



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## Carmel Indiana Rolls Out The Red Carpet

The City of Carmel, Indiana rolled out the red carpet for Prospect visitors recently. Carmel (pronounced with the accent on the first syllable) lies just north of Indianapolis. On Tuesday, April 27th, and at the invitation and coordination of Herb Shulhafer, who serves as the Chair for the Prospect's US Highway 42 Safety Study Working Group, Mayor Evans and Council Members Farnsley, Gibson, Huelsman, Leonard and O'Dell traveled to Carmel Indiana to tour the city and meet with Mayor Brainard and members of some of his staff. For Sandra Leonard, this was the third time to visit the city and each time has provided new insight.

The purpose of the trip was to learn of Carmel's very successful city management and their ideas on infrastructure and highway design. While there, Mayor Brainard and two members of his Engineering Department escorted us on an enjoyable narrated bus tour of the beautiful city. What we witnessed was very impressive and gives testimony to the city's excellent leadership and passion of Mayor Brainard, who has served as Mayor since 1996. During these past 25 years, Carmel has made significant improvements while managing through an explosion in population and business growth. Carmel is the fourth largest city in Indiana now with a population of approximately 100,000.

Some of the many achievements of Carmel that we saw and discussed were attractive signage, rear parking with attractive brick buildings along the frontage of properties, construction codes that call for the use of brick and high-quality standards of architecture, construction codes that require developers to attend certain approved workshops so that the continuity and "aesthetics" of the city are maintained. Integrated life styles with businesses, hotels, service firms, etc are carefully positioned to maximize the beauty of the city. Carmel is a city with some of the lowest car insurance costs in Indiana. This is credited to highway infrastructure designs, reduction in accident rates and a plethora of other achievements and policies that Carmel is using to improve the city.

To be received so warmly and with such hospitality was truly a much-appreciated climax to a day of great learning and mutual exchanges on city management.



From left to right: Greg Huelsman, Don Gibson, Doug Farnsley, John Evans, Herb Shulhafer, James Brainard (Mayor of Carmel), Sarah O'Dell and Sandra Leonard. Photo taken at Carmel's beautiful Japanese water garden park behind their City Hall building.

## This is for the birds!

The City of Prospect has two natural areas that are great for bird watching: Putney Pond and Woodlands (with 140 species reported) and Harrods Creek Park (with 150 species reported). The city's relationship with dedicated bird watchers began with long-time residents, Paul and Carol McCallister, who kept an almost daily log of birds they saw in Prospect. Their attention to the birds in our midst led to the creation of a wonderful brochure listing birds frequently seen in Prospect. Their legacy has been continued with the interest of Prospect resident Dr. Win Ahrens, who has contributed his knowledge to update the bird brochure. You can contact City Hall (228-1121) to pick up a copy.

When it is safe to do so, we hope to once again offer bird walks in the spring and fall seasons (when our bird population is increased by migration) led by area experts. In the meantime, there are some free Birding Apps created by the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, which you can use to improve your birding skills: Merlin Bird ID helps the user identify birds based on answers to a few questions (like location, date, colors, and whether you saw the bird in a tree, on the ground, at a feeder, etc.) or from a photo. Once the bird is identified, you can listen to recordings of bird calls, learn more about the bird, and

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see additional photos of juveniles, opposite sex, etc.. This app is geared to beginning and intermediate birders.

A second app, eBird, provides information about birds selected by name or photo, with pictures, and sounds. With this app, you can search for locations of birding “Hot Spots” (both Putney Pond & Woodlands and Harrods Creek Park make the cut!). You can also create a lifetime list of birds you have seen, photos taken, sounds recorded, and share your observations with a worldwide birding community. In addition, the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology has a number of birding resources to help all birders, from beginning to experienced, improve their bird watching skills. Happy birding!

## City’s New Website Improves Ease Of Issue Reporting With “SeeClickFix”

The City of Prospect has partnered with SeeClickFix to present a new platform that will allow citizens to report quality-of-life issues and request City of Prospect services. With free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, Prospect citizens will now be able to provide City Hall staff with pictures, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides Prospect officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution engaging citizens throughout the process.

