



PROSPECT CITY NEWSLETTER



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Lower Property Tax Rate, Parks Progress And More!

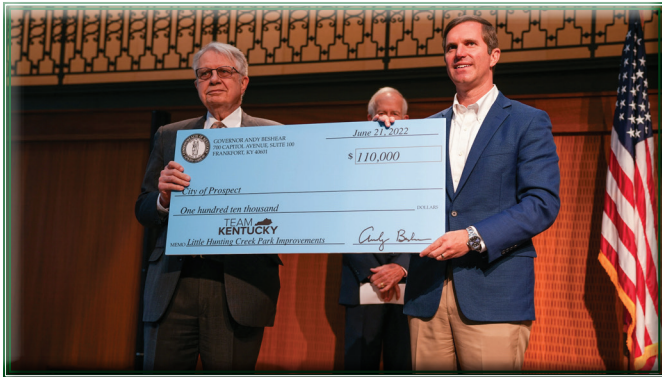
PROSPECT TAX RATE LOWERED Prospect has just lowered its real estate tax rate from 21.25 cents per hundred to 17.3 cents, by an ordinance passed at the June 20th Council meeting. This change is to offset, at least to a large extent, the recent substantial increase in the PVA's reassessment of home valuations which otherwise would have resulted in large tax increases.

PARKS GRANT Last week Prospect was one of three recipients of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for creating or improving our parks. The other two recipients were Metro Louisville and the City of Middletown. Our grant of \$110,000 was for improvements to Little Hunting Creek Park, which lies between City Hall and Fox Harbor, and which will include walking paths, lighting, a children's playground, a pavilion for public events, and an expanded parking area adjacent to City Hall. Construction work began last week and is expected



Construction has started on the Little Hunting Creek Improvements.

to be completed this year. The playground will be built in July by resident volunteers. The presentation of the check was made by Governor Beshear.



Governor Andy Beshear presents Mayor Evans with a check from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for improving our parks.

COUNCIL POSITION VACANT Councilwoman Sarah O'Dell resigned, with regret, her Council seat on June 20th. Her husband, Jeff, was offered a significant promotion, but it included moving to Germany. She



Sarah O'Dell

will be missed! The five remaining Council members will appoint a resident to serve the six-month remainder of her term, at the next Council meeting on July 18th. Any resident interested in being considered should submit a resume to City Clerk John Carter by July 5th.

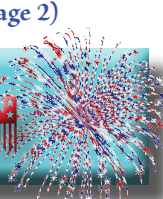
NOVEMBER ELECTIONS After 2 ½ terms as Mayor, I will retire December 31st, although I am running for a Council position. Two residents have filed to run for Mayor, twelve have filed for City Council, and ballot positions have been set. Douglass Farnsley and Sandra Leonard are candidates for

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OF JULY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



Mayor. For the six-member City Council, one is expected to withdraw for legal reasons. The remaining eleven, in order of their ballot positions, are: Don Graeter; Sara Hines; Eric Raderer; David Holmes; Richard Overy; John Evans; Dale Dodrill; Howard Harding; Don Gibson; Greg Huelsman; and Frank Fulcher.

BUDGET Prospect operates on a fiscal year – July 1st to June 30th. Because this Council has not enacted, or even discussed, a new budget for the fiscal year which begins in a few days, on July 1st, by law the present budget will start over and will be our budget until such time as the Council enacts a new one. This abdication of responsibility has never happened before, is troubling, and is one of the reasons I am running for a Council seat.

JULY FOURTH Our celebration will again begin with the parade on Westover Drive to Cowley Park, starting at 6 p.m., with the children on bicycles, fire engines, and the trackless train. The Swing Street Big Band, Local DJ Daniel Block, food trucks, and other activities will engage us until the fireworks begin at 9:40.

LDG Nothing new to report on either proposed project. The Prospect Cove project will again come before the Metro Planning Commission later this year.

John Evans, Mayor

If Trees Could Talk...

Trees would tell their people that they need help when times are dry and hot. Conditions this year make “tree wishes” very important, especially to young trees.

Young trees spend their first two years after planting developing the root system that will sustain growth and protect the tree. While watering needs can vary by species, and some are more drought tolerant than others, a young tree typically needs an inch of water per week. Multiple applications during the week to maintain a moist, but not soggy, environment will be the most beneficial.

Even mature trees will thank you for watering once a week when conditions are challenging. A slow deep, soaking will help the tree resist stress and stay strong.

