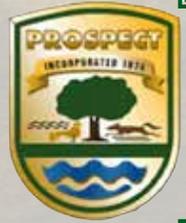




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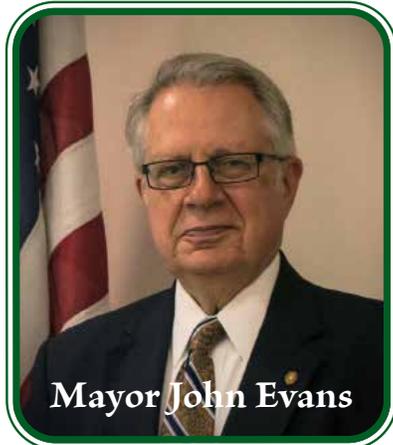


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## Mayor Evans's State of the City Address

As of December 31, 2020, the City had Total Assets of \$4,291,722.43, and Total Liabilities of \$17,970.00. The asset number is higher than usual due to our receipt of CARES Act money from the State during this pandemic, totaling \$452,830.71, plus the fact that our property tax receipts come in during the late fall but get spent throughout the year. Also, \$309,912 of the Total Assets are in Restricted Funds, most of them restricted for road paving, which we are planning to do in the coming months. Our budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020, as amended, was \$3,388,368.81, and our total expenditures were \$2,940,567.70, or \$447,801.11 under budget. \$274,651.11 of that was put into our reserves, and \$173,150.00 was rolled into this year for road paving. The budget for the current fiscal year, July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, anticipates \$3,755,300 in revenue and authorizes expenditures of \$3,577,590.00: \$893,375.00 for administration, \$1,026,850.00 for police, and \$1,657,365.00 for public works. A detailed 12 page explanation of all of the authorized expenditures (the "workbook") is posted on the City's website at <https://prospectky.us/ordinance-603-2021-2020-2021-general-fund-budget-amendment/>. In addition, each month I provide a detailed report to the City Council of every expenditure made during the month, keyed to the workbook, and a summary showing where each category of expenditure stands with respect to the budget for that category.



Mayor John Evans

## COVID-19 Vaccination News

Governor Beshear has just given us news about how and where vaccinations are available. Currently those who are first responders, are 70 or older, or are K-12 school personnel, are eligible with group 1C to open up March 1st. In Jefferson and Oldham Counties, vaccinations are available at the following locations:

**Broadbent Arena – 502 912-8598**

**Norton Hospitals – 502-861-4499**

**U. of L. Health Jewish Hospital – 502-569-7983**

**Baptist Health Louisville – sign up at <https://www.baptisthealth.com/vaccine/schedule-now/>**

**Louisville Metro Department of Public health and Wellness-502-574-6520**

**Oldham Co. Health Department – 502-222-3516**

**Walgreens at 9801 Brownsboro Rd. or 3805 Brownsboro Rd., or many other locations – sign up at <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp> or by calling the pharmacy directly.**

We have a small but effective staff.

Administration is run by Laura Taylor, our City Clerk, my administrative assistant, and my right arm. Our City Attorney is Chris Gorman, who formerly was a County Commissioner and also for four years was Kentucky's Attorney General, on whom I rely for advice frequently. Our new bookkeeper is Julie Osborne, and she is highly qualified, as was her



**Introducing the city's new bookkeeper Julie Osborne!**

recent predecessor, Len Mariani, who regrettably had to leave for personal reasons. Our friendly receptionists, Julie McGovern and Antoinette Dirksen, handle incoming calls and visitors, and library matters. Julie also handles business licensing, Public Works, which includes landscaping, paving, road maintenance, building maintenance, and just about anything physical, is run by our Director of Public Works, Ron Cundiff, with Rusty Waters and Bryan Whitlow. Ron also is the go-to IT person, and does the City's annual calendars and our Newsletters. I call him "The Man of the Renaissance," and it's true, he has so many talents. Our Police Department is very capably commanded by

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Chief Jeff Sherrard and Assistant Chief Tony Denham, and has 5 full time and 5 part time officers. They are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and have made Prospect one of the 5 safest cities in Kentucky for several years running. Our very capable new Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Wilson, also now is under Chief Sherrard's supervision, which is working very well and effectively.

We have two new Council members, elected in November: Sarah O'Dell, a former Air Force combat pilot, and Doug Farnsley, a past President of the Kentucky Bar Association. Also elected were four incumbents: Frank Fulcher, Don Gibson, Greg Huelsman, and Sandra Leonard. The City Council is very important: as a body, they make all our laws, including our annual budget. They all are dedicated to Prospect's welfare.



