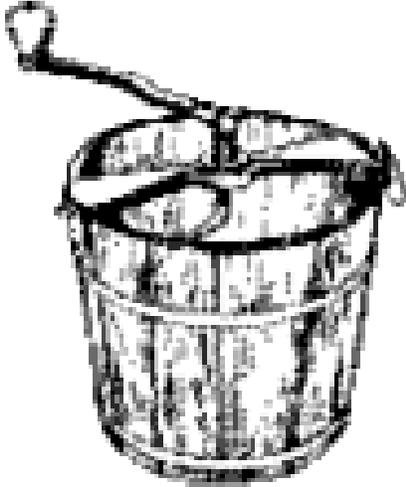


# TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Volunteers are needed! Your Community Association Executive Board has been comprised of the same folks since before my youngest child was born. Although fortunately we all like each other, we need some new blood. Literally! Please step forward and get involved at whatever level you feel that you can. The neighborhood needs you.

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## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, 1 JUNE 2002**  
8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Rain date: SUN. 2 JUN, 12-5 pm**

**Set out those attic treasures and garage  
gems as the community again sponsors its  
annual YARD SALE!**

**Community Directory Update:** If you have not been contacted by a volunteer to verify your address/phone information for the directory, please contact a Board member by 10 June. The new directory is going to press!

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## **Down the Block**

### **Pulte Development – Woodford Rd.**

As many of you maybe aware, Pulte has retired their proposal for developing the consolidated parcels on Woodford Rd., across from ConnieRae. This was due to a collapse of their purchase agreement with the owner of the major parcels involved in the group. Immediately after Pulte's withdrawal, Van Metre Construction attempted to pick-up the application with County officials, but the paperwork had already been closed. The impact is Van Metre will have to start the entire process from the beginning, if they reach agreement with the landowners. In the meantime, a neighbor on Frank St. has attempted to submit an Out-Of-Turn Plan Amendment to reduce the allowable dwellings from 3-4 per acre on the Comprehensive Plan, back to the previous allowance of 1-2 units per acre. However, this requires the approval of Supervisor Gerry Connolly, since it is not in the regular submission cycle (which is every 3-4 years). He has declined to accept the amendment until Van Metre's intent to file has been confirmed.

### **Moot's Property – Woodford Rd.**

This is a tiny parcel on the far side of the creek as you approach from Electric Ave. It used to have the small wood frame house, which was knocked down in mid-fall. The property has been purchased by a couple; they want to build a larger single house; however, the property is in the creek flood plain. (You may recall the area flooded during heavy rain last summer.) In order to build the new house, the architect is proposing a soil berm be built along the stream edge. This has raised a number of issues with County regulations. Currently, a special exception is filed and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission. A significant concern is the pressure this will place on the function of the stream in carrying and filtering water runoff from the surrounding properties. In addition, as learned during the Pulte application, the County has spent almost \$2 million in improvements of the streambed, which could be adversely effected by this proposal. We will continue to monitor this application.

**Traffic Count** – you many have noticed recently, there was another traffic count taken on Electric Ave. with the traditional 2 tubes across the road lane. The tubes are used to count the number of vehicles and their speed in a given timeframe. It has been claimed this is prelude to a traffic light; however, we have not been able to confirm this information or the location of a proposed light prior to this newsletter publication. We will provide information as it become available.

**McLean Police Dept.** – Last month's meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee received a briefing about increased gang activity along the Rt. 29 corridor. Specifically, burglary and car theft have been recorded from Falls Church to the Fairfax Circle area. The gang to which these crimes are attributed is named MS13, and frequently leaves their symbol in graffiti. If you see new graffiti of any kind appear in the area, you are encouraged to call the police non-emergency number and report the location. Police will dispatch officers specifically trained on gang issues to determine if it is gang art or "tagging", which is more elaborate in its art and simply a type of mischievous vandalism. Although our area continues to be one of the lowest in crime related activity within the county, we have experienced some recent thefts, including a bicycle stolen from an open garage.

If you have questions or would like further information, contact Renata Wade at 703.698.8787.

