

The Villager

Update from HOA President



The Villages of Leacroft HOA has been working with committees to make progress in a number of areas.

Before I address them, a gentle reminder that the deadline for homeowner dues this quarter is **April 1**. Our dues cover the operation of our community and need to be paid on time to continue providing the services and facilities you require.

The Communications Committee (Cheryl Jefferson, Chair) has been working with committee member Dave Milam to migrate our Web site (www.leacroft.org) to a more stable and flexible location. Dave is cleaning it up and uploading

information that may be of interest. Kimberly Blackburn is seeking your submissions of articles for the newsletter. Also, don't forget our Leacroft social networking sites. Check out these sites managed by Pam Wisniewski and sign up to receive messages:

- http://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_142813525786053 (On Facebook, search for Villages of Leacroft to find us.)
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LeacroftVillager/>

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Thanks to Homeowners for Common Area Work

A big thanks to The Villages of Leacroft homeowners who came out and supported the common area work done recently.

While some helped remove the playground equipment that had been vandalized and was in disrepair, others helped with trimming of the hedges.

Reducing the height of the hedges along the common area parking lot was done to discourage the late-night vandalism and suspected criminal activity seen recently. The work could not have been completed without everyone's help.

Duke Energy is also being contact to see if they can install a light pole at each end of the parking lot where it is the darkest.

Helpers included: Joe Mercier, Nick Sackinger, Stan Peters, Deb Peters, David Moore & Sons, Ed Gercak, Brian Shenk, William Blackburn, Jennifer DeMartimo, Ed DeMartimo and Jarren Rodgers & Son
New playground equipment should be installed prior to the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt.

Outreach Column – by Gerri Gercak

Welcome Spring. Hope everyone is well-rested after losing an hour's sleep. Our new Outreach Committee is up and running and ready to help the residents of Leacroft. We will be welcoming new families with a basket of goodies, which will contain information about our area and neighborhood.

Our management company will notify the committee when houses are sold or rented in the neighborhood. This process may take several weeks, so if you see someone moving in, please call a member of the committee and we'll make sure the family is greeted and receives a welcome basket. Anyone who is still holding on to materials from last year, please call me

so we can update bags with fresh items and current information.

This year our committee is going to try implementing a new service by offering the residents of Leacroft rides to local doctor's appointments, prescription pickup, shoveling snow, welcoming a new baby or just dropping by to say hello to someone who is sick or needs a friendly face to cheer them up.

We would appreciate a phone call if you are willing to drive occasionally or offer your valuable time. The committee will only be successful if we are made aware of neighbors who will benefit from these services.

Our new committee includes:

Gerri Gercak, Chair – 704-280-6034
 Pam Wisniewski – 704-900-8331
 Maryann Mercier – 704-302-1631
 Brigitte Dearborn – 704-969-0783
 Paula Henriksen – 704-595-9288

Gardening Column – by Deb Peters

I hope yall enjoyed last month's column. This month's column is very short, consisting only of some information concerning filling your garden boxes. This month, I have some suggestions on where to purchase your soil.

The two closest places are:

Compost Central (near airport)
 5631 West Blvd.
 704-588-9092

North Mecklenburg Recycling Center
 12300 N. Statesville Rd.
 Call 311

If you bring a pickup truck, I think it is \$28 a yard. We found the compost and mulch to be of excellent quality, and it's more economical than buying in bags from a big box store. You should call ahead because they do run out, especially close to the weekend.

One last piece of info: Remember to add eggshells and coffee grounds to your soil. Most coffee shops will give you old grounds free if you call ahead.

Also, while waiting for planting time (I plan to plant May 1), use graph paper to decide what you want to plant and where you want to plant it.

Be patient. Don't rush and plant too early. You don't want all your hard work to be for nothing.

HAPPY EASTER and HAPPY GARDENING.

LenCon Travel

Lencontravel.com
Lentucker@Carolina.rr.com
4500 Highcroft Lane
704-907-1430

Do you need Traveler Insurance?

The short answer is, probably yes, and here are some reasons why:

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2. Most standard hotels have a reasonable cancellation policy, but resorts and all-inclusive resorts often have a very steep cancellation policy.
3. Often you are not covered by your health insurance policy when you travel overseas. The same for auto insurance.
4. Cruise ships have a very expensive cancellation policy if you have to cancel at the last minute.

