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## State of the City Address

The state of the City of Prospect is strong. I will comment on our police, our parks, our finances, and our vibrant sense of community.

Under the leadership of Tony Denham and his predecessor, Jeff Sherrard, our police department has become a highly professional and effective law enforcement agency. In 2024, we welcomed Tony as our new police chief, and he has excelled in that role.

One year ago, we had two vacancies in our 12 person police department. On average, we had two to three hours per day when we did not have a Prospect police officer on duty. (During those times, LMPD covered calls in Prospect.) The compensation we paid our officers had fallen behind our peer cities, and as a result we could not fill the vacancies. Tony then our assistant chief, encouraged the city to substantially increase the amount we pay our police. The Council and I agreed. As a result, we now have a full complement of officers and have Prospect police on duty in the city 24-7.

Our officers all had substantial police experience before they came to Prospect and most of them had supervisory positions in their previous departments. I have had the good fortune to get to know our officers. I have found that they are thoughtful and intelligent and that they exercise good judgment as they carry out their duties.



Chief Tony Denham

I encourage you to take a moment to consider how fortunate we are to live in one of the safest cities in Kentucky.

Public safety is my number one priority. Having said that, I also have a strong commitment to our parks. Under the leadership of John Evans, Prospect made significant improvements to Little Hunting Creek Park including the construction of the John Evans Pavilion and Charlotte's Playground. In 2024, the city completed work on a new pedestrian bridge in Harrods Creek Park. Another significant parks project, a proposed boardwalk that will connect City Hall to Putney Pond, continues to move forward under Don Gibson's leadership. The city recently received a generous gift of two acres of land that will permit the boardwalk to connect to Timber Ridge Drive improving walkability and connectivity in the city. Our Parks are the crown jewels of Prospect. In 2024, under the leadership of Linda Wardell and our Parks Committee, we held our second season of summer concerts, the second performance by Kentucky Shakespeare, a successful Kidz Fest, and an equally successful trail bash. We also enjoyed wildflower walks in Harrods Creek Park, a bird watching walk in Little Hunting Creek Park, Prospect's 50th birthday party, our Fourth of July celebration, and other events.

Thanks to Parks Committee member Lynn Granger and two Eagle Scout candidates, we now have two kiosks in Little Hunting Creek Park –

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YOU ARE INVITED

**Art** IN CITY HALL  
PROSPECT



**WINTER**  
into  
**Spring**

**MARCH 23 to  
MAY 16, 2025**

**Opening Reception:**  
Sunday, March 23, 2-5pm

- Meet the artists
- Portrait Painting Demo

The City of Prospect invites you to an art exhibit featuring 15 artists working with paint, glass and sculpture.

Jill Baker	Sandy Owen Kimura	Jacque Parsley
Chad Balster	Ann Klem	Catherine Rubin
John Michael Carter	Bill Kolok	Richard Sullivan
Dave Caudill	Humberto Lahera	Matt Weir
Caron Fausel	Lance G. Newman, II	Brook White

**Location:**  
Prospect City Hall  
9200 US Highway 42, Prospect, KY

**Exhibit Hours:**  
March 23 from 2-5 pm and during weekly City Hall hours

**Our Sponsors**





**Portrait Painting Demonstration by John Michael Carter**

Award-winning Louisville artist John Michael Carter will give a demo during the March 23 opening event.



**Opening Event Bonus!**

one near the playground and the second at the trailhead just off Fox Harbor Road.

Art in City Hall Prospect, under the leadership of Kathie Sauer and her Art Committee, has proven to be a resounding success. We have had six exhibitions including the one that is now on display, and those exhibitions have brought color and a sense of fun to City Hall. Our next exhibition, chaired by Becky Culbreath and entitled “Winter into Spring,” will begin with an opening reception from 2 – 5 pm on Sunday, March 23.

The City benefits tremendously from the work of our volunteers. In addition to our Parks Committee, Arts Committee, and Investments Committee our residents serve the city as members of our Forestation Board, Code Enforcement Board, Library Committee, Architectural Review Committee, and Ethics Commission.

We also benefit daily from the work of our superb staff. Ron Cundiff and John Carter and their teams do the city’s work in a professional and timely manner.

The partnership of our staff, police, council, volunteers, and two major vendors – Rumpke and GreenScapes -- serves our city well. The relationships and friendships created by this partnership weave us together as a community in the best way possible.

