

THE BOROUGH OF EAST PROSPECT

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EAST PROSPECT NEWSLETTER – 1st Quarter 2020

Happy new year! (And new decade!) We hope you enjoyed participating in our events and being a part of our community all these years and will continue to do so! Thank you so much to all of you that have made our community events a success! Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas decorating contest:

Best of Show: Dave & Christine Bubb

Griswald Christmas: Mick & Mindy Regal

Spirit of Christmas: Jerome & Janet Burg

Back to Basics: Alice Hake

Most Nostalgic: Kim Swartz

Thanks to all who participated and good luck in the future! We have several upcoming events, meeting time changes and issue updates to inform you about, so please spread the word.

Council Meeting Date & Time Change

With a new year comes changes. Our borough council will no longer meet on the first Tuesday of the month in 2020. Instead, we will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 PM, except the first meeting of the year which shall be Monday, January 6 at 6 PM for the reorganization meeting. Meetings will still be held at 28 West Maple Street. Meeting dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

February 5	June 3	October 7
March 4	July 1	November 4
April 1	August 5	December 9
May 6	September 2	

Police Situation

We have been receiving many notifications and complaints over the past several years about having to rely on the PA State Police in our borough and the desire for a local police department. Please understand that we have heard your concerns regarding this matter and have been working very hard over the past year to bring a local police department back to East Prospect. We reached out to 3 departments in the surrounding area, one refused to even consider working with us. One department gave us a reasonable price we thought we could work with at first, but the tax increase would have had to be extremely significant, twice the amount we originally thought it would have to be (basically it would have to be a \$200 increase on a property assessed at \$100,000) in order to pay for the department's services. Plus the department wanted a 5-year contract with a potential 3% increase every year. Not wanting to raise taxes that high and put the borough in a negative financial situation, the council tabled the proposal. So for now, we will continue to be policed by PA State Police. We are still looking into other options, there is a police service that only charges by hour (no base price) available to us. We will keep you updated as we find out more information.

Turkey Dinners

Turkey dinners will be back this spring. 28 West Maple Street starting around 2PM, Cost: \$12

Dates: February 29 (East Prospect Playground)

March 14 (East Prospect Lions Club)

March 28 (East Prospect Fire Company Station #42)

Please come out and support these worthy causes that provide valuable services to our community.

Thanks again for being a part of our small peaceful community. Any suggestions for this newsletter or for the community, please contact us at eastprospect@live.com or at the phone number or other email address at the top of this newsletter. Have a great spring season and rest of the year!

Sincerely,

Matt Mann, Mayor

