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### Special points of interest:

- Make Your Opinion Count: Traffic Calming
- Next meeting: Jun 12 at 7:30 at The Zipser's 1312 Tulip Poplar Ln

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# Colvin's Glen Newsletter

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## Why Does It Have to Be So Hard?

Hope everyone has dealt with their taxes by now. Now I'm not an advocate for a flat tax, but, does it really have to be so complicated? It made me wonder when taxes started and how complicated were they back then? Thanks to the internet, it was easy to find out (a lot easier than trying to figure out how to deal with the tips my daughter earned in her new job).

The roots of IRS go back to the Civil War when President Lincoln and Congress, in 1862, created the position of commissioner of Internal Revenue and enacted an income tax to pay war expenses. The income tax was repealed 10 years later. Congress revived the income tax in 1894, but the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional the following year.

In 1913, the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified giving Congress the authority to enact an income tax. That same year, the first Form 1040 appeared after Congress levied a 1 percent tax on net personal incomes above \$3,000 with a 6 percent surtax on incomes of more than \$500,000. The form was 3 pages long, there were no other forms, the directions

were all on one page, and there were only 6 lines for deductions! Interestingly, this tax touched less than 1% of Americans.

In 1918, during World War I, the top rate of the income tax rose to 77 percent to help finance the war effort. It dropped sharply in the post-war years, down to 24 percent in 1929, and rose again during the Depression.

During World War II, Congress introduced payroll withholding and quarterly tax payments and raised the top marginal tax rate to 94 percent (whew!). Well into the '50s, the highest tax rate was over 80 percent and the pay-as-you-go withholding system introduced as a wartime measure was never shut

down. Progress in lowering taxes was sporadic and confusing. Rather than rolling back rates as such, the tax code was being rewritten to allow deductions and lower rates in certain circumstances while raising rates on others. This explosion in loopholes and fine print did spur on one industry: H&R Block started helping folks with their taxes in 1955. Go figure.

References:

[www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com)  
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[www.taxfoundation.org](http://www.taxfoundation.org) "Federal Income Tax Rates History"

TO BE FILLED IN BY COLLECTOR. Form 1040. TO BE FILLED IN BY INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU.

**INCOME TAX.**

THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THIS RETURN IN THE HANDS OF THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 (OR 30 TO \$5,000. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 4)

**UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.**

**RETURN OF ANNUAL NET INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS.**

(As provided by Act of Congress, approved October 3, 1913.)

**RETURN OF NET INCOME RECEIVED OR ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1911**

(FOR THE YEAR 1911, FROM MARCH 1, TO DECEMBER 31.)

Filed by (or for) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (in the City, Town, or Post Office of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_)

(See page 2 for instructions.)

1. GROSS INCOME (see page 2, line 12)	\$				
2. GENERAL DEDUCTIONS (see page 3, line 7)	\$				
3. NET INCOME	\$				
Deductions and exemptions allowed in computing income subject to the normal tax of 1 per cent.					
4. Dividends and net earnings received or accrued, of corporations, etc., subject to like tax. (See page 2, line 11)	\$				

Portion of page 1 of the 1913 Form 1040

Live a little,  
Laugh a little! :)

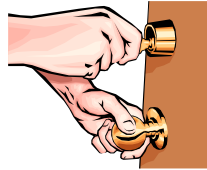
Doctor, I think I'm going deaf!  
What are the symptoms?  
It's a show about a little yellow family, but what has that got to do with my problem?

An elderly deaf man gets fitted for a hearing aid, and it works like a charm. He comes back a week later and the doctor asks, "Is your family happy that you can hear again?" And he says, "I haven't told them, I just sit around and listen... I've changed my will three times!"



### Break-Ins

Don't forget to keep home and car doors locked!



There have been several "break-ins" although we don't believe anything has been "broken" into yet—access has typically been through an unlocked door or window. Please don't help these "ne'er-do-wells" follow a path to the "Dark Side". The harder you make it for them, the less likely you will become their next victim.

