



THE PROSPECTOR

The Official Newsletter of Prospect Borough

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2023/2024 Fall-Winter Newsletter

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159 Monroe St., Prospect
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FOR EMERGENCY DIAL: 911

2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

(Meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7:00pm.)
Monday, November 6th
Monday, December 4th

2024 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

(Meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7:00pm.)
Tuesday, January 2nd
Monday, February 5th
Monday, March 4th
Monday, April 1st
Monday, May 6th
Monday, June 3rd
Monday, July 1st
Monday, August 5th
Tuesday, September 3rd (due to Labor Day holiday)
Monday, October 7th
Monday, November 4th
Monday, December 2nd

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 any 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 AROUND TOWN:

- * **KEN WILSON SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER** is on Saturday November 4th from 12pm-8pm at Prospect Fire Hall.
- * **A TRIBUTE to JOHN DENVER with Chris Collins** a benefit concert for Prospect firefighter Kenny Wilson is Sunday November 5th doors open at 2:30pm and concert starts at 4pm.
- * **PROSPECT LIBRARY FALL BOOK & BAKE SALE:** Thursday, Nov. 9th 10am-7pm, Friday, Nov. 10th 10am-5pm, and Saturday, Nov. 11th 10am-3pm.
- * **SANTA PARADE** will be in December and the day and time will be announced later.
- * **CHRISTAMS on the CORNER** Pet Pictures with Santa! Saturday, Dec 2nd from 2pm-5pm.

CALANDER EVENTS & HOLIDAYS:

NOVEMBER

Sunday the 5th—Daylight Savings Ends
Tuesday the 7th—Election Day
Saturday the 11th—Veterans Day
Thursday the 23rd—Thanksgiving Day

JANUARY

Monday the 1st—New Year’s Day 2024
Monday the 15th—ML King Day

DECEMBER

Friday the 22nd—First Day of Winter
Sunday the 24th—Christmas Eve
Monday the 25th—Christmas Day
Sunday the 31st—New Year’s Eve

FEBRUARY

Friday the 2nd— Groundhog Day
Wednesday the 14th— Valentine’s Day
Wednesday the 14th— Ash Wednesday
Monday the 19th— President’s Day

WINTER IS APPROCHING US:

- * Priority of Prospect Borough is to maintain safe and passable roads. Please do not push or shovel snow onto the roads, please keep sidewalks clear for people who are walking or exercising.
- * Prospect Code Section 262 of the Code of the Borough of Prospect is hereby amended with the following additions and supplements:

* **SECTION 1. 262-29. Depositing Snow and Ice on Street or Alley Unlawfully.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant or tenant owning, possessing and/or occupying property along any public street, alleyway, and/or road within the Borough in removing ice or snow in accordance with Section 262-28 to deposit said snow and ice on a traveled cartway, street, alleyway, or road within the Borough.

* **SECTION 2. 262-30. Abatement of nuisance by Borough.**

In any case where the owner, occupant or tenant, as specified in 21-401, shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of 262-27 or 262-28, the Borough authorities may provide immediately to clear the sidewalk, by removing goods, wares, merchandise, material, articles, snow or ice, as the case may be, and to collect the expenses thereof, with any additional amount allowed by law, from the owner, occupant or tenant, as the case may be, which may be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under 262-31.

BUILDING PERMITS:

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:

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|---|--------------------------|
| *Building a home | *Garage |
| *Putting a mobile home or modular home on your property | *Swimming pool |
| *Shed | *Decks/ Porches / Fences |
| *Picnic shelter | *Addition to your home |

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.

SEWAGE CUSTOMERS:

ATTENTION SEWAGE CUSTOMERS!

Sewage rates will increase to \$87.50 for the year 2024 starting January 1st.

The payments are due by the 15th of each month.

Note from the Sewage Chairman:

Prospect Borough sewage treatment cost is based off of the consumer price index and with inflation the last few years we got hit with a large increase in 2023. Prospect Borough took on the increase themselves in 2023 due to the sewage books were already sent out. The cost increase for the year 2023 was around \$30,000.00, which is \$7,500.00 per quarter. We are increasing the Sewage bill by \$5.00 per month, bringing the bill to \$87.50 for the year 2024. The \$5.00 increase is to cover the cost of the increased fees.

By the end of 2023, we will have lined over 14,000 feet of sewage main at a cost of approximately \$500,000.00. It has been funded with 3 grants we have received. We are also upgrading the McNaughton Pump Station. Over the last 3 years we have been able to do lining projects, pump station upgrades, and had the moratorium from the DEP lifted from Wilson Pump Station. Prospect Borough Sewage Committee is working diligently to fix the problems within our sewage system. Thank you for your understanding.

Brian Taylor
Sewage Chairman

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. **Payments received after the 15th of the month will incur a 10% penalty per EDU on current month charges.** Prospect Borough will charge 3% interest per annum on all balances 30 days or more past due.

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 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.