In the balance of this report, I will address four additional matters: the April tornado, a lawsuit against the city, improvements to City Hall, and the state of the city’s finances.

At 6 pm on Tuesday, April 2, Liza and I were watching WAVE news. Kevin Harned reported that a tornado had formed in Southern Indiana, had crossed the river, and was headed for Chestnut Hill in Prospect. Because our house sits between the river and Chestnut Hill, we immediately moved to our basement. We heard the tornado pass overhead, and what has been stated many times is true -- the tornado sounded like a train.

On April 4, two days after the tornado struck, I wrote to our citizens stating, “Today, I wish a muted Happy 50th



Standing in the middle of Chestnut Hill looking down the street.

Birthday to Prospect.” I noted that on April 4, 1974, the Commonwealth of Kentucky issued the charter that created the City of Prospect. I went on to report that two days before I made my report, an EF-3 tornado struck Sutherland, Hunting Creek, the Estates of Hunting Creek, and the Meadows at Covered Bridge. We were extremely fortunate that no one in Prospect sustained injury. The tornado and its aftermath underscore for us the advantages of Prospect being a city. Because Prospect exists as a city, we can employ a professional public works staff and excellent police officers. I also wrote that I often offer praise for our police officers, and rightly so. On April 4, I added words of deep appreciation for our director of public works, Ron Cundiff, and his team. They returned to Prospect Tuesday evening and worked until midnight clearing our streets. They then came in early on Wednesday morning and continued to work throughout the day. GreenScapes also came to Prospect on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning and worked with Ron and his team on the cleanup.

Within minutes after the tornado came through Prospect, our police chief Jeff Sherrard returned to the city and worked until 2:00 a.m. (Typically, we have one or two officers on duty at any given time. On that Tuesday evening,

four officers in addition to Jeff were on duty.) Between 7:00 and 11:00 p.m., I rode with Jeff as he patrolled Hunting Creek, the Estates of Hunting Creek, Sutherland, the Meadows at Covered Bridge, and the Breakers. The point of my April 4th report was not to recount the events of Tuesday evening. Rather it was to recognize on our 50th birthday how fortunate we are that we live in Prospect.

I closed my address by stating that April 4, was a good day to take stock and to celebrate the community we have built in the years between 1974 and 2024.

As a postscript, the City incurred more than \$200,000 in cleanup costs following the tornado. Three of our neighbors have not yet been able to move back into their damaged homes as contractors continue to make repairs.

A different challenge arose a year before the tornado. In January 2023, LDG Development brought a lawsuit against the city of Louisville’s Metro Council, the city of Louisville itself, and the City of Prospect. We continue to vigorously defend Prospect’s position in that lawsuit. The parties have filed motions for summary judgment, and the court currently has those motions under consideration. If the court denies the motions, the case will proceed to trial



in July of this year. Although we take the lawsuit seriously, we firmly believe that LDG's claims lack merit.

In recent years, we have worked to make improvements to City Hall. Under John Evans leadership, improvements included the expansion and repaving of our parking lot, substantial roof repairs, and the installation of a new outside door to the Council Room. In the past two years, we have updated our HVAC system, painted walls and trim on the first floor, and replaced shutters and windows where needed.

I will close this report by noting that the city is on a sound financial footing. Our spending in 2024 was \$150,000 below budget. We continue to reserve funds sufficient to cover the city's share of the shortfall in the state's pension system. With guidance from our Investments Committee, we invest our reserves and our accumulated surplus produces income totaling approximately \$125,000 annually. John Carter and I closely watch the city's spending, and we remain committed to fiscal responsibility.

It is an honor to serve as Prospect's mayor, and I look forward to continuing our shared work in the coming years.

Doug Farnsley, Mayor



## Wild Sound Scapes of Prospect and Surrounding Areas

Prospect City Hall Council Chamber  
10 AM - 11:30 AM, Saturday, March 22nd

Naturalist and sound artist Luke Pearson will help decode the mysteries of nature with an introduction to the wildlife sounds of our own Prospect community. Luke is an educator for the Louisville Nature Center and wildlife specialist for Cave Hill

Cemetery. Using a mixture of scientific and artistic observations, join biologist and artist, Luke as we explore the unique sound scapes that are created by the birds, mammals, amphibians, insects, and other inhabitants of the Prospect area. Learn about the subtle differences that make your own backyard special, why listening to sound scapes is important, and what we can learn from the world around us by simply taking a moment to open our ears. We will examine a sound scape recorded nearby for the Brownsboro Trail Alliance as an example. Afterwards, we will hike from City Hall to Putney Pond to practice intentional listening and decipher what the world is telling us. Please wear appropriate foot wear and dress for the weather.

