

Tollgate Fare

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Election Workers Needed

Paid volunteers needed by the Falls Church Board of Elections to work at the polls on Election Day. Must be a registered voter in the City of Falls Church. Call Debbie Taylor at 703-248-5085 for more information.

Landscape News

Flores Landscapes is now working and the board has received several positive comments so far. They still have to do a lot of catch-up for the work that was not done last Fall by Curb Appeal. Several of the lawns are very spotty because of the uneven application of fertilizer in the Fall and it will take some time to even out. In addition, a great deal of weeding still needs to be done. The Landscaping of the front entrance last year is now paying fruit and should continue to improve as the new plants grow.

New Addition at 129 Tollgate



Steve and Ella Lyons are the proud parents of a new baby boy, John ("Jack") Sheppard Lyons, Born March 22, 2002 (Aries baby), 7 lbs - 11 oz and 19 3/4" long. Congratulations.

Spring Picnic

A reminder for your calendar, the annual Tollgate Spring Picnic will be held at 5 pm, May 19th at the parking pad between 106 and 108 Tollgate.

Falling Trees

Unfortunately, one of the two remaining Bradford Pear trees split during a particularly bad storm last month and fell on a car belonging to Helga Johnson. Insurance should cover the costs, but nothing can make up for the inconvenience. The Board decided to remove the remainder of the tree and replace it with an appropriate tree that will not be as susceptible to wind damage. We have one remaining Bradford Pear that is cabled to provide support, as was the one that fell. Unfortunately, these trees have about a 20-year life and are prone to split when old and heavy. The Board is considering the preemptive removal of this tree as well and will solicit advice from an arborist.

Other Home Improvements

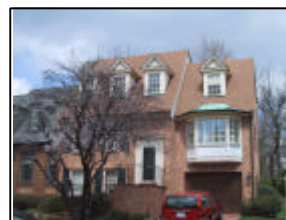
Recently a number of Tollgate Homeowners have been working on improving their property. We will try to recognize them going forward and thank those who have done so much in the past.



118 Tollgate – The Donaldson's have added new siding and are painting the trim white.



133 Tollgate – The Bond's have replaced their garage door and refinished the front door to match.



122 Tollgate – Julie McNamara has replaced her shutters and is now having the windows & trim painted.