

The Villager



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CMPD Neighborhood Safety Update

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department publishes an On The Beat monthly newsletter for each Response Area. The most recent newsletter offered some great advice for keeping our neighborhood safe. Below is some of the helpful information from our area newsletter.

Neighborhood Safety

If you are concerned about residential burglaries in our neighborhood, you do not have to feel powerless to change the situation. Most residential burglars look for crimes of opportunity. They pick what appears to be an easy mark. There are many steps that you can take to keep your home and our neighborhood safe. The most important step is for you and your neighbors to work together.

In July, our response area saw a decrease in residential burglaries (32%) when compared to July 2009 (31 vs. 21). Larceny from auto saw an increase for the month (38 vs. 51); and robberies were down 57%

for the month. CMPD's focus for Response Area 1 officers is residential burglaries and larceny from auto. To help reduce your chance of becoming a crime victim, please review the prevention tips below:

What you can do?

- Never allow people you do not know into your home, such as a door-to-door sales person, a person asking to use the phone or looking for a supposed neighbor.
- Always keep your doors and windows locked day and night.
- Never leave your garage door open.
- Don't have your valuables visible through windows.
- Keep ladders locked in the garage. Burglars can use them for access to otherwise inaccessible second-story windows.
- Don't forget when going on vacation to hold or to have someone pick up your mail/newspapers.

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Note from HOA President Frank Keenan

Dear Leacroft Community,

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in November. Among other neighborhood business at this meeting, we also will be seeking candidates for the two open board

seats that will be available

Please look for additional information regarding the exact date, time and location for our Annual General Meeting.

CMPD Update

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- Don't hide a key outside for visiting friends and relatives.
- Don't advertise new gifts or purchases. Break up the cartons before leaving them at the curb.
- Call the police immediately when you see suspicious persons or activities.
- Start or join a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Neighborhood Block Captains

Area	Description	Block Captain Contacts
1	Billingham	Paula Henriksen, bookworm@carolina.rr.com 704-595-9288
2	Chadsworth & Fairbourn	Blake Thomas, 704-877-2386
3	Highcroft (from Stoneykirk to cul-de-sac)	Gerri and Ed Gercak, asbger1234@edandgerriercak.com 704-280-6034
4	Stoneykirk	Kristen Sackinger, kristenhunter_81@hotmail.com , 704-258-6297 Nick Sackinger, nsackinger@gmail.com
5	Bolton	Available
6	Old Bridge	Christine and Richard Manning, manning44@yahoo.com 704-510-9296
7	Highcroft (from Stoneykirk to Worsley)	Nina Harper, 980-230-6244
8	Suffield & Ainslie	Michelle Dunham, madunham01@yahoo.com 704-770-1964
9	Ingleton & McKendree	Deb Peters, DSPeters9@aol.com 704-593-1271
10	Worsley	Bob and Jane Matthews, maeh_gran@bellsouth.net
11	Canterbrook (from Worsley to Dunfield, from Dunfield to Turtle cross)	Pam and Mike Wisniewski, Pam@Leacroft.org 704-293-8978

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Villages of Leacroft Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off



Last year this event was cancelled due to lack of participation AND VOLUNTEERS!
Please RSVP AND sign up to HELP so we don't have to cancel again! Thanks!

Join in the Fun
Inflatable Bouncers * Crafts * Face Painting * Games * Chili & Beverages

Sat., Oct. 9th
4:00-6:30 p.m.
Pool Parking Lot

Only \$10 per family
Plus bring 2 chili condiments per family
(Sour cream, crackers, cornbread, cheese, etc.)

PLEASE RSVP by October 5th
Calling All Chili Chefs!!

Bring a LARGE pot of your favorite chili recipe to the Fall Festival,
And your family will receive FREE admission!
Chili will be judged by 3 volunteers!

- 1st prize – \$25 Harris Teeter gift card (to buy more chili ingredients! ☺)
- 2nd prize – \$15 gas card
- 3rd prize – \$10 Dilworth Coffee House gift card

Return no later than Sat., Oct. 5th
with check made payable to "Leacroft Social Committee" to:
Jessica Moore, 10508 Old Bridge Lane, 704-549-1449
OR RSVP online at Leacroft.org! (Need to drop off check)

Name: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
How many adults: _____ Children: _____

We NEED volunteers for this event: Can you help? (One-hour shifts)

Set up: _____ Inflatables operator: _____ Games: _____
Chili Judge: _____ Food Server: _____ Craft table: _____

Please circle your chili's spice rating:

Mild Medium Hot Flaming Hot

Bring your chili already hot and ready to be served.
* Please bring an extension cord if you bring a Crockpot! *

Important Contact Numbers

HOA Board HOABoard@Leacroft.org

President, Frank Keenan	
Vice-President, William Blackburn	(704) 548-9866
Secretary, Tami Merry	(704) 717-4942
Treasurer, Jennifer DeMartino	(704) 503-7723
Community Liaison, Dave Milam	

Leacroft Committees

ARC Chair, Open	(704) 728-2098
Pool Chair, Patrick Bunn	(704) 717-2881
Events Chair, Jessica Moore	(704) 549-1449
Adult Activities Committee (AAC)	
Deb Peters	(704) 593-1271
Brigitte Stoll	(704) 264-2259
Swim Team Manager, Ken Bury	(704) 307-4537

Additional Contacts

Henderson Management	(704) 535-1122
(Property Manager: Matt Pryor)	Fax (704) 569-9669
Pool House	(704) 549-5803
University City CMPD Response Area 1	(704) 432-3900
Tennis Courts Code	3241
CharMeck Services	311

