
PROSPECT MANOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Hello Neighbour,

Welcome to the September edition of the Prospect Manor Residents Association newsletter. We're happy to bring you the latest updates and happenings. As we transition into the autumn season, let's take a moment to catch up on what's been going on and what's ahead. We always value your input, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions, feel free to reach out to us at info@prospectmanor.net or get in touch with any of our committee members.

Celebrating a Noteworthy Achievement – Mayor's Community Hero Award

We're delighted to share that Prospect Manor Residents Association was honoured with the Mayor's Community Hero Award 2023 for our contributions to the Rathfarnham area. This recognition, presented by Mayor Emma Murphy, belongs to every dedicated member of our community who has contributed to making Prospect Manor a wonderful place to live. We extend our thanks to each one of you. Pictures receiving the award can be found at www.prospectmanor.net/news



Fun Day Highlights – A Day to Remember



June's annual Fun Day brought smiling faces, a great turnout and wonderful spirit. With over a third of our estate participating, it was a fun occasion with bouncy castles, face painting, goody bags, a DJ, music, games, and a brand-new football target float that added an extra layer of excitement. The weather played along, giving us a beautiful day for the first two hours before the rain joined in – but that didn't dampen our spirits! A big thank you to everyone who came out and made this day special. Here's to more memorable moments ahead!

Strongest Collection Yet – Thank You for Your Support!

This year's annual €50 collection has broken all records, marking the strongest collection to date. An impressive **88.9%** of the estate contributed, which is truly remarkable. We're grateful for the overwhelming support shown by our residents. Revolut made the collection process even smoother this year for many. Your participation has a direct impact on maintaining our estate, Thank you for your support!!!

For those who might still be considering their contribution, you can either Revolut @ProspectManor or drop your contribution to any committee member.

Estate Maintenance – Keeping Our Home Beautiful

Here's a quick roundup of our estate maintenance efforts:

- **Cleanup Day:** Our March Cleanup Day had a strong turnout, with residents coming together to kickstart a spring clean. We made sure all the accumulated rubbish, sticks, and debris found their way into a skip. It's always an excellent way to begin a new season on a fresh note.
- **Graffiti Watch:** Unfortunately, we've been faced with graffiti incidents more than once. However, we remain proactive – the moment graffiti appears, we promptly remove it, ensuring our estate remains clean and welcoming. If you happen to spot any culprits in action, please don't hesitate to report it.
- **A Fresh Look:** Our proactive approach extended to the wooden railings at the bus stops and entrance of the estate. By giving them a fresh coat of paint, we've managed to spruce up the area, adding to the overall appeal.
- **Nature's Trim:** Hedges and overgrown areas across the estate, including bus stops, have received a well-needed trim. This not only enhances the aesthetics but also ensures safety and accessibility within our surroundings.
- **Blooming Beginnings:** The flower beds at the entrance and on the main green were carefully planted and tended to at the start of the season. While they had a bit of a struggle due to the heavy summer rain, our committee is all set to weed and maintain them in the coming days, bringing back their bloom.
- **Bin Update:** In the interest of health and safety, the bins on the Main Green had to be removed. The overflowing dog poo was becoming a concern. We appreciate your understanding as we work towards a safe and clean environment.
- **Litter Patrol:** We would like to express our gratitude to a dedicated teenager within the estate for consistent contributions to maintaining the estate's litter-free appearance. Great job!

We value each contribution that goes into maintaining our beautiful estate. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Community Safety and Vigilance

Over the summer, we regrettably experienced a few incidents of break-ins affecting sheds, bikes, houses, and even cars. In times like these, our collective vigilance becomes more crucial than ever. We commend the proactive response of our residents, who have been instrumental in sharing valuable video footage that aids in investigations. It's essential for us all to remain watchful and cooperative, working together to uphold the safety and security of Prospect Manor. Your vigilance can make a significant difference in safeguarding our neighbourhood.



