



Prospect Manor Residents Association

May 2010 Newsletter

Dear Neighbour,

We hope that this newsletter keeps you updated regarding the latest developments within our Estate. Should you wish to obtain more information, contribute items for the next newsletter or provide feedback, please contact a Committee Member, email info@prospectmanor.net or visit the website www.prospectmanor.net.

2010 Committee

A quick reminder of the current committee members:

Chairperson	Mark Byrne	Prospect Court
Vice Chairperson	David Kelly	Prospect Meadows
Secretary	Neil Coates	Prospect Grove
Treasurer	Sean English	Prospect View
Committee	Seamus McGlynn	Prospect Meadows
	Con Denvir	Prospect Drive
	John Cadell	Prospect Heights
	Patricia Brennan	Prospect Meadows
	Patrick Joyce	Prospect Grove
	Damian O'Donohue	Prospect Avenue
	Dermot Rooney	Prospect Heath

Community Games: no Volunteers so unable to submit team from Estate

As ever, new faces are always most welcome to the Residents Association, in fact it is important that there are new faces with fresh ideas. There are only 4 or 5 meetings a year which rarely last more than an hour or so. Some existing Committee members would be delighted to move on and let others take over but there are so few residents who take interest. Anyone who would like to be involved in the Association should contact any existing Committee member or email info@prospectmanor.net.

Stocking Lane Closure

The Council has notified us that Stocking Lane will close for aprox a week to facilitate further work on the Boherboy Waterpipe. This work necessitates the laying of a pipeline between Prospect Manor Estate entrance and the Waterworks entrance. This means any traffic exiting from Prospect Manor will be forced to turn left and travel via Mount Venus road (to Rockbrook) or along Stocking Avenue (to Ballycullen). As you can appreciate such a diversion will cause delays and Residents will need to allow for this when planning their journey. Latest date is end of May / early June but advance notification will be given nearer the time.

2010 Clean-Up Day

Date: **Sunday 9th May**, Noon - 4pm

Where: Volunteers are asked to gather near the skip on the Prospect Meadows green where we will issue teams with equipment and co-ordinate activity.

What: We have asked SDCC for the usual assistance on the day with tools, skips, bags ...etc...

Who: Remember our ability to tackle all areas of the Estate is totally subject to the number of volunteers on the day. So please come out for an hour and assist. This year we are looking forward to a few new faces.

2010 Fun Day

Date: Sunday 13th June (week after Bank Holiday weekend) 2pm – 5pm
Where: Main Green at Estate entrance
What: Face painter/balloon maker, Bouncy castles & refreshments
Who: Children from Resident Association member are welcome, parents will have to attend
Supervisors: As part of the insurance cover for the day we require a supervisor for each bouncy castle. We will operate 20-30 minute shifts and failure to obtain sufficient volunteers will force us to close down some of the rides. Please confirm you can assist by submitting your name on the day at the Registration Desk.

Again anyone who can assist with supply/donation of drinks, sweets & other such suitable items relevant to the Fun Day please notify one of the committee members

Golf Day

When: 16th July 2010
Where: Rathfarnham Golf Club
Who: subject to sufficient numbers interested in playing this year. If you are interested please pass your details onto any Committee member or email info@propsectmanor.net so we can liaise with Brian Swords

Prospect Manor website

We are encouraging Residents to forward details of local services or facilities which you want to recommend. Additionally maybe you provide a service (ironing, babysitting, gardening, business services ...etc...) which you want to advertise. We will include these on the site free of charge.
We are always keen for any suggestions or new ideas regarding the design of the current website
Finally we are always looking for anyone within the estate to assist with the updating of the site. If you are familiar with website design and can offer any assistance please contact any existing Committee member or email info@propsectmanor.net One feature we would like to add to the site, is a subscriber section so Residents can enter details and a softcopy Newsletter will be sent out by email.

Surface Bricks on Estate walls eroding

Previously we complained to Country Manor Bricks Ltd (now Outhaus Limited) who supplied the bricks for the Cavan Developments houses, where the problem of cracked bricks came to light about 5/6 years ago. CMB admitted that they had quality issues with the Kiln where the bricks were fired - they spent just over a month replacing damaged bricks in Prospect Manor so they know they had quality problems - which seem to be resurfacing again. There doesn't appear to be similar problems with the bricks used in the Albany Homes developments. The PMRA has made contact with CMB recently on behalf of the residents to see what they propose to address this and we are currently awaiting a proposal. Their telephone number is 01-8421277 should you need to contact them. They are located at Unit 26 Airways Industrial Estate Santry, Dublin 17.

