

# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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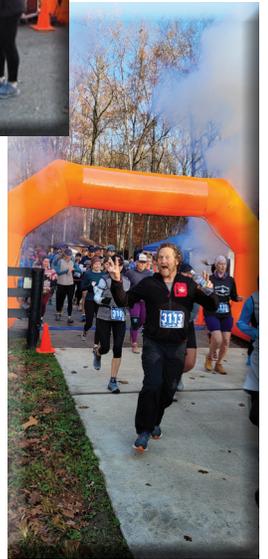
## 2026 State Of The City Address

In this years state of the city address I would like to discuss where we have been as a city, our present situation, and our future, focusing on public safety, our parks, community, the LDG lawsuit, and our finances.

We have superb police officers who are well educated and experienced and who exercise excellent judgment. Jeff Sherrard and Tony Denham built a strong department that we can all be proud of, and Tony and Michael continue to lead it with that same professionalism.

Year over year crime data confirms that Prospect remains one of the safest communities in Kentucky. We also acted when our residents raised concerns about children driving golf carts un-safely. On January 21, the Council unanimously adopted a golf cart safety ordinance that requires licensed drivers, modern safety equipment, police inspection, and prohibits carts on U.S. 42 and River Road.

Left: Mayor Farnsley and race chair person, Tina Bevin address the attendees of the annual Harrods Creek "Trail Bash". A group of over 90 very enthusiastic runners (below) embark on the 5 and 10k run.



Changes with respect to U.S. 42 address another aspect of public safety. The efforts of our police and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to make travel on U.S. 42 safer are working. In the past fourteen months, our police have increased speeding enforcement, and effective July 1, 2025, the Transportation Cabinet lowered the speed limit in our business district. In 2028 and 2029, we will see roundabouts on 42 that will allow traffic to keep moving, reduce left turns, help slow traffic, and reduce pollution. Recently, KIPDA awarded a grant to Prospect so we can study how to improve intersections on 42 other than those that will have roundabouts.

**Parks.** Prospect's second major priority is our parks. In 2009, Prospect had no parks with the exception of Cowley park where the city holds its annual Fourth of July celebration. Thanks to the leadership of Todd Eberle, John Evans, Linda Wardell, and others, we now have walking and hiking trails in Harrods Creek Park and Woodlands Park, a canoe and kayak launch, a pedestrian bridge, Charlotte's playground, the John Evans Pavilion, and Putney Pond, a premier bird watching location. Under the leadership of Don Gibson, we will be building a boardwalk from City Hall to Putney Pond. We expect to hear in March about our grant application, and we are optimistic about

You are invited to an art exhibition!

March 22 - May 15

Opening Reception:

March 22, 2 - 5pm

Prospect City Hall  
9200 Hwy 42, Prospect, KY

Exhibit Hours: March 22, 2-5 pm  
and during weekly City Hall hours

Website: [art.prospectky.gov](http://art.prospectky.gov)

Our Sponsors:   

The City of Prospect welcomes you to an art exhibition featuring 15 artists with a youthful perspective in their art practice.

Jordan Chenoa Buster  
Jacob Grant  
Donyalle Jackson  
Diego Loera  
Isabel Mosely  
Makenna Schibler  
Isabella von Roenn  
Willow White

Atalie Fite  
Pipe Hudson-Meredith  
Hannah Johnston  
Sarah McDowell  
Dylan Levesh-Raabe  
Blaine Scinta  
Erico Wittaker



**NEXT**   
Fresh Art





A crowd gathered in Little Hunting Creek Park on a nice spring day to watch Shakespeare in the park

that. The boardwalk committee has interviewed design firms, and the City will soon be selecting one to carry the project forward. Thanks to the generosity of Jean Frazier, we will be able to connect that boardwalk to the sidewalk on Timber Ridge Drive, improving connectivity.

In addition to addressing public safety and our parks, I will now make brief comments about the LDG lawsuit and our finances, and I will close my remarks by talking about the strength of our community.

**LDG.** As we have previously discussed, LDG, the developer of the large apartment complex proposed for Timber Ridge Drive, sued both Prospect and Louisville Metro for alleged violations of fair housing laws and sued Prospect for alleged wrongful interference with contract. The case is scheduled for a two week trial starting on March 24, a little more than a month from now. In August 2025, Louisville settled the claims against

it and agreed to pay \$6 million to LDG and agreed to other non monetary terms. The claims against Prospect remain pending. The City takes the case seriously and continues to vigorously defend it.

