

The Hillbrook/TallOaks Civic Association (HTOCA)

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HILLBROOK HI-LITES

A Note from the HTOCA President

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It was a pleasure seeing many of you at our annual Labor Day picnic. The camaraderie was wonderful and the ice cream truck made for a sweet ending to a nice afternoon. Thank you to everyone that helped make it a great day.

As the days get shorter let's remember that we have lots of folks walking our neighborhood so let's slow down and keep our eyes open for pedestrians and their 4 legged friends. And for those of you that do walk, if you could wear something reflective (and your pet too) it would benefit all of us.

I hope to see you at the Oktoberfest Party/Halloween Parade this Sunday, October 27th.

Oktoberfest Party/Halloween Parade

Will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 3:30 – 6pm. The parade will start at 3:30 leaving from Helen Winter's house: 4901 Kingston Dr. The Oktoberfest party will be held in the cul de sac on Colburn Dr. Prizes will be given for those in costumes. There will be a clown to entertain the kids after the parade. And a pumpkin weight-guessing contest!

Please bring a side dish. Hot dogs, brats, sauerkraut and drinks for both adults and children will be provided.

**Thank you from Arden Courts of
Annandale**

The left-over food from the 2013 Labor Day get-together was donated to Arden Courts of Annandale, Assisted Living Center who deal with individuals affected by Alzheimer's or Dementia.

Thank you for being caring neighbors!

Leaves and Yard Debris

If the leaves coming down in my backyard are any indication of what this fall is going to be like, we're going to have TONS of raking to do! With that in mind, we ask that you please do NOT rake your leaves into the street which could inhibit traffic flow. Also, please remember not to park your car on top of piles of leaves; this is a potential for a fire. Once Fairfax County releases their leaf collection schedule it will be posted on the HTOCA website.

Email Balloting

At the Labor Day picnic a vote was taken and was unanimously approved by those in attendance, to adopt email balloting. What this means is that in May, when we have the election for the HTOCA Board of Directors, if you have an email address on file with the Board, and cross referenced (certified) back to your address, you can submit your proxy vote by email. The email will be sent to a designated email box where the votes will be counted and recorded by the HTOCA secretary.

Details on how to certify your email address will be sent in the future.

HTOCA Website/HTOCA22003.ORG

The HTOCA website: htoca22003.org is up and running! There is a space called the

Bulletin Board where neighbors can have information posted with information such as: a yard sale, missing pet, want to buy/want to sell, etc. Each of these posting will have a time limit and posting will be subject to the discretion of the HTOCA Board. To have an activity posted, please send the details to: hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com.

Also, we welcome you to send family notices to hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com to be included in the newsletter. These notices include births, deaths and events that you would like shared with your neighbors.

Being Green: Receiving the HTOCA Hi-Lites Electronically

Currently we have 146 email addresses on file out of 275 homes. If you would like to help us cut down on the cost of making paper copies and hand delivering the newsletter to your door, please submit your name, address and email address to: hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com.

What's up on Oak Court

Submitted by Spence Limbocker
You might have been wondering why Oak Ct. was being dug up over the past several weeks. We have had several major water main breaks on Oak Ct. over the last several years and the Water Department decided to replace the main water line running down Oak Ct. After they completed laying the new line they needed to come back a few weeks later and lay the final road bed with asphalt. The work is now completed and we are looking forward to many years of the water line not breaking.

Garden Club

Submitted by Gina Fishman
The Hillbrook Tall Oaks Garden Club has lots of great meetings planned for this year. There was a meeting at Case Runolfson's house on Tuesday 10/22 to discuss the care and maintenance of rain barrels. We also plan to install one down by our sign across from the library so we can try to do a better job of keeping our plants alive and watered down there. We are also looking in to forming a community garden we sponsor and donating our vegetables to a community food bank.

Our next meeting will be in November on pest and weed control, which insects we do want and which insects we do not want in our gardens.

December will be our annual field trip to the Botanic Gardens downtown to see their holiday train display.

January we will have a meeting on bees, bats and butterflies - how to get them to our gardens and keep their populations healthy in our area.

February will be our annual winter pot luck at Faith Klein's

March We will have a meeting on Foraging - the things around us that we didn't know we can eat

April we still need a host for and possibilities are Parks and Recreations centers near us and what they have to offer, Hardscape - walls, fireplaces patios etc., gardening 101 - back to the basics, square ft gardening (plots that are 4X4_

Tropicals- how to grow them in our area and which ones can be grown successfully.

Pickling vegetables and Flower arrangement.

If you would like to host one of these in your home please contact me by phone or email
May we will meet on Plant diseases that are common in our area and how to cope with them.

Please join us for one of all of our meetings. We ask only a \$5 contribution at each meeting so we can pay our speakers.

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