



Watercress  
Nasturtium officinale

There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.

Mirabel Osler

# TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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*News and Information for Tysons Woods*

## Editor's Corner

Garden or landscaping pictures wanted! If you have a gardening or landscape project that you would like to share with the community, please send me a photo or two. I'll do my best to include them in an upcoming TyLine. Many of us are looking for new ideas for using native plants in our landscapes, growing beautiful gardens without poisons or artificial fertilizers, and highlighting the beauty of our homes with plants.

Enjoy the beauty of spring that gives way to the bounty of summer.

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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 an 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 had our Adult Winter Event on February 10th which was a Wine and Cheese social. We had a good turnout and everyone thoroughly enjoyed tasting and sharing wine samples and getting reconnected with their neighbors.

Our next event is our annual Yard Sale which is scheduled for April 21 (rain date April 28). So start cleaning out your garage, basement, and attic and get ready for another successful TWCA event.

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Tysons Woods Civic Association  
**Annual Spring Yard Sale**  
SATURDAY 21 April - 8 a.m. - 12 noon

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It's that special time of year when we pull out those "treasures" that we have carefully stored away, dust them off, and prepare for our Spring Yard Sale on . . .

**To guarantee a successful community yard sale we will advertise in local papers, post signs at key intersections and distribute flyers to neighbors and merchants in the Vienna area.**

If you have any question or would like some tips on how to prepare for a yard sale, call Mike Trujillo at (703) 760-0465

**New Telephone Directory Update:**

We are in the middle of collecting resident information from you as we mentioned in our last Tyline. We emailed around 60 forms for those who provided us with their email address. The other 110 homes will be contacted individually by their respective Area Coordinator. We would appreciate your cooperation in returning the Resident Information Form to us as soon as possible once you receive it.

We are going to update the Tysons Woods Telephone Directory by adding references that YOU provide of those service companies that you have experience with, and recommend. This has been requested in the past so we are responding to your input. Now we need your help to help you. If you need an electrician for example, you can browse the list of recommended electricians in your telephone directory and even call the person who recommended them to get more information. How cool is that? We are also asking for services that you or your children perform such as baby or pet sitting, snow shoveling, day care, and yard work. So if your child is the entrepreneur type be sure to include his or her contact information on the Resident Information Form.

**Our goal is to get all the Resident Information Forms (all 175 of them) in by the first of May. This will depend on your cooperation and responsiveness. Thank you for those who have furnished us with your email address and have completed and returned the form. We would like to have the new Directory available for distribution at our Summer Social event on June 3, 2007.**

*SAVE THE DATE!*

*April 21, 2007 → Yard Sale*

*May 8, 2007 → Our next Executive Board Meeting (all are invited— If possible, please call in advance to Randy Foltz (703) 573-4780)*

*June 3, 2007 → Summer Social in the park at the end of Malraux Drive*

**New Board Member:**

We would like to welcome Godwin Agbara who lives at 8719 Litwalton Court as our newest member on the Executive Board of the Tysons Woods Civic Association (TWCA). He replace Judy Trimarchi who faithfully served approximately one year but had to resign due to health issues. We want to thank Judy for her time and service and give a big welcome to Godwin Agbara.

## What's Cooking?

### Watercress Brushetta



From [www.watercress.com](http://www.watercress.com)

It is finally watercress season! Last weekend a clean spring that we frequent was filled with brilliant green cress plants growing fast despite the cold temperatures. This peppery herb is best before it blooms, and you can sometimes find it in grocery stores. Cress is delightful on cheese sandwiches, and brightens up the flavor of a salad.

According to Wikipedia, watercress contains significant amounts of iron, calcium and folic acid, in addition to vitamins A and C. Many benefits from eating watercress are claimed, such that it acts as a mild stimulant, a source of phytochemicals and antioxidants, a diuretic, an expectorant, and a digestive aid. It is also said to have cancer-suppressing properties.