Our three principal committees are the Parks Committee, the Forestation Board, and the Library Committee. All are very active, have significant numbers of members (all volunteers) and are responsible for many of our amenities. Their Chairs are Linda Wardell (Parks), Lee Tucci (Forestation), and Sandra Leonard (Library). We also have an Ethics Commission to keep us straight, headed by John Embry, and a five member Code Enforcement Board to hear any appeals from Code violation citations, which are rare.

While not a "committee," for more than a year there has been a "working group," focused on making US 42 through Prospect safer and more attractive. Originally composed of Herb Shulhafer, Greg Huelsman, Nick Nicholson, John Simpson, and me, it now also includes Sarah O'Dell, Doug Farnsley, Don Gibson, Al Binsfield, Belinda Smith, and Hack Marshall. We have conferred extensively with other cities such as Jeffersonton and Simpsonville who have done similar projects, with the Kentucky Highway Department, and with KIPDA. Most recently we have obtained an 80-20 grant from KIPDA for a professional study of what can be done to improve its safety, and the City Council has authorized our 20% share of the cost. The "group" originally was focused solely on getting attractive "Victorian" style LED street lights along US 42 from above Bridgepointe to Rose Island Road, and that remains my principal objective, which I plan to realize by the end of 2021, though the study undoubtedly will recommend others.



Some amenity additions are in the planning stage for Prospect's parks including Little Hunting Creek Park (Pictured above).

Several other new community developments are in the planning stages.

One is the expansion of parking near City Hall into the city-owned land sometimes called Little Hunting Creek Park, which lies between City Hall and Fox Harbor Road, AND designing much of that park into a children's playground. A second is exploring creating an amphitheater in Harrods Creek Park, at the head of the Orange Trail, for community concerts and other events. These efforts are led by Councilwoman Sarah O'Dell, Parks Committee Chairwoman Linda Wardell, David Holmes, and Ron Cundiff. A third, led by Sarah O'Dell in coordination with Chief Sherrard, is taking steps to make the intersection of Hunting Creek Drive with Foxcroft Road safer, as there have been many complaints about this as a dangerous intersection.

Frequently unseen but very important are the numerous homeowner's associations: Bridgepointe, The Landings, Smithfield Greene, Sutherland, Innisbrook, Fox Harbor, John Hancock Place, Hunting Hills, The Estates of Hunting Creek – and I may be missing some. These also are volunteers, who work (and spend their money) to keep our neighborhoods beautiful and enjoyable. Several, such as Sutherland, Bridgepointe, and The Landings, have clubhouses, swimming pools and tennis courts. Hunting Creek, of course, has the Country Club, which also has fine dining and a professional level golf course.

Two new single family developments are progressing. "The Breakers," with 70 building lots, located behind Sutherland and Innisbrook, has completed much of its infrastructure work and already has at least two homes under construction. Another development, "Hunting Green," with 11 large lots planned, is located in Hunting Creek between Hunting Creek Drive and Covered Bridge Road, and is still in the earth-moving and road grading phase. Both of these are high quality developments.

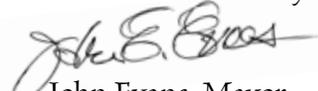
Both of the LDG affordable housing apartment proposed projects on our borders are stalled. "Prospect Cove," a 198 unit, four story apartment complex adjacent to Prospect's west end, along Timber Ridge Drive, (and near Smithfield Greene) was rejected by the Metro Council in 2017, and three years later is still in litigation in Circuit Court. At the other end of town, just beyond the east end of the City of Prospect's borders, "The Veridian," the more recent 160 unit proposed apartment development between the Marathon Station and the Oldham County line, also now is in litigation. The amended Complaint seeks an injunction, and alleges (among other things) that the land in question was never legally rezoned for anything other than single family homes. "The Veridian" also faces federal law challenges with respect to its impact on nearby historic properties.

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The year 2020 has been unusual, to say the least, because of the COVID-19 pandemic: City Council and Committee meetings held virtually, people wearing masks, trying to stay six feet away from everyone, everything curb side pickup. I grew up in a Pennsylvania town much like Prospect, and the Fourth of July town celebration was the big event of the year, so I initiated it here in 1982, and it was a great disappointment not to be able to have it in 2020 due to the pandemic. But now, with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines being administered (and apparently the Johnson & Johnson vaccine nearing approval), giving us realistic hope that we may be able to return to a more normal situation by June or July, I am optimistic that we will be able to resume our normal lives in 2021, including our parade and fireworks, in-person meetings, City Hall fully open, Arborfest, and Coffee With The Mayor, again.

