

Tollgate Fare

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Welcome New Families!

First, welcome back to Keith and Janet Powell (107) who have been away for many years on various Foreign Service assignments. Also, a warm welcome to James and Anneliesa Hundt who rented Karen and Kevin Stephenson's house (110) and Ana Echemendia who bought Bill Arthur & Kathy Doherty's property (125). Lastly, Rob Ochsendorf and Vi Nguyen (117), who moved into the Franklin's house, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wesley.



Transitions

With regret we had to say goodbye to some of our neighbors who left us this past year. Bill Arthur and Kathy Doherty moved to their new home in North Carolina, near Terry and Dick. The Stephensons moved to a bigger house in McLean and the Franklins moved to Florida. Also sadly, Jack McCahill passed away on December 13th after an extended illness.

Tollgate 2009 Calendar

Spring Picnic May 17th
Fall Picnic September 20th
Annual Homeowners' Meeting November 15th
Holiday Decorating of Tollgate.. December 5th
Holiday Party..... December 13th

New Tollgate Officers

Garry SaunerPresident
Paul EhmerVice President
Eric KirschnerSecretary
Bob Donaldson.....Treasurer
Philippe Casteuble..... Board Member

Fire at Whittier Park



The fire at Whittier Park last month is a stark reminder to all of us to be ever vigilant, not only for our own safety, but for the safety of the whole community. A dozen fire trucks could not save this townhouse even in the very accessible space in Whittier Park. Imagine the difficulty a single fire truck would have getting into Tollgate.

It is with this in mind that the new Board took up the issue of street parking raised during the Association's Annual Meeting in November. The membership voted to have the Board set the policy. This is not a new issue. We suspect it has been discussed by every Board since Tollgate was built. In the past we have always tried to deal with the problem by reminding people not to park on the street because emergency vehicles can not get around the curve with cars parked on the street. These entreaties have been widely ignored. Therefore, the Board has decided to take the following actions:

1. Move the No-Parking sign at the entrance of Tollgate back to the driveway of 101, and
2. Ask the City of Falls Church to place No-Parking signs on the North side of Tollgate Way.

When this is accomplished, people parking in violation of these signs could be ticketed or towed. For our mutual safety, it is vital that we keep the entrance to Tollgate Way free of parked cars and ensure sufficient access along our street to permit the passage of emergency vehicles.