

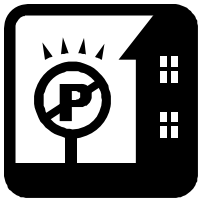


Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association

Newsletter

April 2010

IMPORTANT PHHOA PARKING INFORMATION!



On March 9, 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved our petition to designate Prosperity Heights as a Community Parking District (CPD). The petition was

circulated in the Fall of 2009 and received overwhelming support from the Prosperity Heights community with over 70% of the homes signing in favor of a CPD designation. *These new restrictions apply to ALL streets within our neighborhood between Tobin Road up to and including the area at the top of Monarch Lane and Beverly Drive.*

For those not familiar with the term, a CPD is established under *The Code of the County of Fairfax §82-5B* at the request of the community homeowners to prohibit on-street parking of restricted vehicles such as:

- Watercraft
- Boat trailer
- Motor home
- Camping trailer
- Any other trailer or semi-trailer, regardless of whether such trailer or semi-trailer is attached to another vehicle in those neighborhoods.

Those restricted vehicles that are privately owned, may be temporarily parked on the street for a maximum of 48 hours for the purpose of loading, unloading, or preparing for a trip.

The CPD restrictions are now in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but allow the temporary

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Yard Debris Collection

On April 7, AAA Services resumed 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 4-foot lengths with limbs no thicker than 6 inches in diameter. Also, brush or branches should be tied into bundles no larger than 2 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).



Save the Date!

Prosperity Day will be on Sunday, October 4 this year! So be sure to save the date for our wonderful neighborhood block party! Want to get involved in the planning? Please contact Andrea Shore.

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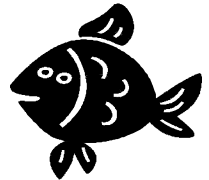
Same Board -- Different Year



At the HOA Annual Meeting on October 21, Beth McTigue, Craig Dellorso and Keith Fulk were unanimously reelected to the Board. Then, at a later Board meeting, the officers were elected. Craig Dellorso, Steve Boveri, Keith Fulk and Andrea Shore all stayed on in their positions, officially keeping the same Board of Directors as last year. Also at the Annual Meeting in October, the homeowners in attendance unanimously voted to pass the proposed budget for 2010 (see page 6 of this newsletter). Fortunately, our healthy financials allowed us to not raise dues for 2010. If you have any questions about the HOA or the Board, please contact Craig or Steve.



Pool Membership



If you are searching for a family friendly pool offering swimming lessons, swim & dive teams, and tennis, within close proximity to the neighborhood, then Annandale Swim and Tennis is your pool. The pool has huge shade trees, ample parking, and is less expensive than other surrounding pools. Check out the pool at this link: <http://www.vikaza.com/AnnandaleSwimTennisClub/> or call Robert Jacoby at 703-615-0774.



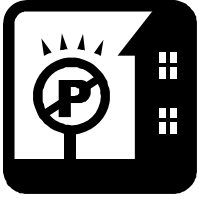
Keep the Sidewalks Clear

Now that the weather is becoming warmer, residents are getting out of the house for walks around the neighborhood. Whether it is adults walking dogs, children riding bikes and tricycles, or parents with strollers, we are all faced with the same problem--shrubs and trees encroaching upon (or completely blocking) the sidewalk.

Please take a moment to look at the front of your property to see if this is happening. If it is, we ask that you trim branches back to allow your neighbors to use the sidewalk without getting hurt.

For those homeowners who have a streetlight in front of their house, we also ask that you trim back any tree branches that have overgrown the streetlight. The primary purpose of the streetlights is for the safety of those in our community; they have been spaced apart at intervals providing continuous illumination from one light to the next. Any trees blocking the streetlights are defeating the purpose of having the light.





PHHOA Parking Information, continued

parking of the following vehicles: federal, state, or local public safety agencies providing emergency services, commercial vehicles when discharging passengers or when temporarily parked in the performance of work or service at a particular location, utility generators located on trailers being used to power network facilities during a loss of commercial power, and vehicles owned or leased by a public agency.