## Cyber Security, Scams and Fraud Prospect City Hall City Council Room 10 AM-Noon, Saturday, March 8th

Presenters Terry Rankhorn and Lt. Colonel Michael McKeehan will each speak for 45 minutes and host a short question-and-answer session at the end.

Prospect resident, Terry Rankhorn is a retired FBI Agent with 21 years of service. He is a specialist in investigating fraud, specifically cyber fraud. He has operated as a private investigator since his retirement and now runs his own investigative firm. He also heads a volunteer project called Virtual Safehouse, an online forum that educates people on how to spot and avoid online scams. Membership in Virtual Safehouse is completely free, and it can be found on Facebook at the following URL: [Virtual Safehouse | Facebook Group](#)

Lt. Colonel Michael McKeehan is the Assistant Chief of Police with the Prospect Police Department. Lt Col McKeehan retired from the Louisville Metro Police Department in 2014 and has worked for the City of Prospect, KY, since 2015. Over a 30-year career, he has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigator, Undercover Narcotics Detective, Tactical Instructor, Police Sergeant, and Assistant Chief. With an interest in technology, and its place in law enforcement, Lt Col McKeehan sought out training in cybercrime and digital evidence preservation/collection from the FBI, Dept. of Homeland Security, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Kentucky State Police, DOJT, Carnegie Mellon University, Google Inc., and Interpol resulting in many successful investigations/prosecutions. Lt. Col McKeehan is also an 8-year veteran of the US Army Infantry and served in the 1st Gulf War with the 101st Airborne Division.

# KIDZ FEST

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Prospect Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers for Kidzfest 2025. In order for this event to be successful we need more community involvement.

Kidzfest will be on Saturday June 14th at the John Evans Pavilion from 10 am- noon. Volunteers will need to commit to at least 2 1/2 hours. We need help with our crafts, passport program and other tasks. Please send an email to Sallie Schneider at [schneider.sallie@yahoo.com](mailto:schneider.sallie@yahoo.com) or call 502-396-1602 if you can volunteer.

## New House-Watch Program Even Better Than Before



The Prospect Police Department is proud to announce we have a new House watch program. This program is a new and improved version of the program we used in the past with some very cool new features. Why did we switch you asked? Well, it is user friendly and provides real time information to residents as they travel the globe.

Once signed up, residents will receive an email letting them know they have been enrolled. They will receive an email at the time the officer checks their house, the officer can note any concerns or information the homeowner needs, such as moved packages to the back, side door left unlocked officer secured, unlisted vehicle in driveway but home secure. **THIS IS REAL TIME** so there is no delay. Then an email at the expiration of their watch is sent.

Please go to the City of Prospect House Watch Page at [housewatch.prospectky.gov](http://housewatch.prospectky.gov) and sign up for your piece of mind. Police officers will make regular checks on residents' homes while they are away and will take action should unauthorized vehicles or persons be near the house. This highly successful program is a valuable free service for residents.

