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Leewood's Annual National Night Out Cookout – 2010

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

Over 100 Leewood residents, along with 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities across the country joined forces on August 3rd to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention, safety and neighborhood unity.

This year's National Night Out in Leewood was a resounding success! On Tuesday evening, August 3rd, Leewood residents came together on the common area at the end of Bradgen Court for an evening of camaraderie that included great food, prize drawings, and visits from local public authorities.

Leewood volunteers arrived early to get things set up and by 6:30pm the grill was fired up! By the end of the night five dozen hamburgers and six dozen hot dogs had been cooked and eaten by high-spirited Leewood volunteers, residents and their guests! Dozens of prizes were given in drawings for both kids and adults.

This year Leewood had record-breaking support from County officials. The Fire Department arrived first with all three trucks from Engine Company 26! The Firemen were soon joined by Police officers (a squad car and two motorcycles) from the Franconia District Station. Supervisor Penny Gross even stopped by to say hello to residents and compliment Leewood saying we had a "really great" event.

Over 100 residents participated this year and more of Leewood's children than ever before were "wowed" by the Police Officers and Firemen and the opportunity to see the squad cars and fire trucks...lights and sirens blaring!

We hope that everyone in Leewood who attended and enjoyed the festivities will spread the word so that next year's cook-out will include even more Leewood homeowners and residents.

The Board would like to send a special thanks to all who came out, and to the volunteers who helped make this event possible with a special thanks to Bob Flynn for manning the grill! If you'd like to volunteer to help next year, just let a board member or the editor know and the NNO key volunteer will contact you next year.

ANNANDALE FALL FESTIVAL & PARADE

It's Bigger and Better Than Ever

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a spectacular Fall Festival in the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike. This is the largest public event in Greater Annandale. From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. scores of merchants with hand made and fashion jewelry, ceramics, imported silks, pet accessories, art work, quality giftware from major manufacturers, exquisite crafts and so much more will fill the community market.

Multiple rock bands and Jazz groups will set your toes tapping while "The Taste of Annandale" with food from many culinary cuisines will satisfy every taste craving. The Kid's Zone will challenge with a Climbing Wall, 24' Dual Slides, Bungee Run, a Sticky Wall, an Obstacle Course, Moon Bounce, a Reading Test with costumed characters, a Musical Petting Zoo, a Treasure Hunt, and interactive games for toddlers to teens.

The Annual Parade, held since 1950, will march along Columbia Pike from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and finish at the Festival Grounds.

For further information on the festival or parade, go to www.annandalechamber.com or write festival@annandalechamber.com. Plan to participate, volunteer, and have fun!





FROM THE BOARD

APPROVED DOORS

Leewood has strict architectural standards (Leewood Design and Maintenance Standards revised March 2006) that are meant to maintain the standard of design quality established by the builder as well as to protect property values and the community's overall environment.

One of the areas that continually presents a problem is front door design. Section 3.6.1 of the standards states in part:

Changes to Front and Kitchen Doors: **Approval must be obtained** from the Architectural Review Committee prior to replacing these doors. Doors must be of a similar style as the doors installed by the builder or the style of the newly approved door (November 2007). Wooden, metal or fiberglass doors are permissible. Replacement doors shall not have glass areas substantially different from those on the original, builder installed doors and the glass shall be clear, un-frosted, uncolored, un-etched, non-bevel glass without ornamentation. Brass kick plates not to exceed 6 inches in height are permitted. Brass door knockers of a traditional style are permitted. Security doors are not permitted unless they are identical in appearance to the front door installed by the builder at the time of construction.

In spite of this requirement, homeowners are still purchasing and installing doors without approval resulting in ARC violations. While there are some doors in Leewood that do not meet the standards, this does not negate the requirement to obtain approval prior to purchase and installation.

Failure to do so may result in a violation and requirement to replace the door. Err on the side of caution and be sure to get any new door you are thinking about installing approved prior to purchase.

USE OF THE COMMON AREA

Leewood has beautiful common areas that are meant for the enjoyment of all of our residents.

To avoid complaints by neighbors and to ensure that the common areas are maintained, the Board requires that any use of the private area for picnics, parties or other events be approved in advance. If the event is approved, the area must be set up and cleaned up on the same day of the event.

Simply email a Board member using the addresses listed on our website www.leewood.us and provide the following information:

- Your name, address and contact information
- Date and time of the event
- Common area you propose to use

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The Board will provide a decision on your request within 2 days. Keep in mind, that events can generate noise and may be stressful to those who live near the area. Try to keep radios, exuberance during sporting events and other noise factors to an acceptable level. Events may not begin before 7 a.m. and must be over by 10 p.m.

The Board thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

A Heart Felt Thank You to all our Neighbors

As many of you know, our cat, Clyde was hit by a car in front of our house (on Leestone Ct) on Friday August 13th and has since not returned home.

We (Zach & Sara) wanted to take the time to thank all of you who spent countless hours helping us search for Clyde. We felt such an amazing sense of community and couldn't be happier to be part of such a caring neighborhood.

We are hopeful Clyde will still turn up; he's chipped and is wearing his collar so if anyone is able to get close enough to him they'll be able to contact us.



PS: Your Editor would like to remind you that for safety reasons we all need to **leave** both, front and back porch, **lights on** all night—**every night**—as the police have suggested in conjunction with our passive neighborhood watch program and endorsed by LHOA since we have no street lights.

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