

# Prospect Newsletter

Fall 2015



## PROSPECT RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

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### Mission Statement of Prospect Recreation & Park District

As steward of public lands and recreational development, Prospect Recreation & Park District is dedicated to protect, manage, and expand its parkland, and promote opportunities for citizens to pursue sports, historic, cultural, and leisure-time activities.



Prospect Recreation & Park District's

# Pumpkin Fest



Saturday, October 3 • 10 am - 2 pm

**FREE!**

## Fairmount Park

5222 Quaker Street (South of 54th on Quaker)

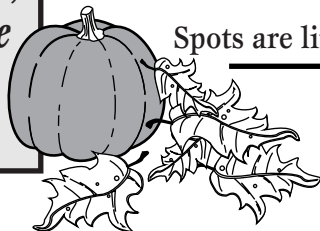
Pumpkins      Pancakes      Petting Zoo      Music  
Hay Rides      Face Painting      Kids Corner      Balloon Artist  
Prospect Foundation Silent Auction

We are now reserving spots for vendors who would like to be a part of our annual Pumpkin Fest happening on Saturday October 3 at Fairmount Park.

The fee to join is \$25.00.

Spots are limited so give us a call and reserve today at 303.424.2346.

For more info call Prospect Recreation  
& Park District: 303.424.2346



# Applewood Golf Course

The Applewood Golf Course (AGC) has recently been the focus of a great deal of attention. It is the subject of a rezoning proposal. The AGC property is currently owned by Molson Coors; Molson Coors and Applewood West Holdings, Inc. (developer) have an agreement for purchase of the property by Applewood West Holdings. The rezoning proposal submitted by Applewood West Holdings requests that Jefferson County, through the County process that governs changes in land use, rezone the land to allow for up to 400 single family detached residential units.

Prospect Recreation & Park District (PRPD) will be putting forth a ballot issue (5C) on the November 2015 ballot requesting that the voters of PRPD consider approval of a bond issue that would allow Prospect to establish the funding for purchase of the AGC, should the AGC become available for purchase. At the current time the AGC is not being offered for sale to PRPD; this option only becomes a possibility if Molson Coors and Applewood West Holdings do not complete their sales agreement and if Molson Coors is willing to discuss sale to PRPD. PRPD, as a unit of local government in the state of Colorado, is statutorily prohibited from paying more than fair market value for any property that it purchases. This bond issue would mean an estimated mill levy increase of 2.61 mills. Mill levies on bond issues may have slight variations from year to year based on changes in the assessed valuation for the District and the length of time for repayment and the interest rate on the bond. This is a bond measure for the purpose of acquiring Applewood Golf Course and improving it as a golf course or open space (proceeds from this bond will not be used for operations and maintenance or other capital projects outside of the golf course). Once the bond is paid off, this increased mill levy will terminate. The following are examples of the property tax impact on residences in Prospect Recreation and Park District in approving acquisition of Applewood Golf Course as a public facility (with an estimated mill levy of 2.61).

<u>Actual Value of Residence</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Increase in Property Taxes</u>	<u>Estimated Monthly Increase in Property Taxes</u>
\$250,000	\$ 51.94	\$ 4.33
\$350,000	\$ 72.71	\$ 6.06
\$450,000	\$ 93.49	\$ 7.79
\$550,000	\$ 114.27	\$ 9.52
\$650,000	\$ 135.04	\$ 11.25

PRPD will also bring forth a separate ballot issue (5B) requesting that the voters of PRPD consider approval on an increase in the mill levy from 3 mills to 4 mills. Approval of the additional one mill levy for operation and maintenance and other capital projects will be an ongoing mill levy increasing Prospect's Recreation Park District's mill levy from 3 mills to 4 mills. Prospect Recreation and Park District has the lowest mill levy of any park and recreation district in Jefferson County. Property taxes amount to about 70% of the District's revenues. The property tax for Prospect Recreation and Park District has stayed at 3 mills since it became a special district in 1999. The following are examples of the property tax impact on residences in Prospect Recreation and Park District in approving the additional one mill tax levy.

