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Leewood Time Summer Fun Guide 2009

School is out and there is a whole summer ahead in Northern Virginia. Summer is one of the best times to be in our area and you can take advantage of all the region has to offer. Amazing beaches, gardens, pools, outdoor concerts and movies, events and activities, and much of it is completely free! The editors of the Leewood Times last year put together a guide to summer fun that includes everything you need to know to take advantage of the summer; you must revisit it! Check out your favorites online at www.leewood.us/summer.htm and get out and enjoy the season.

Happy Fourth of July!

Enjoy your celebrations and be safe. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to attend one of the local celebrations held throughout the area or the national celebration on the Mall. If you plan on setting off fireworks in Leewood, do so safely to avoid injuries to your family, friends or neighbors. Be careful of neighbors' property when using fireworks.

Also remember that parallel parking along curbs is prohibited in Leewood. If you are having a large gathering for the 4th or any other celebration, take the availability of parking in Leewood into consideration. Think about having guests park in the Giant parking lot, on Bradwood Street or on the service road paralleling Braddock Road.

There are many firework displays in our area, here is sample. For a full listing, visit www.leewood.us/summer.htm.

Fourth of July Fireworks on the National Mall - usually around 9:30 pm

Spectacular views of the fireworks can also be seen from Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) in Arlington, Virginia near the Rosslyn Metro station and areas along the Virginia side of the Potomac River that can be reached from George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Fairfax City Evening Show and Fireworks - 7-10 pm with fireworks at 9:20 pm
Location: Fairfax High School 3501 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. To view the full calendar of events visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents/idc/ee.asp>

Leewood's 3rd Annual National Night Out



Leewood will again be participating in National Night Out this year. National Night Out events are held to bring public safety and crime prevention to the attention of our residents. The event will again be attended by the Fairfax County Police Department and perhaps other public safety officials (still to be verified).

The event will be held this year on August 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks as well as door prizes. The exact location in Leewood has not yet been determined.

*Please Join us
Tuesday, August 4th
from 7pm to 9pm
Location to be determined*

Last year's event was well attended with over 75 residents attending. Children are welcome and those who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed meeting the police and being given a tour of their cars.

We hope that every Leewood resident will be able to drop by for a few minutes or stay longer and meet their neighbors. There will be mailbox notices as well as posters throughout Leewood that will give more details on the event. Keep an eye out for them!

Planning a Vacation?

Invest some time to review your home's security and to make improvements that will keep it from being vulnerable to break-ins. Before you leave on a vacation, walk around the perimeter of your home and objectively evaluate its vulnerability. Try to look at it the way a burglar would and make changes well before you leave town.



- Put bright lights over porches and walkways in the front and back.
- All doors to the outside should have working locks.
- All windows should have working locks.
- Keep all doors to the outside, sliding doors, and windows locked.
- Replace inside-key locks with deadbolt locks that have a "thumb turn" instead of an indoor key.
- Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed under windows so burglars can't hide.
- Keep shades or curtains closed over your home windows after dark.
- Have a family member or friend bring in your mail and newspaper while you are gone.

Help Prevent Crime in Leewood

If you see someone suspicious lingering in the area, notify the police department

(703) 691-2131

Secrets of Washington DC walking tour

Sunday
Jul 5, 2009

12:00pm-
2:00pm

National
Mall

\$20

On this special holiday weekend, join your fellow unique history buffs on the National Mall for a special guided tour that exposes the greatest secrets of our Nation's Capitol.

Not only will you learn about secret political hideaways and the meeting places of some of our most renowned spies, but we'll also take a historical look into some of the best kept secrets about our Nation's Capital, including scandals our leaders would rather keep secret. This walk is perfect for everyone suffering from the delusion of omniscience about Washington, D.C., as well as those looking for little known facts which will impress friends and office mates.

Without giving anything away, we offer the following tidbits: a tree house on the Mall, secret rooms and tunnels beneath the White House, a ghost in a castle, a brothel (you'd be surprised who secretly visited), 19th-century redwood trees, a canal, the severed leg of a Civil War general and spy, and much more!

Purchase your tickets at <http://www.thingstododc.com>

Movies on the Potomac – every Tuesday

Tuesdays after sunset enjoy free movies at the National Harbor's plaza big screen. If you have not taken advantage of an event at the National Harbor, this is the best way to start. A short 15 [drive](#) from Leewood the National Harbor offers great dining options, eclectic shops and beautiful views.

Movies you will enjoy include:

(full list at <http://www.nationalharbor.com/consumer/entertainment.htm#movies>)

July 14th – *Some Like it Hot* -- Musicians Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis accidentally witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and get out of town the only way they know how -- dressed as women. On the road to Florida with an all-girl band, they meet Sugar Kane (Marilyn Monroe), and things start to heat up in this legendary farce.

July 28th – *Grease* -- Director Randal Kleiser's film version of the hit Broadway musical about 1950s teen angst took the country by storm, inspiring a wave of nostalgia and receiving a slew of Golden Globe and Oscar nominations. In between flashily choreographed musical numbers, the film chronicles the romantic entanglements of a group of high school seniors, starting with a summer fling between greaser Danny (John Travolta) and good girl Sandy (Olivia Newton-John).

August 11th – *Surf's Up* -- In this animated mockumentary, film crews go behind the scenes at the Penguin World Surfing Championship to provide a close-up look at the inventors of surfing. Yes, penguins were the first species to hang 10 -- or at least that's what this Oscar-nominated film purports. Animators Ash Brannon and Chris Buck co-direct the spoof, and Shia LaBeouf, Jeff Bridges, James Woods, Zooey Deschanel, Brian Benben and Jane Krakowski lend their voices.

August 25th – *August Rush* -- After cellist Lyla (Keri Russell) and guitarist Louis (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) share an enchanted night together, circumstances rip them apart, and the child produced by the union is raised by a caring stranger (Robin Williams) who nurtures the boy's musical talent. Determined to find his parents, the boy, known as August Rush (Freddie Highmore), relies on music to draw his mother and father to him.



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Dulles tolls likely to increase

Costs to use the Dulles Toll Road may nearly double over the next three years in order to fund the planned Metrorail extension to Washington Dulles International Airport.

Officials with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which took over management of the toll road and the rail project in November 2008, said the rate increases are needed to support construction bonds for the rail line and road improvements.

They are proposing a 25-cent increase in the tolls at both the main toll plaza and at the ramps in 2010, as well as raising the main plaza toll by 25 cents a year in 2011 and 2012. This would increase the main plaza toll from 75 cents now to \$1.50 per trip in 2012, and the ramp tolls from 50 cents to 75 cents per trip starting next year.

The tolls will continue to fund maintenance on the highway as well as supporting \$2.9 billion in revenue bonds for rail and road construction projects.

The authority plans to hold public hearings on the proposed toll increases in late summer.

Fairfax County Hopes to Stop 'McMansion'

Fairfax County supervisors are trying to close a loophole that allows for the construction of unusually tall homes referred to as McMansions.

The county currently imposes a 35-foot height limit, measured from the average height of the base of the house to the midpoint of the roof.

But officials say builders sometimes artificially elevate the ground on which the house is built by a few feet, allowing for extra height.

Supervisors are now proposing to mandate that the height of most houses must be measured by the original ground level, not the raised one.

Officials say the tall homes don't just anger neighbors, they can also cause drainage problems.