



THE PROSPECTOR

The Official Newsletter of Prospect Borough

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2023 Spring Newsletter

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159 Monroe St., Prospect

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LOOKING TO HIRE A PART TIME POLICE OFFICER!!!

****INQUIRE WITHIN****

2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

(Meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7:00pm.)

Tuesday, January 3rd

Monday, February 6th

Monday, March 6th

Monday, April 3rd

Monday, May 1st

Monday, June 5th

Monday, July 3rd

Monday, August 7th

Tuesday, September 5th (due to Labor Day holiday)

Monday, October 2nd

Monday, November 6th

Monday, December 4th

Prospect Borough is looking for ideas and pictures for our 200-year Celebration that will be held the summer of 2025. Please email or drop off and ideas at the Borough building. If you have pictures and would like to share them, please stop by the Borough office and we will take copies of the pictures.

EVENTS:

- ❖ BOOKS & LADDERS Sunday, March 12th 2:00pm until 6:00pm
- ❖ MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Saturday, May 27th at 11:00am.
- ❖ BIG BUTLER PARTS-A-RAMA June 16th, 17th, 18th, 2023.
- ❖ BIG BUTLER FAIR will start JUNE 30th - July 8th, 2023.

CAR CRUISES AROUND TOWN:

- ❖ JULY 16TH FAIRGROUND MARKET 2-7PM
- ❖ AUGUST 6TH CANCER CRUISE PROSPECT FIREHALL 11-4PM
- ❖ AUGUST 27TH HERMAN FIREHALL 11-4PM
- ❖ SEPTEMBER 3RD PROSPECT FIREHALL 11-4PM

HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES:

March 12th- Daylight Savings	April 18th – Tax Day	June 14th – Flag Day
March 17th - St. Patrick’s Day	May 5th – Cinco de Mayo	June 18th – Father’s Day
April 9th - Easter Sunday	May 14th – Mother’s Day	June 19th - Juneteenth
April 10th - Easter Monday	May 29th – Memorial Day	July 4th – Independence Day

2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION:

- April 1 at 150 Henricks Road, Butler (Center Township)
- May 13 at 207 Ash Stop Road, Evans City (Forward Township)
- July 15 at 191 Election House Road, (Franklin Township)
- September 2 at 157 Airport Road, Butler (Penn Township)
- November 11 at 690 Valencia Road, Mars (Adams Township)

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site can be found here:

<https://nobleenviro.com/> or you can call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on “Ewaste and HHW Collections” to find the registration page and details about attending this event. Please note that only cards are accepted for payment.

Cash and checks are NOT accepted.

LIFE Butler County Serves Low Income Elders in Their Homes

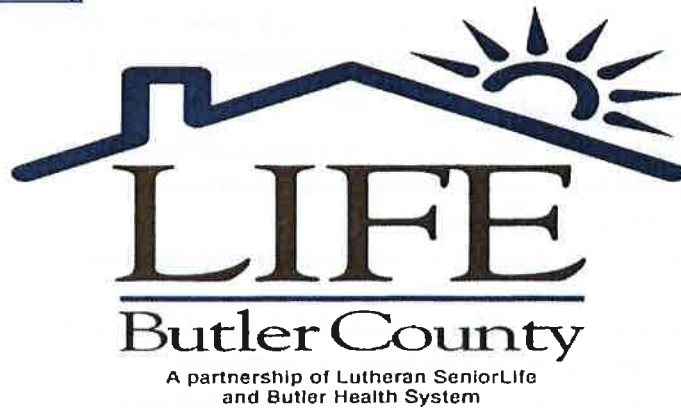
Are you struggling or overwhelmed, trying to work and take care of a parent, spouse, or other family member in addition to everything else you have to do? Or, do you know someone who is, and you wish you could help? If so, LIFE Butler County may be able to help you!

The **LIFE Butler County** program, a partnership of **Lutheran SeniorLife** and Butler Health System, is a comprehensive health care and supportive services program designed to enhance the ability of frail, low income, older adults to live safely and independently in their homes.

Based on an individual's need, LIFE provides primary and specialty care, rehabilitation, adult day services, transportation, medications, medical equipment, home care and much more, all **at no cost** to the individual or their family.

To enroll, a person must be 55 years of age or older and meet certain medical and financial requirements. For more information, please call (724) 287-5433 or visit www.LIFEviecare.org.

**PAMPHLETS ARE AVAILABLE
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BURNING ORDINANCE - THINK BEFORE YOU BURN!! CAUTION ON DRY WEATHER & HIGH WINDS!!!

GARBAGE

All putrescible animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

OPEN FIRE

A fire in which any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle, except for such fires as are incidental to the use of any recreational barbecue pit, charcoal and/or gas grill.

PERSON

Any individual, partnership, association, corporation, department, bureau, agency, or other legal entity.

REFUSE

Garbage, rubbish, and trade waste.

RUBBISH

Solids not considered to be highly flammable or explosive, including, but not limited to, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, wood, excelsior, paper, ashes, tree branches, tree leaves, yard trimmings, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry, and other similar materials.

SALVAGE OPERATION

Any business, trade or industry engaged, in whole or in part, in salvaging, demolishing, or reclaiming any product or material, including, but not limited to, metals, chemicals, shipping containers or drums.

TRADE WASTE

All solid or liquid material or rubbish resulting from construction, demolition, building operations, or the prosecution of any business, trade, or industry, including, but not limited to, plastic products, cartons, petroleum-based shingles, paint, grease, oil and other petroleum products, chemicals, cinders, and other forms of solid or liquid waste materials, provided that "trade waste" shall not include any coal refuse associated with the mining or preparation of coal.

97-2: Regulations.

Within the Borough limits, no person shall:

A. Ignite or feed an open fire for the destruction of refuse or in the conduct of a salvage operation in any public or private place outside any building.

B. Cause, suffer, allow, or permit the maintenance of any open fire for the destruction of refuse or in the conduct of a salvage operation on any property under his control outside of any building.

C. Burn upon any premises in the Borough of Prospect any material or substance causing any noxious or offensive odor.

97-3: Exceptions.

Subject to the following exceptions:

A. Open fires may be set in the performance of an official duty of any public officer if the fire is necessary for:

- (1) The prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by other means; or
- (2) The protection of public health.

B. Open fires may be set, provided that:

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]

- (1) Nonpoisonous leaves, branches and other nonputrescible vegetable matter only are burned. In no event shall burning of poisonous brush be permitted at any time.
- (2) There is no practical available alternative method for disposal of the material to be burned.
- (3) No hazardous or other objectionable condition will be created by such burning.
- (4) No such burning is allowed on any street or sidewalk within the Borough.
- (5) All such burning takes place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays only.

97-4: Certain conditions imposed.

The right to burn dry, combustible materials of a nonnoxious nature out of doors during the hours when such burning is permitted under § 97-3 shall be subject to the following conditions:

A. No fire shall be set or maintained unless:

- (1) The location is more than 50 feet from any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure; or
- (2) The fire is contained in an approved waste burner located safely not less than 15 feet from any structure.

B. No fire shall be permitted to burn unattended or to smolder.^[1]

[1] Editor's Note: Former Subsection 1C, regarding containment of smoke, which immediately followed this subsection, was repealed 8-1-2016 by Ord. No. 2016-5.

97-5: Enforcement.

The Mayor, Prospect Borough Police Department, Chief of the Prospect Borough/Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department, or the Borough Code Enforcement Officer shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

97-6: Violations and penalties.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)] Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceedings. Upon judgment against any person by summary conviction, or by proceedings by summons on default of the payment of the fine or penalty imposed and the costs, the defendant may be sentenced and committed to the county correctional facility for a period not exceeding 30 days. Each day that such violation exists shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this chapter that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of enforcement under this section, the Borough may enforce this chapter in equity in the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County.

DEAD DEER CARCASS REMOVAL:

- Removal along a state road call PennDOT at 724-284-8800.
- Removal along a borough/township road call PA Game Commission at 814-432-3187.

BEFORE YOU DIG, DIAL 811!!

