



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember

May 17th and 18th: Community Garage Sale

June 1st: Community Dumpster Drop and Drive

July 14th: Craft and Car Show

Upcoming Events From The LCA:

May: Kiddo Hangout at the Park Kickoff

August: Leawood Picnic

Easter Egg Hunt

Spring has officially sprung in our wonderful neighborhood, and what better way to celebrate the season of renewal and joy than with our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt! This year's event was an absolute delight, filled with laughter, excitement, and a sense of community that truly embodies the spirit of our neighborhood. Children, brimming with excitement, darted across our grassy fields in search of the colorful eggs hidden amidst the natural surroundings. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our community members who make the annual Easter Egg a smash hit!

Open Board Position

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District currently has an open board position. Interested residents should call Kyle Sargent 303-520-6617 for more information. Board members must be a resident property owner in the District.

High Five Day

Each year on the third Thursday in April, we observe National High Five Day. This is a fun day where you can "High Five" everyone that you see.

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Reminder: Annual Memberships Are Due by April 30th

The Leawood Civic Association's goal is to promote and protect the best interests of the Leawood residents. We are not an HOA. Rather, we are a neighborhood civic association. Our main purpose is to enhance and unify the Leawood community experience. But we do so much more! Through neighborhood member's dues we are able to:

- Maintain the north entrance sign and landscaping at Jay Ct. and Bowles.
- Pay the electric bill for the spotlights and coordinates with the county for irrigation and permitting of the entrance.
- Sponsors many neighborhood activities including the annual Leawood BBQ picnic, Easter egg hunt and Santa party.
- Coordinate 2 neighborhood garage sales and a Clean-Up Day in June with roll-off dumpsters for your trash and debris and a nominal charge.
- Provide the monthly newsletter you're reading right now!

- The LCA sponsors this neighborhood website and a Facebook page.
- Sponsors the Leawood Scholarship Fund which provides a \$500 scholarship for 1-2 Leawood high school seniors each year

Our board hosts monthly meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Leawood elementary, except during the summer months of June-Aug, they are held at Leawood Park. All residents are welcome!



So... How much does it cost?

Bronze Member: \$25 to \$49

Bronze benefits include discounts on events, picnics, neighborhood clean up and garage sales.

Silver Member: \$50 to \$74

Silver benefits include all of the above plus 2 FREE garage sale listings.

Gold Member: \$75 to \$99

Gold benefits include all of the above plus 1 Free Load for the neighborhood clean up

Platinum Member: \$100 +

Platinum benefits include all of the above plus guest of honor at LCA Board Christmas Dinner.



Acceptance doesn't mean resignation; it means understanding that something is what it is and that there's got to be a way through it.

—Michael J. Fox

Calling All Babysitters

Are you a compassionate and reliable individual eager to contribute to our neighborhood? We're excited to welcome all babysitters who are ready and willing to assist families in our community. Regardless if you're an experienced professional or new to babysitting, your help is highly valued as our neighborhood embraces new families. Whether you're available for occasional date nights, early weekend brunches, or regular commitments, we'd be thrilled to hear from you! Reach out to one of our board members to explore opportunities for promoting your services in the Leawood Reporter. Let's work together to create a supportive and nurturing environment for our families!

"Kiddo Hangouts at the Park"

Our Kiddos Hangout at the park has gained some traction! Starting this spring, our LCA Board is planning to host a meet-up for families with young kiddos. Join us for mornings brimming with laughter, games and the opportunity to forge new friendships. Watch as your little ones explore the wonders of our park, fostering memories and lifelong friendships. Parents, too, are encouraged to connect with others in the community. Ideas have included: scavenger hunts, Treasure hunts, and Splash Pad days! If you or family have any ideas, please share them with our board. Contact Mike Whalen at whalenmich@gmail.com for more information. Stay tuned for announcements regarding dates and times in future Reporters!

Calling All Leawood Residents

"I have often wondered how long many of us have lived in this great neighborhood... how [we've] seen it change." Don Smith has lived on Fenton Ct. since 1974. Almost 50 years! "I moved in when there were no houses east of me - they had just started to build at the top of the next street East. Only a few houses and farms were south of Leawood; and the entrance from the west did not go out. Weaver street didn't even exist!" Mr. Smith went on to report that neither the King Soopers shopping center nor the Southwest Plaza had yet to be built; which were constructed in 1976 and 1983 respectively.

How long have you lived in Leawood? Do you have a story to share, or have questions for your neighbors? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Kate Shafer or Mike Whalen if you have any questions.

Calling All Crafters

The second annual Leawood Craft fair is being held on Sunday July 14th from 9am-1pm at Leawood Elementary in association with the Car Show- the cost will be \$20 for Leawood Members & \$40 for non members. You will need to provide your own table & shelter, & your own payment methods - please contact Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-4921 with any questions.

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Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (or unless otherwise noted) at Leawood Elementary during the school year and at Leawood Park in June, July & August. (no meetings December) Location information is always specified on the first page of the Reporter every month. Visitors are encouraged to attend LCA meetings. We welcome all comments, ideas or suggestions.