**Finances.** The City is in a strong financial position. In the past year, we have maintained at least \$3.3 million in cash and investments. The City has realized budget surpluses for each of the past ten years. Notwithstanding the substantial investment we are making in the public private partnership, our cash balance at the present time remains essentially the same as one year ago.

**Community.** In closing, I'll comment on one of Prospect's great strengths: our sense of community. On November 28, 2025, more than fifty of us gathered for breakfast at Hunting Creek Country Club to thank and celebrate our city's employees and volunteers. The breakfast underscored that Prospect is a city whose residents care about each other and who contribute to our quality of life. Other events that permit our residents to see their friends and make new friends include our summer concert series, Shakespeare in the Park, wildflower and nature walks, art exhibition openings, ArborFest, the trail bash, landfill and recycling facility tours, lectures in City Hall, and the library's book sale. Our parks, Charlotte's playground, the John Evans Pavilion, the new boardwalk, and the developed Head property also support—and will continue to support—our sense of belonging to this community.

I look forward to working with the council, our employees, and our citizens as we continue to make Prospect a wonderful place to live and work. We have a strong team and a bright future.



Some new signage was added to area parks honoring some of Prospect's Volunteers.

Doug Farnsley, Mayor

## Lock It To Stop It!

From time to time the Louisville area, Prospect included, sees an uptick in car break-ins and thefts. Most of these thefts can be easily prevented. How you ask? **BY LOCKING YOUR VEHICLE!** 95% of the thefts in Prospect are from unlocked vehicles! Most thieves don't want to take the chance of attracting attention by the sound of breaking a window so a simple click on your key fob could save you the hassle and loss of property associated with car thefts and break ins. These are almost always crimes of convenience, so don't give thieves incentive to break into your auto. **NEVER** leave valuables like cameras, lap tops, cash or extra keys to your house in your car or truck overnight. If you must park in your driveway remove your garage door opener. A stolen opener becomes easy access to your house at a later time. Never store guns in your unattended car. A gun stolen from your vehicle is a crime waiting to happen, a crime YOU could have prevented.



# Significant Fraud and Crypto Scams On The Increase

Our community is experiencing a sharp increase in fraud schemes, specifically those involving cryptocurrency payments, manipulation, and high pressure phone calls. These criminals are specifically targeting older adults, and in one recent case, a resident lost over \$400,000.

Most scams begin with phishing emails/texts attempting to get you to click a link and provide login credentials at a fraudulent “look-alike” website. Their ultimate goal is to get you on the phone, where they can apply pressure and manipulate you into revealing sensitive information or sending money by an unrecoverable, hard-to-track method. Some scams are clever traps on social media, using links to fake retail sites or bogus investment opportunities. Never follow links from social media, email, or text advertisements. Only shop or invest through websites you know are legitimate.

Do NOT send money, in any form, using any method, to ANYONE without speaking with a trusted family member or law enforcement first (502-228-COPS (2677)). No legitimate business or government agency will make any attempt to prevent you from verifying that you are not being scammed.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Scammers pretend to be:

-  Law enforcement
-  Government agencies
-  Banks or fraud departments
-  Investment opportunities
-  Tech support
-  Family members in distress
-  Romance/Online Relationship
-  Fake Retail Sales



## KEY INDICATORS OF A SCAM :

These criminals rely on well-established techniques/methods.

If you notice ANY of the following, STOP IMMEDIATELY:

-  Urgency: They claim something terrible will happen if you don't act right now.
-  They contacted YOU: Legitimate agencies do not call out of the blue demanding payment.
-  Threatening tone: Non-compliance will result in arrest or legal action, or an account will be deleted with data loss.
-  No time to verify: They insist you cannot hang up, call back, or consult with anyone.
-  Refusal to confirm identity: If they won't let you verify who they are, it's fraud.
-  Pressure to keep it secret: Scammers often say, “Don't tell your family or the police.”

If any of these occur, stop and hang up immediately.

