



Fall Pears by Kevin Haller

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.

Nathaniel Hawthorne

# TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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News and Information for Tysons Woods

## Editor's Corner

The cool winds of autumn have started. Time to get outside for exercise and nature. See you all at the International Block Party in the Park!

### Calendar of Events

(Dates in distant future are tentative!)

Event	Date	Contact
International Block Party	13 October 2007	Godwin Agbara
Tyson's Woods Halloween Parade	27 October 2007	Lisa Kazden
Executive Board Mtg (all are welcome)	9 January 2008	Randy Foltz
TyLine Deadline (Winter)	18 January 2008	Penny Firth
Adult social (details to follow)	February 2008	

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## Note from the Prez

I would like to welcome any new neighbors that moved recently to Tysons Woods. We hope you are enjoying the neighborhood, and I urge you to take the opportunity to join our neighborhood activities. Please drop me a note so we know who you are and can get you into our neighborhood database for the next directory.

We have some great events coming up in October that you don't want to miss! First we have our International Block Party coming up on Saturday, October 13 (rain date Oct 14) in the TWCA park at the end of Malraux Drive. So bring your favorite dish from your country of origin, and enjoy great food and fellowship. We also have our annual Halloween parade which is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 (rain date October 28). So start thinking about what costume you and your children want to wear this year and get ready for a fun time.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TYSONS WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS. ALL ARE WELCOMED!

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# Annual Tyson's Woods Halloween Parade

## Oct 27th 2 PM



We will be holding our annual Halloween parade on Saturday, Oct 27th, starting at 2 PM on Malraux Drive by the park. Our costumed children --- and even a few costumed adults and pets on leashes --- will parade around Richelieu, to Chestertown, and back to Malraux to the beat of George C. Marshall High School Marching Band members, and escorted by the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department.

Following the parade there will be a gathering in the park with treats for all!

Anyone interested in helping with this event should call  
Lisa Kazden at 703-560-2435

We need 5 volunteers to help with the parade, refreshments, games, prizes, and publicity. Thanks!

Rain date is October 28th



### Summer Social Recap

Our neighborhood summer social enjoyed a great turnout with terrific weather AND food back in June. The burgers were especially tasty! Everyone had a great time, and enjoyed our special park, which is shady and inviting on even the hottest days. If you have not been to one of our social events, why not join us for the annual International Block Party coming up in October? We get to sample a wonderful variety of dishes, real international cuisine! One year I think we counted twelve countries of origin. To find the park, come down Chestertown to Malraux Drive, turn left, and go to the end of the street, a small cul-de-sac. As you get onto the path, turn left and you will find the picnic tables under the Tulip trees.



# International Block Party!

**Saturday  
October 13, 2007**

Rain date - Sunday, October 14

**Noon to 2:00 p.m.**

**Tyson's Woods Park**

Please come to our annual Tyson's Woods Pot Luck where we celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of our neighborhood.

Meet your neighbors and share favorite cultural dishes and desserts. Please bring portions that serve at least 8-10 guests

If your name starts with... bring a...

A - H      dessert  
I - O      side dishes  
P - Z      main dishes

You do not have to be an association member to participate - just bring your comfortable lawn chair to ensure seating.

The Association will provide beverages, plates, cups, and cutlery.

Questions? Call Godwyn Agbara at 703 573-7940



## What's Cooking?

### Emily's Secret Toffee

Randy and Mary Foltz

This recipe came from Mary's mother Emily who lives in Vero Beach, Florida. One time while visiting she made this outstanding dessert and I begged her for the recipe. It is a secret so don't tell anyone. Shhhhh!

24 soda crackers  
1.5 cups of chocolate chips  
2/3 cups brown sugar  
1 stick butter (melted)  
3/4 cup finely chopped almonds or nuts

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Line inside of 9 by 13 pan (glass or metal) with a sheet of aluminum foil, going up 1 inch on the sides
3. Melt butter in a small sauce pan. Add the sugar, boil rapidly until sugar melts and becomes syrupy. Pour into bottom of 9 by 13 aluminum pan.
4. Arrange Soda crackers over the syrup, allowing 1/8" between crackers. Bake 10 minutes.
5. Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle the chocolate morsels on top. Return to oven for 1 minute.
6. Spread melted chocolate evenly over crackers with a rubber spatula. Do not disturb the crackers.
7. Sprinkle nuts on top and refrigerate for 1 hour or more.
8. Lift from pan, peel off the foil, and break into chunks. Refrigerate to store. ENJOY!



## 2007 Community Directory



This past Spring your TWCA Board - due in large part to the heroic efforts of Randy Foltz - completed the new 2007 Community Telephone Directory. Out of 175 resident homes in our area, we had a little over 50 respond to us with their information. This calculates into a 30% response rate for Tysons Woods. So, if you find some erroneous information in the Directory, it is because that particular household did not contact us with their information.

New for this Directory: a section that contains references for many services that we all use from time to time. These references come straight from our TWCA residents so you can contact them directly for more information on the service company. This will be a very useful resource for all of us.

