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Helping Hands

There are many neighbors who give up their time and effort to help out the community. We would like to take the time to recognize the residents who helped out last year in so many ways. Please accept our apologies for any errors or omissions.

Brownie troops - trash pickup around clubhouse and athletic field
Garden Club - Christmas decorations at Woodlea entrance and clubhouse

Swim Team board, coaches and parent volunteers

Former board members - Jim Wynn, Jim Haynes and Gary Kowalski
Ann Bollinger - Community Watch and lifeguard surveys

Randy Buffenbarger - trash and mitt-mutt station pickup and lifeguard surveys

Sand Chadwick - ARB member

Jennifer Creighton - Welcome Committee Chair

Don Debolt - Former Community Watch Chair

Bryan Garrett - heating and air conditioning and fireplace assistance

Sylvia Gould - website maintenance

Darrell Haines - soccer goal assembly and hockey net installations

Lisa Hinchberger - clubhouse coordinator

Natalie Hartmann - lifeguard surveys

Dwayne Jackson - ARB member

Carolynn Kowalski - ARB member

Kelli Linville - newsletter compilation, lifeguard surveys, and clubhouse coordinator

Mike Stevens - ARB member

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Woodlea Committees & Clubs

Social Committee

Randy Buffenbarger and Jan Carnes have stepped up to be Social Committee co-chairs. Send them your ideas or let them know if you would like to help out at jrbuffenbarger@verizon.net or jan.carnes1@verizon.net.

Welcome Committee

Jennifer Creighton is organizing the welcome basket distribution for new Woodlea Manor residents! If you would like to help out, contact Jennifer at jencreighton@verizon.net.

Recreation Committee

If you would like to help organize an activity for kids, adults, or both, become a member of the Recreation Committee. Some ideas are basketball or hockey tournaments at the clubhouse parking lot or football tournaments at the activity field. Contact Kelli at kellilinnville@hotmail.com.

Garden Club

Beat the Winter Blahs and Prepare for Spring Gardening with the Woodlea Garden Club.

Programs for the Woodlea Garden Club 2009 schedule offer topics and experiences of interest to local gardeners.

- March (3/17) offers a treat as we visit Long Branch, one of the most elegant manor homes in Virginia Hunt Country. We'll carpool from the Woodlea clubhouse leaving promptly at 8:45 am for a 9:30 appointment at Long Branch.
- April (4/21) brings lessons on apiarian arts and the secret life of bees from Jeff Pfloutz (Woodlea clubhouse on Hague Drive).
- May (5/19) features a field trip to Meadowlark Gardens in nearby Fairfax County with details to come.
- June (6/16) features plans to visit Oatlands gardens for a private tour and then election and installation of new officers and a potluck feast at the clubhouse on Hague Drive.

The Woodlea Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month September through June. Meetings begin at 9 am and are over by 11 am. Our program goals include sharing gardening interests, experiences and learning opportunities focused on creating and maintaining successful landscapes and gardens in Loudoun County neighborhoods.

Please join your neighbors for the interesting programs and find out what the Woodlea Garden Club has to offer you. For more information about the club and its meetings, please contact Linda Dudenhofer (president) at 703-443-2722 or Bonita Metz (programs chair) at 703-443-2142. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our next event.

Community Watch

MARCH 30TH, SAVE THE DATE, COMMUNITY WATCH TRAINING AT THE WOODLEA CLUBHOUSE AT 7 PM

Topic: Identify Theft Prevention and is FACEBOOK safe?

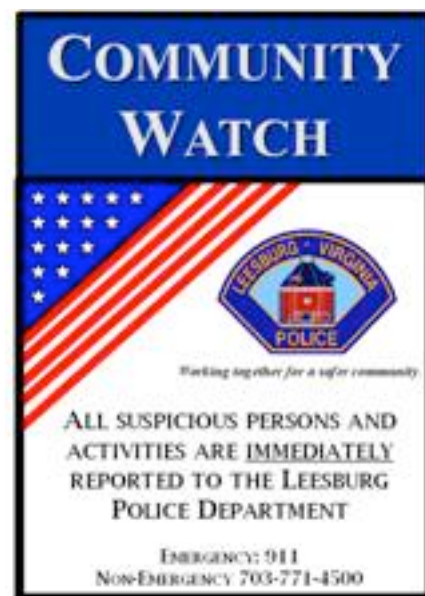
We encourage everyone to attend our 2nd meeting on Monday, March 30th at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. **DO YOU OR YOUR TEENS HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT? HOW SAFE IS IT?** Professional and college recruiters are using FACEBOOK to research their applicants. Be careful what you or your teens post on FACEBOOK. Check out concerns and statistics at <http://www.children-online.org/>.

