



Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association

# Newsletter

September 2008



## Prosperity Day!

Saturday, October 4, 2:00-6:00 pm

Please plan to join your neighbors on Saturday, October 4 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm on Nicole Court. It should be loads of fun for everyone with good food, a magician, a moonbounce, balloon sculptor, face painting, crafts, contests, and other activities. Even Spiderman is expected to swing by! We hope to have a handful of our local elected officials there again this year, so if you have any issues to discuss, this is your opportunity.

For those of you who have never been to Prosperity Day, it is our big annual block party for Prosperity Heights residents. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors! This year's festivities will be located on Nicole Court. Your Homeowners Association will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and Boca burgers as well as soda, juice and water. Be sure to return the response form in this newsletter as soon as possible (preferably not later than September 18) so that we know how much food and beverages to purchase. You are also welcome to email us the information. The response form also lists the volunteers we need as well as items we need to borrow from residents to ensure the success of Prosperity Day. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

The party will kick off with the ever-popular Bike Decorating Contest/Bike Parade. Contestants should meet at the corner of Nicole Court and Taleen Court at 2:00 sharp to start the parade. (Please decorate bikes in advance!) Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded shortly after the parade in order to give the judges some time to deliberate.



Kids and adults alike shouldn't miss the magic show at 3:45! Magician Jay Mattioli is returning after a fantastic show at Prosperity Day last year! His electrifying illusions show promises to amaze and entertain you! So grab some food and come find a seat.

New this year, we are combining our Annual Meeting with our block party! See page 2 for the information and plan to attend this informative meeting at 5:00 on Nicole Court!

For the fourth year, we are collecting clothing, books, food and cleaning supplies for the Ronald McDonald



### Important!

In addition to the grilled items that will be provided, we are asking the residents to please contribute food (see below for what to bring). If time, energy or talent is lacking in your kitchen, feel free to bring something yummy from a store or restaurant.

Please tape a piece of paper or index card to the food you bring telling what it is (including main ingredients), and don't forget serving utensils. In addition, if you'd like your dish back after the party, please use masking tape and a permanent marker to label it with your name and phone number.

If your last name begins with:

- A-E: Please bring snacks (pretzels, chips, fruit, veggies & dip, etc.)
- F-I: Please bring a salad (fruit salad/green salad/pasta salad)
- J-R: Please bring a dessert
- S-Z: Please bring a side dish or appetizer (tea sandwiches or mini pb&j sandwiches are an option)



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Report them to

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888-667-3000



## Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association

# Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 4, 5:00 pm

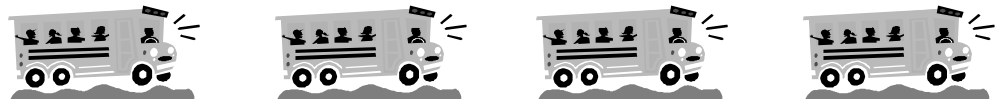
Nicole Court

It is Annual Meeting time again. Please plan to attend this informative meeting of your fellow homeowners next month. Get out your datebook or Palm Pilot and put the Annual Meeting on your schedule now, before you forget! We are trying something new this year by holding the Annual Meeting at Prosperity Day. So grab a soda and head over!

### Topics for this year's meeting will include:

- \*\* The budget for 2008-2009.
- \*\* A review of 2008 and looking ahead to 2009 and beyond: the Welcoming Committee, the community yard sale, and more!
- \*\* Update and status of the management of the HOA by the Board (instead of an outside company).
- \*\* Election and/or re-election of Board Members. The Board always welcomes a new member to bring a fresh outlook on the community. If you think you might be interested in joining the Board, please contact Craig Dellorso.

## IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!



## Halloween Parade!

Please bring your little ghouls and goblins (and superheroes and princesses) to walk in the seventh annual Prosperity Heights Halloween Parade! This is a great way to kick off Halloween night, as well as a fun way for little ones to enjoy Halloween without too much candy! Children of all ages welcome (including those in strollers or backpacks) as long as they are in costume.

This year the parade will start at 5:30 from Sevan Court and make its way up to Van Court where we will have some cookies and juice for the kids. (If you'd like to contribute juice or cookies/brownies, etc. please contact Andrea Shore at [ProsHeights@aol.com](mailto:ProsHeights@aol.com).) Residents not participating in the parade are encouraged to come out and enjoy the show!!





