



Prospect Manor Residents Association

Feb 2017 Newsletter

Dear Neighbour,

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. Should you wish to obtain more information regarding the Estate, contribute items for the next newsletter or have any feedback, please contact a Committee Member or visit the website www.prospectmanor.net. Alternatively, you can email info@prospectmanor.net.

2016 AGM

Our Annual AGM was held in Rathfarnham Golf Club at the start of December. Thirty-one Residents from estate attended along with some of our local Councillors: Francis Duffy and Paula Donovan plus TD John Lahart. We encourage all residents to attend these meetings to have an input into how your estate is being maintained.

During the meeting the Chairperson - Patricia Brennan, outlined the activities & achievements during 2016. The Treasurer, Declan O'Rourke provided a Financial overview and outlined the projects the subscriptions helped finance during the year. It is our intention to maintain the 2017 Annual Subscriptions at €50, with collections commencing in March. John Brennan briefly spoke about crime within the estate and provided some statistics.

Unfortunately, difficulty obtaining electrical supply at the estate entrance has prevented installation of the CCTV camera at that optimum location. However, to act as a deterrent against crime, the decision was made to proceed with a camera within the estate. The committee have sourced the initial self-contained CCTV camera and testing commenced in December. Signage will be installed this month.

Questions for the councillors' in attendance:

The main issue was traffic exiting the estate but Councillors explained that this is an issue for all estates in the area. Councillors said that SDCC had developed a Traffic Management for the Knocklyon Woodstown area and suggested we should make a deputation to SDCC officials.

The committee indicated at the meeting that the Association previously made a submission, highlighting that the roundabouts at Templeroan and Taylors Lane were major factors in preventing traffic flow in the area. Councillors informed us that a deputation brought by the residents of Rathfarnham Wood has brought them some progress, so it was decided that Prospect Manor would review the benefit of making a deputation to SDCC early in 2017.

Speeding:

We discussed speeding within the estate. Infact the council recently put in a speed monitor, but when results of same were published, it was claimed there was no need for any speed calming measures in the Glen, however it was suggested that when people saw the monitor they slowed down. John Lahart spoke of the scheme that residents of Woodstown, which in order to reduce speed in their area, they got the children with high vis jackets to stand along the roadside a few times a year, as part of a driver awareness campaign.

2017 Calendar:

Annual Subscriptions

The 2017 Annual Subscriptions will commence on Mon 27/3, Tue 28/3 and Mon 3/4. This €50 funds Estate maintenance & landscaping projects, all grass cutting, pays for the annual Fun Day, regular newsletters, website maintenance, SMS messaging alert service, annual clean-up day and all other administration costs in relation to the estate. Please play your part and support the Association. If you are in a rented house, please help by reminding your Landlord that the subscription is fully tax deductible.

Clean Up Day

We will hold our Annual Estate Clean-up Day on Sunday 12th March, from 12noon – 4pm. This is an opportunity to clean all the public areas within the Estate. Without your support, we won't be able to tackle as many areas within the estate as planned. Following the CleanUp Day, the pillars at the entrance will be cleaned.

Fun Day

The Annual Fun Day will be on Sunday 18th June. All residents are welcome. Usual events such as bouncy castles, refreshments & face painter .etc. Remember parents must sign in all children before they can use the facilities on the day. If you can donate any refreshments for this event, please contact a committee member or email info@prospectmanor.net



AGM

This will be held at end of November and further details will be provided nearer the date.

Local History

Hell Fire Club:

“On top of Mount Pelier you will find the Hell Fire Club. This ruined building was a hunting lodge built for William Connolly in about 1720. William Connolly was the Speaker in Irish House of Commons and he lived in Rathfarnham Castle for a while. It is believed that the lodge was built on the site of an ancient passage tomb more than 4000 years ago. Speaker Connolly demolished the monument and used some of the stones to build the lodge. He died in 1729 and the lodge was later taken over by the Hell Fire Club. This club was set up in the 18th century and the members were involved in drinking, devil worship, black magic and other bad behaviour”. Currently there is an archaeology dig on the site and SDCC have plans to develop this site into a major tourist attraction. The Hell Fire Club can be reached from Stocking lane. *Have you any public interest articles about the local area, that you would like to contribute to the newsletter? If so, please email to info@prospectmanor.net*



Litter:

We have received complaints about empty drink cans and glass bottles being dumped on green areas within the estate, as teenagers are leaving the estate at night. Broken glass was recently removed from the grass on the main green following one party within the estate. Please be vigilant and help this from reoccurring.

House Alarms:

We have received complaints about house alarms ringing all day and night over the Christmas break. Please leave key and alarm codes with a neighbour and get your alarm company to adjust your alarm, so the outside bell will stop after the 20 minutes which it is required to do by law.

Door Bells:

Please be vigilant as we have had reports of people ringing door bells then running away. While this may just be children playing a prank, take care that it is not a distraction for someone to enter via the back door.

Litter:

We still organise a weekly litter collection within the estate. Although frequent strong winds mean the green bins sometimes manage to disperse their contents. Please help by picking up any litter you may see blowing about the estate.

Helpful Tip: *On windy weeks put your recyclables in plastic bags before you put into the green bin. If the lid blows open, it helps to prevent small items blowing around.*



Please get involved:

As ever, new faces are always most welcome to the Residents Association Committee, in fact it is important that there are new faces with fresh ideas for any committee. There are only 4 or 5 meetings a year. Unfortunately, a couple of committee members moved house in 2016 so we are badly in need of new members.



Maybe you are employed in the legal profession and could offer general advice to the Committee during the year? Or are you a tradesperson that can assist in estate maintenance? Or can you write an App for the Association? Or maybe you are at home during the day and can offer to distribute newsletters to your road? Maybe it's just some ideas for the newsletter. If so, please email info@prospectmanor.net.

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