# Hunting Creek Country Club

...BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS & MAKING MEMORIES

## Happy Hour OPEN HOUSE

14TH MARCH | 5:30 PM

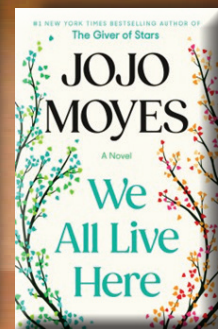
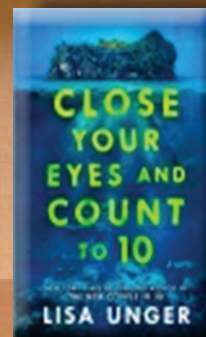
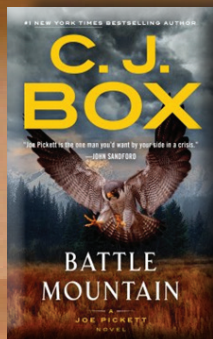
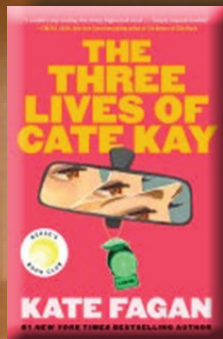
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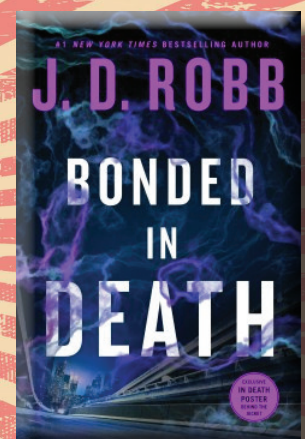
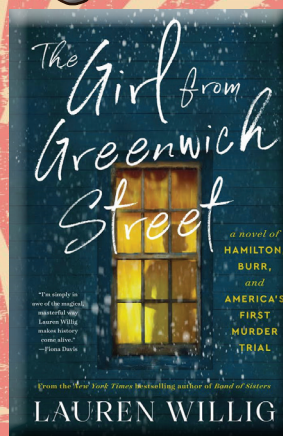
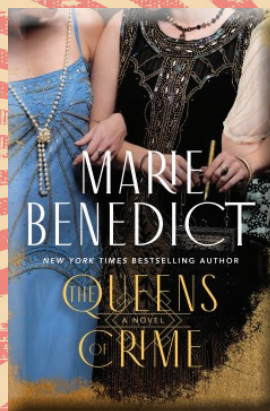
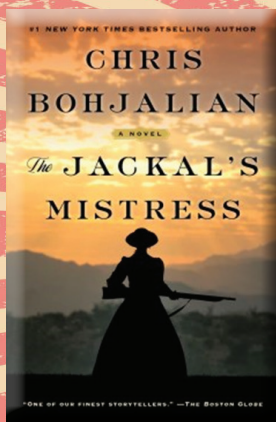


# Prospect Reading Center News

## ON THE SHELVES



## COMING SOON!



## FOUND IT!!!

Lost  
and  
Found

Every week Prospect Parks receive hundreds of visitors especially during warmer weather. If you or one of the “kiddos” did happen to lose something in one of Prospect’s beautiful parks, then we may be able to help! Lost items are found and turned in at City Hall on a regular basis.

Some of the things we have are a childs camera, an aztec blanket, a youth batman insulated bottle, a youth small half zip columbia camouflage pullover, a racket, a youth belt- tan, a pair of Mini Mouse shoes, a sleeveless shirt - m, an insulated cooler bag - pillar (koozie brand), brown bear by eric carle hardback book, a set of keys found at pavilion in july, a cloth grey/white bag, a soccer ball, a pair of youth tennis shoes - billy us 13, , and last but not least a plastic baby doll bottle and a plastic bug catcher.

So, if little William lost his “wubbie” or Big Bill misplaced the car keys, before you give up hope, give us a call at 228-1121 and see if we have it. Items are generally held onto for two to three months.





### Prospect Public Works Welcomes Newest Team Member

The City would like to introduce you to the newest member of the Prospect Public Works Department Gannon Pendigraph.

Gannon, a Louisville native comes to us from UPS after an extensive recruitment search with over a hundred applicants. If you see him out please feel free to say hello and welcome him to Prospect.

### News Items From The Mayor

**Tour Of Recycling Facility And Landfill.** This Spring I will be organizing a tour of a \$40M Rumpke recycling facility and of a nearby landfill – both are in Cincinnati. I have visited them and found the tours to be interesting, educational, and eye opening. I will be providing the date for the tours soon. Please contact me by email or text to learn more or to let me know you would like to participate.

**Metal Sculpture In Little Hunting Creek Park.** Anna and Norman Rissen lived for more than fifty years in a spacious home on Gunpowder Lane. At the end of May in 2024, Anna contacted me to offer to the City a metal sculpture of children playing on a fence. The Rissens were planning to move out of Prospect, and they wanted to ensure that their beloved sculpture found a good home. The sculpture now resides near Charlotte's Playground in Little Hunting Creek Park. I appreciate Norman and Anna's generous gift. The families that visit the playground and who attend events in the park all enjoy the sculpture.

**Prospect Residents Provide Names For Foxes.** In addition to the metal sculpture, Little Hunting Creek Park is also home to a chain saw sculpture of a fox family. We asked our residents to submit names for the foxes. At the City's 50th birthday party, we announced the names we had selected. Dad is named Harrod, mom is Ginger, and their children are Sneaky, and Buttercup. I express the City's thanks to Prospect residents -- the Cameron family, the Vaccas, the Scherers, and Sue Paul -- for submitting the names.

