



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## From The Mayor

Dear Friends,

I am writing to report on the status of two separate matters, the proposed large apartment complex and the status of the Prospect Pointe Shopping Center.

### Apartment development

Prospect and LDG continue to litigate LDG's proposal to build a large apartment complex on Timber Ridge Drive across from the Kroger gas station. LDG sued Prospect alleging that the city violated fair housing laws and wrongfully interfered with a contract between LDG and the sellers of the land on which LDG plans to build. The court has scheduled a jury trial on those issues, and that trial will begin on September 17. Notwithstanding our belief that the claims against Prospect lack merit, LDG seeks multiple millions of dollars in damages. For that reason, we take the lawsuit seriously, and our lawyers are working diligently to prepare the case for trial.

A second legal case involves the Metro Council decision that rezoned the property and allowed a modified version of the project to move forward. Prospect appealed that decision, and our appeal is pending in the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

We have participated in two mediations with LDG and Metro Louisville to try to resolve the claim and the appeal of the zoning decision, but those efforts have not been successful.

### Prospect Pointe shopping center

I have been communicating with the new developer of the Prospect Pointe shopping center. I am impressed with the developer and with the new owner's plans. (The developer asked that we maintain the confidentiality of the identity of the new owner.) We have a good lead on a location for the post office, and hopefully that will be decided soon. It appears likely that some, but not all, of the remaining tenants will be able to stay in the center.

The developer advised that they will be putting in sidewalks along River Road. In a few years, sidewalks will also be placed along U.S. 42 by the Department of Transportation when it makes planned improvements to 42.

Prospect now has an Architectural Review Committee. The members of the committee will be working with the developer and will be advising me and the City Council on the proposed changes in Prospect Pointe.

We have been dealing with a fair amount of uncertainty at Prospect Pointe, and it is good that progress is on the horizon. - Doug Farnsley, Mayor



Big changes could be coming to Prospect Pointe Shopping Center

## Harrods Creek Park Trail Bash To Return This Year

Join us on November 24, 2024, for the return of the Harrods Creek Trail Bash, located in the beautiful Harrods Creek Park in Prospect, Kentucky. This year, the race is part of a series of events celebrating the city's 50th anniversary of incorporation.

The Harrods Creek Trail Bash is ideal for new trail runners looking to experience the trail running world for the first time and veterans of the sport looking to maintain off-season fitness alike. Choose from a 1-lap 5K or a 2-lap 10K option. Amenities include a race t-shirt, finisher/overall awards, professional chip timing, tree cookies, a beautiful course, and coffee and snacks to help warm up. Proceeds benefit the upkeep and improvement of Harrods Creek Park. Register by

November 1st to guarantee your race swag.

The course loops through the park, with the first 25% across the grassy meadow-like terrain and the remaining loop through a single trail track. The Start/Finish line is located at the parking lot. The top three male/female finishers in the 5K & 10K will receive awards. We ask that you plan to arrive early to park. Parking for Harrods Creek Park will be roadside on Montero Drive. You can then walk down the drive to the small parking lot, where we will have canopies and timing equipment set up for the race. Carpooling is encouraged to make space for everyone planning to participate. Go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Prospect/HarrodsCreekTrailBash> to register.



## Important Tax Information



The 2024 City Of Prospect Tax Bills are to be mailed this coming August 30, 2024. Included with your tax bill are two 2024 Prospect car stickers (additional stickers can be acquired at City Hall). The face value of the tax is due by September 30, 2024 (post-mark is accepted as the date paid). On October 1, 2024, all unpaid tax bills will be assessed at a one-time 10% penalty and assessed 1% monthly compounded interest. If you have not received your tax bill by Tuesday, September 10th, or have any questions, please contact City Hall a tax@prospectky.com or call 502-228-1121.

## Mark Your Calendars

The current art exhibition in City Hall, "Artists of 40059," will continue through August 25. Please stop by City Hall during business hours to see the art displayed in the Council Room and in the Eberle Conference Room.

