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## Mark your calendar for the ANNUAL MEETING!

The Leewood Homeowners Association annual meeting will be held on **March 13, 2012 at 8 p.m.** in the auditorium of the Phillips School which is located on the northwest corner of Backlick and Braddock Roads. We strongly encourage all homeowners to attend the meeting not only to ensure a quorum but to vote for Board members and discuss community issues.

Annual meetings give homeowners the opportunity to learn about the state of the Association, activities of various committees, accomplishments during the year and plans for the future. Homeowners also get a chance to socialize, to catch up with their neighbors and to thank those who have worked for the community.

We hope to see everyone there!



## **DONATE YOUR FURNITURE TO A GOOD CAUSE**

**(submitted by Brian V.)**

Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) is a volunteer organization comprised of various churches from the Annandale area which provides various services including Meals on Wheels, rides to and from medical appointments, a food pantry, and furniture delivery to needy families in the Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads area, regardless of religion, race or ethnic background.

If you have furniture that is in good shape that you are looking to get rid of, please consider donating it to the ACCA furniture program. The following are items that ACCA collects and distributes to those in need: mattresses and box springs for all size beds except King, dressers and chest of drawers, dining room tables and chairs, living room chairs, end tables, sofas except sleep sofas, TVs, bed sheets, blankets, pillows, microwaves, and lamps. For more information on the items that ACCA collects, please visit <http://accacares.org/documents/FurnitureItemsNeededandAcceptable.html>.

To **schedule** to have ACCA **pick up** a donated item, please contact Don Di Spirito at [ddmld@verizon.net](mailto:ddmld@verizon.net) or 703-256-9513.

Thank you very much for your donations.

## **13 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU**

**(submitted by Bob F.)**

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house.. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it <http://www.faketv.com/>)

## In Memory of – Champ Buck, LHOA Board Member in the late 1990s

Article graciously submitted by former Board Member, Judy Currier

Champ, who served nobly on our Board for 5 years, passed away on December 17, 2011. Champ was the ultimate gentleman, and an unwavering voice of reason on the Board, always providing sound advice and counsel to the rest of the Board and committees and to homeowners. He and his wife Pat owned a house on Leebrad Street which had belonged to her father. When they finally sold the house he didn't feel it proper to remain on the board and resigned his last term of office early. He served before the days of email, so working with an offsite board member was a little more difficult. However, he was definitely worth that extra effort. Some of you might remember that both he and Pat were Realtors and advertised in our newsletter, supporting it and our directories so that the community could communicate well with its owners.

There has already been a **memorial service** for Champ, but there will be another at Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer on **15 March 2012** at 1:00 pm, followed by the procession into Arlington Cemetery. There will be a reception at the Fort Myer Officers Club afterwards. Champ always said, "When Taps sounds, you know it's final". Goodbye, dear man!

## LEEWOOD SNOW SHOVELERS!

In the last two 2011 editions of the newsletter, we asked the community to let us know if they wanted to provide their name to be called upon should we finally get some snow this winter.

We did get some takers! Below are their names and ways to contact them should Mother Nature remember it's winter time.

- Matt W., matt@warnockinc.com, 704-347-5580, contact for rates
- Eyob M., eyobtamer@gmail.com, \$10 a yard and \$5 per car



## Leewood Homeowners Association

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## COMMON AREAS

As spring approaches and with the nice weather we have had this winter, homeowners are beginning to clean up their property in anticipation of nicer weather. Our grounds contractor will begin working in Leewood with general mulching, etc. in the next few weeks.

We would like to again ask homeowners **not** to rake leaves into the common areas or pile debris there. Piles of leaves will at minimum turn the grass yellow, but could depending on when the leaves are picked up, actually **kill** the grass. Please put leaves and other debris in bags for the trash company to pick up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Notable 2012 Dates – *Time to Mark your Calendars*

**Valentine's Day** – Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**President's Day** - Monday, February 20<sup>st</sup>

**Leewood Homeowners Annual Meeting** - Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Daylight Saving Time starts**- Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>

**St. Patrick's Day**- Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Easter** - Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Mothers Day** - Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial Day** - Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Father's Day** - Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Independence Day** – Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Leewood's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out** - Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> (*tentative date*)

**Labor Day** - Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Columbus Day** - Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween** - Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Daylight Savings Time Ends** - Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Veteran's Day** - Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Christmas** - Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>