



LEEDS LETTER

MEMBERSHIP ISSUE
OCTOBER 2013



Time to
Renew!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2013

LCA Autumn Movie Night Hotel Transylvania

Saturday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m.
Back yard of 32 Upland Rd.
Bring your chairs or blankets, drinks
and jammies! Hot chocolate and
popcorn provided.

October LCA Meeting

Tuesday, October 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
Leeds School Teacher's Lounge
Please come - all welcome to join the
conversation!

Ward 7 City Council Debate

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 - 9:00
at Leeds School Cafeteria
Candidates Alisa Klein and Gene Tacy
will respond to your questions. See
article at right.

Great Leeds Pumpkin Festival

Saturday, October 26, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
at the intersection of Upland Rd and
Chestnut Ave (same place as last year)

November LCA officer election

Tuesday, Nov 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
Leeds School Teacher's Lounge
If you are interested in joining the
board or running for LCA office, please
attend this meeting!

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Ward 7 City Councilor Debate Night - October 24th

The Leeds Civic Association and NCTV (www.northamptonvt.org) will be sponsoring a debate on Thursday, October 24th between candidates Alisa Klein and Gene Tacy. The forum will provide residents of Ward 7 the opportunity to ask questions and hear how the candidates respond to your concerns. The debate will be held in the Leeds School Cafeteria from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and will be moderated by Penny Geis. Questions for the candidates may be emailed to LeedsCivicAssoc@gmail.com or mail them to: LCA, Box 114, Leeds MA 01053. Questions will be sorted according to topic and posed to the candidates by the moderator. We will also have a period at the end of the debate to open questions up to the audience. NCTV is our media sponsor and will rebroadcast the debate on a later date, which we will post on the LCA website.

Election day is Tuesday, November 5th. Mark your calendars!

The Great Leeds Pumpkin Festival -October 26th

Whooo Hooo! The Pumpkin Festival celebrates its 20th year! The party that Jim Mias and Robin Forsyth started many years ago as a very local neighborhood carving contest has steadily broadened year by year to draw in all of Leeds Village. It is such a friendly and inspiring display of creativity and neighborhood fun that you won't want to miss it.

There will be delicious homemade soups, cider, sweet treats and prizes, both goofy and practical. Every entry gets oooohed and ahhhhd, so no matter your carving skills, your efforts will add to the "spirit" of the party. Carved or decorated pumpkins should be dropped off between 3:00- 5:00 p.m. at tables set up on Chestnut Avenue. It's fun to keep your pumpkin covered with a bag or cloth when delivering so no one knows who carved what. The boisterous pumpkin roll for kids starts at 5:00. There will be 3 carving categories this year: KIDS (ages up to 6), YOUTH (ages 7-12), ADULT (13 - 113)!

If you have never attended the Great Leeds Pumpkin Fest and would like to see last years' photo gallery, go to LeedsCivic.org and click on photos, scroll down to 2012 Pumpkin Fest. You'll be entertained and inspired!

Leeds Civic Association is always looking to add more people to the core group that makes this party a terrific event. If you care to contribute bread or dessert, please contact: Amy Quinn at 586-0283 or taq6669@aol.com

Green tip for Leeds by Amy Stamm

Right now, just before winter, is a great time to get a free energy audit. If you call MassSave at 1-866-527-7283, they will send someone to your house to analyze what your house needs to be maximally efficient. They also provide free fluorescent light bulbs, free or subsidized programmable thermostats, and free air sealing, where they seal up any holes that let cold air into your house in the winter. In addition to these free things, they also pay for 75% of the cost of any needed insulation or other energy efficiency measures your house needs. You are not obligated to do anything that requires payment, but if you choose to, you pay only 25% of the cost, and the money you save in heating costs quickly comes back to you. If you haven't done an energy audit or insulated your house properly, you will be surprised by how much cheaper your winter bills are once you do. If you need more extensive work on your house, for example to replace a knob and tube electrical system, the Center for EcoTechnology provides seven year, 0% loans for up to \$25,000. Their phone number is 413-586-7350, and they are available to provide advice or answer questions about how to make your house more efficient.

LCA officer election -November 12th

When George Kohout stepped down as LCA president last year, Alice Badecker generously stepped in to serve on a temporary basis. She has led the LCA with enthusiasm and dedication. She, along with Stephy Cho began the successful Hotel Bridge Bike Ride fund raiser and contributed her time to many Leeds events. Alice writes: "As of November I will no longer be holding the position of president of the Leeds Civic Association. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group. These people make sure events continue to happen in the neighborhood. Gatherings like the Block Party, Pumpkin Festival, Winter Pizza Party, Leeds Hotel Bridge Ride, clean-ups, plantings, and newsletters are all volunteer-based efforts. As the new year approaches, I ask that you consider joining the Board of Directors of the Leeds Civic Association. Without this core of volunteers these great events may not continue. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month, and you will have help from seasoned volunteers! This is a great way to help out to insure Leeds stays the wonderful neighborhood it is. I am stepping down from the position of president but will stay involved with LCA." - Best Regards, Alice Badecker

Nice weather and new neighbors at block party

Thank you to all who came out for the block party, shared delicious side dishes, or worked the grill. A special thanks to Mark and Katherine of Main Street for letting us hook up to their electricity! Who ever made the yummy pasta salad...You can pick up your beautiful bowl by contacting Heidi at 585-9923 or heidi@heidistevens.com.

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Excellent reasons to become an LCA member and join the fun.

1. The LCA organizes and sponsors several annual family events.
2. The LCA keeps you informed with a monthly newsletter.
3. We sponsor debates, speakers and historical talks.
4. The LCA offers educational scholarships to highschool graduates.
5. The LCA organizes village clean-ups.
6. LCA volunteers work to maintain Leeds historical sites.
7. We offer summer bus trips to the Saratoga Springs Racetrack.
8. Business advertising is available on the LCA website.
9. Volunteers maintain hiking trails on Roberts Hill.
10. The LCA builds connections to the community.

Sign me Up!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- ☐ I would like to receive my newsletter electronically.
- ☐ I would like my newsletter hand delivered.
- ☐ I would like my newsletter mailed (include additional \$3 for postage).
- ☐ I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.

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\$10 Family Yearly Membership

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

Additional Donation \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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

Thank you for joining!

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