



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Photo Credit: Dr Henry Sadlo



## Forth of July Pictures

Check out pages 4 and 5 for pictures from this years Celebration!

## Forestation Board Launches Tree Canopy Program

The City is pleased to introduce a new program focused on helping our tree canopy. We have lost many trees due to aging out, disease or insects.

Two inch caliper trees will be given free to the first twenty applicants. There are requirements such as the tree must be planted in the front of the property in the right of way, and the recipient must pay a \$150 planting fee. The species available, deadlines and other specifics are available on the application form included in this issue (page 7) or you can download it from the city website.

In other tree news, the annual Aborfest will return this year on October 30. Fifty smaller diameter trees will be available at no charge with a variety of mid-size trees, many flowering. Details to come.

## Update About Ongoing Bird Illness Investigation



FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 19, 2021) — On Thursday, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources provided an update about the ongoing investigation of an unexplained illness affecting birds in Kentucky and elsewhere.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has received 2,300 reports of sick or dying birds to its online reporting system since the portal went live on June 17. The number of daily reports coming in has steadily declined since the end of June.

Staff continue to review all reports and have identified 17 new reports, in addition to the 265 previously reported during the peak of reporting, that are believed to be related to the unexplained bird illness. Many of the reported bird deaths were due to normal causes of mortal-

ity. Other reports have contained limited information and were inconclusive.

Based on its assessment to date, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is rescinding its earlier recommendation for residents in six counties (Boone, Bullitt, Campbell, Jefferson, Kenton and Madison) to stop feeding birds.

The department strongly encourages all residents with bird feeders and birdbaths to continue cleaning them on a regular basis and to be on the lookout for any signs of disease in visiting birds. Should signs of disease appear, the department recommends taking down and disinfecting the feeders and birdbaths at that location.

At this time, a definitive cause for this bird illness has yet to be identified.

This article and photo reprinted from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife web page. For the complete story please visit: <https://fw.ky.gov/News/Pages/Update-about-ongoing-bird-illness-investigation.aspx>

## Garbage and Recycling Perks while living in Prospect

Your garbage and recycling are picked up at the “back door” (ie: where you typically store your bins). That means you don’t have to wheel your bins out to the curb!

If you use one of the 96 gallon rolling trash bins from RUMPKE, they will retrieve it from your “back door” but will leave the bin at the street. If you purchase bins from a hardware store and they are LESS than 96 gallons of storage (you may have more than one bin, but total storage can’t exceed 96 gallons) then RUMPKE will always return your bins to the “back door”

Prospect City Hall will provide you with green recycling bins if none were left at your property when you moved in or yours are damaged! You can request extra bins, if needed. These bins are smaller than 96 gallons, so RUMPKE will return these bins to your “back door”

You get large item bulk pickup on any pickup day! (These items must be placed at the curb) contact RUMPKE at (502) 568-3800 by 4 PM the day prior to your regular pickup day. That will guarantee they have the correct vehicle and personnel to pickup all your items. Some restrictions apply (ie: rocks, bricks, drywall, tires) but the customer service reps will help confirm your items are safe.

You have yard waste pickup on your first garbage pickup day of the week! (Must place at curb) Instead of doing the painful task of bundling your sticks with string, place them in a brown lawn bag or a reusable garbage tote marked with “Yard Waste.” - Sarah O’Dell Prospect Council Member

## Making our Prospect Parks Even Better!

In the past year and a half, many of us have come to really appreciate what our Prospect Parks and natural areas have to offer, as outdoor activities have been safer than other options. Your Prospect Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee has been working to make your experience even better.

If you happened to visit Harrods Creek Park or Putney Pond & Woodlands in the spring, you probably noticed and appreciated the abundance of wildflowers. Over the past several years, volunteers have worked to reduce exotic invasive plants in these areas, and our native plants have rebounded. Last year, the City Council provided funds to engage an environmental firm to do more extensive invasive plant removal than we could do with volunteers. This professional work will continue over the next few months. We anticipate that next spring will bring an even more impressive show of native wildflowers while also improving the health of native trees and shrubs.

In the past year, Scout Eagle Projects added an information kiosk and picnic tables adjacent to the parking lot in Harrods Creek Park.

Also, this year committee members updated the Prospect Parks and Natural Areas and the Birds of Prospect brochures. These are available during business hours in the lobby of City Hall. We plan to install new boxes on the information kiosks at each trail head to hold these materials.

