

The Leawood Rapporter

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Dates To Remember

Feb 2nd: Groundhog Day

Feb 6th: LCA Meeting (Leawood Elementary)

Feb 14th: Valentine's Day Feb 19th: Presidents Day March 23rd: Easter Egg Hunt March 29th: Scholarship Deadline

Upcoming Events From The LCA

May: Community organized garage sale

June: Dumpster Drop off Drive July: Craft and Car Show August: Leawood Picnic

> Scholarship Deadline Details

Attention Graduating High School Seniors, the deadline is fast approaching for the Lewood Civic Association scholarship. This scholarship is opened to High School seniors planning to attend a vocational or technical school in the fall. The school must be accredited with a 2 or 4 program. Applications must be submitted no later than 5pm on March 31st.

Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars! The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd. A time will be announced closer to the event. March 30th will serve as a backup in case of adverse weather. This is the first of several Leawood Civic Association events planned for 2024. If you plan to donate candy for this event, please please contact Betsy Major for further information.

Christmas Decoration Contest

The Leawood Civic Association sends their thanks to everyone who took time to deck out their homes for the holidays! There were many colorful displays with lots of Holiday spirit! Its getting harder to choose a winner each year. Our thanks to all the wonderful Leawood families that lit up our neighborhood.

Winner: 6287 S. Benton Way

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You Don't Have To Own To Join The LCA!

Our neighborhood civic association works hard all year long to make our community a great place to live. The best part is even people who are renting in the neighborhood can join! From the start of the year we do the Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sales, Summer Front Yard Parties, a Car and Craft Show, the Leawood Picnic, and the popular Santa Party. We also do the neighborhood clean up where we get dumpsters for you to bring a carload for a small fee. We cannot do it without strong membership support

from residents like you. When you join the Civic Association, your membership dues help fund neighborhood events like the annual picnic, holiday events, and home decorating contests. The more neighbors who join as Civic Association members, we effective our community organization can be. For as little as

the more effective our community organization can be. For as little as \$25 per household annually, you can do your part to maintain a vibrant, engaged neighborhood. Sign up on our website Leawoodneighbors.com

Join now and let's build a great community together. The Leawood Civic Association is the social club of the neighborhood. Each year we put on several events that the neighborhood enjoys! Memberships go from January 1st to December 31st each year. Some of the more popular events we manage are the:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- The Car and Craft Show
- Community Garage Sales
- The Leawood Picnic
- Summer Front Yard Parties
- The Santa Party
- Neighborhood clean up Events: Dumpsters are for you to bring a carload for a small fee.

Kiddo Hangouts At The Park

Join us for fun and play at Leawood Park, starting this spring! Our LCA Board will be hosting 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. Stay tuned for announcements regarding dates and times in future Rapporters – it's a rendezvous you won't want to miss!

National Love Your Pet Day

February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day is a day to show extra love and appreciation for your pets. It's a reminder to take some time to play with them, show affection, and do something special for them.



Recipe

BACON, CHEDDAR, CHIVE SCONES

Indulge in a winter morning treat! Bacon, Cheddar, & Chive Scones are the ideal companion for English tea. These scones marry the smokiness of crispy bacon with the sharpness of cheddar cheese and a burst of freshness from chives. A delectable golden-brown masterpiece!

- 2 ³/₄ Cup All Purpose Flour (330g)
- 1/4 Cup Sugar (55g)
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 1 Tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ²/₃ cup sharp cheddar cheese
- 8 strips chopped bacon, cooked
- 2 Tablespoons chives
- 1 Stick unsalted butter (about 113g)
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ²/₃ cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 425 F degrees.

Combine flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and baking soda into bowl. Work in and "cut" butter into dry ingredients until mixture is unevenly crumbly.

Stir in cheese, cooked bacon, and chives

In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, vanilla, & buttermilk. Add liquid to dry ingredients and mix until dough is evenly combined.

Scrape dough onto lightly floured surface and shape into a circle about ³/₄ inches thick. Using a sharp knife or pizza cutter, cut the circle into 8 wedges (like a pizza).

Move wedges to parchment-lined baking sheet, and let them rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. This allows them to rise higher!

Bake scones for 18 to 23 minutes, or until they're a light golden brown.

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.

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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 Rapporter every month. Visitors are encouraged to attend LCA meetings. We welcome all comments, ideas or suggestions.

The *Leawood Rapporter* 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!

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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New Board Member:	Myra Pasco	303-972-9789

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.

From Resolutions to Results

As the excitement of the New Year begins to fade, it can be challenging to remember why we dreamed up such lofty goals or even how we can remain committed to personal change. Statistically, one-third of Americans embark on resolutions, but only 8% successfully achieve them. If you find yourself within these statistics, the odds may seem daunting. However, the prospect of becoming an improved version of yourself the one who eats more vegetables or commits to reduced social media use — is within reach.

Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" recommends beginning with the end in mind. "Define clear measures of success and a plan to achieve them." Write your goal on a scrap of paper and tape it to the refrigerator. it will serve as a daily reminder of your goals.

James Clear's "Atomic Habits" suggests that "every action you take is a vote for the person you wish to become." If your goal is to quit smoking, every cigarette you don't smoke is a vote to become a healthier person.

Journalist Charles Duhigg, suggests If your goal is to break a bad habit, try replacing it with a better one. "Once you've figured out your habit loop - you've identified the rewards driving your behavior, the cue triggering it, and the routine itself. You can begin to shift the behavior." Let's say you're trying to kick a late-night junk food cycle. Try replacing "Doritos" with "running shoes."

— Excerpt from Mike Whalen's Article "Going Solo" featured monthly in the Neighborhood Gazette



Leawood Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

January 9th 2024

Leawood Elementary School

Attending: Kyle Evens, Travis Hall, Kate Shafer, Betsy Major, Camille Sankey, Mike Whalen, Debbie Zumo, Rhonda Eveleth, Tim Grade, Paul O'Connor

DISCUSSION:

- Treasurer report: The account is looking good. Please see back page for the full treasury report
- New Attendee Tim Grade joined us for his first meeting. He just moved into the neighborhood in December.
- The website has a new payment company.
- Planning to return Christmas decorations back to the
- Christmas lights winner 6287 Benton received their gift
- Review of the Santa party.
- Review of the Platinum members Christmas dinner.
- Discussions about membership
- Planning for the year.

Meeting ended 7:45pm

Next meeting: February 6th at 6:30pm at Leawood Elementary School

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-Norman Vincent Peale



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Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District

Meeting minutes of January 10, 2024

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Vice President Judy Anderson. Members present: Kyle Sargent/President (by phone), Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Myra Pasco and Maggie Tocco (via phone). Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitor: Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

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

Approval of Minutes – Myra moved that the minutes of the December 13, 2023, meeting be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

Public Comments – None

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Doggie Walk Bags, Honey Bucket, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Myra moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Snow was removed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed in all parks. Weston completed the final Fall clean-up in all parks.

T-Tract – The xeriscape was trimmed.

OLD BUSINESS

(A) Adopt 2024 budget and set mill levy: Donna presented the final budget for 2024. The Board discussed the likely higher costs increase challenges for 2024. The Board agreed to maintain the current Mill Levy at the current level of 3.73 mills. Kyle moved to certify the Mill Levy unchanged at 3.73 mills

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and to approve the new budget for 2024. Myra seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously.

Discuss the future of the District Board: With Donna's retirement, the Board is again in need of a Board Member. The Board discussed the future of the District given the retirement of the long-serving treasurer, the nearing resignations or retirements of others, and the overall lack of interest of the community to commit and serve on the board. Members discussed various short- and medium-term options, including changes to revenues and expenses, as well as factors to consider before making a formal decision in the new year. The recruiting piece will again be placed in the Rapporter.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Long Serving Treasurer Retirement: Donna Snyder's resignation became official with this being her last meeting. No one (not even Donna) can remember how many years Donna has served as member of the Board and as the District Treasurer. But we can verify at least 40 years. We are incredibly sad to see her go but she has definitely earned the right to retire after so many years. She will be profoundly missed. We are so very grateful for her long years of service to the District!

Future Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

— Debby Baker, Secretary

Future Meetings:

Wed., February 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elem. School Wed., March 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elem. School Wed., April 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elem. School

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Valentine's Bazaar

Aspen Grove, Littleton

Friday, February 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Includes FREE horse-drawn carriage rides.

Saturday, February 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Includes a special Pet photo with Cupid to benefit the Colorado Pet Pantry.

Valentine's BAZAAR is popping up for the first time ever in Littleton at Aspen Grove Center on February 9 and 10 for the love of all things local! This indoor market will feature 60+carefully curated vendors with a focus on jewelry, confections, art, fashion, and other Giftables, along with tastings, live music and craft cocktails.

- General Admission: FREE Entry, All Ages!
- Friday Night Happy Hour: Friday 4 6 p.m. \$25

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- Bottomless Mimosas: Saturday 11 1 p.m. \$20
 Includes two hours of Bottomless Mimosas, Denver BAZAAR commemorative cup, and choice of holiday shopping bag or lip balm.
- Drink Token Package: \$35
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 Drink Tokens redeemable for any beer, cocktail or wine.

— https://aspengrovecenter.com/

3 Facts About President's Day

- 1. Presidents Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February, thanks to the 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act.
- 2. It was established in 1885 in honor of President George Washington's birthday.
- 3. Washington's birthday was actually on February 22, 1732 (this would be his 282nd birthday!)

