



Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association

Newsletter

June 2008

New to the Neighborhood?

The Prosperity Heights Board of Directors invites you to an informal gathering to meet the neighbors! Anyone who has moved to the neighborhood in the past 12 months or so is encouraged to attend!

Where: 3363 Taleen Court

When: Sunday, June 22, 5:00-7:30 pm

RSVP to Beth McTigue
at jjmctigue@msn.com



Save the Date!



Mark your calendars
now for Prosperity Day
2008 on Saturday,
October 4!

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY!



It is time for a new neighborhood directory! Our last one was three years ago . . . and we have many new residents. Please complete the form on page 5 and return it as soon as possible, or email your information to Andrea Shore. If you do not want your email address listed in the directory, please consider giving it to us just for Board use.

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



HOA Annual Assessments

In the next few days you will be receiving your assessment for the 2008 homeowners dues. The dues this year will be \$415 per home. Please see the annual budget on page 4 to see how our dues are used. As you know, the homeowners association no longer uses Koger Management. Therefore you will receive a return envelope addressed to the HOA Treasurer for your payment. The address is Keith Fulk, 3340 Monarch Lane, Annandale, VA 22003. Dues must be paid by June 30, 2008. After 30 days a 10% late fee is imposed. Payment must be made by check or money order. No cash or credit card charges are accepted. We appreciate your cooperation in accomplishing this once a year task. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Fulk at kwfulk@aol.com.

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.

Who's Who . . .

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Report them to

Dominion Virginia Power

888-667-3000



Letter from the Editor . . .

Greetings Neighbors! Summer is finally here and our neighborhood is so green and lovely! Summer also means more kids playing in the street, so please drive carefully in the neighborhood.

There is loads of information in this newsletter, so please read it thoroughly. Of special note is the welcoming party for our newest residents. Please join us for this fun event if you moved into our neighborhood in the past year or so. Also important is the new directory form. Whether you have lived in the neighborhood for 20 years or two weeks, we really need you to submit this information.

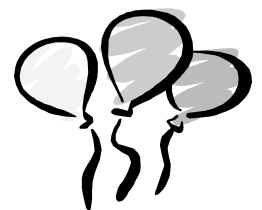
We are trying something new this year for our Homeowners Association Annual Meeting. We are combining this traditionally poorly attended event with our typically well-attended block party. So mark your calendars now for the HOA Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 4 at 5:00 pm. If it rains, please check the website for a rescheduled date and time for the meeting (Prosperity Day is rain or shine).

A big thank you to Board member Gina North for getting some new playground equipment installed at our little playground on Monarch Lane. The kids love it! As always, if you have any questions about the neighborhood or the HOA, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any other Board member.

~Andrea

Prosperity Day 2007!

On Saturday, October 13, a few hundred of our residents gathered under sunny skies for our annual block party. Young and old enjoyed the fantastic magician, the ever-popular kids band Rocknoceros, the clown making fantastic balloon sculptures, and the great food. Most importantly, though, Prosperity Day brings together our residents for a wonderful gathering that makes our neighborhood such a friendly place to live.



In addition to the fun of the moonbounce and the entertainment, we also use Prosperity Day as a chance to give back to the community. For the past three years, we have collected food, books, clothing and cleaning supplies for several departments of Inova Fairfax Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to Board Member Gina North who once again handled the distribution of the items collected. The managers of the Ronald McDonald House (which provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children who are receiving treatment) sent a lovely letter thanking us for our "compassion and generosity", saying "Your donation of juice drinks, cleaning supplies, storage containers and used books helps us to provide comfort and assistance to families from all walks of life and from all parts of the world." They went on to say that they are "continually renewed by the kindness and caring" of community friends like us. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Our annual block party is coordinated primarily by Board members, but for 2007 a newcomer to our neighborhood stepped up to help organize the event. A big thank you to Jamie Steider for her help and enthusiasm!



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.

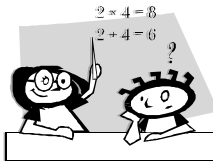


Looking for a Babysitter?

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 (17) 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.



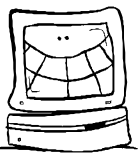
Yard Debris Collection

This spring 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).



