



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2012

Upcoming Events for 2012

Bike for the Bridge

MAY 20, Sunday
(rain date, May 27)

Memorial Day Ceremony

MAY 27, SUNDAY, 1:00

Saturday Night Movies

JUNE, JUL, AUG
(Gather at the green on Main Street)

Village Tag Sale

JUNE 2, Saturday

High Tea on the Bridge

JUNE 10, Saturday, 9:00-11:00
(rain date, June 9)

Saratoga Bus Trips

JULY 27, AUG 24, Fridays

Dinner on the Bridge

SEPTEMBER 1, Saturday
Labor Day Weekend
(rain date, Sept 2)

Block Party

SEPTEMBER 9, Sunday
(rain date Sept 8)

History Night

NOVEMBER 13, Tuesday

Holiday Lights at Park

NOVEMBER 25, Saturday
(rain date Nov. 26)

Visit the Leeds Civic Association on the web for event details
www.leedscivic.org



Have an idea for an event you'd like to do?...We would love to hear it! Come to the next LCA meeting on Tues, March 13 at 7pm in the teacher's lounge at Leeds School and tell us about it.

New, Friendly Web Site for the LCA

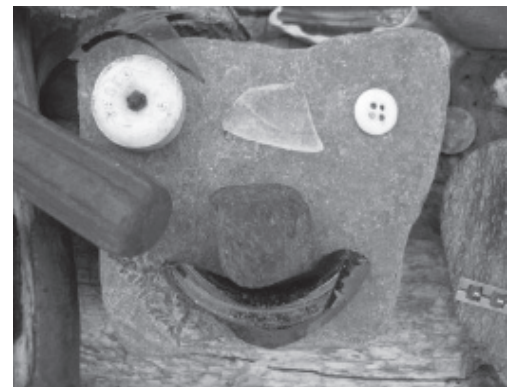
Thanks to the hard work of Justin O'Connor and Joel Emrick the LCA has unveiled a new and friendly website. The improved site offers a number of options that should make the Associations' events, calendar, photos and meeting information easy to access. Please take a moment and visit us at www.leedscivic.org. Take a quick tour and let us know what you think of the changes and any suggestions you might have for new features.

Leeds Hotel Bridge Bike Ride Is Back!!!

The Leeds Civic Association is starting to plan for its Third Annual Leeds Hotel Bridge Bike Ride to benefit the preservation of our beloved Hotel Bridge. As in past years there will be multiple route options, as well as, maps and food for the riders. The date for the ride is May 20, 2012, and since we learned our lesson sitting in the downpour last year, we have scheduled the rain date to be May 27, 2012. Contact Alice Badecker at alicebadecker@comcast.net or StephyCho at Stephy1112@aol.com or call (860) 803-0134 to register or volunteer for the event.

Mill River Folk Art

Down on the Mill River, just upstream from the Orange or Top Dam, on the gravelly sandbar island, there's an exhibit of local art that shouldn't be missed. Some Leeds resident has used natural river artifacts (pottery, glass, old iron pieces and driftwood) to create



a wonderful testament to the many people, places and things that have co-existed by the river. Get down there soon as the next big storm may just move this folk art back to the river whence it came.


Village -Wide Tag Sale Saturday June 2nd, 8:00-Noon

Drag out all that good stuff from the basement, attic, and garage that you no longer need and sell it to someone who does. To help publicize this annual event the LCA will erect a large "Village-Wide Tag Sale Today" sign posted at the beginning of Florence Street (Rt 9 entrance). The LCA will also run a "Village Wide Tag Sale" notice in the Gazette and Hampshire Life. If your street is setting up a "Tag Sale" you are encouraged to add your own creative signs at each entrance to your street.

Leeds Beautification Champs

One of the largest volunteer groups in years turned out for the Earth Day activities in Leeds on Saturday April 21. Without fanfare or rewards they not only picked up close to 35 bags of litter but also raked, mulched, trimmed and rejuvenated our small pocket parks on Main and Mulberry Streets. The LCA is extremely grateful for these folks who helped put a shine on Leeds.

Litter Pick Up	Mulberry St Park	Flood Memorial Park
Sue Carbin	Lora Sandhusen	Joshua Johnson
Jim Montgomery	Deb Jacobs	David Abraham
Bob St. Pierre	David Rondina	Michael
Bruce Walker	George Merriam	macDonald
Fran Thibault	Linda Butler	Vanessa Oquendo
Wayne Thibault	Joshua Crane	George Kohout
Tricia Reidy	Annie Moorehouse	
Margaret Riddle		
Friends of - Sylvester Rd (20)		
Rob Erbank		



The Spring Fling and Pizza Party Was Fun!

About 75 adults, children and teenagers laughed, limbo-ed and lounged at the Beaver Brook Country Club on March 24 while trying to Beat the Winter Blues. Stephy Cho and her helpers' splashy decoration of the Club and organization of the many donated raffle items added to the afternoon's excitement. Shaun G. as DJ and Master of Ceremonies kept the crowd moving with a great mix of music and patter. At the end of the afternoon almost everyone went home with a prize and a tummy full of pizza and homemade desserts. Special thanks to Hiroshi and Kim Akimoto who opened their business (and putting greens) to the LCA for this annual Spring Fling.



Leeds Business Profile

Richard (Red) Greene, owner of Painting Plus, is a 4th generation Leeds resident who developed his business over 20 years ago. Red has provided quality workmanship to over hundreds of customers in the greater Northampton area. His projects have ranged from small to multi-family dwellings. Red enjoys his work because it includes working for friends and neighbors as well as larger projects such as the Flint Museum in Historic Deerfield Ma. He has also worked for interesting individuals including an astronaut and many noted authors. Red attributes much of Painting Plus's success, longevity and strong customer base to his attention to details. He feels it is important to use a licensed and insured contractor that uses quality eco-friendly products. So if you are thinking of a small or large project, a quick call to Red of Painting Plus for a free estimate, would be a great first step.

Contact Painting Plus at 413-584-5525

The Mark and Patricia Bradford Memorial Fund

Soon-to-be 2012 graduates of Smith Vocational H.S. and Northampton H.S. are encouraged to apply for the Bradford Scholarship. This award goes to a Leeds resident who has a desire to continue their education at college or advanced vocational training. Application requirements and paperwork can be obtained through the school's Guidance offices. Contact Richard Greene (584 5525) or Earl Meunier (584-8858) with questions about the Bradford Memorial Fund.

LCA Thank You Corner

Over the past few months various Leeds residents and business owners have done a number of good deeds that shouldn't go unacknowledged. So, a tip of the hat to Alternative Recycling of Main St for taking care of the refuse container on the Rail Trail, the Pizza Factory in Florence for their generous donation of pies to the Spring Fling and Bob St. Pierre and John Dietrich for their efforts during the city-wide Rail Trail clean-up weekend.

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All LCA memberships expired on December 1, 2011. If you have not yet renewed, please consider doing so now.

If you have already renewed, THANK YOU!

It is your financial support that makes events possible.