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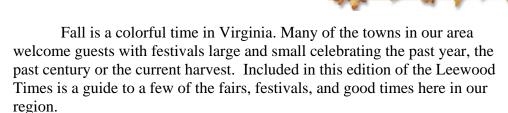
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Halloween Safety Tips

There are many ways to keep your child safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day. Below are just a few common sense tips that can help.

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.
- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. The best bet is to make sure that an adult is supervising. If you can't take them, see if another parent or a teen-aged sibling can go along.
- Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties, school or mall functions.

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32nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival

<u>Date</u>: September 15 & 16 Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. <u>Location</u>: Morven Park Equestrian Center 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176

60 award winning Virginia wineries. Gourmet cuisine from the region's best restaurants. Wine seminars. Headline Music. 130 arts, crafts and gourmet artisans.

www.virginiawinefestival.org



<u>Date</u>: September 29th

Location: Fairfax Government Center

<u>Time</u>: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Enjoy the best that fall has to offer with fun for the whole family featuring fun Fall attractions and interactive exhibits! FALL FOR FAIRFAX is FREE to attend.

www.fallforfairfax.com



<u>Date</u>: Sunday, October 7th <u>Location</u>: Downtown Clifton

<u>Time</u>: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The fair includes crafts and fine arts, antiques, craft demonstrations, a flea market, events and entertainment, children's activities, live music, and food.

www.cliftonday.com

Waterford Fair

<u>Date</u>: October 5th - 7th <u>Location</u>: Waterford, Virginia

<u>Time</u>: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Every year since 1943 hundreds of juried crafts persons exhibit their wares and demonstrate their skill. Along with watching and conversing with these exhibitors, there is also music and dancing, civil war reenactments, citizens in historical costumes, and great food.

www.waterfordva-wca.org/waterford-fair.htm

Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour

Date: October 5 - 7th Location: Mount Vernon

<u>Time</u>: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Sample wines from award-winning Virginia wineries. Guests have the opportunity to experience an evening tour of George Washington's home and are invited to visit the rarely-open basement cellar vaults where he stored his wine.



For More information on Local Fall Festivals Log onto <u>www.Leewood.us</u>



Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park

The historic 105-mile Skyline Drive, a National Scenic Byway, traverses Shenandoah National Park, a beautiful, historic national treasure. The Park varies in width from less than one mile to about thirteen miles, so that views from peaks and overlooks include not only the Blue Ridge itself, but also the patchwork of woods, farmlands and orchards on either side. Wildlife includes the white-tailed deer, black bear, raccoons, opossum, skunk, birds, red and gray fox, beaver, river otter, mink, weasel, woodchuck, rabbit, squirrel and chipmunks.

With as many as 200 species of local and migratory birds, viewing opportunities at Shenandoah are good to excellent. Campsites are available. More modern accommodations are available at Skyline Resort & Big Meadows Lodge with full service restaurants and planned activities.

Travel Interstate 66 (Westbound) to Exit 13 (Route 55) Follow Route 55 West approximately 5 miles (through Front Royal) to Route 340.



Common Area Lighting

Fourteen new lamp post lights have been installed throughout the common areas of the community. The only remaining work to be done is for the contractor to run the wires from the lights behind Leestone Court and from the light in the common area on the even side of Leebrad Street to the transformers. When this work has been completed, Dominion Power will activate the lights.

The project is on schedule and should be completed soon. We appreciate everyone's patience during the installation.

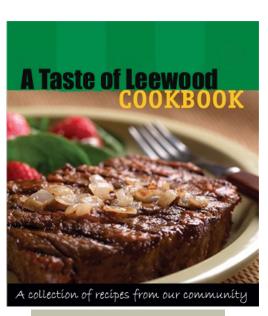


A Taste of Leewood Cookbook

The editors of the Leewood Times are preparing a cookbook of recipes provided by the residents of Leewood. "A Taste of Leewood" will be a collection of appetizers, soups, sandwiches, salads, entrees and desserts, along with holiday specialties, and pet friendly homemade treats.

To share your favorite recipes, residents can send them via email to leewoodtimes@cox.net or deliver printed copies to 7026 Leebrad Street. The deadline to submit recipes is October 31st and the cookbook will cost \$15 with all proceeds benefiting *SOME* – So Others Might Eat.

To order your copy of "A Taste of Leewood" log on to your LHOA website at www.leewood.us or call 703.333.3151. All cookbooks will be distributed by the end of November, just in time for the holidays!



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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:
Residents of Leewood have reported five car break-ins since 7/4/07. Japanese cars, especially Honda models, are being targeted. Stereos and visable personal property was stolen. Lock your cars. Be vigilant and report suspicious activity in the community.



Dumping in Leewood

The "common area" is all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the members of the Association. Essentially, this means all property in the community other than: land occupied by units; land enclosed in fences behind units; and land between the front of a unit and the sidewalk. Leewood common areas include open grassy expanses as well as several small to medium size wooded areas.

The Association endeavors to keep the common areas clean not only to enhance homeowners' enjoyment of them, but to beautify the neighborhood to enhance property values.

We have had an ongoing problem with homeowner's and/or their contractors dumping various types of debris in the wooded common areas and in some cases in the grassy areas. The debris consists of branches and limbs pruned from homeowner's yards, dead bushes, trellises, pieces of concrete from patio replacements, dirt, dog excrement, rocks and on and on. This dumping is not only unsightly, but it costs each homeowner money. We have had several clean-up days conducted by homeowners, but we have also had to have our grounds and maintenance contractor perform special clean-ups in an effort to keep these areas relatively clean of debris.

The problem only seems to get worse. Please take pride in your community and dispose of items properly. If you see others dumping in the common area and feel comfortable doing it, please ask them nicely to stop dumping. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, email a board member with the information on who did the dumping, where it occurred and when it occurred. We have found that a letter from the Board usually corrects the problem.

Trash Pickups – Just a reminder

Please make a note that trash pickups are Tuesday & Friday mornings with recycling picked up on Tuesday and yard debris on Friday. Please wait until dusk on Monday and Thursday before putting your items outside. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Hacer por favor una nota que las recolecciones de la basura son mañanas de martes y de viernes con el reciclaje tomado en la ruina de martes y de la yarda el viernes. Esperar por favor hasta oscuridad el lunes y jueves antes de poner tus artículos afuera. Tu cooperación se aprecia grandemente.

쓰레기 수거가 금요일에 화요일과 야드 파편에 주워 재생을 가진 화요일 & 금요일 아침이다 주를 만드십시오. 당신의 품목을 밖에 두기 전에 월요일과 목요일에 황혼까지 기다리십시오. 당신의 협력은 중대하게 평가된다.

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