



THE PROSPECTOR

The Official Newsletter of Prospect Borough

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2023 July-October Newsletter

2023 PROSPECT COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Todd Wilson

Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer- Heather Nyberg

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Brandon Grossman

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Bill Katz- Vice Chairman

Eric Hilliard

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George Simcic

TAX COLLECTOR:

Abbie Flinner 724-473-5269
148 Ragan Road, Prospect
HOURS: Call for hours.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

159 Monroe St.
Police Phone: 724-865-2799
FOR EMERGENCY DIAL: 911

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 200-YEAR CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD THE SUMMER OF 2025!

EVENTS:

❖ BIG BUTLER FAIR

Friday, June 30th - Saturday, July 8th, 2023

❖ ST. FAUSTINA PARISH (St. Christopher Church)

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday, July 14th & Saturday, July 15th, 2023 5:30pm-10:00pm

❖ RUBE’S RUN

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 8:30am

Registration forms are available on-line and at the Borough Building

❖ PROSPECT FIRE DEPT. CAR CRUISE

Sunday, Aug. 6th & Sunday, Sept. 3rd, 2023 from 11am-4pm

(hours subject to change and weather permitting)

❖ THE HISTORY OF FORENSICS

Raisley Funeral Home is hosting a **FREE** program “The History of Forensics” presented by Mercer Co. Corner John Libonati on **Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7pm, in the Raisley Funeral Home 387 Main Street.**

❖ 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:

July 4th -Independence Day
September 4th- Labor Day
September 23rd- First Day of Fall
October 9th- Columbus Day
October 31st- Halloween

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 AT THE PROSPECT BOROUGH BUILDING!



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 no noxious 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.

DIAL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!!!

BUILDING PERMITS \$50.00:

Building permit applications are available through our Borough office at the cost of **\$50.00**. Please keep in mind, if you want to put anything on a property, the property must have a primary structure which is a house.

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

- ❖ Building a home
- ❖ Placing a mobile home or modular home on your property
- ❖ Sheds/ Picnic Shelters
- ❖ Garage/ Car Ports
- ❖ Swimming pool
- ❖ Decks/ Porches/ Fences
- ❖ Addition to your home

DRIVEWAY PERMITS \$100.00:

If you plan on making a new driveway, adding driveway or any type of alterations you must get a driveway permit.

Any driveway enlargement, reduction, rearrangement, or replacement must have a **driveway permit** and the cost of that is **\$100.00**. Please contact the Borough office if you have any questions regarding driveway questions.

SEWAGE CUSTOMERS:

Sewage rates for the year 2023 are still \$82.50. 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.

PROSPECT COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

357 Main St., Prospect Phone: 724-865-9718

HOURS: Monday 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday: **CLOSED**



EVENTS:

- ❖ ABC Storytime is each Wednesday at 11:00 am for ages birth-5 yrs. Old.
- ❖ STEAM Storytime is each Friday at 1:00pm for ages 3-6 yrs. Old.
- ❖ Elementary STEAM Club is the second Wednesday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm for ages PreK-5th.
- ❖ Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meetings are the second Friday of every month beginning at 6pm.
- ❖ Friends & Family Game Night for all ages is the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00pm.
- ❖ Wellness Walks for all ages resuming in March, to be each fourth Monday at 6:00pm.
- ❖ Craft Night for Adults is the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm.
- ❖ Book Club for Adults is the second Monday of every month at 6:00pm.
- ❖ PCL Bookends Meetings is the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.
- ❖ Cookbook Club is the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm.

PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

373 Main St., Prospect

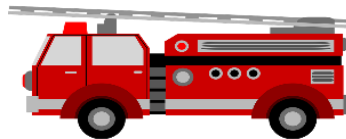
Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 516, Prospect, PA 16052

FOR EMERGENCY DIAL: 911

Please remember we have our social hall that is in Prospect and is available to rent for your next special event.
Call us at: **724-865-2002**.

