

Tollgate Fare

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Greetings from the Board

Hello Neighbors! I hope that you all are surviving this bitter cold winter weather. Certainly makes me hope for an early spring arrival! The Board is looking forward to a productive 2015 with plans for redesigning our website; branding Tollgate to help strengthen our community and maintain home values; and organizing community activities, including summertime Friday night happy hours, an afternoon at Nationals Park, and a Tollgate courtyard tour, in addition to our regularly scheduled social events. We look forward to your participation in these neighborhood activities. And as always, we encourage you to attend and participate in the monthly Board meetings. Check the online calendar for dates and locations.

--Chuck Connor
Association President

2015 Board Members

President: Chuck Connor
Vice President: Steve Lyons
Secretary: Beth Hahn
Member: Terry Zawacki
Member: Joe Romer

Officers/Committee Chairs

Treasurer: Bob Donaldson
Landscape Committee: Marie Murray
Architectural Committee: Garry Sauner
Social Committee: Jim & Wynn Hogle

2015 Social Calendar

Spring Social: May 17, 2015
Fall Social: September 20, 2015
Annual Meeting: November 15, 2015
Holiday Party: December 13, 2015

Board meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month from September through May and are open to all residents.

Fond Farewell

We'd like to wish a very fond farewell to Edie and Tom Smolinski who have recently moved to Goodwin House in Arlington after 21 years at Tollgate Way. Edie and Tom contributed so much to our neighborhood, from their service on the board and committees, to volunteering their lovely home for social functions, to simply showing kindness, appreciation, and good humor to their neighbors. Tom and Edie will be greatly missed, but we wish them the best in their new home, and we hope to see them on Tollgate Way from time to time.

Winter is Here!

Please remember to remove snow from your steps, walkway, and sidewalk in front of your property. If you are unable to remove the snow for any reason, please contact any board member or neighbor and arrangements can be made for snow removal. As a general reminder, we encourage homeowners to refrain from using any type of salt on your brick steps and stamped concrete drive. The salt erodes the mortar on the steps and causes cracks in the driveway concrete. Rough builder's sand (available at Brown's Hardware) is a safe and effective alternative. Also, plastic shovels tend to do less damage to concrete and masonry.



Parking at Tollgate Way

A friendly reminder to all residents: Please park in your designated parking spaces and leave the guest and visitor spaces available for guests and visitors. We know how inconvenient it can be to shuffle cars in and out of driveways and garages, so many thanks to those of you who take the time to do so. If you do find it necessary to avail yourself of visitor spaces, please park the vehicle that moves the least in your garage or parking pad. Your neighbors and their guests thank you! The complete Parking Guidelines can be found on our website.

Landscape Committee News

Snow banks and freezing temperatures aside, the Landscape Committee is looking forward to the 2015 planting season. As the weather improves, homeowners who notice winter damage to the plants near their homes, or have other planting requests, are encouraged to share that information with any member of the Landscape Committee. The Committee will meet in March to discuss priorities for the year

Special Thanks & Recognition

The Tollgate Board would like to extend their thanks to a number of individuals who have volunteered their time, talents, and homes.

Thank you to Rob Ochsendorf and Ed Hahn for their past service on the Board. Not only did Ed spend countless hours developing and fine-tuning the association's capital asset plan, he also serves as the neighborhood pest control manager with Jim Hogle. Rob provided excellent

leadership as board president this past year and edited the last three issues of the *Tollgate Fare*.

Thank you to Paul and Anki Ehmer for graciously hosting Tollgate's Annual Holiday Party. This year, their beautiful home provided an elegant setting for a wonderful, festive evening.

Thank you to Garry Sauner and Gayle Phillips for spending a bitterly cold day in December decorating the Tollgate lampposts with festive garland and bows. The decorations look fabulous every year and this year was no exception.

Thank you to Bob Donaldson, Garry Sauner, and Marie Murray for their work as treasurer, architectural committee chair, and landscape committee chair, respectively. Tollgate Way has never looked better thanks to their time, dedication, and effort. Thanks also to Jim and Wynne Hogle, our social committee chairs who help bring Tollgate residents together. We especially appreciate that they are all willing to continue in their jobs!

Tollgate Association Directory

With the distribution of the 2015 Tollgate Association Residents' Directory, we'd like to remind homeowners that the phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided to facilitate communication among residents about decisions and events affecting Tollgate Way. Please refrain from using resident email addresses for political, fund raising, religious, or commercial correspondence.

Local Business Spotlight

The newest fun place in Falls Church is The Locker Room Sports Bar and Grill, located in the Broadway condominium at 502 W. Broad Street, in the space vacated by Hoang's. Big screen TVs hang from every possible angle, ensuring a wide variety of sporting entertainment. The kitchen produces very tasty fare, and the service is very prompt and attentive, with the ownership always on site and supervising. Plenty of 2-hour street parking is available nearby. Tollgate folks will get a 5 percent discount by asking for Charlie! Worth a visit.