BUILDING PERMITS:

Building permit applications are available through our Borough office at the cost of \$50.00 each. Please keep in mind, if you want to put anything on a property, the property must have a primary use structure. Remember, we fund our schools with property taxes, building permits, and assessment permits, either permanent or temporary.

The following are some example projects that would require a building permit:

- ❖ Building a home
- ❖ Placing a mobile home or modular home on your property
- ❖ Shed
- ❖ Picnic shelter
- ❖ Garage
- ❖ Swimming pool
- ❖ Decks/ Porches
- ❖ Addition to your home

DRIVEWAYS:

Please contact the Borough regarding any type of driveway improvements so an application can be filled out and the cost is \$100.00. The permit fee pays for our Road Forman to come out to your property and ensure that no damage will be done to your driveway by the Borough snowplows and ensure water impacts are mitigated.

SEWAGE CUSTOMERS:

Sewage rates have stayed the same \$82.50 for the year 2023 and started January 1st. The payments are due by the 15th of each month. Please see below for penalties and late payments.

237-4 DUE DATES; PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENT:

- The sanitary sewage collection, transportation and treatment charges and tap connection charges imposed hereunder shall be due and payable immediately upon receipt of the bill by the owner and/or tenant and shall be paid not later than the due date appearing on the bill. Said charges shall be subject to a 10% penalty if not paid within 15 days from their due date. If not paid within 30 days after said due date, the charge plus the penalty shall bear interest at the rate of 3% per month, or any fraction thereof, until paid.

TAP CAP ORDINENCE:

➤ 237-57 Relinquishment of taps connected to the Borough's sewage system.

➤ An owner of land with a sewage tap connected to the Borough's sewage system may relinquish the tap by completing and submitting a sewer tap relinquishment application on a form supplied by the Borough. In the case of relinquishment, the sewer tap shall be cut off and sealed with an approved cap and/or cemented at the main sewer line by the Borough. The Borough reserves the right to set a relinquishment fee, which shall be payable in full at the time of application. The charge for said fee shall be set by the Borough by resolution and shall be amended by the Borough by resolution from time to time at the Borough's pleasure.

MAINTENANCE FEE:

➤ 237-56 MAINTENANCE FEE.

- A) As of the effective date of this section, every owner of real property, whether for personal use, rental, or profit or not for profit located within the boundaries of the Borough, which has a sewer flap connection to the Borough sewage system and is not being used shall pay a monthly maintenance fee \$25.00 to the Borough. The maintenance fee established under this section shall apply to the owners of properties that:
 1. Were never connected to the Borough's sewage system and are currently paying a full monthly payment to the Borough;
 2. The owners of properties that have a sewer tap connection to the Borough's sewer system who are currently paying no monthly fee to the Borough for the tap;
 3. The owners of real property with a sewer tap connection where a building that formerly utilized the sewer tap connection has been demolished; and
 4. The owners of lots located within mobile home parks with a sewer tap connection where no trailer is attached.
- B) The charge for said fee shall be set by the Borough by resolution and shall be amended by the Borough by resolution from time to time at the Borough's pleasure.
- C) In the event that an owner does not pay a maintenance fee as required under this subsection for a period of 12 months, the owner's sewer payment shall automatically be revoked and the owner's right to reconnect to the Borough's sewage system shall terminate. If the owner of the property wishes to reestablish a sewer tap connection to the Borough's sewage system, the owner would be required to reapply for a sewage permit in accordance with Article VI of this chapter. The availability of sewer connection permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis and the owners of a revoked sewer permit under this section shall not receive any preference.

ATTENTION LANDLORDS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES:

➤ Please remember to register all your rental properties with the Borough.

Forms are available at the Borough office.

➤ **168-7 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**

➤ No residential landlord shall hereafter occupy, allow to be occupied or let to another person for occupancy any residential leasehold unit and/or property situate within the Borough of Prospect unless said residential landlord notifies the Borough, in writing, within 30 days after occupancy, of the name, address and number of person(s) occupying each specific residential leasehold unit and/or property. The written registration shall contain the following minimum information:

➤ The name, address, and telephone number of the property owner

➤ The name, address, and telephone number of the designated local property manager, if the owner lives outside the Borough and has a property manager.