PROSPECT COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

357 Main Street, Prospect, PA 16052

Phone: 724-865-9718

Email: prospectlibrary@bcfls.org

HOURS of OPERATION:

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



Programming for Children:

- Weekly Story Time at 11am on Wednesdays except 11/22, 12/27, and 1/3(birth to pre-k)
- Evening Story Time at 6pm on 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, and 2/5 (birth to pre-k)
- Books with Bunnies at 6pm on 11/13, 12/11, and 2/12 (any age)
- Animal Adventures at 6pm on 11/20, 12/18, 1/22, and 2/19 (elementary age)
- Blue Girl Adventures STEM Program at 4pm on 11/28 and 12/19 (elementary age)

Programming for Teens:

- Teen Advisory Board & Teen Night at 6pm on 11/8, 12/13, 1/10, and 2/7
- Teen Book Club at 6pm on 11/29, 12/27, 1/24, and 2/21

Programming for Adults:

- Book Club at 6pm on 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, and 2/8
- Cookbook Club at 6pm on 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, and 2/15
- Craft Night at 6pm on 11/30, 12/28, 1/25, and 2/22

Programming for Any Age:

- Family Game Night at 6pm on 11/27, 1/29, and 2/26

PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

373 Main Street, PO Box 516, Prospect, PA 16052

Phone: 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 event. Call us at: 724-865-2002.

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



PROSPECT PRESERVATION SOCIETY:

386 Main Street, PO Box 586, Prospect, PA 16052

Phone: 724-865-9703

Contact: Dawn Szymoniak

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Contact: Andrea

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115 Church Street, Prospect, PA 16052 Phone: 724-865-2063

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH:

143 Church Street, PO Box 386, Prospect, PA 16052 Phone: 724-865-2325






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DINNER
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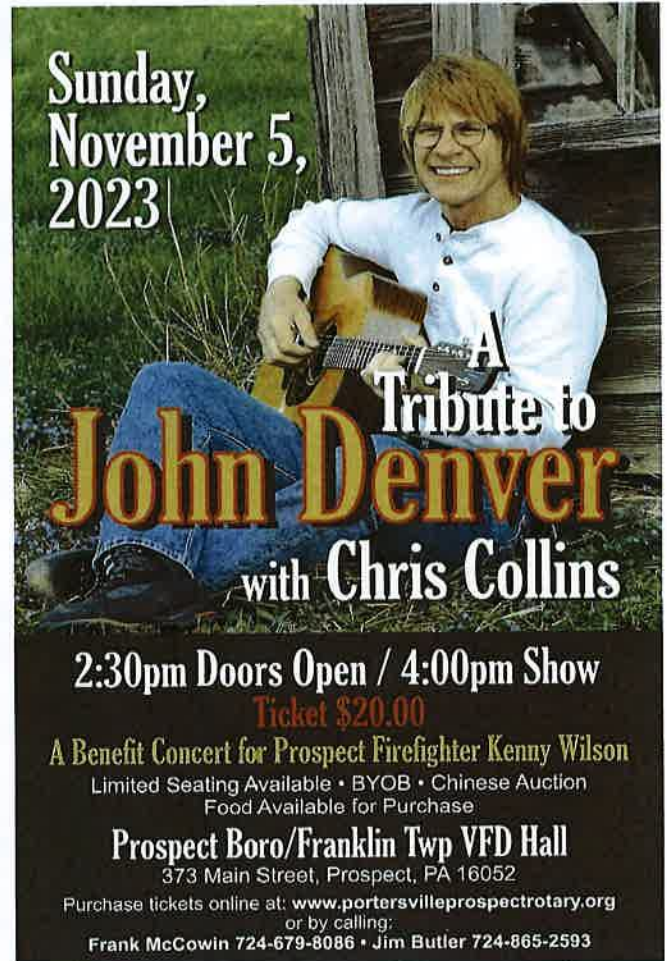
*Benefit
for Ken Wilson*

This benefit is for our Assistant Fire Chief who has served our community and surrounding areas for 35+ years and is currently battling pancreatic cancer - All proceeds will benefit Ken and his family

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER
12:00PM - 8:00PM



**373 MAIN STREET
PROSPECT, PA 16052**



**Sunday,
November 5,
2023**

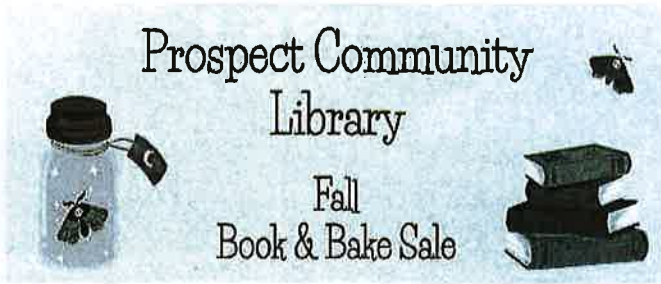
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Thursday, November 9th 10am - 7pm

Friday, November 10th 10am - 5pm

Saturday, November 11th 10am - 3pm

REGULAR PRICES ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

- * ADULT BOOKS --- \$0.50 - \$1.00
- * CHILDREN'S BOOKS --- \$0.25 - \$0.50
- * DVDS, CDS, & AUDIO BOOKS --- \$1.00

FRIDAY ONLY: EACH PERSON THROUGH THE DOOR WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE BAG OF BOOKS EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 10:30AM - 4:30PM

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Pet Pictures With Santa !

Saturday, December 2, 2023
 2pm to 5pm at Raisley Funeral Home
 387 Main Street - Prospect

\$10 Donation - Santa w/Pets Only
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 All Proceeds Benefit Portersville Food Pantry
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