

PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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State Of The City

The state of our city is strong, and the future of Prospect is bright! 2024 marks Prospect's 50th birthday, our golden jubilee. A committee of Prospect citizens led by Terry Rankhorn is planning celebrations that will take place throughout the year. As we mark this milestone, I will continue to work with our Council, police, staff, and volunteers to strengthen our sense of community and place.



Even in the winter, Charlotte's Playground continues to see near constant use.

When I am asked what makes Prospect special, my reply is always the same -- we have great police and terrific parks. We live in one of Kentucky's three safest cities. This is due in large part to our superb police officers under the leadership of Jeff Sherrard and Tony Denham. This year, the city invested in four Flock cameras. Elsewhere, the cameras have proved to be an effective tool in combatting crime, and we believe that they will help us to keep our city safe. In the coming weeks, I will propose a budget for the next fiscal year that would, if adopted, increase compensation for our police officers. In the past



One of the new "Flock" license plate reading cameras installed by the City.

year we have lost two officers to nearby departments at which the officers make more money. Chief Sherrard advises that the boost in pay will help us retain our current officers and recruit new officers.

In addition to our police, a second significant factor that contributes to our success is our parks. Prospect's Parks Committee, led by Linda Wardell, has done, and is doing an outstanding job. Our public works director Ron Cundiff and his team work hard to support Linda and her committee. Recently the Parks and Recreation Administrator of Louisville Metro Parks contacted Ron to ask if Louisville could transplant some of the river cane that grows in Harrods Creek Park to Louisville's Chickasaw Park. When Ron asked me about that and assured me that we could spare the cane that we would be donating, I agreed immediately to the request. Then, I asked Ron, "How would the Metro Parks administrator know that we have river cane in our park?" Ron replied that she is a regular visitor to Harrods Creek Park where she enjoys hiking on the trails. Wow, I thought, what a compliment that a leader of Louisville's parks department enjoys visiting one of Prospect's parks!

Parks Lecture Series Continues

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 24 at 1:00 pm when Jacob Crider will return with a lecture on Kentucky Native Amphibians. His talk will focus on amphibian biology, anatomy, habitats, life cycles and conservation. He will have a live Tiger Salamander and other animals for guests to observe.

All ages are invited to attend. Stay tuned for announcements of future crafts, nature walks, and other programs.



Under the leadership of Mayor John Evans, Prospect made substantial improvements to Little Hunting Creek Park including construction of a pavilion (that the Council named for Mayor Evans), Charlotte's Playground (named for the daughter of former Council member Sarah O'Dell), new sidewalks, and increased parking. The playground attracts numerous children, parents, and grandparents (even on most days in January and February), and the pavilion hosts concerts, Shakespeare in the Park, and events that demonstrate our appreciation for our police and veterans.

I mentioned in a previous issue of the newsletter that we are moving forward with construction of a stream crossing bridge in Harrods Creek Park and are also planning a



A small sample of the art currently on display in Prospect City hall

boardwalk in Little Hunting Creek Park. The Boardwalk will extend from the back of City Hall to Putney Pond and will allow our citizens and visitors to walk through a beautiful unspoiled natural area that extends from Fox Harbor Road to Timber Ridge Drive. Councilman Don Gibson leads this effort, and the Kentucky Department of Transportation has taken an interest. I am optimistic that the boardwalk will be completed in the relatively near future and will add another jewel to the crown of Prospect's parks.

Our Forestation Board is a natural ally of our parks. I am pleased to report that the National Arbor Day Foundation recognized Prospect for the 16th time as a Tree City USA and the Kentucky Division of Forestry has for the seventh time named Prospect as a Growth City. I extend congratulations and thanks to Lee Tucci and the members of our Forestation Board.

Because of the work of a dedicated group of volunteers, the City has a superb library. The library is on the second floor of City Hall, and it offers an excellent selection of the latest bestsellers and other books of interest. I extend my thanks to the library volunteers for their significant contribution to Prospect.

I have been pleased by the success of Art in City Hall Prospect. The artwork on display in this room and in the Todd Eberle conference room has brought color, life, and a sense of fun to City Hall. Because I work in this building, I can say that the artwork brightens my day and gives me the opportunity to make new friends from the visitors who stop by. The exhibition opened on Sunday, January 14, when more than 125 people came to City Hall to enjoy the art and to visit with their neighbors and the artists. I appreciate the efforts of Kathie Sauer and her committee, and I look forward to their future exhibitions. On Sunday, March 10, at 2 pm, Professor John Begley from the University of Louisville Allan Hite Art Institute, will give a lecture in the Council Room about the art that is on display and about the ways in which art helps a city build community. I have heard John lecture, and he always does a terrific job.

I also want to recognize and thank our City Clerk, John Carter. John essentially serves as a deputy mayor. His calm, steady hand helps the city function smoothly and makes my job easier. John and our two wonderful receptionists also offer support to our library volunteers.

