



# The Leawood Reporter

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## Dates To Remember:

### Upcoming Events: Leawood Civic Association

**August 5** – LCA Board Meeting, 6:30  
Leawood Park Pavillion

**August 22** – FYP @ 6327 S Benton Way

### Upcoming Events: Rec & Park District

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
at Vintage Reserve Clubhouse

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
at Leawood Elementary

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
at Leawood Elementary

## LCA Minutes

**July 1, 2025, 6:35pm**

**Attending:** Rhonda Eveleth, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Paul O'Connor, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno.

#### Discussion:

Membership is low. We have 134 members out of 800 homes.

Discussed picnic food. Fried chicken, sandwiches, hotdogs and bake sale. Asking for volunteers for the bake sale.

We are looking for a venue for the platinum member dinner.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm. Next meeting scheduled for August 5, Leawood Park, 6:30pm.

## National Water Quality Month

National Water Quality Month is dedicated to making the most of the relatively small amount of fresh water we have. Clean water is vital to our individual health, our collective agricultural needs, and our environment.

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## Annual Leawood Bike Parade & Picnic

Annual Leawood Bike Parade & Picnic The Annual Bike Parade and Leawood Picnic has been a tradition in our neighborhood for years. This year we are excited to bring it back once again on August 23rd. The bike parade kicks off the festivities at Leawood Elementary at 11:30am. **KIDS THAT ARE IN THE PARADE**

**NEED TO BE AT THE LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY 11:15.**

We encourage attendees to decorate their bikes! The picnic will be hosted at Leawood Park immediately after the parade. Come and watch the kids pull up with a firetruck escort! We will have food, bouncy castle, shaved ice, and a bake sale raffle. If you would like to volunteer to help, reach out to the Leawood Civic Association. The annual picnic has a bake sale to raise money for the scholarship fund; **please consider bringing baked goods for the raffle.** We are also looking for people to donate prizes for the Raffle! The cost for the picnic is \$5

per person for Members, \$7 per person for non-members. First come, first serve until food is gone.

## Front Yard Parties!

The neighborhood Front Yard Parties have been a hit and lots of fun! A big shout out to Patti Wiggam & Marie Carpenter on July 11th and Don & Joan Gilmore on the 25th. Fun was had by all! The Summer Front Yard Parties are a tradition in our neighborhood and an excellent way to meet neighbors that live nearby. The host supplies some simple refreshments and their front yard. The guests bring snacks, drinks to share, a lawn chair or two, and the party begins! Please support our families of Leawood and come to their party.

- August 22nd: Robinson & Opgenorth, 6327 S Benton Way

## Concerts in Clement Park

Foothills Park & Recreation District is proud to offer Concerts in Clement Park free to the public and put on for the benefit of District residents and South Jefferson County residents. This outdoor series of concerts incorporates community collaborations and grant funded performances which are free, open to the public and family friendly. Performances are held at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman:**  
folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite:**  
90s alternative rock and pop covers

# Leawood Metropolitan Recreation & Park District Meeting Summary: Minutes For Leawood Metropolitan Recreation & Park District

July 7, 2025, 6:00 pm

**Location:** Vintage Reserve Clubhouse

**Attendees:** Marci Turago (Secretary) Carole Gottlieb (President & Treasurer), Ken Leaf (Park Manager), Jesse Ogenorth (Board Member), Logan MacMillan (VP), Tom Bryant (volunteer), Steve Wall (volunteer) and Gina Lopez (volunteer)

Meeting started at 6:04 pm

Board no longer waiting for next meeting to approve minutes. Minutes now approved via email allowing for timelier reporting.

