



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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BOOMSDAY IS BACK!

PROSPECT'S 4th OF JULY

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

JULY 4th at COWLEY PARK
(Westover Drive At Deep Creek Drive)

PARADE - 6:00 PM
(Westover Drive at Westover Court)
Float Judging begins at 5:30

FEATURING SWING STREET BIG BAND

AND BOOMSDAY
Suburban Louisville's largest fireworks Show

The Fourth of July celebration at Cowley Park is back! The Fourth is a Sunday this year. Due to having to “wait and see” because of the pandemic, we had to scale back a bit this year but have a day of fun and community spirit planned.

The parade will start at 6:00, lining up between 5:30 and 6:00 at the same place as in past years – Westover Drive and Westover Court for the bikes and walkers, back Westover Drive to Fairway View Court for the vehicles. At 6:45, at Cowley Park, the “Swing Street Big Band” will begin playing, beginning with the National Anthem for the flag raising. They are a 18-piece “big band” (like Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey). They will take requests. They will play for us until about 9:00. The food trucks will arrive about 6:30. The fireworks show will start about 9:40, same location as before, in and around Cowley Park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and have a great Prospect Fourth celebration with your families and friends.

Laura Taylor, who has been Prospect’s City Clerk for five and a half years, will be leaving us on June 30th. We are sorry to see her leave. She has been so valuable to the administration of the City, and so pleasant to work with.

Our search for her successor concluded earlier this week when the City Council approved my nomination of John Carter as City Clerk beginning July 1st. Mr. Carter is highly qualified. Among his credentials, he worked in several administrative capacities for the City of Jeffersontown for nine years. I look forward to working with him.

June 30th also marks the end of our fiscal year, and things are on track for going into the next fiscal year. The Council has passed almost all of the necessary ordinances, and earlier this week gave a first reading to my proposed budget ordinance, which should come up for a second reading and vote within the next week. It contains a sizeable appropriation for street repaving to occur in the coming fiscal year. Also, our new auditors have finished the 2020 audit of the City’s finances, which they reported as a clean audit, and will be working on the 2021 audit later this summer.

With so many of us having gotten the vaccination, City Hall is now open as before, including the Library. It is great to be getting back to near-normal.



The City Staff would like to say goodbye Laura. We will miss you, and wish you the best in your next endeavor!

John E. Evans
John Evans - Mayor

City's New Website Improves Ease Of Issue Reporting With "SeeClickFix"

The City of Prospect has partnered with SeeClickFix to present a new platform that will allow citizens to report quality-of-life issues and request City of Prospect services. With free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, Prospect citizens will now be able to provide City Hall staff with pictures, specific descriptions, and more valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides Prospect officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution engaging citizens throughout the process.

The SeeClickFix mobile app is available for download on Android and iPhone. In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can send reports to the City of Prospect's website at prospectky.us or seeclickfix.com.



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. In the event of a local emergency, citizens subscribed to CivicReady will benefit from immediate, actionable information and instructions sent via their preferred notification channel.

Receive notifications by

- Call
- Email
- Text
- And more

For one-step notifications
SIGN UP TODAY.
Get local news and alerts instantly.

SIGN UP NOW

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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.**

CivicReady will also make it possible for us to keep you informed of situations that might arise outside of City Hall operating hours. Even better, you can get notifications by email, text message, or voice mail, whatever you prefer!

CivicReady will only be used for official communications from Prospect City Hall, and your name and contact information won't be sold or shared with any external entities.

To sign up either click on the "notifications" button at the bottom of our website or visit prospectky.regroup.com, 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.

Mysterious Illness Killing Birds, How You Can Help

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 18, 2021) — To enhance its investigation into unexplained bird mortality occurring in Kentucky, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is asking the public to report encounters with sick and dead birds through a new online reporting system.

In late May, the department began receiving reports of sick and dying birds with eye swelling and crusty discharge, as well as neurological signs. Wildlife agencies in Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia have reported similar problems. State wildlife agencies are working with diagnostic laboratories to investigate the cause of mortality. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has sent more than 20 samples for lab testing to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia. More results are pending, but no definitive cause of death has been identified at this time.

In Kentucky, reports of sick and dying birds have come from Jefferson, Kenton and Boone counties. Species affected thus far have included blue jays, common grackles and European starlings, but other species may be affected as well. The public can access Kentucky's reporting system online at:

<https://www.research.net/r/2021KYSickBirdReports>

or through the Bird Mortality Event webpage on the department's website at: <https://fw.ky.gov>



An example of what is being found in the affected areas

Birds congregating at feeders and baths can transmit disease to one another. Therefore, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends the public follow these guidelines:

In Jefferson, Boone and Kenton counties:

Cease feeding birds until further notice (when this issue has been resolved);

Clean feeders and birdbaths with a 10 percent bleach solution immediately, then weekly thereafter;

Avoid handling birds, but wear disposable gloves if handling is necessary; and

Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a standard precaution.

If you must remove dead birds, it is recommended that you place them in a sealable plastic bag and dispose of the bag in a secured outdoor trash can.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will post additional information on its Wildlife Health and Disease webpage and social media channels as diagnostic results become available.

This article was gratefully reprinted with permission from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife website at <https://fw.ky.gov>

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. All non-vaccinated persons are asked to wear a mask when visiting City Hall. Come on in! We've missed you!





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Mayor John Evans

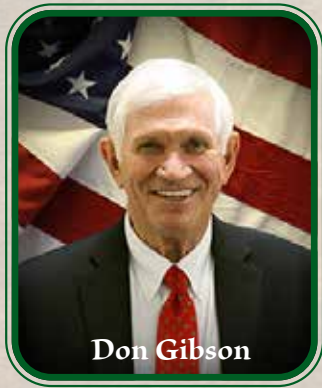
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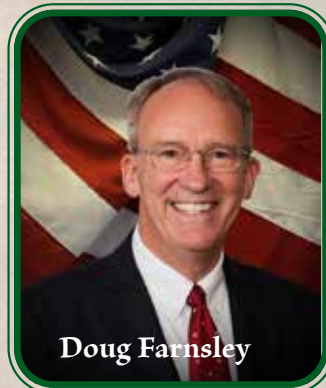
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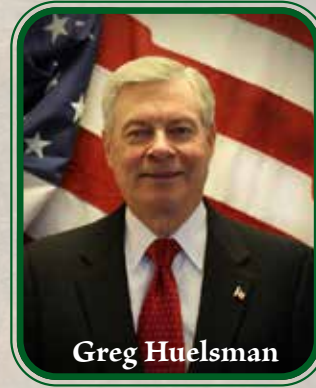
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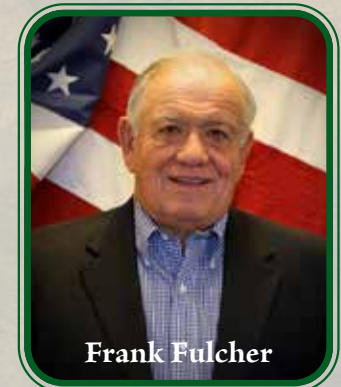
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