Looking Back at 2023 and ahead to 2024

Dear Friends,

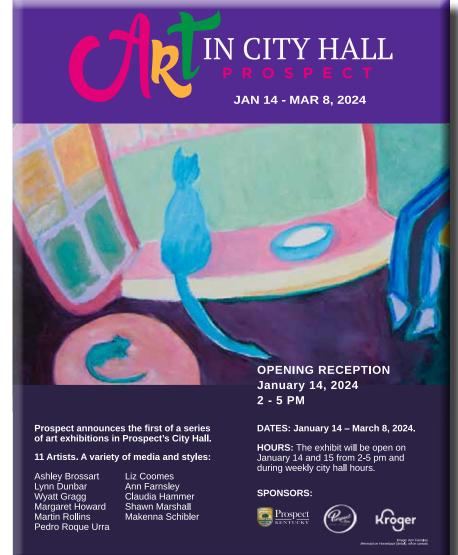
Here are a few notes on what is going on in Prospect:

Beach Craigmyle Award. At the December 18 Council meeting, I named Prospect Police Chief Jeff Sherrard as the recipient of the 2023 Beach Craigmyle Public Service Award. The city established the award in 1990 to recognize outstanding public service to the city of Prospect. Before his retirement from LMPD, Jeff held numerous leadership positions within that department including leading LMPD's involvement in visits to the city by Queen Elizabeth and by Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama. Jeff also joined officers from across the country in providing security at the 2009 inauguration of President Obama. Eleven years ago, Jeff became the Chief of Prospect's police department. He has transformed the department and has led it to become the highly professional and effective department that it is today. I work with Jeff daily, and I can attest to his strong and effective leadership. We are indeed fortunate to have Jeff as our police chief. Jeff joins a veritable Who's Who of distinguished Prospect citizens and staff members who have received



Chief Jeff Sherrard was honored as the recipient of the 2023 Craigmyle award.

this recognition.



Art in City Hall. Join us on Sunday, January 14, 2024, from 2-5 p.m. for the opening reception of "Art in City Hall." The Exhibition will feature art by 11 artists and will continue through March 8. I extend the city's thanks to Hunting Creek resident Kathie Sauer and her committee for their creativity and work in putting the exhibition together. In addition to Kathie, committee members include Landings resident Lonnie Walker, Sutherland resident Connie Kuhn, and other nearby artists.

Sons of the American Revolution Day in Prospect.

The city proclaimed Monday, December 18, 2023, to be Sons of the American Revolution Day in Prospect. We extend our thanks to Estates of Hunting Creek resident Jon Canine and his fellow members of the Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for the significant contribution they have made to Prospect. The SAR's Flag Day celebration Cowley Park was a remarkable gift to the city, and the SAR's service as the honor guard during the City's July 4 celebration and during the City's Veterans Day event added luster, dignity, and meaning to those events. The SAR deepens our appre-

ciation for the service and sacrifice of the courageous soldiers who fought in the Revolution.

Public Safety Update. In 2023, the Council allocated funds for the installation of four Flock cameras in Prospect. The City's cameras are being installed and will soon be operational.

In other jurisdictions, the cameras have proven to be effective in fighting crime. They read license plate numbers and alert the police when a plate that has been stolen or that is on a stolen car is in the City. They perform the same function with regard to individuals with outstanding arrest warrants.



The Sons of The American Revolution at the Prospect Veterans Day Celebration

Stream Crossing Bridge. The Council has approved funds for a stream crossing bridge in Harrods Creek Park that will improve water flow to the canoe and kayak launch and will beautify access to the eastern portion of the Park. Crossing the stream is currently accomplished via an unsightly makeshift bridge consisting of two concrete culverts covered with dirt. We extend our thanks to Innisbrook resident Linda Wardell, chair of the Prospect Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and other members of that committee for their leadership in studying, planning, and advocating for the new bridge. We anticipate that construction of the bridge will be completed in the summer of 2024.

Boardwalk Project. Smithfield Green resident and city council member Don Gibson proposed the construction of a boardwalk that will extend from the back of City Hall to Putney Pond. Don's idea has been embraced by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The boardwalk will allow our residents and visitors access to an area



that includes birds, wildlife, native plants, and wetlands. Councilman Gibson is chairing a committee that is seeking \$500,000 in state and federal funds set aside for recreational trails. KIPDA, a regional planning agency, is assisting the city in applying for the funds and indicates that the chances are good that the grants will be made.

Toys for Tots. The generosity of Prospect's residents was on full display as we filled six large collection boxes with toys for children in need. Special thanks to Marine Corps veteran and Hunting Creek resident John Bishop for leading this successful effort. Be on the lookout in November and December of 2024 when Toys for Tots returns.

Recognition of Former Mayors. On April 30, 2023, the city dedicated the pavilion in the park next to City Hall as the John E. Evans Pavilion. An attractive plaque has re-

cently been added to the pavilion to memorialize the naming. Among his many accomplishments, Mayor Evans led the city's effort to build the playground and the pavilion.

