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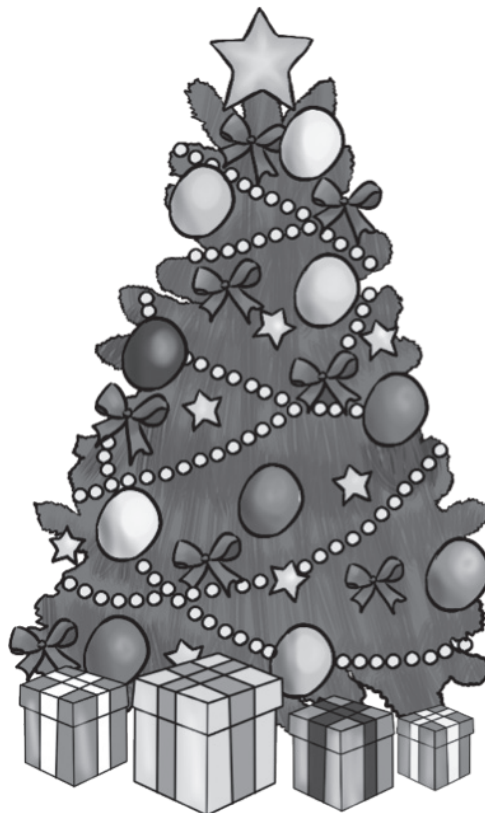


Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
to the Prospect Borough Community!

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for
the present, hope for the future.

It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with
blessings rich and eternal and
that every path may lead to peace.

We hope all is with you and your families during the
holiday season.



God Bless,
Prospect Borough Council

Winter 2016

Prospect Community Library

CHILDREN BIRTH - 11

Story Time

Our toddler and preschool winter story time will be held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. starting on January 25th. Each story time includes several stories, activities and crafts around a "letter of the week" and lasts 30-45 minutes.

Amazing Animal Adventures

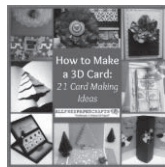
Elementary age students are invited on a bi-weekly animal adventure at the library. We will be exploring various species of animals to learn about their biology, habitats, and the conservation efforts being made to help them thrive. Call the library for details.



PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

This is a group for teens and pre-teens in grades 6-12. They meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. It is very informal and the group helps with various library projects while enjoying FREE pizza! All are welcome to attend.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 15, 6:30-8:00pm: PBS KIDS "Inquire Within" kick-off party will include a craft and activity before we watch the *Wild Kratts Creature Christmas*. Cocoa and cookies will be served. Children are invited to come in their pajamas.

Dec. 28, 1-3pm: Our annual LEGO competition will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Prospect. Enjoy an afternoon of creativity!

ADULTS

Sewing

This wonderful group of people meets every Friday at 2:00. All are welcome.

Adult Craft Day

*First Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.
*All ages welcome
*There will be a small charge to cover the cost of materials
*Craft projects to include: hand-made journal, spring centerpiece, jewelry-making, and book folding

Book Club

Do you enjoy discovering new authors? Then this is the place for you! Our book club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Freezer Meal Swap

Third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Bring four frozen meals in coolers to the library. When you're all done exchanging, you'll have a variety of new meals ready to pull out on busy nights!

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DID YOU KNOW?

The history of our village would not be complete without some reference to the Big Frost. Here is a small portion of that story.

Everything in the fields, orchards and gardens were full of promise when on the night of 4 June 1859, the cold came down out of the north and destroyed all the growing plants and leaves in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

These farmers could have wrung their hands and cried why me but instead they took with them to the Sunday church services a few sprigs of the grain that was frozen. This was a great calamity to Butler County as the communities were mainly self-supporting for all of their needs.

Prospect picked up its strength from their God and took that courage to try and do the best of a bad situation.

Fields were plowed in which the frozen crops stood and then they seeded them with buckwheat. These industrious farmers had persevered and through the short growing season were able to feed themselves and the county.

Did you ever eat any buckwheat pancakes from the "Roth Milling Company"? You missed a good meal.

The founder of Roth Milling Company was John McKee Roth. It was in continual operation from 1904 until 2016. The first mill burned in 1932.