In closing, I want to thank you, the citizens of Prospect, for giving me the opportunity to serve as Prospect's mayor. Following my election, the mayor of a nearby city texted congratulations and noted that one of the great things about being mayor is making so many new friends. That has certainly proved to be the case for me!

As always, I encourage you to call, email, or text me about matters that interest you.

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Prospect Parks & Recreation Winter Events

It may be cold outside, but it's still a great time to enjoy nature. On warmer days, our community continues to enjoy hiking in Harrods Creek Park and in Putney Pond & Woodlands. Plus, our Little Hunting Creek Park playground and picnic area remain ever popular.



Jacob Crider, Educator and Naturalist for the Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve gives presentation on Kentucky geology

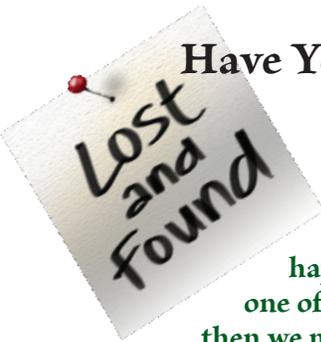
In January, the Parks Committee offered indoor activities, with more to come in February. On January 27 children had lots of fun making pinecone bird feeders. Lauren Becker designed and led the craft. After the craft event, Jacob Crider, Educator and Naturalist for the



Mayor Doug Farnsley watches as several participants make pine cone bird feeders

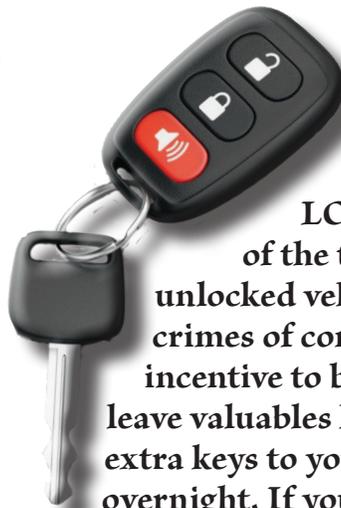
Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, gave a presentation on the geology of Kentucky. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Have You Lost Your Mind?



Well if you have, there's not really much we can do about that. **BUT** if you or one of the "kiddos" did happen to lose something in one of Prospect's beautiful parks, then we may be able to help! **Lost items are found and or turned in at City Hall on a regular basis. Regular items include everything from car keys and glasses to a childs camera.**

So, if little William lost his "wubbie" or Big Bill misplaced the Mercedes keys, before you give up hope, give us a call at 228-1121 and see if we have it. Items are generally held onto for two to three months.



Lock It To Stop It!

Most of the theft in Prospect last year could have been simply prevented. How you ask? **BY LOCKING YOUR VEHICLE!** 95% of the thefts in Prospect were from unlocked vehicles! 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. Never **EVER** store guns in your unattended car. A gun stolen from your vehicle is a crime waiting to happen, a crime **YOU** could have prevented.



Hunting Creek Country Club

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HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB RECENTLY UNDERWENT AN IMPRESSIVE \$4.5 MILLION RENOVATION. THIS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AIMED TO CATER TO THE GROWING NEEDS OF ITS ESTEEMED MEMBERS. AS A RESULT, HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB NOW OFFERS AN ARRAY OF YEAR-ROUND AMENITIES AND STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES. THESE INCLUDE A JUNIOR OLYMPIC-SIZED SWIMMING POOL, TWO CUTTING-EDGE GOLF SIMULATORS, A FULLY EQUIPPED 24-HOUR FITNESS CENTER, TWO STYLISH NEW BARS, TWO EXQUISITE DINING ESTABLISHMENTS, AN UPGRADED PRO SHOP, A MODERNIZED LOBBY, ENHANCED BANQUET FACILITIES, A DELIGHTFUL PATIO PAVILION, A REVAMPED PLAYGROUND, AND TWO BRAND-NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS.



MARCH CLUB MEMBER EVENTS

- EUCHRE
- DERBY FASHION SHOW
- FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE
- MARCH MADNESS
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- EASTER BRUNCH



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Alan Simon Retires

Alan Simon has been a vital part of our community's fabric since moving to Hunting Creek in 1978 and opening his business – Simon's Prospect Apothecary.

After graduating from Butler University School of Pharmacy in 1973, he established Simon's Prospect Apothecary, located just across from City Hall on Highway 42. Drawing from the wisdom instilled by his parents, Virginia and Benny Simon, who operated Simon's Pharmacy in Old Louisville for four decades, Alan prioritized personalized care and trust in serving his clientele.

In the early 1990s, Alan embarked on a journey beyond traditional pharma, delving into the realms of alternative medicine that included herbal therapies, natural approaches to weight management and diabetes, and homeopathy. His growing knowledge led him to share his expertise through lectures both locally and throughout the U.S., covering topics such as herb-drug interactions, osteoporosis, nutrition and cancer, the gut-brain connection, Alzheimer's, ADD/ADHD, autism, and Down syndrome, which he actively continues to support today.