At the October 2023 council meeting, Mayor Farnsley announced that the conference room in City Hall has been named in honor of former Mayor Todd Eberle. Mayor Eberle and his wife Harriet attended the meeting, and Jeff Sherrard, Linda Wardell, Stuart Miles, and John Embry recounted the significant progress that the city made under Mayor Eberle's leadership.

Season's Greetings. At the end of this month, I will have been mayor of Prospect for one year, and I am honored to hold that position. Liza and I extend our best wishes to you and yours for a joyous holiday season!



Doug Farnsley - Mayor



Former Prospect Mayor Nell Glass Passes

The City of Prospect wishes to express it's condolences to the family of former Prospect Mayor and Council Member, Nell Owen Glass who passed away on November 16, 2023. Nell was Mayor from January 1986 to December 1989.

She was born in Simpson County, Ky and grew up in Franklin and Bowling Green, Kentucky. Nell devoted a considerable amount of time to public service and civic involvement. Among other pursuits, she was Miss Kentucky 1963. Her contributions to the City of Prospect will not soon be forgotten.

Plowing Ahead!

We don't know how much or when, but we do know with the advent of the winter season, that snow is on the way and with it, snowplows. The City spends a substantial amount on snow removal each year. Maintaining hills and main thoroughfares are the main focus during snow events with secondary streets coming next. Flat areas and courts follow. Below are some tips to help make it easier on all of us:

Do not park your car on the street if it can be avoided. If deemed a hazard it can be towed.

If you have a rubber driveway/gutter mat, remove it before the snow starts to avoid it being dragged down the street by a plow. The City is NOT responsible for replacing or paying for these.

If you have installed asphalt curbing to redirect water it is recommended that you mark the area with pole markers. While every effort is made to avoid damaging these curbs, it is impossible to know where they are, especially when snow covered, and they will not be replaced by the City.

It should be noted that the City is not responsible for clearing the end of your driveway. To report issues or damage resulting from plowing please call City Hall at 228-1121.



2024 Prospect Calendars Now Available

The free 2024 Prospect city calendars are now available for pick up at City Hall.

This year features art work from some of Prospect's hidden artist! Copies are available in the front lobby or at the receptionist desk

With the holidays and the increase in on-line ordering, Rumpke has asked us to remind everyone that cardboard boxes need to be broken down and put in the recycle cart and taken to the curb for recycling collection. If you have extra-large boxes or a lot of them, please call Rumpke at 568-3800 to arrange a bulk pickup.

Thank you for your consideration!

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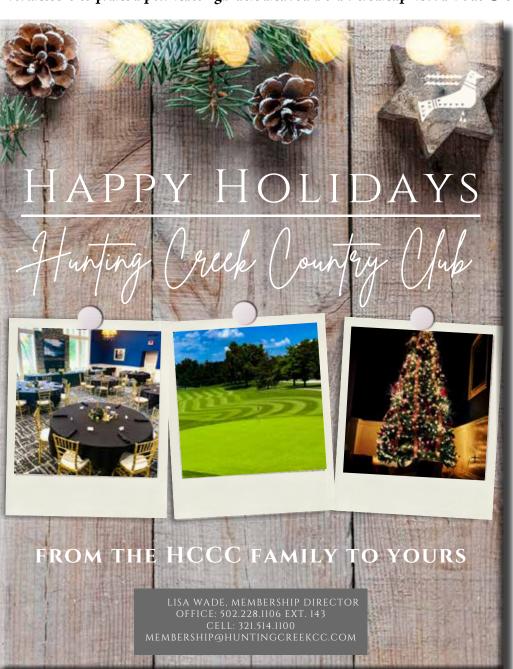
Chrisler White Joins the Parks Committee As Student Representative

In September 2023, the Prospect Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee welcomed its first student member. The committee was looking for a way to get younger members of our community involved in parks activities and gain a better understanding of issues important to our youth. As a full voting member of the committee, the student will gain experience in civic service, knowledge of local government, and community awareness. Area high school students were invited to apply for the one-year position. After interviewing several highly qualified candidates, Chrisler White was selected to join the committee.

Chrisler is a Prospect resident and senior at St. Xavier High School. With his participation in the St. X Academic Team, Student Council, Environmental Club, and Commu-

nity Service Club, his skills and experience align very well with the Parks Committee goals and activities. In his application, Chrisler stated, "I see this as an opportunity to merge my love for the outdoors with my interests in law/public policy and environmental science. This will allow me to give back to my community by applying my passions for community service and my neighborhood".

Upon joining the committee, Chrisler really "hit the ground running". In early October, he organized St. X volunteers to plant a pollinator garden and led a trail cleanup in Harrods Creek Park. Later in the month, he



recruited additional volunteers to repair the Putney Pond & Woodlands trail leading from the Putney Lane parking circle to the woodland trail kiosk. And, as an individual, Chrisler volunteered for Arborfest, and planted some of the left-over trees in Little Hunting Creek Park. The City of Prospect and the Parks Committee appreciate Chrisler's enthusiasm and hard work.

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 citymaint@prospectky.com, 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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