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ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

The Leewood Homeowners Association annual meeting was held on **March 8, 2011**. There were 39 homeowners present. Voting resulted in the reelection of Margaret Pitotti and the election of Kevin Laugherty for the Board. The tax resolution was passed. The proposed by-law amendment on parking was defeated by two votes.

During the open forum, there was a lively discussion concerning parking and the number of cars per household that take up unreserved spaces. See article below concerning this topic. There was also a lengthy discussion on trash and the fact that residents continue to put trash out early and do not put trash in the proper trash bags resulting in birds and animals tearing the trash open and scattering it throughout the community. There was also discussion of recycling and the fact that homeowners continue to put lighter materials on top which results in recycling being blown around the community on windy days.

Attendees also expressed concern about the continued amount of dog “poop” that is being left in the common areas by people who do not pick up after their dogs. Concern was expressed that children cannot play in these areas as well as the health concerns generated by excessive dog “poop”. The Board agreed to look into some type of system that will provide bags as well as containers for dog walkers to deposit “poop”.

Several options for dog “poop” removal systems were considered at the 4/12/2011 Board meeting. Unfortunately, all of the systems are prohibitively expensive and the Board decided not to spend funds to purchase them. In addition, the Board felt that those not picking up after their dogs would probably not avail themselves of bags and disposal systems provided by the community.



Remember to scoop when your dog poops!

PARKING

There is a limited number of parking spaces in Leewood for homeowners and their guests. Homeowners and/or residents who have **more than two cars** should be considerate of their neighbors and park some of the cars on Bradwood Street or the portion of Braddock Mews Place that parallels Braddock Road.



Do **NOT** park your cars in Braddock Mews. They will be towed. In addition, extra cars should not be parked and left for extensive periods of time. If the car cannot be identified as belonging to a Leewood resident, it may be towed as abandoned.

When someone is coming to do work at your house, please have them park in your **reserved** space. On weekdays (and for that matter sometimes on weekends) during the daylight hours, there are numerous empty unreserved spaces where a homeowner can park their car while a repairman is at their house. Make sure repairmen do not park in a reserve space assigned to another homeowner.

TRASH

Please remember that the trash company will **not take** construction materials. Homeowners having work done on their houses should arrange for the contractor to take any debris to the dump and not leave it on the sidewalks or in the common areas. Construction material includes paint, paint remover and other liquids. Car batteries and other hazardous material will not be picked up and should be taken to the dump for disposal. The dump does not charge for disposal of hazardous materials. Yard debris should be properly bagged. Prunings should either be bagged or tied together in bundles. Consult the Leewood website www.leewood.us for further information.

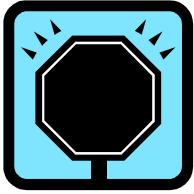


CLEAN-UP DAY

The spring clean up was held on April 2, 2011. The group accomplished a lot picking up over **40 bags** of debris around Leewood including a lot of the sand that was on the streets. Huge thanks goes to those who helped: Bradwood Court – Judy, Mohammed and Len; Bradgen Court – Josh, Tom, Mark, Kevin and Justin (special thanks for the refreshments after the event); Leebrad – Sam, Maggie, Dayna, John, Martha and Amanda; Leestone Ct. – Dan; lower Leestone St. – Nvard and daughter; upper Leestone – Alison, Mark, Lynda and Bob. It was also great to see two young Leewood residents participating!



SIGNS



Homeowners may **NOT** post signs on the mailbox stands. This could scratch or damage the mailbox stand resulting in **additional costs** to the Association. The Board posts signs on stands designed for this purpose which are placed at the mailboxes. These stands are for **Board communications only** and are not to be used for individual homeowner postings. Because this is one of the ways the Board has to communicate with homeowners (the newsletter, distribution to individual households and the website being other methods), it is important that the stands not be removed. These stands are used throughout the spring/summer/fall months to notify homeowners of events in Leewood that may have an impact on them.

On Wednesday, April 20th a board member noticed that the black message stands that are located beside the mailboxes on **Leebrad Street** and lower **Bradgen Street** had been pulled up and were missing. These message stands are utilized to enable communication of happenings and events within our Leewood community.

The disappearance of these two stands has been **reported** to the **Fairfax County police**. It is reported as a theft of personal property, and if recovered will be considered vandalism. If anyone has any information related to their removal, please let a board member know or report it to the county police. The Leewood community considers this a serious offense and has a no tolerance position on this.

This notice is provided in order to inform the residents in Leewood as well as requesting your participation in keeping our neighborhood **crime free**.

We are able to keep costs down by communicating via the message boards and not having to send out separate mailings to each home and would like to continue to be cost conscious in today's environment.

Thank you,

Leewood Board

P.S.: A homeowner was kind enough to construct the signs in 009, donating her time and supplies, and two board members contributed their time re-painting them this spring, so it is a true disappointment that this has occurred.



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COMMON AREA TREES AND SHRUBS

Several articles have been written about shrubs and flowers in the common area. Flowering trees and shrubs are planted and maintained (frequently by homeowners) for the enjoyment of all of the Leewood residents. They are not planted to grace the tables of individual homeowners or to be a source for children of a nice bouquet for a holidays for their parents.

Recently, an entire planting bed full of tulips and hyacinths in the common area was picked by a child. This bed was maintained by two homeowners who spend countless hours weeding and taking care of the area. It was very disheartening for them to find that their work had been destroyed in a few minutes of a child picking the flowers not to mention the beauty and enjoyment that was taken away from the residents in that area.

PLEASE ask your children **not to pick flowers** or pick branches from flowering shrubs in the common areas. Thank you!!



EMERGENCY PLANNING GUIDE

Leewood's webmaster has taken the time to post an emery planning guide on our website: <http://www.leewood.us/EmergencyPlanGuide.htm>. We highly recommend you review it and always be prepared.

With the severe weather in our part of the country over the past month, we thought it would be helpful for you and your family to have information on planning for an emergency.

Has your family discussed how you will handle a large-scale emergency?