School News



Leawood Elementary School

Feb 16th: Teacher In-Service Day (no school) Feb 19th: President's Day (no school)



Ken Caryl Middle School

Feb 5th through 9th: Spirit Week

Feb 16th: Teacher In-Service Day (no school)

Feb 19th: President's Day (no school)



Columbine High School

Feb 5th through 9th: Spirit Week

Feb 16th: Teacher In-Service Day (no school)

Feb 19th: President's Day (no school)



Feb 1st through 29th: Enrollment Window Feb 16th: Teacher In-Service Day (no school)

Feb 19th: President's Day (no school)



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Bronze Member: \$25 to \$49. Bronze benefits include discounts on events, picnics, neighborhood cleanup and garage sales! **Silver Member:** \$50 to \$74. Silver benefits include all of the above plus FREE listings in the Leawood garage sales! **Gold Member:** \$75 to \$99. Gold benefits include all of the above plus 1 FREE load on the neighborhood cleanup day! **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:/ Memb	ership real (Clicle Offe). New Member / Renewar Trow lo	ing living in Leawood?
Last Name:	First Name:	Spouse: _	
Address:		Phone:	
Main E-Mail:		Spouse E-Mail:	
Annual Membership Donation**	\$ Please be generous	s – see benefits above	
Donation to LCA Scholarship Fund**	\$		
General Fund Donation**	\$ For specific help wi	th maintenance and equipment	
Total Amount Enclosed	\$ Indicate: Cash _	or Check #	
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LEAWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name_____Address_____Phone______
LCA Member's Name

Is there a Graduating High School Senior in your household? See if they qualify for the LCA Scholarship



Requirements:

- Family must be a Leawood Civic Association Member.
- Must be a high school senior
- Must enroll in an accredited college (2 or 4 year), vocational or technical school for fall of 2024
- Must demonstrate school and community involvement
- No minimum G.P.A. will be required
- Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 31st, 2024. All applications to Nancy Bock, 6091 S Ingalls St, Littleton, CO 80123, or you may email the application in a Word document to scholarship@leawoodneighbors.com. You will be contacted by phone after April 7th to set up an interview time.

Instructions:

Please type the information for each of the following five points on a separate paper and return it along with this completed form to the Leawood civic Association.

- List your school activities by year. Include clubs, societies, athletics, offices, held, conventions, attended, etc. Also include any honors and/or awards you have received.
- List your community involvement by yearincluding social organizations and extracurricular activities outside of school, religious or civic activities, etc.
- Employment Information: Name and address of Employer, Position/Type of work, Dates Employed
- Describe your future education plans. Include your proposed major, and institution you plan to attend, and your reasons for choosing each.
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Why Does Leap Year Exist?

Leap Year exists because of the time it takes the Earth to orbit the Sun. There are 365 days in most calendar years, but in the time it takes for the Earth to go around the sun once, our planet actually spins 365 and nearly a quarter times. The reason we care about that extra quarter is because the Earth has seasons.

If we didn't account for this extra time, the seasons would begin to drift. This would be annoying if not devastating, because over a period of about 700 years our summers, which we've come to expect in June in the northern hemisphere, would begin to occur in December!

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12/4	Sam's Club debit card Xmas party	13.96	
12/8	Pinto Pics Santa Party chk 1554	150.00	
12/9	Rapporter	273.00	
12/13	Littleton Elks Platinum Xmas par	ty	
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12/21	Xcel Energy	14.84	
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LCA Balance Sheet Dec. 2023

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Current Period Yr-to-Date Amt Beginning Balance.....287,358.14

Ownership Tax Revenue............1,055.67 10,847.17 Interest - Equip Replace Cap I 135.98 1,376.07 Interest & Divedends - Tx Rv 194.422,463.80 Total Operating Revenues.........1,507.02 ..179,670.91 Supplies & Misc Office Exp......0.00436.08 Doggie Walk Bags......262.002,512.00 Maint Contract - Weston/T......731.255,850.00 Maint Other - Weston.......985.008,812.04 Maintenance - Alarcon......225.006,190.22 Maintenance - Snow Plow350.003,400.00 Portable Restroom Expense591.206,876.00 Water - Tract T......227.067,229.78 Total Maint. & Utilities9,920.65 ..120,963.47

Projects - District Funds....... 15,960.00 30,076.00 **Total Other Expense.....** 15,960.00 30,076.00 **Total Operating Expenditures 27,213.46.. 172,229.50** LOTTERY/GRANT REV. & EXPENDITURES Funds In Lieu Of Interest......592.916,004.39

Int & Dividents - Lottery......148.561,738.53 Total Grant Revenues......741.4723,654.85 Lottery - Major Maintenance (15,564.00)1,596.00

Total Grant Expenditures (15,564.00)1,596.00 Ending Cash Balance.....\$277,957.17

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Lowest	Highest	How Many:
None	None	0
None	None	0
\$450,000	\$450,000	1
None	None	0
	None None \$450,000	None None None None \$450,000 \$450,000

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Leawood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Leawood (June 1, 2023-Jan. 15, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$440,000	\$950,000	7
2-story	\$610,000	\$780,000	6
Tri/Multi-level	\$550,000	\$875,000	7
Bi-level	\$607,000	\$652,939	2

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

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