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

- ❖ **CAR CRUISE Sunday, Sunday, Aug. 6th & Sunday, Sept. 3rd from 11am-4pm**
(hours subject to change and weather permitting)
- ❖ **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

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 586, Prospect, PA 16052

Contact: Dawn Szymoniak 724-865-9703

- Rubes Run 5K July 23, 2022
- BBQ fundraiser held @ P.A.P.S. Building from 11 until we sell out- \$10.00 for ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and bread. SALE DATES ARE: August 28, September 25, and October 23



LUTHERLYN:

P.O. BOX 355, Prospect

Contact: Andrea 724-865-2161

Lutherlyn is a year-round camp and retreat center which offers a range of programs which include:

- Summer Camp
- Equestrian Center
- Adventure/Team Building
- Environmental Education
- Retreats & Group Rentals

ST. CHRISTOPHER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH:

229 N. Franklin Street, Prospect 724-794-2880

Annual Summer Festival (admission is FREE)

Friday July 14th and Saturday July 15th from 5:30pm-10pm

LIVE BANDS: Friday—James Tobin & the Dewy Decimators

Saturday—This, That & the Other Thing

OUTDOOR MASS: Saturday @ 4:30

Basket Raffle, Flea Market, Kids Games, Games of Chance, Bingo, \$750 Meat Package Raffles, Food, Food, Food.
Don't Miss the FUN!

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PROSPECT:

115 Church Street, Prospect 724-865-2063

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH:

143 Church Street, Prospect 724-865-2325

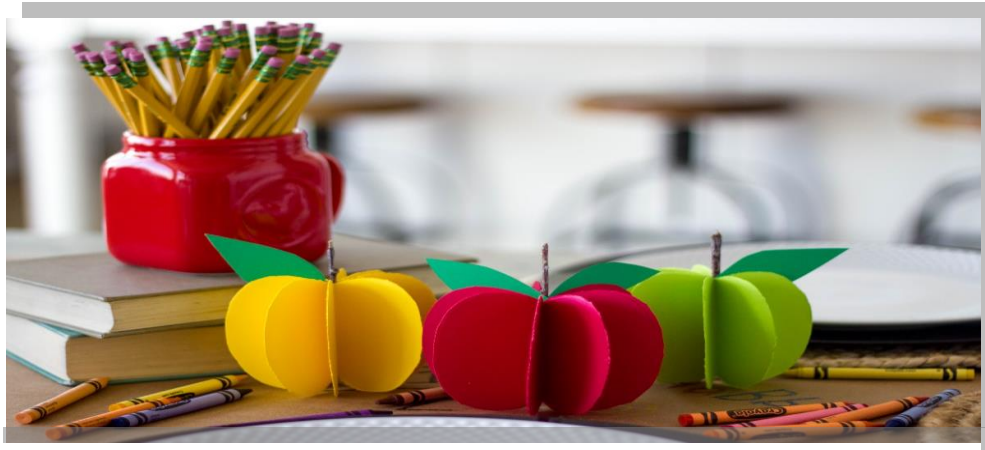
DEAD DEER CARCASS REMOVAL:

- 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.

EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!



SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2023!



OTHER NEWS:

Prospect Borough has purchased the property next to the Library for events.

BIG Special THANK YOU to Jessica Parker, Prospect fire department, The Mayor and everyone else involved for the wonderful Memorial Day Parade this year. So far this was the biggest parade and the best turn out.

Thank you to George and Robert (our borough maintenance workers) for cleaning up and painting the curbs on Main Street.

Remember to check the Library for monthly SUMMER EVENTS!

To advertise in the Prospector:

Business Card size is \$25.00, ½ page is \$75.00, and Full page is \$150.00. (per ad)

Please call, email, or stop in if you would like to advertise in the Prospector.

CURRENT RESIDENT OF PROSPECT BOROUGH