

# THE MARSHALL HEIGHTS FLYER



## LOVELY LANDSCAPING

The Architecture Review Committee (ARC) has noticed that many homeowners take time out of their busy schedules to enhance the appearance of their front yards. ARC would like to recognize just a few of the pretty porches and gardens they have seen in an effort to thank everyone who helps beautify our neighborhood. On your next walk, take a look at the following homes:

2120 Hutchison Grove Court:  
*pretty hedge walkway and a good use of a small space*

2126/ 2128 Hutchison Grove Court:  
*shared yard with plantings and decorative beds- nice to see neighbors working together*

2110 Dominion Heights Court:  
*well-kept hedges, flowers and planters, good use of small space*

7716 Marshall Heights Court:  
*complete makeover of front yard with an interesting variety of plants-looks great year-round*

7738 Marshall Heights Court:  
*beautiful front flower yard*

7772 Marshall Heights Court: *good*  
*mixture of vines, flower boxes and yard plantings*

The Board wishes to thank the "green thumbs" responsible for these displays. We also express gratitude to every homeowner that helps make this a beautiful community. Your neighbors appreciate it! ARC will take note of neat pumpkins and fall decorations and will mention them in the next newsletter.

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Many neighbors have already shown their autumn spirit by decorating their front porches with pumpkins, witches and goblins. Let's continue to build community spirit in Marshall Heights by joining together to make October 31<sup>st</sup> a safe and fun evening for all.

Most people show that they are ready for trick or treating by leaving on their porch light and/or by displaying festive decorations outside. We have attached an optional flyer that you may choose to hang on your door to let trick-or-treaters know you welcome them.

Families and individuals that would like to start the night in a fun and festive way can **meet in costume on the playground at the bottom of Hutchison Grove Court at 5:30 pm for \$1 pizza slices and juice** (come early as quantities will be limited). Afterwards, watch as the neighborhood children parade up Hutchison together to show off their costumes. Families can then start to trick or treat around 6:00 p.m. since it will probably be dark by then. For more fun, dress up your pets and bring them along to the pizza party and parade!

Remember to wear reflective clothing and drive carefully if you have to go out. Make it a great Halloween!

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

We would like to remind you that as you turn your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, check the light bulb in your street lamp post. We need our streets to be safely lit when dusk comes an hour earlier. Have a safe and happy autumn!

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Thank you to the neighbors who diligently put out their recycling bins each week. It is **mandatory** in Fairfax County **to recycle newspapers, glass bottles, glass jars, aluminum cans, and tin cans.**

Items that also are accepted by our recycling company are: **plastic containers with a #1 or #2 on the bottom, magazines, junk mail, glossy inserts from the newspaper, and phone books.**

All glass, plastic, aluminum, and tin containers must be **CLEAN and LID-FREE** (that means milk jugs!) Containers may be put in a paper bag or placed loose at the bottom of the bin as long as they won't fly away in the wind. Newspapers must be protected from the wind by a paper bag or twine.

Contrary to popular belief and practice, the following items are **NOT ACCEPTED** for recycling: cardboard boxes, pizza boxes, aluminum foil, lids, and plastic bags. If you are interested in recycling other items, call Fairfax County at (703) 324-5052 for more information.

Please put your recycling bin out with your trash can **after 8 p.m. on Monday nights** for the Tuesday morning pickup. Call AAA recycling at (703) 818-8222 for information or to obtain a recycling bin.



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## “CAN” YOU DO IT?

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“When we recently surveyed residents about what you would like to see improved, one of the top answers was...**less trash on sidewalks, in front yards and on streets!**”

--Chris Ernst, Chairman of the Architecture Review Committee (ARC)

In response to this important feedback, the ARC strongly recommends that **ALL residents begin using a TRASH CAN with a lid**. Cans are available at locations such as Home Depot for as little as \$10.00. If residents are unable to use a trash can, the ARC encourages you to put your trash into BLACK TRASH BAGS before you put it on the curb. Strong, black trash bags seem to repel birds and squirrels that eat through white bags only to leave a big mess for all to see. The ARC will evaluate the trash problem in two months to decide whether or not trash cans need to become a mandatory part of our by-laws. So if everyone cooperates, we can make our sidewalks and streets a more pleasant place to be! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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## LOG ON AND LEARN MORE

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Do you use the MHHA web site?

[www.mhha.net](http://www.mhha.net)

We are always updating the information on this valuable community resource and urge you to use it. Please take a moment to explore the website where you'll find:

*Recent Issues of Newsletters*

Contact Information and Surveys

*MHHA By-laws*

Architecture Review Policies

*Recommended Contractors*

Approved Exterior Paint Colors

*Approved Storm Door Colors*

Board Meeting Dates

*And plenty of other useful details*

Keep your eyes open for some of the new features that will soon be added to the MHHA website.

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## FUN HAD BY ALL

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The first annual cookout was held on a sunny Saturday afternoon in September. Approximately fifty homeowners attended the event, bringing a food item to share and a fun attitude. A gas grill was raffled off to the lucky winner, Brian Matte, and the Loy family won a balloon machine. Kids, pets, and adults alike mingled with old friends and met new neighbors, while enjoying great food. Everyone agreed it should be an annual event so stay tuned for *COOKOUT 2003!*

Thank you to everyone who brought a dish, lent items, cooked and helped in many ways throughout the event including Thierry, Brigitte, Marianne, Leslie, JD, Frances, Anna, Sanaz, Lisa, Chris, Carmen, Mrs. Loy, Mike, Philip, Craig, and Bob. We hope that we remembered all of the wonderful helpers. A **special thank you** goes out to **John Termini**, president of Hadrian Management Corporation, who contributed generously to the cost of the cookout.

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## NEW MEMBER ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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We are pleased to announce that Hart Rossman, a Hutchison Grove Court homeowner, has joined the Board of Directors as Treasurer. The board members are:

Anna Van Lier, President  
Joanne Waters, Vice President  
Dori Brady, Secretary  
Hart Rossman, Treasurer  
Bob Combs, Member-at-Large

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*“We are listening to your suggestions and we welcome your participation on a committee or special project!”*

--The MHHA Board

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## DEVELOPING NEWS

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On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Marshall Heights homeowners participated in a special community meeting focused entirely on the proposed development of the land behind Hutchison Grove Court.

The meeting gave homeowners an open forum to express their opinions and ask questions about the proposed construction of 10-12 new townhouses. The evening was very successful and allowed the large group of homeowners to have a candid discussion with developer Andrew Aman of Whitestone Investments, Inc. and the Board.

By covering a number of topics, including parking, environmental impact and construction vehicles on Hutchison Grove Court, the meeting gave homeowners the opportunity to begin an important dialogue with Andrew and the Board about the proposed development. Although actual construction will not begin for another year, the MHHA Board encourages anyone interested in making further recommendations to serve on the Development Committee. Let us know of your interest by emailing the property manager at [hadrianmgt@aol.com](mailto:hadrianmgt@aol.com).

Andrew, the Board and homeowners also talked about requiring construction vehicles to enter the development area only from Route 7, ensuring an attractive landscape between current Marshall Heights townhouses and those proposed, and providing a safe entrance at the end of Hutchison Grove Court to the proposed development area.

The MHHA Board want to thank everyone who attended the meeting and shared their thoughts. We look forward to your continued feedback and encourage you to be in touch with us regarding the development.