



Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association

Newsletter

April 2007

MEETING!!



Prosperity Heights
Homeowners
Association

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 pm
Camelot Elementary School Cafeteria
8100 Guinevere Drive, Annandale

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 have invited a representative from AAA to attend this meeting, so if you have any questions about your trash, recycling or yard debris collection, this is your chance!

Topics for this year's meeting will include:

- ** The budget for 2007.
- ** A review of 2006 and looking ahead to 2007 and beyond: the Welcoming Committee, Prosperity Day '07, new playground equipment, the community yard sale, and more!
- ** We will also be discussing a possible change in our financial management 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.

IMPORTANT!

Recycling Collection Day Changing to Wednesday!



In an effort to provide us with the best waste collection service available, and to run the most efficient routes, AAA finds it necessary to change our Recycling Removal day. Effective the week of April 16, 2007 our service days will be as follows:

TRASH - will still be collected on Tuesday & Friday
YARD WASTE - will still be collected on Wednesday
RECYCLING -our NEW day will be WEDNESDAY

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 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Board has invited our AAA representative to the HOA Annual Meeting on May 16 if you would like to ask questions.

HOA Financial Management

As many of you may have read in *The Washington Post*, Koger Management, which handles the financial management for our HOA, is being investigated for embezzlement. Our auditors have reviewed our financials and found only one small loss, which should be returned to the PHHOA. Additionally, the Board has been notified that National Realty Partners (NRP) intends to acquire assets of Koger Management and assume management of its financial accounts for all its associations. While we have suffered no permanent financial loss, the Board is reviewing all options regarding future management of the association's accounts, and we will keep you updated as any decisions are made.

Who's Who . . .

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Yard Debris Collection

This month, AAA Services resumes its Wednesday curbside pick-ups of yard waste, such as grass clippings, cut branches, or plant debris, so this is a good time to review the guidelines for this collection. Brush and branches should be cut in four-foot lengths with limbs no thicker than six inches in diameter. Also, brush or branches should be tied into

bundles no larger than two feet in diameter. If possible, grass clippings and other yard waste should be bagged in kraft paper or transparent plastic bags and adequately secured. Individual tied bundles, bags or containers requiring manual dumping shall not exceed 4 feet in length and 50 pounds in weight. Please do not put any loose yard debris at the curb as AAA will NOT collect it. If you have more than five bundles or an unusually large pickup, please call AAA to let them know. Some small fees may apply to large pickups (billed directly to the homeowner, not the HOA).

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Prosperity Day!



On September 30, about 200 residents of Prosperity Heights braved a light rain to gather on Monarch Court for our annual HOA block party, Prosperity Day. It was a wonderful get-together, with plenty of food, fun, and a particularly exciting 3-legged race on slippery wet grass! Entertainment included a phenomenal balloon-sculpting clown and a great performance by a magician who entertained kids and adults alike!

For the second year, we collected clothing, food, and many household items for the Inova Pediatric Center and the Ronald McDonald House. Both are worthy charities within a mile of our neighborhood. The Inova Pediatric Center provides primary health care and wellness education for children of low-income families, with more than 13,000 health care visits per year for underinsured or uninsured children in Fairfax County. Thank you to all those who brought items for donation, and thank you to Board member Gina North who happily distributed the items that were donated!

While only a half dozen or so kids turned out for the bike decorating contest and parade in the intermittent rain, congratulations are deserved for winners Natalie FitzPatrick, Molly Dresser and Christian North.

The neighborhood block party would not be possible without great volunteers —thank you to all those who helped out!

IMPORTANT!

If you are selling your house, you must order the disclosure documents for the HOA. You can now order them online at www.condocerts.com. You need to be sure to order the *entire packet* "as part of a real estate transaction". If you have any questions, you may contact Koger Management or CondoCerts (1-800-310-6552).

Falls Church High School (FCHS) All-Night Graduation Celebration

Your help is needed to make this year's All-Night Graduation Celebration the place to be the night of graduation. Graduation night is one of the riskiest for teens. They attend parties all year, but pressure to drink, do drugs, drive fast, and be careless is highest the night of graduation.



