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PROSPECT NEWSLETTER



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Trying Times Indeed, But We Are Resilient!

Both the federal and state governments have declared us to be in a state of emergency. Although ten days ago I had to close City Hall, for everyone's safety, the City Hall staff and I are continuing to do the everyday City's business (exercising "social distancing"), and our police continue their 24/7 job of keeping us safe. I want to publicly thank all of them for carrying on with providing the City's services during this time. I've had City Hall cleaned with a special anti-virus procedure. We also are looking into how safely to hold City Council meetings, perhaps electronically, in accordance with recent guidance from the Kentucky Attorney General. Even though some others' parks, where public distancing is not practicable, have been closed, ours (we don't have basketball courts or public bathrooms) remain open, with the request that people respect each others' distance and safety. They are great places to go on nice days when you get "cabin fever" from staying at home.

I want to thank our many Prospect businesses which have adapted to this crisis by offering safe methods of buying groceries, prescriptions, takeout foods, hardware, with drive-thru or curbside pick-up, making it possible for us to get the things we need without unnecessary exposure. I could name them, but you know who they are, and I might miss one or two.

No one knows how long this pandemic will last, and this may be the situation for some time to come. Please follow the safety guidelines, and we will get through this. Please feel free to call or email any of us at any time.



Unfortunately the Spring Wildflower Walks had to be canceled this year. But you can't cancel mother nature! LOOK INSIDE to see how you can still enjoy the spring bloom!

The two proposed LDG projects continue to be concerns. (1) Prospect Cove (near the Kroger fuel station), has had only one development that we know of. LDG's lawsuit asking the court to either simply order the rezoning or, alternatively, to send the rezoning application back to Metro Council for its reconsideration, has now been formally submitted to the court for a decision on Prospect's Motion for Summary Judgment. I have read all the briefs, and I am optimistic the court will rule in our favor. On another factor, there has not been a new rezoning application filed, even though one could have been as far back as last August. This matter has been going on for a long time – it began in the Fall of 2016. (2) The proposed 160 unit apartment development located between the Marathon gas station and the Oldham County line



Coffee with the Mayor

Due to the current health situation "Coffee With The Mayor" has been canceled for the foreseeable future. While the office may be closed to the public, city hall is currently still staffed and ready to address any concerns you may have by calling 228-1121.

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Join us for

Prospect's Great Teddy Bear Hunt

Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 17



Teddy bears have become a symbol of hope around the world during this pandemic. Aly Goldberg, a Sutherland resident, has given us a great way to practice physical distancing while putting happy smiles on our faces as we get outdoor exercise. You can also participate without leaving the house, put teddy bears in your windows so we can count them. Here's how it works...

Place a teddy bear (or more) in a window, on the porch, or anywhere they can be seen from the street. You can have the same bear in the same place, or move the bear around, change to different bears, or add/remove bears to keep it interesting. Then walk around any Prospect neighborhood to find the bears! Keep a count and take pictures!

To Enhance the experience make it a game, who can spot the bears first? Who can find the most bears? Are the bears the same or different each day? Or you can make it Educational! Fractions: e.g. how many bears on each street compared to how many homes, statistics: e.g. percentage of homes that put out bears, size of bears, colors of bears, bears that move locations, homes that have new bears each day. Do an Excel spreadsheet!

Or you can get maps of Prospect (available on the website at <https://prospectky.us/prospect-residence/>) and use them to track the bears (go over direction, street signs, scale etc.) Lots of people are using the bears to encourage youth reading by reading books about bears and teddy bears. **For that matter, you could write YOUR own bear story!**

We would very much like to see your pictures and stories! Send them to citymaint@prospectky.com and they may just end up in the next newsletter!

If you don't have a stuffed teddy bear to put in your window, copy and paste the links below into any web browser to print one or more out! One of them is a full color version you can just print, the other is for printing and then coloring.



To print a bear to color yourself go to:

<https://prospectky.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Bear-Hunt-Coloring-ver..pdf>

To print a full color bear go to:

<https://prospectky.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Bear-Hunt-Full-Color.pdf>



Wildflower Walks Canceled, But Parks Still Open

The two wildflower walks, and slide presentation at city hall, that were planned for Harrods Creek Park in April have been canceled due to social distancing concerns. But while the events may have been canceled, the parks remain open and are in full bloom! Jacquelyn McGrail, who along with Carol Embry normally guide the tours, has been kind enough to supply us with some photos of what is currently in bloom. We challenge you to go out and see how many of these you can find!



Spring Beauty



Rue Anemone



May Apple



Virginia bluebells

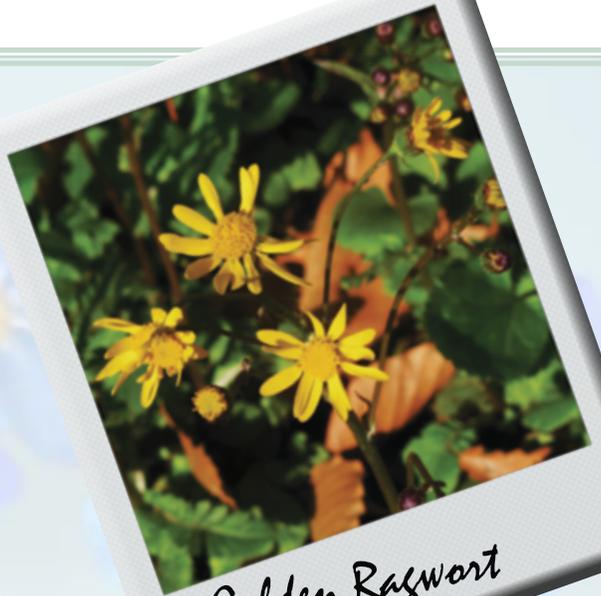


White Trout Lilly

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Cutleaf Toothwort



Golden Ragwort



Purple Cress



Trout Lilly



Twin Leaf



Spice Bush

It's Your Newsletter, Tell Us What You'd Like!