Bus Stop

Representatives of the PMRA met with Dublin Bus and SDCC to explore the possibility of re-positioning the bus stop for safety reasons. Following discussions it was decided that it would remain in its current location with new entrance to the estate directly behind the stop. The Council have assured the Association that sufficient landscaping will be undertaken to minimise the visual appearance and impact to the Grove, by the additional exit. Dublin Bus has also budgeted to make this stop wheelchair accessible and work will commence in the autumn.

Bus Service

Currently being reviewed as part of Bus Eireann's Business review. Possibility of combining the 74A with another route which may influence the frequency of the current bus timetable. We are asking Residents to support the service as much as possible to ensure the viability of our bus route. Separately, maybe you can email CIE in support of the service? A Timetable is available on the website.

Traffic Management

We understand that funds were approved for the upgrading of Stocking Lane.

This work will include:

- the installation of a footpath & cycle lane (inside current waterworks boundary fence) from Airpark down to Scholarstown Road
- Traffic calming measures on Stocking Lane that will be beneficial when exiting the estate.

Re-instatement of Estate after Boherboy Works.

We believe that the remaining landscaping and Tree replacement will not occur until the autumn planting season. Similarly, the sub-section of pipeline, across the river near the current pedestrian bridge, is due to be installed after the fish spawning season and prior to the surrounding landscaping work being completed.

Crime

As a result of a number of break-ins, within the estate in the past year, we are asking Residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. The telephone number for Rathfarnham Garda Station is 01 6666500. While recently collecting the Associations subscriptions, one Resident in the View, highlighted neighbourhood children vandalised their car. As you can appreciate, this is totally unacceptable behaviour and anyone caught doing so will be prosecuted.

Do you know what your children are doing at evening time?

Grass Verges

Now that the main green plus other areas are nearly back to normal, we would ask all residents to maintain the grass verge outside their house. This helps to keep the estate in good repair & helps your property to maintain maximum value in the current market. We would ask residents NOT to dump their green waste/grass cuttings over the fence between the Meadows & the Owendoher river. Although green waste is compostable, the volume and compacted nature of the grass, some of which is dumped in plastic bags is creating a litter issue.

Pets

All dog owners within the estate are reminded to take care that all dog dirt is disposed of appropriately. We have also received a number of complaints from residents that are at home during the day about dogs barking all day in neighbour's gardens. Please remember to look after your pets so they don't bark excessively.

Speeding

Residents are reminded to be mindful of children playing within the estate. Please ensure driving is with due care for children at play.

Erection of Noise Barriers at Prospect Court

A number of residents of Prospect Court have issues with the noise barriers erected alongside the M50. The height of the barriers impedes on sunlight in the evenings. We will continue to assist the residents of the Court in dealing with local councillors and, M50 Concessions Limited and the NRA, to try and find a solution that works for all. We would recommend that the residents directly affected by the barrier, send a co-ordinated response to the Council and the NRA as soon as possible. The committee can then follow-up by contacting the local Councillors.

Sunday Dinner in Rathfarnham Golf Club

For a trial period till August, Residents of Prospect Manor are invited to use the facilities of Rathfarnham Golf Club (on Stocking Lane, above Stocking Lane roundabout) for Sunday lunch. To do so please phone Brian Swords in advance to reserve a table.

2010 Annual Subscriptions

Member of the Committee called to all houses in the Estate during the last few weeks. If we have missed you and you want to submit your subscription for 2010 please drop the €50 subscription in an envelope to Sean English, 17 Prospect View. Please ensure your name & address is on the envelope so we can issue a receipt.

Remember the subscriptions pay for:

- Landscaping and maintenance of beds, grass cutting and upkeep of the Estate (which directly influences the value of your house in the current market),
- all costs associated in organising the Annual Funday, providing Newsletters, Committee Meetings, Association website, AGM, cleanup day ..etc...

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