Paul Dennis Roth better known as Denny has retired. He will be missed by his many friends and clients throughout the area.

Best wishes for many years of health and happiness.

Excerpts of events:

"Prospect Remembers" published 2000 A.D.

Prospect Area Preservation Society

Mary Harmon

Sewage Rate Increase 2017

Effective January 2017, the monthly sewage rate will be increased due to the scheduled rate change by DCNR for treatment costs and to fund ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the Prospect sewage collection system.

The new monthly rate will be \$ 72.00 per EDU.

These costs are passed directly onto the customers of the system. Our sewage committee continues to work to improve the efficiency of our sewage collection system and to find ways to reduce costs of operation. Our end goal is to allow more customers to tap into the system, thus spreading the costs across a wider user base.

It is important that all of us, as rate payers, be responsible in making monthly payments in a timely manner to facilitate cash flow. Council has and will continue to aggressively pursue delinquent customers, including legal actions of property liens and Sheriff sales.

We understand that in this day of rising costs and stagnant salaries, any increase is burdensome. Be assured that Council is working hard to minimize the personal hardships as we invest in our community infrastructure.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

Winter Storms & Extreme Cold is upon us for the next few months and you can prepare for your family by taking the following steps:



- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 1. Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways.
 2. Sand to improve traction.
 3. Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 4. Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
 5. Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
 6. Make a family communication plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
 7. A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the National Weather Service for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services.
 8. Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
 9. Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

- EMERGENCY KITS SHOULD INCLUDE:
 1. Flashlight and extra batteries.
 2. Canned foods and dried fruits.
 3. Bottled water in gallons or smaller bottles for drinking.
 4. Buckets or gallons of water for sanitary purposes.
 5. Extra paper towels and toilet tissues.

NEVER USE CHARCOAL GRILLS TO HEAT YOUR HOME OR TO COOK INSIDE YOUR HOME...THIS IS A CARBON MONOXIDE HAZARD. PLAN SO YOU HAVE A STOCKPILE OF ITEMS SHOULD AN EMERGENCY OCCUR.

CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS TO SEE TO THEIR WELFARE. THE ELDERLY ARE PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE WHEN THE POWER AND HEAT IS OFF DURING WINTER STORMS.

BE SAFE AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE SNOWY LANDSCAPE AROUND PROSPECT. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED.

PROSPECT BOROUGH MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE REMINDER



I want to make you aware of a 1991 ordinance that exists in the Prospect Borough Code Book regarding motor vehicles. It is our intent that the police department will enforce all such ordinances.

A motor vehicle is defined as "any type of mechanical device propelled by a motor in which persons or property may be transported upon public streets or highways, including trailers or semi-trailers".

The ordinance states that:

It is unlawful for an owner or lessee to maintain a motor vehicle on any open private property or public street that is not legally registered (has a current registration) and inspected (has a current inspection sticker) and/or is unable to move under its own power. Such vehicles must be kept in a building or garage.

You can review the entire ordinance at the Prospect Public Library or request a copy from the Prospect Borough office. The ordinance can be found in the Health and Safety chapter, Part 3: Storage of Personal Nuisances, Sub-Section 10-302.

I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in preparing for this action. This enforcement is not meant to be punitive, but rather to ensure that abandoned vehicles do not present a health or safety issue for the community at large.

KEEP THE PROSPECT PRIDE GOING!

WINTER IS SNOW MUCH FUN!



Please keep in mind with winter here and snow and or ice falling that each owner, occupant or tenant who's property fronts or runs along any street in the Borough shall remove the snow and/or ice from all sidewalks fronting upon or alongside their property. This must be done within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow and/or ice ceases to fall or to be formed on the sidewalk. Snow is not to be plowed into or thrown into the streets from shovels, blowers and/or plows. We are only informing you of this as a courtesy as this is an ordinance of Prospect Borough and one can be fined

TO ALL RESIDENTS: If any one has any articles, coming events, etc. and would like them placed in The Prospector, please email them directly to the Prospect Borough Office; Prospectboro@zoominternet.net. Thank you.

If you would like your business card added to The Prospector; please call the Borough Office @ 724-865-3010. The fee is \$25 for a business card size per Ad.

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