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Pictured left to right:
2023 Council Members Sara Hines,
David Holmes, John Evans, Mayor Doug Farnsley,
Council Members Don Gibson, Don Graeter and Frank Fulcher.

Your 2023 Mayor and City Council

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2022 Prospect General Election! This year sees two Council Members retain their seats, two switch places at the mayoral position and three brand new Council Members take their place on the dais! Council Member Don Gibson and Council Member Frank Fulcher were both re-elected to new terms in office. Mayor elect Doug Farnsley will take office as Mayor John Evans steps down to become a city council member.

Three fresh faces will be appearing on the council come January 1st when they are sworn in. Council Member-elect Sara Hines, Council Member-elect David Holmes and Council Member-elect Don Graeter.

Then and Now...

When I remember the Prospect of 1975, I am amazed at the difference between then and now. In 1975 we consisted of part of what is now Hunting Creek and a small part of Fox Harbor, and the commercial establishments consisted of Neff's Ice House, The Prospector Restaurant, and The Prospect Store. Our government was basically an HOA with a budget of about \$250,000, 2 policemen one of whom mowed the grass, and a couple of divinity students acting as "gate guards." Prospect today consists of 7 neighborhoods with a population of about 5,000, and numerous commercial enterprises including grocery, florist, medical and dentistry, hardware, and many more. Two new neighborhoods – the Breakers, and Hunting Green – are underway. We have 13 police, and an annual budget of \$4 million. We have four beautiful parks: Harrods Creek with its numerous trails and canoe launch; Cowley Park with its gazebo and summer events; Putney Pond, a wonderful nature preserve; and the new Little Hunting Creek Park, next to City Hall, with a playground for kids and whose new pavilion will host numerous concerts, plays, and other events in coming years.

The one thing that has NOT changed is the quality of life here. So many people say that they love it here and wouldn't live anywhere else. I have walked every one of our neighborhoods from Bridgepointe to The Meadows. They are each unique and I could happily live in any of them. There is the Hunting Creek Country Club with its premier golf course, and the Bridgepointe Swim Club, and Sutherland's Clubhouse and recreation facilities. We consistently are rated one of the five safest cities in Kentucky; this year we were in the top three. I credit our excellent police force, who patrol the City 24/7, for this.

Financially we are in excellent shape, with a bank account of about \$4 million of reserves. Our City Council sets our annual budget, and we have operated under budget each year for at least 9 years. We have just received another "clean" opinion from our auditors.

We have just had a citywide election, and I congratulate Doug Farnsley on his election as our next Mayor, and the six elected to our City Council, four of whom will be new. We have an excellent City Hall staff and many volunteers on our various Committees and Boards. So citizen involvement is high.

In conclusion, thank you for the privilege of being your Mayor for the last nine years. John E. Evans - Mayor

Tree Canopy Program 2023

Prospect introduced an exciting new program earlier this year to partner with residents in bringing more canopy trees to the City. Larger trees were available to residents with their being responsible only for the professional planting fee. The first six trees were planted in April.

Canopy trees are the “big brothers and sisters” as the uppermost layer in the forest. They provide not only habitats for a variety of plants and animals, but also protection for understory trees and other living communities. Trees, like people, aren’t forever. They can grow old and fail, be attacked by disease or insects or fall prey to removal for any number of reasons. Continual planting is the key to maintaining a healthy urban forest.

The Canopy Tree program will be available this coming spring. There will be a variety of species to choose from. The actual list will be based on availability and suitability for spring planting. Trees will be ordered in late February, with planting in late March. The home owner will be charged an



estimated \$175 for the tree, a tree guard and professional installation.

Planting sites will be inspected by BUD. Placement in a back yard may result in a slightly larger planting fee due to potentially more work for site access. The tree list and application will be made available in the near future.

Trees should be mulched to retain moisture with no more than a 3 inch layer of mulch. “Volcano” mulching should be avoided. The mulch should not touch the tree trunks.

Prospect Parks Youth Craft

On a beautiful Saturday morning in October, more than a dozen young Prospect residents and their parents participated in the First Annual Youth Craft Project in Harrods Creek Park. The children and their families had fun making new friends as they enjoyed the lovely fall weather and explored Harrods Creek Park.

The children were encouraged to use their imagination and natural objects at hand to create a clay work of art that could be an ornament, or decoration. Some went further to create vases or construct buildings. It was amazing to witness the creativity of the children.

A very special thanks to Lauren Becker for designing the craft and using her special gifts to engage with the children. Thanks also to Parks & Recreation committee member Sallie Schneider for coordinating the activity.



Mark your calendars for the next Event

Mark your calendars for the next Prospect Parks & Recreation sponsored children’s program on Saturday, January 21. The event will take place in the Prospect Library at 10am. There will be a story time, followed by a craft where children will make a 3-D paper tree to take home and help make a large tree for the library children’s area. Parents should sign up their children for this event by registering on the City of Prospect website (<https://www.prospectky.us/parks-and-recreation/webforms/youth-craft-project-registration>) or by calling City Hall at 502-228-1121.