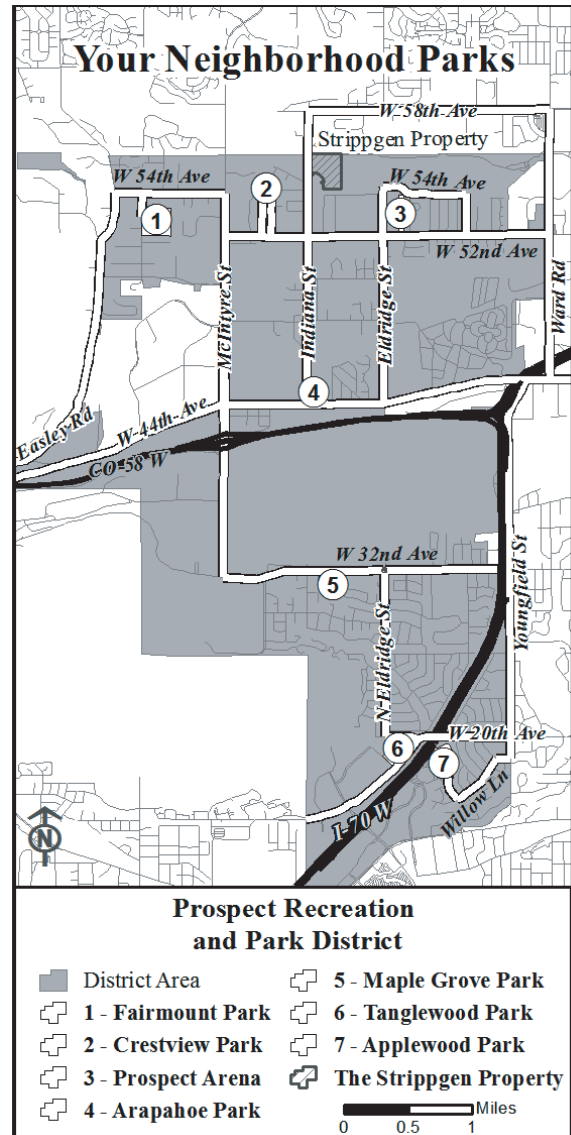
<u>Actual Value of Residence</u>	<u>Annual Increase in Property Taxes</u>	<u>Monthly Increase in Property Taxes</u>
\$250,000	\$ 19.90	\$ 1.66
\$350,000	\$ 27.86	\$ 2.32
\$450,000	\$ 35.82	\$ 2.99
\$550,000	\$ 43.78	\$ 3.65
\$650,000	\$ 51.74	\$ 4.31

PRPD has not increased its mill levy since its formation as a Colorado Title 32 Special District in 1999. Costs for everything that PRPD purchases and provides to the park using public are constantly increasing, but PRPD, through astute and prudent fiscal management, has managed to continue to operate, maintain, and improve its infrastructure on the mill levy of three mills. The increase to the base mill levy from three to four mills will allow PRPD to be able to continue to provide its constituents the service and amenities that have come to be expected. Please see pages 3 and 4 for information about PRPD's parks and facilities, and for information about the PRPD Board of Directors.

If the ballot measures pass, the District's ability to negotiate a purchase of the Applewood Golf Course will be greatly enhanced and its ability to provide the appropriate park and recreational services and amenities will be maintained or increased. If the ballot issues do not pass, the District will not have the financial capability to pursue acquisition of the Applewood Golf Course property or to increase the level of service above what is currently provided.