Woodlea Community Watch Burglary Prevention Tips!

1. Check your lighting outside and inside. Replace burned out bulbs. When you are away at night or on vacation, put an inside light or two on a timer. Leave a radio or TV on create noise like someone is home.
2. Check your landscaping to ensure that you don't have overgrown bushes or trees covering windows and entrances.
3. Communicate with one or two neighbors whom you can trust, letting them know when you will be on vacation. Leave them a contact number in case of an emergency.
4. The message on your answering machine should be generic (do not mention your name) and an adult voice. Do not have your kids on the message - it's cute but not smart!
5. Do not stop the mail or newspaper. Burglar's watch for patterns in your neighborhood. It is preferred to have a neighbor to pick up your mail and paper to create daily activity around your house.
6. Ask you neighbor to park in your driveway when you are gone.
7. Invest in good locks. Replace builder grade locks. Check the door frame to make sure the builder used long nails not short ones.
8. Keep the car in the garage locked. Lock vehicles outside at all times.
9. Dead bolt all doors, including the laundry room while inside the house.
10. Destroy large boxes as thieves will see what you have purchased. Shred your bills and financial statements.
11. Report all suspicious activity to the Leesburg Police's non-emergency number: 703.771.4500. Keep this number handy at home an in your cell phone.

Curfew Reminder...

Teen curfew in Leesburg is 11 p.m.



Woodlea Residents,

Financially the community had a very good year in terms of controlling costs and collecting yearly dues. I'm sure all of you were happy to see our yearly dues stay the same for 2009 and the Woodlea Board of Trustees was very happy to keep them flat as well. Overall, we ended the 2008 year \$50,000 favorable to budget. The area's most favorable to budget areas included legal fees, general maintenance, and pool repairs. The BOT would like to thank the many volunteers who helped us keep our costs under control by offering their time and services throughout the year.

In regards to our reserves for capital improvements, we spent \$82,000 and collected \$88,000 resulting in an overall increase of reserves to \$338,000. For those of you who use the pool or walk by the clubhouse area, I'm sure you noticed the significant pool improvements including a new pool white coat, pool coping stones, refurbished kitchen area, freshly painted clubhouse inside and out including the shade structure, landscaping replacements for dead trees and bushes, and two new soccer goals and a lacrosse goal for the kids. For 2009 you will also notice all of the pool furniture has been re-strapped and painted. Over the last two years, the pool areas has been renovated to ensure everyone can enjoy a fresh clean pool area and clubhouse for years to come.

From time to time the BOT is asked about our excess cash being in safe hands especially with the many banks in trouble. To be clear, the BOT only invests our excess reserves in Money Market Accounts and Certificates of Deposits in amounts less than \$100,000 per institution to ensure we are fully insured under FDIC. Our operating expense funds are also held in checking accounts and Money Market accounts using the same principles as the reserve accounts. In other words, our money is invested very conservatively ensuring the FDIC will repay our investments if an institution fails.

For 2009 the BOT's financial goals are pretty simple:

1. Encourage all homeowners to pay their dues on time.
2. Control spending to hold 2010 annual dues flat.
3. Push the 2008 favorable budget into an emergency operating fund and grow the emergency fund to 20% of our annual operating expenses (Prior to 2009 an operating emergency fund did not exist).
4. Successfully re-negotiate two of our most expensive annual expenses Pool Management and Insurance.

In summary, 2008 was an excellent year financially for the community. 2009 can easily continue in this positive direction by achieving the goals outlined above, the continued efforts of our volunteers, and overall good luck.

If you have any questions regarding our finances, please stop by any of our future board meetings (see the Woodlea website for dates and times) or give me a call or send an email.

Randy Buffenbarger
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Community Announcements

SW Leesburg/Woodburn Spring Cleanup, April 11 & 12, 2009

Here's an easy way to give back to your community, only one hour is required. Help Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB) bag litter in your section of the County. VDOT orange bags, gloves, sticks and FREE TEE-SHIRTS will be delivered to your home. Pick your own area or KLB can assign one. Warning; this is a feel good activity and looks great on College applications.

Email klb@southleesburg.com or call Darrell at 703-771-7496.

Loudoun County High School All Night Graduation Party

LCHS PTSA is gearing up for the 2009 ANGP. This event is for the graduating seniors at LCHS to enjoy one last evening together before they start the next chapter of their lives.

