

Leewood Times

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The Editor of Leewood

Times would like to know if neighbors are interested in a "Get to Know Your Neighbor" section. This section will feature 1-2 households in the community and include photos so we can call get to know each other. Please send your comments!
LeewoodTimes@cox.net

Don't Forget to Vote Tuesday, November 3th

The Virginia gubernatorial election of 2009 is scheduled to take place on November 3, 2009. The election will choose the next Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General of the commonwealth of Virginia. The winners will be inaugurated in January 2010 and will serve until January 2014. The current Governor, Democrat Tim Kaine, is not eligible to run due to term limits established by the Virginia Constitution, though others in the state's executive branch are not restricted.

The Editors of the Leewood Times have created a [Voting Guide](#) for you with helpful information on the candidates, where to vote, etc.

What: **General Election**
When: **Tuesday, November 4th 2008**
Where: **St. John's United Methodist Church**
5312 Backlick Road
Springfield, VA 22151
6:00am - 7:00pm



For More Information visit www.leewood.us/vote.htm

National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The lighting of the National Christmas Tree is the beginning of a three week Washington, DC Christmas tradition. Nationally known entertainers and a military band perform and the President brings a message of peace to the nation and the world.

Date: December 3, 2009

Time: 5 p.m. Gates open at 3:30 p.m., ticket holders must be in their seats by 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Ellipse near The White House

The closest Metro stations to the White House are Federal Triangle, Metro Center and McPherson Square. Parking is very limited in this area, so public transportation is recommended

Tickets: Tickets for the National Christmas Tree Lighting will be distributed in a new way for 2009 - a lottery system. Tickets are required and will be distributed for FREE. The lottery system will be available at 12:01 a.m. EST on Wednesday November 4 and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, Nov. 6. To participate, visit www.thenationaltree.org or call (877) 444-6777

Association Meetings



The Board would like to invite all residents to attend monthly Board meetings. It's a great way to keep abreast of what's going on in Leewood and to have a voice in issues that affect our community and impact Leewood homeowners and residents.

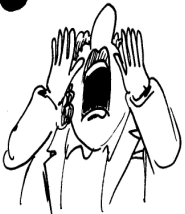
Regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at **7:30 pm on the second Tuesday** of every month. We meet at the Phillips School, located on the corner of Backlick and Braddock Roads (across from the Giant Grocery store). If attending a monthly meeting is not possible, we encourage you to make every effort to attend the Association's annual meeting on the second Tuesday in March. The Annual meeting is the Association's general business meeting, where, among other things, we vote for new board members when positions are vacant. Following is the 2010 Board of Directors meeting schedule:

January 12
 February 9
 March 9 (annual meeting)
 April 13
 May 11
 June 8

July 13
 August 10
 September 14
 October 12
 November 9
 December 14

Volunteer Vacancies

Volunteers!



There is currently one vacancy on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and there will be another vacancy in March 2010. There is an article further on in this newsletter about the ARC that explains what the ARC members' duties are. Anyone interested in joining the committee should forward their name to the President of the Board at president@leewood.us.

In addition, one Board member's term expires in March. This means we will be electing a new board member at the Annual meeting. Positions on the Board are elected positions, so if you think you might be interested in serving your community as a member of the Board of Director's, please forward your name to the Nominating Committee at P.O. Box 1421, Springfield, Va. 22151 or email your name to the Board at board@leewood.us.

Phone Book



The Board's efforts to pull together a phone book in 2009 were unsuccessful; only about 30% of Leewood residents responded to our request for information. We know from past experience that a Leewood phone book/directory is very handy, so we are still interested in trying to get one put together and published.

Homeowners, when you receive your annual meeting package in 2010, it will contain a form that will give three options:

- 1) Verify that the information in the 2007 directory is accurate for listing in the 2010 directory
- 2) Provide new information for listing in the directory
- 3) Indicate that you do not wish to be listed.

Again, we encourage all homeowners to list at least their name and an e-mail address. Offsite owners especially are asked to please provide an e-mail address, and an offsite mailing address. This information will make it much easier to communicate when the need arises. We sincerely hope a much larger number of homeowners and residents provide information and agree to be listed.

Trash Holiday Schedule and Recycling

Christmas Day (Friday December 25) - Office is closed and **NO** services will be provided. If your trash collection falls on this day, your service will resume on Tuesday December 29th. NOTE: Please do not put your trash out on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day (Friday January 1, 2010) - Office is closed and no services will be provided. If trash collection falls on this day, your service will resume on Tuesday, January 5th. NOTE: Please do not put your trash out on New Year's Day.

Yard Debris Collection: Ends December 31st

Christmas Tree Collection: Christmas trees will be collected on your regular yard debris collection day. We ask that all tinsel and decorations be removed. Please do not place trees in plastic bags. Christmas trees will be collected on the **1st two Wednesdays in January.**

Inclement Weather: Trash will not be collected if ADS deems roads unsafe. If cancellation occurs, services will resume on the NEXT regularly scheduled collection day. Please keep in mind that it is the County and State roads that will affect our pick-up. Since Leewood has a private snow removal contractor, our streets are usually in better shape earlier than Braddock or Backlick Roads and our contractor must travel from Manassas to Leewood to pick up trash.

Recycling: There have been some changes in recycling. ADS has provided the attached flier that outlines these changes.





FROM THE BOARD

Your Association At Work

What is really required to manage Leewood? The following article provides a description of the duties of the President; how the position is defined in our covenants, but more importantly, what the Leewood President actually does with regard to the day-to-day management of Leewood. In the next issue of The Leewood Times, there will be articles describing the duties of the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Grounds and Maintenance Committee.

President

My name is Janet Rourke and I have been serving on the Board since August 2006 and as President since October 2006. As defined by Article XI of the By-Laws, "The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes." The President also presides at the annual business meeting. The term of office is three years and there is no limit on how many terms a President may serve.

There are a lot of activities encompassed in this formal definition. I participate in the negotiation of all Leewood contracts including interviews of bidders. I liaison with our law firm on all legal cases and testify at any court proceedings. I manage the activities of the Association to ensure that each officer and committee chair are fulfilling the duties required by their office. I initiate the five year reserve study and work with the consultant and the Board to prepare a plan for the management of our reserve funds. I sign all contracts, audits, income tax forms and other documents pertaining to Leewood. I draft the annual meeting package, annual assessment memorandum and other documents for clearance by the Board. I direct the preparation of our annual budget and work with the Board and our volunteer in finalizing it. In addition, I participate in other responsibilities of the Board which can include grounds clean-up, fence repair, removal of small trees, etc. In conjunction with other Board members and volunteers, I supervise street and sidewalk repair and facilitated such projects as installation of lights and mailboxes. All in all, the position provides an opportunity to serve Leewood, is never boring and has the added pleasure of getting to know Leewood homeowners through interaction on various projects and issues. This position will become vacant through term expiration in March 2010. Anyone interested in volunteering for the position, can get in touch with me at jcr121942@aol.com and I will be happy to discuss in more detail.