# Prosperity Day!

Saturday, October 4, 2:00-6:00 pm  
Nicole Court

## RESPONSE FORM

Please complete this form and return it as soon as possible,  
**BUT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 18,**  
to Jamie Steider at 8467 Nicole Court, or email the information to [jgsteider@gmail.com](mailto:jgsteider@gmail.com).

*Please refer to the Prosperity Day article in this newsletter for  
details about the events of the day!*

We will need loads of volunteers!! Please let us know what item(s) you can assist with:

- Set-up (roughly 12:00-2:00 pm)
- Decorations (roughly 12:00-2:00 pm)
- Clean-up (roughly 6:00-7:00 pm)
- Grilling/food preparation (times you are available: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Monitoring games/activities (times you are available: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Charity collection (times you are available to help staff the table: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Bike Contest judges
- Other contest judges

We also need to borrow certain items from residents. This will help with the success of Prosperity Day and also help keep our rental costs down. Please let us know if you could loan us any of the following items (please write the quantity):

- Grill
- Cooler/tub
- Freestanding umbrella or tent/canopy (the kind that is open on four sides)
- Child-size plastic chairs and/or children's picnic tables

**We are relying on your responses to gauge how much food/drinks to purchase. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I do plan to attend!

Number of adults (age 14+): \_\_\_\_\_

No, I do not plan to attend.

Number of kids (aged 2-13): \_\_\_\_\_



# PROSPERITY HEIGHTS ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

With autumn often comes the urge to make improvements to our homes or property before winter sets in. Please remember to review the Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association ACC Architectural Standards before beginning any project on your property or the exterior of your home. (All homeowners should have a copy of the standards.) The architectural standards help residents maintain the property value of all the homes in our neighborhood; preserve a sense of community and avoid potential sources of friction between neighbors; and contribute to a safe environment for everyone.

Changes to your property that must be approved by the PHHA ACC include (but are not limited to): installing fences or walls of any type in any location; sheds; decks; patios; awnings; retaining walls; permanent barbecue grills; driveways; and in-ground pools and ponds. Also note that hedges/bushes or trees that are planted in front or side yards to act as a fence must also be approved. All additions to your home as well as changes in the color of your siding and/or shutters must be approved as well. Please see the complete Architectural Standards for more details.

All requests to make exterior changes to your property must be made on a special form called the Prosperity Heights Exterior Alteration Application. This form may be obtained from the Prosperity Heights website ([www.ProsperityHeights.org](http://www.ProsperityHeights.org)), or from Board VP Steve Boveri via e-mail or in hard-copy form. You must allow up to 30 days for review of this form, so be sure to submit it well in advance of starting a project that requires approval. If you have any questions, please contact Steve.

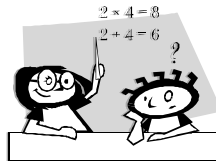


## Looking for a Babysitter?

Or someone to look after your pet? Are you in need of a night out, or even just a chance to get things done around the house? If so, please call Bethany (18) or Kayleigh (15) Boveri. Both are experienced babysitters.

## Tutor Available!

Do you want your child to continue learning or boost skills over the summer? Pre-K through 6th grade-certified teacher can assess students' reading and spelling levels and provide appropriate Language Arts instruction. Elementary level math, science, and social studies tutoring also available. Call Andrea at (703) 641-9557.



## IMPORTANT!

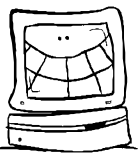
If you are selling your house, you must order the disclosure documents for the HOA. Please contact Steve Boveri or Keith Fulk for a disclosure packet. You must allow 2 weeks for preparation.

## Thank You!

Thank you to Beth and Jim McTigue for hosting the Prosperity Heights Welcoming Committee event this summer! A handful of new residents joined Board members for a lovely evening of wine and appetizers.



Any new neighbors who couldn't make it are encouraged to stop by the Board table at Prosperity Day if you have any questions about the neighborhood, or just to say hi!



Visit the Prosperity Heights HOA Website:

[www.prosperityheights.org](http://www.prosperityheights.org)



## More Prosperity Day Info!



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House located Inova Fairfax Hospital. Please take a few minutes to gather some items to bring along with you to Prosperity Day. We will have a table at the party where you can drop off the items. Please see the article below for all the details.