The party is June 20th at Ida Lee Recreation Center from 11 pm to 5 am. Activities include swimming, racquetball, video games, casino playing, spa services, food and prizes.

If you would like to help out by chaperoning or with a tax-deductible donation (money, gift certificates, products or services) please contact Alison Trent or Diane Nastase at lchsptsa@yahoo.com.

Loudoun County High School Athletic Booster Club Mulch Sale

In association with the LCHS Athletic Booster Club, Raider Football is kicking off the 2009 mulch sale! As school funding continues to decrease, this is an important fundraiser in which the student-athletes take an active part by assisting in delivering the mulch to your home. Please show your support for this annual fundraiser by 'putting them to work' to earn funds for their athletic program.

All funds generated from this activity go directly to support the LCHS Raiders football and athletics programs.

Order forms are located on the home page of the Woodlea Manor website. Your order must be received by March 21, 2009.

If you have any questions, call 703-777-1791 or RaiderFootball03@aol.com.

Dan Huber
Mulch Sale Coordinator President - LCHS
Athletic Booster Club

Woodlea Phone Directory

We would like to publish a new Woodlea directory. Please take the time to fill out the form at the end of this newsletter so that everyone's information is up-to-date.

BOT Minutes

We will no longer be mailing Board of Trustee minutes to you. Approved minutes will now be stored on the website.

HOA Dues Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has submitted full or partial payment on your HOA dues! For those of you who sent in partial payment, your final payment is due by April 30th. Please submit payment on time in order to receive your 2009 pool passes in time for opening day and avoid late fees.

Community Announcements

Perfect Place to Hold a Party

The Woodlea Manor Clubhouse is a perfect place to hold a party or event. The clubhouse has just been newly painted on the inside and out and the kitchen has been recently refurbished. It is a beautiful area for any party or event you might have planned for a group of 60 or less.

The clubhouse rental fee was reduced last year to \$150 for an activity from 6:00 pm to midnight and only \$50 for a 2-hour activity that ends before 5 pm. Get all the rental details on the Woodlea Manor website at www.woodleamanor.org > Activities > Clubhouse tab. You can also contact TWC at 703-437-5800 for information or to reserve the clubhouse.

2009 Woodlea Watermocs Swim Team Registration

Woodlea Manor swim team (K5 - 12) registration begins in May. The website will be updated as soon as the date is set.

Swim Team Sponsorship

Advertise your business in the meet programs of the ODSL Swim League.

\$500 - Full page ad in our swim bulletin (4 home meets). Opportunity to set up display about your company at two of our home meets. Announcer will acknowledge your sponsorship.

\$250 - Half page ad in our swim bulletin (4 home meets). Announcer will acknowledge your sponsorship.

\$100 - Quarter size ad in our swim bulletin (4 home meets).

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sharihickman@verizon.net

Woodlea Raiders Making Waves with State Cuts!

The following Woodlea Manor residents made the states: Billy Bacci, Taylor Bacci, Megan Betcher Nick Cechak, Caroline Joseph, Matt Joseph, Jake Koenig, Jimmy McGrath, Kelly McGrath, EJ Poell, Elise Rivera, Margaret Skipp, and Julie Strange.

Loudoun County swimmers already have a dozen state qualifying times after two meets, four more than all of last year!

Outside Pool Memberships

Every year, the Woodlea HOA sells outside pool memberships to people who live outside our Woodlea Manor neighborhood. Outside memberships for 2009 are \$600 for pool access from May 23rd through September 7th. Email Pam Ward at TWCmanage@aol.com, for more information.

Community Service Anyone?

Whether you want to get involved in neighborhood activities or your child wants to earn a badge or pad a college application, there are many opportunities within our neighborhood for community service. Contact a board member with interest in any of the following areas. This is a great way for you, your kids, a group or club to give back to the community.

- Write newsletter articles
- Format and edit the newsletter
- Photograph neighborhood events
- Help plan a community event
- Cleanup common areas
- Empty trash bins
- Collect lifeguard surveys

Woodlea Manor Directory and Email Update

In order for a new phone directory to be published, we need to update our database with current information. Please fill out this form and mail to TWC, 12110 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 60, Reston, VA 20190 or email the information to twcmanage@aol.com. If we do not receive a form from you, we will use the information that is in our database.

We will only publish the information that you want published in the directory and only use your email address for Woodlea Manor information. We are also removing the DOB column from the directory. Thank you for your assistance!

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