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# PROSPECT MANOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2023

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Dear Neighbour,

Prospect Manors 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 at 8 pm in Rathfarnham Golf Club. This newsletter covers topics discussed at the AGM as well as additional information since the AGM. If you have any feedback, please email [info@prospectmanor.net](mailto:info@prospectmanor.net) or contact any of the voluntary committee members.

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### 2023 Committee Members

Role	Name
Chairperson	Patricia Brennan
Vice-Chairperson	David Kelly
Secretary	Peter Houlihan
Treasurer	John Brennan
Website Manager	Derek Heasley
Development Advisor	Patrick Joyce
Crime Correspondent	Janet McCrea & Peter Houlihan
Committee Member	Áine McCarthy
Committee Member	Lynda Minnock
Committee Member	Sean English
Committee Member	Shannon Brennan
Committee Member	Zara Lawford (Resigned in December 2022)

We are incredibly lucky to have so many committee members who volunteer their time. We would like to thank Zara Lawford for her time on the committee and hopefully, we will see her back soon! We would also like to welcome two new joiners for the 2023 committee, Jacinta Guthrie, and Alan McQuinn. The new committee for 2023 will otherwise remain the same as above.



### Chairperson's Report for 2022

Dear Residents,

The years keep on flying by. It was so good to be able to hold an in-person AGM this year at Rathfarnham Golf Club (thank you, Brian Swords). The committee was able to meet numerous residents, SDCC Councillors and our Mayor Emma Murphy to review and discuss topics impacting our estate. As always, I would like to thank everyone for their generous time, support, dedication, and hard work that goes into maintaining our beautiful estate. Below are some of the highlights, achievements, and challenges in 2022:

- The annual clean-up day had a great turnout. The committee and families throughout the estate came out to pick up litter & fallen branches/sticks after the windy winter, cut back low-hanging branches throughout the estate and edged the pathway along the main green (not an easy job!). The rubbish skip

was full. There was a great feeling of accomplishment, comradery and a job well done by all the volunteers! Thanks to Sean English for organizing.

- We had a fantastic 2022 annual collection detailed in the Treasurer's report below.
- The Entrance Metal Railings were repainted this year by committee volunteers. The railing was stripped back, primed, and repainted black with gold tips. The work was very noticeable and thanks to all who gave their time and effort.
- The wood railings on Stocking Lane, at the bus stops and the pedestrian entrance, were repainted/stained in the springtime. It is funny what a difference it makes to the overall look of the area. Some of the railings on Stocking Lane were vandalized over the summer period. Unfortunately, SDCC has said they will not replace it.
- PRMA had to cancel Fun Day in 2022 due to a nationwide challenge regarding insuring inflatables. We are looking forward to Fun Day 2023, after this issue being resolved.
- A big thank you to Justin Coogan who has been mowing our greens throughout the estate to such a professional level. People have commented on how well all the greens look when visiting Prospect Manor.
- Our summer flower beds came in beautiful in 2022 at the entrance and the circles on the main green. Committee members volunteered their time to constantly water which made all the difference.
- Every year the committee organizes a cutback of the growth along the fence line at Stocking Lane and our Bus Stop. It is amazing the amount of briar and other growth that protrudes through the fence during the high growth season. This work makes our bus stop much more accommodating and safer.
- Entrance solar lighting was installed by PMRA this summer lighting up the "Prospect Manor" marble sign at the entrance. Unfortunately, these lights were stolen in September 2022. The committee will decide if we will try again this year.
- Graffiti was kept to a minimum during 2022. Any Graffiti that showed up was immediately removed. Prospect Manor committee members caught some graffiti youths in the act during the summer. A discussion was had, and the estate has been graffiti free since then. Unfortunately, Stocking Lane has recently been hit with new Graffiti. This will be addressed before the end of March 2023.
- Prospect Heath has significant pedestrian traffic. We ask all residents to be mindful of the residents that live on the Heath. It accumulates litter in the Autumn leaves. As part of the 2023 clean-up day, we will focus on making sure the Heath is clear of rubbish, leaves and tree debris.
- The bins on the main green are always challenging. These bins are maintained by David Kelly in Prospect Manor and are not maintained by SDCC. Unfortunately, some people are taking advantage of these bins by trying to push in large pieces of rubbish and others trying to stuff in dog poo bags. Dog poo bags have also been left on top of the bins and in the surrounding area for David to clean up. If anyone sees this type of behaviour, please approach the person, and ask them to be considerate and take the rubbish or dog poo home if it will not easily fit in the bin.
- Christmas lights were put up at the entrance and wrapped around all the trees heading into the estate again this year. We had a great response as people drove into the estate and saw all the fairy lights. The estate looked magical.
- Unfortunately, the Christmas lights were also subject to vandalism three times with someone ripping the lights from trees. We will not let that dampen our holiday spirit and look forward to the lights again next year.
- At the end of 2022, we had a new litter person join to help keep the estate free from rubbish. This person walks the estate every 2 weeks after the green bins are collected to remove any rubbish from our greens and streets. We are incredibly lucky and really appreciate the excellent job!
- PMRA continues to respond to all the resident emails.

