



LEEDS LETTER

MAY-JUNE 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 8

LCA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Leeds School Teacher's Lounge
Everyone is welcome to come!

MAY 12 (Rain Date May 13)

Historical Signage Celebration

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:30
Meet at the Leeds Main Street Green. Walking tour brochures will be handed out. Button crafts for kids.

MAY 27

Leeds Memorial Day Ceremony

Sunday, 1:00 PM
Memorial Park across from
Leeds School

MAY 28

Florence Memorial Day Parade

Monday, 1:00 PM
Main Street, Florence

JUNE 12

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JUNE 16

Hot Dog -Doggie Social

Saturday, Noon to 2:00 PM
Main Street Green,
corner of Main and Mulberry
See article on flip side.

JUNE 23

Leeds Village-Wide Tag Sale

Saturday,
8:00 - Noon
Takes place in your
driveway or yard.

Hang signs on your street corners.
Leeds Civic will position a large
sign at the base of Florence Street
at Route 9 and place an ad in the
newspapers.

Tag Sale!

LEEDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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HISTORICAL SIGNAGE CELEBRATION AND SELF-GUIDED

WALKING TOUR - SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 11:00 - 12:30

The Leeds Civic Association invites you to tour the village's new interpretive signage. Meet us at the Leeds Main Street Green on Saturday, May 12th at 11:00 A.M. There will be a very short overview of the project and acknowledgments to those who were instrumental in helping us make this project happen.

Enjoy home-made cookies, lemonade and coffee on the Green before, halfway through, and/or at the end of your walking tour. Kids are invited to make button bracelets and necklaces at the craft table.

Buttons made at the Main Street button mill and samples of Tagua nuts used to make vegetable ivory buttons will be on display.

Spend 45 minutes following the self-guided historical walking tour brochure and view the new signage along Mulberry Street. Up at the Dimock Mansion, you will be invited into the hall to see the impressive woodwork, etched glass and other architectural details. Nancy Meagher's artwork, inspired by the young girls who worked at the Leeds button factory and lost their lives in the 1874 Flood, will be on display in the hall.

Walk down Main Street and see the Flood Memorial, the site of the old Leeds Button Factory and Cook's Dam. After your walk you will know a bit more Leeds history and the important manufacturing contributions made by the Leeds mills.

Leeds T-shirts, hats, and Hotel Bridge mugs will be on sale on the Main Street Green. All proceeds will go to the Hotel Bridge Restoration Fund.

LEEDS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY - SUNDAY, MAY 27TH AT 1:00 P.M.

The Annual Leeds Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Park across from the Leeds Elementary School. Activities will include a color guard from the V.F.W. Post 8006, a Wreath Laying Ceremony, and the playing of Taps. There will also be a reading of the Gettysburg Address by a Leeds Elementary student. The Reverend David Whitely, Chaplain at the V.A.M.C will officiate. Hope to see you there.

150TH FLORENCE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - MONDAY, MAY 28TH AT 1:00 P.M.

This is a big one! The Florence parade is the longest consecutive Memorial Day Parade that has taken place on Memorial Day in the nation! The City of Northampton and the Village of Florence will be celebrating the 150th Memorial Day parade on May, 28th at 1:00 P.M. The parade will start at Smith Vocational High School and end at the Elks Lounge. Come see the floats, hear the bands, and honor those who gave their lives for our country.

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GREEN TIP - Amy Stamm

Good news! Gas and electric companies have joined forces, and now, Berkshire Gas, Columbia Gas, Eversource, and National Grid all offer 75% off the cost of insulating your home with no limits. That means that you pay only 25% of what it would normally cost to update or fill in your home's insulation. What you end up paying initially will pay for itself in heating bill savings in a handful of years, typically 4-7, and all the while your house will feel cozier and warmer. To participate in this program, contact Co-op Power at 413-279-9141 or email ener-G-save@cooppower.coop, and they will set up a free energy audit and walk you through the insulation process. In addition to the insulation discount, you will receive unlimited free replacement of all of your incandescent light bulbs with brand new LED light bulbs, and you may also qualify for a free customizable thermostat, which saves energy because you can set it to automatically turn down your heat at night when you don't need it and raise it during the day when you most need to feel warm.



HOT DOG - DOGGIE SOCIAL

Join us on the Main Street Green on Saturday, June 16th from 12:00 - 2:00 for a dog day afternoon!

YES, this actually IS a party for Leeds dogs! Dog owners and dog lovers are welcome, too! Canines and humans can mingle, share dog tips, and eat grilled hot dogs and tofu pups. Show off your dog's tricks, their congenial temperament, shiny coat, huge ears or tiny paws. All dogs should be on a leash. For a little added silliness there will be a giant doggie bone pinata!



LITTER PICK UP THANK YOU!

More than two dozen kids and adults, chipped in to pick up litter along the roadways and trails in Leeds on April 21st. Thank you volunteers!

Audubon Road - Joanne Kelliher

Florence Street - Linda Butler

Kennedy Road - Alan Verson, Joanne Kelliher

Arch Street and Look Park Trail - Rob

River Trail - Steve McDonough, Nelson Geis and kids

Bike Trail to Look Park - Karen Nelson and kids

Reservoir Road - Jason Johnson

River Road - Allison Wood

Rt 9, E. Center to Scotti's - Heidi Stevens, Justin O'Connor

Rt 9, Seth's to Look Park Entrance - Justin + Nick O'Connor

Spring St and Dimock - Paul Griffin

Water Street - Allison Wood

Yankee Hill neighborhood - John Dietrich and family

Sign in Desk - Susan Anderson, Karyn Nelson

Truck Haulers - David Rondina and John Dietrich

HEALTHY FEET - Heidi Stevens

I recently treated a dear friend to a dose of much needed foot care. Certified foot care specialist, Kate Clayton-Jones, RN and founder of FOOT CARE BY NURSES worked on the two sore and afflicted feet. Kate is working on her PHD on foot care and is a fountain of knowledge when it comes to feet.

The hour-long foot care session was not a fancy pedicure at all, but rather an informative hands-on care session that addressed everything having to do with foot health: circulation, toe nail fungus, bunions, athlete's foot, balance, standing, walking, shoes, socks and daily foot care. Shoe inserts were taken out of shoes and inspected for tell-tale signs of poor fit and walking issues.

During the session Kate burnished and disinfected the toenails and soles, removed dried skin, and massaged the feet and calves with oil to improve circulation and moisturize the skin. Everyday inexpensive products like original Listerine and apple cider vinegar were used to kill bacteria. Olive oil and coconut oil were used to penetrate and moisturize the dried skin.

Many people have foot conditions and might be too embarrassed to talk about them or don't know where to seek help. Much of the time our feet are covered and out of sight, easily forgotten. For some folks it may be difficult to care for one's own feet. If you know someone who could benefit from the expertise of a foot care specialist, I highly recommend FOOT CARE BY NURSES. They have six nurses on staff. Clinic and home visits are available by appointment. Call 413-367-8369 or email Kate@FootCareByNurses.net.

For more information visit: www.FootCareByNurses.net.



Leeds Shirts for Sale!



Adult



Lady V-neck

Stonewashed Cotton Tees - \$20 each

- Proceeds go to the Hotel Bridge Retoration Fund.

- Reserve shirts at www.leedscivic.org.

- To arrange pick up contact Heidi at 585-9923 or heidistevens.com.

- Make payment with cash, or check made out to the LCA.



Kids

WISHING YOU A HAPPY SUMMER!

The **LEEDSLETTER** will be on holiday until September.