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- What type of information would you like see published in YOUR community newsletter?!?
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## **2011 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

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

Over 100 Leewood residents, along with 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities across the country joined forces on August 2nd to promote police and Fire Department community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention, safety and neighborhood unity.

This year's National Night Out in Leewood was a resounding success! On Tuesday evening, August 2nd, Leewood residents came together on the common area at the end of Bradgen Court for an evening of camaraderie that included great food, prize drawings, and visits from local public authorities.

Leewood volunteers arrived early to get things set up and by 6:30pm the grill was fired up! By the end of the night Leewood volunteers, residents and our guests had eaten many hamburgers and hot dogs, visited with friends and neighbors, making new friends and reconnecting with old friends, and won many prizes in drawings for both kids and adults.

As always, we had great support from County officials. The Fire Department arrived first with a big truck from Engine Company 26. The Firemen were soon joined by Police officers from the Franconia District Station and Supervisor Penny Gross who stopped by to say hello to residents and compliment Leewood saying that we "always have a very nice event event." But the highlight of this year's cookout was our visit from McGruff the Crime Dog. McGruff sniffed out Leewood's event and entertained kids and adults alike by posing for pictures and helping us to "take a bite out of crime!"

Over 100 residents participated this year and Leewood's children were once again "wowed" by the Police Officers, Firemen and...Officer McGruff!

We hope that everyone in Leewood who attended had a great time and enjoyed the festivities. Spread the word so that next year's cook-out will include even more Leewood homeowners and residents.

The Board would like to send a special thanks to all who came out, and to the volunteers who helped make this event possible with a special thanks to Bob Flynn for manning the grill! If you'd like to volunteer to help next year, just let a board member or the editor know and the NNO key volunteer will contact you next year.

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Great food thanks to our volunteers!

The kids had a great time meeting the officers

#### **BOXES ARE RECYCLING**

Please break them down and put out on Tuesday, not on Friday. ADS will not take them on Friday.

#### **GEORGE MASON FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE**

George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale is holding a used book sale from September 22 thru September 25. Times: Thursday 5-9 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and, Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Huge book sale *plus* recorded books, music and videos *plus* books in other languages.

## **POLICE ARE OUR FRIENDS**

Please report suspicious events or activities to the police. Unless it is an immediate threat to life or property, call the non-emergency number 703-691-2131. By receiving reports of this type of activity, the police can sometime tie together incidents giving them a better chance of catching anyone performing illegal activities or committing petty crimes such as vandalism.

# NEW SIGNS – NO THRU TRAFFIC

Have you noticed the newly posted signs? Four new signs have been posted at the entrances to Leewood stating "Private Property – No Through Traffic". We hope that we can reduce unwanted through traffic by making it known that our streets are private property and that we discourage traffic of individuals trying to cut through Leewood to avoid traffic lights at the corner of Backlick and Braddock Roads.

### **A KIND WORD FROM THE PAVING CONTRACTOR**

On August 15, 2011 the Association President received an email from the Project Manager for Brothers Paving addressed to both she and Al Carchedi, who contributed a lot of effort to this project. Here are the comments received. Kudos to everyone who helped and especially to Janet and Al.

I have to commend the two of you for the great work that you did on preparing the community for our milling and paving operations. This morning when I was driving to the jobsite I was thinking of how many cars would have to be towed so we could perform our work. To my surprise and enjoyment there the jobsite was, all barricaded off and not a single car in our way. Your community should be the poster child of all communities. The cooperation and effort that you have put forth has made our job so much easier and we thank you for it. Please forward this throughout your community and say thank you from Brothers Paving and Concrete.

### **A CALL OUT FOR SNOW SHOVELERS!**

Believe it our not, snow season is right around the corner! One of our residents had a great suggestion of starting a directory of "snow shovelers" so we are ready for the storm season. Memories of the snowmagedon we endured is still fresh in everyone's mind for sure!

We ask that if you are able and willing to help your neighbors shovel snow this winter season and you want your name published in the newsletter, please email us at <u>LeewoodTimes@cox.net</u>. In the email, include your name, phone number and the rate you would charge in order to shovel snow (and get some exercise in the process!).

We would like to publish these names in the next couple of newsletters so we are ready when the storm(s) come our way.



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