## RESIDENT COMMENTS

- Tom Bryant Wood Bridge at Eaton & Weaver – 2 estimates from carpenters coming soon. Preserve the life of the railing with stain/paint and fix loose planks West Side railing. Will put a cap on instead of replacing planks.
- Steve Wall – Raccoon posts – Tom Bryant put roofing on the top to help with weathering. We thank Tom for his labor and donation of materials!
- Steve Wall – Playground caps need to be replaced. Ken to replace.
- Steve Wall - Timbers around beds need to be replaced Leawood. Ken to get quotes.
- Steve Wall – Concerns around brown spots in Leawood & Weaver Parks. Board explained most of this is a result of weed spray, but Carole will speak with Cox re: checking the sprinklers in those areas

## Park Manager Report (Ken Leaf)

- 39 hours in June
- Graffiti cleaned up Weaver
- Raccoon – Weeding in Xeriscape area.
- Raccoon - Mowed strip down path
- Leawood – new slide installed
- July – focus on Xeriscape
- Porta-potty (Honeybucket) Ken to ensure we have pick up day immediately after Holidays

## Treasurer's Report (Carole Gottlieb)

- New irrigation quote from Cox Replace leaking valves. \$3200
  - Motion to approve: Approved 4:0
  - Carole now providing data on costs of irrigation repairs which are significant \$13,000 year to date.
- US Bank update – Bank still trying to fix ACH issue
- Our new Pavillion rental policy has yielded ~\$200 this month
- Water usage is down relative to 2 prior years and refunds are still coming in from the reported leaks policy with Denver Water initiated by Judy.

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## Leawood Civic Association Board Members

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Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:30 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.

## 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](mailto:feedback@leawoodneighbors.com) or call 720.295.5221. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, and are included as space permits.

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Parks Manager:	<b>Ken Leaf</b>

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Leawood Elementary School (during school year), Leawood Park Pavilion (during Summer). 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.

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## LMRPD Meeting Minutes, *continued from page 2*

- Ken speaking with Waste Connections about cheaper Park dumpster service. Update: Waste Management has countered with \$146/month vs. current \$325/month for one year.

### Website (Marci Turaga)

- Marci to reserve LeawoodParkCO.gov
- Marci to determine gmail accounts available for static board emails

### Weed Spray (Geri Lopez – Volunteer)

- Geri has volunteered to research potential alternatives to Roundup & Speedzone
  - One board member disagreed, however remainder of board felt research and suggestions should always be welcome
- Carole spoke with Cox about Park's displeasure with lack of proper notification before spraying. Cox has apologized and will ensure to improve communication.
- Carole to request calendar of events including spraying from Cox and
- Park to post signs & on Website/Social Media 36 hours prior to spraying

### Beds (Judy Anderson volunteer).

- Judy still waiting on info about whether sprinklers work in beds
- Carole to ask Judy to provide map of area so she can discuss with Cox

### Trees/Dams/Stream (Marci T, Logan M)

- Marci contacted Jefferson County Extension & CSU for quote à \$150/hour

- Ken/Logan and multiple Raccoon residents meeting with Darren at from Mile High tomorrow at 9 am. Discussions to include erosion issues in Raccoon.

Logan to discuss precisely what is Mile High's responsibility vs. Park. Logan to memorialize this information for posting on website.

### Concrete (Tom Bryant volunteer)

- Concrete pumping ProMax \$668 mudjack slab on Weaver Bridge East Bridge.
- Motion to approve. Approved 4:0
- JAW will provide estimate for Weaver where Honeybucket (portapotty vendor) broke concrete.
- Ken spoke with Ben at Hooper (builders of new VR homes) - they still have work to do removing some telephone poles. Once he's able to complete, he's promised fix all damaged concrete from their trucks
- Carole to ensure Honeybucket (porta-potty) and/or Park insurance carrier coverage.

### New Volunteer Day Sat. July 19th Raccoon Xeriscape.

#### 8 am to 11 am

- Rachel & Dan Foster will supply food & drinks
- Marci creating posters & website/social media posting
- Need to order the cedar mulch. Est. \$4000
  - Motion to approve: 4-0 to approve \$4,000.
- Board adjourned at 8:50 pm

— Carole Gottlieb, Treasurer & President



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## Back-to-School Traditions

In anticipation of another school season, not to mention all the shopping that comes with it, these first-day-of-school traditions and ideas will help get kids in the headspace for a new year.