HOA Announcements:

- Sign up for the Leacroft mailing list. Just send an email to: LeacroftVillagersubscribe@yahoo.com
- **Selling your house?** Remind your real estate agent you are only allowed one (1) sign on your property, facing the street. No signs are allowed in the common areas, along streets, or outside the neighborhood entrance.
- **Under construction?** Contractor work signs can only be displayed while work is in progress.
- **Got junk?** Please don't share it with your neighbors! Bulk items for pick up should only be placed curb-side the night before garbage pick up.
- **Street light out?** Please call Duke Power at 800-769-3766.
- All Leacroft mailboxes should comply with the standard neighborhood mailbox. If yours does not, you can purchase a mailbox and/or post by contacting: **David Cole, Carolina Mailboxes** www.carolinamailboxes.com Request the **Eastfield T1** mailbox and post. 704-587-9797



Have a comment or suggestion? Drop us a note in the new locking mailbox in the common area near the playground.

If you have neighborhood news to share or would like to advertise in The Villager, please contact knblackburn@yahoo.com.

The Traveler – Check out Waynesville

By Len Tucker

My wife and I travel a lot. We often take long vacations, but some of our more enjoyable trips are day trips or for a long weekend.

One day a few weeks ago, we went to Waynesville, N.C. Waynesville is about a 2 1/2 hours drive from The Villages of Leacroft when the weather is good and the traffic cooperates. It is west of Asheville and a short distance off Interstate 40.

Downtown Waynesville is only a few blocks long, but it is packed with lots of interesting stores everywhere from Teresa Pennington's art gallery (www.tpennington.com) to the Mast General Store (www.mastgeneralstore.com) and dozens of eating establishments. Our favorite place to start is a small café off of Main Street called the Patio Bistro. It has good sandwiches and soup, a patio (I guess that is where it got its name), and next door is the Wine Seller, where you can get a glass of wine with your lunch. It is a fun place to visit for a day or a weekend. There are lots of places to stay and things to do. Check out www.waynesville.com.

I copied the following from a Waynesville Web site but it is a good description of the town:

Waynesville is a lively and friendly small town nestled in a valley surrounded by magnificent mountain views of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Fine shops, galleries, cafes, and restaurant, inns, and B&Bs are within walking distance of Main Street's tree-lined brick in vibrant downtown Waynesville. Its historic buildings, relaxing benches and quaint charm make Waynesville a thoroughly enjoyable place to live and visit. Numerous popular

events and festivals take place downtown throughout the year. The heart of Appalachian culture and heritage. Waynesville hosts FOLKMOOT USA, North Carolina's official international music and dance festival, annually.

Check it out; you will be glad you did.

Waynesville is home to Haywood Arts Regional theater, the Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts at the historic Shelton House, Haywood County Arts Council, a general store, book store, toy store, public art, mountain trout, mountain golf and more.

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Have you ever thought of going to

Alaska

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Call or e-mail for more information.

Check out our Web site.

2010 Upcoming Events



Join us for our next planning meeting. Bring your ideas and suggestions. Help us determine what events we have and when. You can have a say in how YOUR neighborhood events are run!!!

Sunday, September 19th, 7PM

Meet at Caribou Coffee House ~ Mallard Creek Church Rd.

Each event needs some key people to help things run smoothly. We REALLY need your help to continue to offer these and future events. If your family enjoys these events, PLEASE contact the person listed to offer your help. Thanks!

October 9th 4pm-6:30pm	Fall Festival/Chili cook-off *** (TWO volunteers needed) If you can help, please call Jessica Moore (704) 549-1449
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December 14 th	Holiday "sleigh ride" with Santa*** (TWO volunteers needed) Call Michelle Dunham to see how you can help (704) 770-1964
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*** The TWO events with asterisks require RSVP. Please watch for forms for these events. We cannot have the event without your participation!

All dates are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or participation. More detailed information to come!

ALL EVENTS are updated with detailed information on the web site (www.leacroft.org) one month prior to event.

If you have any event ideas or enhancements to existing events, please contact Jessica Moore 704-549-1449 ~ www.leacroft.org
Or drop your suggestion at the box near the playground entrance of the pool parking lot.

Neighborhood Services

Babysitting:

Sarah Moore (Red Cross certified).....704-593-0306
Kylie Brown.....704-549-0674

Pet sitting:

Daniel Faler.....704-510-0052
Colin Moore.....704-593-0306
Noah Milan.....704-277-3654

AL's Pet Sitting (Amy & Lisa DeCoste).....704-966-6644

Lawn mowing:

Daniel Faler.....704-510-0052
Colin Moore.....704-593-0306

Car washing:

Daniel Faler.....704-510-0052

Any neighborhood resident under the age of 18 who would like to advertise neighborhood services may do so free of charge.

Please have your parent or legal guardian call or e-mail me to ensure your place on the list.

Contact info:

Kimberly Blackburn
knblackburn@yahoo.com
704-548-9866

**September
Yard of the Month:**

Pam and Mike Wisniewski
3912 Canterbrook Drive

The Wisniewski's received a \$25 Harris Teeter gift card.



Pool Operating Hours

Now that school is in session, the pool will be open 4 – 8 p.m. on weekdays.

After Labor Day, the pool will be closed on weekdays and open weekends from noon – 6 p.m.

Closing date for the pool is Sept. 12.

Do you have something you want to advertise in *The Villager*?

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