You will see Prosperity Heights Community Parking District signs posted at each entrance to our neighborhood:

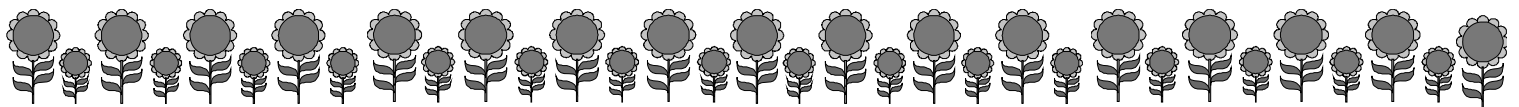
- Monarch Lane and Beverly Drive
- Monarch Lane and Tobin Road

OTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Additionally, on December 7, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved changes to Section 82-5-7 of the Fairfax County Code, which prohibits parking of commercial vehicles in residential districts. The Code changes are intended to better define commercial vehicles in the County Code, in order to improve parking enforcement and respond to complaints about large/commercial vehicles parking on residential streets. The effective date of these changes was February 1, 2010.

- Changes code requirement for taxicabs and limousines: One resident of each single family dwelling unit may park one vehicle licensed and registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a taxicab or limousine.
- Expands definition of commercial vehicles restricted from parking in a residential area to include:
 - o Any vehicle licensed as a common or contract carrier or limousine (except as above)
 - o Vehicles that exceed size and weight limits: more than 21 feet long, more than 8 feet high including appurtenances, width of 102 inches or more, or gross vehicle weight of 12,000 or more pounds
 - o Vehicle carrying commercial freight in plain view
 - o Any vehicle with 3 or more axles
- The restrictions do not apply to commercial vehicles when temporarily parked while performing work or service.

More information and links to related files can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm>




Looking for a Babysitter?

Are you in need of a night out or someone to look after your pet? If so, please call Brittany (22), Bethany (19) or Kayleigh (16) Boveri. All are experienced babysitters and are also available for yard work.

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Academic Help

K-12 certified Reading Specialist available to assess, tutor, or challenge your child after school or during the summer. Contact Andrea Rubin at abasztura@yahoo.com



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Visit the Prosperity Heights HOA Website:
www.prosperityheights.org

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Help Available

Need a babysitter or pet sitter? contact Amanda Fulk (currently 22 years old and a nursing student) at afulk002@gmail.com.



Prosperity Day 2009!



It was a beautiful sunny day in October when about 250 residents gathered on Sevan Court for our annual neighborhood block party. The day was kicked off with the bike-decorating contest and parade. Winners of this popular contest were Christian North, Makenzie Cober and Delia Dresser. Children and adults alike were entertained this year by the fun puppet show and the cool reptile show. The face painter, balloon sculptor and caricature artist were kept busy all day with lines of children (and a few adults) anxiously waiting their turn!

Area restaurants generously donated gift certificates that were awarded as door prizes and prizes for contests and games. A big thank you to Great American Restaurants, Old Hickory Grill, Bubba's Bar-b-que, Chevy's, and Uno Chicago Grill. Uno's actually went one step further and brought free pizza to the event!

Of course none of this is possible without the volunteers. Alana Cober headed up the Prosperity Day Planning Committee for 2009 with Lynne and Steve Boveri, Eugene, Nancy and Amanda Lee, Gina North, Andrea Shore, Andrea Rubin, Tracy Dresser, Christina Graham, Ellen Perris, and Craig Dellorso. In addition to the committee members, others who contributed their time and energy on the day of the party included Rob and Andrea Hengst, Mike Hayes, Scott Lieberman, Rich Cober, Bob and Pat Jarm, Heath and Emily Weems, Jamie Steider, Richard Jackson, John Boger, Mixi and Marco Lugo, Milena Santoro, and many others. Thank you so much to everyone who helped! This is what makes it a truly wonderful neighborhood event!

New Neighborhood Directory!

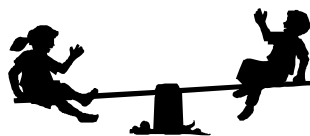


It is time for a new neighborhood directory! Our last one was two years ago . . . and we have many new residents. Please complete the form on page 7 and return it as soon as possible, or email your information to Andrea Shore.

