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### **Leewood Times Guide to Summer Fun**

School is out and the summer has officially begun. Sunny days are here and it's time for you and your family to explore, bike, hike, run around and enjoy the great outdoors! This edition of the Leewood Times highlights activities close to home, whether it's a road trip to an amusement park, playing games and sports, or camping in a friend's backyard, summer is the best season to relax and have fun. For a complete guide to everything you need for the season, visit your LHOA website at www.Leewood.us.

# Happy 4th of July – Schedule of Fireworks in our Area

#### - A Capitol Fourth Concert

<u>Time</u>: 8 - 9:30 p.m., Admittance begins at 5 p.m. <u>Location</u>: West Lawn of the U. S. Capitol

A 4th of July tradition in the nation's capital includes a live concert by the National Symphony Orchestra and several pop artists performing patriotic music on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building. The concert and show is followed by a spectacular display of fireworks over the Washington Monument. The concert is free and open to the public. No tickets are necessary.

#### - Fairfax City Evening Show and Fireworks

Time: Admittance at 7:00p.m. Fireworks at dark. Location: Fairfax High School

- Falls Church Music and Fireworks

<u>Time</u>: Music at 7:00p.m. Fireworks at 9:30p.m. <u>Location</u>: George Mason High School

McLean Music and Fireworks

Time: Admittance at 6:30p.m. Fireworks at dark Location: Langley High School

- Herndon Community Fireworks

Time: Admittance at 6:00p.m. Fireworks at dark Location: Herndon Community Center

- Oronoco Bay Park Fireworks

Time: Admittance at 4:00p.m. Fireworks at dark Location: 7 North Lee Street, Alexandria

For a full listing and directions, visit Leewood.us

# **Leewood's National Night Out 2007** – August 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9p.m.



#### Please Join Us for

#### **Leewood's National Night Out 2007**

Neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide on Tuesday, **August 7th, from 7-9pm** to participate in the 24th Annual 'National Night Out'. Everyone is invited to Leewood's National Night Out in the common area next to 7026 Leebrad Street.

Hot dogs, soda and snacks will be served!

# **Fairfax County Parks** – Something for Everyone

Fairfax County oversees 400 parks and facilities on 23,717 acres of land. It operates recreation centers, historic and nature sites, golf and miniature-golf courses and a farmer's market program. The County also offers special events and hundreds of classes. Here is a brief listing:

- Nine indoor RECenters with swimming pools, fitness rooms, gyms and class spaces. Cub Run features an indoor water park and on-site naturalist.
- Eight golf courses.
- Five nature and visitor centers.
- Several lakes including Lake Fairfax, Lake Accotink and Burke Lake.
- An aquatic playground at the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston.
- Two campgrounds in Reston and Fairfax Station.
- An ice skating rink at Mount Vernon RECenter and the Skate Park in Wakefield Park adjacent to Audrey Moore RECenter.
- Kidwell Farm, a working farm of the 1930s era at Frying Pan Park in Herndon.
- Eight distinctive historic properties available for rent.
- A working grist mill at Colvin Run in Great Falls and a restored 18th century home at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly.
- A horticulture center at Green Spring Gardens in Annandale.
- Thousands of acres of natural resources now further protected by the Natural Resource.
   Management Plan. Cultural resources protected by the Cultural Resource Plan.
   Stewardship education programs underway and expanding.
- Picnic shelters, tennis courts, miniature trains, carousels, miniature golf courses, disc golf courses, off-leash dog parks, amphitheaters, and marinas.
- Provides 275 athletic fields as well as park athletic field maintenance at 473 elementary and secondary schools.
- Operates Clemyjontri, a fully accessible playground in McLean, VA.

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#### Summer Fun Guide

For over 50 pages of information and more than 160 links, The "Leewood Times Summer Fun Guide" is your complete resource for an enjoyable summer season. Visit

www.Leewood.us/summer.htm
For Your Guide to Summer Fun!