Visit the Prosperity Heights HOA Website:

www.prospersityheights.org

PROSPERITY HEIGHTS HOA

ANNUAL DUES **\$410** **\$415**
(208 HOMES) **7/1/07 - 6/30/08** **7/1/08 - 6/30/09**

DESCRIPTION **BUDGET** **BUDGET**
2007 **2008**

INCOME

Dues Income	\$85,280	\$86,320
Homeowner Packets	--	\$1,000
Interest Income - MMF	--	\$600
Interest Income - CD - CCB	--	\$2,000
Interest Income - CD - CAB	\$1,100	\$1,000
Late Fee Income	\$35	\$208
Legal Fee Reimbursement	--	--
Other Income	--	\$600
TOTAL INCOME	\$86,415.00	\$91,727.50

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses:

Bad Debts	--	--
Bank Service Charges	\$25	\$75
Communications/Newsletter	\$1,200	\$1,200
Office Expense	\$200	\$200
Postage	\$600	\$600
Printing	\$200	\$1,500
Social	\$3,000	\$4,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$5628	\$6,000
Trash Removal	\$67,542	\$70,751
Electricity	\$220	\$220
Audit & Tax Prep	\$975	\$975
Insurance	\$3,000	\$3,000
Legal/Attorney	\$500	\$500
Management Fee	\$5,808	\$3,000
License Fees	\$70	\$70
Taxes (Federal)	--	--
Taxes (State)	--	--

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$88,968	\$92,091
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Net Income After Operating Expenses	(\$2,553)	(\$364)
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Playground Equipment	\$3,500	0
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$6,053)	(\$364)
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LOCAL NEWS FOR PHHOA RESIDENTS . . .

New Principal for Falls Church High School

A new principal has been selected for Falls Church High School. Cathy Benner, who has been a sub-school principal at Centreville High School, replaced Janice Lloyd who retired in November 2007. Ms. Benner comes to Falls Church with a wide range of professional education experience. In addition to being an experienced social studies teacher and content specialist, Ms. Benner has served as a Director of Secondary Education and an Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

When attempting to encapsulate her thoughts and feelings about education Ms. Benner stated, "I am committed to the belief that all students learn in school when it is a compelling, dynamic and relevant place for them." Ms. Benner intends to have an "open-door" policy as the new principal, and looks forward to meeting Falls Church High School families and community members as well as the faculty and staff. She also said that she will work to promote high academic achievement, responsible citizenship and positive interactions for the students at Falls Church High School. Cathy Benner officially began work on May 1, 2008.

News from Camelot Elementary . . .

After ten years at Camelot, Principal Melaney Mackin is leaving. In the fall she will begin her next challenge as the principal of the much larger Silverbrook Elementary in Fairfax Station. The process to select a new principal is currently underway. Mrs. Phyllis Pajardo, Cluster II Assistant Superintendent met with school staff and parents on May 20 to explain the process and provide a timeline. As soon as a decision is made Mrs. Pajardo will make a formal announcement and introduction.

As the school year quickly comes to an end, Camelot students and families will celebrate with the end-of-the-year picnic on June 6. This annual event will come shortly after the students complete the SOL testing, so they will be ready to have fun! A few days after the picnic, you can join Camelot students at Chuck E Cheese for the last fundraiser of the year on Wednesday, June 11. Between 4:00-9:00 pm, just mention that you are there for Camelot night when you place your order for tokens or food at the counter, and they will donate 15% to the school.

For more information regarding June events please refer to the school website for information at www.fcps.edu/CamelotES/. If you are new to the community or considering having your child attend don't hesitate to call for information. They are also happy to provide a tour of our building. As always, anyone who has questions regarding Camelot Elementary may call our school office at 703-645-7000.



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: _____



YES. I would like my PHONE NUMBER listed in the directory.

YES. I would like my EMAIL ADDRESS listed in the directory.

YES. I would like to receive my newsletter electronically.

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Arts in the Park

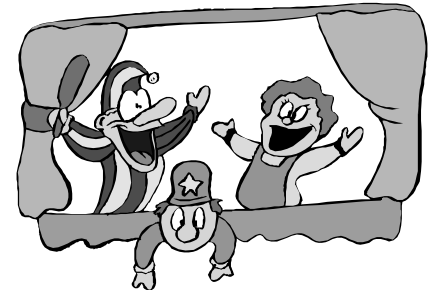
FREE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARKS!

Every year, from late May through early September, the Fairfax County Park Authority, in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and with generous contributions from local businesses and corporations, presents a calendar of shows, concerts and movies for you and your family.

Bring a picnic, blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the best local and regional entertainers in great performances ranging from children's puppet shows to big band, jazz, bluegrass, rock, classical and world music. You can also take a nostalgic return to the good old days and drive-ins to see classic movies on a large outdoor screen from the comfort of your car. Our local children's programs are listed below. For information on the other locations and other performances, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances>. All the performances listed below are held on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am at Mason District Park on Columbia Pike in Annandale.

Mason District Park Summer Schedule

- June 14: Barefoot Puppet Theater
- June 21: OTO String Quartet (Overture to Orchestra – a children's educational program)
- June 28: Rocknoceros (this popular kids band has played at two Prosperity Days)
- July 12: OTO Percussion Duo
- July 19: The Goodlife Theater "Backpack Puppets Dinosaur Show"
- July 26: Bob Brown Puppets
- August 2: OTO Brass Quintet
- August 9: Blue Sky Puppet Theater
- August 16: OTO Woodwind Quartet
- August 23: Pirate Jack (a "musical sea voyage")



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