

Village - Wide Tag Sale

Saturday, June 18th, 8am-12 noon



So, drag out all that stuff from the basement, attic, and garage you don't need and sell it to someone who does. Now's your chance!!

The LCA will run a "Village Wide Tag Sale" notice in Hampshire Life.

We will not list individual houses and we will not charge a fee for the ad.

The LCA will have a large "**Village-Wide Tag Sale Today**" sign posted at the beginning of Florence St (Rt 9 entrance).



If you are setting up a "Tag Sale" you must put up signs at each entrance to your street.



The LCA will also be running a plant that day sale at 23 Water St.

All proceeds from the plant sale will go to the American Red Cross in Springfield to benefit the victims of the recent tornado.

LCA Summer Movies

Summer movies begin on

Saturday June 25th at 8:00pm

in the backyard of 32 Upland Road. Bring a blanket, chair, drinks, and whatever else.

Popcorn is provided!

Movie title, time, and location will be posted throughout Leeds during the summer.

Bring a friend!

Scholarship Winners

The Leeds Civic/Mark & Patricia Bradford Memorial Fund Scholarship Award winners for 2011:

1st Prize:

Emma Larson---\$300.

Runners Up:

Mariseltz Lugo---\$200.

Sierra Hart-----\$200

All are Northampton High School graduating seniors.

Also general donations were made to the following schools:

Leeds Grammar---\$100
JFK Middle-----\$100.
Jackson Street----\$75
Bridge St-----\$75
Ryan Road-----\$75
Smith Voke-----\$75

Bike Ride

The Leeds Bridge Bike Ride held on May 15, 2011 went surprisingly well considering the horrible rain that loomed over the Valley.

Fifteen riders successfully completed their chosen route, and many people came with donations. We raised \$490 in support of the preservation of the Hotel Bridge, and the LCA plans to schedule a fall foliage bike ride for the bridge in October.



The LCA would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity in planning the Leeds Bridge Bike Ride. Without Chart Pak, The River Valley Market, Big Y, Stop and Shop, and Walmart, the ride would not have been as successful as it was.

Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the weather and stayed in such cheery spirits that wet day as well!

Hopefully The sun will show up in October!

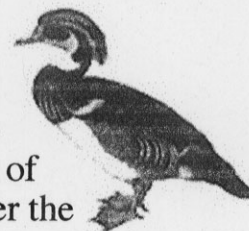
Summer Sounds

In Leeds, from Memorial Day til the 4th of July, The evenings are at their longest. Taking advantage of this, particularly on those warm, still nights, offer lots of opportunities to listen for life that oddly enough speaks to silence.

A recent Sunday especially spoke to this as a mottled sky drifted off in a southwest direction--Sunday, of course, the best of summer evenings in Leeds as the traffic is calm and the light gentle. Take a walk up to Reservoir Road and what will you hear?

The robins seem to be the last of the birds to settle down for the night--with a call somewhat happy. While the robin is the last heard, its the catbird that's latest to bed--its slate grey body still dashing through secondary growth. Tree frogs and crickets--one high and the other low--echo their calls; annoying to some and so soothing to those most fortunate.

Stop long enough along the edge of the Upper Reservoir and you just might hear the sounds of mergansers, a late feeding great blue heron (headed for the rookeries of the Meadows) or even the chirping of high flying chimney swifts--ever the aerialist. The much maligned mosquito may be buzzing your ears as you stop and take in such pleasurable Leedians sights but don't be deterred.



On nights of silence, stillness and seemingly eternal light, the sounds of a distant dog barking, two motorcycles, a screen door closing, or best of all, children laughing only put an exclamation point to late evening sounds that highlight our long May-June nights in Leeds.

Whether it be Reservoir Road or any other special spot you have in Leeds, take time to hear it. Even that late night thunderstorm that breaks up the silence and the heat, as loud as it is, speaks to the length, the warmth and the beauty of this time. Should you miss it though, come 4:30 am or so, in Leeds there's apt to be that cardinal or wren singing at your window. Take it as your cue....

