



It is a greater act of faith to plant a bulb  
than to plant a tree.

Clare Leighton, Four Hedges

# TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

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*News and Information for Tysons Woods*

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to our new officers and area representatives! The results of the Tyson's Woods Executive Board elections are shown to the left. Our incoming President, Randy Foltz, tells us a little about himself in this issue. I'm sure I speak for the entire Board when I say that he definitely serves the *best* refreshments for board meetings! We are looking forward to a great year in Tysons Woods. Remember that all are welcome to attend Board meetings as well as participate in the many social and community events that we sponsor. New in this issue is a tentative calendar of events. Thanks Randy!

## Calendar of Events

(Dates in distant future are tentative!)

Event	Date	Contact
International Block Party 2004	2 October	Lisa Kazden
Halloween Parade	30 Oct 2004	Mirna Nickson
Adult Event	Jan or Feb	Open
TW Board Meeting	4 Jan 2005	Randy Foltz
TyLine Deadline (Winter) 2005	26 Jan	Penny Firth
TW Board Meeting	8 March 2005	Randy Foltz
TyLine Deadline (Spring)	30 March	

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## **International Block Party**

Cultures, cuisines and costumes galore will be on hand at our annual International Block Party at the Tysons Woods Park picnic area.

**Saturday 2 October 2004  
5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Rain date: 3 October

Bring a dish for 8-10 people that speaks to your heritage... or just to your taste buds. Wear jeans or gowns or anything in between. It's a chance to meet the neighbors and learn about the wonderful places and cultures we hail from. Bring a lawn chair if you like to sit. Drinks, plates, cups and cutlery provided by TWCA.

Last Name:	Bring:
A-H	Main Dish
I-O	Dessert
P-Z	Side Dish

Contact is Lisa Kazden 560-2435; lkazden@cox.net.  
Volunteer help for set-up and clean-up much appreciated.

## *Community Directory*

If anyone has not received their Neighborhood Telephone Directory who has either paid their 2004 Association dues or has paid the \$5.00 just for the directory, please let me know. If you would like a Telephone Directory, you can either pay \$20 to join the Community Association or pay \$5.00 just for the Directory.

Make checks payable to "TWCA" and mail them to our Association address.

Thank you.

Randy Foltz

## **Halloween Parade!**

**Get out your costumes and funny wigs! Tysons Woods youngsters and their families and friends and friendly leashed pets are cordially invited to walk in our annual community Halloween Parade and party in the Park afterwards.**

**30 October 2004 1 p.m.**

**Parade starts at the cul-de-sac at the Park entrance, goes around the block. Bring cameras. Pet costumes are optional.**

**We will provide sweet treats for everyone, and goody bags for all the children, at the party after the parade. If you would like to bring cupcakes or other treats for the party, please contact Mirna Nickson at 207-0054**

**See you there!**

## A word from our new President

By Randy Foltz

A heartfelt THANK YOU to David Stauth who has provided outstanding leadership as President of TWCA for the last 8 years! My name is Randy Foltz, and I was elected to fill this position. My wife Mary and I live at 2310 Malraux Drive and I have two grown daughters both living in the area.

My vision is to bring more neighbors into contact with each other, building relationships throughout our wonderful neighborhood. The Civic Association hosts several events each year to provide services to our community or venues to get to know one another. We would like to expand the opportunities for our neighbors to build relationships with one another. You have a super team of board members, and please do not hesitate to call on us. Thank you, and have a blessed Fall season.

### ***DOWN THE BLOCK***

By Renata Wade

#### ***Woodford Rd./Van Metre Development***

The Board of Supervisors has approved the Van Metre Woodford Rd. development proposal. TWCA was active in the negotiations with Van Metre regarding our interests in traffic impact and the stream, which runs along part of TW. A center turn lane will be painted along Woodford Rd. for the new entrance and extending to ConniRae. The stream will be re-channeled and improved with tree plantings and walk trail. The new community will be 34 homes with an estimated sale price of \$1 – 1.3M upon completion. Construction is anticipated to begin next spring.

