



I have banished all worldly  
care from my garden; it is a  
clean and open spot.  
Hsieh Ling-Yin, 410 AD

# TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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*News and Information for Tysons Woods*

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

It is so nice to welcome the cooler and (hopefully) drier weather of fall. We also want to welcome new Board member Rebecca Simpson who is the representative of Tyson's Woods Area 6. Thanks Rebecca! Another big thank you goes to Randy Foltz, who has worked very hard to finalize the community directory (see below).

You are cordially invited to participate in the activities of the community: contact any of us listed on the left here for more information. We are actually a fairly approachable bunch, and when we get together, the laughs fly fast and furious. Join us at the next meeting on November 5!

## Check the Address Label!

Dear Neighbor:

You will notice that we placed a label on your TyLine this time (see below). This is what we have in our database for your name, address, telephone number, and up to two email addresses. If any of the information on the label is incorrect, please email or call Randy Foltz (, [RandyF2849@cox.net](mailto:RandyF2849@cox.net), 703-573-4780). We plan to print the new Tysons Woods Directory shortly and this is your last chance to make corrections. Thanks. Randy Foltz

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## Down the Block

### *West Nile Tips:*

Anyone finding a dead bird should report it to 703-246-2300. The data will help Fairfax County in their surveillance and treatment efforts. You can help by getting rid of standing water where mosquitoes breed, including in potted plant dishes, garbage cans, old tires, gutters, ditches, wheelbarrows and hollow trees.

*JCE & Elm Street Development of Wedderburn property across W&OD Trail from Tyson's Woods:*

Actions and hearings have been deferred until December.

## Tyson's Woods Civic Association ELECTIONS

TWCA will be holding elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer this coming spring. If you are interested in one of these enormously rewarding and exceptionally fun positions, please try to come to our next Board meeting, scheduled for 8 pm, Wednesday, November 5, at the Foltz residence, 2310 Malraux Drive.

Your participation in our association is voluntary and therefore very important. The TWCA sponsors a variety of events every year to help draw our neighborhood together. Your \$20 dues help fund this newsletter, the Community Directory, the Spring Social, the Neighborhood Yard Sale, the International Block Party, the Halloween Parade and Party, and occasional large-item trash pickups. In addition, TWCA pays dues to Providence District Council (\$10/y) and donates to the Marshall High School Prom Party and the Dunn Loring Fire Department. TWCA organizes and coordinates citizen input to local development efforts, traffic calming measures, park planning, and other local issues.

### *Beyond the couch potato...*

2,000 – Calories burned per day by an average 9-year-old boy who is physically active for one hour daily.  
1,500 – Calories in a 20-ounce soft drink, super-size fries, and a bacon cheeseburger.



## BIOSPHERE TIPS

By Penny Firck

THE BIOSPHERE IS THE THIN FILM OF LIFE THAT LIES BETWEEN THE ATMOSPHERE (AIR) AND THE LITHOSPHERE (ROCK) OF OUR PLANET. IT IS WHERE WE HUMANS LIVE, TOGETHER WITH ~10 MILLION OTHER SPECIES. OUR CLOSEST ENCOUNTERS WITH THE BIOSPHERE ARE PROBABLY IN OUR OWN YARDS.

### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO PRUNE TREES?

Late winter for most deciduous trees. Summer or fall for maples, birches, dogwoods and walnuts.

### WHAT SHOULD BE PRUNED?

According to an article in Organic Gardening ([www.organicgardening.com](http://www.organicgardening.com)) you should remove dead wood, suckers and branches that rub against each other. If a tree has two main leaders, remove one. Do the same if two branches originate close together. Also check for narrow branch crotches (less than 45 degrees) which can split under heavy wind, rain or snow.

### WHAT ABOUT LOWER LIMBS?

If lower limbs are a hazard to people using our sidewalks, they should be removed. There are a number of branches in our neighborhood that fall into this category. Help make things safe for us and our children. Thanks!

### WHEN SHOULD I CALL A PROFESSIONAL?

Larger, more mature trees should be pruned by professionals. Likewise heavy limbs, or those that require awkward work with ladder and saw are best left to people who do this for a living. Make sure that the professional has a County license and provides a certificate of insurance before beginning any work.

## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

By Becky Cate

### Corbin "Goat Farm" Development

The Corbin property, locally known as the "Goat Farm", is a 7.7-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Gallows and Idlywood Roads. The maximum number of houses that can be developed on this parcel is 15; Batal Developers are proposing 14 houses.

The current plan will clear cut 93% of this heavily wooded parcel and locates 6 of the 14 houses off of pipe stems (privately owned) driveways. The planned turnaround for emergency vehicles, located off of the pipe stems, utilizes two of the houses' driveways and has not received approval of the fire marshal.

