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A Message From Mayor Farnsley

Dear Neighbors,

Here is a little story that provides a good summary of the type of mayor I will be. At 9:30 on election eve, a young lady sent an email telling me that earlier in the day her five-year-old son had asked her what it meant to be a mayor. She explained to her son that mayors do things like deciding to build a playground. At first her son said that his mom should be mayor, but she said that being mayor was a lot of work and that she didn't have time. So then her son said that we need a mayor for the kids. She went on to write that she and her husband would be voting for me to be mayor for the kids. She also wrote that they look forward to playing on Prospect's new playground and perhaps one day walking on a new sidewalk "all the way to Dairy Queen."

I will work to be a mayor for kids and their families. I will seek to ensure that the mother who wrote to me and her family are safe and will work to improve our wonderful parks. I will also work to see that we have more sidewalks so that our families can walk to visit friends and to enjoy a visit to Dairy Queen.

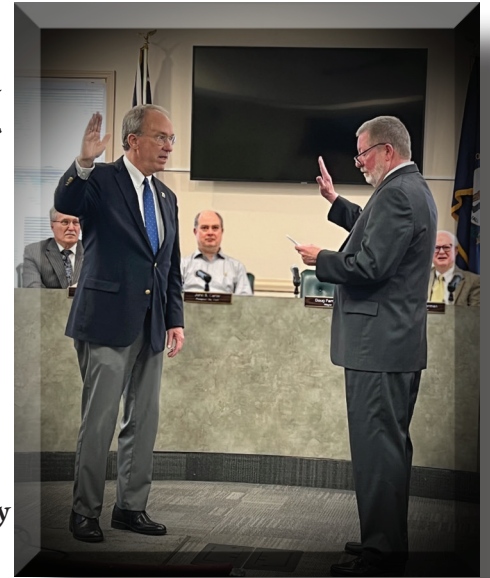
Since taking office on January 1, I have focused my efforts on the priorities I stressed during the campaign. Those priorities include improved walkability and connectivity and support for our parks.

But, my first priority is support for our police and public safety.

Support for our police. Prospect is a safe city – one of the three safest in Kentucky. We have terrific police officers. As many of you know, our previous council did not adopt a budget for the fiscal year that began on July 1. When the new Council and I took office on January 1, we immediately undertook to remedy that, and we had a budget in place by January 12. Adopting the budget permitted us to increase the amount we pay our police by 7%, and we made the increase retroactive to July 1. Our new Council and I are committed to working together to ensure that our police officers are fairly compensated and that the officers know that the citizens of Prospect appreciate their service.

During the campaign, I heard a large number of our citizens express concern about speeding cars and other traffic violations. I am pleased to report that our officers have increased the number of traffic stops that they are making and that they are writing warnings and citations for violations. Prospect will not become a speed trap, but it will also not be a city in which drivers can ignore our traffic laws with impunity. Part of keeping Prospect safe is promoting traffic safety.

Support for our parks. I encourage you to visit Harrods Creek Park, Little Hunting Creek Park, and Putney Pond, and to walk on the trails that these world-class parks



Mayor Farnsley takes the oath of office from the Honorable Judge Barry Willett on January 1st.

Congratulations Officer Haverlin



Chief Jeff Sherrard presents Officer Haverlin with a custom made plaque commemorating her time with the Prospect Police Department

The city would like to congratulate Officer Marianne Haverlin on her recent retirement after 20 years of service with the Prospect Police Department. Thank you for your devoted service to the city and its residents and your friendship with your coworkers. We will miss having you around and wish you all the best!

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The Honorable Judge David Jernigan swears in the 2023 Prospect City Council. Pictured from left to right: Council Members David Holmes, Sara Hines, Don Graeter, Don Gibson and John Evans. Not pictured: Council Member Frank Fulcher who was sworn in at another time.

ing sidewalks. Because of the number of sidewalks in Prospect, we anticipate that this project will take several years to complete.

In 2010, a consulting firm, QK4, prepared a report on improving walkability and connectivity in Prospect. The report includes specific recommendations on locations for new sidewalks, and the report will assist us as we plan those sidewalks.

The Kentucky Department of Transportation will be installing sidewalks on both sides of U.S. 42 in the business district. This work, which is five to seven years away, will be included in a larger project that will make substantial improvements to U.S. 42 including the construction of roundabouts at Timber Ridge, Fox Harbor, and River Road. The roundabouts will serve to slow the speed of traffic, which will be a benefit to pedestrians. Because vehicles will not be stopping for red lights, cars will be able to get from one end of Prospect to the other in about the same amount of time that they do now. Due to the reduction in the number of left turns and because of the slower speed of vehicles, the Transportation Cabinet projects that serious accidents will be reduced by 40%.