The *Leawood Reporter* is published monthly by the Leawood Civic Association, a non-profit homeowners association. The newsletter is delivered by direct mail to all residents of Leawood and Country Farms.

News Articles:

The deadline for news articles is the 10th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email your ideas and articles to feedback@leawoodneighbors.com or call 720.295.5221. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, and are included as space permits.

Advertise in this Newsletter!

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| President: | Kyle Sargent | 303-520-6617 |
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| Treasurer: | Donna Snyder | 303-794-0952 |
| Board Member: | Maggie Tocco | 248-943-5201 |
| New Board Member: | Myra Pasco | 303-972-9789 |

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|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Parks Manager: | Dave Padilla | 303-870-3482 |
| Secretary: | Debby Baker | 303-903-3216 |

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Leawood Elementary School. Visitors are always welcome!

Questions for the Park Board? Questions, concerns, or comments for the Park Board? Contact any of the Park Board members listed above.

Park Board Openings: Your Leawood Park Board Needs You!

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District is looking for a member to eventually fill the Board Treasurer position. The Board Treasurer is responsible for general financial oversight, financial reporting, banking, bookkeeping and record keeping. The monthly time commitment for this role is approximately 10-12 hours/month. Board members must be a resident property owner in Leawood, Vintage Reserve or Country Farms.

We are also looking to add an Assistant Parks Manager to help with regular maintenance and care of LMRPD parks. This is a part-time (hours fluctuate as needed) hourly paid contract position. If you are interested in learning more about these important roles, please call Kyle Sargent 303-520-6617 or contact a Board member.

School News



Leawood Elementary School

April 26- No Class (Teacher Work Day)



Ken Caryl Middle School

April 26- No Class (Teacher Work Day)



Columbine High School

April 26- No Class (Teacher Work Day)

April 26- Prom



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April 19th and 20th - Spring Musical

LCA Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

Place: Leawood Elementary

Time: 6:34pm

Attending: Mike Major, Travis Hall, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Evelth, Paul O'Connor, Mike Whalen, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno

Discussion:

- Treasurer report provided - 2024 Budget Estimates discussed
- Online payment still needs to be addressed
- Membership drive signs are up with flyers being mailed Website to be updated with new payment service for memberships & get corrected board members added
- 24 Calendar discussed:
- March 23rd Easter egg hunt weather permitting- March 30th is back up date; 8:30am at Raccoon Holler to hide eggs- different areas for age groups with other candy for young age group
- Leawood playground days at once a month Shannon may run- Sundays 5/19 next date
- May garage sales still going on
- June annual clean up 2 dumpsters
- July 14th Craft/Car show -need portapotty reserved has an organizer & is a go
- August 24 Annual picnic
- September will be Board/ Platinum Member party
- Possible shred-a-thon
- Feather flags to be ordered x 2
- Leawood Civic Association to help with car show portion of Summerset Festival in September Meeting ended at 7:16pm

Next meeting: Tuesday April 2nd 2024 6:30pm, Leawood Elementary. Meeting end: 7:25pm

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LeaWood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District

Meeting minutes of March 13, 2024

The LeaWood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President/Treasurer, Maggie Tocco and Myra Pasco. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary & Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: LeaWood Resident Steve Wall and Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

Approval of Agenda – The proposed agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes – Myra moved that the emailed minutes of the February 14, 2024, meeting be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

Public Comments – (A) Steve Wall attended to learn more about the future of the District and Board listed in the February 14th meeting minutes. Kyle explained the challenges that the District faces: funding; Parks Manager and Treasure changes; and District residents lack of interest in serving on the Board.

Treasurer’s Report – Judy presented the Treasurer’s Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Honey Bucket, Weston, Judy (reimbursement for stamps), Peak Honda (ATV service, front tires and battery), Rich Alarcon, Dave’s invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Maggie moved that the Treasurer’s Report be received, and bills paid. Myra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer transition – The District data on Donna’s computer had been successfully removed and converted from DOS to a current format. Further clean-up is needed before the data can be given to the District. An accounting contractor has been identified, Judy is preparing the contract and document stating duties and responsibilities. Myra suggested that the Board needs to review the policies and procedures for financial transactions.

Parks Manager Report – Snow was removed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed in all parks. ATV serviced, two new tires and battery. Dave continues to negotiate with Weston to get a new contract before Spring.

Graffiti continues to be a big problem in all parks. The graffiti has become more explicit and offensive. Dave is trying to remove the graffiti as he becomes aware of it.

- a. LeaWood Park – The iron fence damaged by Honey Bucket has been repaired. The gutters on the Pavilion were cleaned. Vandals damaged the gutter downspout at the Pavilion and will be repaired.
- b. Weaver Park – The dead evergreen tree near the playground equipment was removed and stumps ground. The Ranch pump was removed. A new cement pad was poured for the box controller (sprinkler box)

Old Business

- a. Future of the District Board: The future of the District and the Board will be an ongoing discussion for the year. Decisions need to be made by the end of 2024. Possible options need to be defined along with the pros and cons of each.
- b. Document Retention Policy: Postponed until April meeting due to time constraints.