#### Watercress Brushetta

- 1 Loaf french bread (cut into 16 slices),  
Sliced 1 1/2 inch thick
- 1 Jar pesto sauce (7 oz.)
- 1/4 Cup pine nuts (pignolia), toasted
- 1 Bunch watercress, chopped
- 1 Large tomatoes, diced
- 3/4 Cup provolone cheese, shredded
- 3/4 Cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 Lemons, wedged

Preheat oven to broil. Spread out bread on baking sheet and toast each side of bread under broiler until golden brown. Spread pesto onto one side of bread. Sprinkle the bread with pine nuts, dividing between all pieces of bread. Cover each piece of bread with the chopped watercress, diced tomatoes, provolone and mozzarella cheese. Place baking sheet under broiler until cheese is nicely melted and lightly browned. Squeeze lemon on top of the finished bread and serve warm.

Per serving:

105.1 calories; 8.1g fat (63.3% calories from fat); 6.7g protein; 3.9g carbohydrate; 17 mg sodium.



Mark your spring-summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park! The program takes place on the lawn of the historic Hunter House at 9601 Courthouse Road, in Vienna.

2007 Schedule:

7 June: The Grandsons (New Orleans Rhythm & Blues)

14 June: Klingon Klez (Klezmer)

21 June: Sviraj (Balkan Jam)

28 June: The Seldom Scene (Bluegrass)

5 July: The Winstons (Motown)

19 July: Rumba Cub (Latin Dance Music)

More... [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/parks/)

## Earth Day/Arbor Day

**Saturday, 28 April at 11 a.m.** at Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale  
Earth Day/Arbor Day is sponsored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Clean Fairfax Council and Northern Virginia Community College. This free event marks the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Earth Day celebration and the annual observance of Arbor Day.

At this Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration, the **Fairfax County Tree Action Plan** will be rolled out. Your dutiful TyLine editor had a role in the development of a vision for the future of Fairfax that sees trees protected and planted along corridors of transportation, recreation, and water. The plan is available at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/treeactionplan.pdf>



## **House Beautiful**

*As of April 9, 2007*

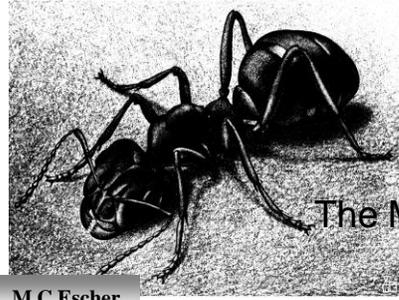
Housing information provided courtesy of Karen Hogan, Weichert Realtors (703) 609-4680.

8515 Idylwood Road  
Rambler, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, no basement, windows and heat pump recently replaced, kitchen and bathrooms updated, listed in September 2006 for \$599,900. Sold October 2006 for \$575,000 after 32 days on market.

8521 Minerva Court  
Rambler, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, no basement, heat pump and roof recently replaced, kitchen remodeled, new carpet, listed in August 2006 for \$599,900. Price reduced to \$549,950. Sold November 2006 for \$510,000 after 94 days on market.

2304 Malraux Drive  
Colonial, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2 car garage, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, finished walkout basement, updated kitchen and baths, listed in March 2007 for \$830,000.

8523 Connirae Lane  
Colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, carport, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, no basement, listed in February for \$2,500 and RENTED in February 2007 for \$2,300 after 11 days on market.



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## **The Malraux Chronicles**

by Penny Firth

### *Slow Down, You Move Too Fast*

*Once upon a time, a girl lay on her back on the cool grass looking at clouds. She saw the shapes of toys slide past the faces of friends in the hazy blue sky. She watched her Mother bending over to check the pie as the oven yielded to a bathtub filled with bubbles. Her climbing tree was reversed in blue behind the pet she loved. Her Father's proud smile caught the sun.*

*When she stood up, an hour had gone by. Not wasted. Not spent. Invested.*

*And in that hour, 900 vehicles had sped past on Electric Avenue. So many of them rushing. Pushing the day forward from rush hour to rush hour.*

*The girl looked down and saw an ant. It was hurrying along in a line of ants moving toward the busy street. A diminutive ant rush hour right there on the sidewalk. She pushed the ant out of line and it circled, confused. While its siblings marched toward their doom on the asphalt, her ant stopped. Its tiny antennae felt the air tentatively. A minuscule Sport utility vehicle without direction or traction. Then, astonishingly, the ant lay down on its back in the cool grass and watched the clouds go by.*

*The girl smiled and hurried home for dinner.*

**Don't worry about bitin' off more than you can chew. Your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.**

Texas Bix Bender  
'Don't Squat with yer Spurs On!'