As you know, we are divided into 7 Areas here in Tysons Woods and each Area has an Area Representative who delivers this Tyline to your door 4 times a year. They are all members of the Board and work diligently to keep you informed on neighborhood events. Their names are printed on the front page of each Tyline. By June we had delivered around 80 Telephone Directories to those who paid their voluntary annual TWCA dues or opted to buy one for \$5.00. We have about 15 Community Telephone Directories remaining so if anyone decides they would like to purchase one for \$5.00, either contact your Area Representative or email Randy Foltz at [Randy@GBBVA.com](mailto:Randy@GBBVA.com)

# Foltz' Fall Flower Follies

By Mary Foltz

It's beginning, in the garden magazines and stores, the dazzling bulb drama... daffodils, tulips, crocuses, anemones, snow drops and more! The stores and catalogs entice you to buy dozens for fall planting, promising a brilliant spring display. But which of these really work in our area? And I don't mean our Mid-Atlantic Zone 7 that stretches across more than five states. I mean how can we get the best results right here in Tyson's Woods? Let's share our experiences here in the Tyline or by email... I'll start it off, and I look forward to hearing from you. Here are some ideas of what to plant now this fall for beautiful spring and early summer flowers.

First, be aware that most bulbs in the stores are not native to our area. They are mostly shipped from Holland, so they often get fooled by our crazy temperature swings. That is not necessarily a reason not to try them, just a caution. If something goes wrong, well, it is not your fault!

Second, I am a huge fan of native plants, so I really encourage you to try some home-grown alternatives, like **Virginia Bluebells** (*Mertensia virginica*). Here's a great picture you can see on the web [http://www.lonker.net/mertensia\\_virginica.htm](http://www.lonker.net/mertensia_virginica.htm). It is a woodland wildflower with the prettiest blue blossoms that pale to light purple as they fade. They bloom in spring, disappearing into dormancy in midsummer. Best in moist, light shade (can take a dappled sun), they are great for a north or north-east facing spot. They like rich soil, give them compost when you plant this fall. Another native spring beauty is **trout lily** (*Erythronium americanum*). It is small and delicate, with an almost checkered color pattern on the blossoms. For a broad swath of color in May, plant **creeping phlox** (*Phlox divaricata*). It is smothered in blue, pink or white blossoms, and performs beautifully as a ground cover or border plant. The rest of the year it is a pleasing green color, almost like grass, but without the mowing. And an exciting option for late winter color is a great shrub, **witch hazel** (*Hamamelis virginiana*), which has fascinating yellow blossoms...in February! It looks rather ordinary through the summer, but then colors up red and orange for fall, so you get two seasons of color. Okay, back to the Holland bulbs.

**Delicious daffodils.** Yes! They do very well in our neighborhoods. And yes, they do get tricked into sprouting early, but they always seem to survive, blooms and all. This spring we had a frost that left a coating of thin ice on my daffodil buds and blossoms. I was sure they would wilt, but they bounced right back after being cut and placed in a vase. A bonus with daffodils is that deer don't like them.

## Tyson's Likes

what do we like about living in Tyson's woods? Location, Location, Location. We are minutes away from everything, great shopping, great parks, Metro, and all of the major roads. And, we have a quiet enclave here with many trees, sidewalks, a neighborhood park, and direct access to the w&OD trail. we feel we have the best location in all of Northern VA! we also have great neighbors who take pride in their properties.

Lisa Kazden



Witch Hazel

**Terrific tulips.** Probably! Why not a definite yes? Well, first, make sure you get the right tulips. Most of what is sold in the stores are hybrids that give a great show once and then peter out. If you want them coming back every year, check that your tulips specify for "naturalizing" or "return bloom." The next challenge is to put them in the right place or the squirrels will get them, and you will be tempted to break out the BB gun - don't do it! You'll upset the kids. What could make you mad enough to punish a squirrel? How about this... you are looking out the window, admiring those full buds just ready to burst into bloom, and here comes Mr. Squirrel. Starting at one end of your tulip bed, he works his way along, biting the heads off one after another. And he doesn't even eat them! Just bites and moves on! Aagh! Of course, that is only if he didn't already dig the bulbs up over the winter. So what to do? I have seen some neighbors on Chestertown with gorgeous tulips in front of their house every year. Maybe plant them in front where there is a lot of foot traffic and the squirrels are too afraid to go? You can also put metal mesh around the bulbs when you plant them so they can't get easily dug.

When is the best time to plant? Natives do nicely if you plant them anytime after the summer heat has passed, and they won't dry out as fast. Guidelines for bulbs say "in the fall" but I like to wait until late October or even November, to plant the non-natives like daffodils. That reduces the chance of them sprouting in an Indian summer spell and then getting stunted when winter hits. I hope you enjoy finding great plants and bulbs this fall to enjoy a beautiful spring in your garden! Let me know how it goes: Mary Foltz—[mary@gbvva.com](mailto:mary@gbvva.com).



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