

Leewood Times

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Our Leewood community has a fresh new look - Did you notice our new sign upon entering our community on Backlick Road and Leestone Street? Take a stroll in the neighborhood and have a look.

Thank you to John for coordinating our 2015 Night Out. The rain didn't stop the festivities! It was a nice time to get out and say hello to neighbors- new and old. We hope everyone enjoyed the tasty treats.

Thank you to John and Brian for putting up the new Message Centers and all the contributions they've made to our community.

Several of our neighbors have established a Facebook Page titled "Leewood Living". You will find interesting items on activities going on in the surrounding community. Check it out!

As leaves continue to fall, Professional Grounds and Maintenance will be here for leaf collection. We don't know the work schedule as yet, but rest assured the leaves will be collected. Please be patient.

As winter and the holidays near, please carefully review the holiday trash and recycling updates on page 4.

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To submit an article:

- Send us an email
- Be positive and informative
- Deadline
January 15th



2015 Night Out. The community patiently awaits John to call the winning numbers of the raffle while enjoying gelato and interacting with local enforcement officers.

Our community continues to shine. . . While out walking, I was greeted by a newcomer hoping to purchase a home in our community who remarked about the upkeep of Leewood. We are being noticed by others who recognize the beauty of our community and are amazed at how close we are to many local areas and attractions.

~ Pat Willingham, LHOA President

COMMON SENSE REMINDERS & OTHER THINGS

This is the time of year when we must be vigilant in maintaining our community and looking out for each other, especially as it gets darker earlier. In being a good neighbor, keep the following in mind:

1. Please turn on your front and back lights at dusk. It can be very dark in our community, even with our street lights.
2. When walking your pet please clean up after your pet and pick up the poop. Be courteous to your neighbors, and be responsible for your pet so that your neighbors don't have to.
3. Please remember to take in your recycling bins and trash cans in a timely manner. Please be mindful of when you're putting out your trash and recyclables- if you see that the pick-up has already been made, please wait to put your trash out until the next scheduled pick-up. These items, when left unattended, look unsightly and take away from the beauty in our community.
4. Please keep tricycles, bikes, toys, etc. stored in back yards.
5. Remember, as our common areas are for everyone to enjoy, be mindful of dumping leaves and other refuse in them. Please do NOT sweep leaves from your front yard into the street. This can cause a hazard for your neighbors and those driving through the community. Injury from wet leaves is no joking matter.
6. Should we see snowfall this winter, please help us all to keep free of sprained ankles and broken limbs by shoveling your front walk.

Thank you to all for doing your part to keep our community great!

SPEAKING OF UPKEEP...

New signs were recently installed around the community. The large entry sign at Leestone Street and Backlick Road was replaced with a more up-to-date sign that fits into the colonial theme of our community. Landscaping was completed and we are looking into a spotlight to make the sign more noticeable at night. The four smaller signs around the community entrances were also replaced.

In addition, new message boards have been installed at mailbox stands to hold notices for the community. The new stands are more durable and will keep notices from getting wet or blowing away in bad weather.

HAVE YOU FOUND US ONLINE?

Did you know that our community maintains a website that contains all kinds of information about the community? The Leewood Board uses this site to keep residents informed. Answers to many of your questions can be right at your fingertips! You can find us as www.leewood.us.

The site lists the names and email addresses of Board officers and committee chairs to facilitate communication. You can find our covenants and bylaws, as well as other governing documents, such as ARC standards. The minutes from the monthly Board meetings and newsletters are posted. In addition, the website contains a message board where homeowners may join and interact with the community. The message board allows residents to communicate with one another and post items of interest- please remember to be considerate, constructive, and non-confrontational when posting on the message board. We highly recommend that all residents log onto the website and welcome you to the message boards.

A LETTER TO LEEWOOD RESIDENTS

The roadwork that was done in late September was trying for all of us. We appreciate the patience and cooperation you all extended in supporting the Board and other volunteers as we worked to maintain the integrity and beauty of our community. The clean-up is almost complete but will continue until the community is completely restored.

We now know that together we can accomplish whatever needs to be done to maintain our neighborhood!

To the majority of residents who offered support and encouragement for our efforts as the work progressed, thank you! To those who simply did what was asked, we thank you too! To those who had complaints and criticisms, we also thank you. We learned from this project and your comments will help us the next time as the upkeep of our aging community is an on-going process.

Thank you to the Leewood HOA Board and all the volunteers who helped with the coordination of this project. Your efforts and support were greatly appreciated during our street work.

WINTER IS COMING

The winter months are right around the corner and now is a good time for residents to check out their homes to ensure essential repairs are not needed.

- ✓ Minor paint peeling, dangling shutters, deteriorating roofs, damaged gutters and downspouts may be made worse by severe winter weather and can cause extensive damage to homes.
- ✓ HVAC check-ups should be done to make sure your units are working properly.
- ✓ Remember to turn off outside faucets to avoid freezing pipes and damage to your home.
- ✓ Now is also a good time to start cleaning out planting beds. This not only gives you a jump on spring cleaning, but also avoids a dreaded ARC letter.
- ✓ Remember if you want to make any changes in your paint colors, doors, etc. you must get approval from the Architectural Review Committee before proceeding.

LEAVES AND SNOW

The Grounds and Maintenance Company will perform two leaf removals in the fall, the first of which is likely to occur in November. Please keep in mind that cleaning leaves out of your planting beds is your responsibility and the Grounds and Maintenance crew will not clean them.

A snow removal contract is in place for the coming winter. Hopefully we will not need to use them very much (or at all!) this winter. When we do get snow, please be mindful of your surroundings and do not shovel snow into the street or behind your neighbors' cars. Please shovel the snow to your front lawn or the

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WINTER HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Please note and keep the following important information about trash pickups during the holiday season.

Christmas Day & New Year's Day

No trash pickup will be provided. Our regular trash service is on December 25th and January 1st. The next pickup will be the Tuesdays after these holidays (December 29 and January 5). Recycling will be picked up on its regularly scheduled day (Tuesday). **OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, PLEASE DO NOT PUT TRASH OUT ON CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR'S DAY.**

Yard Debris Collection

Ends effective December 4th and will resume March 1st. If you have yard debris to be collected after this date, place your items at curbside on Fridays until yard debris season resumes the first week of March.

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected on January 6th and January 13th. Please remove all tinsel and decorations. Please do NOT place trees in plastic bags.

Inclement Weather

Safety is a primary concern. Roads and/or areas which the trash contractor deems to be unsafe due to snow or ice will NOT be provided service. If suspension occurs, services will resume on the next REGULARLY scheduled collection day. While we cannot predict ahead of time winter driving conditions, please use common sense and refrain from putting trash out if dangerous icy conditions or moderate snow conditions are forecast.

Thank you for your cooperation and a happy holiday season to all!



Our new sign welcoming others to our community