## TAKE AWAYS:

-  Never give money to someone using gift cards, pay apps, or by sending funds to a “crypto wallet.” (Nonrefundable payments that can't be disputed are “Red Flags”)
-  Only use a credit card with fraud protection (No debit cards) as payment in person or online (use contactless/tap-to-pay where available).
-  Never send money to anyone without checking with a trusted family member or law enforcement first (502-228-COPS(2677)).
-  Never allow remote access to your computer from someone claiming to be “tech support.”
-  Never share passwords, PINs, codes sent to your phone or email, account numbers, or personal information.
-  Never click links in unexpected emails or texts — scammers use fake websites that look real.
-  Law enforcement and government agencies will never call you demanding money to avoid jail or prosecution.
-  Your best defense is simple: HANG UP on suspicious calls and ignore repeated attempts to make contact.
-  Know your finances, investments, and subscriptions.
-  Verify authenticity through familiar apps/websites, not ones provided by text, email, or phone call.
-  If something feels off, trust your instincts.

*If you have any questions, send them to [citycops@prospectky.gov](mailto:citycops@prospectky.gov).*

THE CITY OF PROSPECT PROUDLY PRESENTS



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS

# THE TEMPEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 26  
AT 1:00PM

JOHN EVANS  
PAVILION  
IN  
LITTLE HUNTING  
CREEK PARK



## Prospect Goshen Rotary Club

Have you ever caught yourself saying, “Someone really should do something about that?”

At the Prospect-Goshen Rotary, that sentence rarely hangs in the air for long. Our women and men tend to look around the room, smile at one another, and the conversation turns into a plan. Service here is not theoretical. It is hands-on, close to home and rooted in real people with real needs.

So, if you are the kind of person who prefers action over applause and would rather help shape solutions than watch from the sidelines, there are four different ways YOU can be involved, starting today.

**Breakfast Meetings** — Join us for breakfast at Hunting Creek Country Club on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 a.m. You will meet neighbors who care deeply about Prospect and beyond, hear speakers that inform and entertain, and discover practical ways to make a difference. Your first breakfast is gratis, so come by and check us out.

**Queen of Hearts Raffle** — Play for a Purpose to support us every Tuesday night from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at DiOrio’s Pizza – Prospect where we host the Queen of Hearts Raffle. Each ticket sold affords our 501C(3) Foundation to raise money that we use in support of our community projects. \$2 tickets are on sale all week long at DiOrio’s with a winner pulled every week. Our last jackpot payout was \$26,431.

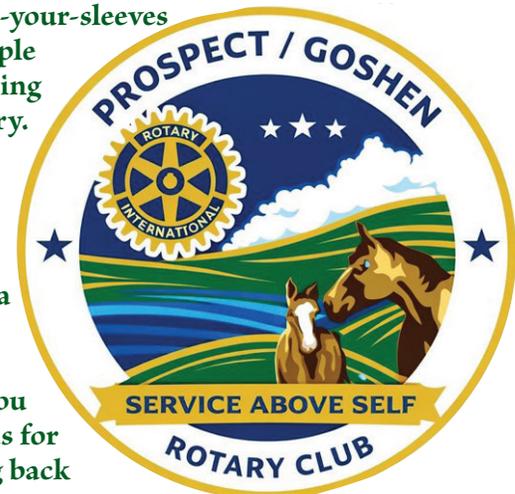
**Rotary Rendezvous** — The 4th Thursday of every month at 5:30pm we have a fun filled Rotary Rendezvous at various locations throughout our neighborhoods. This is a totally social evening with food and drinks on your own. Find out

where we will be next, on our website calendar.

**Service Projects**— Our motto of Service Above Self is a year-round, roll-up-your-sleeves and no two projects look the same. One month we may be mentoring young people supporting school programs. Another week we deliver meals, assist families facing tough seasons, or partner with organizations that serve the homeless and hungry. We lend a hand to veterans and first responders, support maternity and family needs, assist the visually impaired, and even help with animal welfare and ecological initiatives. Our members do not just show up. They bring the ideas, the energy and the leadership that turn good intentions into real results. Around here, initiative is welcomed, creativity is encouraged and everyone has a hand in shaping what happens next.

If someone in our community needs steady hands and willing hearts, Prospect-Goshen Rotarians show up. So, come and see what we are all about. You just might find your kind of people are sitting right next to you and YOUR ideas for friendship that connects, service that matters, and fun that keeps us all coming back for more, is always welcome!

More information about the club, its foundation and calendar of speakers and events is available at: [www.pgrotary.net](http://www.pgrotary.net).





## Prospect Meetings Available Online

Did you know all of the City's public meetings are available to watch online at your leisure? The City maintains a YouTube channel for the sole purpose of maintaining public record. While you can watch a meeting live as it happens, you can also go back and watch any meeting from the past couple of years. The city page can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofprospectmeetings4880/streams>

By subscribing to the channel you can be notified of upcoming live broadcast.

