Tollgate Fare

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News from the Board

As Fall arrives at Tollgate, the Board is focused on finishing this year's tasks and planning for 2007. Our annual Homeowners Association meeting is scheduled for November 12, so please reserve that date on your calendars. Before the warm weather gives way to colder temperatures, several outdoor activities are planned. In addition to the end of summer picnic discussed below, the landscaping committee is planning some work parties. Not all property related tasks are covered by our landscaping contract, so these work parties are necessary to maintain the beauty of Tollgate. As dates and times are established for these activities, we will circulate that information and welcome all helping hands. Tollgate benefits greatly from the volunteer hours that many individuals donate to our community, and we are fortunate to have such dedicated neighbors. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any other Board member.

-Marie Murray, Association President

Welcome New Neighbors!

Please welcome two new families to Tollgate. Kevin and Patty Scott just moved here from Canada with their daughter, Olivia and West Highland Terrier, Zeus. They are renting 107 from the Powell Family. Also welcome Tracy and Philippe Casteuble who moved here from the City of Falls Church with their two sons, Eric and Alex and three cats. They bought Terry Parson's home at 127.

Fall Picnic

Once again we will gather on the beautiful lawn of Bob and Cindy Donaldson at 118. Please bring you favorite appetizer or dessert and a beverage to share. The Association will provide the main course. The party will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2003, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Ella Lyons at (703) 536-7441 or ealyons@verizon.net.

Recycle Update

The City of Falls Church recently updated their recycle program. Approved materials to be placed in the green bin include plastic bottles and jugs, metal food containers, glass bottles and jars, pill bottles, and soda bottles and cans. Paper materials that can be placed in a second green bin or a paper bag include junk mail, magazines, mixed paper, catalogs, newspapers, phone books, paper food boxes, and flattened cardboard. The cardboard cannot exceed 3' x 3' dimensions. Materials that are **NOT** approved for recycle include yogurt tubs, plastic bags, plastic food containers, Styrofoam, aluminum foil, pizza boxes, books, paper plates, napkins, lids, caps, tops, ceramic, light bulbs, prescription bottles, batteries, and cookware. If you have any questions about the recycling program, you can contact the City at (703) 248-5176 or www.fallschurchva.gov.

Tollgate Parking

Thank you to the Tollgate homeowners who, in recent weeks, have followed our parking guidelines. It has been heartening to see changes that are not only courteous, but more safety conscious. Since Tollgate does not have a large number of common or visitor parking spaces, maximum use of your personal spaces is important to all. Homeowners are reminded to use their two exclusive parking spaces before any vehicle is parked in the common spaces or on the street. If a homeowner's vehicle must be parked in a common space, it should be the vehicle that is most frequently used, thus freeing that space each day for others to use. Vehicles that are not moved on a daily basis should always be parked in your exclusive spaces as a first choice; and homeowners who are traveling should not use the common spaces to "store" vehicles while they are away. If all homeowners follow these guidelines, the common spaces will be available on a rotating basis for visitors and work crews resulting in only rare onstreet parking. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.