#### ***Wedderburn Estates/“Midgetville” Development***

Along W&OD Trail near Cedar Lane and across from Tyson’s Woods. The original Wedderburn proposal was rescinded earlier this year by developers JCE/Elm St. The revised proposal was submitted at the end of August, and copy provided to TWCA. Major changes in the design include a reduction in the overall property size and redesigning road access to intersect directly with Cedar Lane. The proposed houses along W&OD Trail, the buffer (25 Ft.) and setback (25 Ft.) are unchanged from the earlier version. For comparison, the development being planned at Idlewood and Gallows Roads has a 50 Ft. buffer plus a 25 Ft. setback. The revised JCE/Elm St. proposal will be subject to public hearing at the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in the coming months. If you would

like to see the revised plan, contact TW Rep. Renata Wade. If you would like updates via email, please contact your TWCA Rep or any member of the TW Board to be included in an email news tree.

### **November County & State Voter Issues:**

#### ***Fairfax County Bond Referendum***

There will be four bond referendums on the ballot this Nov. for voters to consider:

Human Services Facilities = \$32.5 Million

Public Library Facilities = \$52.5 Million

Park and Park Facilities = \$75 Million

Transportation Improvements & Facilities = \$165 Million

You can read each Bond proposal and learn what projects each of these bonds is intended for by visiting the Bond web site at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond). The site offers information about the County’s bond program, budget and debt rating. There is also a presentation document you can download ***Bond 101*** to help you understand how bonds work and the County process.

The Providence District Council (PDC) will hear a presentation on the fall bond issues at the next meeting, Sept. 22 (Wed.). 7:00p at the Dunn Loring Administration Center, located at the corner of Gallows and Idylwood Rd. (the former Dunn Loring Elem.). **TWCA is a member of PDC and neighbors are welcome to attend.**

#### ***Virginia State Constitutional Amendments:***

This fall voters will be asked to cast their vote on two proposed amendments to the State Constitution:

**Proposal #1: Apportionment** – This proposal deals with representation in the Virginia General Assembly and U.S. House of Representatives for areas affected by redistricting. Changes in district size (and therefore equal representation by location) may occur every ten years when the State is required to review districts immediately after the federal census is completed. This proposal is intended to clarify who will represent an area when the boundaries have been changed, and when the hand-off of new representation will occur.

**Proposal #2: Succession to the Office of Governor** – The question is whether to amend the State Constitution to provide for additional possible successors to fill the Governor’s role in case of emergency or enemy attack that prevents the House of Delegates from meeting to hold election of the Acting or next Governor during an emergency. Current language provides for three possibilities in this order: Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Speaker of the House. A yes vote this fall will allow the President pro tem of the Senate, and Senate Majority Leader (in order) to be added to the list of emergency succession officials.

## TREE CUTTING ON THE W&OD TRAIL

If you are one of the hundreds of users of the *W&OD Trail*, you have noticed in recent months that many trees have been cut or severely trimmed along the Trail. In June, citizens alarmed by what seemed to be excessive cutting contacted Virginia Delegates Jim Scott and Steve Shannon, who called a meeting of concerned parties: the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (owner of the *W&OD* right-of-way), Dominion Virginia Power (owner of an easement for high-voltage transmission lines), local officials, landowners bordering the Trail, and citizen leaders.

At the June 28 meeting, Dominion Power said their accelerated tree cutting was in response to the Northeast blackout of August 2003 (trees falling on transmission lines had been one of many factors). Also, that trees which they had been pruning for years were now diseased and had to be removed, for the future safety of the transmission lines. Discussion followed on issues including: appropriate heights of trees beside the Trail, types of plants that could be left to flourish, and erosion problems in cut areas. The meeting ended with the formation of the *W&OD Task Force*, composed of representatives from Providence District, Town of Vienna, Reston, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and Dominion Virginia Power.