**Speed / spēd/ • n. 1. rapidity of movement or action:  
the accident was due to excessive speed| fig.**

Not like anyone really needs the definition of it spelled out to them, but speeding, particularly on the subdivision streets, has become an issue as of late. The city would like to remind all residents that the speed limit on all Prospect streets is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. By exceeding the speed limit through the subdivision you are not only endangering yourself but the lives of the children who are playing, fellow residents out for a stroll, and employees who are working in the area. The Prospect Police Department is being especially vigilant with the advent of warmer weather right around the corner. As more walkers hit the street and children start playing outside more, please take a second to ask yourself if the minute or two you saved yourself by breaking the law is worth the potential fine from a speeding ticket, or worse yet, taking someone's life through your own carelessness!



### A Good Walk Spoiled

No, we're not talking about golf! We are talking about pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs. Failing to do so is not just inconsiderate, it is also a violation of the law. City of Prospect Ordinance 51.03 requires dog walkers to carry with them "a suitable device for the collection and sanitary disposal of animal waste." and to remove "all of the waste deposited by the animal and dispose of the same in a sanitary manner." Please remember to clean up after your dog while out for a walk in this coming spring weather.



### Have You Lost Your Mind?



Well if you have, there's not really much we can do about that. BUT 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 or turned in at City Hall on a regular basis. Regular items include everything from car keys and glasses to a child's camera.

So, if little William lost his "wubbie" or Big Bill misplaced the Mercedes 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.



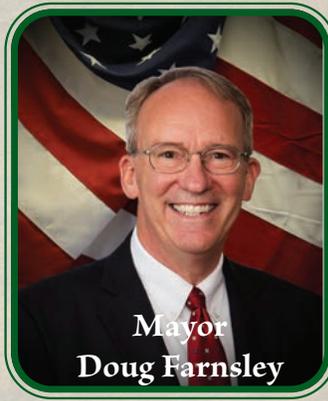
### That Pothole Was So Big.....

It's that time of year once again. No not spring, at least not yet anyway, it's pothole season! The constant cycle of freezing temperatures and consequent warming causes those pesky little menaces to rear their ugly heads. Potholes form when water gets in the cracks in the roadway, freezes and expands. While the city does its best to fill potholes as they occur, sometimes they slip past us. To report a pothole on a "city owned street" please call City Hall at 228-1121 or email it to [rcundiff@prospectky.gov](mailto:rcundiff@prospectky.gov), and we will take care of it as soon as we possibly can.

To report a pothole outside of the city or on US 42 you can call "Metro Call" at 311.

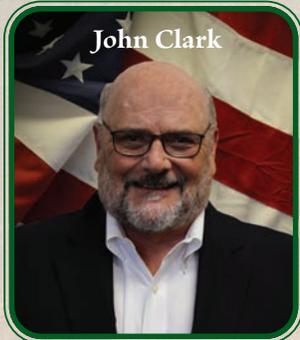


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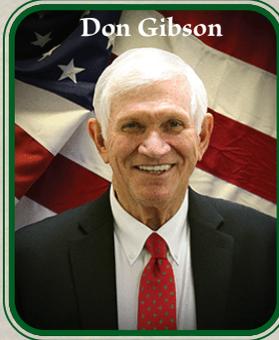
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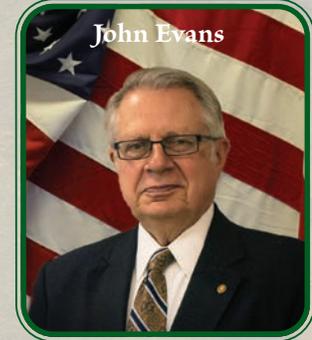
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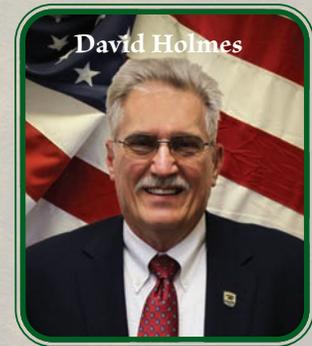
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<b>City Hall, Police And Library Hours</b>	Prospect Police Department (General Information)....228-1150
Monday .....8:30 - 6:30	Prospect Police Dispatch.....228-COPS(2677)
Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00	Police, Fire & EMS Emergency .....911
Friday.....8:30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

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