

# TOLLGATE NEWS

## DRIVE SLOWLY

We've received several calls about speeding (yes speeding!) on Tollgate Way. The posted speed limit of 15 mph is not being observed by all - we think primarily by visitors to our community. Tollgate Way is a very short, narrow street; we do not feel that staying within the limit should be a problem. Please remind frequent visitors of the speed limit.

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE

Pam Kenney has just received her license as a Notary Public and has graciously offered this service to Tollgate neighbors. Since Pam keeps the tools of her new trade at work, you'll need to give her a day's notice when you need to have a document notarized.

## A TALENTED BUNCH!

Tollgate should be proud that all of the George Mason High School students living here participated in the annual GMHS Talent Show, held January 6, 7, and 8.

**Jenny Donaldson** and Galen Messing danced to "Crash" by *Dave Matthew's Band*.

**Laura Kenney** and several friends in 50s costumes danced and sang to "Tell Him."

**Claire McNamara** performed a haunting *a capella* rendition of "She Moved Through the Fair."

**Jenny Powell** and Bronwyn Llewellyn performed a scene from "The Importance of Being Ernest."

**Ben Powell** and his band, *Seven Past Six*, performed several original pieces.

**Claire** on violin and **Ben** on keyboards accompanied Sara Kallio and Petra Bank who sang "When You Believe" from "The Prince of Egypt."

## TOLLGATE'S CROWNING GLORY

Tollgate is proud to be home to George Mason High School's 1999 Homecoming Queen, Jenny Powell. Jenny was crowned, along with Homecoming King Mobolaji Ojumu, during halftime of the GMHS football game in October. Congratulations Jenny!

## SPECIAL THANKS TO COLIN EHMER

Due to scheduling conflicts, the job of removing the Christmas decorations befell one Tollgate board member. However, partway through this task, he was approached by young Colin Ehmer who offered to help. Colin pitched right in to help take down and bag the ribbons and garlands. Many thanks for the assistance, Colin!

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

Recently, you received a report from the Landscape Committee. The following should bring you up-to-date on the activities planned for the immediate future.

Over the past several months, the Landscaping Committee and the Board have worked to develop a plan to address the health and welfare of the trees and landscaping in our neighborhood. We have enlisted the opinions of two arborist and have drawn-up a plan of action for both short-range and long-term care of our trees.

The first phase of this plan, representing tasks requiring immediate attention, has been approved by the Board and communicated to the contractor. As work progresses on the trees, we will notify residents of the approximate

schedules for each activity (e.g., spraying, pruning) so you can plan to park your vehicles elsewhere to avoid potential damage from falling branches and fungicidal/mite sprays. We will notify you of any schedule changes due to inclement weather.

In addition, we have met with our landscaping contractor to discuss areas where we expect improved service in the care of our lawns and shrubs. The response to our complaints will be watched closely. If immediate and continued improvement is not evident, we will take appropriate action.

Last, we are currently working on some long-range plans for the replacement of shrubs that are overgrown and unable to be pruned back in an aesthetic and healthy manner.

<b>March: Horticultural Oil Spray to Aid in Obscure Scale Insect Infestation</b>	<b>Spring: 3 Fungicide Sprays</b>
#103 – Sawtooth oak #105 – Red oak #109 – Red oak #111 – Pin oak #127 – Red oak	End of the road--Photinia #101 – 3 Austrian pines #109 – Austrian pine Along the road at #118 3 – Austrian pines #127 – Austrian pine
<b>Spring: Pruning</b>	<b>Spring and Fall: 2 Mite Sprays</b>
#100 – Norway maple #100 – Large Norway spruce #102 – Bradford pear #108 – Beech #114 – Bradford pear #114 – Sycamore #117 – 121 (sides) – Cherry and gum #118 – Pecan #118 – 3 Austrian pines #121 – Bradford pear	#100 – Large and small Norway spruce #107 – Blue spruce #116 – 2 Norway spruce #118 – left--Spruce