



Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association Newsletter

December 2003

October a Busy Month in Prosperity Heights . . .



October was a busy one here in Prosperity Heights! We kicked off the month with Prosperity Day, our annual neighborhood block party, on Saturday, October 4. About 250 people from our community attended the festivities, which were held on Sevan Court this year. The younger set enjoyed a moonbounce,

face-painting, a puppet show by KayDee Puppets, a sing-along with entertainer Mr. Knick Knack, and a visit from Fairfax Co. Fire and Rescue Station #23, who brought a fire truck and ambulances for the children to inspect. One of the more entertaining activities was the three-legged race. Watching grown men throw themselves across the finish line was a sight to see!

Many of the kids also participated in a bike-decorating contest. The winners and their prizes are as follows:

- ◆ 1st place: Pippa Gibbs, winning a gift card for Toys R Us and a certificate for a free entrée at Silver Diner

- ◆ 2nd place: Andrew Gibbs (no relation to Pippa!), winning a Chuck E. Cheese voucher for free pizza, sodas and play tokens
- ◆ 3rd place: Samaria Dellorso, also winning a Chuck E. Cheese voucher
- ◆ Honorable mentions: Brittany Beale and Claire Foley, each winning lunchboxes from Einstein Bros. Bagels

This year the competition was fierce for the Prosperity Day Trivia Contest! There were 25 questions about residents of Prosperity Heights, and people had to find their neighbors who fulfilled each question. Questions ranged from

“someone who speaks more than two languages fluently” to “someone who plays in an Irish rock n roll band” and everything in between! There was a tie for first place with Bob & Miléna Santoro winning dinner for two at Chevys, and Mike Hayes winning a gift certi-



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Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule

With the holiday season upon us, please be aware that there are changes in the AAA schedule. This year Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Thursday. The recycling will not be collected on those days. There will, however, be special makeup pickups for recyclables on Saturday, December 27, and Saturday, January 3. Remember, here in Prosperity Heights,

AAA picks up of the following recyclables: paper-newspapers, magazines, glossy inserts (e.g. Sunday ads), and phone books; plastics 1 and 2 (look for the number on the bottom; anything higher than a 2 is trash); aluminum and tin cans; and glass bottles and jars (rinsed and without lids).

Additionally, Christmas trees will be removed Wednesday, January 7 and 14 and will be recycled. Be sure all tinsel and ornaments have been completely removed from the trees. Please do not take your tree to the curb prior to the evening before the scheduled pickups.

One more reminder: Other than Christmas trees, do not put any loose yard debris at the curb, as AAA will NOT collect it. Brush should be cut in four-foot lengths with limbs no larger than six inches in diameter. Brush should be tied in bundles no larger than two feet in diameter.



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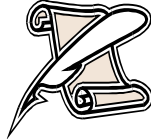
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From the President . . .

Greetings Neighbors! I hope you're all enjoying the holiday season. I know my kids love the beautiful lights and other decorations throughout the neighborhood.

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank the good people who helped me plan and manage Prosperity Day this year. I greatly appreciate the help of Bob Borsato, Jim Ewalt, Sandy and Alex Gibbs, Su Hale, Beth and Jim McTigue, Miléna and Bob Santoro, and Joan Sitrin. We also could not have done it without the other volunteers (too numerous to name) who helped us with activities as well as set-up and clean-up. Thank you to all the residents of Sevan Court for their cooperation, and especially to Richard Jackson & Theresa Le, Sandy & Alex Gibbs, and Joan & Joel Sitrin for allowing us to use their property for activities. Prosperity Day is a great chance for residents of Prosperity Heights to have fun and spend the afternoon relaxing with neighbors. I hope that those of you who didn't join us this year will be able to make it next year. We would love to see you there!

Another resident lending a helping hand is Mary Foley. Mary has graciously agreed to help me write the newsletter, beginning with this issue. In addition to being the mother of three young children, Mary is a freelance writer. We are lucky to have her – Thanks Mary!

I am only beginning to get to know this neighborhood and I enjoy meeting new neighbors all the time, like the nice couple I met at the polls on Election Day. Luckily, events like Prosperity Day and the Halloween Parade allow me the opportunity to meet new neighbors whom I would not meet just walking down the street. If you ever have any suggestions, questions or comments about the neighborhood or the Board of Directors, please feel free to contact me. In the meantime, best wishes to you and yours in 2004.

~Andrea

In the Neighborhood . . .

In September, the Pine Ridge Civic Association, which includes 370 members living on or near Prosperity Avenue between Arlington Blvd. and Little River Turnpike, approached the PHHA Board about the possibility of a pathway from their neighborhood to ours. This would provide them with better access to Eakin Park.