## **Notes FROM THE BOARD**

**THE BOARD met on 1 May to lay plans for late spring and summer community activities and discuss other news of interest to the neighborhood (reported herein).**

**THE BOARD DECIDED to make contributions on behalf of WCHA to George C. Marshall High School for the Prom Party, and to the Dunn Loring Fire Department – Station 13.**

**Next Board meeting: June 19 at Staurk's.**

## **Scoop it!**

Please clean up after your dog – especially along the path to the park. Thanks!

## SUMMER SOCIAL

LYSONS WOODS FAMILIES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A  
SUMMER SOCIAL IN THE PARK.

22 June 2002  
12:30 PM

**GRILLABLES AND DRINKS PROVIDED. BRING A SIDE  
DISK OR DESSERT.**

**CAMERAS ARE ALWAYS FUN, AND FRIENDLY LEASHED PETS  
ARE WELCOME.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE PLANNING, COOKING  
OR CLEANUP, PLEASE CONTACT MAGGIE STAUTX AT 703-  
204-1122.**

**See you there!**



### What's Cooking?

By Elaine Komorow

We love living in the neighborhood. Our 5 year-old, Lily, especially loves having so many children around. With our location close to the path to the park she can keep tabs on everyone, and always begs to be allowed to play when her friends are about. With Lew and I both working, and with our love of things that keep us out of the house even when we are home (gardening (Elaine), fixing up old cars (Lew)), it is not unusual for me to look at my watch at 6:00 and realize I don't have a dinner plan yet. The following meal (calling it a recipe may be overstating it) is a lifesaver. All the ingredients have a long shelf life so you can keep them on hand, and you don't have to worry about them going bad if you don't get to it for a few days. Also - you can individualize them (both in ingredients and in timing) to keep everyone in the family happy.

#### *Elaine's Desperation Dinner Burritos*

Flour tortillas - The larger burrito size.

Canned Black Beans

Cheese - I prefer Cheddar

Salsa

Rice (I use White)

Sour Cream

Avocado

Anything else good in a burrito - I've used leftover corn, taco meat, etc.

Cook the rice.

While it is cooking lay out a tortilla for each person. Thinly slice the cheese and put a line of slices along the center of the tortilla. Open the black beans and gently drain off the liquid. When the rice is cooked put a few spoonfuls of that on top of the rice, then a few spoonfuls of black beans, then salsa to taste.

Roll the tortillas. If you are making just one or two you can nuke them for a minute or two - until the cheese melts. If you are making them for a crowd you can put them on a cookie sheet and bake them at 350 for a few minutes. (The oven method makes the tortillas a bit crispy, which some people prefer.) Serve with sour cream and avocado and salsa on the side.

I usually make an extra one (don't heat it), wrap it in plastic wrap, and bring it to work the next day. I nuke it at work and have a great lunch. I can almost guarantee envious coworkers.

### Wade's World

by Jim Wade

**Watering** – Plants, trees and lawn require ~1 inch of rain per week during growing season. If we don't get adequate rainfall you will need to water. Many plants have begun showing signs of drought lately. When plants are drought stressed they become more susceptible to insect and disease problems.

**Mulch** – All planting beds should have a 1-2 inch layer of mulch. This helps retain moisture in the soil and cuts down on weeds. Do not apply mulch around the bark at the base of trees. Try and keep mulch ~4-6 inches from base of trees.

**Shrubs** - Spring blooming shrubs should be trimmed after they have finished flowering. This is also the best time to feed spring blooming shrubs; Holly Tone is an excellent product to use. Follow instructions on bag. Shrubs should not be fertilized in July or August. Early spring is the time to fertilize shrubs which are not spring blooming.

**Trees** – Avoid heavy pruning of trees until weather cools down in October or November. It is okay to trim out suckers or for shape. Do not apply tree coatings to cuts. They will heal faster left alone. Keep weed-eater and lawnmower away from base of trees.