The parents of FCHS students hold an alcohol- and drug-free celebration at the Providence Rec Center to help keep the new grads safe by providing a night of fun, games, entertainment, food, beverages and lots of door prizes. Last year over 85% of the graduating class attended the all-night celebration and left the next morning exhausted, but exhilarated from a graduation night to remember.

The organizing and execution of this event is done with all parent volunteers. Some of the food, games, and door prizes are donated, but the rest must be paid for through donations and fund-raising events. They still need more financial help to make this "safe" celebration the place to be on graduation night. This year's celebration will be from 11:00 pm Friday, June 1, 2007, to 5:00 am Saturday. Your contribution will help provide the grads from our community with a safe and worry-free graduation night. Please make checks payable to "FCHS ANGC" and mail to Falls Church High School ANGC, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042.

Prosperity Heights HOA was approached by the Falls Church High School All-Night Graduation Celebration committee with a request for a financial contribution. At our recent Board meeting, we discussed the merits of this event, and determined that a financial contribution was in the best interests of the graduates and our community. We have therefore contributed \$500 to the Falls Church HS All-Night Graduation Celebration on behalf of our neighborhood. We hope you will consider helping out.



ARE YOU PLANNING ANY EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS?

Please contact Steve Boveri at ACC@prosperityheights.org with all requests for exterior alterations, such as decks, exterior paint colors, fences, etc. Please allow 30 days for review.

News from Camelot Elementary . . .



Last month our faculty basketball game vs. Fairhill Elementary was a huge success! Despite the inclement weather, many Camelot families turned out for the big game that was held at Falls Church High School. Congressman Tom Davis and his wife State Representative Jeannemarie Devolites attended the game. Congressman Davis began the game with a tip-off between the principals of Fairhill and Camelot. It was also an added bonus when Congressman Davis pledged to donate \$500 to each school's PTA.

The Camelot School Step Team performed at half-time. They were fantastic –and did a wonderful job representing our school. Also Jackson Kendall, Camelot's SCA president and the SCA president from Fairhill exchanged school gifts before the second half of the game.

For more information regarding April events, refer to our school website for information at www.fcps.edu/CamelotES/. As always, anyone who has questions regarding Camelot Elementary may call our school office at 703-645-7000. Enjoy April and think spring weather!

Melaney Mackin, Principal

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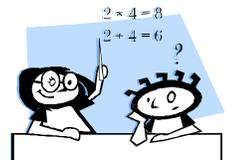
Looking for a Babysitter?

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 contact Bethany (16) or Kayleigh (14) Boveri. Both are experienced babysitters.

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Tutor Available!

- Does your child need
- * Homework Help?
- * Improved Study Skills?
- * Tutoring? (reading, math, writing)



Former Falls Church City elementary school teacher & Prosperity Heights resident will work with your child at your home. Call Andrea Rubin at 703-641-9557.



PROSPERITY HEIGHTS ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

With spring often comes the urge to make improvements to our homes or property. 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), 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.

2nd Annual Jaguar 5K Race and Kids' 1 Mile Fun Run

Calling all runners for a day of fun! On May 5th, the Falls Church High School Athletic Booster Club will be hosting the 2nd Annual 5K Race and Kids' 1 Mile Fun Run (13 and under) at Falls Church High School. The Kids' 1 mile run will begin at 8:00 am and be run on the FCHS stadium track. The 5k race will begin at 8:30 am on the stadium track, continue through the local neighborhood streets and then return to the stadium track to finish. Registration will be by individual or teams of 3 runners or more. Every paid registration will get a free t-shirt, and awards will be given in various categories.

Registration for the 5k run is \$15 on or before April 13, and \$25 after that, the Kids' 1 mile run is \$10. To register online, or for more information, go to www.fallschurchsports.org, select links and then Jaguar 5k Run. All proceeds from this event will be used to support the Falls Church High School athletics department.



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