Mulch is another tool to help trees. A 3 foot ring of mulch is well suited for young trees, but increased coverage is appropriate for larger trees. Layer 2 to 3 inches of mulch to help the soil retain moisture. Do not “volcano” mulch up, around and on the tree trunk. This practice can lead to disease or rot due to moisture created on the trunk, as well as potential insect or rodent damage. Suggested mulch clearance around the trunk is 3 inches.



So, Bambi Is In Your Backyard!

Every season City Hall receives several calls from people who have found a newborn fawn in their yard and “don’t know what to do about it.” They may appear alert, but unable to stand causing humans to want to “help” them. Like a new colt, they are wobbly at first and must have some time to stretch and strengthen their legs so they can stand, walk, or run. A newborn fawn may have trouble keeping up with its mom as she forages for food. Often the doe will “park” her fawns and will return throughout the day to feed and check them. Just because you do not see the doe, doesn’t mean she is not in the area and caution should be used approaching a fawn. The biggest danger to an apparently abandoned fawn is the well-meaning human who wishes to help the baby. If you find a fawn in your yard, the best course of action is to leave it be. Enjoy it from a distance, odds are it won’t be there long.

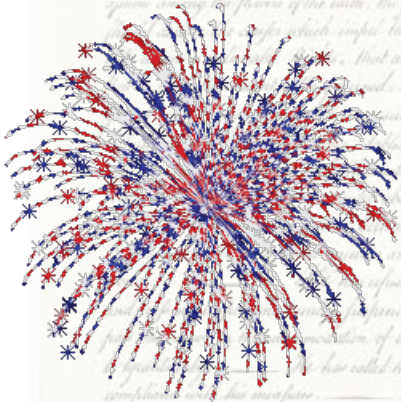
Barred Owl Spotted At Putney’s Pond



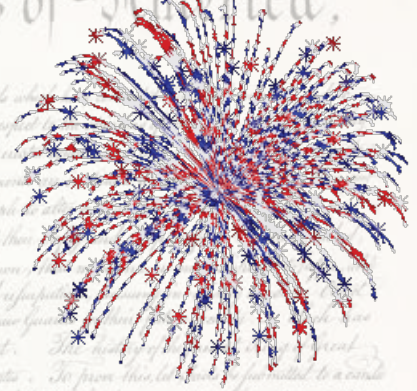
This beautiful little girl was spotted back in the spring nesting at Putneys Pond and Woodlands Park. We intentionally held off publishing this beautiful picture taken by Mr. Lee Payne so she wouldn’t be disturbed. Thank you Lee for sharing this great shot!

PROSPECT'S CONGRESS JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,



OF JULY



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

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

PARADE - 6:00 PM
(Westover Drive at Westover Court)
Line up begins at 5:30



FEATURING

THE
**SWING STREET
BIG BAND**

AND

Prospect-Resident and DJ
DANIEL BLOCK



AND OF COURSE

THE FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA!

FIRE WORKS BEGIN AT DUSK - APPROXIMATELY 9:40



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Mayor John Evans

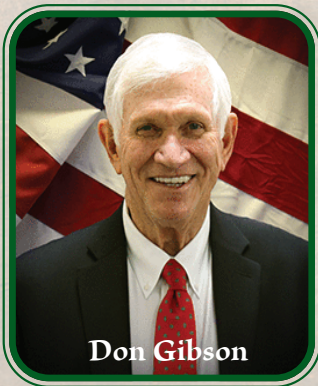
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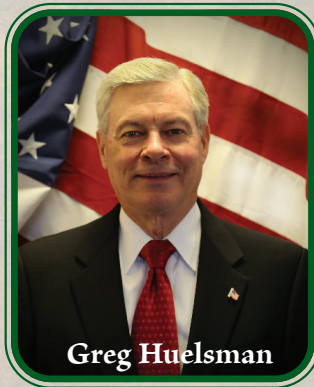
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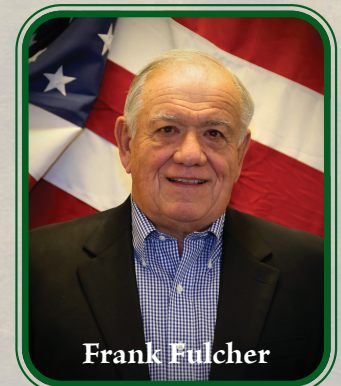
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