New Business – None

Future Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be Wed., April 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at LeaWood Elementary School.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

— Debby Baker, Secretary

Future Meetings:

Wed., April 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at LeaWood Elem. School

Wed., May 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m, at LeaWood Elem. School

Wed., June 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m, at LeaWood Elem. School

LeaWood Civic Association Membership Application & Payment

***Notes: If you have already registered online at LeaWoodNeighbors.com and just need to pay by cash/check, you only need to enter your name and date and write “registered online” and send this in with your cash/check.**

Bronze Member: \$25 to \$49. Bronze benefits include discounts on events, picnics, neighborhood cleanup and garage sales!

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Platinum Member: \$100+. Platinum benefits include all of the above plus Guest of Honor at LCA Board Christmas Dinner!

Although memberships are accepted year round, to take full advantage of the benefits of membership, please remit by April 30th.

Today’s Date: ____/____/____ Membership Year: _____ (Circle One): New Member / Renewal How long living in LeaWood? _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Main E-Mail: _____ Spouse E-Mail: _____

Annual Membership Donation** \$ _____ Please be generous – see benefits above

Donation to LCA Scholarship Fund** \$ _____

General Fund Donation** \$ _____ For specific help with maintenance and equipment

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Indicate: Cash _____ or Check # _____

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Happenings At Hudson Gardens

Hudson Gardens has several trunk shows scheduled in the gift shop that will feature unique art and gift items and will showcase local artists. You won't want to miss these events, so mark your calendars!

- **April 27 & 28, 10:00 – 3:00:** Nature Inspired Watercolor Cards
- **May 4 & 5, 9:00 - 4:00:** Original Mixed Media Art

Admission to the gift shop and to tour the gardens is always free so come on by and check out the gift shop, support local artists and enjoy a stroll through the grounds. Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 South Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120 and there's plenty of free parking. If you have questions, you can reach out to Sandra Bantle, the manager of the gift shop, at 720-863-8609.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

LCA Balance Sheet Feb. 2024

| CHECKING | DEBIT | CREDIT |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 2/1 beginning balance | | \$5,389.45 |
| 2/8 Sankey totes chk #1563 | 17.29 | |
| 2/8 Sankey sign supplies chk #1561 | 80.64 | |
| 2/16 Xcel 1/2-2/1 chk #1565 | 14.84 | |
| 2/16 Jeffco Schools rental chk #1562 | 16.00 | |
| 2/17 SQ Reporter | 273.00 | |
| 2/20 Deposit Membership | | 1,190.00 |
| 2/20 Sarno Xmas party chk #1564 | 19.43 | |
| 2/21 Website hosting | 515.24 | |
| 2/23 Jeffco schools rental chk #1566 | 32.00 | |
| 2/29 Deposit membership | | 295.00 |
| TOTALS | 968.44 | 1,485.00 |
| 2/31 ending balance | | \$5,906.01 |
| SAVINGS | | |
| 2/1 beginning balance | | \$1,026.13 |
| 2/31 interest | | 0.04 |
| 2/31 ending balance | | \$1,026.17 |
| TOT ASSETS | \$6,932.18 | |

Park Board Financial Statement

| Statement of Revenue and Expenditures | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Current Period | Yr-to-Date |
| | Amt | Amt |
| Beginning Balance | 24,470.24 | |
| Deposits..... | 25,000 | |
| Transfer to CO Trust..... | | (15,564.00) |
| Expenses: | | |
| Maintenance..... | | (3,870.24) |
| Insurance..... | | (6,955.00) |
| Membership SDA..... | | (464.61) |
| Dir. Fees..... | | (600.00) |
| Ending Balance..... | 22,016.39 | |
| Februray Beg. Balance | \$22,016.39 | |
| Expenses: | | |
| Maintenance..... | | (4,851.44) |
| Dir. Fees..... | | (500.00) |
| Ending Balance | \$16,664.95 | |

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| | Lowest | Highest | How Many? |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Ranch Style | None | None | 0 |
| 2-story | None | None | 0 |
| Tri/Multi-level | \$1,200,000 | \$1,200,000 | 1 |
| Bi-level | None | None | 0 |

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Leewood

| | Lowest | Highest | How Many? |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ranch Style | \$720,000 | \$720,000 | 1 |
| 2-story | None | None | 0 |
| Tri/Multi-level | None | None | 0 |
| Bi-level | None | None | 0 |

Homes SOLD in Leewood (June 1, 2023–Mar. 15, 2024)

| | Lowest | Highest | How Many? |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ranch Style | \$440,000 | \$950,000 | 7 |
| 2-story | \$610,000 | \$780,000 | 7 |
| Tri/Multi-level | \$480,000 | \$875,000 | 8 |
| Bi-level | \$607,000 | \$652,939 | 2 |

The statistical information is based on MLS data Mar. 15, 2024. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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