



# PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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## State of the City- January 2022

As of the end of 2021, the City had unrestricted cash on hand of \$4,352,899, plus \$123,154 of Road Aid funds, and negligible liabilities. We have operated under budget for eight straight years.

In addition, we received \$635,096.92 of "ARPA" money from the federal government last summer, and will receive another \$635,096.92 next June. Only very recently did we get clear instructions on what we are permitted to do with it; and now the answer is, pretty much anything that is a government function. We have been advised to put it all in our budget as a revenue item. Whatever we don't spend by 2024, we have to give back, so we have to spend it or lose it. One of the few things we are not allowed to do is save it. We recently sent a survey to Prospect residents, via our e-blast and also on Twitter, asking their opinions on a variety of possible uses. The survey is also available on the city website at [prospectky.us](http://prospectky.us). This is a one-time opportunity which we are evaluating to improve our City, as I will discuss separately in this Newsletter.

We continue to be ranked in the top five safest cities in Kentucky, thanks in large part to our excellent police force. Increased crime seems to surround us, including in close-by neighboring communities. In Metro generally, including downtown, as of last November, there had been 160 homicides just in 2021. I believe Prospect has never had one; but recently we had a burglary in Sutherland. We are fortunate to have our own effective police force, who patrol 24/7, conduct many "house watches," and have a short response time when called at 228-COPS. Most of our neighboring communities do not have their own police.



The COVID pandemic has had some effect on our staff, volunteers, and city officials, as well as on our contractors such as trash collection, but all seem to be recovering. Most meetings are held virtually and those attending in-person meetings in the Council chamber wear masks.

Our new (as of last July) City Clerk, John Carter, has taken hold extremely quickly and is especially competent and valuable. Our entire staff is working well.

The two LDG proposed apartment developments continue to exist. "Prospect Cove," adjacent to Kroger's gas station, which was rejected by Metro's Council in 2017, has again, recently, filed for the needed rezoning; so that whole process will begin again. The new proposal differs slightly from the last one, but is just as massive. Then, up US 42, near the Oldham County line, LDG's "Veridian," a 160 apartment proposal, at the moment faces private litigation, as well as some other obstacles, including proximity to historic properties, and sewer access. If both LDG projects were to go forward, I estimate it would add between 500 to 1,000 more people to our community – an increase of 10% to 20%. Both are just on our borders, thus effectively in Prospect although in the control of Metro Louisville. This is just one potential change. Other developments are already happening. Two new, upscale residential developments – The Breakers (behind Sutherland), and Hunting Green (in Hunting Creek), are underway, which combined will add about 80 new homes when completed. In addition

## The U.S. 42 Safety Study is Underway.

During the first public meeting for the US 42 Corridor Study in Prospect, KY, held on January 12th, at 7 p.m., Prospect residents showed that they are keenly interested in safety and other projects along US 42. The meeting was held virtually via the ZOOM platform to discuss existing conditions along the roughly 2.5 miles of corridor from 841 to Rose Island Road. Prior to the event, the meeting was advertised on the City of Prospect website, through email blasts and social media posts. Mr. Tom Springer, AICP, CEP, Director Planning and Environmental for Qk4, reported that over 500 responses were received.

Residents provided ideas and comments about such matters as traffic, speed, left turns, modern roundabouts, multi-purpose paths, guardrails,  
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tion, I am informed that the Prospect Point shopping center is changing hands, though I have been unable to definitively learn who the new owner will be or what changes may occur there.

The fact is that Prospect has changed enormously since its founding in 1974. Then, it consisted almost entirely of the Hunting Creek neighborhood (which was started in the 1960'S). Our first two mayors, Tom Pfau (1974-1978) and Beach Craigmyle, (1978-1981), both were early Presidents of the Hunting Creek Country Club (which began in 1966), and our initial City Hall was the storage barn of the Club, located near where Riding Ridge is today. (See photo.)(The present City Hall was built in 1985 and expanded in 2000.) The City's first annual budget was about \$200,000; we had 2 policemen, one of whom cut the grass; and divinity school students were posted as “gate guards” at the entrances to Hunting Creek and Fox Harbor. About the only businesses were Neff's Ice House, The Prospector Restaurant, and The Prospect Store – all of them now gone. Over these 48 years since then, we have added Bridgepointe, The Landings, Sutherland, Innisbrook, and The Estates of Hunting Creek. Our annual budget now is approaching \$4 million. Our population has grown to about 5,000, many of us younger families with children. The Kroger Center and many other businesses and offices have grown up along the north side of US 42. Residential development in Oldham County has exploded and traffic on US 42 has increased exponentially. (A separate article in this newsletter talks about the US 42 safety study now underway.)

The one thing that has not changed is that Prospect is still the best place to live that I know of. My first priority has always been to keep it that way.  John E Evans - Mayor

## A Once In a Lifetime Opportunity For Prospect

As mentioned in the preceding State of the City message, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides that federal funds be sent to city and state governments. Prospect already has received \$635,096.96, and will receive another \$635,096.96 next June, a total of \$1,270,193.92. As also previously stated, we are not allowed to save it; we must spend it in the next two years, or give it back.

