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- * Prospect Council Meetings are the first Monday of each month and, if a holiday is on the first Monday the meeting will be the following day on the Tuesday.
- * Prospect Planning Commission meets the third Monday of each month

EVENTS:

"Eternally Elvis In Concert"—Friday, March 21st at Prospect Fire Hall – Rotary Club of Portersville-Prospect
Prospect's 200th Anniversary/Memorial Day Parade—Saturday, May 24th—Rain Date—Sunday, May 25th
Activities, games, and food starts at 3pm, Parade starts at 4pm, Music around 5:30pm, and FIREWORKS are at dusk.
Rube's Run 5K Race/Walk—Saturday, July 26th

Rotary 
Club of Portersville-Prospect

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CAESARE
"Eternally Elvis In Concert"
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6:30pm Doors Open / 7:30pm Show
Ticket: \$30.00
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*** A GLANCE FROM THE PAST ***

Butler Eagle- August 30, 1907 paper:

FIVE THOUSAND HAVE GALA TIME AT PROSPECT

—Big Day Brought Vast Throng—

Picnic Held In the Critchlow Grove

Prospect, PA., Aug. 30.—The old town is in her greatest glory and beauty.

“How nice the old town looks!” “How glad I am to get back once more!” were common expressions Thursday.

The day was an ideal one and old Jupiter must have been bribed. So many happy events happened and so many old recollections were mentioned that it is simply impossible to record all in a limited letter.

BIG CROWD COMES:

As soon as day dawned the buggies and hacks and autos began to bring their human freight into town until five thousand people were on the streets.

SISTERS HOLD REUNION:

A few of the happy events may be summed up, to-wit: Agnes Garvey Forrester, Dorcas Garvey Bolton, Emma Garvey Welsh, Levinia Garvey Fisher and Lizzie Garvey, sisters, held a family reunion and were dined be Mr. and Mrs. Ford Forrester. Some of the ladies rehearsed some funny incidents and as they have borrowed suits from the men, it would only be fair to record some of the ladies old humor. Elviva Kincaid said the girls were at a quilting party one time, when one Peggie was detailed to get the dinner. All the girls wished corn soup for dinner. At the proper time dinner was announced. One course of soup had been served. When the second on was gone for, the waiter discovered something strange peeping up through the corn. “What in the Lord is that!” exclaimed Peggie. An investigation and some pulling brought fourth a good sized dish cloth which had been left in the pot at a former washing. The second course was not eaten and the girls let on they weren’t hungry.

DINNER IN THE GROVE:

At dinner time about two thousand people gathered in the grove and had an old fashioned picnic and a good social time, such as the older boys and girls had together at Sunday school picnics and Fourth of July celebrations forty and fifty years ago.

Many friends and groups of old friends had their pictures taken to take home with them to recall the pleasant days and times at the Old Home Week in Prospect. Aug., 1907.

BALL GAME PLAYED:

After dinner another ball game was played for the edification and amusement of the boys. The Independents of Butler were defeated by the hoe club in a hotly contested game by a score of 6 to 4. Many athletic sports and games were pulled off. Races of all kinds, jumping, prize amusements were enjoyed by all.

FIRST FAIR at PROSPECT:

Right here, let us state on good authority that the first county fair and he first Old Home Week celebrated in the county originated in Prospect. The fair grounds were between the grove and the Butler road. Some can imagine the exhibits and horse racing. A mile in five or six minutes was considered fast and dangerous. Billie Albert’s “Old Diamond” was among the prize takers. It might be that such men as George Albert, Samuel Shannon, Henry Shaffer and Absalom Shanor were some of the timekeepers and official starters.

PROSPECT BAND PLAYS:

The old band concert was augmented by music by the famous Prospect cornet band, founded here by Albert Foreighner in the seventies.

Prospect

Bicentennial • 200 Memorial Day



Honoring Patriots for 200 Years

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1825 - 2025

Hello everyone!

We have some exciting updates to share about this year's Prospect Memorial Day Parade and Community Day, which is extra special as we celebrate Prospect's 200th anniversary! To make sure everyone has plenty of time to come together and enjoy all the festivities, we're shifting the parade start time this year.

*S*chedule of Events:

Parade Start Time: 4:00pm
Event Activities: Starting at 3:00pm (Food, Live Music, Crafts, Children's Activities, Fireworks)
Military Ceremony: 4:00pm
Memorial Dedication: 6:00pm
Time Capsule Opening: 6:30pm at the Library and School
Live Music : 5:30pm
Fireworks: Around 8:30pm

*Q*uestions:

Please contact **Mayor James Butler** • 724-865-2593 • jebutler59@zoominternet.net

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May 24, 2025
Bicentennial & Memorial Day Parade/Festival

Regarding the Sewage:

Prospect Borough owns a conveyance system and operates a sewage collection system with an equalization tank. The Borough doesn't own or operate a sewage treatment plant. The sewage is pumped to Moraine State Park and the sewage plant is owned by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The Borough has a contract with DCNR and is billed quarterly for the sewage treatment. The contract is based off the Consumer Price Index and the cost of inflation over the past 5 years has increased significantly. The Borough has tried to renegotiate the contract with DCNR several times and DCNR will not change the rates to help reduce the costs passed on to the residents.

The Borough's sewage budget must allocate 66.67% to cover the quarterly fees to DCNR and loans acquired years ago to upgrade the sewage system. The remainder of the budget goes into repairs and maintenance of the sewage system.

The Borough has been working diligently over the last 5 years to make improvements to the sewage system through different grants we've applied for and received. The Borough has been able to do over \$600,000 in lateral line repairs to stop water infiltration into the sewage system with these awarded grants.

Prospect Borough is aware the increase to \$97.50 is high for the monthly sewage bill but there is nothing that can be done with the contract signed years ago between Prospect Borough and DCNR.

Sincerely,
Brian Taylor, President

*** SEWAGE CUSTOMERS:**

Sewage rates **INCREASED to \$97.50** for the year 2025 starting January 1st.

The payments are due by the 15th of each month and
after the 15th the late fee will be added.

DUE DATES and PENALTIES:

➤ 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, profit or not for profit located with inside 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.

*** Example:**

- **Jan 1st to Jan 15th = \$97.50**
- **Jan 16th to Jan 31st is \$97.50 + 10% penalty (\$9.75) = \$107.25**

*** 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 structure on it. Remember, we fund our schools with property taxes, building permits, and assessment permits, either permanent or temporary.

The following are examples of projects that require a building permit:

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

If you are unsure of a project you plan to do, please contact the Borough office to see if a permit is needed.

BEFORE YOU DIG, DIAL 811!!

*** DRIVEWAYS:**

Please contact the Borough regarding any type of driveway improvement 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.

*** PROSPECT COMMUNITY LIBRARY:**

357 Main Street, Prospect, PA 16052 724-865-9718

HOURS: Monday & Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: **CLOSED**

*** PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

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FOR EMERGENCY DIAL: 911

- **REMODELED** Social Hall (located in the firehall) is available to rent for your next special event. Contact the Fire dept. for more information.

- Address Number Signs are sold at the fire hall. Please call for pricing.

- **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Please check the Message Board located in front of the Firehall and our Facebook page: Prospect Boro/Franklin Twp Volunteer

*** PROSPECT PRESERVATION SOCIETY:**

383 Main Street, Po Box 586, Prospect, PA 16052

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