The directory is for **RESIDENTS**, not just homeowners, so if you are renting a home in Prosperity Heights, please return the form with your information. *Keep in mind that ALL RESIDENTS should turn in this information even if nothing has changed since the last directory.* If you do not want your email address listed in the directory, please consider giving it to us just for Board use. During the blizzard, email was a great way to disseminate information quickly to the neighborhood. So it is important for the Board to have your email address even if you don't want it listed in the directory.

We are also accepting advertisements from residents to help cover the cost of the new directory. Please email Andrea for rates and information.

Playground Upkeep



A huge thank you to Dewite North for suggesting that re-mulching the playground should be a community activity, saving the HOA nearly \$2,000! Dewite led a team of volunteers that included Heath Weems, Andrea and Rob Hengst, Clarence Pendleton, Mike Hayes and Craig Dellorso. They worked for several hours on a misty morning in October to transport and spread the mulch on the playground. This is necessary every few years to create a soft "landing" for children playing. What a great show of support for the community--thanks to the wonderful volunteers!

IMPORTANT!

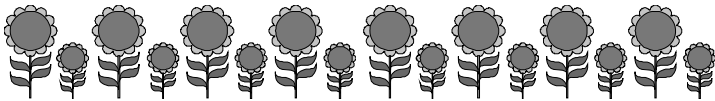
- If you are selling your house, you
- must order the disclosure documents
- for the HOA. Please contact Steve
- Boveri or Keith Fulk for a disclosure packet. You
- must allow 2 weeks for preparation.



SCHOOL NEWS FOR PHHOA RESIDENTS . . .

St. Ambrose Middle School Information Night

Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm in the School Gym -- Learn what makes St. Ambrose middle school so outstanding: our stellar faculty (including the 2010 Arlington Diocese Distinguished Middle School Teacher of the Year), a safe and welcoming environment, rigorous curriculum with foreign language, algebra and geometry, electives, extracurricular activities, Catholic faith formation, and exceptional preparation for high school. Special guest speaker: Eileen Hanley, Director of Admissions at Paul VI Catholic High School. Limited openings for next year in grades 6-8. All are welcome! For more information call the school office (703-698-7171).



Jewish Community Center Enrichment Program

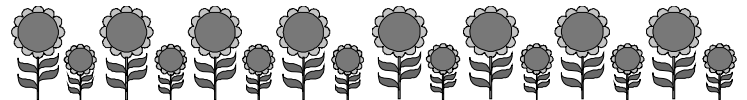
The Before and After School Enrichment (BASE) Program at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia offers a wide range of opportunities to engage your child each day, and we're thrilled to be adding Camelot Elementary to the list of schools from which we'll be offering after-school transportation in the Fall of 2010. In addition to quality after school care, we offer free swim twice a week in the JCCNV's 25-meter heated indoor pool, quiet homework room with staff assistance, daily organized art, cooking and science projects, free play on our playground and in our gym, and organized sports activities. BASE is open each day until 6pm, and there is all-day care on school vacation days, snow days, and teacher work days. For more information about the BASE Program, contact Debra Beland at DebraB@jccnv.org or 703-537-3091.

News from Camelot Elementary School

In order to make up for the lost instructional time due to all the snow this winter, Fairfax County Public Schools has turned Monday, April 12 (formerly a teacher workday) into a full day of school. Additionally, two or three days will be added at the end of the year in June. (High school graduation dates will not be affected.)

Camelot's kindergarten orientation will be held on Monday, May 3rd at 2:30 PM. This will be for families that have children eligible to begin kindergarten in September 2010. If you do not currently have a child at Camelot Elementary School, please call our office at (703) 645-7000 to let us know you have a child that will start kindergarten in the Fall and we will send you a registration packet by mail.

For information on the current school budget issues, including past issues of the e-newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>



Falls Church HS Donation



Prosperity Heights will be donating \$500 to the Falls Church High School All Night Graduation Celebration again this year. This event keeps our local graduates off the streets and out of harm's way on one of the riskiest nights of the year for them. They are celebrating with each other in a safe, fun, alcohol- and drug-free environment.

It is a costly event, approximately \$30,000, but well worth it. The local community, businesses, and Falls Church High School supporters help make this event possible through donations of money, supplies, and door prizes.