If you are a representative for a home-based business such as Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Pampered Chef, Longaberger or Party Lite, and would like to set up a table, please contact Jamie Steider. Only one representative per company—first come, first served.

If anyone works for or owns a business (shop, restaurant, spa/salon, landscaping company, photography studio, etc.) that would like to donate a prize (gift certificate for products or services) for Prosperity Day, please contact Jamie.

And if you think you might want to just sit back and watch the festivities, bring a chair with you. (But label it clearly with your name.) Still have questions? Don't hesitate to contact Jamie Steider at [jgsteider@gmail.com](mailto:jgsteider@gmail.com).



## Prosperity Day Charity Collections

Due to the huge success at Prosperity Day for the past three years, we are again collecting items needed by the Ronald McDonald house located on the Inova Fairfax Hospital campus. The global Ronald McDonald House program began in 1974 based on the idea to provide a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. Since that time, more than 10 million families around the world have benefited from the comfort provided by the

Ronald McDonald House. The majority of their operating funds come from the general public, individuals and corporate donors. The one down the street is the only one in Northern Virginia.

Please note: Any teenagers in the neighborhood who need service hours for church, school, etc. are encouraged to contact Gina North ([thenorths@cox.net](mailto:thenorths@cox.net)) to volunteer at our collection table at Prosperity Day.

Below is the list of items needed for the Ronald McDonald House. We will be collecting donations from 2:00-5:00 at Prosperity Day.

- \* Safeway, Giant, Target or Home Depot gift cards in \$20 increments
- \* New toys (NOT used toys) like board games, puzzles, dolls or balls
- \* New books (NOT used books)
- \* G-rated movies
- \* Batteries (all sizes)
- \* Liquid laundry detergent and bleach
- \* Dishwashing liquid
- \* Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- \* Wet and dry Swiffers
- \* Disposable food containers (like GladWare)
- \* Spaghetti sauce; canned tuna fish
- \* Hot chocolate and/or juice boxes (100% juice)
- \* Cup-a-soup
- \* Individual cereals or breakfast/granola bars
- \* Individual snack cups (pudding and fruit cups) that do not need refrigeration
- \* Individual, microwaveable entrees that do not need refrigeration
- \* Crib sheets/pack-and-play sheets
- \* Travel size toiletries (deodorant, shaving cream)
- \* Small shampoo bottles, deodorant, toothbrushes, or toothpaste

## Trash & Recycling Collection

Prosperity Heights contracts AAA Services to collect our trash, recycling and yard debris. Contracting them as a neighborhood is substantially more cost effective than if individual homeowners had to arrange for their own collection service. Here is a reminder of what services they provide:

**TRASH** - is collected on **Tuesday & Friday**

**YARD WASTE** - is collected on **Wednesday**

**RECYCLING** - is collected on **Wednesday**

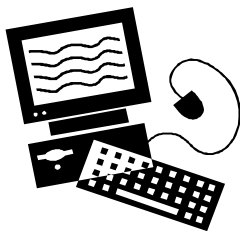


All trash must be placed in a AAA trash toter (available upon request from AAA), standard trashcan or tied plastic bags. **CLOSED** trashcans reduce the risk of rodents and/or crows getting into the trash and making a mess on our streets.

For your recycling, AAA collects newspapers, magazines, cardboard and fiberboard (like cereal boxes). They **CANNOT** recycle things like pizza boxes and other cardboard with food residue on them. Large boxes must be flattened and folded or cut to fit into a recycling bin (or less than 3 ft x 3 ft). They also collect food/beverage glass, plastic, aluminum and tin. Plastic containers must have a #1 or #2 on the bottom; plastic containers with higher numbers on the bottom cannot be recycled by AAA at this time.



On our service days please remember to place your trash, recycling and yard debris at the curb by 6:00 AM to ensure pickup. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the AAA Customer Care Center at 703-818-8222 between 8 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.



### Looking for in-home computer support?

TechieTeachers.com provides assistance with **WIRELESS** networking, computer upgrades, Internet safety features, and general trouble-shooting at reasonable rates. Video production and editing (including slide shows for weddings, reunions, graduation, etc.) as well as VHS to DVD transfer also available. Contact Scott at [slieberman@techieteachers.com](mailto:slieberman@techieteachers.com) for more information.

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