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"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

Susan J. Bissonette

TYSONS WOODS

# TYLINE

P.O. Box 267 Dunn Loring Virginia 22027  
Spring 2008

News and Information for Tysons Woods

## Note from the Prez

I hear we have some new neighbors who just moved in to Tysons Woods – Welcome! We hope you are enjoying it here. I urge you to take the 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 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.

We had a wonderful Leap Year Social event on the evening of Friday, February 29th. We actually had a croaking frog, a cheese ball in the shape of a leaping kangaroo, and delicious green frog cookies. Please be sure to thank Leslie Barnhart and Mary Foltz for organizing this event and preparing all the food, and Marie-Claude Saddy for the yummy homemade cream puffs. Besides having the chance to relax, eat and catch up with folks after the holidays, we heard some great stories. New residents (and newlyweds) Joe Calcara and his wife Lureen had us spellbound with the story of their wedding in Italy. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong, but it all ended well and they are married and living here in our neighborhood.

Our annual Yard Sale is coming up on Saturday, April 19, and we are also planning a community service project in May. This year's Summer Social will be on June 7. Check out the notice in this Tyline. Please place these dates on your calendar and plan to attend and participate.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TYSONS WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Tyson's Woods Civic Association  
**Annual Spring Yard Sale**  
SATURDAY 19 April - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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One man's junk is another man's treasure

It's spring cleaning time and that means time to empty out your closets, garage, attic, and basement and participate in the Annual Tyson's Woods Yard Sale!

To guarantee a successful community yard sale we will advertise in local papers, post signs at key intersections and distribute flyers to neighbors and merchants in the Vienna area.

**Rain Date – April 26**

If you have any question or would like some tips on how to prepare for a yard sale, call Bob Van Heest at 703-698-6101 or [rfvanheest@hotmail.com](mailto:rfvanheest@hotmail.com).

**Parking on Electric Avenue:**

I have received several complaints over the last few months about employees from the Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) parking along Electric Avenue and blocking driveways and access to the mailboxes. Some cars are parked overnight for a few days. The NFCU has been a good neighbor to us and it is unfortunate that a few are making problems for our residents. I sent a letter to the president of the NFCU and asked him to be an advocate for us. He responded the same day the letter was received by having his VP of Security and Facilities call me. The bottom line is they are short on parking due to the delay of their Herndon office being completed. They expect it to be completed by the end of April or early May and then approximately 150 employees will be transferred from Vienna to the Herndon office. Once those employees move the parking shortage should disappear. We will continue to monitor this situation until it is resolved. I want to thank the Electric Avenue residents on the west of Chestertown for their patience and for alerting the TWCA Board to this problem.

Randy Foltz, TWCA Board President

***SAVE THE DATE!***

*April 19, 2008 → Yard Sale (Rain Date April 26, 2008)*  
*May 1, 2008 → Our next Executive Board Meeting*  
*(all are invited—Please call in advance to Randy Foltz (703) 573-4780)*  
*June 7, 2008 → Summer Social (Rain Date June 14)*

# SUMMER SOCIAL JUNE 7, 2008



## What's Cooking?

### Spicy Chicken Wings

From The Great Big Barbecue Cookbook  
Christine France (consultant editor)

8 plump chicken wings  
2 large garlic cloves, cut into slivers  
1 Tablespoon olive oil  
1 Tablespoon paprika  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
Salt and pepper  
Lime wedges, to serve  
(SERVES 4)

Using small sharp kitchen knife, make one or two cuts in the skin of each chicken wing and slide a sliver of garlic under the skin. Brush the wings generously with the olive oil.

In a large bowl, stir together the paprika, chili powder and oregano and season with plenty of salt and pepper. Add the chicken wings and toss together until very lightly coated in the mixture.

Cook the chicken wings on a medium barbecue for 15 minutes until they are cooked through, with a blackened, crispy skin. Serve with fresh lime wedges to squeeze over.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

You do not want to miss this event. We are planning something different this year so take notice. We don't want to give all the details yet (next Tyline will be more specific), but you will want to participate.

I can give you one or two hints. First of all, we are planning to have it held in the cul-de-sac on Litwalton. Although we like to use the nice park area at the end of Malraux Drive, we decided to move it for a change, and make it easier for our neighbors on the north side of Electric Avenue to attend. So here is the challenge to our neighbors on the north side of Electric, a big turnout from you will confirm to us you like activities in your neck of the neighborhood.

