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"Pleasure and action make the hours seem short."

William Shakespeare

TYSONS WOODS

TYLINE

P.O. Box 267 Dunn Loring Virginia 22027
Summer 2008

News and Information for Tysons Woods

From the editor: Our hearts go out to those suffering in Burma and China, and to their families and loved ones everywhere.

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 would like to get the current Directory into your hands so you can get to know your neighbors, and also have this handy reference for local resources.

We had a very successful Yard Sale in April starting with beautiful weather and lots of customer traffic. After interviewing homeowners at each individual yard sale location, the feedback was the same, it was the best yard sale in years! A huge thanks to Bob Van Heest who coordinated the activity and Lisa Kazden and Michael Trujillo who provided all the signage.

We have our annual Summer Social event coming up on Saturday, June 7th. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend because it is going to be our best Summer Social. We will have a Moon Bounce for the kids plus some special entertainment that everyone will enjoy. Note the date and location of this event elsewhere in this newsletter. Instead of holding it at the usual park location at the end of Malraux, we are "crossing Electric" to make it easier for our neighbors on the North side of Electric to attend.

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

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Tysons Woods Civic Association
Summer Social

SATURDAY 7 June - 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

Just bring your favorite side dish and a comfortable outdoor chair. TWCA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, water, plates and paper goods. We are also planning LIVE ENTERTAINMENT and a

MOON BOUNCE

You do NOT want to miss our Summer Social this year. First, the location is the cul-de-sac on Litwalton, not the Park. Second, we are having SUPER ENTERTAINMENT that both kids and adults will enjoy. So please plan to attend this event... your kids will thank you for it. It starts at 4 and ends at 7 so PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Needed: folding tables, portable BBQ units, gas or charcoal, portable canopies
If you can loan yours, contact Michael or Godwin (phone numbers below) THANKS!

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

If you would like to help with the planning, cooking, or cleanup,
please contact: Michael Trujillo 703-760-0465 or Godwin Adbara 703-573-7940

Rain Date: June 8

New Location: Litwalton cul-de-sac

That's NORTH of Electric Avenue, for you South Tyson's Woods folks

2008 TWCA Membership Dues:

Each year, Tyson's Woods Civic Association sponsors a variety of events to help draw our neighborhood a little closer together. To fund these events, we request a **\$20 voluntary dues** payment.

Last year, your dues funded:

Summer Social

International Block Party

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Adult Winter Event

Children's Halloween Parade & Party

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Donations to Marshall High School and the Dunn Loring Fire Department

MEMBERSHIP (inclusive) \$20

Please send checks for 2008 membership in the amount of \$20.00 payable to:

"TWCA"

PO Box 267

Dunn Loring, VA 22027

An envelope has been included in this edition of the Ty-line for ease of payment. Or you can drop it off with our treasurer, Lisa Kazden who lives at 2232 Richelieu Drive.

TWCA Board Elections:

We will hold our elections for officers at the Summer Social, another reason to come and vote. Currently the following people are on the docket:

For President → Randy Foltz

For Vice President → Bob Van Heest

For Treasurer → Lisa Kazden

If you would like to nominate anyone else please let me know by calling me at (703) 573-4780 or sending me an email at

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Yard Sale – BEST EVER!!

Ask Bob Van Heest what the secret of a successful yard sale is and he will probably tell you it is preparation and "advertising, advertising, advertising." By getting our event onto Craig's List and into the Washington Post in advance, yard sale mavens could get it on their calendars early. And boy did they! Many came early, really early! Shoppers started showing up at 7:30 AM, hoping to be the first to get the "good stuff." And thanks to Lisa Kazden and Michael Trujillo who put up signs at key neighborhood entry points, we snagged a lot of passers-by who decided to check things out on the spur of the moment. On Litwalton, several families banded together to pool all the goods for sale in one home location, which was a great strategy. It drew and kept more people for a longer time, and they felt it helped them sell more merchandise.

The homeowners who hosted yard sales had this to say about the day: "Best yard sale ever!" and "great for kidstuff this year." But in an unusual twist, one shopper left something behind, with an interesting story for the hosts. A shopper stopped at Howard and Cathy Chatham's place on Richelieu and took a great interest in Cathy's scrapbooking expertise, particularly in the proper preservation of photos and papers. As it turned out, the shopper, Lee Battaglia, is a unique collector of space art and memorabilia, and visits yard sales looking particularly for NASA and space art and items of interest. He left behind an interesting pamphlet with the Chatham's that showcased his collection. Now that's not your ordinary close encounter of the third kind....