**Kudos To Police Officer Mike Thomas.** On January 5 and 6, we experienced a significant winter storm that left us with fourteen inches of snow that included a layer of ice. On the morning of January 6, an elderly couple contacted our police department seeking assistance in picking up a needed prescription. Officer Mike Thomas went to the pharmacy, paid for the prescription, and delivered it to the couple. Assistant Chief Michael McKeehan wrote a letter commending Mike "on a job well done" noting his "dedication to this police department and the citizens of Prospect." I join Assistant Chief McKeehan in thanking Mike, and I note with a high degree of confidence that all our officers and staff members would have done the same thing that Mike did. Since my first day as Mayor, I have seen firsthand that we have a superb group of officers and city employees.

## WILDFLOWER WALKS

At Harrods Creek Park

**Sunday, April 6 at 1 PM**

AND

**Saturday April 19 at 1 PM**

Led by Prospect Resident **Jacquelyn McGrail**

Meet at Harrods Creek Trailhead, Montero Drive  
(Hunting Creek subdivision)

Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, walking  
stick recommended  
Some trails are steep and may be muddy.

Meet in the parking lot if uncomfortable with a  
rugged stream crossing with steps.  
A volunteer will direct you to the trail.





## Upcoming Events in Prospect City Parks

The City of Prospect has scheduled a wide range of fun and interesting activities in our city parks for the coming year, beginning in March and continuing through the end of November. Members of the Prospect Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee have been busy planning a diverse selection of events specifically designed to offer opportunities that will appeal to residents of all ages and varied interests. Events and activities in our parks offer our residents a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Prospect's beautiful outdoor spaces, get acquainted with your neighbors and enhance our sense of community. So, mark your calendars and watch for more details on these events as the dates get closer. We look forward to seeing you in our parks!

### Event Dates

**Saturday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.**

**Hike and Listen**

**Sunday, April 6, 1:00 p.m.**

**Spring Wildflower Hike**

**Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.**

**Spring Wildflower Hike**

**Sunday, April 27, 2:00 p.m.**

**Shakespeare in the Park presents "Macbeth"**

**Sunday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.**

**The Rumors Band,**

**Sunday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.**

**The Ron Jones Quartet**

**Saturday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.**

**Second annual Kidzfest**

**Sunday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.**

**The Don Krekel Orchestra**

**Sunday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.**

**The Monarchs**

**Sunday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.**

**The Sheryl Rouse Band**

**Saturday, October 19, 2:00 p.m.**

**The Louisville Leopards concert**

**Sunday, November 23, 9:00 a.m.**

**Harrods Creek Trail Bash**

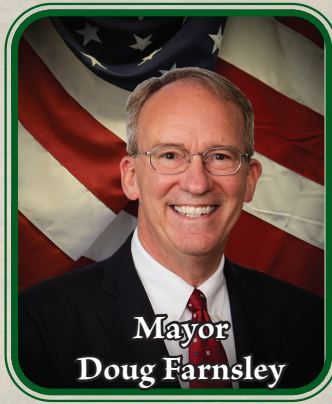
### Prospect Earns 2024 Tree City USA Recognition From Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation named Prospect a 2024 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit its community. The Arbor Day Foundation is a global nonprofit with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Its network of more than a million supporters and partners has helped the organization plant more than 500 million trees in forests and communities across more than 60 countries since 1972. The Tree City USA program has recognized cities and towns that leverage urban forestry to enhance the livability and sustainability of their local area for over 40 years.

"We all have a role to play in shaping our future and tree champions like Prospect are leading the way," said Michelle Saulnier, Vice President of Programs at the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation's cities. We're proud Prospect is among the Arbor Day Foundation's growing network of communities dedicated to creating positive impact through trees."



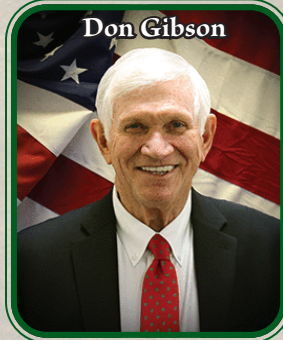
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Tuesday - Thursday.....	8:30 - 5:00	Police, Fire & EMS Emergency .....
Friday.....	8:30 - 3:30	911

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