

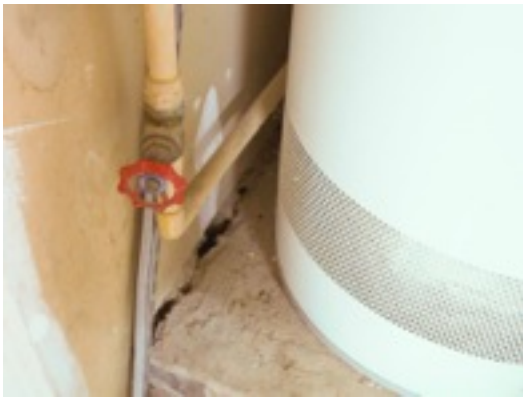
THE VILLAGER



I know we don't have snow...yet but

if you have been following the Leacroft Facebook page, you may have noticed that several of our neighbors have been having problems with water pipes. I have a few suggestions that might help

1. **Know where your water cutoff valves are.** You probably have at least two. One is normally near your hot water heater. It normally has a red handle. (Stop now and locate this valve if you are not sure where it is.) Now go back and turn the valve off by turning it clockwise until it stops. Now go back in your kitchen and turn on the water. It should run for a few seconds and then go off. You now how to turn off the water in the house. (Be sure to turn the water back on) This valve will not turn off any outside water pipes such as irrigation systems.
There is another valve that is normally near the curb. It is under a cover, normally green, and is located next to the water meter. This valve will turn off all of the water



to your property. When you have a leak, knowing where these valves are and how to use them may minimize your damage.

- 2. Replace old connecting pipes.** The water pipes to your toilets and washing machine are often the guilty party in a house flooding. The original pipes were cheap plastic ones and often break. You may want to consider replacing these pipes with more durable ones. The toilet pipe is normally on the lower left side of the tank. There is a valve for turning off the water when replacing the pipe. There are two pipes for the washing machine (hot and cold). The connections are located in a box behind your machine. They also have a valve for turning off the water when replacing the pipes. The replacement pipes are reasonably inexpensive and are fairly easy to replace.



- 3. Turn off the water in you home when you are gone for an extended period of time.** Connie and I always turn of the water before going on vacation. I know this may seem a little excessive but after hearing accounts of pipes breaking when you are gone for a couple of weeks might make you rethink about taking this simple step.

4. **Allow a light stream of water to run from your kitchen sink faucet on particularly cold nights.** This is particularly true when your kitchen sink is on an outside wall. Running water may prevent the pipes from freezing.
5. **Cover outside spigots (faucets).** Outside spigots will freeze in very cold weather. You can buy inexpensive spigot covers at Lowe's or Home Depot. If you can't find them, wrap an old towel or sock around the spigot and cover with a plastic bag (perhaps a grocery bag) and seal with tape. The idea is to protect the spigot from the cold air and wind. When you cover the spigots be sure to disconnect your water hoses. They too will freeze.
6. **Know a plumber.** Knowing a good plumber before you need one is a good idea. If you know a good plumber and would recommend him to others, let me know and I will put his name in our Leacroft List.
7. **Have your HVAC system examined by a reputable repair shop.** It is a good practice to have your heating and air conditioning system checked out in the spring and fall—before anticipated periods of extreme low (or high temperatures in the summer), when consumer demand for repairs to HVAC systems are the highest. These inspections may save you money and keep you from frustration when you really need your system to be working. Get your air conditioning system checked in April and the heating system checked in September. Technicians are not as busy then and can get to you a bit faster.

-Len

HOA Board

Message from HOA President



Paul will be back next month

Message from HOA Vice President



The Holidays are over and a New Year has begun. I hope each and everyone have a great year and keep all the resolution you made.

We are having our first Board Meeting this week and hoping it will be a good one. To have a board with good people, we have good meetings. In my opinion, we are fortune to have some good people on your Board. I am not including myself because I am just the Vice President, so I just do what I am told.

My job as Vice President, when we need someone to fill a spot or to help in any way, I find them.

So I am so pleased with myself about the members on board now. Over 2 years ago I had to find 3 people to fill the vacant spots and to my lucky way of getting around and talking with people this is your board. Now not only the board I had a great opportunity to find someone to get our Villager out each month. Now that was a thriller for me. I was told the person went to the same church Jane and I were going so the next Sunday I ask this person about it. "I will think about it and I'll let you know" I called him one night during the week. The next Sunday Len Tucker said he would do it and I do

not know if I hugged him then or waited until Church was over but that man made me as happy as anything.

Now I don't get this to Len tonight he will be upset'

So stay warm and if you go out shopping
<WATCH YOUR WALLET>

Thanks,,

Bob

PS

I have a friend that lives at 10312 Worsley Lane just across the street from us and he is building up a business as a Handyman. His name is Brandon Johnson and is married to Rachel and has a son, Harper, 3 years old.

I can tell you Brandon is a man that will do almost anything and I would trust him with whatever.

I do not think they would mind me telling you that they are also expecting a little girl in a few months.

His Phone # [704-615-4136](tel:704-615-4136)

If you have a problem reaching Brandon call me at [704-503-0887](tel:704-503-0887)-or
704-763-4044

I am so tickle about this because when I was Brandon age I was doing the same thing..

Bob

Travel



Reread the front page about cold weather and freezing pipes then look at this picture.

This is St Lucia in the Caribbean.

With a lush interior featuring towering mountains, dense rain forest, fertile valleys, and acres of banana plantations, St. Lucia is mostly distinguished by the Pitons—twin peaks that soar high above the ocean floor on the southwest coast. Whether you stay in Soufrière, in the north in or around Rodney Bay Village, or even farther north at Cap Estate, exploring the iconic natural sights—and local history—in Soufrière is a day well spent.

Connie and I were here a couple of years ago on a cruise and enjoyed the island very much. On cold day like today, it is nice to look at the pictures and remember the warm sea breezes, the island food and drink and dream of one day returning.

Gardening with Deb Peters

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!



Here we are at a hotel in Delaware (New Years Day) heading to Pennsylvania today, then back to Delaware tonight and then home to Charlotte tomorrow. Closely watching the weather: snow north, rain south. This is a good thing because as I'm sitting here waiting for Stan to wake up, I'm thinking by the time we get home and I'm ready to go out with my gardener's hat it will be dry and warm. (forecast said mid 50's in Charlotte this week. I am so—ooooo ready.

And I was so—oooo wrong. I didn't count on this so-called "arctic freeze" that is gripping the entire country.

On to plan B..

Went outside to check the garden boxes. Everything looked okay thanks to the hard work I put in at the end of the season. I took measurements for the new garden box Stan is planning on building for me in the spring, and then I walked into the existing boxes and found the soil to be completely frozen solid. My thought was to empty the garden box of soil so it would be empty when Stan started to build my new one. Well since you can't get a shovel into the ground that isn't going to happen.

So my recommendations for this "Arctic blast" is

1. Check outside and make sure all your water spigots are turned off.
2. Bring in any garden tools that might still be outside. Clean them off, spray them with WD 40 and store them in your shed or garage.
3. Most important: Stay warm, relax in the house, and read through all your gardening catalogs. Start planning your spring garden. What vegetables are you going to plant this year? Remember this is your Do-Over. There is no failures just new information.

Until next time:

HERE'S TO GREEN THUMBS AND HAPPY GARDENING !!

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