The Task Force has met twice: on July 19 on the Trail, to see the cutting and discuss the issues; then on August 18, to implement the key suggestion: a *transmission line patrol* to inspect the 34 miles of the *W&OD Trail* which is contiguous with the transmission lines. The 5-person transmission line patrol (the Manager of the *W&OD Trail*, the Fairfax County Urban Forester, an engineer and an urban forester from Dominion Power, and the chief of the work crews) will reach consensus on what to cut, what to plant as replacements, and which areas are historically significant or environmentally fragile. All this information will be recorded in a log that will guide the work crews, inform state and federal regulatory agencies, and educate the public on vegetation management along the right-of-way.

As always, the best ongoing "policing" of a trail is done by its frequent users. Please share your observations with Paul McCray, Manager of the *W&OD Trail* ([W&OD@nvrpa.org](mailto:W&OD@nvrpa.org)), or Barbara Hildreth, Chairman of the *W&OD Task Force* ([Barbara.Hildreth@verizon.net](mailto:Barbara.Hildreth@verizon.net)).

## Our Local Heroes...

The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, located at 2148 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, is gearing up for their Annual Haunted House and they'd like your help. If you are hard working, dedicated and looking for an outlet for your Halloween enthusiasm, they are looking for YOU. Right now, their Haunt is scheduled to be open to the public from Friday, October 22nd through Monday, October 25th, 2004. Even if you might not be available when they are open to the public, they can still use your expertise in the planning and preparation stages. If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please contact them right away since planning is already underway. You can reach their Halloween Queen, Rose-Ellen Eastman, via e-mail at [Haunt@DLVFRD.org](mailto:Haunt@DLVFRD.org) or via pager at 703-701-4863 or at the station at 703-560-9413. Thank you for supporting the community by supporting the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

\*\* Please bookmark [www.dlvfrd.org](http://www.dlvfrd.org) so you can keep up to date on fun and interesting things going on at the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. If you have any questions on this information, please feel free to call the station at 703-560-9413 or e-mail us at [dlvfrd@dlvfrd.org](mailto:dlvfrd@dlvfrd.org)

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

Do larger portions make us eat more? Yes. Nutrition Action Healthletter went to movie theaters in Chicago and randomly gave people either medium or really large buckets of popcorn. The people who were given big buckets ate roughly 50 percent more than the people who were given smaller buckets. But if you asked them to estimate how many ounces or calories they had eaten, there was no difference between what the two groups reported.

Nutrition Action Healthletter, March 2004

Find your polling place or elected official at:

[http://www.sbe.state.va.us/VotReg/Polling\\_Place/Polling\\_Place\\_Lookup\\_request.htm](http://www.sbe.state.va.us/VotReg/Polling_Place/Polling_Place_Lookup_request.htm)

**Providence District Council notes:**

Our next **PDC meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 22, 7:15pm at the Dunn Loring Center** (corner of Gallows and Idylwood). Enter through the door labeled # 2 next to the parking lot. The presentation will be on the **November bond referendums** for Fairfax County Parks, Libraries, Human Services and Transportation. The public is invited to attend and participate.

**UPDATE Fairlee-Metro West Out of Turn Plan Amendment (OTPA):**

Ken Lawrence, Providence District Planning Commissioner, deferred decision until October 14. On October 8th, a new plan will be published on the County's website (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm>), which will be voted on by the Planning Commissioners on October 14. If you have comments that you would like to be considered as part of the public record, email them to <plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov> and <clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov> .

On October 18th, the Board of Supervisors will hold their public hearing on this OTPA . If the BOS hearing is held on the 18th, they will not defer action on the OTPA; they will vote for or against the plan immediately after the public testimony.



**What's Cooking?**

**French Toast Casserole**

From Lisa Kazden

The first time I ever celebrated Mother's Day as a mother was in 2003. Then, we started a tradition of having a family brunch at our house. This easy make ahead recipe has always helped make the get-together special.

