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## WiFi and Woodlea Manor

Last month the Information Technology Commission for the Town of Leesburg held an informal technology outreach session at the Ida Lee recreation center. The commission discussed a few projects including possible projects that the commission may be pursuing in the near future. The reason that the commissioners chose the specific topics was due to the fact that they conducted a survey by asking what types of services that most of the Town's people would like to have.

WiFi technology was one of the top vote getters. WiFi is short for 'wireless fidelity'. This is a term for certain types of wireless local area networks (WLAN) that use specifications conforming to IEEE 802.11b. WiFi has

gained acceptance in many environments as an alternative to a wired LAN. Many airports, hotels, and other services offer public access to WiFi networks so that people can log onto the Internet and receive emails on the move. These locations are known as hotspots.



We understand that very few people in Woodlea Manor knew about the session, or attended the night that it was presented. Jim Wynn, a Woodlea Manor Board of

Trustee's member, is also on the IT Commission and provided the WiFi presentation that night. The presentation can be accessed by going to the following link: <http://www.leesburg2day.com/articles/2007/02/08/news/new09qwireless020707.txt>

### Why should Woodlea Manor care about WiFi?

The commission is trying to position the Town into a situation where WiFi services could be provided to the Town for free or at a very low monthly rate.

This would allow everyone in the Town to access the Internet, and the ability to exchange emails from anywhere in the Town.

## LYSA Comes to Woodlea

Loudoun Youth Soccer Association (LYSA) has a shortage of fields and has asked Woodlea Manor to allow them to use our field for practice. LYSA is comprised of several thousand kids across the county and are in the top ten in the county. The Woodlea Manor Board of Trustees has approved Woodlea's recreational field to be used as a practice field for Woodlea coached teams. In exchange, LYSA has agreed to include the field under their insurance policy and also (hopefully) provide the community with goals. LYSA's website is <http://www.lysa.net>.



## ***Town of Leesburg Updates***

***By Susan Horne, Vice Mayor and Woodlea Resident***

### **Annual Keep Leesburg Beautiful Clean Up is Underway**

Saturday, April 14 kicked off the annual Keep Leesburg Beautiful community clean up campaign. Volunteers are working throughout the Town in April to clean up streets, streams and roadways, and are asked to contact Tami Watkins for materials or supplies and to report the number of volunteers, bags and location of trash collected. Tami is at [twatkins@leesburgva.gov](mailto:twatkins@leesburgva.gov) or 703-737-7179. Thanks to all our neighbors and volunteers who are working to make Leesburg a cleaner and more beautiful Town!

### **Southwest Trail Connector**

After many years and much deliberation, the Southwest Trail linking all of SW Leesburg with the rest of Town is back in play. Many thanks to the SW/SE Trails Task Force for their efforts to bring forward a plan that reflected the diverse perspectives of a number of residents and neighborhoods. The Plan has been accepted by the Town Council and \$200,000 for design and engineering has been approved with the recent FY2008 budget. Advertisement is underway for design and engineering bids, with a projected completion date for the entire project in 2011-2012. The completed project will include a connector trail along Clubhouse Drive linking Chancellor Street with the South King St. trail and a pedestrian bridge over the Bypass linking with Lee Avenue near the Baptist Church. Continued diligence is necessary to ensure that future funding is included each year in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for construction, but the majority of Council was very supportive of the work of the citizens and their recommendation for trail connectivity in the SW quadrant.

### **Battlefield Parkway Across Meadowbrook Property**

Plans for continued progress of Battlefield Parkway are marching along. A contract has been awarded by the Town Council to Rinker and Associates for the design and engineering work for Battlefield Parkway across the Leesburg South/Meadowbrook property linking the roadway between Route 621 and Route 15 South. This first phase will include right of way acquisition and coordination with Centex; construction should begin in 2008 and conclude end-of-year 2009, depending on weather and other factors. At the present time, the Town of Leesburg has committed over \$10 million of Town money to fund construction of this segment of Battlefield.

### **Route 15 South Improvements**

Four distinct elements make up the Route 15 South project –

- 1) Phase 1 of the trail project: Davis Avenue to Governor's Drive along the west side of Route 15. Advertisement for construction will be out soon; construction should be underway this fall (2007) with completion in the summer of 2008.

