



# The Conservancy Connection

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## Message from your President

If you did not get the recent email "Woodlea Security Alert", you are not on the Woodlea email list. We have a list of 443 email addresses for Woodlea residents to which I occasionally send email about important events in Woodlea. About 40 of these addresses go to two individuals in the same house, so we reach only about 400 of the 465 households in Woodlea. Each time an email is sent, 15 or more bounce for various reasons. I delete those from the list before sending the next email.

I took on this seemingly impossible job with the goal of improving communications with our residents. Helping to develop our new Website, [www.WoodleaManor.org](http://www.WoodleaManor.org), was a success but keeping the email list current has proven difficult to say the

least. We have a link at the bottom of the Home Page of the Woodlea Website: "Stay Connected! [Send us](#) your new or changed email address." This link goes to a special email box that is only used for collecting email



changes. Please do not use it to contact the Board or TWC, our management company, as it is only checked occasionally, especially when a new email is being prepared. I use discretion as to how this email list is used, so when you get an email

from Woodlea, the subject is something that I feel may affect the majority or a large number of Woodlea residents. This newsletter that you are reading is published about four times a year and sent by US Mail to every homeowner. Of course official notices are sent the same way.

Making the Woodlea website your Home Page, keeping your email address up-to-date, and of course reading your regular mail will keep you current on what is happening in Woodlea.

Sincerely,  
Jim Haynes  
President, Woodlea Board of Trustees

## No Dumping Please

There are several common area parcels within Woodlea Manor that belong to the Conservancy. They are shown on the site plan that is inside your Woodlea Manor Directory. We are making every effort to maintain these parcels as intended, either as a natural area or a mowed area. Please **DO NOT** dump trash in these parcels. **This includes yard waste.** Tree branches and grass clippings and should be put at the curb for collection on Wednesday. The trash hauler does remove these items, and they are recycled. You can call Con-Serve at 703.444.3181 for more information about trash removal.





## **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – FREE Classes!**

This is a wonderful and easy way to serve your community!

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is about readiness, people helping people, personal safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens can initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can take care of themselves, their families, their neighbors, manage utilities, extinguish small fires, perform basic first aid and CPR, and search for and rescue victims safely while maintaining their safety and accountability.

Loudoun County will be starting its fall series of classes on Tuesday night, September 25th, from 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. The classes cover team building; first aid/CPR; National Incident Management System (NIMS); coping with disaster/light rescue; Incident Command System (ICS); and conclude with a challenge night and a graduation ceremony.

All classes will be held at the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Training Center 16600 Courage Court, Leesburg, on Tuesday nights with one Saturday (Oct 6<sup>th</sup>) for the first aid/CPR class.

Space is limited, so if you are interested, please register soon.

If you have any questions or to register, please contact Cheryl Warren at 703-737-8331 or [Cheryl.Warren@loudoun.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Warren@loudoun.gov)

## WOODLEA REMINDERS...

- **CONTRACTOR SIGNS** – Per the Woodlea Manor Covenants and Bylaws, contractor advertising signs are not permitted in the front yards of the homes in our community. Any contractor that you hire should be informed of this restriction when you sign the contract. It's interesting that this is the number one violation in Woodlea Manor. Often the homeowners don't even realize that their contractor has posted a sign.
- **BASKETBALL HOOPS** – A Town of Leesburg ordinance states that portable basketball hoops are not allowed to impede the flow of vehicular traffic or foot traffic. Per the Town of Leesburg and the Woodlea Manor covenants, basketball hoops are not allowed in the street, on the curb or on any sidewalk in Woodlea Manor. They restrict visibility and they can be a safety hazard, and for this reason the restriction prohibiting them will be enforced. Please note that any hoops that remain in the street after September 30, 2007 will be removed by a contractor hired by WMC without further notice. Portable basketball hoops are allowed in driveways only while in use. They must be put away when they are not being used.
- **TRASH CANS & RECYCLING BIN REMINDER** – Trash cans should not be placed at the curb until Sunday at 6:00 PM, and they should be brought in no later than Monday night. Recycling bins should not be put out before Wednesday at 6:00 PM and should be brought in Thursday night. Trash cans should not be stored in the driveway all week where they are visible to others. Please store them in the garage or behind the house.
- **ANNUAL MEETING** – The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. More information will be mailed to you soon.

## Overhanging Tree Limbs And Shrubs Blocking Walking Paths

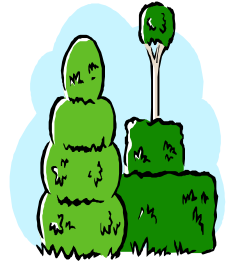
Did you ever notice how many of your neighbors are walking in the street and not on the sidewalks? The other day I asked a few of them why they were putting themselves in jeopardy by walking or jogging in the street with the cars and trucks.

All of them said that they could not walk on the public sidewalks because of the overhanging trees, or shrubbery that block their path.

Homeowners in Woodlea Manor and other neighborhoods about town are responsible for keeping the walking paths open and available for members of our community to be able to walk without ducking around low hanging tree limbs.

Please understand that you must provide a clear path for people to walk through the community. Ten foot clearance from the ground up.

Jim Wynn  
Board of Trustees



**Correspondence should be addressed to:**

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

**\*\*\*FYI\*\*\***

**Please use the special BOT email address ([bot@woodleamanor.org](mailto:bot@woodleamanor.org)) for email changes only. Please do not reply to email from this address. Email sent to this address does not go to the Board of Trustees and is only monitored occasionally for address changes. This address is also used to send email messages to our community. There are links on the Board section of our Website, [www.woodleamanor.org](http://www.woodleamanor.org), to each Board member and TWC.**

### **PLEASE, PLEASE, PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG...!!!**

**There really is no excuse for not doing this. We live in a large community with many dogs. Most people are considerate enough to pick up after their dog...but there are still a few who do not and it makes it very unpleasant for the other residents who either have to pick up for them or – worse – step in it when it's left in the middle of the sidewalk, someone's yard or common area!!**

**Please make sure whoever walks your dog adheres to this policy.**





The Leesburg Tree Commission is reaching out to you to ask that you help us improve the quality of life in Leesburg.

We are extending an invitation for you to attend our **Home Owners Association Tree Summit**.

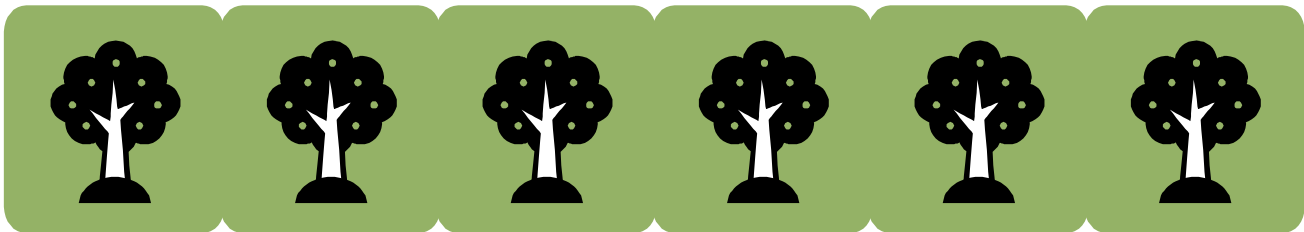
We hope to see you at the summit!

Thanks for your help!

*The Leesburg Tree Commission*

\*\*\*Feel free to contact Leesburg Urban Forester Cara Stilling for additional information at:

***CStilling@leesburgva.org***



## Leesburg HOA Tree care summit

- Welcome – Bruce Dewar (acknowledge tree commission attendees and any other special guests)
  - Where do HOA’s fit in – Bruce Dewar
- Urban Forestry Management Plan – Earl Hower
  - Introduction – Urban Forestry
    - Set the mood
  - Start at the beginning – Urban Forestry
    - How trees got there in the first place
      - Who’s tree is it
- You only get what you inspect – Urban Forestry
  - Specifications – cost savings
  - Alternatives – Urban Forestry
    - What can work for you
  - Keep them alive – Urban Forestry
    - A miracle called mulch
      - Watering
- More about free trees – Urban Forestry
  - Wrap Up - All

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# Home Owners Association Tree Care Summit



**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

- Proper Planting, Staking, Mulching and Pruning.*
- BUGS!-What's eating my tree and what can I do?*
- My tree is brown, What should I do?*
- What to ask of your landscaper?*
- What can you do for the trees in your community?*

To reserve a spot call the  
Town Planning Office  
At 703.771.2765

What: Home Owners Association Tree Care Summit  
When: September 18, 2007  
Where: Ida Lee Park Recreation Center (lower level)  
Time: 7:00pm

Presented By  
***Town of Leesburg Tree  
Commission***

**\*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC\***