The SeeClickFix mobile app is available for download on Android and iPhone. In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can send reports to the City of Prospect’s website at [prospectky.us](http://prospectky.us) or [seeclickfix.com](http://seeclickfix.com).

Did Rumpke miss your trash pickup? Is there a burned-out street light in your neighborhood? Do you suspect a code violation? Is there a pothole that needs to be repaired? Has a tree fallen across one of our parks’ hiking trails? For these and many other issues, reporting is just a few clicks away!

To start, open the SeeClickFix app on your smartphone or tablet, or go to the city website at [prospectky.us](http://prospectky.us) and click the “Report an Issue” button. If this is your first time using SeeClickFix, you will need to register. Once you’re registered and logged in, click the icon to report your issue. Now tell us where the problem is. If you’re not there, simply type in an address, or zoom in on the map. If the problem is NOT within the city limits – for example, a pothole on River Road - you won’t be able to report it. Now tell us about the issue you’re reporting. Be sure to select the right category and answer all the questions – if there’s space to explain, tell us as much as you think we need to know to resolve the problem. You can even upload a photo to help us better understand the problem.

Once all the important information has been provided, click “Submit” and your report will go directly to the City Hall staffer responsible for that type of issue. If you provided an email address you’ll be notified anytime the status of your report changes, but beyond that, rest assured that we are working to resolve it as quickly as possible!



## Youth Volunteers Make Contributions to Prospect Parks

In March, once flood waters receded in early March, Prospect brothers Ben (age 11) and Sam (age 6) Scholtz went on a mission to clean up Harrods Creek Park. On their adventure, they found a large PVC pipe and bags full of other garbage. What a great way to “love” the parks! Their efforts make are greatly appreciated.

Also in March, Forestation Board Chair, Lee Tucci contacted me to ask if we had an environmental project that his grandson, Calvin Hall could work on to meet a requirement for the rank of Life Scout. His timing couldn’t have been better. The invasive garlic mustard was just starting to grow. Calvin spent 4 volunteer hours uprooting this invasive plant along the upper Blue Trail in Harrods Creek Park. His work contributes to restoring native plants in this portion of the park. Thank you Calvin!



Above (From L to R)  
Ben and Sam Scholtz.  
Right, Calvin Hall

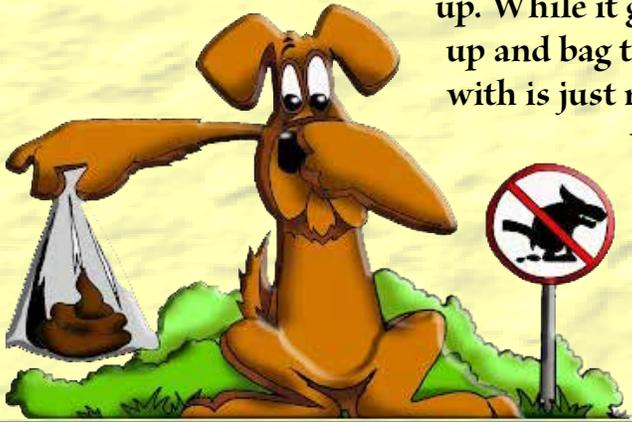
## Please Clean Up After Your “Little Stinker”!

We find them on the side of the road, in landscaping beds and just about anywhere else you can imagine. No we are not talking about cicadas, we are talking about those little bags of “love” that dog owners tend to leave lying around for someone else to pick up.

While it greatly appreciated that most responsible people pick up and bag their pets “business” leaving it for someone else to deal with is just rude. Please remember to clean up after your dogs

while out for a walk and dispose of it responsibly!

**IT’S YOUR DOG, IT’S YOUR MESS!** It’s not just considerate, it’s the law! According to City of Prospect ordinance §51.03, taking “Spot” out for a walk “without possessing a suitable device for the collection and sanitary disposal of animal waste” could cost you a fine.



## How’s Your Green Thumb?

Ah, Spring, when young men’s fancies turn to thoughts of love, and homeowners dream of dogwoods, flowering cherry trees, or perhaps a tree like one that grew in your grandmother’s back yard, a twisty crab apple just designed by God for kids, a tree with footholds to climb and branches to sit on.