It is the position of the adjoining community, Dunn Loring Gardens, that dropping at least two lots would provide a better design for the project, make the development more compatible with the existing neighborhood, and provide all public roads that would be maintained by VDOT and would be utilized easily by emergency vehicles. They are also working to get a special construction entrance to the job site to minimize disruption to the existing neighborhood.

Batal is proffering \$12,000 for park improvements. Dunn Loring Gardens, Stonewall Manor and Dunn Loring Woods Civic Associations have petitioned to have this money go towards building a way station on the W&OD Trail, midway between Gallows Road and Cedar Lane. The Friends of the W&OD is the advocacy group for improvements to the W&OD trail. The president of Friends of the W& OD has written a letter in support of this trail amenity.

For more information, contact Becky Cate or Mike Cavin at 703-698-0932.

## Fairfax County Events

Don't forget to Vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>!

### Providence District Supervisor Debate

**Linda Smyth (D) and Jim Hyland (R)**

**WHEN: Tuesday, October 21, 2003, 7:30pm**

**WHERE: Dunn Loring Area III FCPS**

Administration Bldg. NW Corner of Gallows and Idylwood Roads, SW entrance of the building.

**MODERATORS: League of Women Voters.**

Questions will be accepted from the audience.

Everyone is welcome.

### Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Debate: Gerry Connolly and Mychele Brickner

**WHEN: Tuesday, October 7, 2003, 7:30pm**

**WHERE: Jewish Community Center of NOVA,  
8900 Little River TrnPk, Fairfax 22031, 703-323-0880**

Questions will be accepted from the audience.

Everyone is welcome.

### At-Large School Board Candidate Forum:

**WHEN: Tuesday, October 28, 2003, 7:30pm**

**WHERE: Luther Jackson Middle School  
Auditorium, 3020 Gallows Rd**

**SPONSORS: Fairfax County Council of PTAs,  
703-569-2099**

Questions will be accepted from the audience.

Everyone is welcome.

### AT THE STATE LEVEL:

Steve Shannon and Rod McDowell are running for Delegate. Ron Christian and Jean-Marie Devolites are running for State Senate.



## The Providence District Council

Tyson's Woods Civic Association is a member of the Providence District Council. The Council's purpose is to promote the ideas of its member associations on matters of common concern and to present such views to federal, state, and local officials and bodies. Transportation is one such common concern and our September meeting was devoted to a discussion of Bus Rapid Transit and Air Quality. The November meeting will cover other forms of transportation such as heavy rail, light rail and monorail.

Meeting agendas are currently being planned for next year and your suggestions are welcomed. Some issues being considered are development and land use, "smart growth", open space preservation, parks, blight, and homeland security.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month from 7:30p - 9:00p, at Oakton High School, Room 175. You are welcome to attend.

Becky Cate, Chair  
Providence District Council  
8119 Westchester Dr  
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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

At the July 7 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Board adopted amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. These will become effective the day following the date that the Board adopts revised Resource Protection Area boundaries. Adoption of the maps is currently scheduled for the Board meeting on November 17, 2003. The Board separately adopted a policy for the treatment of approved and pending plans of development to be administered by the Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

In the revised State regulations, Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) must now be designated around all water bodies with perennial flow. This will result in a significant increase in the extent of RPAs in Fairfax County. The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is currently performing field studies to identify perennial streams. This will be completed in late 2003. An interim map has been prepared to assist interested parties in determining the probable impacts of the amendments on properties throughout the County. For more information, see:  
<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/DPWES/environmental/cbay/cbayamendment2002.htm>

**If the job you did speaks  
for itself, don't interrupt.**

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



## Identity Theft – Don't Become a Victim

Identity theft is the fastest-growing crime in America, victimizing an estimated 700,000 people last year. Identity theft occurs when someone steals another person's identifying information - such as a Social Security number or birth date - and uses it to create a false identity.

- Don't give out your social security number, and don't print it on your checks
- Drop mail at the Post Office or U.S. Postal Service drop boxes
- Check your credit report regularly, and monitor credit card bills for suspect charges
- Buy a shredder and shred all identifying papers before recycling them
- Don't carry extra credit cards or checks
- Don't give your credit card number or other personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call
- Use a name other than your mother's maiden name as security on credit card accounts

The sad part about identity theft is that you might not realize you've been victimized until it's too late. A criminal can withdraw money from your bank account, run up your credit card account with huge debts, or obtain large loans. You are none the wiser until you get a large bill or worse yet a collection agency contacts you for payment. You usually don't have to pay back all that was stolen but it will take several months or years to repair the damage to your credit rating.

