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Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest October 27 - New Location!

Hands down...the most popular LCA event! Unleash your imagination, carving tools, and join the fun. Bring your carved or decorated creation to the 19th Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest. The new location is the corner of Chestnut St. and Upland Rd. There will be a Kid's Contest (12 and under) and an Adult Contest with prizes for the top 3 in each contest. Also, special raffles for all carvers to enter. Enjoy delicious home-made soups, popped popcorn, hot cider and the warm scent of glowing pumpkins. Drop off your entry between 3:00 - 5:00. It's fun to keep your pumpkin under wraps so no one knows who carved what. Kid's Pumpkin Roll begins at 5:00, Judging at 6:00 and Prizes at 8:00. All carvers, neighbors, and families welcome! If you are able to contribute a food item to this event please contact Amy Quinn at 586-0283 or taq6669@aol.com.



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**First
of a
10 part
series!**

Intro to the Gazette Series about Leeds, by Alice Manning, 1975

On the last weekend of August 1950, Leeds held a gala celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the naming the village.

The old bell was rung - the same bell that summoned the workers to their tasks at the Nonotuck Silk Mill (now the Leeds Village Apartments), once an important contributor to the giant silk industry which made the area famous.

As the harsh tones of the old bell spread over the little village, followed the Mill River for a distance, crept up the hill toward the schoolhouse and was lost against the forests on Bear Hill (VA Hospital), memories flooded back for many. This old bell had announced to the fathers, mothers and grandparents of those present at the celebration each day with unrelenting regularity and in clear cold tones that another work day had begun. It also sent out the message that life was real, made up of hard work and very little fun, and if they wanted a pay envelope at the end of the week they had better be up and to work. Among the crowd were those who had lived in Leeds all their lives as had their parents before them. These men and women were proud of their little community and had instilled a love for the place by passing on to their children the tales of its past glories and events. They knew their history went back a long way and that the village of Leeds had played an important part in the economy of Massachusetts and New England. Many tales were told and retold that day.

Watch upcoming newsletters for the rest of the story...

Beautiful Skies over Fun Block Party!

Music wafted over the Main Street Green while over 100 neighbors munched on burgers, hotdogs, and side dishes at the September 9th Block Party. Badminton, ping pong, hula hooping and limbo kept the young at heart entertained. New neighbors made new friends, kids had their faces painted, and people caught up on neighborhood news.

Upcoming 2012 Events

Pumpkin Carving Contest New location!

Corner Chestnut Street and Upland Road
Saturday October 27 5:00-8:30 (raindate 28th)

History Night

NOVEMBER 16, Friday 6:30
Leeds School Music Room

Holiday Lights at Park

NOVEMBER 25, Saturday (rain date Nov. 26)

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Good
reasons
to become
an LCA
member

1. The LCA plans annual family events including the September Block Party, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Bike Rides, Holiday Lights Festivities, High Tea on the Hotel Bridge, Winter Blues Pizza Party, History Nights and Summer Movie Nights.
2. Offers scholarships to college bound students.
3. Organizes litter clean-ups to help keep our village looking it's best.
4. Helps restore Leeds historical sites including the Hotel Bridge and Flood Memorial.
5. Publishes a Bimonthly newsletter.
6. Offers summer bus trips to Saratoga Springs Racetrack.
7. Business advertising available on the LCA website
8. Sponsors community leaders and speakers
9. Maintains hiking trails on Roberts Hill
10. Membership cost is a bargain!
11. It feels good to be a part of the LCA!

Sign me Up!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

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I would like to receive my newsletter electronically.

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I would like my newsletter hand delivered.

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I would like my newsletter mailed. I will include the additional \$3.00 for postage.

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I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.

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Renew

\$10 Family Yearly Membership

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\$25 Business Yearly Membership (1 year LCA website advertising, please enclose business card)

Additional Donation \$ _____

**Make checks payable to
and return this form to:** Leeds Civic Association
P.O.Box 114, Leeds, MA 01053

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank You!