As the kids head back to school and summer turns to fall, we hope that you will continue to enjoy your Prospect Parks. There is something to enjoy in every season. [Linda Wardell - Chair, Prospect Parks Committee](#)



Many thanks to Everett Jennings, a scout with Troop 30 who completed a volunteer service project required for advancement in rank. He installed new information boxes at each of the park kiosks.

Prospect owes the Scouts a great deal! Every year they volunteer time and resources to make Prospect's Park system grow and be a more beautiful place to be. Thank You!

# Prospect Library USED

## BOOK SALE

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

9200 US Highway 42 - 2nd Floor, City Hall

502-228-1121

**GREAT DEALS!**

**Hardbacks, Paperbacks, Children's Books,**

### *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 are happy to announce the Prospect Library is now fully open 5 days a week once again! The Library is open to the public during normal operating hours of City Hall. Patrons are asked to wear a mask when visiting City Hall. Come on in!

# Thank You Prospect For Making It A Memorable Fourth Of July!



Above: Council Members Sarah O'Dell, Doug Farnsley and Don Gibson get everything ready for the parade.



Just a few of the MANY participants in the grande parade.





Above: Spectators lined the route of the parade along Westover Drive!



From the raising of the flag and the playing the national anthem by the Swing Street Band to the culmination of the evening with "Boomsday" the evening could not have gone any better!



## Bluebird Boxes Donated For Prospect Parks



Above: Phil Tamplin and Carolyn Embry (Who spearheaded the project) stand next to one of the newly installed blue bird nesting boxes installed at Harrods Creek Park.

Below: Rusty Waters and Bryan Whitlow from the Prospect Public Works Department, install the mounting pole for one of the new boxes.



Thanks to contributions from Beckham Bird Club members, City of Prospect public parks are more bird friendly than ever with 8 new bluebird boxes erected along the Orange Trail in Harrods Creek Park and another one soon to be added to Putney Pond Park.

The impetus for the addition of these boxes was a generous donation from Win Ahrens, a Prospect resident, avid birder and member of the bird club. Although no strings were attached to the donation, the city's Parks and Recreation Committee, chaired by Linda Wardell, wanted to honor Win's wishes for the donation to be used for the betterment of the parks, and knowing Win's love of birds, the idea of placing bluebird boxes along one or more of the trails quickly won approval from the committee.

But where to get them and how best to locate them became the next question. Committee member, Carolyn Embry, knew just the person to consult – friend and Beckham member, Judith McCandless, and Judith knew just the person to advise the committee – Beckham member, Phil Tamplin, a bluebird enthusiast who was known for constructing numerous bluebird boxes. So, earlier this summer, Phil, along with committee members Linda, Carolyn, Sallie Schneider plus Director of Public Works for the city, Ron Cundiff, walked the Orange Trail and with Phil's advice, chose appropriate locations for the boxes. The next surprise came when Phil not only offered to make the boxes but also to donate them! Using a portion of Win's donation, Ron purchased the poles and hardware for the boxes and they have now been installed in various spots along the Orange Trail.

Win also helped to revise information for a "Birds of Prospect Parks" brochure for the park kiosks, and Ron did the layout and printed the brochures in-house at city hall.

The City of Prospect Parks and Recreation Committee is most grateful to members of the Beckham Bird Club for their generous contributions used to encourage nesting in our parks and increase park users' interest in birding.



Above: Mr Blue Bird himself, Phil Tamplin does a final inspection on one of the houses he graciously constructed and donated to the City.

## All City Of Prospect Tax Bills Have Been Mailed Taxes Are Due By September 30th

*Late payment penalties will apply after that date. Please call 228-1121*

*If you have not received your bill. You may also want to note City Hall's after hours mail drop slot near the old city hall entrance to the left of the main entrance.*

*Please remember...It is your responsibility to forward your bill to your lending institution so the bill can be paid promptly and avoid penalties.*





# City of Prospect

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Residents of Prospect,

The Tree Canopy Program is a new partnership between the City of Prospect and its homeowners to increase the tree canopy in Prospect. The City has funded twenty shade trees of 2" diameter in the 2021/22 budget that will be available on a FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED basis. The program costs the homeowner \$150, payable to the City of Prospect, and includes the cost of the tree, a tree guard, and professional installation of the tree. To benefit all residents and increase our tree canopy among our shared roadways and sidewalks, trees must be planted in the public Right of Way (ROW) along the front of the property. A helpful website and instructions are listed at the bottom of the page to help you identify the extent of the ROW along the front of your property. You may also contact City Hall for helpful guidance on the best location and tree species for your particular property. Trees may not be planted within ten feet of overhead utility, internet, or cable lines. Once a tree order has been accepted, the home owner will be notified to pick up a marking flag from City Hall. The flag must be placed in the desired planting location no later than the first week in November. The professional tree planters, hired by the City, will contact BUD (Before-You-Dig) to request public utilities be marked. The trees will be planted close to the end of November. If a utility will interfere with planting, contact City Hall to discuss alternative locations for planting.