- **Have a show-and-tell dinner on the first night.** Family dinners are always important, but make it a back-to-school tradition to allow the kids to tell you everything about their first day, from the friends they haven't seen over the summer to the classroom layout or what they had for lunch.

- **A day-one surprise.** Celebrate the first day in style with a visit from the First Day of School Fairy. She can deliver a few back-to-school school supplies and an encouraging note for the new year.

- **Customize something.** You can order specialized pencils with their name or label their new water bottle, but allowing your kids to stake their claim on school gear can help them feel confident about heading back to school.

- **Make an awesome breakfast.** You'll be throwing cereal and milk at the kids soon enough, so why not whip up a fancy breakfast for their first day? It'll keep your kids full, and make them look forward to getting up early!

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that'll get your kids ready to start the new year.

- **Make a sundae bar.** This sweet, simple back-to-school tradition will calm anyone's jitters about heading back to school. Put your favorite toppings in jars and make them meaningful with labels encouraging the qualities you'd like to see demonstrated throughout the new year. Have your little

scholar cover their ice cream in kindness, bravery, obedience, and happiness, then top it off with sprinkles of love.

- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year's Eve, so why not do the same for School Year's Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide treats, and throw a little dance party. It'll get your students excited for what's to come, and it's a great way to include other fun first-day-of-school ideas on this list.

- **Have a back-to-school dinner.** Making a favorite meal and celebrating the start of another school year with an awesome dinner in their honor will always make your kids feel special.

- **Have a special activity for the end of the first day of school.** Whether you take them to their favorite park to burn off that first-day anxiety, have a craft planned, or grab an ice cream and talk, it's easy to make the first after-school afternoon unique.

- **Write a sidewalk chalk message.** If there's a sweeter first day of school tradition than a chalk message outside the front door, we haven't found it. Go all out or keep it simple—either way, it's an extra boost to help ease those first-day jitters. If your first day is distance learning, surprise the kids with a message they can see from the window or on a quick preschool start walk.

- **Pack a super special lunch.** Packing their lunch in a special lunchbox or bento box with a treat or a lunchbox joke is a great first-day-of-school idea! Get your kids involved by asking them what they want, and have them help you get it ready.

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## Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium

**Saturday, August 2, 2025, 1:00pm to 10:00pm**

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival returns Saturday, August 2! Race or roll through the heart of historic Downtown Littleton and join hundreds of cyclists and bike enthusiasts competing in races.

New this year is the Arts Festival. With local artisans, food, beer, music, and entertainment, the Arts Festival is a new way to support local while cheering on the incredible racers! The day kicks off with the first ever Unified Ride, an inclusive and accessible bike wave open to all abilities and types of non-electric bicycles, including adaptive.

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## LCA Balance Sheet June 2025

**CHECKING ..... DEBIT .....CREDIT**

6/1 Beginning Balance..... \$8,722.12

6/6 Deposit..... 299.00

6/6 Check: Jeffco Schools for Meetings..32.00

6/7 Ionos: Email Hosting .....4.00

6/14 Depository ..... 840.00

6/17 Check: Leawood Picnic Supplies .....48.72

6/20 Reporter.....273.00

6/23 Check: Xcel Energy .....14.58

**TOTALS.....372.30 ..... 1,139.00**

**Ending Balance ..... \$9,488.82**

### SAVINGS

6/1 Beginning Balance..... \$1,026.77

Interest..... \$0.04

6/30 Ending Balance..... \$1,026.81

**TOTAL ASSETS ..... \$10,475.63**



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### Current Homes FOR SALE in Leawood

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$599,900	\$1,099,000	4
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$585,000	\$693,000	2
Bi-level	\$815,000	\$815,000	1

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Leawood

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$750,000	\$750,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$640,000	\$735,000	3
Bi-level	None	None	0

### Homes SOLD in Leawood (Jan. 1, 2025–July 14, 2025)

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$570,000	\$570,000	1
2-story	\$645,000	\$725,000	4
Tri/Multi-level	\$560,000	\$900,000	11
Bi-level	None	None	0

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