For More Parks in our area and helpful links visit your "Leewood Times Summer Fun Guide" at Leewood.us

# **Golf, Sports & Recreation** –

Golf is a lifetime sport, and Fairfax County gives golfers the opportunity of a lifetime to play through the seasons on quality courses at affordable prices. From par-three to championship length, the Park Authority offers courses to suit beginner and expert golfers alike. All courses are professionally designed and carefully conditioned and maintained to provide the finest golfing in Northern Virginia. All courses are open year round, weather permitting.

In addition to golf, our area has many swimming pools, sun decks, volleyball nets, ball fields, a pottery lab and kiln, photography lab, fitness centers, and racquetball, squash and basketball courts.

For sports & recreation links in our area log on to Leewood.us



# Fairfax Cross County Trail -

The Fairfax Cross County Trail is the result of an effort by volunteers and Fairfax County to create a single trail connecting the entire county from one end to the other. It utilizes existing trails along stream valleys with some connections along roads between valleys. Since it ties together different trails and differing terrain, users will find that certain sections will not be appropriate for some uses. Also, a number of future improvements are planned but budget constraints limit the number of improvements that can be implemented in one year. For maps and pictures so that you may select an appropriate area for your use, visit your LHOA website at leewood.us and click on the "Leewood Times Summer Fun Guide".



## **Movies Under The Stars**

The hugely popular -- and FREE -- outdoor summer movie series once again sets up its screen on The National Mall. Sprawl out and enjoy classics like the iconic 'Casablanca' and the sharp political satire, 'All the King's Men.' The screen is located off of Constitution Avenue, between 4th & 7th Streets on Mondays at sunset (*around 8PM*). Movies play on except in extreme weather, and there are NO rain days. For updates call 877-262-5866.

If you don't feel like driving into the city to view a movie on the mall, head over to the Saturday Night Starlight Cinema, held at the Trinity Centre in Centreville every Saturday Night in August. For last minute performance cancellations due to inclement weather, call 703/324-SHOW (7469). For movie listings and a schedule for both locations, visit Leewood.us.



#### Leewood Homeowners Association

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Just a Reminder:

Trash Pickups are...

Tuesdays & Fridays Recycling on Tuesday

Please wait until dusk the night before to put everything out. Thank You

# **Summer BBQ Tips**

If you're holding a barbecue this summer, here are some tips that will ensure you'll be the perfect barbecue host

- ✓ Keep all your barbecuing tools handy tongs, chopping boards, insulated gloves, brushes ect.
- ✓ Never mix together different raw foods (*i.e. fish and chicken*) in the same marinade. Always keep in separate containers. Use separate chopping boards and utensils for handling raw and cooked foods to prevent cross-contamination.
- ✓ Remove meat and poultry from the fridge an hour before cooking and leave covered in a cool kitchen until required. This will help bring the food back to an ambient temperature, and will result in a more succulent cooked result.
- ✓ Always know how many guests you are expecting and make sure you are seated near to the kitchen. This means you won't be barging past your guests when going to and from the house.
- ✓ Keep plenty of iced water handy particularly if you're barbecuing on a hot day.
- ✓ If you're having a barbecue at night, don't forget to consider the lighting.
- ✓ Check with your guests if they have any special dietary requirements.



#### **Update on Community Projects**

#### Drainage

Three of the four drainage projects are complete and the fourth one is currently in progress! Drainage issues were corrected on upper Bradwood Court, and Leestone Court and Street. One situation behind Leebrad St. is partially completed. Thanks to everyone who watered the seed and sod after the repairs were made.

#### **Power Washing**

Graffiti from the sidewalk on Leebrad Street and parking space numbers marked for the painters were recently removed by pressure washing. No chemicals were used on the curbs and a solvent called DWR was used on the graffiti.

DWR is a water based, zero V.O.C. formula designed to be used in conjunction with anti graffiti barriers and general graffiti removal from a variety of surfaces. It does not contain any caustic, NMP or methylene chloride.

#### **Cox Communications**

Cox communications and L & B Solutions replaced three spans of cable throughout the neighborhood. Their work is complete and no other projects for Cox are slated in our community.