On Saturday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m., the Oldham County Community Band will perform in the John Evans Pavilion. (Note that August 18, is also the date of the Iron Man competition. Between 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. only local traffic will be permitted on River Road. Traffic on U.S. 42 will also be affected. Please travel with caution when driving during those times.)

On Sunday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m., the Sheryl Rouse Band will perform in the John Evans Pavilion. Boss Hogg BBQ will be serving up good food to go with the good time starting at 6:00 pm !

On Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to 1:30 pm (rain date: September 29), the city of Prospect, Kroger, and the Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor a Touch the Truck event in the parking lot behind Kroger. Last year, this proved to be a popular event for children and their families, and we encourage everyone to attend.



**HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB**  
...BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS & MAKING MEMORIES  
6807 FOXCROFT RD., PROSPECT, KY 40031



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- State-of-the-Art Tennis & Pickleball Facilities
- Vibrant Social Events & Delicious Food

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# New Facebook Page Promotes Cyber Security Awareness

According to the FBI, Americans lost \$3.94 billion to just cryptocurrency scams, and over \$12 billion to all Internet crime (SOURCE: [https://www.ic3.gov/Media/PDF/AnnualReport/2023\\_IC3Report.pdf](https://www.ic3.gov/Media/PDF/AnnualReport/2023_IC3Report.pdf)). Just a few months ago, a lady from St. Matthews lost \$1.7 million to a single scammer. These figures are heart-wrenching when you consider their impact on people who literally lost their life savings. What's more, most of these could have been prevented with just a small amount of education. Many people feel that law enforcement has failed them. Unfortunately, law enforcement can rarely be there when a crime is being committed, and it is almost unheard of for them to recover the victim's funds. The lion's share of scammers are outside the country, and many law enforcement agencies lack the training and tools to even be able to identify the actors. So, if law enforcement can't protect you, how can you remain safe? The answer is we must protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbors. To do this, we need to effectively educate ourselves on the scams that are circulating around the Internet, but more importantly, we need to analyze those scams for common DNA markers. If we can train ourselves to recognize those markers, we can effectively inoculate ourselves from new scams, including scams that don't even exist yet but will be dreamed up next week.



There are many places to get guidance on how to protect yourself on the Internet. Unfortunately, there is no universal quality control for information, so your mileage will vary. I've seen people offer impractical advice such as "Don't click on suspicious links." If people realized they were suspicious, don't you think they would already avoid clicking on them? Moreover, the scammers work very hard at making them look non-suspicious so that you do click on them. How about we educate people on how to determine if a link is suspicious in the first place? This speaks to my premise that the best way to protect people is to teach them to recognize the warning signs. As I was writing this article, I received a sextortion email. The email was worded in a vague manner to make it seem like the scammer had hacked my computer and found pornography stored there. For people who have viewed pornography on their computer, it creates a panic. The scammer warns that unless they send \$2000 immediately, they will send those images to everyone in the victim's contact list. The entire scam attempt was clumsy and poorly executed, but out of curiosity, I checked the balance on the Bitcoin payment address they sent, and the scammer had made over \$56,000 in two days from this scam. There are evidently 28 people out there who could have been spared the \$2000 loss if someone had only warned them of this scam.

I spent over 21 years in the FBI, and a large part of that time was investigating fraud. I was onboard when the FBI first developed their Cyber program, so I was on the leading edge of agents investigating Internet fraud. This has equipped me with tools and techniques that work, rather than just generic concepts such as "think before you click." I've decided to take what I've learned and teach other people those techniques. My goal is to first stop the utter hemorrhage of money flowing from our citizens by showing them how the investigative process works and walking them through multiple scams. When we have made our users much harder targets, we will pivot to taking the fight back to the scammers. Some people say that going after the scammers is futile because it's just playing a game of whack-a-mole. I agree with them that many of the scammers are in foreign countries, where they work hand-in-hand with their local law enforcement agencies. As long as they pay their protection money each month, they risk zero chance of arrest. I realize that what we do is unlikely to result in the criminal prosecution of the people running the scams, but we are not playing whack-a-mole. We are going to pour gasoline down the mole hills and set them on fire.

