



Monticello gardens

But though an old man, I am
but a young gardener.

Thomas Jefferson, 1811

TYSONS WOODS TYLINE

P.O. Box 267 Dunn Loring Virginia 22027
Spring/Summer 2006

News and Information for Tysons Woods

Editor's Corner

Happy Summer to all in Tyson's Woods. Remember to water your gardens and trees, avoid pesticides on behalf of the Chesapeake watershed, and watch for young and old on scooters and bikes. Oh, and hand out free smiles and watch what happens. See you at the Block Party!

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Note from the Prez

First of all I want to welcome any new neighbors that moved recently to Tysons Woods. We hope you are enjoying the neighborhood, and take an 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 have a Summer Social event coming as noted in this issue. Also, we invite you to join the Civic Association and receive a neighborhood telephone directory. Welcome new neighbors!

At our Summer Social we will be having elections for the officers of the Executive Board. The offices available for voting are President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Please submit your name if you are interested in running for any of these offices.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Lumpkin for serving as our treasurer over the last couple of years. He and his wife Liz and family are moving out of the area this summer and we will miss them. They have been great neighbors and a blessing to the neighborhood. Speaking of our Treasurer, now is the time to pay those 2006 Civic Association dues should you choose to do so. We have included an envelope to mail your dues in if you have not yet paid them. Please check the name on the envelope that is delivered with your Tyline. If the name is not yours, please call me or email with the correction. We are trying to update our neighborhood database to prepare for a new directory sometime in the not so far future. We had a lot of people moving into the area and we want to know who you are and get to know you. **Please don't be bashful in contacting us** so we can welcome you and introduce ourselves to you.

In closing, I hope to see you at the Summer Social we have planned for you and have a safe and fun-packed summer season. Blessings to all.

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Deadline for Fall TyLine: September 15

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. If you would like to receive a Community Telephone Directory, and opt not to pay the membership fee, please remit \$5.00. Last year, your dues funded:

Summer Social International Block Party
Neighborhood Garage Sale
Children's Halloween Parade & Party
Tyline Newsletter

Donations to Marshall High School and the Dunn Loring Fire Department

MEMBERSHIP (inclusive) \$20

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ONLY \$5

Please send checks for 2006 membership or just the directory payable to:

**"TWCA"
PO Box 267
Dunn Loring, VA 22027**

An envelope has been included in this edition of the Ty-line for ease of payment. For those of you who have paid 2006 dues already, thank you for your contribution.

First Annual Tysons Woods Open House Event A Success!

On the afternoon of March 26th, as many as 30 of our Tysons Woods residents walked the neighborhood, map in hand, participating in the first annual Tysons Woods Open House event. The idea behind the event was to show renovations that have been done in our neighbors' homes. Those who participated were able to get some great ideas for future renovations and referrals for contractors. Not to mention, they had fun chatting with and meeting their neighbors.

The event was an overwhelming success thanks to all of the neighbors who participated and especially to the families who so graciously hosted. The only real complaint we received was the allotted time was too short. This was our first open house and we will probably do this again in a couple of years. Thank you again for those who hosted and those who participated. 2006 Hosts: Walt and Julie Gardiner, Albert and Marja Nekimken, Dean and Charlotte Glenn, Howard and Cathy Chatham, Paul and Mary Grace Lintz, Ed and Marge LaClare, Ray and Deborah Moutinho, Joe and Judy Trimarchi, and Juanita Freeburger

A Good Neighbor

Judie Deusterhaus died peacefully on June 7. Rich and Judie were original owners in the neighborhood, creating a home and raising 8 children. In the early days of TW, Judie was among the ladies who helped create the Ladies Club, which evolved into the TW Civic Association of today. Judie instilled this spirit in her family: their younger children helped design TW Park, and their youngest son chose our neighborhood for his final project to achieve Eagle Scout. Judie was our resident historian. Over the years she tenderly compiled the history of Tysons Woods into an impressive display of albums frequently seen at park picnics. From the original home sales flyer, years of pictures from events and major snowstorms, and an array of newsletters, she pieced together a chronicle of memories that made this place home for so many of us. A chat with Judie was the sure feeling of easy conversation with an old friend, even if the first time met. As her family grew outward and away from home, Judie continued to look for ways to give. For 15 years she organized food donations, collecting them weekly at her home to support *So Others Might Eat*. She helped feed 500 people regularly until her light began to fade. Judie will always be admired and fondly remembered as An Original.

The family requests that donations in memory of Judie be made to *So Others Might Eat* or *Capital Hospice* or a charity of your choice.

So Others Might Eat, 71 "O" Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001

Capital Hospice, 9300 Lee Highway, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA. 22031

Tysons Woods Aerial Photo



I am here

Summer Block Party!

Take a break from the pool and come meet old and new neighbors at our annual summer social on **Saturday, July 15th**, from 5-8 PM at the Tyson Woods Park.

Everyone please bring a dish to share: A-E: dessert, F- L: drinks, M-P, main dish, and Q-Z salad. Thanks! Also, please bring any folding chairs you might have to help with the seating availability.

In addition to great eating and socializing opportunities, we will be holding *elections for the Tysons Woods Civic Association officers and Board at this event*. Please consider service on our all-volunteer Board. We are a humble and friendly group and would love to have some new faces!

See you all on July 15th!

A New Neighbor...

Congratulations to Varsha and Gautam Chandra! Anika Sejal Chandra was born on January 31, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.5 inches of 100% cuteness. Here she is with her big sister Sonali!



I know there are other new babies out there. Please let me know the particulars and I'll feature your little darling(s) in a future issue. pfirth@cox.net



What's Cooking?