Prospect is beautiful and a great place to live. I have lived here for 45 years, and wouldn't live anywhere else. There are many reasons, not the least of which is the very large number of residents who volunteer on our committees, our neighborhood associations, and of course our City Council, all of whom deserve our thanks. My first priority as Mayor is to keep it that way, and to seek ways to make it even better.



John Evans, Mayor

## Lock It To Stop It!

**With the quarantine the Louisville area, Prospect included, has seen an uptick in car break-ins and thefts. Most of these thefts could have been simply prevented. How you ask? BY LOCKING YOUR VEHICLE! 95% of the thefts in Prospect were from unlocked vehicles! Most thieves don't want to take the chance of attracting attention by the sound of breaking a window so a simple click on your key fob could save you the hassle and loss of property associated with car thefts and break ins. These are almost always crimes of convenience, so don't give thieves incentive to break into your auto. NEVER leave valuables like cameras, lap tops, cash or extra keys to your house in your car or truck overnight. If you park in your driveway remove your garage door opener. A stolen opener becomes easy access to your house at a later time. Never store guns in your unattended car. A gun stolen from your vehicle is a crime waiting to happen, a crime YOU could have prevented.**



### Forestation Update

No doubt about it, winter landscapes have their own unique beauty. While we enjoy the rich evergreens that brighten the landscape this time of year, we typically look forward

to the return of spring and the lush greens of our many deciduous trees. The Forestation Board is focused on protecting our trees and investing in new plantings to keep the City green in the future. Last year, the City planted 14 trees on public land throughout Prospect in November.

Many may be aware that we have been recognized by the Arbor Foundation as a Tree City USA for our community efforts, and that a Tree City flag flies proudly in front of City Hall. There are only 41 Tree City USA designations in the state of Kentucky. We are pleased to share that we have been notified that we will again receive this award for 2020 activities. This will be 13 years in a row!



### Book Sale News



Unfortunately due to the current conditions with the pandemic, it is unclear when we will be able to safely have a book sale at City Hall. The Library Committee would like you to know that the library is still open on a limited basis and is still accepting donations of gently used books.

Rest assured we are all looking forward to opening up to full capacity and as soon as we can we will be scheduling a sale!



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**City Hall, Police And Library Hours**

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 Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00  
 Friday.....8:30 - 3:30

Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150

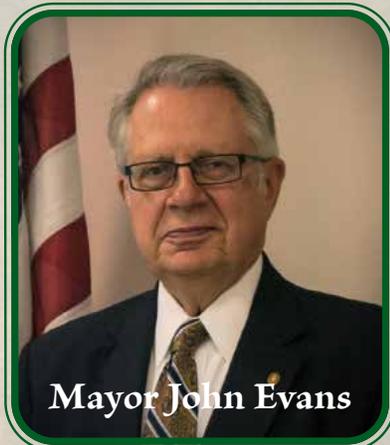
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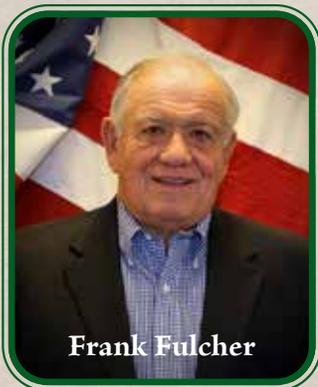
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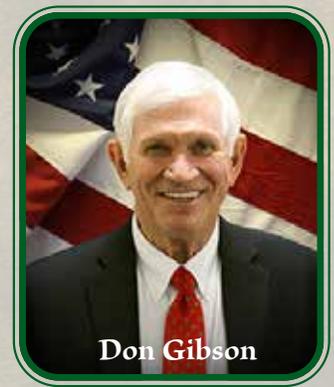
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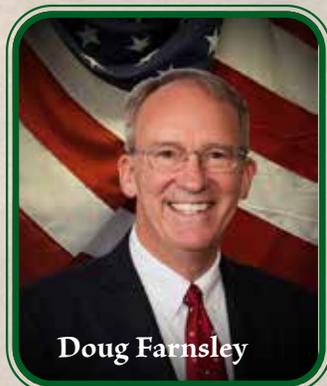
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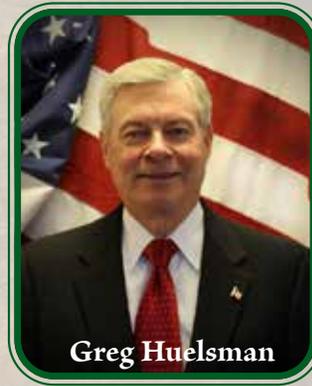
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