Each of these items and more can often be covered by Travel Insurance if you have to cancel your trip.

Even if you don't book your travel through us, you may want to call for a Travel Insurance quote.

Important Contact Numbers

HOA Board **HOABoard@Leacroft.org**

President, Joe Mercier (704) 302-1565
 Vice President, Nick Sackinger (704) 641-0046
 Secretary, Tami Merry (704) 717-4942
 Treasurer, Jennifer DeMartino (704) 503-7723
 At-Large Member, William Blackburn (704) 548-9866

Leacroft Committees

Architectural Review mw99nd@gmail.com
 Mike Wisniewski (704) 728-2090

Common Areas (Pool, Pool House,
 Tennis Courts, Playground, Parking Lot)
 Frank Keenan fkeenan989@aol.com

Events Chair dsjsmoore@earthlink.net
 Jessica Moore (704) 549-1449

Outreach asbger1234@edandgerrigercak.com
 Gerri Gercak (704) 280-6034

Communications divamom3@bellsouth.net
 Cheryl Jefferson (704) 549-0549

Landscaping degband@aol.com
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 Vince Smith (704) 547-1206

Block Captains dspeters9@aol.com
 Deb Peters (704) 593-1271

Swim Team Manager TBD

Yard of the Month maeh_gran@bellsouth.net
 Bob Matthews (704) 503-0887

Additional Contacts

Henderson Management (704) 535-1122
Fax (704) 569-9669

Contact: Julie Shadrick

Email hoa@hendersonproperties.com

Phone 704-970-4155

Pool House (704) 549-5803

University City CMPD Response Area 1 (704) 432-3900

Tennis Courts Code 3241

CharMeck Services 311

Classifieds

Chairs For Sale!!!



Six (6) dining room chairs in top-notch condition for sale and a black computer chair (not pictured).

\$100 for the chairs and will throw in the computer chair for an extra \$15.

Contact Bob at (704) 503-0887.

Are you selling something? Leacroft residents receive free classifieds for personal items only and for up to a maximum of 3 consecutive months.

Have a comment or suggestion? Drop us a note in the locking mailbox in the common area near the playground.



Event Committee

Join us for our monthly planning meetings. Bring your ideas and suggestions. Help us determine what events we have and when. You can have a say in how YOUR neighborhood events are run!!!

All first-time visitors will receive a FREE coffee drink of their choice.

Also, all who attend 7 of the remaining 10 meetings

AND help coordinate one event will be

invited to our annual Event Planning Team dinner next January!

All meetings are held on the FIRST Sunday of each month EXCEPT where noted.

April 3rd, 7pm

May 1st, 7pm

June 5th, 7pm

July 17th, 7pm

August 7th, 7pm

September 11th, 7pm

October 2nd, 7pm

November 6th, 7pm

No meeting in December

Meet at Dilworth Coffee House ~ Prosperity Church Rd.

This is a list of openings available for our neighbors to fill.

If you are interested in any of these one time positions,
 please contact Jessica Moore at
 dsjsmoore@earthlink.net or 704-549-1449.

We will have to cancel the event if we don't get all these filled!
 I will update the list each as people volunteer.

Event	Date	Team List	Name
* Easter Egg Hunt	April 9th 11am-1pm (new date)	Coordinator	Jessica Moore
		Volunteer	
		Volunteer	(ALL
		Volunteer	Still
		Volunteer	Needed)
* Spring Garage Sale	April/ May	EPT Consultant	Ellen Nunn
		Coordinator	Pam Becker
		Volunteer	
		Volunteer	
* Block Party	May 28th 5:30pm-11pm	EPT Consultant	Dave Milam
		Coordinator	
		Volunteer	
		Volunteer	
		Volunteer	
		Volunteer	
POP 2011 (Pool Opening Party)	June 10th 6pm- 10pm	Coordinator	Teena Ray
		Volunteer	
Patriotic Pool Party	July 4th 9:30am-2pm	Coordinator	Michelle Dunham
		Volunteer	
		Volunteer	
Dinner and a Movie	July22nd 6pm-10pm	EPT Consultant	Jessica Moore
		Coordinator	Pam Becker
		Volunteer	
			More on Back>>>>>