His stellar reputation as a wellness expert was cause for showcasing him on WFPL radio's "Health Works", and being quoted in books by Dr. Rebecca Booth "The Venus Week: Discover the Powerful Secret of Your Cycle...at Any Age" and Vince Staten's "Do Pharmacists Sell Farms?"



Beyond his medical expertise, Alan is also a devoted husband to Benita, a caring father to Beth and Ashley, and a supportive neighbor to all of us. He has generously dedicated his time, skills, and resources to our city, by serving on the Prospect City Council for 22 years and playing a pivotal role in the development of the Prospect Kroger center. Additionally, he provided leadership for the 4th of July celebration and holiday celebrations in the early days at the Cowley Park gazebo, and received the Craigmyle Public Service Award (1997) for his ongoing service to the Prospect community. Alan was also elected President of the North Oldham Lions Club (1984-1985) and has been a member for 23 years.

In December 2023, after 45 years of helping to shape Prospect's growth and prosperity, Alan retired and passed the baton, selling his Apothecary to Rob Prince and Terry Chambers. Today, Alan's legacy continues to thrive at Prospect Wellness Center, now located at the intersection of Hwy 42 and River Road. There you will find Alan's daughter Beth and long-time business associate Donna Straughn continuing to carry on his vision. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Alan Simon for his years of dedicated service to the health and wellness of our community on both a professional and personal level and wish him and his family continued success.

- Terry Chambers

Prospect To Join "Adopt-a-Highway" Program

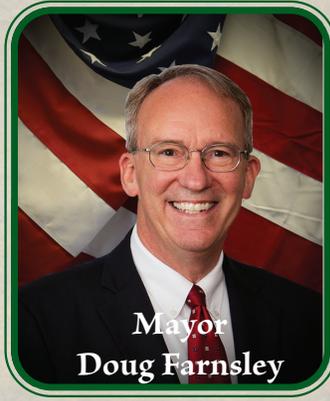
In an effort to help control some of the litter problem on U.S. 42 the city is joining the adopt a highway program sponsored by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. KYTC policy stipulates that requests must come from permanently established businesses, government entities, and community or public organizations. Road adoption requests from individuals cannot be approved.

Two-mile sections of highway are adopted for a period of two years and the city is looking at adopting the stretch of 42 from Bridge Pointe to Rose Island Road. Groups sign a contract with the Transportation Cabinet, which recognizes the need and desirability of a clean environment and permits the group to contribute toward that

effort. Litter pickups are held at least 3 times per year or as many times as necessary to keep the area reasonably litter free. The Cabinet coordinates three annual clean-up efforts throughout the year. If you would be interested in volunteering for one of these pick up days please contact us at Prospect City Hall at 502-228-1121 and we will get more information to you as we get closer to actually having a pick up day.

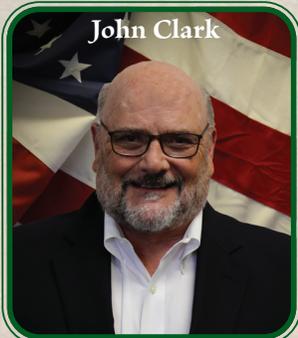


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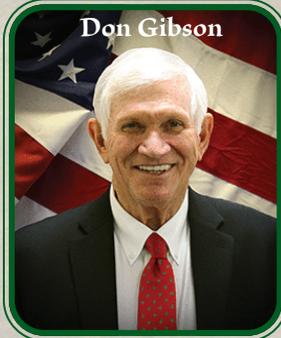
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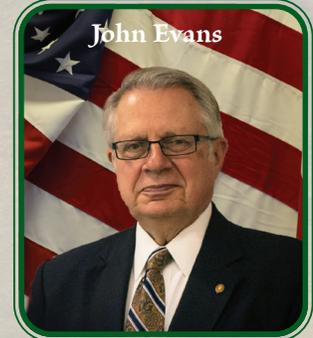
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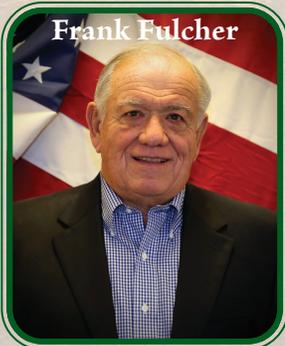
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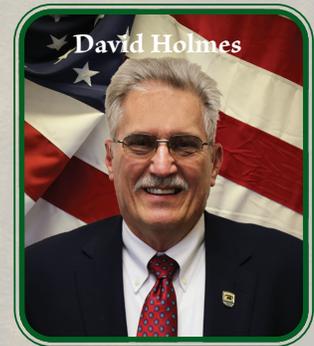
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