



Summertime... and the livin' is easy.

DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin
Porgy and Bess - 1935

TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

P.O. Box 267 Dunn Loring Virginia 22027
Summer 2007

News and Information for Tysons Woods

Editor's Corner

We hope that you are enjoying the bounty of summer in Virginia. Please think about helping out with the neighborhood association. We need a few more good folks. See you all at the Summer Social in the Park!

Ella Fitzgerald / Louis Armstrong

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Calendar of Events

(Dates in distant future are tentative!)

Event	Date	Contact
Summer Social	2 June 2007	Bob Van Heest
Tyson's Woods Board Meeting	5 Sept 2007	Randy Foltz
TyLine Deadline (Fall)	17 Sept 2007	Penny Firth

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 a successful Community Yard Sale in April, and I am sure that many valuable and unusual and superfluous items were moved from house to house. The concurrent lemonade and brownie sale was also a success, and a couple of young entrepreneurs netted \$9.00.

Our next event is our annual Summer Social which is scheduled for June 2. So check your name and food item and get ready for another successful TWCA event.

Randy Foltz, Tysons Woods Civic Association President
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**Tyson's Woods Civic Association
Summer Social**

SATURDAY 2 June - 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

June 2

Mark your calendars for the annual TW Summer Social
on Saturday, June 2
and join your neighbors for a cookout in the TW Park

The Civic Association will provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks, plates and paper goods. Community members are encouraged to show off their culinary talents, and bring an entrée (if last name starts with A-H), side dish (I -P) or desert (Q-Z).

There will also be events and prizes for the kids, so bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon in the park!

Cameras are always fun, and friendly leashed pets are welcome.

If you would like to help with the planning, cooking, or cleanup, please contact Bob Van Heest 703-698-6101

LAST CALL! Inputs to New Tyson's Woods Telephone Directory

Commercial services: We will add references that you provide of those service companies that you have experience with, and recommend. With the new Directory, if you need an electrician for example, you can browse the list of recommended electricians and even call the person who recommended them to get more information. Give information to Randy Foltz.

Child entrepreneurs: Do you or your children perform services such as baby or pet sitting, snow shoveling, day care, or yard work? If your child is the entrepreneur type be sure to include his or her contact information on the Resident Information Form (available from Randy Foltz).

Thank you to those who have provided emails and returned the form. The new Directory will be distributed at our Summer Social on June 2, 2007.

**Remember to VOTE on June 12
At Joyce Kilmer Middle School**

For more information:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/upcoming.htm#demo>

**Our local Providence District Supervisor
Primary**

All registered voters

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What's Cooking?



Fizzy Fun and Fortunate Coolers

From *Living the Natural Life*

By Grace Firth, 1974

"Happiness bubbles from within; fortune comes from without. . ."
Bucke's principle certainly applies to bottled beverages. Sometimes there is so much happiness inside a bottle that it cannot contain itself and you have to scrape cork off the ceiling.

In reality, exploding fizzies are not much fun. There is always the danger of splintered glass. When I held my Cub Scout den meetings in our cellar, I barricaded our root beer in a corner using cardboard boxes. A neighbor uses a shield of screening for the temperamental brew.

Commercial soft drink manufacturers put bubbles into beverages with liquid carbon dioxide. Although carbon-dioxide-making apparatus is available, true home-brewed drinks are made bubbly with yeast and sugar. Because yeast and sugar produce alcohol as well as fizz, homemade soft drinks are likely to be a little hard. The trick is to stop the yeast/sugar reaction before much of the sugar is turned into alcohol by the yeast. A good home brewer, like a good cop, has an educated eyeball that can spot and stop the action before it ferments into trouble.

In addition to water, yeast and sugar, homemade soft drinks entail flavoring agents such as ginger, oil of spruce, sassafras, birch extracts, cherries or, as my grandfather would say, "anything to give it character." Our friend Bill Crooks created a bottled beverage that he called Horsetail. I don't know about the horse, but the tail had character; he used vanilla beans and peppercorns for flavoring.