Neighborhood Events, continued

Event	Date	Team List	Name
Summer's End Social Ice Cream / Movie	August 19th 7pm-10pm	EPT Consultant	Teena Ray
		Coordinator	_____
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
* Fall Festival / Chili Cook-Off	October 22nd 4pm-6pm	EPT Consultant	Jessica Moore
		Coordinator	_____
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
* Holiday SL-HAY Ride	December 13th 6pm-8:30pm	EPT Consultant	Michelle Dunham
		Coordinator	Michelle Dunham
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
		Volunteer	_____
Christmas light voting		Coordinator	_____

* Events noted will require RSVP - so be sure to watch for it and promptly submit.

** All events are subject to change or cancellation. Notes will be posted on the white board and website as well as the newsletter, time permitting.

Neighborhood Services

Babysitting:

Sarah Moore (Red Cross certified).....704-593-0306
Kylie Brown.....704-549-0674
Jillian Manning...704-510-9296

Pet Sitting:

Daniel Faler.....704-510-0052
Colin Moore.....704-593-0306
Noah Milan.....704-277-4654
AL's Pet Sitting (Amy & Lisa DeCoste).....704-966-6644
Jillian Manning...704-510-9296

Lawn mowing:

Daniel Faler.....704-510-0052
Colin Moore.....704-593-0306

Car washing:

Daniel Faler.....704-510-0052

Please have your parent or legal guardian call or e-mail me to ensure your place on the list.

Contact info:

Kimberly Blackburn
knblackburn@yahoo.com
704-548-9866



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The new playground equipment should be installed soon.

We also are working on a community survey to solicit your feedback on a number of topics. The responses will be compiled and used to determine next steps for each of the topics, including updating our governing documents (Bylaws and CC&Rs). When you get it, please take time to respond.

Our Landscaping Committee (Beth Degrassi, Chair) has already been out doing some clean-up and beautification of our entry area facing Prosperity Church Road.

At the March board meeting, the decision was made to replace the playground equipment. An insurance claim was filed about the vandalism to the playground, which will partially offset the costs of replacement. We are also looking to make repairs to the pool, pool deck and fence. We continue to investigate options concerning improving the safety and security of our common area and are interested in no-cost or low-cost ideas you may have. Send your ideas to hoa@leacroft.org.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) (Mike Wisniewski, Chair) convened to review a request for a planter box, which was approved. If you have a change you wish to make to your property, you can find the guidelines and request form on the Leacroft Web site, or contact Mike Wisniewski (See contact box on page 3).

Our Outreach Committee for welcoming and neighbor assistance (Gerri Gercak, Chair) is working to be able to provide new neighbors with welcome packets.

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Villages of Leacroft
16th Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
And Bake Sale (see page 10)



Who: All Age Groups

When: Saturday, April 9, 2011
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
(Rain date: April 10, 2011 4 pm – 6 pm)

Where: Pool Parking Lot and Common Areas

Time: 11:20 – 12:00 ages 8 –12 meet at pool clubhouse
(Scavenger hunt – parents can help)
11:30 ages 0-2 – Tennis Courts
11:45 ages 3-5 – Grounds around Playground
12:00 ages 6-7 – Grounds around Tennis Courts

Cost: \$4 per child
(Receive ½ price discount if you RSVP by April 5!)

Events:

- * Full petting zoo plus feeding animals
- * Charlotte Fire Truck
- * Pony Rides
- * Visit from Easter Bunny
- * Golden Egg Prizes

**Easter Eggs will be provided by the
Leacroft Event Planning Committee**

Please complete this portion and return it, check payable to “The Villages of Leacroft Social Committee” to **Jessica Moore**, 10508 Old Bridge Ln. by April 5, 2011!!!! **Call Jessica Moore for more information, 704-549-1449.**

-OR-

Register on line at www.leacroft.org

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number and Ages of children attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

I can help with:

Scavenger Hunt: _____

(Need 2 volunteers)

Hiding Eggs: _____

(Need 5 volunteers)

Sign in Table: _____

(Need 1 volunteer)

Set up: _____

(Need 3 volunteers)

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The Neighborhood Watch Committee is still a work in progress. We are lo community members who are interested in participating. We hope to have at least one person from every street in our community involved. Please contact William Blackburn, the board liaison to this committee, or myself, to volunteer.

