

# THE PROSPECTOR

## 2019 Newsletter

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## Prospect Council Members for 2019

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Mayor – James Butler

President – Bill Katz

Vice President – Janice Boice

Gus Guenther

Eric Hilliard

Todd Wilson

Nick Vaccarello

Mary Harmon

Secretary – Judy Stoops

Treasurer/Assistant Secretary – Terry Beck

### Police Department

Terry Hilton - Chief

Tim Covert - Patrolman

Police Phone 724-865-2799

### Maintenance Workers

George Simcic - Supervisor

Robert Leach

### Zoning Hearing Board

Curt Miller

Bill Davis

Brian Taylor

### Planning Commission

Alan Vagasky - Chairman

Brian Taylor

Gus Guenther

Teddy Davis

### Tax Collector

Judy Raisley

724-865-2535



### Sewage

Mary Harmon – Chairman

Janice Boice – Vice Chairman

Bill Katz

### Personnel

Janice Boice – Chairman

Eric Hilliard- Vice Chairman

Jim Butler

Gus Guenther

### Library & Recreation

Todd Wilson - Chairman

Eric Hilliard – Vice Chair

### Insurance & Financial

Mary Harmon – Chairman

Janice Boice – Vice Chairman

Jim Butler

Bill Katz

### Building & Grounds

Gus Guenther - Chairman

Eric Hilliard – Vice Chairman

Nick Vaccarello

Bill Katz

### Public Services

Janice Boice - Chairman

Mary Harmon – Vice Chair

Gus Guenther

Jim Butler

### Storm Water Mgt/Streets

Nick Vaccarello – Chairman

Gus Guenther – Vice Chairman

Eric Hilliard

### Emergency Management

Eric Hilliard – EMA Coordinator

Todd Wilson – Chairman

Janice Boice – Vice Chairman

Nick Vaccarello

### **NOTE FROM PRESIDENT**

I would like to THANK all the Borough employees for their hard work for trying to make the Borough a clean, safe and beautiful place to live. Bill Katz

## PROSPECT BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

“Drug Activity” – Unfortunately it happens in our quiet little town a lot more than people realize. With the heroin epidemic sweeping Butler County, it will only get worse. If you see what you believe to be a suspicious vehicle or suspicious activity anywhere in the Borough please call us at 724-865-2799 and leave a message describing the activity with as many details as possible (date, time, number of people/vehicles, descriptions of the involved, activity that took place etc.) The more information you can get us, without personally confronting the actors, the better. We will keep your information confidential always. Please do not feel that you are wasting anyone’s time, we may not get enough information from one call to charge someone right away, however all information received will be compiled and logged every time that you or your neighbors report such activity so that we can eventually make an arrest of the actor(s) involved.

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 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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Clean up Days	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day Parade	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Butler Swap Meet	June 14 <sup>th</sup> thru 16 <sup>th</sup>
Big Butler Fair	June 28 <sup>th</sup> thru July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Rube’s Run 5K Walk/Run	July 27 <sup>th</sup>
Car Cruise	September 9 <sup>th</sup> – 9 to 4
Halloween Party & Trick or Treating	Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>
Shadracks Christmas Wonderland	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>

All subject to change

## **Property Tax Relief, Homestead & Farmstead Exclusion**

The Homeowner Tax Relief Act, Act 72 of 2004, was signed into law by Governor Rendell on July 5, 2004, to allow school districts to reduce property taxes through homestead and farmstead exclusions. Property tax relief will be funded by a combination of state revenue from gaming and dedicated local income taxes. Under a homestead or a farmstead property tax exclusion, the assessed value of each homestead or farmstead is reduced by the same amount before the property tax is computed.

- You may only have one Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion.
- Must be an owner-occupied property that is your primary residence.
- You must apply prior to March 1st of each year.
- Once reviewed by the assessment office, if you are eligible your discount will not be shown until the following year.
- The Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion only effects the School Tax.
- If you are already receiving the discount it will be shown on your school tax card as “Homestead Exclusion or Farmstead Exclusion”.
- Applications and more detailed information is available online at: <http://www.co.butler.pa.us/property-and-revenue-assessment> or by calling the Butler County Assessment Office at: 724-284-5316.

## **ATTENTION SEWAGE USERS**

You can mail your payments to 159 Monroe St. or you can deposit them in the sewage payment collection box outside the door of the Borough Building at the 159 Monroe St. address.

You can now pay for your sewage bill online by your credit card thru our webpage or in person or by the telephone

If you have not received a coupon book yet for 2019, please call our office to request one. They were mailed out in December.

If you have any questions concerning your account, please stop at the borough office and speak to our collection agent, Terry Beck or simply call 724-865-3010.

When you go to sell your property, don’t forget that a dye test is required for the sale of your property. Cost is \$150.00 paid in advance of dye test. Also, let your new owners to stop/call office for new sewage book. We also require municipal no liens letters.

### **Sewage Liens**

Donald Mikesell

Diane Fair Property

Quinton Fair

Jason Foster Property

William Osborne

George Rambacher – 381 Main St.

George Rambacher – 621 Main St.