I have decided to start a movement I call "Virtual Safehouse", which has two goals. First, I want to educate people on how to protect themselves from these scams and stop the flow of money from our citizens. Once people are sufficiently protected, I want to develop a cadre of activists who will help take the fight to the scammers. I plan to teach them how to fight back against the scammers legally and actually cost those criminals both time and money. We will explore methods to safely unmask the criminal sitting behind the keyboard and how to effectively report them to law enforcement, financial institutions, and Internet service providers. There is, and will never be, a charge for membership in the group, and solicitation of products or services is strictly prohibited. This is a group where you will learn to protect yourself, your family, friends, and neighbors. If you would like to explore the group, you can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1933334277100632>

Terry Rankhorn - Prospect Resident

# Former Prospect Mayor Judge Ken Corey Passes

Former Prospect Mayor, Judge Ken Corey, 82, died on July 1, 2024, in Florida, where he and his beloved wife of 63 years, Judge Mary Lewis Corey, had retired to The Villages.

Kenneth Gordon Corey was born July 13, 1941, in Hamilton, Ohio, where his late parents, John and Geraldine Corey, lived temporarily before John served in the Pacific theater during World War II. Ken spent his early boyhood in the family's native southeastern Kentucky before moving to Louisville, where he graduated from Eastern High School in 1959.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Ken eventually was a partner in Colonial Drugs in St. Matthews, Kentucky. Drugstore ownership soon convinced him to pursue a second career in the law.


He graduated from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law having attended mostly night classes and entered private practice before being elected a Jefferson District Court Judge and then a Jefferson Circuit Court Judge. Mary soon followed him to the District Court bench.

After retiring from the bench, Ken enjoyed a long and successful career as a mediator. He had a knack for helping people reach reasonable compromise and got hard cases settled efficiently.

Memorial gifts can be made to: Sea Scouts BSA; 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane P. O. Box 152079; Irving, Texas 75015-2079 or other good causes.




Judge Corey served as Prospect Mayor from April to July of 2013




## KENTUCKY SCHOOL BUS STOP LAW


**2 LANE ROADWAY**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.




**2 LANE ROADWAY + CENTER TURN**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.




**4 LANE ROADWAY NO MEDIAN SEPARATION**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.




**DIVIDED HIGHWAY**





**4 LANES + DIVIDED HIGHWAY + MEDIAN SEPARATION**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



**4 LANES + ROADWAY + CENTER TURN**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



### Things are “Moving” in the Library!

Don't get lost in the library. The library volunteers have rearranged the adult section of the library. Newly acquired books are still in the same spot; turn left after you enter the main section of the room. After the new releases, you will find fiction. You can follow this around the main part of the library. If you turn right after entering the main room, you can find the non-fiction. Biographies, children's' books and classics are where they have always been.

The library is located on the second floor of City Hall and is open Monday through Friday, the same hours as city hall. If you haven't been by in a while, check it out. Get lost in a book.

# ART IN CITY HALL PROSPECT

## CALENDAR

**AUGUST 25**

### **CLOSING EVENT: ARTISTS OF 40059**

**August 25, 2 pm - 4 pm**



- Last chance to view work by 23 Prospect artists
- Speaker: Don Cartwright, owner and gallerist of Kore Gallery will speak about the Art Scene, Artists and Collectors.
- Free and all are welcome!

(Exhibit currently open to the public during City Hall business hours until August 25.)



Don Cartwright, owner and gallerist of Kore Gallery

**OCTOBER 12, 13**

### **PROSPECT ARTISTS MARKET**

**October 12 from 11am - 3pm and  
October 13 from 2pm - 5pm**

Library on 2nd floor of Prospect City Hall



First ever Prospect Artist Market!