PROSPERITY HEIGHTS HOA ANNUAL BUDGET

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2009 | ACTUAL 2009 | OVER (UNDER) BUDGET | BUDGET 2010 |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Dues Income | 87,360 | 90,675 | 3,315 | 87,360 |
| Homeowner Packets | 800 | 1,200 | 400 | 800 |
| Interest Income | 2,500 | 2,017 | (483) | 1,000 |
| Late Fee Income | 300 | 777 | 477 | 420 |
| Legal Fee Reimbursement | -- | 400 | 400 | -- |
| TOTAL INCOME | 90,960 | 95,068.00 | 4,108 | 89,580 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Bank Service Charges | 75 | 12 | (63) | -- |
| Communications/Newsletter | 1,200 | 631 | (569) | 800 |
| Office Expense | 250 | 101 | (149) | 250 |
| Postage | 600 | 97 | (503) | 600 |
| Printing | 1,500 | -- | (1,500) | 1,500 |
| Social | 4,000 | 4,433 | 433 | 4,000 |
| FCHS Grad Party | -- | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 7,500 | 5,396 | (2,104) | 7,500 |
| Trash Removal | 69,364 | 69,414 | 50 | 69,364 |
| Electricity | 220 | 212 | (8) | 220 |
| Audit & Tax Prep | 975 | -- | (975) | -- |
| Insurance | 3,200 | 2,817 | (383) | 3,000 |
| Legal/Attorney | 500 | 1,020 | 520 | 1,500 |
| Management Fee | 3,000 | -- | (3,000) | -- |
| License Fees | 70 | 1,683 | 1,613 | 70 |
| Taxes (Federal) | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Taxes (State) | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 92,454 | 86,315 | (6,139) | 89,304 |
| Net Income After Operating Expenses | (1,494) | 8,754 | 10,247 | 276 |
| Playground Equipment | 0 | 3,176 | 1,800 | 0 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | (1,494) | 5,577 | 8,447 | 276 |



Upcoming Events at Our Fairfax County Parks:

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 AT GREEN SPRING GARDEN MARKETS

Local growers offer shrubs, native plants and wildflowers, ornamental grasses and unusual perennials and annuals at **Green Spring Gardens** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, ACOUSTIC JAM

Whether you're pickin', strummin, or just listenin' – it's an old-fashioned toe-tappin' good time! Bring your instrument or come by to enjoy this free drop-in session at the **Frying Pan Farm Park Country Store** from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 703-437-9101.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Junior/Parent Tournament

Golfers seven years and up are invited to play in the Junior-Parent Tournament at **Burke Lake Golf Course** from 8 a.m. until noon. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams in two age divisions: Adult/Jr. 7 to 12 years; Adult/Jr. 13 to 17 years. Prizes are also given for closest to the pin contests. This tournament is limited to first 48 teams. The rain date is May 1. The fee is \$60 per team which includes lunch. To make a reservation, call 703-323-1641.

2nd Annual Mother's Day Craft Show

Providence RECenter invites you to attend the 2010 craft show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Browse selections from 40-50 of the area's top artists and crafters. The admission is free. For more information, call 703-698-1351.

Virginia Hunters Horse Show Series

Come to **Frying Pan Farm Park** at 9 a.m. for the free, walk, trot, canter beginner horse show. Classes include hunters, ponies, equitation and more. For information, call 703-437-9101.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT E.C. LAWRENCE PARK

Families are invited to celebrate Earth Day by acting locally at **Ellanor C. Lawrence Park** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We'll plant native trees and shrubs and mulch and repair trails to prevent erosion. End the celebration by recycling household materials into items with new uses. This activity is free. For more information, call 703-631-0013.



Prosperity Heights Neighborhood Directory Information Form

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible to 3365 Taleen Court, or email the information to ProsHeights@aol.com.



Name(s): _____

Address: _____



Phone: _____

Email: _____

I do do not want my PHONE NUMBER listed in the directory.

I do do not want my EMAIL ADDRESS listed in the directory.

YES. I would like to receive my newsletter electronically.



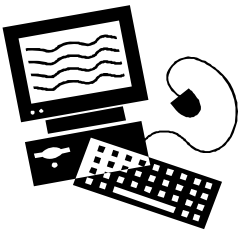


PROSPERITY HEIGHTS ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

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.ProspersityHeights.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 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 for more information.

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