There is already a "natural" pathway that has been created by pedestrians and bicyclists, and they are suggesting small improvements to the path to make it more accessible. The existing pathway begins at the intersection of Crestview and Highland and passes between 3231 and 3229 Highland Lane. It continues over the PHHA common ground

until it is interrupted by a small waterway. Users of the pathway have placed rocks in the waterway to help cross it. The pathway then continues up a steep slope and ends near 3370 Monarch Lane.

The primary improvement they are considering is a better way to cross the water, and any improvements made would be at their expense. The PHHA Board decided that they were open to further discussion of the proposed pathway improvements, but progress has not yet been made on the part of the Pine Ridge Civic Association.

If you have any suggestions for the path, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the PHHA Board.

October in Prosperity Heights, continued

cate to Old Hickory Grille. Second place went to Tracy Dresser, winning an order of wings at Grevey's and a \$5 voucher from Pizzeria Uno. There was also a tie for third place between Erin Dellorso and Bethany & Kayleigh Boveri, with each winning a dozen bagels and a sandwich from Einstein Bros. Bagels.

We also had the following door prize winners:

- ◆ 1st place: Jim Ewalt, receiving a Merrifield Garden Center gift certificate
- ◆ 2nd place: Joann Meginley, receiving a Sign of the Whale restaurant gift certificate
- ◆ 3rd place: Bob Stuart receiving a certificate for Silver Diner free entrée
- ◆ 4th place: Chris Wanman, receiving one dozen bagels and a sandwich from Einstein Bros. Bagels

Attendees of all ages enjoyed a cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided by your Homeowners Association, and desserts, salads and side-dishes contributed by each family. For the second year in a row, Chevys Restaurant donated more fresh chips and salsa than we could eat! Being an election year, the event also featured visits by local political candidates, including Congressman Tom Davis, State Delegate Chap Petersen, Providence Supervisor-elect Linda Smyth, State Senator-elect Jeanmarie Devolites, and State Rep. Candidate Jack Rust.



Thanks to all for doing their part to make this a memorable event, including the residents of Sevan Court for being this year's hosts! And a special thanks to our local merchants for donating the great prizes!



We ended the month with our second annual Halloween parade. To the delight of their parents, friends and relatives, some 40-50 ghosts, goblins, princesses, ballerinas, dragons, and Spider-Men (and many creatures, too) marched from Van Court to Sevan Court on a warm, clear evening. The cameras and camcorders were out in force as the children made the three-block walk, some on foot, some in wagons and strollers. The children downed cookies and juice just before the sun went down and the trick-or-treating began! Thanks to those who helped with this event, especially Sandy and Alex Gibbs of Sevan Court for volunteering their property as the end-point of the parade for the second year in a row!



The Prosperity Heights Board of Directors would like to wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!

In and Around Annandale . . .

Annandale's very own Hidden Oaks Nature Center (on Royce Court, off Hummer Road) has been spared the threat of closure for budgetary reasons and now stands freshly renovated. Its new standing exhibit, "Urban Woodlands: Habitats and Havens" took \$218,000 and several years to complete. It focuses on the unique ecosystems that exist in suburban wooded areas, replacing a previous geology display.

The center has many hands-on activities for children of all ages, afternoon story times (for a small fee) for children 3-6, and naturalist-led special activities (for a fee) for children 9-12 and 13 and up. Volunteer opportunities for teens are also available. For more information, contact Hidden Oaks at 703-941-1065.

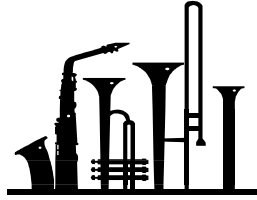


ARE YOU PLANNING ANY EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS?

Please contact Bob Santoro with all requests for exterior alterations, such as decks, exterior paint colors, fences, etc. Please allow 30 days for review.

Music Lessons Offered

Saxophone
Clarinet
Flute
Beginning Oboe
etc.



All styles from jazz to classical.

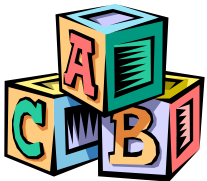
Call Joe Morton on Monarch Lane,
703-573-5968.



Home Daycare Available

Experienced and licensed in-home daycare provider on Ararat Court for children 6 weeks to 6 years. CPR and First Aid licensed. References available.
Call Baruna Rana at 703-207-9518.

Looking for a Babysitter?



Attention! Are you in need of a night out, some alone time, or even just a chance to get things done around the house?

If so, please contact Brittany Boveri (16) or Bethany Boveri (13) to watch your children. Both are experienced babysitters, with lots of practice and certification through the Red Cross Inova Babysitting Course.

Give Brittany or Bethany a call at 703-280-4383. You won't regret it!



LIGHTS OUT?

Does it seem dark on your street all of a sudden?

If a street light is out, please call Virginia Power at 888-667-3000.



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