A great time to purchase art for yourself, family and friends! View works created in **clay, painting and photography!**

**OCTOBER 13**

### **CLAY, PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**

**OPENING: October 13 from 2pm - 5pm**

**Show runs from October 13, 2024  
through January 5, 2025**

- 28 artists are participating  
Come meet the artists at the opening- most work is for sale!
- Demonstrations:  
Two hand-building demonstrations will take place in the upstairs library during the Prospect Artists Market (see above)!  
Effigy pot demonstration by **Marty Edlin** and a clay hand-building demonstration by **Jessica Guinn**.
- Live music and refreshments will be served

**Clay,  
Painting &  
Photography**

**All events are held in Prospect City Hall, 9200 US Highway 42, Prospect, KY**

Business hours: Monday 8:30 - 6:30, Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30, Friday 8:30 - 3:30

## More Trees Coming!

None of us will forget the weather and damage from the storm on April 2. Without an official count, various sources estimate as many as 500 trees were lost, perhaps as many as 150 on the Hunting Creek golf course.

Prospect is recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Forestation Board is working on plans to help residents with more planting this fall. We hope to offer more trees at Arborfest on October 19. Typically, these are mid-size trees and, often, varieties with spring blooms. There are also plans to hold a Canopy Tree program both this fall (later in November) and in the spring of 2025. These are larger trees with a shared owner & Prospect investment.

Potential tree selections are being gathered and reviewed to finalize the offerings. We are also working with other tree groups to learn more about programs to assist residents. We will share more information as it becomes available.

## Youth Wildlife Walk Big Success



We had a wonderful walk to Putney Pond with Naturalist Jacob Crider on July 27th. Several families joined us; we learned more about the park, found a large salamander, discovered some unusual wildflowers and got to see a pair of Kingfishers, a Green Heron, Wood ducks and Mallards at Putney Pond.

Many thanks to Jacob Crider for his support of our lectures, bird walks and kid's activities.

Above: A group of future outdoor enthusiast assist Jacob Crider in seeking out specimens to study.

Right: The walk was definitely well attended by an enthusiastic group seen here crossing the creek at the start.

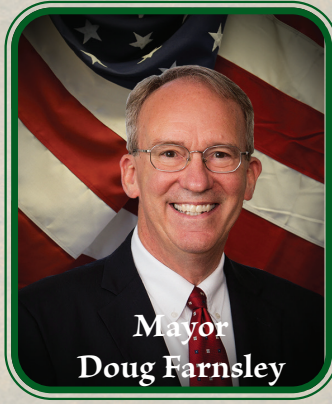


## Like A Bridge Over Troubled Waters.....



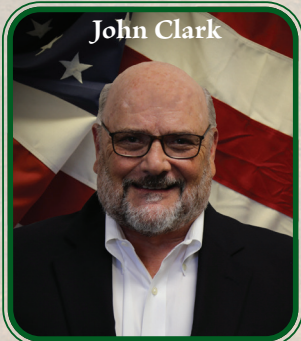
After some tricky maneuvering over the front gate, the two sections of the new Harrods Creek Park Bridge made it safe and sound to the bottom of the park. The crew from Bornstein General Contracting have started working to mount the structure and hope to have it completed in the following weeks.

# Your Prospect City Council



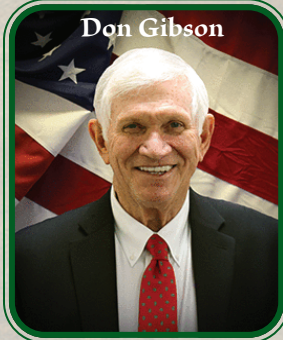
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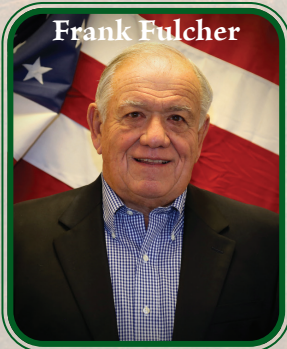
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Monday .....8:30 - 6:30	Prospect Police Dispatch.....228-COPS(2677)
Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00	Police, Fire & EMS Emergency .....911
Friday.....8:30 - 3:30	

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