## **PROSPECT COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

### **SUMMER READING 2019 PROGRAM**

#### **A UNIVERSE OF STORIES**

Registration Fair – June 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Petting Zoo, Eggstronaut drop, Ice Cream and More!!!

Children and adults of all ages and ability levels may register to participate in our annual summer reading program starting Memorial Day weekend. When you register you will receive a folder with detailed event information, projects and craft ideas. Chinese auction prizes will be on display all summer long. Our goal this summer is to complete 2,000 activities. Please see our website and click on “summer Reading” for a detailed calendar of events. [www.prospectlibrary.org](http://www.prospectlibrary.org)

# Prospect Community Library Upcoming Meetings

The Prospect Community Library is trying to learn more about people's aspirations for their community. If you are willing to help, please answer these four questions and drop them in the library's book drop to maintain anonymity.

(1) What kind of community do you want to live in?  
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(2) Why is that important to you?  
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(3) How is that different from how you see things now?  
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(4) What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change? \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Meeting Dates ----- 7:00 p.m.  
Borough Office Building**

<b>March 4</b>	<b>April 1</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 3</b>	
<b>October 7</b>	<b>November 4</b>
<b>December 2</b>	

**If you need a warming center because of natural disaster, please dial 211. Example snow storm, power outage, etc.**

## Prospect Vol. Fire Dept.

Prospect Vol. Fire Dept. is currently having fish dinners during Lent.

The Fire Dept. and Slippery Rock Fire Dept. will be selling Winner Choice 30 Day Sportsman Raffle Tickets for \$40.00 each. See any Prospect Fire Dept. Member for your tickets. The raffle is for the month of November. Four chances a day to win based on the Pick 4. For more information call 724-865-2002.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual summer Smash Raffle Tickets

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$2,500 Cash

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Backyard BBQ Extravaganza

Drawing will be held at Big Butler Fair – July 6, 2019. \$5.00 a ticket

## PROSPECT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Did you know that on the wall of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Company building is a bronze plaque honoring those individuals who so proudly served in the military to protect you and me? They all gave freely for this community to keep the freedoms we take for granted every day. Let's give a small portion back to them by honoring their sacrifices by adding to the collection of photos and stories of our local military men and women. The more recent conflicts (or wars as some prefer calling them) are not recognized on this plaque.

The Prospect Area Preservation Society is compiling as complete a record of photos and stories as can possibly be done. We are asking you to help with his project by sending to us copies of photos, etc. honoring your loved ones.

This can be done by sending them to: Prospect Area Preservation Society, P.O. Box 586, Prospect, PA 16052-0586 or emailing to: [jmharm@zoominternet.net](mailto:jmharm@zoominternet.net).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation since we would like to do a display for Community Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Tax Collector

**A few notes from Judy Raisley, The Prospect Borough Tax Collector:**

- **Hours:** Monday and Thursdays from 1 to 5  
Other hours by appointment. **Ph:** 724-865-2535
- **Email:** [raisley@zoominternet.net](mailto:raisley@zoominternet.net)
- **NOTE:** If you are planning on moving a mobile home you need to obtain a mobile home removal permit that is available at my office. I also issue no-lien letters for real estate purposes.
- Notify me if you move in or out of the township or if you change mortgage providers. This helps me keep accurate records for tax mailings.

County & Borough taxes can be paid at discount in March and April, face amount in May and June. After that there is a 10% penalty.

School taxes can be paid at discount in August and September, face amount in October and November. After that there is a 10% penalty.

Don't forget to pay your per capita tax. Everyone over 18 living in your home is responsible for the per capita tax. Sometimes it is included on your property tax notice, and sometimes you get a separate notice. It is \$5.00 per person and if not paid the school submits the names to a collection agency and fees are added on.



## Daylight Savings Time is Beginning.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10th.

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Monday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.

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## Some Additional Information

### Building Permits

Building permit applications are available through our Borough Office at the cost of \$20.00. The following are some projects that would require a building permit.

- Building a home
- Putting a mobile home or modular home on your property.
- Shed
- Picnic Shelter
- Addition to your home
- Garage
- Swimming Pool

Municipal Code Association is who we work together with to insure compliance with the building code and for all inspections. There are always some exceptions so if you are unsure if you need a permit give us a call.

### Sewage Permits

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** Doug Duncan 724-679-4860. If you have property and would like to get a pit and perk test done to see the type of septic that will be approved call Doug. He will do the testing as well as issue the permit.

For more information about Public Sewage and whether you can get a new tap – PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE.

#### FROM FEMA

If you would like to check to see if your property is in a floodplain – please look at this website and see.

DCED Flood Zone Map

<http://dced.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4321d9e3e1094dc494f942c039604d3a>

### “Prospect Pride” in Your Property

Prospect Borough has ordinances and resolutions in place to help keep our Borough safe and clean. We want our residents to take pride in the appearance of our Borough. Here are some of the things that are most frequently seen that need to be addressed.

- High Grass & Weeds
- Various Debris & Clutter
- Old Tires, Junk Cars
- Keep your sidewalks clean

Not only is this important to our Borough as a whole, but your neighbors also will appreciate your efforts to keep your property clean and free of debris and clutter.