Working Hand-in-Hand with SDCC

Our collaboration with SDCC is instrumental within Prospect Manor. We're grateful for their ongoing support. Here's a glimpse of the collaborative efforts between Prospect Manor and South Dublin County Council:

- **Enhanced Fence Line:** Along our border with Edmonstown Road, metal railings covering approximately 5 meters have been installed. This addition serves as a replacement for damaged or missing railings, contributing to safety, particularly considering the significant drop on the other side of the fence line.
- **A Brighter Drive:** SDCC has removed two trees on Prospect Drive, one of which was dangerous, and the other was ailing. This has improved nighttime visibility as the trees were also blocking lighting.
- **Entrance Pillar Restoration:** The entrance pillar, crowned by a substantial cap, had unfortunately been nudged off-centre. However, thanks to SDCC, the pillar's cap has been realigned and restored to its rightful place.
- **Tree Care in Focus:** Prospect Manor is scheduled for the SDCC 2023 Tree Maintenance Program. This initiative will encompass a comprehensive survey of all estate trees. Trees that have succumbed should be replaced, while those that pose risks due to illness or size will be prudently removed. Additionally, some trees may undergo thinning out to ensure their vitality and long-term health. We're actively coordinating with SDCC to establish the schedule for this endeavour and will promptly update residents once the details are confirmed.

Developments Bordering Prospect Manor

- **Prospect House:** The planning application for Prospect House was initially refused by South Dublin County Council and has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála. We've reached out to An Bord Pleanála for updates on the appeal process. They have informed us that they aim to reach a decision before the end of 2023. We will keep you posted on further developments.
- **Barnes Field:** As many of you are aware, the planning application for Barnes Field was granted. We have recently spoken to Mr. Barnes, who informed us that the field has been sold and that the Barnes family will not have any influence on the development as it will be at the sole discretion of the new developer. We will closely monitor this situation and aim to establish communication with the new owner once their identity is known. We'll keep you informed of any further developments regarding Barnes Field.

Upcoming AGM – Planned for early November 2023



We hope you plan to join us to review the year, meet other neighbours, and engage with Public Representatives about any concerns and we are hopeful to have a representative from the Garda to provide insights on drug awareness. The finalized date, time, and venue will be communicated as soon as they are available. It would be great to see as many residents there as possible!

Residents' Corner: Your Voices, Your Concerns

The following items are concerns directly raised by residents and asked to be shared with all households.



Here's a glimpse into some topics that have been shared with us:

- **Child Safety:** As we enter back-to-school season and evenings start to get darker, it's crucial to exercise heightened vigilance. Concerns have been raised about children engaging in activities like skateboarding on roads, especially around bends. Let's all be extra cautious and prioritize the safety of our young ones.
- **Battling Against Dog Poo:** Residents have told PMRA that dog waste remains a constant recurring annoyance. There have been many complaints regarding dogs soiling in front gardens, on grass verges, and on our greens, as well as the improper disposal of dog excrement bags hanging in trees, left on the benches, in bushes, in tall grass, and along fence lines. While most dog owners are diligent pet owners, the actions of a few can significantly impact our estate.

Numerous residents have suggested that we all take a proactive stance to address this issue by promptly reporting such cases to the dedicated Litter Warden at 01 414 9000. We all have an active role in fostering a cleaner and more respected estate.

- **Responsible Dog Leash Use and Legal Reminders:** We have been asked to remind residents that dogs must always be kept under control, as outlined by the legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986. This legislation mandates that a dog must be under effective control when outside the owner's premises.

Commitment to responsible dog ownership plays a vital role in ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone in Prospect Manor. Thanks for everyone's understanding and cooperation in adhering to these regulations.

- **Intersection Parking:** Concerns have been voiced about cars parked near intersections, potentially obstructing visibility and posing safety risks. Clear sightlines are crucial for everyone's safety, and fellow residents kindly request that if your car is parked in such a manner would you please consider relocating it to a safer spot.
- **Autumn Reminder, Secure Your Bins on Windy Days:** As we transition into the autumn season, we can expect the weather to bring about some gusty winds. On bin collection days, we kindly request that you secure the lids of your bins to prevent rubbish from being blown around the estate. Your small effort will go a long way in maintaining the tidiness of Prospect Manor.

We appreciate the engagement of our residents in bringing various matters to our attention. While these items represent individual viewpoints, it is beneficial to share them with all households to promote transparency and foster a sense of community.