



2025 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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TAG SALE THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 14!

Whether you're looking to do some spring cleaning—or hoping to score a few treasures, it's not too late to join the Leeds Neighborhood Tag Sale.

The rain date is June 21.

Neighbors across our village are invited to host tag sales in their own yards—solo or grouped with friends. The event has been advertised around town and promoted in the Gazette and on local Facebook groups to help attract visitors.

Help Us Spread the Word!

The best promotion is word of mouth—so talk it up with your neighbors and share the event in your own networks. Let's make this a fun, bustling day in Leeds!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS AND BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are always looking for Newsletter contributions from the community. Reach out to leedscivicasoc@gmail.com if you want to write an article, have an idea, or would like to participate in a brainstorming session. Kids welcome to submit. We'd love to hear from you!

Do you have ideas for what the LCA could be working on? We need members from all areas of Leeds to represent the entire 01053 community. Attend an upcoming meeting to learn more. Meetings are held at Leeds Elementary School (Teacher's Lounge), on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7PM. The next meeting is September 9th.

PIZZA PARTY RECAP



Just as winter began to loosen its grip, neighbors gathered at the Elks Lodge for our annual Pizza Party: a cozy, casual event that brought people together in true Leeds fashion.

With unseasonably warm weather, kids made the most of the open space out back, tossing around a giant inflatable football and drawing much of the party outside. Inside the rest of us caught up over pizza and treats.

We were thrilled to welcome around 60 attendees this year—neighbors both established and new here in Leeds.

Thanks to early planning, we were able to secure generous donations that helped fund the event, and supply the raffle with some special prizes.
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The Leeds Pizza Party would not have been possible without the generous support of these stellar businesses:



David's Auto
Florence Hardware
High Five Books
Passalongs Farm
Tandem Bagel
Village Florist



Thank you!!!!



>> PIZZA PARTY RECAP, continued from front: Speaking of the raffle, *Thank you* to the local businesses who contributed (see left) - **Please make a point of supporting these fine local establishments!**

Memberships & Looking Ahead

We're happy to report that 21 memberships were purchased this year at the Pizza Party—matching last year's total. That said, we're a bit behind overall, and we encourage you to chat with your neighbors about joining on if they haven't already. Memberships helps support the events and services that keep our community vibrant and connected.

SPRING RIVER CLEANUP

On the rescheduled rain date of Saturday, May 3, Leeds volunteers turned out to clean up key routes throughout the village, tackling litter and debris. Thanks to their efforts, Leeds neighborhoods are cleaner, safer, and more cared for. The LCA is deeply grateful to everyone who came out to lend a hand—and to those who encouraged neighbors, spread the word, or helped organize and haul behind the scenes.

Early Birds in the Rain

A special thank you also goes to the Jeepeaters group, who showed up on the original (very soggy!) date to tackle significant stretches of Sylvester Road, Chesterfield Road, and Reservoir Road.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Many thanks to Heidi Stevens for once again leading the charge on Earth Day cleanup efforts, coordinating 12 volunteers from National Grid, plus supplies from Lashway Logging, to help beautify key sites across Leeds. Thank you, Heidi, National Grid volunteers, and Lashway Logging!

REMEMBERING VETERANS

The Leeds Civic Association, in partnership with the Veterans Council, held a Service and Celebration to honor and remember Leeds veterans who served our country over Memorial Day Weekend.

The event was held on Sunday, May 25 at 1:00 PM, at the Veterans Memorial across from Leeds Elementary School.

This year the community gathered to recognize and install commemorative plaques honoring two Leeds veterans—Donald M. Ducharme, killed in action in the South Pacific in World War II, and Donald R. Smith, Jr., who was killed in action in North Korea, during the Korean War. These plaques are now standing on a stone post to the left of the flagpole at Leeds Memorial Park.



Councilor's Corner:
Rachel Maiore
Northampton City Council
Ward 7

"2025 is an election year and with several important local roles on the ballot, it's a great time to get informed and engaged.

The Leeds Civic Association is planning a Meet & Greet with local candidates to give residents a chance to connect, ask questions, and learn more about who's running. Stay tuned for details!"

Rachel Maiore can be reached at rmaiore@northamptonma.gov

Save the date for ice cream!

Annual Ice Cream Social
Saturday, August 23
4-5:30pm, Village Green



When neighbors know each other, small interactions have the potential to become sources of trust, support, and shared joy. That sense of connection makes our village more resilient, more vibrant, and more welcoming for everyone.

~Have a fun and safe summer!~