# Your Neighborhood Parks

	Fairmount Park	Crestview Park	Prospect Arena	Arapahoe Park	Maple Grove Park	Tanglewood Park	Applewood Park
Picnic Pavilion(s)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Outdoor Grills	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Playground(s)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Baseball/Softball Field(s)				X	X	X	X
Basketball Hoop or Court	X			X	X		X
Multi-purpose Turf Field(s)	X			X	X	X	X
Tennis Courts						X	
Volleyball (Sand Court)					X		X
Equestrian Arena	X	X	X				
Horseshoe Pit	X			X	X		X
Seasonal Restrooms	X			X	X	X	X
Walking Trail	X	X					X
Event Facility/Venue (Rental)		X			X		
Gazebo					X	X	
Bocce Courts						X	
Putting Green						X	
Fitness Stations	X						



## Meet Your Board of Directors

**James D. “Jim” Zimmerman** (*Chairman*): Jim and his wife Judy Zimmerman have been residents of Applewood and property owners within the Prospect Recreation and Park District since 1976. Jim and Judy have two children and two grandchildren who have been active users of Prospect’s parks and recreation facilities over the years. Jim has served on the Prospect Board of Directors since 2007 and has been chair of the Board since 2013.



Jim has a long career dedicated to the law. Jim is currently a half-time deputy district attorney in the First Judicial District Attorney’s office in Golden. He retired from the Colorado Courts in Jefferson County where he worked cases concerning special districts. Jim has been an active member as a board director on various boards since the early 1980s. Jim has been serving on the Northwest Lakewood Sanitation District Board of Directors since 2008. Jim also is on the Board of Directors of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson and Gilpin County, a Colorado non-profit corporation serving at-risk youth, and was one of the original organizers of the program in 2000. Jim received his education from the University of Denver (J.D.) and his undergraduate degree from University of Colorado, Boulder.

## Meet Your Board of Directors (continued)



**Lavonne Wise** (*Secretary*): Lavonne and her family have lived in the Fairmount community for over 35 years. Her children attended the Fairmount Elementary School and the local high school during their school years. Lavonne has served on the Prospect Recreation & Park District Board since 2006.

Lavonne is a very active member of the Fairmount and extended community. She is a business owner of several small businesses. Lavonne is the Vice-President of Fairmount Improvement Association, an elected Board group with nine members representing the community in maintaining the character of the Fairmount community. Lavonne has also served as a member of the Board Member of the Prospect Foundation in the past.

**Bill Farrell** (*Treasurer*): Bill and his wife Suzanne have lived in Applewood for almost 35 years. He is a past President of both the Applewood Property Owners Association and of the PROMPT Citizens Committee, which led the effort in 1999 to win voters' approval for Prospect to become a Title 32 Special District. He has served as Board Treasurer for over 15 years. In 2009 the Special District Association named Bill "Board Member of the Year".



Bill has over 40 years of commercial banking experience including management of Colorado's public finance group for the 4th largest bank in the USA. He holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Butler University and a MBA from Indiana University. He serves on Colorado State University's Business Finance Department Advisory Board and is a guest classroom speaker on the topic of Financial Institutions and Markets.



**Jim Kullhem** (*Vice-Chairman*): Jim and his wife Sharon Kullhem have lived in Applewood and the Prospect Recreation and Park District for 30 years and in Jefferson County for over 40 years. Jim is a retired school Principal with 34 years of experience. He is a past President of the West Metro Fire District board of directors. Jim served as a director from 2006 to 2014 until he was term limited.

Beyond serving on the Prospect Board Jim has been active with the Colorado Special Districts Board of Directors and is currently the President. He is also the Chairman of the Board at Westerra Credit Union where he has been a member for 55 years and an elected official for 20 years. His hobbies include fishing, boating, and travel as well as keeping up with four kids, six grandkids, and three great-grandkids.

**Victoria Smith-Campbell** (*Assistant Secretary*): Victoria married into the Fairmount neighborhood. She has lived in Fairmount for over three years where she joined her husband and his family, who have lived in the neighborhood for nearly 40 years. Victoria and her husband enjoy walking the neighborhood and exploring the playgrounds with their young child.



Victoria has over 15 years of experience in the land management and emergency management fields working for the federal and state government. She holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental and Resource Sciences from the University of California, Davis. Victoria is currently working towards a Masters of Public Administration at the University of Colorado, Denver. She currently holds the position of Wildland Fire Program Liaison for the Bureau of Land Management's National Operations Center.