### Social Activities

Well it has been a quiet

## Around the Neighborhood

winter (as usual), but spring is breaking through. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for social plans that typically include a whole-neighborhood "Block Party," multiple TGIF get-togethers, a Home and garden Tour and possibly some Mom Sanity Socials. If you would like to help with any of these popular events, get in touch with Ashley McGrath (757-0516 or ashleymcgrath1@verizon.net) or Erika Hanuschak (261-6989 or ehanuschak@cox.net).



### Neighborhood Garage Sale

In year's past, input from the neighborhood has been in favor of coordinating an annual Neighborhood Garage Sale. Last year Joel Maloney did a fantastic job providing useful advice and outstanding advertising for the event. Joel has graciously agreed to coordinate the event again this year. June 23 is the date, so target your spring cleaning for then!



## Community Directory

Ever needed to hire a plumber or an electrician, but didn't know where to start? You could subscribe to Angie's List, or you could just check in your Colvin's Glen Citizens' Association community directory.

The directory not only provides the names and addresses of every household in the neighborhood, but also provides recommendations from your neighbors on various tradesmen. You can take

a recommendation as is or call your neighbor and ask further questions about a particular recommendation.

Other useful information in the directory is a dog and cat directory (great for

helping a lost pet find their way home) and a neighborhood "yellow pages" to see what services your neighbors may have to offer.

If you already have your directory, then the neighborhood thanks you for paying your dues. If you don't have one, but would like one, contact your block captain (page 4) to set up a time for delivery. Also, if you see Beth Czaban around, be sure to thank her for all her time and effort



in updating and publishing the directory each year (at least for the last several years)!!



## Traffic Calming

The Traffic Calming Task Force has been working with the county to come up with some options to help slow drivers down in the neighborhood. You may have noticed the nomadic digital speed radar device, first measuring speeds on Dunn Meadow in the next neighborhood, then on Dunn Meadow between Delta Glen and



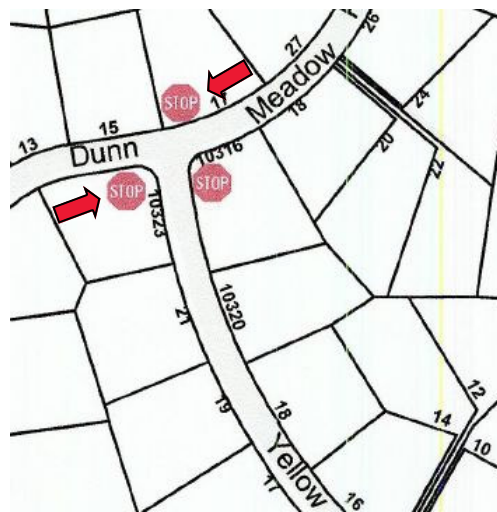
Yellow Pine and finally, on Yellow Pine. The feeling is that it did help to slow folks down and make people aware of really how fast they were going. It will hopefully be brought back for a few days on Colvin Forest Dr as well.

Fairfax County Department of Transportation, together with the Task Force, are now offering to add two stop signs at the intersection of Yellow Pine and Dunn Meadow. There is already a stop sign facing Yellow Pine traffic, so this would add stop signs for drivers traveling east and west on Dunn Meadow toward the intersection. In order to

implement these stop signs, the county requires that at least 50% of the households in the neighborhood cast and return a ballot and that at least 60% of those ballots approve the addition. If you haven't returned your vote, please do so (must be postmarked by April 26th).



The county is also supposed to have some police enforcement, but as of the last neighborhood meeting,



none had been spotted. However, be forewarned that police enforcement has been promised!

## 2011-2012 Dues

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Not to sound like a broken record, but...September was the beginning of the CGCA's fiscal year. The dues are used to continue the Citizen's Association efforts to communicate issues that affect our community both externally and internally; enhance the quality of life in our community via social activities; coordinate upkeep of entrances to our neighborhood; and improve safety

within our community.