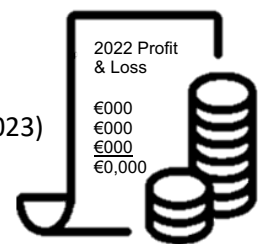
- PMRA text messaging service proved very valuable again in 2022.
- Newsletters continued to keep our residents up to date during 2022.
- PMRA's website is top-notch. We are so lucky to have Derek Heasley, who manages and maintains our impressive website. PMRA also actively maintains our Facebook Page.
- There have been a few incidents regarding crime in 2022 but when reported they have been immediately reported to our residents in the hopes to avoid future incidents.
- In 2022, ABP granted planning permission for Barnes field. Some committee members met with the Barnes Brothers to try to ensure Prospect Manor's concerns were understood and addressed. It now seems that Barnes Field is up for sale. PMRA will inform residents once we have any information about what is happening next.
- In 2022 Prospect House's planning application refusal from SDCC was appealed to An Bord Pleanála. ABP has deferred the decision until April 2023. PMRA will inform residents via SMS text service once ABP decides.

As you can see from above, there has been significant voluntary work completed on behalf of Prospect Manor. The committee look forward to meeting many of the residents at the clean-up day and fun day in 2023. I would like to wish all Prospect Manor residents a healthy and prosperous 2023!

### **Treasurers' Report for 2022**

The 2022 voluntary annual subscription fee of €50 resulted in collecting €12,920 from our residents. This was an excellent collection. PMRA distributed collection envelopes to each resident and residents returned the envelopes at their convenience to the Treasurer's address or by electronic transfer. PMRA also called to doors to finalise the collection. Thanks to everyone for their support. This collection provides the funds to allow PMRA to maintain our estate to an extremely high quality. In 2022, PMRA used the subscriptions to fund:

- Grass Cutting = €7,200
- Bed & Tree Maintenance = €1,100
- Insurance = €380
- Clean-up Day = €289
- Stationery = €240 (Newsletters, collection envelopes)
- Miscellaneous = €225 (Painting Materials)
- Social Event = €145 (Deposit paid for Fun day DJ and will now be applied in 2023)
- Bank Charges = €54
- Litter clean-up = €36



The annual subscription for 2023 will remain at €50.

### **SDCC Topics**



PMRA continues to work with SDCC regarding the upkeep of our estate. In February 2023 SDCC brought a tractor into the estate and cut back the hedges down by the Springvale wall and along the fence line from Prospect Avenue all the way up to the top of the estate. The hedges were severely overgrown and encroaching on the green areas. We are grateful to SDCC for doing this work. PMRA has requested SDCC to also assist with:

- Fix parts of the boundary fence line within Prospect Manor that borders Edmonstown Road, which has fallen and is now dangerous. PMRA walked the fence line with SDCC in March 2023 and are awaiting a timeline for the repairs.
- Prospect Manor is on the 2023 Tree Maintenance Programme. Unfortunately, with springtime around the corner, we are not expecting this work to be complete until autumn.

***“Residents Corner” contains emails sent to PMRA which Residents wanted the estate to be made aware of:***

Throughout the year Prospect Manor Residents repeatedly raised concerns about Responsible Dog Ownership via email, SMS and at length during the AGM. South Dublin County Council published a document called “Responsible Dog Ownership: A Guide on How to Be a Better Dog Owner”. At the AGM, PMRA was asked to distribute an excerpt from these guidelines to residents in this newsletter below:

**Dog Fouling**

Dog faeces is a health hazard and may cause Salmonella or an infection called Toxocariasis which can pass to humans through contact with contaminated faeces. It is caused by roundworm in a dog’s intestine which can be prevented when dogs are wormed regularly. Allowing dogs to foul in public places is not acceptable. Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 -2003 dog owners are legally obliged to clean up after their dogs if they foul in public places.

If you do not clean up after your pet, you are liable to receive an on-the-spot fine of €150. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €4000 if convicted. Contact the Litter Warden on 01 414 9000 to report dog owners that do not clean up after their pets. Litter Wardens also provide biodegradable poop scoops.

**Noise Pollution**

Excessive dog barking that causes a nuisance is a legal offence. If you are bothered by persistent barking, talk to the owner in question. If this does not work, under the Control of Dogs Act 1986, you can lodge an official complaint with your local District Court on the appropriate form.

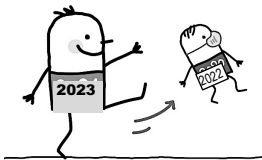
**Keeping Your Dog Under Control**

Dogs must be kept under control at all times. It is a legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986, that a dog must be under effectual control at all times when outside of the premises of the owner/ person in charge of the dog.

Additionally the following types of dogs **MUST** be muzzled at all times when out in public:

- American Pit Bull Terrier, Bull Mastiff, Doberman Pinscher, English Bull Terrier, German Shepherd, Japanese Akita, Japanese Tosa, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Rottweiler, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and any crossbreed of the above
- You are liable to an on-the-spot fine of €100 for non-muzzling, non-leashing, or allowing these dogs to be led by a person not over the age of 16 years. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €2,500 and/or up to 3 months imprisonment if convicted.

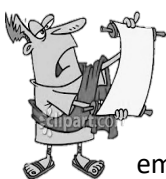
**PMRA 2023 Calendar**



Please see below the current planned annual events and proposed dates:

- Annual Clean-up Day: Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Collection: Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and March 28<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Fun Day: Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- AGM: Mid-November (date & location will be confirmed by early November)

Apologies for the small type size but we had a lot to squeeze into this month's newsletter.



**Conclusion**

PRMA would like to thank all our residents for their support during 2022. Prospect Manor is a special place. The committee is looking forward to a great 2023. The committee is monitoring emails daily. Please feel free to contact us by emailing [info@prospectmanor.net](mailto:info@prospectmanor.net) or visiting the website [www.prospectmanor.net](http://www.prospectmanor.net). We are also on Facebook.

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