



Raccoon in Tree by Debra Sisson

Farewell my furry friends. Your forest falls now.

Anonymous
Goodbye to Wedderburn Woods

TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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News and Information for Tysons Woods

Editor's Corner

Extra time. Every four years we get extra time. Slow down and enjoy the leap day. Breathe deeply and smile at someone. Have a dream.

Calendar of Events

(Dates in distant future are tentative!)

Event	Date	Contact
Leap Year Social	29 February 2008	Mary Foltz
Executive Board Mtg (all are welcome)	20 March 2008	Randy Foltz
TyLine Deadline (Spring)	10 April 2008	Penny Firth
Tyson's Woods Spring Clean	17 May 2008	Michael Trujillo

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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 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 some great events to end out last year with our International Block Party and our annual Halloween parade. We are planning more this year so please put our events on your calendar and be part of the neighborhood. We have a Winter Social for adults only coming up in February so check out the announcement in this issue. The next event after that will be our annual yard sale in April.

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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Leap Year Social
February 29th 8 - 10 PM



SAVE THE DATE! Friday, February 29 - from 8:00 to 10:00PM. We have planned another adults-only event for this Winter Season. Since it is a Leap Year in 2008 we decided to have a Leap Year Social.

Feel free to drop in anytime, you don't have to bring anything. Your Executive Board and the TWCA will provide the food and refreshments.

Come "leaping" in anytime you can between 8 and 10PM, and help to unwind a busy week that Friday evening. Best of all it is a chance to get to know your neighbors a little better.



LOCATION: The Foltz' Home, 2310 Malraux Drive

International Block Party Recap



We had a great neighborhood event last October with our International Block Party that took place in our own Tysons Woods Park. It was a perfect day for the outing and the food was just outstanding, thank you to everyone who brought specialties from their country of origin. We had a nice variety of food and it was a lot of fun to taste new things. We counted at least 12 different countries represented between us all, including a new family that had just moved into the neighborhood, Gennaro & Tatja Cioffi, with their three cute daughters. Gennaro is originally from Italy and Tatja from Finland, so they fit right in with the International theme. I want to thank Godwin Agbara and Michael Trujillo for leading this event from our Executive Board.



Community Announcement: BRIGHT FUTURES

On April 22, 2008, Earth Day, the Bright Futures Project of Fairfax County and Fairfax County Schools will launch a 2-week student-led drive to replace one incandescent bulb with one compact fluorescent light bulb ("CFL") for each child enrolled in our county school system. That's 167,000 bulbs in Fairfax County.

Our students will help create a "bright future" in northern Virginia by educating themselves, and the public at large, about the economic and environmental benefits of switching from incandescent light bulbs to the far more energy-efficient CFLs and supplying these bulbs at a reasonable price to local residents.

Check out: www.brightfuturesproject.org obtain informational materials, flyers, and CFL ordering information for the drive. Students, educators, and others are also encouraged to learn more about Bright Futures' Mission, energy conservation, and CFL bulbs at this site.



What's Cooking?

PUNCH!

Leslie Barnhart

- 1 large box red gelatin
- 1 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 large can pineapple juice (64oz)
- 2 small cans frozen lemonade (total: 12 oz)
- 18 oz orange juice, frozen concentrate
- 4 liters Ginger Ale

Dissolve jello in water, then add all ingredients before jello gels (the pineapple juice will keep it from gelling). ENJOY!

Parade Report: The skies cleared just in time for the Annual Tysons Woods Halloween Parade held on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The sun was shining and so were the faces of our neighborhood children proudly wearing their Halloween costumes. There were beautiful princesses, pirates, cars, and many many more. When the Dunn Loring Fire Department came with their fire engines, the excitement began as we walked the neighborhood to the sound of the sirens. We waved to our neighbors watching from their stoops. Afterwards, we ate many treats like cupcakes lovingly made by our neighborhood moms and dads. And, the kids enjoyed some Halloween games!



Tysons Woods Community Service Program



The Tysons Woods Civic Association Board is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a community service program, "*Tysons Woods Spring Clean*" on Saturday, May 17th, where we come together as neighbors to engage in a number of local *community pride service projects*.

We have identified several projects for your consideration and solicit your thoughts and ideas for additional projects. So far we are considering clean up groups for the bike trail and Tysons Woods Park, a food drive for a worthy organization and planting trees and other native plants. If you have any other thoughts or ideas please share them with your Area Representative or contact Michael Trujillo, project chair at (703) 760-0465 or gmspasca@aol.com. We will also need volunteers to plan and lead work groups -- so don't be shy!

Immediately following the completion of our public service projects the TWCA Board will host an Ice Cream Social for those who participate.

Winter Cleanup

By Mary Foltz

When is the best time to do your fall garden cleanup? Well, October and November pile the leaves on, and for the health of your lawn you need to get them off before they get wet and matted. But if you rake, then your neighbor's leaves take their place! I love those surprise Indian summer days in late December or January, they are great for raking leaves, and for your skin to make some Vitamin D out of that sunshine. So if you missed the fall raking, you get another chance. Or if you like a prettier lawn and have lots of trees, lucky you, you get to rake several times.

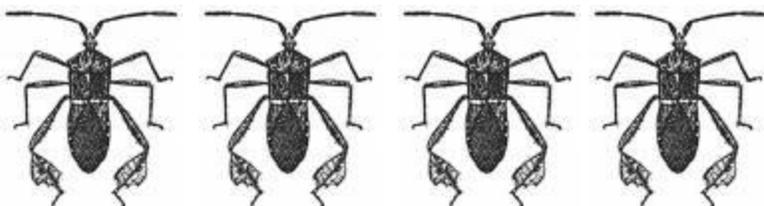
To Bag or Not to Bag... that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to leave leaves upon the flower beds, and thus, by composting, returning them to harmoniously nourish soil and soul.... or take up rakes and fight those papery memories of trees into piles and force them unwillingly into stifling plastic bags. To sit. To wait uselessly upon the curb. To hope that fortune will not arrive in ignominious garbage truck, and sad adieu. (Okay, Shakespeare wrote on much loftier subjects.)

But hey, if you do bag, wow what a bonanza for the rest of us looking for some free mulch! If you happen to find that those bags disappeared before garbage day, be content knowing they are feeding someone's azaleas down the street.

What else should you clean up? Well, I highly recommend discarding all plant debris, since so many harbor insects over the winter. Sunflowers host leaf-footed bugs, a funny-looking and fast-moving bug that can mess up your tomatoes nearby and start invading other plants. And always clear out the vegetable patch. Dead plants can build populations of mildews and viruses that will wilt your plants next year. Raking is a great way to keep diseases and insect populations down. It exposes the eggs and cocoons to cold and kills them.

Now it is time to dream over those garden catalogs and plan what gorgeous things to try in the spring. What about monkshood? It blooms a lovely blue, in the shade, but it's poisonous, so scratch that, I like the neighborhood kids too much. Maybe helenium? I have never grown it, but apparently it is hardy, blooms in fall, and lasts long in a flower vase. Maybe this will be the year something new will delight me as much as the phlox and azaleas and coneflowers....

Happy dreaming and planning!



LEAF FOOTED BUGS



House Beautiful

As of January 23, 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.

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.

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.

2324 Malraux Drive; colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 1 fireplace, oil heat, finished basement, listed Sept 2007 for \$679,900; 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. Sold December 2007 for \$599,000 after 143 days on the market.

2249 Richelieu Drive; rambler, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, RENTED July 2007 for \$2,800 after 4 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.



**Nobody ever drowned himself
in his own sweat.**

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