**Flora Andrus** (*Former Board Member*): Flora has lived in the Fairmount community for over 40 years. She was instrumental in the PROMPT Citizens Committee effort that led to Prospect Recreation & Park District's (PRPD) successful formation as a Colorado Title 32 Special District in 1999, and then served as Board Chair on the PRPD Board of Directors for 13 years. During Flora's 13 years of leadership, over \$6 Million of capital improvements and infrastructure upgrades were made throughout the District. Her contributions to PRPD are too numerous to mention.

Flora has been active in the community for many years in matters that involve preserving the semi-rural character of the surrounding communities. Her leadership includes serving as President of the Fairmount Improvement Association and membership in the Jefferson County Communities Coalition. Flora led the formation of the Prospect Foundation and continues to serve as Foundation Chair. In 2002, Flora was awarded the Special District Association's "Distinguished Board Member of the Year" and in 2009 she was named as one of "Jefferson County's 150 Most Contributing Citizens".

**Prospect Recreation & Park District  
RATES EFFECTIVE 2016**

<b>Arbor House</b> (Hourly Rates) (4 Hour Minimum) Time Blocks Apply, Damage Deposit Required	Prospect Resident	Jeffco Resident	Non- Jeffco Resident
Weekday Rate Per Hour for parties with up to 100 people	\$25	\$35	\$40
Weekend Non-Peak Per Hour with up to 100 people	\$65	\$85	\$100
Weekend Peak (5/1 thru 9/15) Per Hour with up to 100	\$75	\$110	\$135
Parties over 100 people, Max. # of 150	Call for Pricing		

<b>Kendrick Cottage</b> (Max 36 people) (Hourly Rates) (4 Hour Minimum) Time Blocks Apply, Damage Deposit Required			
Weekday Rate Per Hour for parties up to 36 people	\$20	\$25	\$30
Weekend Rate Per Hour for parties up to 36 people	\$40	\$45	\$50
Weekend Peak (5/1 thru 9/15) Per Hour with up to 36	\$50	\$60	\$70

<b>Tanglewood South</b>			
Weekday Rate for parties up to 100 people (flat fee)	\$40	\$50	\$60
Weekend Rate for parties for up to 100 people (flat fee)	\$100	\$125	\$150
Parties over 100 people (flat fee)	Call for Pricing		

<b>Applewood, Arapahoe, Crestview, Fairmount, Tanglewood North</b> (Crestview & Tanglewood North limit 40 people)			
Weekday Rate for parties up to 100 people (flat fee)	\$35	\$45	\$55
Weekend Rate for parties for up to 100 people (flat fee)	\$55	\$80	\$95

<b>Maple Grove Shelter</b> (Limit of 30 people)			
Weekday Rate for parties up to 30 people (flat fee)	\$30	\$40	\$50
Weekend Rate for parties up to 30 people (flat fee)	\$40	\$50	\$60

<b>Prospect Arena Shelter</b> (Limit of 50 people)			
Parties up to 50 people (flat fee)	\$25	\$25	\$25

<b>Prospect Arena - Equestrian Arena</b>			
Half Day	\$40	\$40	\$40
Whole Day	\$80	\$80	\$80

<b>Additional Amenities</b>			
Baseball Field per 2 hours	\$25	\$25	\$25
Volleyball Court (Maple Grove & Applewood) per 2 hours	\$25	\$25	\$25
Tennis Court or Bocce Court per Hour	\$5	\$5	\$5

<b>Sports Teams</b>			
Youth Practice per 2 hours		\$15	
Youth Games per 2 hours		\$25	
Youth Tournaments		\$250	
Adult Practice per 2 hours		\$25	
Adult games per 2 hours		\$35	
If team/sports organization proves 75% of team resides within the PRPD boundaries	25% discount		

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# Holiday Tea

*Don your holiday attire and join Santa and friends for an afternoon of entertainment, tea, hot chocolate, and treats.*

*Hosted by Prospect Recreation & Park District  
at the Arbor House, 14600 W. 32nd Avenue*

*Saturday December 5, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Sunday December 6, 2:00 - 4:00 pm*

*\$10 per person*

*Reservations required, please call 303.424.2346 today to reserve a spot.  
( Children must be accompanied by an adult )*