Who owns Prospect’s street trees? You do! The maintenance of the trees is the property owner’s responsibility. However the City regulates them because of their potential to affect road and sidewalk usage and integrity. In most cases street trees are owned by and the responsibility of the private landowner. However their removal, trimming or planting of street trees is regulated by the Prospect Forestation Board. Questions about management of street trees and right-of-way trees (between curb and sidewalk) can be answered by the Board (contact Lee Tucci at eltucci@gmail.com. Be sure to contact the Board before making changes to trees and plantings along roadways.

The Forestation Board answers questions on what trees should be planted as well as how and where to plant and spacing between types of trees. The City’s approved tree listing is available on the City’s website, <http://prospectky.us/government/forestation-board>. Help us maintain a sustainable urban forest for our city and contact the Forestation Board.



2023 Prospect Calendars Now Available

The free 2023 Prospect city calendars are now available for pick up at City Hall.

This year features art work from some of Prospects budding artist! Copies are available in the front lobby or at the receptionist desk

If you “Doo” Anything.....Do this PLEASE!!

Please remember to clean up after your dogs while out for a walk! IT’S YOUR DOG, IT’S YOUR MESS! And PLEASE, if you bag it, please dispose of it properly instead of tossing it in the gutter or leaving it on the trails. When you put it in plastic and drop it, you’ve taken something that was biodegradable to begin with and made it non biodegradable litter that lays there until someone else has to clean it up.

(Left: An all too common sight in the city as of late)



Crime Stoppers Wanted!

Want to be a crime stopper, its easy! LOCK YOUR VEHICLE! 90 percent of thefts in Prospect last year could have been prevented by this simple act. Thieves commit these crimes of opportunity because the are easy. Never leave valuables or especially weapons in your vehicle over night. Also if you park outside its a good idea to remove your garage door opener to prevent easy access to your garage and home.

Plowing Ahead!

We don’t know how much or when, but we do know with the advent of the winter season, that snow is on the way and with it, snowplows. The City spends a substantial amount on snow removal each year. Maintaining hills and main thoroughfares are the main focus during snow events with secondary streets coming next. Flat areas and courts follow. Below are some tips to help make it easier on all of us:

Do not park your car on the street if it can be avoided. If deemed a hazard it can be towed.

If you have a rubber driveway/gutter mat, remove it before the snow starts to avoid it being dragged down the street by a plow. The City is NOT responsible for replacing or paying for these.

If you have installed asphalt curbing to redirect water it is recommended that you mark the area with pole markers. While every effort is made to avoid damaging these curbs, it is impossible to know where they are, especially when snow covered, and they will not be replaced by the City.

It should be noted that the City is not responsible for clearing the end of your driveway. To report issues or damage resulting from plowing please call City Hall at 228-1121.

With the holidays and the increase in on-line ordering, Rumpke has asked us to remind everyone that cardboard boxes need to be broken down and put at the curb for recycling collection. If you have extra-large boxes or a lot of them, please call Rumpke at 568-3800 to arrange a bulk pickup.

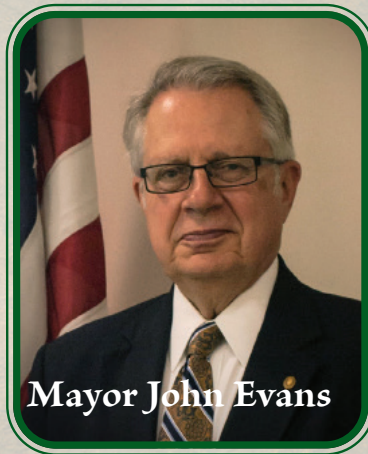
Thank you for your consideration!





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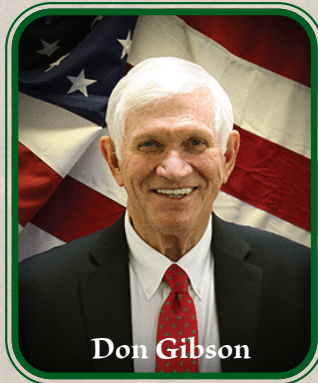
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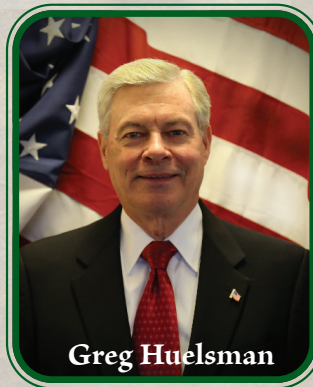
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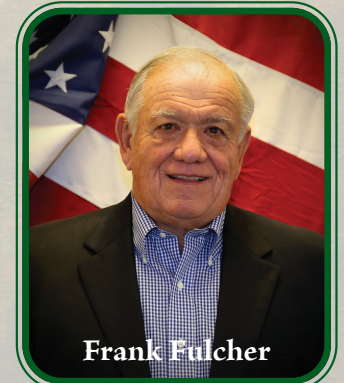
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