For those whose green thumbs come from hair salons, what and where to plant trees is often just a random choice. Part of the trick is picking the right tree for a particular spot. Just as some tiny newborn babies sprout into basketball centers, a dear little tree of the wrong species or in the wrong planting spot may in time grow roots that tunnel under your sidewalk or loom over your rose bushes when it grows up.

There are several good sources for advice on tree selection and placement. One is [treeslouisville.org](http://treeslouisville.org) that will suggest what to plant where. It is sponsored by our Metro government and other organizations and will not only provide free advice but also contribute to the cost of a tree when you send a copy of the receipt for the tree you just purchased. Local nurseries like Frank Otte have employees who are knowledgeable. And at City Hall you can pick up a Prospect Tree Guide listing recommended trees, guidance for avoiding trouble makers like those beautiful Bradford pears, and listing the future sizes of trees and general information on their care.

A few things to think about: not all native trees are desirable, but those that are provide a great source of food for birds. And here’s a plug about oak trees. An oak tree can live hundreds of years, so when you plant one you are providing shade for future generations, a way of paying it forward. And over those years, how many squirrels will enjoy those acorns. Actually, a mature oak tree is an ecosystem all on its own.

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## Coffee with the Mayor

*You are cordially invited to come meet with Mayor Evans and Chief Sherrard and voice any concerns or issues that involve the city. The Mayor and Chief will be available every Friday from Noon to 1 PM at the Prospect Starbucks.*



We invite you to treat yourself to a leisurely stroll through Cowley Park in Hunting Creek. There you will have the chance to make friends with seven new adolescent trees recently planted by The Forestation Board.

Take a moment to welcome these newcomers personally to our community and thank them in advance for all the beauty, shade and fresh air they will provide for us in the days and years ahead.

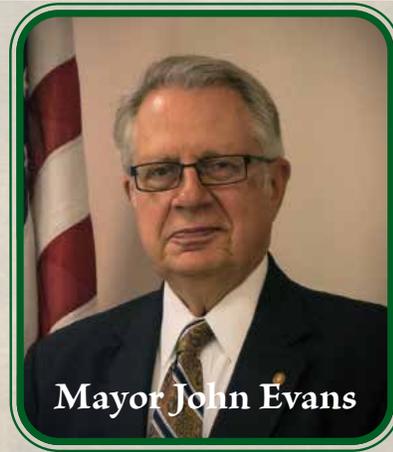
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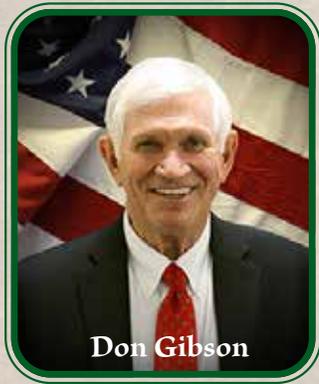
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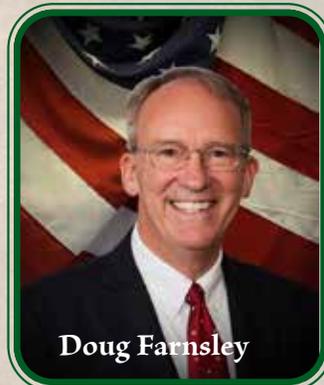
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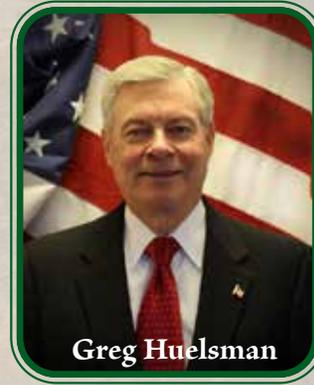
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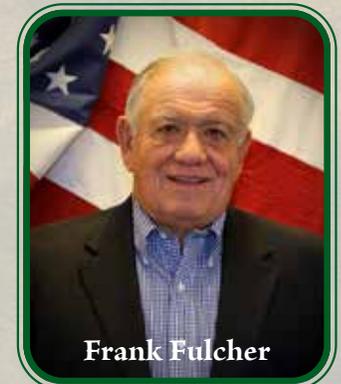
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