Here is a Ginger Beer soft drink recipe from <http://www.mixed-drink.com/NonAlcoholic/SoftDrinks/gingerbeer.html>

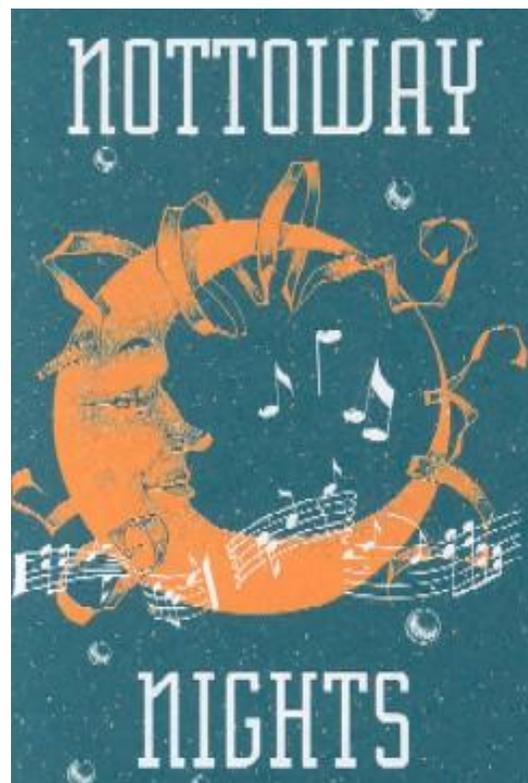
Homemade Ginger Beer

2 ounces Fresh ginger
2 Lemons
1 teaspoon Cream of tartar
1 pound Sugar
1 gallon Boiling water
1 ounce Yeast

You will need eight pint bottles or four quart bottles.

WARNING!!! They should be of a strong material with firm caps. It's more explosive than champagne. Makes 1 gallon.

Roughly crush the ginger root. Wash and slice the lemons into thick rings. Put the ginger, lemon, cream of tartar and sugar in a large bowl. Pour the boiling water over. Stir and leave to cool to 98 degrees. Stir in the yeast. Leave to ferment for 24 hours. Skim off the yeast. Strain and bottle the liquid. Leave for three days before broaching it.



Mark your summer calendar for 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/



House Beautiful

As of May 10, 2007

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

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.

Online Route Mapping Coming to DC Area!

Research has shown that an important reason why people choose not to ride bicycles for transportation is lack of information about the safest route. A new online bike route mapping program for NoVA and DC will allow 24-hour online access to the best bike route info in a user-friendly, MapQuest-like interface. As with MapQuest, users will be able to enter the origin and destination of their bike trip, and the 'Bycycle' program will generate a map and cue sheet of the recommended route.

The program will give greater weight to lower volume and lower speed roads, as well as the presence of bike lanes and trails. The program will be updated regularly as new bike facilities are installed throughout the region. Project implementation is being managed by the Washington Area Bicyclists Association, and will be complete by 2009.

The Malraux Chronicles

by Penny Firth



Biophilia

I am reveling in this spring. Taking each day and turning it to the light. Pulling the welcome warmth from the rising sun. Saturday, the trail was bulging with riders and walkers and strollers and bladders and chipmunks and catbirds.

A jaunt from Vienna to Herndon with friends was a wagon train of 'on your left's and the lean sound of speed bikes passing and passing us. In our wake, the buttercups and wild geraniums (pictured) swayed in the breeze. Wild azalea and wild cherry are about over --- although the tent caterpillars are just peaking in the cherry trees. The glorious mountain laurel is just bursting into bloom at the crest of the hill west of Hunter Mill Road.

Multiflora rosa and blackberry perfumed the moist air for our morning ride. Riding back through Vienna we saw Cathy Delgado making final preparations for the dedication of the new Vienna Town Green next to the trail. She was instrumental in bringing this urban jewel to fruition, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude.

Late that day I was able to get back out for a ride with my son, and we left the trail in the Difficult Run valley. We were transported to a land before time: a bottomland swamp forest dense with enormous skunk cabbage, blooming Jack-in-the-Pulpit and mammoth tulip poplar trees. While we ate a picnic supper at streamside, we watched a swarm of midges gaily dancing above us. I explained to him that they were all males, swooping and darting, waiting for a female to enter the swarm and then rise with her chosen mate above the remaining males below. He suggested that the technical term for the remaining males should be "losers." We watched this ballet with great interest until the sky began to darken, and then we explored the stream for a while until it started to rain.

Back on the trail we looked west through the light rain to where the setting sun was a rich red dipping below the clouds. Then we headed east toward home, nodding to the deer watching from the shadows and racing each other in breathless sprints that he somehow always won.

Biophilia is love of nature.

**When you can't find somethin',
either it's lost or you are.**

Texas Bix Bender

'Don't Squat with yer Spurs On! II'