There is a postscript to the story about the mother and her son and their walks to Dairy Queen. A few weeks ago, the mom contacted me about the walk light at Fox Harbor and U.S. 42. The light did not give pedestrians sufficient time to safely cross 42. Metro Louisville has now remedied that, and we are celebrating our first small victory for improved walkability in Prospect.

I am honored to be serving as Prospect's ninth mayor. I invite you to stop by City Hall for a visit. Please feel free to send an email to me at mayor@prospectky.com or to contact me on my mobile phone 502-593-3770.

Mayor - Doug Farnsley



Never Mind the Ides, Beware the Winds Of March

Prospect Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to caution all of our hikers and woodland lovers to be aware on high wind alert days. Harrods Creek Park and Putney Pond and Woodlands Park trail areas are maintained as "natural areas". That being said, all of those beautiful trees do what trees do! During high winds there is an increased chance of breaking limbs and even entire trees dropping. If there is a "High Wind Advisory or Warning" in effect we strongly recommend holding off that hike for a calmer day. If you simply cannot resist the call of the wild, please familiarise yourself with the trail marker system as well as the two emergency evacuation points. This way you can tell first responders where you are. It is also recommended to never hike alone. To report blocked trails please contact Public Works Director Ron Cundiff at citymaint@prospectky.com or 502-228-1121.

offer. Linda Wardell and her Parks Committee and Ron Cundiff and his public works team do a terrific job in maintaining and improving the parks, and I extend my thanks to them. Under the leadership of former mayor John Evans, we began making substantial improvements to Little Hunting Creek Park including the addition of a pavilion, a playground, and expanded parking. Both the playground and pavilion should be open in a few weeks, and John is leading the effort to schedule entertainment in the pavilion. The playground and the pavilion will enhance the quality of life for those of us fortunate enough to live in Prospect.

Improved walkability and connectivity.

The current budget includes funds for sidewalk repairs and for new sidewalks. We will soon begin work on mitigating trip hazards on our exist-

The Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce: “Inclusive by Design”



The Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in 2004 and has had an office in the Falsoft Building for the last 13 years. As a Chamber, our mission is to support area businesses through educational opportunities, networking, business referrals, and connecting businesses and individuals to resources. We formed the Prospect Area Chamber Foundation (501c3) in 2022 and adopted a very strong cultural framework and DEI statement that led to our tag line of “Inclusive by Design”. All our events are open to the public and we welcome your involvement. We encourage everyone to shop local and take advantage of the wonderful services and knowledge that our PACC members provide. In case you weren’t aware – the Prospect

Area Chamber of Commerce is responsible for the handy community directory you have received in your mailbox all these years. We’re going to be producing a new directory this May in cooperation with The Oldham Era that you’ll be able to pick up at select Prospect locations, including the PACC office. It will feature important Prospect information, including important phone numbers and a detailed list of our members with their address, websites and phone numbers. We hope you’ll use this directory for all your needs. In addition, you can access up-to-date directory information and check out upcoming events on our website www.ProspectAreaChamber.org at any time.

If you’d like more info about how the Prospect Area Chamber can help you, please call the office at 502-228-7493 or email info@prospectareachamber.org. In closing – do you have a passion for the Prospect area and an interest in helping move the chamber forward? Our current CEO is retiring after 22 years in the chamber world. The PACC Board of Directors is accepting applications for this position that can be found on the website under What’s New/Job Postings.

We want to thank the City of Prospect and Mayor Doug Farnsley for the support and the opportunity to have a column in the city’s newsletter. Working together makes the community stronger! - Kathy Jacobs, CEO

Parks & Recreation Announces Two Spring Wild Flower Walks in April

Prospect Parks & Recreation is sponsoring two wildflower walks in Harrods Creek Park. The dates are **Sunday, April 2nd, at 1:00 PM**, and **Sunday April 16th, at 1 PM**.

The tours will be led by Jacquelyn McGrail who is a Prospect resident and wildflower aficionado. The group will meet at the Harrods Creek Park trail head on Montero Drive, but anyone not comfortable utilizing a rugged stream crossing with steps is invited to meet in the parking lot and take the connector to the Blue Trail. There will be someone at the parking lot to guide you to the alternate meet-up location which avoids the stream crossing. The trail is narrow, with rocks and exposed roots in some places, plus some steep ascents and descents. Sturdy boots or athletic shoes and a walking stick are highly recommended. Dress for the weather, in layers. The walk is approximately 2 miles along the Blue Trail, but an extended route will be available on the Green Trail. Those more comfortable with a shorter walk can turn back at any point along the trail. There is no charge for either of these events!

If you have any questions about this event, please call City Hall at 502-228-1121.





The Prospect Library Wants You!

Well, you and your gently used books, tapes and CDs. If you have any laying around, book donations are always welcome and are tax deductible! If you only have a few to donate they can be placed in the book drop. Please bring large donations in or ask at the front desk for assistance. The books and such are sold at the library book sales with proceeds benefiting the library.

