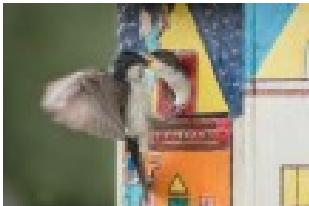




## **Tree Swallows/Birdhouses/Mosquitoes Environmental Interest Group (EIG) Information**



The Tree Swallow birdhouses are not only around the stormwater pond behind the VF Tennis courts but were part of the City of Laurel Parks and Recreation and Laurel Arts Council environmental project – “Art For The Birds” Galley of Birdhouses



Laurel Parks and Recreation have repeatedly told us how many park enthusiasts of Granville Gude Park Laurel Lakes and Riverfront welcome the Tree Swallows because of the reduction in mosquitoes.



According to The Audubon Society –

- Each adult Tree Swallow will consume about 2,000 insects per day during an average 45-day nesting period.
- The parents also catch and feed their brood (4-7 nestlings) about 6,000 insects per day. In total the insects consumed per Tree Swallow family equals 300,000 per season!

What does this have to do with Victoria Falls? Home owners can install Tree Swallow birdhouses on their property. The birds will fly all around a water area including the surrounding homes.

What better way to help our environment than finding a way to reduce spraying for mosquito control when Tree Swallows can naturally do the job. Thank you – Carol

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“Art For The Birds”-. <https://youtu.be/2bTToG8iFXc> [Laurel Community Spotlight: Birdhouse Gallery - February 5, 2019 \(youtube.com\)](#) and at Riverfront Park <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytkGFoiB888-->