know.pdf>.

In Prospect, we strive to make records easily available to the public and to provide prompt and courteous assistance with records requests. Any citizen is welcome to come to City Hall during business hours to examine permanent records such as Council meeting minutes, ordinances, resolutions and orders, or maps and plats. More complex requests, such as requests for records not kept permanently (which includes meeting transcripts), should be directed to City Clerk Laura Taylor at 228-1121 or cityclerk@prospectky.com.



Little Hunting Creek Park now has a new red maple. This lovely tree was donated by Eco-Tech, an ecological consulting, solid waste collector and recycling company. The donation was arranged by Council member Sandra Leonard and the site was selected by City Arborist Andrea Hanlon in consultation with the Prospect Forestation Board.

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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