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## **2011 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

This August marks the Nation's 28th Annual National Night Out crime prevention event and **Leewood's 5th Annual** National Night Out Cookout.

Over 37 million people in more than 15,110 communities from all 50 states will join forces on August 2nd to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention, and safety and neighborhood unity.

This year the Leewood National Night Out Cookout will be held on **Tuesday**, **August 2nd** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and will take place in the common area next to 5288 Bradgen Court.

As in previous years, invitations to participate in Leewoods National Night Out Cookout have been sent to the Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments and to our District Supervisor. We will again have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks as well as door prizes and fun stuff for the kids.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Over 100 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 friends and 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!



#### NEW PROCEDURES FOR MILLING AND PAVING PROJECTS – KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

During future paving projects, the Board will make sure that all instructions are clear and concise. Notices will be posted at the mailbox stands as far in advance of the beginning of the project as possible. Please do not remove these notices. Notices will be delivered to the doors of all homeowners. Both notices will include a map indicating the spaces where you CANNOT - repeat CANNOT park.

In addition, the Board will place an **X** in yellow paint behind each spot where homeowners cannot park and will mark the curbs where the cones and tape will be placed. When parking your car during a project, please note these X's.

Streets will be closed at 8:00 p.m. the night before the project begins. If rain is predicted and the project will be cancelled, the Board will notify affected homeowners, i.e. those whose reserve spaces are in the paving area. Towing of vehicles parked in the paving area will begin at 8:15 p.m. The Board will no longer search Leewood in an attempt to find the owners of these vehicles. So, please read the notices carefully and if you do not understand them, contact a Board member. The **Board members** are listed in this newsletter.

NO parallel parking will be allowed in Leewood. If you have multiple cars, plan ahead and figure out where you will park them. Keep in mind that even though you are not in the paving area, those who are will be looking for parking spaces elsewhere in Leewood. If you must park near your house, consider alternatives to ensuring that you can, such as leaving work a little early, leaving your reserved space open if you are arriving home late, etc. Otherwise, you may have to park a considerable distance from your home. In addition to unreserved spaces in Leewood, parking is available on Bradwood Street, the portion of Braddock Mews place that parallels Braddock Road up to the Braddock Mews sign and the short portion of Braddock Mews place that parallels Backlick Road from the speed bump to Leebrad Street. DO NOT park in Braddock Mews. They will tow you. There is also parking available along the curbs on Woodland and on any public street surrounding Leewood that has not been designated "No parking". If you park on one of these streets, do not block driveways and pull far enough off the road so it is not blocked.

When parking on Bradwood Street or Braddock Mews Place, please do not leave a half car length between you and the car you are parking in front of or behind. This cuts down on available spaces for others. For those homeowners who have only one car, please be considerate of your neighbors and park in your reserve space. Don't use up an unreserved space and leave your reserve space open.

**TOWING** - cars not parked in a marked parking space in Leewood will be towed immediately. This includes illegally parallel parked cars especially as they adversely affect the safety of the community. Should there be a fire or other emergency, equipment needs to have ample space to park, have access to fire hydrants and be able to negotiate turns. During the June project just completed, cars were actually parked halfway across intersections so that any emergency equipment would never have been able to negotiate that corner. Vehicles parked in a reserve space not assigned to them will be towed immediately. Contact a Board member to have a vehicle towed if someone is in your reserve space.

We trust that the next paving project will operate very smoothly if all will adhere to these rules.



Leestone Ct looking fabulous!

#### **GUNS IN LEEWOOD**

On the weekend of May 21st, three teenagers were observed walking down Bradwood Court carrying what appeared to be **real guns**. They went to the dry pond located on Bradwood Street and were shooting into the dry pond.

A homeowner asked them to leave the dry pond and to cease firing guns in Leewood. After three attempts, the homeowner called the police.



The police advised the homeowner that they talked to one of the teenagers who stated that they were not shooting at anything in particular, but just randomly shooting. A scary thought! The guns in question were BB guns and the boys were advised that it was not legal to shoot these guns in a residential area. The father of the boy who lives in Leewood advised the police that he would get rid of the gun.

BB guns are **dangerous**. They can break windows, dent cars and seriously injure a person or animal depending on where they are hit. With all of the small children who play in Leewood, it is particularly dismaying to have teenagers marching around Leewood carrying what appear to be even more dangerous guns.

All parents should make sure that their children do not have access to any weapon that can injure a person or animal or do damage to property. Everyone is strongly encouraged to be aware of what is going on and if they see any further activity of this type to **call the police**. It is in everyone's interest to protect the safety of those who live in Leewood.





The dry pond located on Bradwood Street is there to catch storm water runoff from Leewood. The storm water that runs into the dry pond is not clean water. All types of objects from broken glass and diapers to condoms have been found in the dry pond. The banks of the dry pond are very steep and slippery and it is easy to fall if trying to enter the pond. After big storms there is water that stands in the pond.

This is **not a safe** place for children. Please be sure that you do not allow your children to play in the dry pond area for safety's sake.

#### **POSTING SIGNS**



Do not post signs on the mailboxes or on the black stands next to the mailboxes. These are for official notifications only. The website **message board** is available to all homeowners to use to communicate with one another. Go to **Leewood.us** for information on how to become a member of the message board.

### **DOG WASTE UPDATE**

#### Leewood Homeowners Association

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Leewood's Official Website! www.leewood.us Your Editor is happy to report that there has been a lot less dog poop sightings in our community. . . **thank you** Leewood!

Please continue to make sure we're always cleaning up after our pets. Not only does it make the community look great, our pooches are happier (because they're not stepping in each other's poop!).

Here are just a few facts to encourage us to continue to pick up:

- Dog waste can transmit bacteria and viruses including, tapeworm, roundworm, E. Coli, Parvo and more.
- > Canine fecal matter is a top contributor to storm water pollution.
- Waste matter accumulation can negatively effect your lawns appearance and health.
- > Dog waste cannot be used as a fertilizer.
- A pile can take a year or more to fully breakdown.
- > Dog waste accumulation can attract mice and parasites.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY EVERYONE!