# PROSPECT MANOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2024



Hello Neighbours,
Welcome to the February edition of the Prospect Manor Residents Association newsletter. It is great that the days are starting to get longer already. Please find below all the latest updates and happenings since our last newsletter. 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.

## AGM Highlights – November 2023

November's AGM held at Rathfarnham Golf Club saw thirty people in attendance. The Chairperson covered annual projects/accomplishments, the Treasurer presented financials, and the Community Garda Update focused on drug education. The Q&A with SDCC Mayor and Councillors addressed local concerns. Thanks to all who participated.

## Christmas Magic in Prospect Manor

Once again, the main green sparkled with warm white fairy lights wrapped around the trees bordering the road. This year, a Christmas tree was added on the main green with red and white lights, enhancing the festive charm. Despite all the rain and winds, the holiday spirit persevered!

## PMRA Committee – 2024

The Prospect Manor Residents Association was formally established in November 1999. Approaching our **25th Anniversary** this November 2024, it is great to see so many residents still willing to volunteer their time for the betterment of our community.

| Name | Role | Road |
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| Patricia Brennan | Chairperson | Meadows |
| David Kelly | Vice-Chairperson | Meadows |
| Peter Houlihan | Secretary | Drive |
| Declan O'Rourke | Treasurer | View |

| Name | Responsibilities | Road |
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| Áine Murray | Newsletter Distribution | Meadows |
| Derek Heasley | Website Manager | View |
| Jacinta Guthrie | Graffiti, Painting | Avenue |
| Janet McCrea | Crime Watch, Graffiti, Painting | Meadows |
| John Brennan | Newsletters, Planning Applications | Meadows |
| Lynda Minnock | Council Affairs Manager | Drive |
| Pat Joyce | Planning Applications | Grove |
| Sean English | Cleanup Day, Daffodils | View |
| Shannon Brennan | Fun Day | Meadows |

## Save the Date – 2024 Events



Mark your calendars for these upcoming community activities and maintenance efforts:

| Event | 2024 Date |
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| Cleanup Day | Sunday, March 24th |
| Annual Collection | Monday/Tuesday, April 8th & 9th |
| Annual Painting | Saturday, May 18th (Provisional) |
| Fun Day | Sunday, June 23rd |
| AGM | Wednesday, November 13th (Provisional) |
| Christmas Tree Lighting | Sunday, December 1st |

## Working with SDCC in 2024

Collaborating with South Dublin County Council, we are aiming to try and address these key areas:

- **Damaged / Dangerous Pathways:** A resident has informed us about raised pathways due to tree roots or other factors. If you encounter such areas needing attention, please let us know. We are compiling a list to be submitted to SDCC, urging prompt resolution for improved safety.

- **Tree Maintenance Program Update:** Prospect Manor has received notice that the Tree Maintenance Program by SDCC has been rescheduled to 2024. This initiative includes a comprehensive survey of all estate trees. Trees that have succumbed will be replaced, and those posing risks due to illness or size will be prudently removed. Some trees may undergo thinning for vitality and long-term health. SDCC emphasized that roadside trees are their responsibility. If you have tree concerns, please contact SDCC directly. We are actively urging SDCC to establish the schedule and provide details on the exact plan for tree maintenance. PMRA will update residents once confirmed.

- **Hedges:** Along our border between Prospect Avenue and Edmonstown Road the hedges grow considerably each year encroaching on the green. We are requesting SDCC to cut them back again this year.

- **Grass Cutting by the Bridge and Springvale:** We will be seeking SDCC to better maintain this area in 2024 because in recent years it has grown quite wild.

## Developments Bordering Prospect Manor

- **Prospect House:** The planning application for Prospect House was initially refused by South Dublin County Council and subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála. On December 15th, 2023, An Bord Pleanála **upheld the REFUSAL**, stating that the proposal would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and be contrary to proper planning and sustainable development. We will remain vigilant for any future planning developments at this site.

- **Barnes Field:** As many of you are aware, the planning application for Barnes Field was granted, leading to the field's sale. On December 21, 2023, Rycroft SLR Ltd submitted an updated planning application for the field, reducing the planned development from 131 to 119 residential units. After careful review, the committee found that overall, the new proposal is more acceptable than the previous approved one. Consequently, PMRA has not raised any concerns regarding the updated planning application.

## Residents' Corner: Your Voices, Your Concerns




*The following items are issues/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:

- **Road Lighting:** If you wish to report a public light requiring attention, please call the direct dial number: 01 414 9294. Before you report to SDCC a defecting public light please have the following information to hand:
    1. Your name, contact details and own address
    2. The pole number (the black number found on the white band on the pole) and road name of the faulty pole.
    3. The address of the house nearest to the defective public light.
    4. Description of the defect, e.g. no lighting, lighting during the day, twisted bracket.

- **New Crime:** A new car less than 6 months old had both its wing mirror covers taken off in the estate. According to the news, it is a new crime targeting VW Golf's. The resident reported the incident to the Garda. Please be vigilant.

- **Reminder in our Battle 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, 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.

- **Reminder regarding 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.

- **Reminder to Secure Your Bins on Windy Days:** 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.

## Handy Numbers / Contact Details

*In case of any issues or emergencies, below is a list of some useful contact details including telephone numbers, emails, and websites:*



**PMRA – Prospect Manor Residents Association**

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| • Email: | info@prospectmanor.net |
| • Website: | www.prospectmanor.net |
| • SMS Alerts, Report a crime: | https://www.prospectmanor.net/contact.html |

**Garda**

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| • Rathfarnham Garda | 01 666 6500 |
| • Tallaght Garda | 01 666 6000 |
| • Community Garda | Garda Chris Moylan<br>christopher.j.moylan@garda.ie<br>01 666 6500 |

**SDCC**

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| • Main Office | 01 414 9000 |
| • Environment | 01 414 9366 |
| • Litter Warden | 01 414 9000 |
| • Street Lighting | 01 414 9294 |

**SDCC Mayor & Councillors**

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| • Alan Edge, Mayor, Independent | aedge@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| • Brian Lawlor, FG | blawlor@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| • Emma Murphy, FF | emurphy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| • Lyn Hagin Meade, Green Party | lhaginmeade@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| • Lilian Guéret, FF | lgueret@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

**Emergency Services**

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| • Garda, Fire, Ambulance | 112 or 999 |
| • Gas Emergency | 1800 20 50 50 |
| • Electricity Emergency | 1800 372 999 |
| • Water Emergency | 1800 278 278 |