Nearby neighborhoods pay dues that are usually mandatory and anywhere from \$120 to \$540. Our neighborhood dues are only \$50 and they are voluntary. However, we are returning to the practice of tying dues payment to the receipt of the Directory. If you haven't heard from your Block Captain yet (see list page 4), please call them or let Tom Milton know. If you've already paid—Thank You!

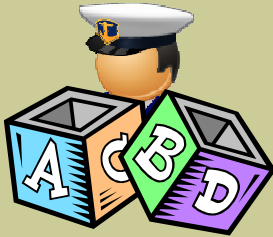


**Call the police  
non-  
emergency  
number  
703-691-2131  
for daytime  
suspicions.**

**Call 911  
if someone is in  
the act of tres-  
passing or  
breaking in!**



**For the dues  
payment, please  
make checks out  
to the Colvin's  
Glen Citizens'  
Association**

**Reminder:**

Next meeting  
Jun 12 at 7:30 at  
1312 Tulip Poplar

Questions? Comments?  
Contact Mike Zipser at  
757-7840 or  
mzipser@gmail.com or  
1312 Tulip Poplar Ln  
Vienna, VA 22182

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/  
vienna/cgcf](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/vienna/cgcf)

## Block Captains

Address	Block Captain	Phone
Chestnut Oak Ct	Fabiana Beraud	759-0842
1293-1303 Colvin Forest Dr (north)	Katie Connolly	537-0941
1304-1318 Colvin Forest Dr (middle)	Charlie Cookson	757-0496
1320-1326 Colvin Forest Dr (pipestem)	Ann Rosenbloom	757-9363
1328-1335 Colvin Forest Dr (cul-de-sac)	Mike Sacco	759-5625
Delta Glen Ct	Kim Roth	757-5816
10293-10309 Dunn Meadow Rd (lower)	Sarah Grubbs	757-6407
10311-10329 Dunn Meadow Rd (middle)	Silvi Brugge	757-5205
10330-10406 Dunn Meadow Rd (upper)	Barbara Centofante	798-1023
10231 Leesburg Pike AND Tulip Poplar Ln	Andrea Delaney	757-0711
Mill Wheel Ln	Gail Embt	757-9718
Wandering Creek Rd	Lauren Kovach	759-5041
10200-10210 Yellow Pine Dr (east)	Carol Milton	759-5320
10300-10308 Yellow Pine Dr (middle)	Kerry Hoagland	759-4615
10310-10323 Yellow Pine Dr (west)	Tom Milton	759-5320

## Colvin's Glen Caring Committee

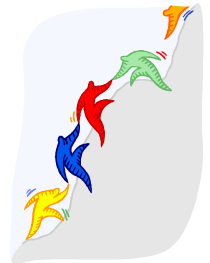
Last year Carol Milton and Katie Connolly were kind enough to form a Caring Committee for the neighborhood. Carol provides the following guidelines for the group's responses:

While many neighbors are fortunate enough to have close friends and family living nearby, others do not enjoy this luxury. Occasionally, unforeseen circumstances do arise when we all need assistance. Our intentions are to lend a hand in time of need.

Whether you have been the recipient of a kindness and would like to reciprocate or whether you are a concerned neighbor, we need your support in providing a meal, transportation to a doctor's appointment, picking up some groceries or a prescription for someone in urgent need. To add your name to the list of caring souls please call or email either Carol or Katie at the numbers listed below. And of course, if you are in need of some help or know of a neighbor in need of help, also contact either Carol or Katie.

Carol Milton  
tel: 759-5320  
email: [miltonts22182@yahoo.com](mailto:miltonts22182@yahoo.com)

Katie Connolly  
tel: 537-0941  
email: [knconnolly@yahoo.com](mailto:knconnolly@yahoo.com)



## Dates to Remember

What	When	Where	Contact
Next CGCA Meeting	Jun 12 7:30pm	1312 Tulip Poplar	Mike Zipser 757-7840 mzipser@gmail.com
Garage Sale	Jun 23	Everywhere	Joel Maloney 865-8816 jmaloney9@yahoo.com