

# The Marshall Heights Flyer

SUMMER 2002

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## New Board of Directors

The Marshall Heights Homeowners' Association has a newly formed volunteer Board of Directors. They are:

Anna Van Lier, President  
*Dominion Heights Court*  
Chris Ernst, Vice President  
*Marshall Heights Court*  
Dori Brady, Secretary  
*Hutchison Grove Court*  
Bob Combs, Treasurer  
*Marshall Heights Court*  
Joanne Waters, Member-at-Large  
*Dominion Heights Court*

*"We are committed to providing open lines of communication between the Board and the community. Please contact us through our new property management company if you have any suggestions for improvements, concerns, or if you would like to volunteer on a committee. We are all looking forward to working with you."*

-- The 2002 MHHA Board

## Board Contact Information:

Hadrian Management Corporation  
Phone: (703) 319-1521  
Fax: (703) 319-1495  
Email: [Hadrianmgt@aol.com](mailto:Hadrianmgt@aol.com)

John Termini, Property Manager  
Tony Zachary, Assistant

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## Updating Our Records

Starting this month, our new management company will begin updating information on each homeowner. In order to provide you with regular updates on the community, **we need to make sure we have your most current and**

**correct contact information and one email address per household.**

Please help us by filling out the enclosed update sheet and sending your contact information to Hadrian Management Corporation.

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## Have You Noticed?

- The brand new "tot lot" at the end of Hutchison Grove Court. There are two slides, monkey bars, a bouncy horse, and more. We hope that all Marshall Heights families will enjoy this safe and fun playground!
- No more rusty parking signs! New parking signage has been installed on every street
- Graffiti has been cleaned up near the tot lot
- The wooden fence bordering Route 7 has been fixed
- New lighting has been installed along Dominion Way

Our neighborhood is looking brighter and safer at night due to more residents changing burnt out bulbs.

Thank you for helping us with this important safety item.

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## Automatic Withdrawal

Please note automatic withdrawal service is now available to all homeowners to pay quarterly assessments electronically and directly from your checking account. We urge you to take advantage of this free service by calling John Termini at (703) 319-1521.

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## Community Meeting

The MHHA Annual Meeting in late April was well attended by homeowners in our neighborhood. Because the meeting ran late, we were unable to discuss a primary topic of interest - the development of the wooded property adjacent to our community.

This is such an important subject that we are planning a special meeting **Tuesday, July 9th at 7:15 at Marshall High School** so that we can provide you with as much information as possible and answer all your questions.

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## Keeping it Beautiful

Please help us in maintaining the ambiance of our neighborhood by:

- Removing anything other than decorative planters from your front porch
- Fixing broken or unpainted lamp poles
- Putting out trash in trash bags and trash cans (NOTE: Birds usually don't peck apart **black bags**)
- Replace burned out bulbs

Please remember to check out our web site [www.mhha.net](http://www.mhha.net) for more details. Thank you!

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## Coming Attractions ...

We are planning a neighborhood picnic for the community so that everyone can mingle with old and new neighbors and celebrate the summer together. More information coming soon.

## We Want YOU!

The Board is asking for your support in protecting and beautifying our neighborhood by joining one of our two active committees. You do not have to be an owner to serve on a committee; renters are strongly encouraged to take part! The time commitment will be small, but the benefits to your property value will be great.

### Architectural Committee (ARC):

The members of this committee take the lead in preserving and protecting the beauty and value of Marshall Heights. They serve as the "eyes" of our neighborhood by conducting quarterly walk-arounds to ensure townhomes and common areas look their best. They also provide recommendations on and oversee beautification projects, along with approving architectural changes. We would like at least one representative from each street (and one from each "side" of Marshall Heights Court) on this committee.

### Neighborhood Watch Committee:

Have you seen the signs around our community? If you have ever called the police about a strange car or person or a related concern, you are already part of a neighborhood watch. We are looking for a representative from every street (and two from Marshall Heights) to join this crime prevention committee and help get the program under way in 2002.

This month you will receive a **volunteer questionnaire** listing additional committees and a **survey** that we would appreciate everyone taking responding to. Please look for this in the mail to sign up for committees, provide us with your thoughts and comments, and mail back to Hadrian Mgt. Corporation.

## Capital Beltway Study

There are three different proposals to widen the Beltway between Springfield and the American Legion bridge. The proposed changes are not funded and are in the early stages of development. The Marshall Heights community should not be directly impacted under any of the proposals.

- More information regarding the proposed changes to the beltway is available at: <http://project1.parsons.com/capitalbeltway/>
- For a different point of view regarding the proposed changes, see: <http://www.sierraclub.org/dc/sprawl>

## SAFETY REMINDERS

In the last year, have you thought about?

Replacing smoke detector batteries

Investing in at least one fire extinguisher

Having your chimney cleaned

Checking your gutters to make sure they aren't clogged

### When a Tree Falls in Marshall Heights, Does Anyone Hear It?

Several trees have fallen in our community during recent thunderstorms. If you notice a fallen tree on *common property*, please contact our property manager, John Termini, at Hadrian Management Company (703) 319-1521. If the tree has become a safety hazard or is obstructing traffic, it will be dealt with in an urgent fashion.

If a tree has fallen on your *private property*, the tree and any resultant damage is your responsibility. Look under "tree service" in the yellow

pages for names of companies that can help you expedite tree removal.

Remember: *Early tree trimming will save you time, money and aggravation later!* If a tree is growing too large on your property, please cut it back before it falls on a car or someone's home and causes serious damage. If a tree is growing over onto your property from another property, you have a right to cut the tree back making sure you don't kill the tree and are prepared to completely remove the cut branches.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Hadrian Management.

## Help with Our Web Site

We are in need of a new hosting service for our web site. We also need the help of someone who can program a bulletin board on our site so that neighbors can easily share ideas or names of good contractors online.

If you have these skills or know someone who can help us with these items, please email John Termini at Hadrian Management [hadrianmgt@aol.com](mailto:hadrianmgt@aol.com)

We also want to especially thank Dede Dixon, a homeowner who has generously given her time in helping us keep our web site updated. Thank you, Dede.

## Thank you Dori and Hart

A special thanks goes out to Dori Brady, our Board Secretary, and Hart Rossman, a homeowner, for their hard work in creating this newsletter. We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter, another way for the new volunteer Board of Directors to improve communication with you.

We welcome your suggestions on the newsletter, as well as volunteer time you may be able to offer in producing our next quarterly newsletter. Have a wonderful summer!