House Beautiful
As of May 9, 2008

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

2223 Malraux Drive; Split Foyer, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, finished basement, listed in November 2007 for \$2,500 RENT, price reduced to \$2,400. RENTED in April 2008 for \$2,400 after 124 days on the market.

2226 Malraux Drive; ranch, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, finished basement, renovated in 2003 with hardwood floors and updated kitchen, listed in November 2007 for \$659,000. Listing was WITHDRAWN after 100 days on the market. Currently "For Sale By Owner" for \$629,000.

2304 Malraux Drive; contemporary, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, finished walkout basement, listed in June 2007 for \$775,000. December 2007 price reduced to \$700,000. Listing EXPIRED after 279 days on the market.

2324 Malraux Drive; colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 1 fireplace, oil heat, finished basement, listed September 2007 for \$679,900 and withdrawn from market in November after 42 days on the market. RENTED in November 2007 for \$2,400 after 3 days on the market.

8726 Litwalton Court; colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, carport, 1 fireplace, electric heat, no basement, listed November 2007 for \$624,000. Price reduced to \$599,000. Listing EXPIRED after 143 days on the market.

8521 Betterton Court; colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 1 car garage, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, no basement, listed June 2007 for \$699,900. Sold December 2007 for \$588,000 with \$18,000 seller subsidy after 180 days on the market.

Shrub Logic

by Mary Foltz



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When our beautiful Tyson's Woods was established over thirty years ago, many homeowners put in trees and landscaping, and we have all added to it over the years. Sometimes you can tell if the original owner was going for the "quick hit" or if they really planned for the long term. I think some of us forgot that small trees and shrubs can grow big, really big. For instance, how tall do you think an azalea will grow if you stop pruning it? Would you believe ten to fifteen feet high? And the same with rhododendrons. Of course there are different varieties, some go even taller, and some "dwarf" varieties stay small. And that cute maple tree with beautiful leaves in the fall. Ooops, it's taking over my yard! Randy and I recently had to face up to our overgrown Japanese cherry tree, and azaleas and rhodies in the front, and a ragged forsythia along the side. Randy (who itches for any excuse to use the chain saw) said "let's just whack 'em and see if they survive...if they don't, they were wimps and we should get new ones." Fortunately our friend Jeff Aten from TheCareofTrees showed us how a professional custom pruning job could extend the life of the tree and allow us to gradually reduce the size of the shrubs without killing them. As for the forsythia, he advised Randy to "whack it" so Randy can enjoy his chain saw after all. Forsythia's regenerate very well with this treatment every few years, so, chainsawers, go have some fun!

If you think about the logic, well, how logical is it? We put a tree or shrub in a space that fits it perfectly for only five to seven years of its decades of healthy life. And then we have to prune it every year just to keep it from blocking the sun from our windows. Why not get something that naturally fits the space and doesn't outgrow it?

Here are a few thoughts if you have a hankering for trees and shrubs that stay small and look beautiful. And they are native! That means they adapt well in our gardens. Of course there is the beloved blooming Dogwood. And the Service Berry, a beautiful shrub that can be pruned to resemble a small tree, with graceful arching limbs and a little shade underneath, and a little bit of bloom in the spring. But you see them both a lot, so how about something more exciting? Carolina silver-bell is a lovely tree with lovely fragrant bell-shaped blossoms in spring. Don't put it where people walk under it in case it attracts a bee or two. It reaches about 20 feet high by 30 feet wide, and will be happiest in the wettest part of the garden, or may need a little watering in the summer. Also, I have seen some beautiful native magnolias in the Virginia Garden magazine that stay under 20 feet, and some new hybrids with yellow flowers, what a showstopper that would be! And one day I would love to grow an old-fashioned paw paw, enjoy the attractive treat and also eat the fruit in summer. They say it makes a great frozen treat that tastes sort of like bananas.



**You can't tell how far a frog
can jump by his croak.**
Texas Bix Bender
'Don't Squat with yer Spurs On!
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