- 2) Phase 2 of the trail project: Governor's Drive to Virts Corner. The project is in design now; construction to get underway in 2009.
- 3) South King Street widening: The project is in design now. A balance of \$10 million remains to get the full project underway and the search is on for additional funding sources. The project will widen Route 15 South to four lanes to Virts Corner with a median for landscaping and future turn lanes.
- 4) Virts Corner realignment: this project is in design and has been fully funded. It will realign the intersection from its current dangerous state; construction should get underway in Spring 2008 with completion by Fall 2008.

### **Leesburg Dog Park**

Work continues towards building a dog park in Leesburg. After attempting to work out a joint agreement with Loudoun County to no avail, the Town is proceeding with plans for its own dog park. A private citizens' advisory committee has been established which will work on guidelines for use of the dog park and will likely get involved in fundraising and special activities for the park. Funding for the actual fencing and to establish the park has been approved by the Council in the FY2008 budget, but the final location of the park has not yet been determined.

### **Town Agreement with Loudoun County for Use of Ida Lee Recreation Center**

The Town and Loudoun County have both named a group who will sit down to discuss the relationship going forward allowing County residents to use Ida Lee Rec Center at the same price schedule as Town residents. The agreement establishing that relationship was made in 1998 for a period of 20 years, which will end January 1, 2009. At that point, County residents may be required to pay a different price scale to use the facility. The driver on this issue is a long range plan to potentially expand Ida Lee Rec Center to the tune of \$15 million. If County residents are able to continue to use Ida Lee, there will be a need for expansion of the facility. If County resident usage declines (due to higher prices for County residents and a potential drop-off in County usage) or is no longer allowed, the need to expand Ida Lee will not be an issue and therefore not an expense (or as great an expense) for the Town to incur.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance with Town-related issues. I can be reached at [susanhorne@verizon.net](mailto:susanhorne@verizon.net) or at home 703-777-6501. I also have a Town Council email at [shorne@leesburgva.gov](mailto:shorne@leesburgva.gov).

Best always,  
Susan Horne

# Cedar Shake Roofs

As time goes by, and as our homes in Woodlea age, more and more of us are contemplating replacement of our original cedar shake roofs. We want to let our residents know that the Board is currently researching acceptable alternatives to the traditional materials. We are currently doing some investigation of synthetic products which look great, require less maintenance than the traditional shake, but have a much longer life expectancy at a similar cost. We will keep you all apprised of the results of this research...



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 Reston, Virginia 20190  
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 E-mail: twcmanage@aol.com

**Coming Soon from the ARB...**

The Woodlea Manor website will soon have the updated ARB application as well as the ARB guidelines. The Architectural Review Board will begin meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from now through the end of October at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

**\*\*\*Please note\*\*\***

**If anyone has changed their email in the last 60 days, please email the Board of Trustees at**

**bot@woodleamanager.org with your new email address. You can also reach us on the web at: www.woodleamanager.org**

Just a friendly reminder....  
 It's spring again and many homeowners have been investing in cleaning up their lawns, planting flowers, etc... Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your pets off of their lawns. Please remember that in Loudoun County you are required to have your dog on a leash at all times when they are not on your property.

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22	23	24 <b>WM BOT Mtg. 6:30 pm</b>	25 <b>ARB Mtg. 7 pm</b>	26	27	28
29	30					

**MAY 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 <b>ARB Mtg. 7 pm</b>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <b>WM BOT Mtg. 6:30 pm</b>	23 <b>ARB Mtg. 7 pm</b>	24	25	26 <b>Pool Opens!</b>
27	28	29	30	31		

**JUNE 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <b>Community Yard Sale 8am-12pm</b>
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <b>WM BOT Mtg. 6:30 pm</b>	27 <b>ARB Mtg. 7 pm</b>	28	29	30



*It's time to clean out those garages, attics, and basements!*

**Woodlea Manor Community Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, June 9, 2007**  
**8:00 am to 12:00 pm (rain or shine)**

*If you are interested in participating:*

*Fill out this form*

*Include \$4 in cash or check*

*Place the form and fee in the drop-off box (6/1 – 6/7)*

*Pick up 1-2 balloons from the balloon pickup-box*

*Drop-off box and balloon pick-up box are at Cheryl's home*

*During the garage sale, attach balloons to your mailbox*

*Cheryl Driscoll*  
*1449 Hague Drive SW*  
*Leesburg, VA 20175*  
*Phone: 703-779-2280*  
*E-mail: [tonkasmash@adelphia.net](mailto:tonkasmash@adelphia.net)*

*There will be a special Preview Night on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 pm for RESIDENTS ONLY who are interested in previewing the items prior to the garage sale.*

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone number* \_\_\_\_\_ *E-mail* \_\_\_\_\_