## **Halloween Parade**

Watch out for the ghosts and goblins! I've heard Harry Potter might even show up! Join us for our annual parade and party in the park extravaganza:

**Saturday 25 October 2003**

**1 – 3 pm**

Rain date: Sunday 26 October

Children of all ages in costume! Dogs of all breeds on leashes! Treats and photo-ops galore!! Contact Maggie Stauth to help out or contribute goodies for the party (204-1122)

**Don't miss it!**

## **VIENNA SPIRIT**

There's a great way to show your Vienna community spirit, whether traveling across town or across the country. A special state license plate has been designed for Vienna featuring a color rendering of Town Hall in the center of the plate and the words "Town of Vienna" at the bottom.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will issue the special plate once 350 pre-paid orders have been received. Application forms are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall, where a sample plate is on display. Forms are also available at DMV customer service centers and online at <http://www.dmv.state.va.us/exec/vehicle/splates/infoindex.asp?id=250>. The annual fee for the special plates is \$25, plus \$10 for personalized plates, in addition to the regular DMV registration.

The special Vienna license plate is not limited to town residents; any vehicle registered in Virginia may display the plate.



## **What's Cooking?**

### **Savory Seedy Snacks**

From Grace Firth "Living the Natural Life"

Fall is the time for winter squash and pumpkins. These fruits were among the most commonly dried by Native Americans and colonial peoples of the north temperate zones. The seedless strips of squash were threaded on fibers and hung on trees or racks to dry. Later they were brought inside the home and hung above the fireplace or stove. We do not dry squash or pumpkin, but we do dry the fullest, mature squash and pumpkin seeds for nibbles:

Clean most of the fleshy strings from the seeds, lay them on a paper towel, turn them two or three times a day for about a week, and when they are fully dry, store them in a coffee tin or other airtight container.

When we need a quick bit of energy, we take a handful of seeds and fry them for two to three minutes in a very small amount of olive oil, drain them on paper towels and salt/pepper to taste.

These do not keep well once they are cooked. Try to eat them within the hour or they will soon become tough and tasteless as straw. Actually, they are irresistible with buttery-goodness when hot from the skillet.

## **NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE FOLZ HOUSE: 2310 MALRAUX DRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER AT 8:00 PM.**

**PHONE IS 703 573 4780.**

**EVERYONE COME, AND INVITE A NEIGHBOR!**

When combined, all ants in the world taken together weigh about as much as all human beings.

B. Holldobler & E.O. Wilson (Journey to the Ants)

## House Beautiful

As of September 2003



Housing information provided  
courtesy of Mary Worthy  
(703) 938-4200

**2230 Chestertown Drive;** split level, 5 bdrm, 3 ba, carport, electric heat, 1 fireplace, new: kitchen, windows, hardwood floors & carpet, listed in February 2003 for \$459,900. Sold June 2003 for \$434,000.

**8518 Idylwood Road;** split foyer, 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, listed in September 2002 for \$399,900. Sold February 2003 for \$375,000.

**8705 Litwalton Court;** colonial, 6 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 1-car garage, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, finished walkout basement, updated kitchen, Anderson windows & doors, new siding, listed in September 2003 for \$529,000.

**2226 Malraux Drive;** contemporary, 5 bdrm, 3 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, new: baths, kitchen, corian counter tops, cherrywood cabinets, windows, roof, vinyl siding, & carpet, listed in August 2003 for \$450,000.

**2232 Malraux Drive;** colonial, 3 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, partially finished basement, listed in May 2003 for \$449,900. Sold May 2003 for \$435,000.

**2304 Malraux Drive;** colonial, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, finished basement, updated kitchen, new carpet & hardwood floors, listed in October 2002 for \$449,927. Sold March 2003 for \$445,000.

**2313 Malraux Drive;** split level, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 1-car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, new: garage, carpet, HVAC & roof, listed in August 2003 for \$459,900.

**2324 Malraux Drive;** colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, oil heat, finished basement, new: baths, laundry room, kitchen, corian counter tops, Anderson windows & doors, screened porch & patio, listed in February 2003 for \$459,000. Sold May 2003 for \$459,000.

## Make a Difference!

by Elaine Komarow

On your way to the office or the grocery store, do you ever find yourself angry or frustrated? Do you think, "I can't believe they put that light there!" or "Why the heck don't they do something about \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with your favorite complaint)." Do you share your concerns with your spouse or your neighbor? Do they have any power to change the things you are unhappy about? If you answered yes to the first few questions, and no to the last one, perhaps it is time to try something else!

This November we will have the opportunity to vote for a new chairman for the Board of Supervisors and a new Supervisor for the Providence District. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has control over many of the issues that affect our day-to-day quality of life. In addition, all 140 Virginia Legislative seats will be voted on. That makes now an excellent time to educate yourself about the candidates, and to educate the candidates about your concerns. Giving a candidate your support, financially and/or through volunteering helps build connections that are quite useful when help is needed.

As you'll learn through other articles in this newsletter, the Board of Supervisors is considering several development proposals that will affect our neighborhood. Whether you're "fer em" or "agin em" don't wait until the bulldozers have cleared the land to get involved. Seize the openness and availability of the candidates over the next two months to let them know what matters to you. If you care enough to care, care enough to get involved.