➤ The street address of the residential leasehold unit and/or property; and

➤ The name, address, and place of employment of all tenant(s) and all other occupants of the unit who are 18 years of age or older or who are otherwise employed.

➤ **168-8 REGISTRATION TIME PERIOD.**

➤ The written registration for each residential leasehold unit and/or property shall be filed with the Borough at the Prospect Borough Office by January 31 of each calendar year and then throughout the year whenever there is a change of residential lessees and household occupants as set forth above. All written registrations required by this article shall be forwarded to the Borough within 60 days after enactment hereof for the first year. Landlord registration forms are available at the Prospect Borough Office during regular business hours.

🌸 **SUNDAY, MARCH 12th, 2023** 🌸



**DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS AND
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS!!!!**

Monday March 20th, 2023

First Day of SPRING!



PROSPECT COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

357 Main St., Prospect 724-865-9718

HOURS: Monday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday: **CLOSED**

CHILDREN EVENTS:

- ❖ ABC Storytime- Wednesdays at 11:00 am & 5:00pm
- ❖ STEAM Storytime- Tuesdays at 2:00pm
- ❖ Play Saturdays- Saturdays 11:00am until 1:00pm
- ❖ Elementary STEAM Club- 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm
- ❖ Books with Bunnies- 3rd Tuesday each month at 3:30pm
- ❖ It's a Hardback Life Book Club for Teens- 4th Friday each month at 6:00pm
- ❖ Teen Advisory Board- 2nd Friday each month at 6:00pm

ADULT EVENTS:

- ❖ PCL Bookends (Library Friends Group)- 1st Thursday each month at 6:30pm
- ❖ A Novel Bunch Book Club- 2nd Monday each month at 6:00pm
- ❖ Craft Night- 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00pm
- ❖ Cookbook Club- 3rd Thursday each month at 6:00pm
- ❖ Family Game Night- 4th Monday each month at 6:00pm
- ❖ One Page at a Time Scrapbook Group- 4th Thursday each month at 6:00pm

PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

373 Main St., Prospect 724-865-2002

FOR EMERGENCY DIAL: 911

Please remember we have our social hall that is in Prospect and is available to rent for your next special even:.

Call TERRI at 724-624-0446

Address Number Signs are sold at the fire hall for \$15.00 each. (Price subject to change)

- ❖ **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am**
- ❖ **SPECIAL EVENTS will run through the Summer! Please check the Message Board in front of the Firehall and our Facebook page: Prospect Boro/Franklin Twp Volunteer Fire Department**

PROSPECT PRESERVATION SOCIETY:

386 Main St., Prospect

Contact: Dawn Szymoniak 724-865-9703

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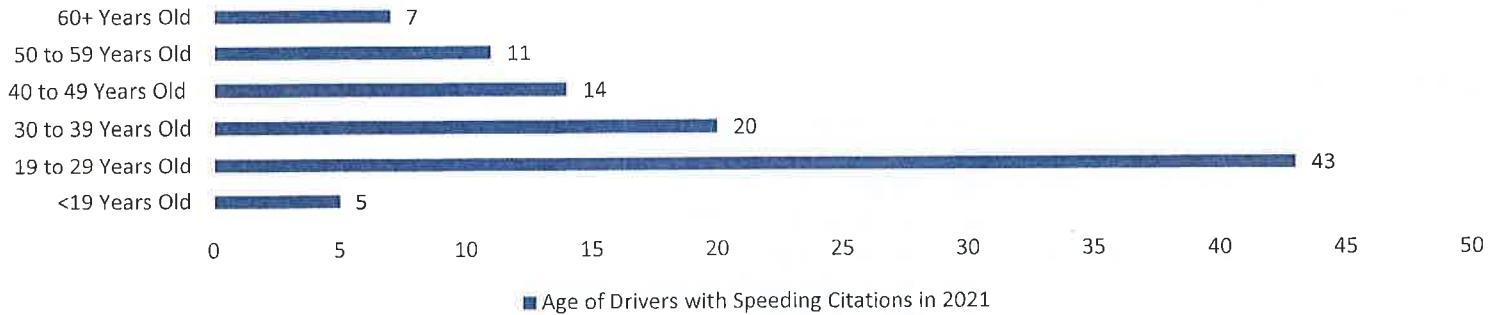
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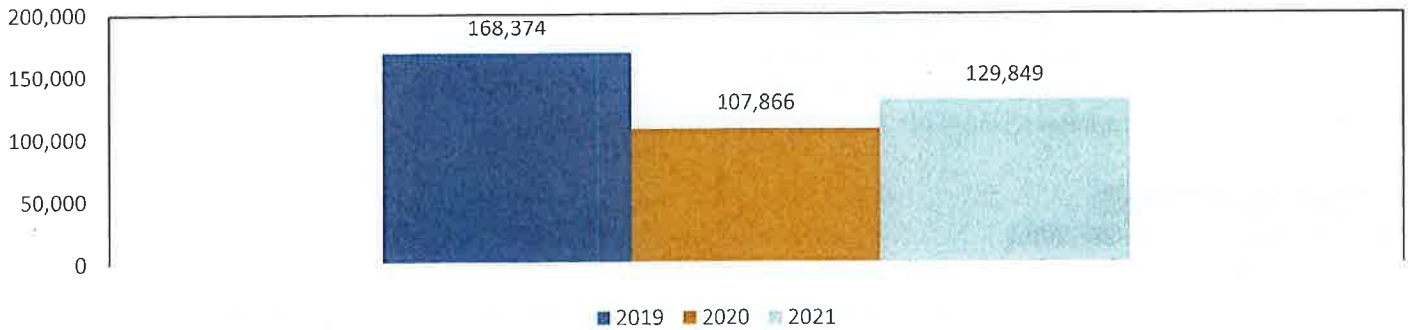
25 % of crashes in 2021 were caused by speeding and driving too fast for conditions in Pennsylvania.

Speeding Warnings vs. Citations, 2021

Age of Drivers with Speeding Citations in 2021



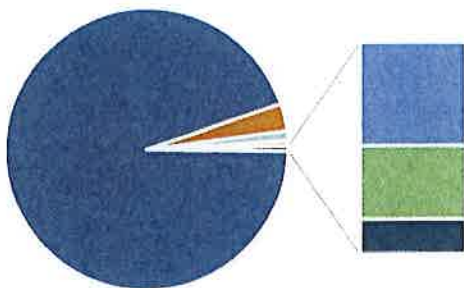
of Speeding Citations



ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN PENNSYLVANIA

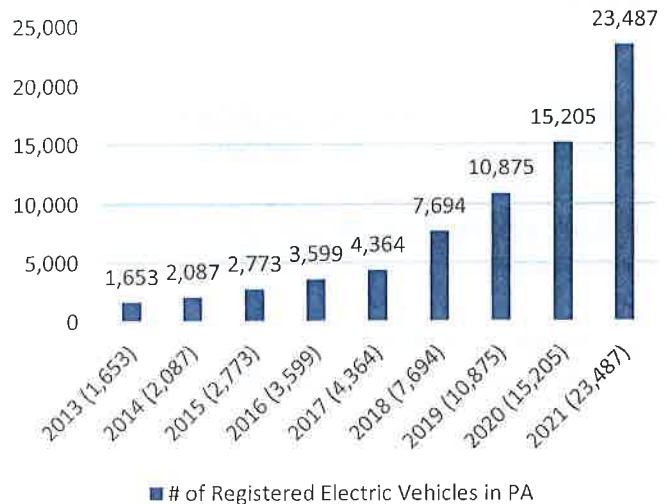
According to PennDOT, over the next 5 years, PA will receive \$171 million in dedicated funding to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

of Vehicles by the Type of Fuel Used in 2021



Gasoline 10,324,483	Diesel 343,435
Other 125,362	Hybrid 57,689
Flex Fuel 33,138	Electric 23,487
Natural Gas & Other 11,048	

of Registered Electric Vehicles in PA



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