

Leewood Times

Notes from the Leewood Board

To submit an article:

- Send us an email
- Be positive and informative
- Deadline
Two weeks prior to Assessment due date .

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Parking Surveys and Assessments Due October 1

Fourth quarter assessments are now due. Please use your final payment voucher or just notate your address or lot number on your payment. This will save your Treasurer from having to send out past due notices.

The Board distributed a survey on parking earlier this month to every home in the community. Please submit your survey to give input on whether you are experiencing parking issues or have any suggestions to improve available parking.

Trash Contract

The Board recently negotiated a new trash service contract. After soliciting proposals, the Board chose to stay with the current contractor American Disposal. With the new contract, trash and recycle containers should be placed curbside no later than 6:00 am on the scheduled pickup day. For your convenience, our community rules allow you to put your containers out as early as 6:00 pm on the evening prior to the scheduled pickup day.

New recycling bins will be delivered to every resident by the middle of November. You may keep your old bin as well. If you want your old bin picked up or do not want a second bin, notify American Disposal customer service at 703-368-0500 during October. When the new bin is delivered, the company will pick up the old one. Just place the old bin at curbside on the day the new bins are to be delivered (date will be publicized when determined).

Tree Care

The Board has contracted with a vendor to remove dead or dying trees and to prune trees showing significant leaf loss in the common areas. The vendor is scheduled to complete this work during the first week of October. The Board approved spending more than allotted in the annual budget to make sure that trees needing immediate attention receive it. This is part of a larger plan of tree maintenance and replacement.

MORE FROM THE BOARD

Be A Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee! This committee is responsible for recruiting and nominating candidates for the Leewood Board of Directors. Three of our current Board members' terms expire at our next annual meeting, so member involvement is essential. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or on the Board of Directors, please email Nathan Parsons-Schwarz at vicepresident@leewood.us. Thank you!

National Night Out

National Night Out took place on August 1. The weather was good, and neighbors came out to enjoy some food and conversation. As part of safety awareness, the Fairfax County police stopped by and provided some safety information handouts. The handouts include links to get more information on police activity -how to find out why the police are in your neighborhood, why a police helicopter is flying overhead. etc.- that may be of interest to you. The information provided by Fairfax County has been posted to the Leewood website under Community / Safety Tips.

Giant Foods Grocery Carts

It has come to the Board's attention that Giant Foods grocery carts are being brought to Leewood and abandoned on our streets. Please know that this is unacceptable behavior. We do not have the resources to return the carts to Giant. Nor should the residents of the community have to look at grocery carts in the community. If you see someone leaving a cart in the community, please ask them to return the cart to Giant, its rightful owner.

Pesky Rodents

Recently I have had several conversations with residents concerning the appearance of rodents in Leewood. There is much that we can do individually and collectively as a community to lessen their occurrence in Leewood.

Do not drop and leave food containers in your back yard when barbecuing. Be sure to store trash and recyclables securely. Do not put out torn or poorly secured trash bags; this is an invitation for pests to get in them and spread trash.

If you notice a problem around your home, call a pest control company for assistance in correcting the problem. You may also check out the Fairfax County website at www.Fairfaxcounty.gov for more information. Search the website for rats and mice topics.

AUTUMN 2017

Fall Is Upon Us

Cooler days and nights make fall a refreshing time of the year; vibrant colors and falling leaves make it the time of year when we all want to be outside. It is also the time of year to clean out flower bed and get rid of dying foliage. It is a time to walk around Leewood and see its fall beauty. Time to make sure our outside lights are working properly and to cut off outside water lines before the winter freeze.

It is also time to remind all residents of little things that make our community great: Picking up your dog's poop and not leaving it in someone's yard or in the common areas; turning on your front and back lights to add illumination to our community; being mindful of your surroundings during dark morning and evening hours; not leaving recycle bins and trash cans at curbside too early or too late before scheduled pickup.

It is time to drive through our community at a slower speed, as children and adults are outside toward dusk. Lastly, it is a time to help look out for your neighbors if you have not seen them for a while. Check to make sure they are doing okay.

All these things make for a great experience living in Leewood!!

Winter Color For Your Garden

Our Leewood neighbor Catherine has small (12-18 inches high) Nandina plants to give away. They grow to about 4 feet in height. Bring a shovel and a cutting tool; very little digging is required to have your own beautiful Nandina. Enjoy winter color in your garden with Nandina (*Nandina domestica*) -a tough, drought-resistant evergreen or semi-evergreen shrub. Also known as heavenly bamboo, it produces pinkish-white flowers in late spring or early summer, and the shrub's leaves turn a scarlet red during the winter. Beautiful red berries result from the small flowers, with the berries lasting all winter. A very low maintenance shrub, Nandina can be planted in the fall. If you are interested, send Catherine an email at nova3neale@gmail.com.

Congratulations To Our Neighbor

Our neighbor, Ujjwal Thakuri, was selected to the "Who's Who in the Martial Arts Legend Book". For those of you who attended last year's National Night Out event in Leewood, you saw him in action at the demonstration he gave. Lastly, on today 9/27/2017 Ujjwal was notified of his selection to the Guinness Book World Records in his category. So, please offer him congratulations as you see him out exercising.

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FOCUS FEATURE: TASTE OF ANNANDALE!

The 2017 Taste of Annandale, a family-friendly community festival, will happen on Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., along Tom Davis Drive in the center of Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive.

Local restaurants and food trucks will be selling food all day, and there will be live entertainment, featuring music and dance from a variety of cultures. There is no cost to attend.

The annual Taste of Annandale 5K Race will take place in the morning before the festival starts.

Visit the Taste of Annandale Facebook page for updates on festival activities.

For more information and news articles about the previous festivals, visit the Taste of Annandale page on the Annandale Blog or contact Bob Kahane, bkahane@cox.net, 703-856-8773.