**Lawns** – Mow lawn during summer months to 3-3½ inches. Weeds can be controlled with a variety of products. Make sure the weed you are trying to control is listed on the label. Do not attempt to grow seed now. Root systems don't have time to become established and grass will burn up. You may choose to sod areas, which will need to be watered every day for the initial 2 weeks and supplemented weekly, if no rain.

### **Our Summer Outdoor Friends**

by Jim Wade

**Slugs** – New products “Get A Slug” and “Sluggo” are now available. Can be used around family pets without harm. Read and follow directions on label. Of course, the home remedy of beer in a pie plate is still very effective, but messy.

**Japanese Beetles** – Do not put out beetle traps! You will only attract more to your property.

**Mites** – Many evergreens favorites of mites. Try washing plant with garden hose to flush them out. Plants may be sprayed with a miticide by a licensed pesticide professional. No miticides are available to the homeowner.

## **House**

### **Beautiful**

As of 17 May 2002



**2205 Chestertown Drive;** colonial, 5 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 2-car garage, gas heat, 1 fireplace, roof, siding, and windows replaced, listed in October 2001 for \$349,000. Sold November 2001 for \$345,000.

**2251 Richelieu Drive;** split level, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, finished basement, new driveway, new carpet, remodeled kitchen w/new counter tops and new appliances, listed in November 2001 for \$389,000. Sold November 2001 for \$375,000.

**2225 Malraux Drive;** colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, finished basement, new front porch addition, siding and windows replaced, listed in December 2001 for \$394,500. Sold January 2002 for \$394,500.

**2138 Woodford Road;** contemporary, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, listed in February 2002 for \$359,500. Sold February 2002 for \$359,500.

**8702 Litwalton Court;** split foyer, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, full basement, listed in April 2002 for \$379,500. Under contract in May for June settlement date, undisclosed amount.

**8529 Minerva Court;** colonial, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, finished basement, new front porch addition, siding and windows replaced, remodeled kitchen with corian counter tops and new appliances, in-ground swimming pool, listed in April 2002 for \$449,000. Sold May 2002 for \$450,000.

## **The MALRAUX CHRONICLES**

by Dave Knapp

### **What is your hobby?**

When I was 12 or so, I passed by the nearby school parking lot one day to discover someone flying a model plane. The pilot, holding a control handle, stood in the middle of the 60 foot circle made by the plane as it whizzed around for a few minutes at a time before running out of fuel. To someone who had spent most of his newspaper route profits for several years building non-flying models, and dreaming of flying the real thing, this was a perfect way to fight off summer doldrums.

For a time, flying control-line models became my favorite hobby. It involved all those things that boys liked to do: building stuff, getting dirty, making noise, fixing what got busted, dreaming of the exploits of real pilots, and spinning around in circles until we got dizzy. My flying buddies and I would fly two planes together, one low and one high, pulling paper streamers and trying to see who could cut the most off the streamer. My favorite plane was a single engine P-38 fighter, but I also loved my Mustang replica, painted silver and with that authentically cool air scoop underneath and the squared off tail that looked so great in profile.

In time I discovered girls, and spinning in circles grew tiresome compared with trying to figure out what I could do to attract their attention. I never gave up my love of planes though. Eventually, and way too late I might add, I obtained a pilot's license, a real plane of my own, and the satisfaction of knowing that I, too, could pull some real G's and fly those suckers.

Today, one can buy almost-ready-to-fly (ARF) and ready-to-fly (RTF) radio controlled (RC) propeller planes, helicopters, jets, control line models, radio controlled cars, boats and who knows what else. I am building models with my children now. The motor on one plane is from Russia and is “hot”, a powerful little speedster. Fairfax County has few places to fly, but the fields that are available come with insurance, instructors and friendly folks who are glad to lend a hand.

Building models is a good way to be active with your children. No one is on the sidelines. We are learning the principles of construction, planning, aerodynamics and how to have fun together. We build during the winter, then fly (and crash) during the summer. I know that is only one way to be active with your children and many parents have made other choices. What are you doing? Write us a short piece on what you do with your kids. Explain how you see it building a good relationship with them. Or, write about what your parents did to make you the exceptional person you are today. Write it up and we will publish it. Make this your newsletter too.