Now that the newsletter has gone completely digital, we are no longer bound by "the rule of four." This limited page numbers to an even number and confined the amount of information that could be included in the publication with leaving blank space. This opens up room for a theoretically unlimited number of pages!

Now that being said, what would you like to see in the newsletter? What changes would you make? Suggestions may be sent to:

Ron Cundiff at
citymaint@prospectky.com.

Tell us what you like, or don't like, about the newsletter and help us improve it!

batteries - specifically lithium ion batteries - aren't accepted in our trash or recycling programs and can cause fires like the recent ones we experienced in the region."

The incidents snarled traffic and caused large messes, but fortunately no injuries.

In both instances, our drivers took immediate action emptying the loads and contacting authorities. Both trucks sustained minor damage.

"Placing flammable items into the trash and recycling has potentially hazardous results for our employees, equipment and the public," Biggs said. "We train our drivers to audit what they collect at each stop to help prevent wrong items from entering our vehicles; however, because all items need to be bagged to prevent the spread of illness, our team can't see everything being tossed. That's why we need our customers to review our curbside guidelines."

The instructions for what can be placed in Rumpke's trash or recycling programs can be found on the company website, www.rumpke.com. But Biggs said there is another easy way to extinguish.

"If an item says flammable or hazardous - that means it isn't accepted in our programs," Biggs said. "The proper way to dispose of these materials is through your local solid waste district."

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(apparently now called "Veridian") has prompted two requests for input from Prospect. The first was a letter to Prospect's Police Chief based on the assumption that Prospect's police would do the policing of the development. Chief Sherrard wrote back and assured them that this was not the case, since the development was not in Prospect but in Metro, and stating what his knowledge and experience tells him would be the likely (lengthy) response times for the Metro police to get out to this end of the County. The second was a letter I received asking me to be a "consulting party" to comment on the project's potential effects on "historic properties," and I have accepted that invitation. I will have the benefit of some expert advice and input on this. This inquiry is mandated by federal law because the project would utilize federal funding. *John E. Evans* John E. Evans, Mayor

Important Reminders for Residents

Doing Spring Cleaning

Two back-to-back trash truck fires have prompted a need to issue reminders to customers doing spring cleaning projects during home quarantines.

"We are seeing common fire-starters mistakenly placed in trash and recycling," said Bridgett Biggs, Area Safety Manager, Rumpke. "Items like cleaning products, pool chemicals, charcoal embers and



A Message From The Parks Committee

We are living in difficult times. One of the best things we can do for ourselves is to get some exercise, and visit nature. We are blessed in Prospect to have several parks we can visit, and I hope you will take advantage of them. The spring wildflower show is "popping" right now, with more amazing displays to come in the next few weeks. Please visit the city website to learn more about our parks <https://prospectky.us/services/parks-and-recreation/>.

However, we all need to visit the parks in a responsible way. We are currently doing every thing in our power to keep Prospect parks open but we need your help!

So, What is needed?

✦ Please be sure to social distance--stay at least 6 feet away from anyone you meet on the trails.

✦ Please obey the parking regulations. If the Harrods Creek Park lot is full, you need to park along Montero Drive and either hike down the trail or walk down the access road to enjoy the park. I think most are visiting the park for exercise, so this is not a burden, just an opportunity for more exercise. And, the trail is enjoyable.

We have many dog owners and dog lovers in Prospect. And, we all want our animals and citizens to be comfortable and safe as we walk our residential streets and parks. While most of our pets are socialized and well behaved, there are some rules that must be obeyed by all.

Recently, as chair of the Prospect Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, I was notified about a frightening situation that occurred in Harrods Creek Park. In this event, several dogs off leash acted aggressively toward young dogs and children. After learning about this incident, I contacted the City and reviewed the Prospect Ordinances. The ordinances are clear, but I suspect not understood by all. Please read on to learn about your responsibilities as a dog owner.

The most important item to read is the definition of "AT LARGE". **This requires all animals to be on leash when not on private property.** Many of us in error believe that "under control" includes verbal command. This is not true. The Parks & Recreation Committee will be amending signage in all parks to make the leash requirement very clear. Here are the texts of relevant ordinances for your review:

§ 90.02 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(A) No person who is the owner of any animal shall permit it to run at large in any public road, highway, street, lane, or alley, or upon unenclosed land, or permit it to go on any private yard, lot, or enclosure without the consent of the owner of the yard, lot, or enclosure. An area surrounded by a radio fence is considered enclosed under the meaning of this section provided the radio fence is both working and effective in containing said animals.

(B) The owner of an animal who permits it to run at large in violation of this section is liable for all damages caused by such animal upon the premises of another.

§ 90.17 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat, either licensed or unlicensed, regardless of the age of the dog or cat, to allow the dog or cat to be at large and unattended or to run in any street, park, lawn, garden, schoolyard, playground, or on any other public or private property.

§ 90.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which another penalty is not already otherwise provided shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. This chapter is subject to enforcement by the Code Enforcement Board of the City of Prospect. A violation of this chapter shall be considered a civil offense in accordance with KRS 65.8808.

If you have young kids or grandchildren, I recommend Putney Pond & Woodlands (parking circle off Timber Ridge Drive) The trails from both entrances connect, so you can get a lot of hiking in. There are picnic tables near the pond which are great for a picnic lunch or snack. I am always available to connect with my parks enthusiasts via email or phone, and eager to make recommendations for activities. Thank you for your continued support of our Prospect Parks!

Linda Wardell, Chairman, Prospect Parks and Recreation Committee.

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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