

Tollgate Fare

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Welcome New Family!

Please welcome Luke and Jenni Knittig and their daughters Caitlyn and Hannah. They just moved here from Germany with their dog, Kara. Luke works for DoD, while Jenni is an ER nurse. The Knittigs moved into 115 on June 1st. Welcome!

Tollgate 2007 Social Calendar

Fall Picnic September 23rd
Annual Homeowners Meeting... November 11th
Holiday Decorating of Tollgate.. December 1th
Holiday Party..... December 9th

This year's Fall picnic will be a unique event, so please be sure to come and have fun! We will celebrate the first Tollgate Golf Invitational. A nine-hole putting course will be set on the grounds of Tollgate, clubs and balls provided. Teams of four will compete on the course, with the winners receiving an amazing prize. Food and beverages will be provided at each hole. Tee times will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23rd. The social committee will send invitations to homeowner with more details. See you on the green!

Recycle update

A new garbage truck, seen on Tollgate, has been combining all recycled materials, rather than separating them by paper, plastic, or metal. The City's Recycle Division has contracted with a waste management company that does not require residents to separate recycled material. The City however still requires residents to separate paper and plastic in the event it contracts with a different waste management company in the future. You may contact the City's Recycle Division at (703) 248-5176, or visit its website at www.fallschurchva.gov.



Please water your plants!

Trees and shrubs are some of Tollgate's greatest assets. In order to preserve our older trees and newly planted shrubs, regular watering is necessary during these extremely dry summer months. We are in the middle of a yearlong drought with rainfall 8 inches below normal.

Watering guidelines vary depending on the age of the plant. Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered on average 1-2 times a week, and established trees and shrubs need a thorough soaking once a week. Deep watering is preferable to frequent light watering because light watering encourages the roots to grow close to the surface where the soil will dry out quickest.

Watering should occur in the morning rather than mid-day or evening. Mid-day watering can evaporate while nighttime watering invites disease.

Due to increased water rates, creative watering options are available. Use a clean milk jug to collect running water from a sink or shower while waiting for the hot water. Cisterns can collect rainwater from the roof to water plants or wash a car. See more ideas at www.rain-barrel.net.

If you are unable to water and require assistance, please contact a neighbor or landscape committee member.

For more information go to Tollgate website at: www.tollgateway.org