- 10 cups cubed sturdy white bread (~16 slices)
- Cooking spray
- 8 oz. softened cream cheese (regular or low fat)
- 8 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups 2% milk
- 2/3 cup half-and-half
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- ¾ cup maple syrup

1. Coat 13 x 9 inch baking dish with cooking spray and place bread cubes in it.
2. Beat cream cheese with mixer at medium speed until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each. Add milk, half-and-half, ½ cup maple syrup, and vanilla, and mix until smooth. Pour cream cheese mixture over bread, cover and refrigerate overnight
2. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees
3. Remove bread mixture from refrigerator; let stand on counter 30 minutes.
4. Bake for 50 minutes. Sprinkle soufflé with powdered sugar and serve with maple syrup.

Yield: 12 servings

***HOMEWORK HELP!***

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/homework/default.htm>

## House Beautiful

As of August 2004



Housing information provided  
courtesy of Caroline Boubin (703) 569-3331.

**8719 Litwalton Ct;** colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 3 fireplaces, gas heat, new windows, roof, & HVAC, finished basement, listed May 2004 for \$589,500. Sold June 2004 for \$589,500

**8520 Connirae Lane;** colonial, 6 bdrm, 3.5 ba, carport, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, renovated kitchen and baths, finished walkout basement, listed in May 2004 for \$574,950. Sold June 2004 for \$575,000.

**8534 Electric Ave;** colonial, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2-car garage, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, finished walkout basement, listed in June 2004 for \$564,900.

**2314 Malraux Drive;** split level, 5 bdrm, 3 ba, carport, 1 fireplace, electric heat, updates include: windows, doors, carpet, HVAC, baths, listed in June 2004 for \$580,000.

**8527 Betterton Ct;** split level, 5 bdrm, 3 ba, 1 fireplace, gas heat, updates include: marble foyer and hardwood floors, listed in July 2004 for \$549,900.

**8524 Betterton Ct;** colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 2-car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, updates include: renovated kitchen, new carpet, and hardwood floors, listed in July 2004 for \$499,900.

**2233 Richelieu Dr;** split level, 5 bdrm, 3 ba, carport, 1 fireplace, electric heat, new windows, carpet, granite countertops, kitchen cabinets, appliances, updated master bath w jacuzzi tub & separate shower, listed in July 2004 for \$539,900. Currently under contract for an undisclosed amount.

**Always drink upstream of  
the herd.**

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



## The Malraux Chronicles

by Penny Firth

### Bulbish

Today I was riding my bike to work and I passed a glorious display of dahlias. There were rich deep red ones, the color of sour cherries. Brilliant yellow flowers seemed to seize the sun's rays and shoot them back to the sky. There were huge ginger blossoms with each petal tipped in blushing pink. The mauve ones were like quiet children: noticed after the others, but lingering in my thoughts long after I crossed the perilous Shreve Road intersection and soared over Route 7 on the bridge.

It was a golden morning. The goldenrod was peaking and the jewelweed dripped orange flowers toward the trail. There were sunflowers along the flats through Falls Church, and knotweed exploded in fair blooms across from the Jiffy Lube. The golden sun lit three Yellow Labs and a Golden Retriever along my route. Even the birds showed off their yellow best, as a Goldfinch tucked in front of me for 30 yards or so. For the record, this Goldfinch traveled at about 12 mph.

As I neared my destination in Arlington I thought back to the flowers. It is Fall. Or soon will be. Time to put some bulbs in the ground. I want to paint the spring landscape that I cannot yet see. This is a bond of faith with the earth; a pledge to a future of beauty and peace. Or at least to a blissful family of fat moles.

On my ride home I passed the dahlias again. They were still gaudy and flirty and modest by turns. But I was tired, and the day had turned muggy. The fervent golden sun of morning was now heavy with heat and low in the western sky. A dead squirrel lay on the trail. Bike strike.

As I crested Tom Frost Hill and cooled off on that nice long downhill run past the soccer fields, I thought again of bulbs. I won't plant them until it cools off a bit. But the planning, like the planting, is a joy.