A survey has been sent to as many residents as we can reach, asking for their input. It lists 14 potential uses, and room for other suggestions. As of today, there have been nearly 200 responses.

At this point, a large majority are in favor of something the Council already has been working on – developing Little Hunting Creek Park, the greenspace next to City Hall, into a community destination and the center of our City for generations to come, to include walking paths, lighting, water fountains, landscaping, a children's playground, benches, tables, an expansion of the City Hall parking lot, and a pavilion for hosting live music on summer evenings and other community and private events. Also contemplated, and popular, is the building of sidewalks to allow more residents to walk there.

Other potential uses include new police radios, public works equipment, new sidewalks, additional landscaping, Infrastructure improvements to existing parks, and repaving. As to repaving: the City already has plans to repave the parking lot around City Hall this Spring; has recently done substantial repaving, including all of Bridgepointe Boulevard, Fox Harbor Road, Gunpowder Lane, Westover Drive, Fairway View Drive, and Wythe Hill Circle; and has over \$100,000 unspent in its restricted Road Aid Fund (which comes from the State). **To take the survey go to [prospectky.com](http://prospectky.com) and click the link.** So please, if you haven't done so already, respond to the recent survey. Thank you.

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## Prospect Implements New Mass Notification Solution

The City of Prospect has partnered with CivicReady to implement its mass notification solution. This will allow the City of Prospect to issue urgent notifications, emergency instructions, warnings, and routine communications to subscribed citizens via email, text message, and voicemail alert, to keep citizens safe and informed. The CivicReady solution also integrates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). The IPAWS system leverages national emergency communication channels, such as the Emergency Alert System

(EAS), NOAA weather radios, digital road signage, and television broadcasts, to provide area-specific alerts in times of emergency. By integrating its CivicReady system with IPAWS, Prospect will be able to reach as many people as possible during an emergency event, including those who have not opted-in to text, phone, or email communications, as well as travelers and visitors in the area.

CivicReady is a way to keep up with what's happening in Prospect, similar to the email blasts we've been using to send out newsletters, meeting agendas, and other announcements. **In fact, it will eventually replace that system entirely, so even if you're already signed up for the e-mail blasts you'll have to sign up with CivicReady to keep getting these notices.**

To sign up click on the “notifications” button at the bottom of our website, fill in your name, email address and/or phone, then select the “Groups” tab to choose what types of notifications you'd like to receive. Once you're done, click “Join” and you're all set. You may get a confirmation message to ensure you actually intended to sign up.

## Harrods Creek Park Stream Crossing Project

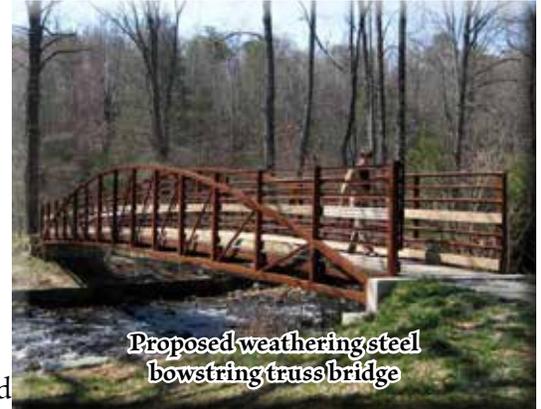


A long-term goal of the Prospect Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee has been to replace the culvert used to cross a stream at the beginning of the Orange Trail in Harrods Creek Park (HCP) with a bridge. The culvert was put in place during the MSD Force Sewer Main Project, and we were permitted to keep it in place after construction to allow pedestrian and maintenance equipment access to the trails. The project will improve both visual beauty of the area and the stream function.

This entry to the Orange Trail is just off the HCP parking lot and is in many respects the gateway to this beautiful park. Just upstream from the crossing is a lovely little waterfall whose beauty is negatively impacted by the industrial style culvert. A bridge would not only be an attractive amenity but would also provide a good viewing location to appreciate the waterfall.

The functional aspect of the project is that by removing the culvert, we would return the stream to its natural condition. If you hike the trails, you will have noticed that there is a fair amount of sediment which has accumulated upstream of the culvert and near the canoe launch, located between the stream crossing and Harrods Creek. This has occurred because the culvert slows the natural flow of the stream allowing sediment to accumulate, which would normally be washed into Harrods Creek during storm events.

Included in the fiscal year 2022 city budget were funds to conduct an engineering study to determine the best options to accomplish the stated goal. Results of the study (conducted by OHM Advisors under the direction of Steve Emly) were presented to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee in January. Upon discussion of the report, and after weighing the pros and cons of various options, the committee unanimously voted to propose that a weathering steel bowstring truss bridge be installed to replace the existing culvert. The timing of this project coincides with the 10th anniversary of Harrods Creek Park and could be part of a celebration marking this milestone. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds can be used for projects of this sort, and the committee believes this is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to significantly improve Harrods Creek Park without impacting the city's budget.



Proposed weathering steel bowstring truss bridge

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rumble strips, lighting and many other matters.

