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## ANNUAL LEEWOOD CLEAN UP DAY

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 19, 2012

**TIME:** 09:00 am

**WHERE:** Initial gathering at Corner of Leebrad Street and Leestone Court

It has become a tradition of sorts to specify day in the spring to gather any and all homeowners, renters and interested parties for the sole purpose of cleaning up the common areas in the community. This is an opportunity to assist with keeping our community clean and orderly as well as allowing neighbors to meet each other and have a hand in helping out.

Some of the areas we want to concentrate on are mentioned below. If you would like to suggest any other areas of concern, please send an email to the board or contact a board member. You can do so on the website [www.Leewood.us](http://www.Leewood.us). Thank you for all that has helped in the past and we look forward to seeing a great turn out this year.

- Overall trash pickup in common areas
- Clean up dry pond area (lot at entrance off Braddock Rd onto Bradwood St.
- “Police” the wooded areas for unwanted items and trash pick up

We will post a reminder notice on the signs that will be located at each postal stand



spring cleanup

## LET'S NOT TALK TRASH!

This year's Spring in Leewood arrived with gorgeous blooms on trees and flowers and an abundance of green grass (and yes, pollen) in our community. Not only is the upkeep of our homes imperative but our Leewood common area is one of our greatest assets, providing a grand selling point for our community and needs to be maintained as well.

### A few tips to make a huge impact on keeping Leewood in pristine shape:

- Let's **work together** to keep trash and debris from all the common areas- this does include our streets.
  - If you notice trash as you walk through Leewood, don't hesitate to bend down, pick it up and dispose of it with your trash.
  - As the various trees and other plantings shed their spring blooms it accumulates in the streets. As homeowners, consider spending a few moments **sweeping** the **gutters** and parking areas in front of your homes. Such a small task greatly contributes to keeping Leewood looking beautiful.
- It is nice to be able to report that we have noticed **less pet deposits** in our common areas.
  - Unfortunately, we have also noticed that some pet owners who do pick up after their dogs, have been **disposing** of the bags **on the common area** peninsulas.
  - Regrettably, there is a not pet patrol that goes around picking up after these discarded bags. Please dispose of the bags in your own waste disposal containers.
- As we all continue to clean up in our planting beds and raking the leaves and other debris in our yards please remember:
  - Don't dispose of debris in the common areas; pick it up and bag it for the Friday garbage pickup days. This includes **not** raking or sweeping the debris to the peninsula in the common area, into the streets, or a parking space or even to a neighbor's yard.
  - Our grounds contractor is not scheduled to do **leaf pickups** until the **Fall**, so let's pitch in and clean up what still remains.
- A final reminder – **Weekly Trash Pickup**
  - Please put your trash out at **dusk or later** the day before trash pick-up – BUT **not** anytime **before!**
  - Remember to move your trash & recycle containers to your backyards once the trash has been picked up.
  - Containers that are not removed by dusk on the day of trash pickup risk being confiscated and removed permanently.

We hope everyone ENJOYS the nice weather and our community common areas.



## HAVE YOU BEEN TO LAKE ACCOTINK?

Chances are, if you're like me, you may not have paid much attention to this incredible place right in our backyard. Sure, I've ran their trails several times, but never did I know there is **so much** available for the **whole family** to enjoy.

Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. Its 493 acres include a 55-acre lake with boating, **fishing**, hiking, **miniature golf**, a carousel, snack bar, **tourboat rides**, trails, picnic areas and playgrounds. Take a look at their low rates for all this fun:

### Ways to Play

Carousel.....\$1.75

#### Miniature Golf

Adult.....\$4.00

Child.....\$3.00

Second Round

Adult/Child.....\$3.00

#### Ride a Bike

Bring your own or rent one!

1 hour rental.....\$10

Half Day.....\$30

### Take a Boat Ride

To rent a boat you must be 16+

with a photo ID

1 hour canoe rental...\$6

1/2 hour pedal boat...\$6

1 hour row boat.....\$6

1 hour pedal boat....\$10

Boat Launch fee.....\$2

#### Tourboat

Adult.....\$2.00

Child.....\$1.50

### Hours of Operation:

**Weekends:** May 5th - Labor Day, 11- 8pm

Sept 8th - Oct 21st, Noon - 7pm

**Mon-Thurs:** June 20nd - Labor Day, Noon - 6pm

**Fridays:** June 22nd - Aug 31st, Noon - 8pm

## SPRING HAS ARRIVED

Nice weather and bright sunshine have arrived; unfortunately, **children** and playing in the **street** do not mix well at times. First let me clearly state that we have great, respectful children in our neighborhood. When asked to be careful one day, they complied without hesitation.

Parents, please remind your children to be careful when playing in large groups in our streets. Having fun together is the only thing they have on their minds, when they are at the business of children and that is "playing". Also, remind them to be to **be careful** of bouncing balls so that cars are not damaged.

By working together we can ensure that our children have a great spring and summer in Leewoods.

## ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

The Leewood Homeowners Association annual meeting was held on March 13, 2012. Fifty Two households were represented. Voting resulted with **two new board** members: Pat Willingham and Judi Davenport. The tax resolution was passed.

During the open forum there were discussions about residents that work on their automobiles in the community leaving them inoperable for days. The president responded that automobiles were not permitted to be out order for more than twenty-four hours or the automobile would be subject to being ticketed and towed. There was also a discussion about homeowners that own multiple vehicles and basically store them in the community and what could be done about the situation.

The president talked about the accomplishments of the board the past year which included paving and milling and crack sealing on Leestone Street and Bradgen Court, reinstalling speed bumps, installation of a French drain. The president thanked Al Carchedi for all of his hard work over the years and announced that he's retiring.

## OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

Submitted by: Pat Willingham

The beauty of our community has been maintained due to the work of the Architectural Review Committee (**ARC**), which consist of neighbor **volunteers**. Our association regulations state that the committee is charged with maintaining the architectural character and aesthetic qualities of the community. Each year the committee, your neighbors, take a walkthrough through the community to determine if there are areas that require our individual attention. For properties identified as needing some repair, the homeowner is mailed a friendly reminder relating to the committee's findings. If you are renters and observe the need for repairs please assist the owner by bringing the repair to their attention. This will avoid the potential of costly repairs and notification from the ARC committee. Additional information on the LHOA can be found on our website at: [www.leewood.us/govern/handbook.htm](http://www.leewood.us/govern/handbook.htm).

We all have a part to play in this effort by maintaining our homes. To that effect we should maintain our bushes and plants in our yards; repair, fences, paint or replace broken shutters, front doors and storm doors; correct peeling paint on the front and back of our homes, and maintain our steps and railings. Also, gutters are an important aspect of home maintenance as water damage can be costly.

Our **property values** have been pretty **stable** due to our being close to transportation and the aesthetic quality of our community. Since our homes are an expensive investment, lets commit to doing our part to keep up Leewood.

If you have not taken a walk around our community, I urge you to do so and see the wonderful flowers that have bloomed. An early morning walk is especially peaceful. It can truly clear the mind of all of its clutter. I look forward to seeing you out and about during my walks.

### Leewood Homeowners Association

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Leewood's Official  
Website!  
[www.leewood.us](http://www.leewood.us)