### **Please mark your shade tree selection**

\*Helpful internet references for tree characteristics are: Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder and ArborDay.org

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Princeton" American Elm | <input type="checkbox"/> "Exclamation" London Planetree | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp White Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Allee" Chinese Elm      | <input type="checkbox"/> "Windover Gold" Ginkgo         | <input type="checkbox"/> "Heritage Oak"  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Green Vase" Zelkova     |   |  |

### **TREE CANOPY AGREEMENT**

- ✓ I agree to waive any and all liability of the City of Prospect and the City's Forestation Board or their assigns for the planting, care, and future maintenance of the Home Owner's selected tree.
- ✓ I agree to pay the City of Prospect \$150 for the tree, tree guard, and professional installation.
- ✓ I understand that there is no warranty on the tree.
- ✓ I agree that it is my responsibility to locate private utilities such as invisible fencing and irrigation systems. I am responsible for repair and expense of any damaged systems in the tree planting.
- ✓ I agree to place the provided flag in my selected tree location prior to the marking of utilities and also during the time of planting. It is my responsibility to ensure that the flag is not removed by other service providers. **NO FLAG - NO TREE - NO REFUND**

**As a Prospect home owner and participant in the Tree Canopy Program, my signature below indicates my agreement to all of the above statements.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please PRINT name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Tree order AND check payable to City of Prospect must be received by September 9, 2021**

\*If trees are no longer available, the check will be returned promptly

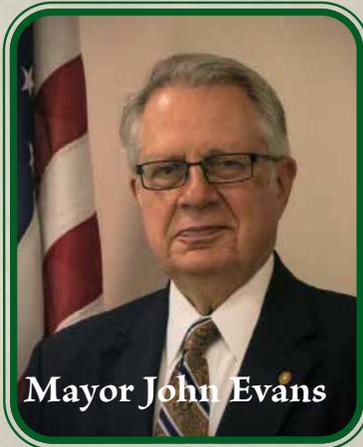
### **\*Determining the ROW of your property**

To aid in identifying the ROW in front of your property, you may reference the following website: <https://www.logic.org/logic-online> Enter your address in the "Search Address" field. Select "Aerial" along the menu at the top of the map to view satellite imagery of your property. To view property ROW lines, select "Layers" from the menu along the side of the map and then select "Current Right of Way Lines" under the "property tab."



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Mayor John Evans

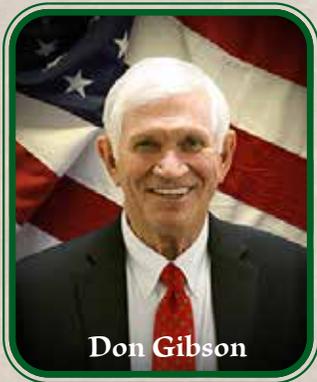
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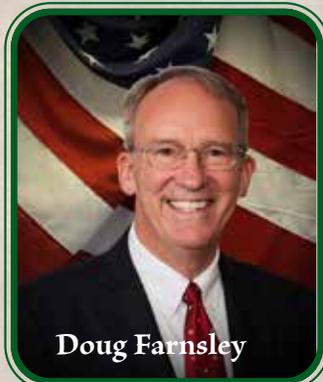
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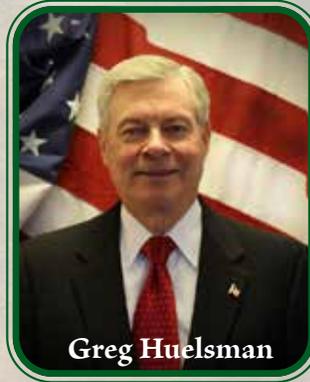
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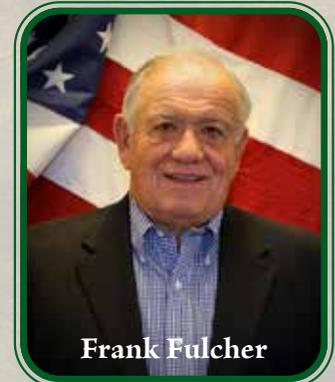
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<b>City Hall, Police And Library Hours</b>	Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150
Monday .....8:30 - 6:30	Prospect Police Dispatch.....228-COPS(2677)
Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00	Police, Fire & EMS Emergency .....911
Friday.....8:30 - 3:30	

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