Another addition is we are looking into the possibility of having a moon bounce for the kids and maybe one or two other surprises. As usual, your TWCA will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs and drinks for this event. We have several "master chefs" who just love to flip the burgers so your palate is tantalized. So please plan to attend and mark this date on your calendar now.

## Good Neighbors

Now that the warm weather is arriving, more and more people are taking walks. I ask that all residents check their bushes, trees, and shrubbery that are along their sidewalk and prune back so people don't have to duck or walk around them in the street.

I also ask that those of you who have dogs please pick up their droppings when taking your dog for a walk. If your dog dropped it, kindly pick it up.

Let's be respectful of our neighbors and their property. THANK YOU!



### House Beautiful

As of March 18, 2008

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

2223 Malraux Drive; Split Foyer, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, electric heat, finished basement, listed in November 2007 for \$2,500 RENT, price reduced to \$2,400.

2226 Malraux Drive; ranch, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2 car garage, 1 fireplace, gas heat, finished basement, renovated in 2003 with hardwood floors and updated kitchen, listed in November 2007 for \$659,000. Listing WITHDRAWN after 100 days on the market.

2304 Malraux Drive; contemporary, 5 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, finished walkout basement, listed in June 2007 for \$775,000. December 2007 price reduced to \$700,000. Listing EXPIRED after 279 days on the market.

2324 Malraux Drive; colonial, 4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 1 fireplace, oil heat, finished basement, listed September 2007 for \$679,900 and withdrawn from market in November after 42 days on the market. RENTED in November 2007 for \$2,400 after 3 days on the market.

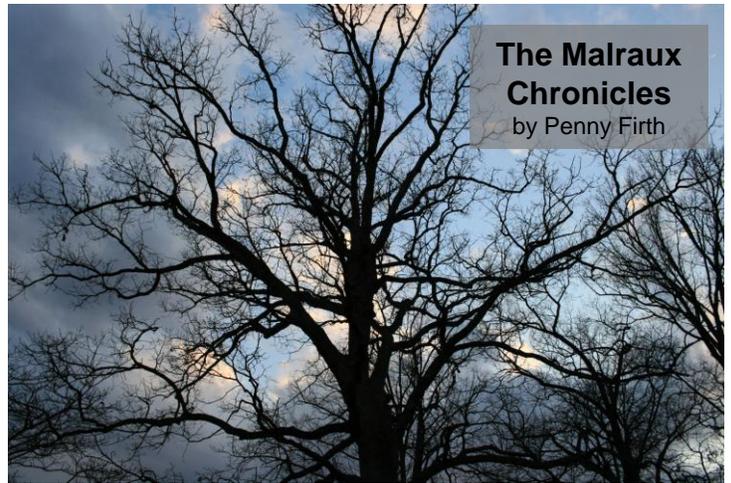
8726 Litwalton Court; colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, carport, 1 fireplace, electric heat, no basement, listed November 2007 for \$624,000. Price reduced to \$599,000. Listing EXPIRED after 143 days on the market.

8521 Betterton Court; colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 1 car garage, 2 fireplaces, gas heat, no basement, listed June 2007 for \$699,900. Sold December 2007 for \$588,000 with \$18,000 seller subsidy after 180 days on the market.



## The Malraux Chronicles

by Penny Firth



### A Magnum Opus

An old friend of mine retired this week. After 31 years in the traces, he pulled up stakes and drove away toward Las Cruces, New Mexico, to settle west of the majestic Organ Mountains. His life's work - his magnum opus - was enabling science. I wrote him this poem: Mark's Magnum Opus.

Last night I indulged myself  
with a walk through memory's orchard.  
I sampled the fruit: recollections sweet and funny and fine.  
But not the ones on the ground,  
with the yellow jackets.

On the ridge I looked out  
on the landscape of learning.  
The paths you had walked were filled with flowers.  
Ideas you encouraged. People you helped.

As I stood there, a lovely song drifted by ... a ballad.  
I reached up and drew my fingers  
through the notes.  
It was a catch and release song.

"Don't go!" I cried.  
But it rode the setting sun  
down behind the Organ Mountains.

I lingered in the gathering blue.  
But not alone.  
The stars threw off their camouflage  
as daylight waned and I saw  
a new constellation: *Mark's Opus*.

One star bright with Integrity,  
one glowed with Inspiration,  
one rich with Empathy,  
and the twin stars Humor and Fun circled each other  
for almost ever and ever,  
exchanging puns.

The softer the head, the bigger the hat.  
Texas Bix Bender  
'Don't Squat with yer Spurs On! II'

