

THE MARSHALL HEIGHTS FLYER

WINTER 2003

WINTER WONDERLAND

This holiday season was a beautiful one in Marshall Heights. Many residents got into the spirit by displaying unique wreaths, stringing festive lights, and hanging decorations on lampposts. Becky Ham, a volunteer representative from the ARC committee was on the lookout for special touches throughout the neighborhood. Here is a sampling of what caught her eye on a walk through our winter wonderland:

*several houses on Dominion Heights Court had decorations on decks, making our "back" entrance into the community look extra special

*very colorful light display at 2134 Dominion Heights Court

* nice lights in trees at 2128 Dominion Heights Court

*2129 Dominion Heights Court hung icicle lights in their front window

*Dominion Way homes had the greatest variety of wreaths--lots of different kinds, and all pretty.

*pretty lights at 2108 Hutchison Grove Court

*7724 Marshall Heights Court had a beautiful light display in garage and front entrance

*7737 Marshall Heights Court wrapped their front door like a big present

*7778 Marshall Heights had the most elaborately ribboned light pole!



Thanks to everyone who made our community look extra special this holiday season. Happy New Year!

NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS

Snowplowing: STM snowplows will plow our streets when at least two inches of snow have fallen. Driving lanes are sanded at their discretion. Parking spaces are plowed if there are at least 3 adjacent spaces vacant. Take caution on stairs and sidewalks as neither STM nor the association salt these areas.

Firewood: The storage of firewood on front porches is prohibited.

Lights: Change burned out bulbs in lampposts promptly for everyone's safety of during these shorter days.

Fences: Sledding is a fun winter activity but you do so at your own risk on Marshall Heights hills. MHHA is not liable for any injuries incurred while sledding in our boundaries. If you choose to sled, please **do not displace any part of a community fence** in the process.

Replacing and repairing fences is expensive and unnecessary and comes out of all homeowners' dues.

Anyone found to be involved with this damaging activity will be asked to reimburse the association for costs incurred. Be smart and safe this winter!

JUST "DUE" IT!

Make paying your dues easy! We encourage you to sign up to have your quarterly homeowner's dues deducted automatically from your checking account. This service is offered to you free of charge by Hadrian Property Management and

saves time and postage. To sign up for this handy service, go to www.mhha.net. Click on Association Documentation and click on "form" in the first section.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 2003 annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at Marshall High School. If you have a topic that you would like to have addressed at this meeting, please contact Hadrian Management by April 1. We look forward to a large turnout of owners and renters at this meeting, and will also be voting in at least two new board members at this time. See the back of this page for more details about the April 15th annual meeting.

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY!

About twenty-five neighborhood children and adults met on our community playground to celebrate Halloween in style. Fun costumes such as a ladybug, a butterfly, a samurai warrior, a cheerleader, a princess, and even a flying monkey were spotted! After neighbors enjoyed pizza and juice, the kids paraded up Hutchison Grove Court to show off their costumes. Trick or treating was fun this year in OUR neighborhood thanks to all of the residents that participated in the festivities.

Thank you to Dori Brady and Hart Rossman for organizing the fun event. We look forward to an even bigger turnout next Halloween!

SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday, April 6th as Daylight



Savings Time begins for 2003. This is always a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors as well.

WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

Are you thinking about making any modifications to the exterior of the house?

Are you curious about what you can recycle and what the pickup schedule is?

Is someone parked in your reserved space and need to be towed?

Would you like to know which public schools your children will attend? Just log onto...

www.mhha.net

and find the answers to these and other questions. The Marshall Heights Homeowners' Association website is in the process of receiving a face-lift so be on the lookout for a reformatted site with new features and content.

A big thanks goes out to J.D. Powell, our new volunteer Web Master. We look forward to more updates from him and sincerely thank neighbor Dede Dixon for her invaluable assistance and dedication to the website over the past few years.

Feedback regarding the website is always welcomed. Please send emails to webmaster@mhha.net with any suggestions or complaints.

WE WANT YOU

The board is looking to fill at least two board positions this April. This volunteer job involves approximately 2-5 hours of time per month including a monthly meeting. We are looking for reliable, communicative, and productive

team players that are interested in serving the Marshall Heights community. If you would like to run for the position, please contact Hadrian Management by April 1 to have your name added to the ballot.

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Important Subjects about your community will be addressed at the 2003 Marshall Heights Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 8th at Marshall High School. Please join us for updates and discussion on topics including:

****Development Proposal for area by Hutchison Grove Court and Dominion Way***

****Neighborhood Beautification Projects***

****Neighborhood Watch Program Kick-Off***

****Web Site Features***

This is YOUR neighborhood so get involved! Consider running for a board position, chairing or serving on a committee, volunteering for the newsletter and/or participating in a special event.

Sign-up sheets and more information will be available at the annual meeting on April 8th or contact John Termini for further information.

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POLICE REPORT

A 1994 Honda Accord was stolen, not once but TWICE, from Dominion Heights Court recently. Also, a 1993 Honda Prelude was broken into on Dominion Way. Lock your car doors at all times and report suspicious and criminal activity to the police! The non-emergency number for Fairfax



County police is 703-691-2131.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The current board members are:

Anna Van Lier, President (DH Court)

Joanne Waters, Vice Pres. (DH Court)

Dori Brady, Secretary (HG Court)

Hart Rossman, Treasurer (HG Court)

TBD, Member-at-Large

Other community leaders are:
Chris Ernst, ARC Chair (MH Court)
J.D. Powell, Web Master (HG Court)

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