Its 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 without 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!

Prospect Parks and Recreation

Winter Youth Craft Project

Come join us for Prospect's Winter Youth Craft Project at Prospect's Library.

Children will make a 3-D paper tree to

take home and help make a large one

for the children's area of the library. Participation

is limited to the first 20 who sign up! Participants should wear clothes that can get messy.

When: Saturday, March 11, 2023

**Where: Lawrence C. Falk Library,
2nd floor of**

Prospect City Hall

Time: 10 am - 11:30 am.

**Register for this event at
Prospect City Hall**

(502) 228-1121

or visit

www.prospectky.us/register



A Good Walk Spoiled

No, we're not talking about golf! We are talking about inconsiderate pet owners who do not clean up after their dogs do their...umm.. "business", leaving it for others to deal with. Please remember to clean up after your dogs while out for a walk in this great weather. If you are one of those wonderful people who do bag your dog's waste, PLEASE dispose of it properly in a waste bin. It makes no sense to take something that is already biodegradable, wrap it in plastic and leave it lay on the sidewalk. The city would also like to remind dog owners the landscaping beds through out the city are not dog potties. Please direct your animals to places people don't have to work.

Hunting Creek Country Club

6807 FOXCROFT RD., PROSPECT, KY 40059



EXPERIENCE HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

ESTABLISHED IN 1964, HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB IS SET IN THE ROLLING HILLS OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY. HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB OFFERS YEAR-ROUND AMENITIES, INCLUDING A 7,157-YARD GOLF COURSE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED BY CLUB MEMBER BEN WIHRY.

THE CLUB RECENTLY COMPLETED A 4.5-MILLION-DOLLAR RENOVATION TO ACCOMMODATE IT'S GROWING MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERS ENJOY A BROAD RANGE OF AMENITIES AND FEATURES ACROSS THE CLUB, INCLUDING A JUNIOR OLYMPIC SIZE POOL, TWO GOLF SIMULATORS, 24-HOUR FITNESS FACILITY, 2 NEW BARS, 2 NEW DINING FACILITIES, A NEW PRO SHOP, UPDATED LOBBY, UPDATED BANQUET FACILITIES, NEW PATIO, UPDATED PLAYGROUND AND NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS.

HUNTING CREEK CONTINUES TO ENHANCE AND MODERNIZE IT'S AMENITIES., INCLUDING THE PATIO PAVILION PROJECT THAT WILL BE COMPLETED MAY 2023.



WITH SPRING RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, WE ARE EXCITED FOR SWIM TEAM TO KICK OFF, THE TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS TO BE PREPPED, AND LOTS OF BIRDIES ON THE COURSE!



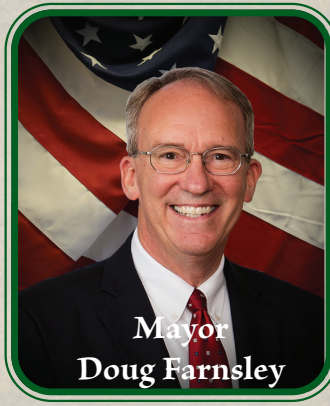
TO SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR OPEN HOUSES IN MARCH & APRIL, PLEASE CONTACT LISA WADE.



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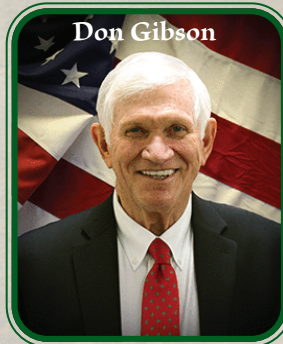
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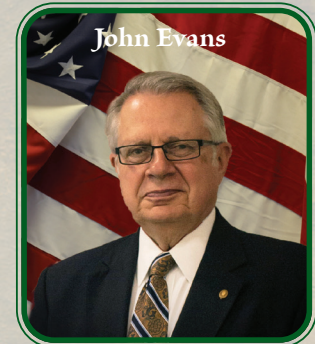
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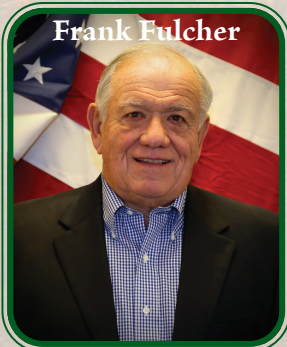
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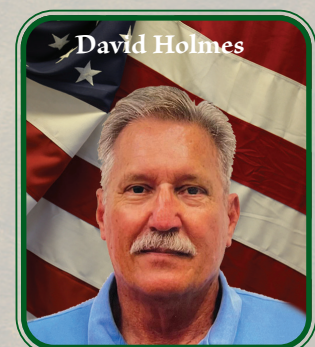
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Friday.....	8:30 - 3:30	911

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