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“Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.”

- Elizabeth Lawrence

# TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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*News and Information for Tysons Woods*

## Editor's corner

We went fully electronic for the Summer 2010 issue. The Tyline is now posted on the web site in full content and color:

[www.tysonswoods.org](http://www.tysonswoods.org). Please email [TWCABoard@gmail.com](mailto:TWCABoard@gmail.com) or contact the editor if you have any questions or need a hard copy.

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W&OD trail – Photo P. Firth

## **NOTES from the BOARD:**

**Any new neighbors?** We would like to welcome any new neighbors that moved recently to Tysons Woods. We hope you are enjoying the neighborhood, and urge you to take the opportunity to join our neighborhood activities. Please drop one of us 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.

**Halloween Parade:** We have our next community event coming up on October 23rd. Bring your costumed children and friendly leashed pets (pet costumes are optional). Please join us if you can and get to meet some of your neighbors.

### **Need New Volunteer Board Members:**

Now is a good time to step up to your civic duty and volunteer to serve on the Tysons Woods Civic Association Board. We have a few vacancies and need to fill them for the Winter. We only meet four times a year, our meetings are efficient and the work load is light but critical to help connect our neighbors to one another. Sometimes we have warming refreshments, and we always have fun. We would love to have you serve and help out our neighborhood. Please let Bob Van Heest, Vice President of the Board or any Board member know if you are interested. Bob can be reached at (703) 698-6101 or by email at [rfvanheest@hotmail.com](mailto:rfvanheest@hotmail.com). Thank you.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

January 4, 2011. Contact a Board member for additional information. ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME.



# Annual Tyson's Woods Halloween Parade

## Oct 23rd 11 AM



We will be holding our annual Halloween parade on Saturday, Oct 23rd, starting at 11 AM 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 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 30th

### 2010 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 (Including a moon bounce and entertainment)

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Adult Winter Event

Children's Halloween Parade & Party

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Donations to Marshall High School and the Dunn Loring Fire Department

***If you have not yet done so, please send checks for 2010 membership in the amount of \$20 payable to:***

**TWCA**

**PO Box 267**

**Dunn Loring, VA 22027**

## Security and Safety

Check that all windows in your house are locked.

Keep doors locked.

Check that outside lights are working.

Keep valuables out of sight.

Please report suspicious activity to the Fairfax County Police:  
703-691-2131

## What's Cooking?

### Creamsicle Cookies

Penny Firth



Preheat oven to 375 F

#### Mix thoroughly:

1 stick butter, melted  
1 c. packed brown sugar  
2 Tbsp cream cheese  
0.5 c. orange juice  
1 tsp vanilla  
0.5 c. shredded coconut

#### Sift together:

2 c flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
0.5 tsp baking soda  
0.5 tsp salt  
1 tsp cream of tartar

Add flour mixture to butter mixture stirring just until mixed. If it is too soft, add flour to stiffen. Lightly grease cookie sheets. Roll into small balls (~1 teaspoon size). Flatten with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.

Bake at 375 F for 9 minutes. Do not overbake. Cool on wax paper or wire racks and have the cold milk handy --- these cookies taste like orange and vanilla creamsicles!

#### CLOCK CHANGES:

Fall Back into Standard Time



We return to standard time at 2:00 am on the first Sunday in November. It will be on November 7 in 2010. At bedtime, turn your clock back by an hour.

Remember to watch for school children on their way to the bus stop in the early morning darkness!

## Winterize your house: NOW!

From www. Earthshare.org

**Caulk it:** Small spaces and gaps around windows and pipes and wires entering the home create energy-wasting drafts that can cut the efficiency of your heating system. Most caulking products cost under \$10.

**Block drafts:** Draft blockers are foam plates that fit behind light switches and electrical outlets to reduce drafts that enter through those spaces. You can get a packet of 10 for about \$3 and they're easy to install with just a screwdriver.

**Upgrade your thermostat:** Changing your thermostat to a programmable one allows you to control the temperature in your home at different times of the day without you being home. Keep the heat down when you're out of the house and set it to turn back up before you get home. The thermostats range from \$90 to \$175, but can save 12% or more on your energy bill and pay for itself within three years.

**Weatherstripping:** Create a tight seal around all of your windows to reduce heated and cooled air from escaping outside. Weatherstrips are plastic, foam, felt or rubber strips that fit around window and door frames with a self-adhesive backing. Prices vary, but average about \$5 per window or door.

## Fall leaf composting – keep it in your yard.

All year those trees have pulled CO2 from the air and nutrients --- fertilizer --- from the soil and deposited them in leaves (and wood). Now that they are falling, the nutrients in the leaves can be returned to your yard. All you need to do is start a compost pile and nature will do the rest. Here is a video clip on how to do it:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSYbVHOMHog>

leaves + moisture + worms and their friends =  
Black Gold! (compost)





## House Beautiful

As of September 27, 2010  
Information provided by: Karen Hogan  
Weichert Realtors (703) 609-4680

2250 Richelieu Drive; split level, 5 bdrm, 3 ba, 1 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, listed FOR SALE \$580,000 on 18 August 2010.

8715 Litwalton Ct; colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2 car garage, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, granite counters, and 1.18 acres with stream. Listed FOR SALE 724,900 on 17 July 2010. SOLD 8 September 2010 for \$690,000 with \$1,500 seller subsidy.

2324 Malraux Drive; colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, hardwood floors on first level, Corian/Granite counters, and finished basement. Listed FOR SALE on 16 Mar 2010 for \$597,000. SOLD 3 June 2010 for \$590,000.

2224 Chestertown Drive; split level, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 1 carport, 1 fireplace, gas heat, listed FOR SALE \$589,999 on 20 April 2010. SOLD on 28 May 2010 for \$589,999.

2238 Chestertown Drive; colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 1 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, no basement, listed FOR SALE \$574,000 on 20 March 2010. SOLD 23 April 2010 for \$560,000 with \$3590 seller subsidy.

8526 Minerva Court; split level, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, listed FOR RENT on 27 May 2010 for \$2800. RENTED on 1 June 2010 for \$3100.

2249 Richelieu Drive; rambler, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, basement, RENTED for \$2850 on 5 July 2010.

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## Community Bulletin Board

Lawn care & snow removal services by 12 year old Elijah Stauth. Babysitter & pet care services by 13 year old Gianna Stauth. Call 703-204-1122

A warm welcome to new neighbors Kevin and Robin Tingley who have made a home at 2324 Malraux Drive. The Tingleys have three boys: an 8 year old and twin 6 year olds.

Use our new gmail account to communicate with your volunteer citizen's association board: TWCABoard@gmail.com.

We will deliver a hard copy of the TyLine to those who do not have Internet access. Contact your volunteer TWCA Board members, TWCABoard@gmail.com.

### TyLine Advertising and Community Bulletin:

Advertising is available for any TWCA resident who owns a business and would like to advertise in our Tyline. Ads are on a space-available basis and are limited to 4 x 3 inches (quarter page). Ads cost \$5 per ad per issue or \$15.00 for the year (4 issues), paid prior to the publication date. Email your ad to Penny Firth. Payments (check made payable to "TWCA") must be sent or given to our treasurer Leah Hurst (contact information on front page of TyLine).

The Community Bulletin Board in the Tyline is available for announcements of interest to the community (e.g. new baby, want to form a club, have an item for sale, etc.) Send it to Penny Firth. Limit is 100 words. No charge. Board reserves the right to review each announcement and accept or reject the request.



Nature gave us all somethin' to fall back on, and sooner or later we all land flat on it."

Texas Bix Bender

'Don't Squat with yer Spurs On II!