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Leewood Page on Facebook?

In the last issue of the newsletter, we asked if the community would be interested in a Leewood Facebook page. Unfortunately, we did not get enough interest from the neighborhood in order to launch the page at this time. If you meant to write in a vote for the page to be built, this is your last chance!

Happy Fourth of July!

Enjoy your celebrations and be safe. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to attend one of the local celebrations held throughout the area or the national celebration on the Mall. If you plan on setting off fireworks in Leewood, do so safely to avoid injuries to your family, friends or neighbors. Be careful of neighbors' property when using fireworks.

Also remember that parallel parking along curbs is prohibited in Leewood. If you are having a large gathering for the 4th or any other celebration, take the availability of parking in Leewood into consideration. Think about having guests park in the Giant parking lot, on Bradwood Street or on the service road paralleling Braddock Road.

There are many firework displays in our area, here is sample. For a full listing, visit www.leewood.us/summer.htm.

Fourth of July Fireworks on the National Mall - usually around 9:30 pm Spectacular views of the fireworks can also be seen from Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) in Arlington, Virginia near the Rosslyn Metro station and areas along the Virginia side of the Potomac River that can be reached from George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Lake Fairfax Park in Reston the fun begins at **10 a.m.** Visitors can picnic in the park, ride a horse on the antique carousel, travel around the lake on a paddle boat or take a leisurely ride on the tour boat. The marina and carousel will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The [Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole](#) will be open at 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. you can sponsor a duck and participate in the Park Foundation's Toy Duck Races celebrating the Park Authority's 60th anniversary. Vendors will offer a variety of food for purchase throughout the celebration, and children will find a moonbounce and other amusements. Fireworks begin at approximately **9:15 p.m.** Celebrants are encouraged to come early as parking is limited. Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston. For more information contact [Lake Fairfax Park](#) at 703-471-5415

Leewood's 4th Annual National Night Out

This August marks the Nation's 27th Annual National Night Out crime prevention event and Leewood's 4th Annual National Night Out Cookout.

Over 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities will join forces on August 3rd to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; safety and neighborhood unity.

This year the Leewood National Night Out Cookout will be held on August 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will take place in the common area next to 5288 Bradgen Court.

*Please Join us
Tuesday, August 3rd
from 7pm to 9pm
Location to be determined*

Invitations to participate have been sent to the Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments and our District Supervisor. We will again have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks as well as fun stuff for the kids and door prizes.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Over 75 residents participated in last year's event and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Police Officers and Firemen and the opportunity to see the squad cars and fire trucks.

We hope that everyone in Leewood will be able to drop by for at least few minutes to socialize and enjoy a summer meal in the company of neighbors.

There will be mailbox notices as well as posters throughout Leewood to remind everyone of the event as the date draws nearer. Keep an eye out for them, and we hope to see you there!

Need someone to walk your pooch?

We are in the middle of wonderful vacation season! Most of us welcome this season of travel; for some of us it is also a source of slight stress. Stress about vacationing? Why? Well, if you're anything like us, we stress about who will make sure our dogs get enough walks while we are gone.

With that in mind, your Editor would like to request that every dog owner who uses any type of walking service share their experiences with the community. Let's start a referral process similar to the contractor list we have on the Leewood.us website.

So, send your recommendations on the best services out there, as well as the ones we need to stay away from. Any exceptional boarding services are also welcomed.

Also, your Editor would like to be the first to volunteer to check in on your dog should you ever need a last minute dog sitter. Email me for contact details.





FROM THE BOARD

STREET WORK

There will be additional street work this summer that will be done in stages. The Board is currently considering bids to do work on Leebrad Street which will involve milling and paving. This may require closing Leebrad Street for a period of time since the milling will be in several locations on Leebrad. Information will be provided via the website, door to door handouts and on the sign stands located next to the mailboxes. Additional work will involve parts of Leestone Court and seal coating of Leebrad Street.

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE

The Chair of the G&M Committee has resigned due to requirements of her job. The Board is looking for volunteers to serve on this committee.

SHRUBS AND TREES

Shenandoah recently removed the old concrete pads where mailboxes used to be located and the surrounding shrubs. These areas were graded and seeded. Dying shrubs were also removed from around existing mailbox stands and replaced in some cases with the shrubs that were removed from old stand locations. In addition, two new trees were planted along Backlick Road to replace the dead pines that were removed earlier in the year. The Board would like to extend our **sincere** thanks to all those volunteers/recruits who are watering the seeded areas and the new shrubs.

PHONE BOOK

The 2010 Leewood phone book will soon be ready for printing. A copy will be distributed to each resident of Leewood.

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First letters have been sent to those homeowners whose houses have violations. The Board strongly encourages each homeowner who received a letter to correct the violations within the time frame allowed or if there are circumstances that require additional time, to request an extension before the second letter is issued. Letters will go out in July to those homeowners that had storm damage to shrubs or trees in their yards and to those who need to prune or weed their planting beds and have not yet done so.



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MAILBOX SIGN STANDS

As many of you may have noticed, we have new sign stands (nicely designed by Melinda Ford) that are placed next to the mailbox stands when the Board has general announcements. These stands are left up until the event being announced has occurred.

On occasion, when we know that there will be future announcements over the next several weeks, the signs are left in place with a request that they not be moved. This saves volunteers from having to remove the signs, store them and then put them back out in a short period of time.

We anticipate over the next several weeks having announcements about additional street work and National Night Out. The Board would appreciate homeowners not removing the signs and throwing them in the bushes. The Board will remove the signs when appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation.