



LEEDS LETTER

FEBRUARY 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

February LCA Meeting

Tuesday, February 11
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Leeds School Teacher's Lounge
Pizza Party Planning
Adopt a Trail
Please come - all welcome!

Stormwater Info Meeting

Monday, February 10
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Leeds School Cafeteria

History & Hot Chocolate Social

Thursday, February 13
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Leeds School Music Room

Winter Pizza Party

Saturday, March 8
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Northampton Country Club

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IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WARD 7

Stormwater and Flood Control Ordinance:

What it means for residents of Ward 7 and the City of Northampton

Cosponsored by the Leeds Civic Association

Please come and learn more about the proposal being considered by the Northampton City Council to fund our city's flood control and stormwater infrastructure. It will affect every household and business in the city! Come find out what it could mean for you.

Staff from the Northampton DPW, members of the Northampton Board of Public Works, and Ward 7 City Councilor Alisa Klein will present slides, information, answer your questions, and hear your thoughts and concerns.

Light refreshments will be served!

Monday, February 10th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Leeds School Cafeteria

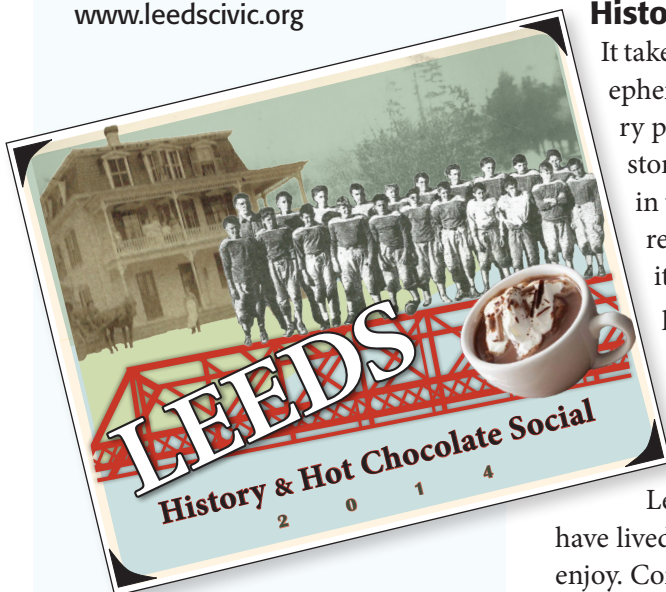
For more information, contact,
Ward 7 City Councilor, Alisa Klein, 586-9123
or alisaklein@yahoo.com
Online: <http://ma-northampton.civicplus.com/726/Stormwater-Flood-Control-Utility>



History Hot Chocolate Social, February 13th, 6:30 p.m.

It takes a village to celebrate a village! We have collected some terrific Leeds ephemera in the past few weeks. Photos from the Leeds 100th anniversary parade, old Leeds Elementary class pictures, images of neighborhood stores and Leeds buildings from the fifties and sixties, and more will be in the background slide show at the History Hot Chocolate Social. Who remembers what the Northampton Country Club looked like before it was rebuilt? Who is that guy in the striped shirt marching in the parade? And how about those hearty boyscouts on the float? Very fun stuff! Come on out to this casual get together Thursday, February 13th and see if you or someone you know is in the slide show. Eat desserts, chat and enjoy! If you have something "Leedsy" to share - please bring it along to add to the display tables of interesting

Leeds memorabilia. All are welcome, whether you are new to Leeds or have lived here your whole life. This event is designed for the entire village to enjoy. Come reminisce with old friends and connect with new folks.



BREAK THE WINTER BLUES'
PIZZA Party

RAFFLE MUSIC CASH BAR

Saturday March 8th 4-8:00p.m. Northampton Country Club

LCA members
\$5 - Adult
\$3 - Children age 5-12
(max \$20 per household)

Non LCA members
\$10 - Adults
\$5 - Children age 5-12
(max \$40 per household)

Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert to share. Thank you!
Pizza and free drinks for kids with admission.

Sponsored by the LCA

Break the Winter Blues Pizza Party Saturday, March 8, 4:00 - 8:00p.m. Northampton Country Club

You must be ready for this with all of the cold weather nipping at us non stop! This fun party is an LCA favorite for so many Leeds folks. Pizza, prizes, and nice people are the key ingredients. Music, jokes and laughter are always present and the cash bar is also popular!

We are very fortunate this year as the managers of the Northampton Country Club, Lisa and Chip Kloc, have very generously donated the use of the space for the evening. And, the dynamic duo returns...Jim Mias will be our Master of Ceremonies and DJ Dana Collins will spin tunes.

Party planning will begin in earnest at the next LCA meeting, February 11, 7:00 in the Leeds School teacher's lounge. Everyone is welcome to help build this party with a little of their time, strength, or talent. We are in need of volunteers to help set up the heavy tables and chairs and put them away afterward. Or, you might consider bringing an appetizer or dessert to share with your Leeds neighbors. Raffle prizes of every shape, color and style are being collected. So far prizes range from a nice bottle of chardonnay to a hamper cage with bedding, food and exercise gear! Please check around to see if you have something that you would like to donate. You can drop off donations at Heidi Stevens' side porch at 8 Upland Road anytime. If you would like more info or need a prize pick up call Heidi at 585-9923 or email, heidi@heidistevens.com.

Scholarship Application Time

It may seem a long way off, but graduation is just around the corner. If you are a senior at Northampton High or Smith Vocational and are going on with your education, college, tech school, apprentice program, etc. now is the time for you to go to your guidance office and ask for an application for the LEEDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION-MARK & PATRICIA BRADFORD MEMORIAL FUND AWARD.

For over twenty years the fund has given back to NHS, Smith Voc, Leeds Elementary, J.F.K., plus to all other schools in the Northampton system in excess of over \$20,000.

The fund was started to honor the memories of Mark and Patricia Bradford who were killed in a tragic bus accident while on vacation in Mexico. At the time Mark was president of the L.C.A. For more information please call: Richard Greene @ 584-5525 or Earl Meunier @ 584-8858

Green Tip

We use a lot of paper products in the United States that we don't need to use. One way to save paper and all the waste of throwing that paper away is to replace three common paper products with reusable cloth products. If you replace paper napkins with cloth napkins, that means that each person could potentially save over 1,000 napkins a year from landfills or production streams. Making cloth napkins is easy. You just cut out a rectangle of cloth and sew the borders. Natural fabrics like cotton and linen are the most absorbent. Cloth napkins are also inexpensive if you compare buying them to buying thousands of napkins over a lifetime. If we use over 1,000 napkins a year, that means we use approximately 80,000 napkins in our lifetime. Cloth napkins are easy to throw in the wash and over their lifespan save hundreds of pounds of carbon dioxide. Another paper product that Americans tend to use for many situations is paper towels. These are easily replaced by rags, which absorb more and are stronger than paper towels. Yet another paper product found in almost every U.S. household is tissues. If you replace these with cloth handkerchiefs, you can save thousands of these each year, too. Just think how much paper we could keep out of the landfill if we converted to reusable cloth products instead of paper napkins, paper towels, and paper tissues!

Submissions

We are looking for newsy items, funny stories, and interesting themes having to do with Leeds to print in future newsletters. We also want to offer articles about local businesses. Submissions can be sent to, LeedsCivicAssoc@gmail.com or heidi@heidistevens.com. Call 585-9923 to arrange for drop off of handwritten pieces.