Mayor Evans and the US 42 Working Group Chair, Herb Shulhafer and on behalf of the City, Council and the members of the Working Group wish to extend deepest appreciation to all of the residents for such an outstanding participation and outpouring of comments. Mr. Springer stated that he has not seen this much community participation in a project in a long time.

Residents will have another opportunity to share their comments at another public meeting, probably in March. The date will be well publicized. The project study is expected to conclude in early July with a prioritization of, and a cost list for each option.

Some of the topics covered in the first public meeting were existing conditions, roadway characteristics, pedestrian activity, bicycle activity, shopping, traffic volume and lighting. Other topics included crash statistics, speed, intersections, guardrails, environmental, socio-economics, historic and conservation.

A project story map with the same general information is available online. It will be updated throughout this study effort and there are opportunities to provide comments online. The map can be accessed at [prospectky.us](http://prospectky.us) in the "News" section.

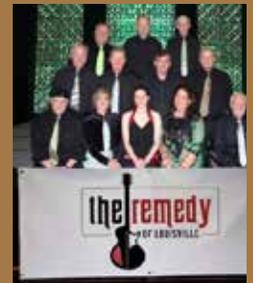


MUSIC FEST 2022

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# Tree Canopy Program

The Forestation Board has created a "Tree Canopy Program" that is designed to restore and enhance our tree canopy. It is a cost sharing program with the City and will only cost a resident \$150 to get a beautiful new shade tree planted in their yard! The price includes: the tree, a tree guard, professional planting and mulching. The trees start at about 10-12 feet tall and need to be planted within 20 feet of the roadway. If your neighborhood has sidewalks, the distance is then measured from the sidewalk. In no case may a tree be planted within 10 feet of overhead utility lines or within six feet of an area where a tree was previously planted. Orders are fulfilled on a first come/first served basis. Once the City has received your order, you will be notified to pickup a marking flag from City Hall to indicate your desired planting location. BUD will be notified by the tree planting contractor to mark your desired area for known utilities. Tree planting will occur in the Spring. Please contact City Hall for any questions!

## Tree Selection (DUE by 01 MARCH)

"Princeton" American Elm  
"Green Vase" Zelkova  
"Windove Gold" Ginkgo  
"Heritage" Oak

"Allee" Chinese Elm  
"Exclamation" London Planetree  
Swamp White Oak

### 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 planting and mulching.
- ✓ 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 keep it in place until the tree is planted. It is my responsibility to ensure that the flag is not removed by other service providers. **NO FLAG - NO TREE - NO REFUND**

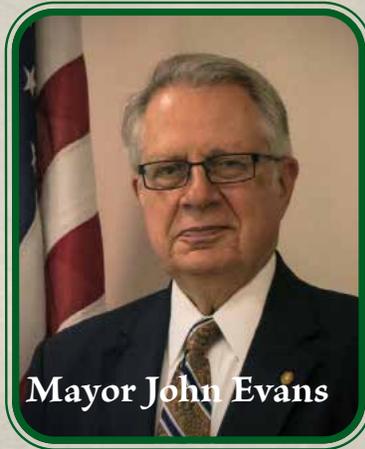
As a Prospect home owner and participant in the Tree Canopy Program, my signature below indicates my agreement to all of the above statements.

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



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Mayor John Evans

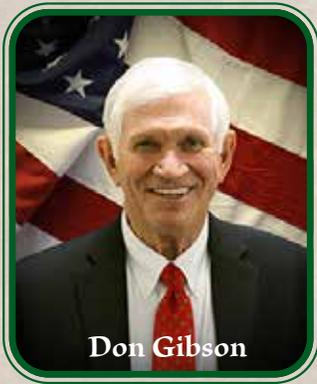
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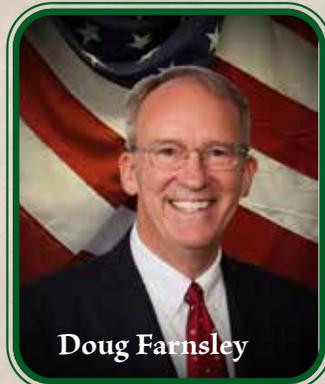
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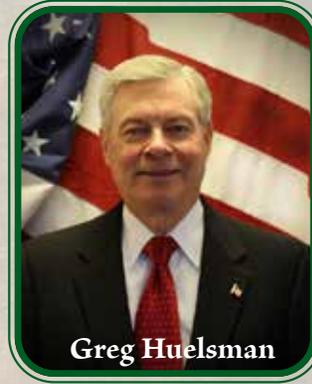
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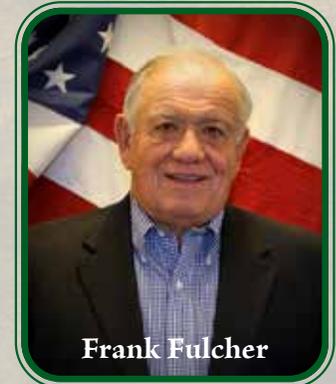
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Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30 - 5:00  
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