

# Woodbine Newsletter



## Thank you Woodbinians!

The Annual Woodbine Picnic was another fabulous event and was enjoyed by many at the Main Playground on September 16th. After nominating and electing new members to the Board, we enjoyed a potluck meal courtesy of all the wonderful cooks in Woodbine (and Due South!). The weather held out for us, even though it was questionable the morning of, and eventually the sun came out. There were lots of kids playing, neighbors greeting one another and barbeque eaten.

For those not in attendance—you were missed! Mark your calendar now for next year's Annual Picnic—the third Sunday in September.

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Our playgrounds have been freshly weeded and mulched, so make sure you enjoy them while the weather still allows!



## Meet our Newest Board Members!

### TOWN OF BLACKSBURG FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULED



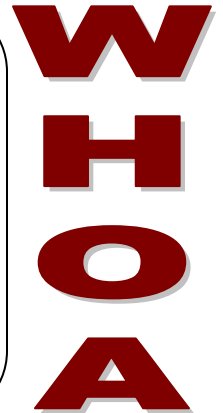
FOR THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 8th

#### MEET KRISTEN:

Kristen Ducote is one of the newest members of the Woodbine HOA Board. She moved from Fredericksburg, Virginia to Blacksburg in August 2011. She has two children: her daughter Jen, a VT graduate who still lives in the area, and her son Joe, who moved here with her last year. Her favorite activity is gardening and she is excited to re-create a beautiful garden here in her new home. When not working on her own garden, she enjoys working part-time at Lacie's Garden Center. Kristen's other hobbies include cross-stitching, crocheting, and bird-watching. Kristen is eagerly awaiting her first grandchild this coming February!

#### Your Current Board Members:

<b>President:</b>	Jeff Busche
<b>VP/Newsletter:</b>	Beth Mann
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lisa Highfield
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Robin Sanborn
<b>Landscaping:</b>	Aric Bopp
<b>Architectural Review:</b>	Martin Jansons
<b>Members-at-Large:</b>	Kristen Ducote Michele Sullivan Tommy Regan



#### MEET MICHELE:

Michele Sullivan with her family, Kevin and Anna Claire, has resided in Woodbine and Blacksburg for 12 years. Additionally, they have two cockapoos, Murphy and Tucker, who love to patrol their fence near the bike path. Michele enjoys being with her family, the beautiful New River and trail, the mountains, and of course, the local wineries!

# GEOCACHING

Article Submitted by Guest Writer, Gabby Howard, Age 12

*Looking for something new to do  
with the family?*

*Want to spend more time outdoors?  
Why not try geocaching!*



Geocaching is best described as a modern day version of treasure hunting. People all over the world hide caches of treasure, all you have to do is find it! You'll just need a couple of things to get started.

First, you'll need a GPS device. This can be something as simple as a smart phone with a GPS app or you may

choose to invest in an outdoor device designed specifically for geocaching. Use a site like '[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)' to help you find a listing of geocaches near you. Each geocache will have a set of coordinates (latitude and longitude) to help you find its location. Once you have your coordinates and a general idea of the location on a map (which is likely to be in a park or along a trail), grab your GPS and walk that area until you find the right spot. Once there, look around, the geocache will likely be cleverly hidden, like under a tree root or covered by leaves.

Now you've found it! It's likely a small waterproof box. You open it and what do you find? Treasure! Bouncy balls, stickers, coins, bottle caps, rubber bugs, and plastic jewelry. You may take a trinket from the container but you'll have to bring something to trade. After all, if you only took, eventually there would be nothing left to take! Replace the item you've taken with something you don't need like a kids meal toy or that plastic lizard you got as a party favor but never really liked. Hey, one per-

son's trash is another person's treasure! (Don't leave food though because you don't want to attract animals!)

Make sure what you bring to trade is small because it has to fit in the container. There will also be a log book in the container. Be sure to sign your name and the date that you found the cache, maybe even include a little note for the cache's owner. When you're done, you need to hide the cache back where you found it for other treasure hunters to find.

Feeling sad that the hunt is over? Don't worry, there are plenty more out there to find. Before you know it, you'll be searching caches out on road trips and on every family hike. You'll be surprised at the number of places you've passed before where caches are hidden. You may even decide to hide your own treasure – just like me! I hid a “super secret” geocache in Woodbine; can you find it?

Here are the coordinates:  
N 37° 15' 739" W 80° 24' 288"

### Did you know?

There are 1,905,752 active geocaches and over 5 million geocachers worldwide.



You can read more of Gabby's writing at  
[www.theclementinetimes.blogspot.com](http://www.theclementinetimes.blogspot.com)

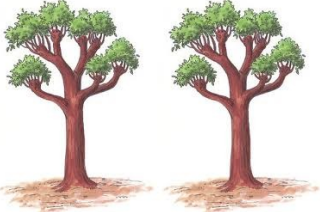
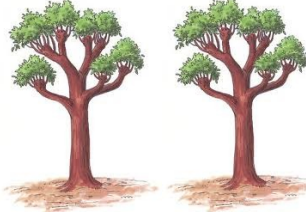
Feeling inspired to write something about Woodbine? Email the Board if you are interested in being a guest writer for the next newsletter. Be sure to check out our guest writer for this current issue: **Gabby Howard, and her article on Geocaching.**

**Selling your home?**  
Remember you will need to provide the buyers with an HOA packet in advance of closing. If you have your house on the market please let our Board know by emailing us at **HOAPacket@woodbinehoa.org** so we can prepare an HOA packet in time for the house closing.



**Have a Green Thumb? Feeling Handy?**

The Board is starting a committee to help with small projects throughout the neighborhood common areas. One of the first projects planned is planting new trees to replace some of the ones lost in recent storms. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or have a neighborhood project idea, please let the Board know.



**Around the Town—News and Events**

To keep up on neighborhood news, please visit our blog: <http://woodbinehoa.org/blog> and/or email us to be added to our announcements list. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions via email at: [president@woodbinehoa.org](mailto:president@woodbinehoa.org)

- October 6**  
Brew Do  
First and Main, 12 Noon to 6 pm
- October 19**  
Middle School Dance Party  
Community Center, 7:30-9:30 pm
- October 25**  
Historic Lecture  
Sports in Blacksburg, 7:30 pm
- October 31**  
Downtown Trick or Treating  
Halloween Carnival  
Community Center, 6-8 pm

- November 30**  
Middle School Dance Party  
Community Center, 7:30-9:30 pm
- December 7**  
Winter Lights Festival & Holiday Parade  
Downtown Blacksburg, 4 pm
- December 20**  
Santa Calling, 4-6 pm
- Events at The Blacksburg Library:**  
*Computer Classes for Beginners:*  
Internet/Email  
October 18, 10 am-12 noon

- Reel Fun Movies:*  
October 8, 6 pm  
Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3
- October 15, 6 pm  
Pirates: Band of Misfits
- October 17, 5:30  
Snow White and the Huntsmen
- MCPS Early Release Movies:*  
October 4, 2 pm  
Pirates: Band of Misfits
- October 26, 2 pm  
Madagascar 3

**Want some extra hands around the house?**



- Then call someone on the list below—They will be able to do various tasks, including yard work, babysitting, walking dogs and more!
- Ben Fleming—yard work 552-1323
  - Jennifer Fleming 552-1323
  - Stephanie Gardener—babysitting 951-2484
  - Colleen Hinson—babysitting 961-0211
  - Grace Hinson—babysitting 961-0211
  - John Hinson—yard work 961-0211
  - Gabby Howard—pet sitting 552-3432 (available days/ nights)

If you have additional names to add to the list, please email the Board.