Finally, our Swim Team lost its coach Ken Bury because of personal and professional demands on his time. If you are interested in volunteering in some way, please contact Jennifer DeMartino, the board liaison to the swim team.

So there you have it ... "all the news that's fit to print." And remember, board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Bass Pro Shop meeting room at Concord Mills. – Joe Mercier, *President*

Other Board News

- The board passed a resolution to ratify the HOA annual budget at the annual homeowners' meeting. This will serve to enact the homeowners' directive until the Bylaws and CC&Rs are updated and approved by the HOA members. The resolution incorporates the provisions of NC General Statutes Chapter 47f, Paragraph 3-103 (c) of the NC Planned Communities Act. The resolution will be published to the community Web site.
- Updated Leacroft Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations were approved. A copy will be sent to homeowners to review, sign and return the acknowledgement page prior to receiving their pool passes. A copy will also be posted to the community Web site.
- The board reviewed various quotes for playground equipment replacement and for pool and pool fence repair and selected the most cost and performance effective vendor for each need. The replacement playground system will cost approximately \$23,000, including delivery and installation and playground mulch. Proceeds from our insurance claim for vandalism should offset a fair portion of this. (See photo on page 7.)

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Villages of Leacroft
Bake Sale



- Why:** Fundraiser for Leacroft Events
- When:** Saturday, April 9, 2011
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
(Rain date: April 10, 2011 ~ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Where:** Pool Parking Lot and Common Areas
- What:** Donate your favorite treats and/or juice boxes

Baked goods and water bottles will be sold

Each child will receive one free juice box

Please make us aware of any **nuts** in your baked goods!!

Baked goods will be collected on Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 am

Please complete this portion and return it to **Jessica Moore**, 10508 Old Bridge Ln. by **April 5!!! Call Jessica Moore for more information, 704-549-1449**

-OR-

Register online at www.leacroft.org

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address for pick-up: _____

Type and amount of baked goods you will provide: _____

Nuts: YES NO (Please circle one)

I can help with:

Collecting baked goods: _____ Setting up baked goods: _____
(Need 1 volunteer) (Need 2 volunteers)



The Villages of Leacroft Spring Garage Sale

Date: Saturday,
April 30th, 2011
Time: 7:00 a.m. - Noon

We have arranged for the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina to pick up any items you have not sold. At noon, please place the items you wish to donate near the curb. They accept donations of furniture, clothing (men, women and children) and other household items. They do NOT pick up console TVs, stereo cabinets, waterbeds, box springs, mattresses, large appliances, pianos, organs or ping pong tables.

If you would like to participate, please complete the form below and return it with \$6 to 4006 Canbury Ct. by Wednesday, April 27. Please make your check payable to The Villages of Leacroft Social Committee. Your \$6 covers \$5 for your permit & \$1 toward the Charlotte Observer ad.

Please contact Pam at 704-307-7185 with any questions.

I would like to participate in the Garage Sale Saturday, April 30.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



THE PUB BLOCK PARTY 2011

**MAY 28, 2011
5:30-11:00PM**

**FREE
BURGERS & DOGS PROVIDED
YOU BRING:
SIDE-DISH, DRINKS & CHAIRS**

Come join your neighbors for a night of fun and food at the first annual Leacroft Neighborhood Block Party. You won't want to miss this one!

The party will begin at 5:30 PM at the pool parking lot as a mammoth grill will be cooking burgers and hot dogs for the entire community. Just bring your favorite side-dish, grab a chair and some soda and let the fun begin.

On top of that, the Leacroft pool will be open extra late that night to accommodate all of the fun.

At dusk, at the pool, we will be showing a movie for the entire family, so bring your chairs and enjoy the film.

Finally, it would really help us out if you would RSVP by May 24, 2011 at www.leacroft.org. (We need to know how many burgers to buy)