

Tollgate Fare

October 2011

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September Social

Thank you to Wynne Hogle and to everyone who set up, provided support, brought food and drink to share and who attended the September Social. About 38 people from 14 families attended the social in the parking pad between 106- and 108.

Please attend the Annual Meeting - November 13th

Don't forget about the Annual Meeting set for November 13th 2011 at 5 PM at the Melhem's Residence (#102). We will approve the 2012 budget and annual HOA fee and discuss neighborhood issues of interest. If you cannot attend please complete the attached proxy statement and deliver it to any board member, Jim Hogle (#131), Margaret Melhem (#102), Keith Powell (#107), Luke Knittig (#115) or Bob Donaldson (#120).

Exterior Alterations

Homeowners are reminded to obtain Architecture Committee approval before making exterior modifications to their property. Exterior painting and staining; replacements involving roofs, gutters, shutters, porches, decks, siding, doors (front/storm and garage), light fixtures, fences/walls; repointing of brick steps, chimneys, walkways; and driveway/parking pad repair are examples of items requiring approval. When planning exterior work, please review the Association guidelines at <http://www.tollgateway.org> and then contact Garry Sauner at (703) 614-8051 before submitting an exterior work request. The Architecture Committee usually renders a decision in less than 7-10 days and very

often is able to assist homeowners with choices about paint colors, siding options, etc. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Light Rail down Broad Street?

Initial word is that this is a long term vision at least a decade from now. Light rail is expensive (the 5 mile stretch of Columbia Pike being built in Arlington will cost \$160 M), never quite recouping the cost to install. Smooth, quiet light rail cars use overhead wires, smooth quiet cars are entered from low platforms; cars typically offer less seating than buses for local trips. Stations are spaced every 1/4 to 1/2 mile. Arlington estimates a 4 to 12% increase in land values for property situated near these light rail lines. A more complete discussion of the concept (specifically focused on a Lee Hwy corridor into Arlington) is available on the fallschurchva.gov website, look for "May 3, 2011 EDA Minutes".

Landscape/Tree Committee Update

Now that the weather has cooled, now is the time for us to plant shrubs. Landscape committee plans include shrubs or understory trees at 101, 105, 108, 111, and 135 and the removal of the stump at 107. If a new shrub is planted in your yard, please make sure that it is well watered.

Social Calendar

Mark your calendars for these Tollgate events:

Annual Meeting.....Sun, November 13th @ 5 PM
Holiday Decorating.....Sat, Dec 3rd @ 10 AM
Holiday Party.....Sunday, December 11th 5-8 PM
The Holiday Party will be held at