



Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association

Newsletter

May 2004



NEW WEBSITE!

Our neighborhood is joining the modern world in launching our own website! This website is designed to be a resource for residents of Prosperity Heights, as well as a path of communication to you from your homeowners association. On the site, you will find current information about events in our neighborhood as well as useful phone numbers for the organizations that provide services to our area and our HOA. You can also download an Exterior Alteration Form and Instructions if you are planning to make any exterior alterations or additions to your home (paint, fence, shed, etc.).

There is a bulletin board on the site as well. Residents may submit announcements about items for sale (lawn mowers, swing sets, cars, bikes, etc.), tutoring/lessons needed or available, pet or childcare needed or available, play-groups, and so on. Check it out!

We have also posted pictures from the two fall 2003 neighborhood events: Prosperity Day and the Halloween Parade. While the pictures are a fun addition to the website, we understand that some people may not be comfortable with photos of themselves or their family online. SO! If you attended one or both of these events, please look at these pictures. If a photograph features you or your family, and you are opposed to this, please contact Andrea Shore. Since most of the pictures are of large groups, it wasn't realistic to try to contact each person, so please take this opportunity to look at the pictures.

Lastly, please bear with us. The website is brand new and is being built and maintained by hard-working volunteers. Please excuse any formatting issues while we get the kinks out. We do welcome suggestions and comments as well, so please be sure to visit the website at www.ProspersityHeights.org.



Prosperity Heights
Wishes You A
Wonderful Summer!

Prosperity Heights Walking/Running Club



Need exercise?

Would you like to have someone to chat with while burning calories or watching your children play at the park?



Or do you just need someone to motivate you to get out the door?

We are organizing a list of

people who want to walk or run in the neighborhood or on the path at Eakin Park. Please contact Joann Meginley for information and a list of interested neighbors.

Who's Who . . .

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From the President . . .

Greetings Neighbors!

I hope you are all surviving our cicada invasion. Personally, I think it feels a bit like living on the Discovery Channel . . .

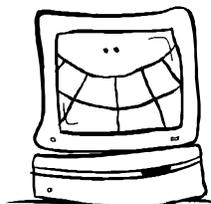
It was nice to see some of you at the Annual Meeting last month. We should always have such quick and pleasant meetings, complete with homemade chocolate chip cookies. For those of you who couldn't join us, I was re-elected to the Board and agreed to continue as President for another two-year term, so hopefully you don't mind hearing from me for a little while longer. For me, however, the two highlights of the meeting were announcing the launch of the new Prosperity Heights website, www.ProsperityHeights.org, and electing Joann Meginley to the Board of Directors. Both will be wonderful assets to the community! I have been working with Bill and Theda Foster to get the website up and running, so please check it out and let us know what you think!

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning Prosperity Day 2004! We have set the date of the annual block party for Saturday, October 2, so please mark your calendars now! I would greatly appreciate suggestions for new activities at Prosperity Day, so if you have an idea, or would like to volunteer on the planning committee, please contact me.

As Memorial Day Weekend approaches, it is amazing to realize summer is almost here. Whether or not you have school-age kids, summer often means vacation time, and this is a great time to remember your neighbors. Although we don't have a neighborhood watch, it is nice to keep an eye on the houses around yours—pick up packages or newspapers sitting on the front step overnight, a sure sign to potential burglars that nobody is home. If your own lawn needs to be watered, perhaps also run the sprinkler on your neighbor's yard while they are away, so they don't come home to dying grass. Be thoughtful and hopefully it will be reciprocated.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions about the homeowners association. Enjoy your summer!

~Andrea



Visit Our NEW Prosperity Heights Website!

www.prosperityheights.org



ARE YOU PLANNING ANY EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS?

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



Looking for a Babysitter?

Are you in need of a night out, or even just a chance to get things done around the house? If so, please contact Brittany (16) or Bethany Boveri (13). Both are experienced babysitters, with lots of practice and Red Cross/Inova certification.

New Addition to the Prosperity Heights HOA Board of Directors

At the Annual Meeting of the Homeowners Association in April, Joann Meginley joined the Prosperity Heights Homeowners Association Board of Directors. Joann and her husband John have been living on Sevan Court since 1997. Joann stays home with their little girl, and is expecting a son in the fall. We welcome her to the Board and appreciate her commitment to the community!

Also at the Annual Meeting, Andrea Shore, Bob Santoro, Bob Rosenblatt and Bill Foster were all re-elected for another two-year term on the Board. At the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Membership, Jim Ewalt was elected secretary, and Andrea Shore and Bob Santoro agreed to serve another term in their positions of president and vice-president respectively.

Fairfax County Newsletter Now Available Online

Fairfax County's Office of Public Affairs is now making its "News to Use" electronic newsletter available to all interested residents. The monthly newsletter, which contains articles about a range of county programs and services, including valuable seasonal information, was formerly sent only to community association leaders. To receive this newsletter, sign up online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/n2u.htm>

Annandale Farmers' Market!



Every Thursday, spring through fall, the Annandale Farmers' Market springs alive with the abundant sights, sounds, smells and colors of an open-air produce market. The Annandale market, and others like it around Fairfax County, offers a wide variety of freshly picked, locally grown fruits, vegetables, baked goods, cut flowers, potted plants, cider and honey. The Farmers' Markets are supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority, but the daily operations of the markets are the responsibility of volunteer Market Masters.

Did you know that the Farmers' Market hosts a Fairfax County Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Plant Clinic? Citizens can bring plant or insect samples for pest identification or disease diagnosis. Master Gardeners also help citizens by answering gardening or horticultural questions. A Master Gardener Plant Clinic is at the Annandale Farmers' Market from 9:00 am to noon.

The Annandale Farmers' Market runs Thursdays through November 4, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, at the Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. For other information about the markets, call 703-941-7987, TTY 703-324-3988.



Spring Maintenance Tips

With the arrival of the warm weather, many of us start thinking about spring cleaning and projects we'd like to have done around the house. Home maintenance experts and realtors suggest following a biannual checklist to cut down on costly surprise repairs and to help keep your home looking good all year. The following are some suggestions for getting your house ready for summer:

ROOF: Check around vents, skylights and chimneys for leaks.

GUTTERS: Clean gutters and downspouts so leaves and debris won't clog them during summer showers.

EXTERIOR LIGHTING: Check that outdoor and security lighting is in working order. A well-lit exterior can discourage prowlers.

SIDING AND PAINT: Look for cracks and holes in exterior siding or paint. Patch and repair as needed.

EXTERIOR STRUCTURES: Inspect fences and gates and make any necessary repairs.

PEST CONTROL: Check for termites, other insects or pests; call an exterminator if necessary.

DRIVEWAYS AND WALKWAYS: Make repairs to cracks, breaks or erosion.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Replace batteries at least twice a year in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure fire extinguishers are well-charged.

FILTERS: Replace once a month or as needed, and clean dryer vent, air conditioner, stove hood and room fans.

REFRIGERATOR: Make sure seals around doors are airtight. If you have a coil-back model, consider vacuuming the coils twice a year to keep energy costs down.

STORM WINDOWS AND SCREENS: Clean, remove, and store if removable. (Be sure to label them if you store them.)

BASEMENT: Check walls and floors for dampness. Clean dehumidifiers regularly.

MAILBOX: If your mailbox is in need of replacement, purchase one that will make it easier for the mail carrier to reach from his vehicle. Bill Foster was complimented on the height of his new one, which is 46 inches from the grass to the bottom of the mailbox.

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