Julie's Easy Beef Bar-B-Que

Julie Gardiner

Over the past 6+ years the *Colts*, a Vienna Little League Majors team, has become renown (in VLL circles) for serving dinner - not snacks - after their games. My son Vincent was drafted onto the *Colts* three years ago and when my first *Colts* dinner duty came around I made Beef Bar-B-Que and Cole slaw. My next son Hugh was drafted the following season and I have since been obliged to bring bar-b-que each time my turn comes around. It is easy, it feeds a crowd and everyone loves it. Even if you don't have a little leaguer, summertime is ideal for relaxed dining. Grilling is nice but sometimes it is too hot to stand over the grill. This cooks up in a crockpot or on the stove and can be made ahead of time. It doesn't get any easier than that!

Julie's Easy Beef Bar-B-Que

4 pounds of boneless beef roast (chuck or steamship, whichever is on sale)
1 bottle *Bull's Eye Original* Barbecue Sauce (18 oz) or *Hunts* or your personal favorite

Cut beef in 2-3 inch cubes removing and discarding excess fat. Place in crock pot, pour sauce over top and cook 4-5 hours. Sometime after 3.5 hours use a potato masher to begin mashing the chunks into shreds. Although ready to eat when the chunks mash easily, Bar-B-Que tastes best if cooked ahead, cooled and reheated prior to eating. Serve on buns (or not) with cole slaw (or not). It's summertime, eat it anyway you like !! (Can also be cooked in a 5-6 quart pot on the stove top, just make certain pot is big enough to allow mashing. Cook over low heat stirring as needed (not often) for 3-4 hours. A heat diffuser is helpful to prevent scorching. But if you don't have a crockpot GET ONE! I just got my first one 5 months ago and have already used it for curries, pot roasts, chicken.....)

Basic Cole Slaw (or go buy your favorite)

1 medium head of green cabbage
1-2 carrots peeled
low fat Mayonaise
1/2 cup Apple Cider vinegar
1/2 + tsp salt
pepper to taste

Clean cabbage and peel carrots. Grate them in food processor and place in glass or plastic bowl. (No processor? Grate carrots with hand grater and slice cabbage thin then cut crosswise.) Add salt and vinegar. Toss well and set aside at least 10 minutes. Do not add mayonaise for at least 10 minutes. After allowing it time to rest, toss and drain any excess vinegar. Add just enough mayonaise to hold it together then add pepper and toss again. Adjust seasonings to taste. Keep cold until time to serve. Note: most recipes add sugar as it will then keep fresh longer - I prefer to save the calories for dessert.



Tyson's Woods Park Expansion by Renata Wade

House Beautiful

As of April 21, 2006

Housing information provided courtesy of Karen Hogan, Weichert Realtors (703) 609-4680.

8534 Electric Avenue; colonial, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2 car garage, 2 fireplaces, electric heat, furnished walkout basement, updates include: new siding, relisted 4 March 2006 for \$849,901. This home is also advertised "FOR RENT" for \$2800.

8521 Minerva Court; contemporary, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, listed 31 March 2006 for \$625,000.

8529 Betterton Court; contemporary, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, updates include new carpet and tile, listed 16 March 2006 for \$605,000. Currently under contract with a contingency kickout clause for an undisclosed amount.

As our community park reaches its 10th birthday, we can celebrate the gift of more land. Many folks have wondered since the park opening why the connection to the W&OD Trail has always been a wood chip. The answer: it was privately owned.

The parcel, known simply as Lot 35A, was part of the land holding across the W&OD known recently as "Wedderburn". Twenty years ago active TW neighbors identified the parcels subsequently obtained by the Fairfax County Park Authority, but there was one hold-out: 35-A. When the owner of Lot 35A was approached, they declined to participate but granted an easement for park users to walk between the bike trail and the new park. All the while, this parcel remained dormant with zoning for a house to be built between Tyson's Woods and Reflection Lane neighborhoods.

The Wedderburn parcel was recently sold to a developer wanting to develop the portion across the bike path at a higher number of units than it was zoned for in the County comprehensive plan. What followed were several years of negotiation through the county's land use process. From the beginning, Tyson's Woods encouraged the developer and our elected officials to obtain Lot 35A as the 'completion' of Tyson's Woods Park. This spring we are pleased to announce the developer has donated Lot 35A to the Fairfax County Park Authority. Special thanks go to Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth and Providence Planning Commissioner Ken Lawrence, for their work to protect the integrity of our beloved park.

At this writing, future plans for the additional space are unknown. One suggestion is to preserve it as it is today as a natural buffer. We are requesting the woodchip path be replaced with an extension of the park's asphalt path. Stay tuned for more updates!

Nottoway Nights

Free Concert Series in the Park
Every Thursday June through August
7:30 p.m.
Nottoway Park
9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna

For concert schedule see:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/providence/>

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

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



Fairfax County Police: Youth Gang Information

As of 2004, there were an estimated 1,500 gang members in Fairfax County that were part of over 80 gangs. Although some gangs limit participation to their own native ethnic grouping, there is no major ethnic group within the county that is not represented in one of the major criminal street gangs.

Graffiti is used by gang members to identify turf, communicate threats and show allegiance. As a result it is important to **call the police non-emergency line at 703-691-2131 if graffiti or other gang evidence is spotted**. These reports are taken seriously and an officer will be dispatched to the location to photograph and record the graffiti and incident. Once the report is taken we strongly encourage the property owners to immediately have the graffiti removed.

Reasons vary, but often young people who join gangs feel peer pressure, want protection, know gang members, want excitement, seek money, feel insecure, have an unhappy home life, grew up with violence, feel hopeless, or want a replacement for the family. The recruiting of a juvenile into a criminal street gang is a class 6 felony. More information is available at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/police31.htm>