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Welcome to Leonia! I am confident you will enjoy living here. Whether you're a "lifer" like me growing up in Leonia or you're a first time resident, it doesn't matter. We all enjoy the tranquility of our quiet tree lined streets, quality schools, valued municipal services (including parks/recreation, DPW, Police, Fire, Library, etc.) along with our easy proximity to one of the greatest cities in the world. We are a green oasis a stone's throw away from NYC and everything the big city has to offer. Leonia is truly special with a very rich history.

We've put together this "welcome" packet to help your transition. It's important to know the basics about your new community – everything from our parks and Recreation programs, library offerings, DPW garbage and recycling pick ups to our impressive emergency services and how to sign up for automated alerts/community news. You'll also find our annual Borough Calendar with community events, meeting schedules and your garbage/recycling pick up dates. There are important rules about protecting and maintaining your property and our tree canopy. You will certainly come to realize, if you haven't already, how serious we are about protecting the trees in town. Please familiarize yourself with this information as it will come in handy.

We are currently forming a Chamber of Commerce in partnership with our business community. While we compile information for a new business directory and offerings, please enjoy the convenience of shopping, dining or exercising at Leonia establishments. There is something for everyone.

Living here, you will quickly appreciate that the backbone of Leonia is its volunteers. I am so proud of our diversity and the many Leonians who regularly step forward in service to their community. You will find neighbors active in ensuring Leonia's success, applying their varied skills and interests on behalf of all of us. I encourage you to check out the volunteer opportunities which are available too. Everything from working on our Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Commission, Recreation Commission, the Volunteer Fire Department and the Library Board of Trustees to the Mayor and Council. We are all volunteers and we all care about each other and Leonia. And, who knows, you may make a new friend or two while having fun serving in an area of your interest. Volunteerism helps our interconnectedness, allows our community to thrive and enhances the borough's 'soul'.

On behalf of all members of the governing body, please don't hesitate to contact any of us with questions or whenever you think we might be of assistance. One of our commitments is to you as a new resident. We want to ease your transition, get you engaged in community activities based on your skills and interests, help you meet neighbors (in a one mile square town we are all neighbors) and make new friends.

Kind regards,

  
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