



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember:

Upcoming Events: Leawood Civic Association

Feb 3: Leawood Civic meeting

6:30 at Leawood Elementary

Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Feb 16: President's Day

Mar 3: Leawood Civic meeting

6:30 at Leawood Elementary

Upcoming LCA Events

March 28: Easter Egg Hunt!

(backup date will be April 4, depending on weather with the earlier Easter holiday)

Garage Sale in May

Cleanup day in June

Picnic in August

We Need YOU!

The Leawood Civic Association is in need of a Membership Leader! We need someone who is IT savvy to take over Membership. Reach out any time to feedback@leawoodneighbors.com

Scholarship Deadline Details

Applications must be received by Tuesday, March 31st, 2026. Application details coming soon.



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Membership Drive Happening Now!

Don't miss your chance to join the Leawood Civic Association for the upcoming year! Membership is open, and it's the perfect time to get involved, support community events, and stay connected with your neighbors.

For just \$30 per household annually, your membership helps fund neighborhood favorites like the Leawood Picnic, holiday events, scholarships, and so much more.

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What the Leawood Civic Association Does and Why You Should Join:

The Leawood Civic Association (LCA) is made up of your neighbors, working together to promote and protect the best interests of our community.

We are **not an HOA**—membership is voluntary, and you're not required to attend meetings to participate. However, if you'd like to get involved, we meet once a month for just one hour to plan fun events and activities for the neighborhood.

What We Do:

Here are just a few of the things we organize and maintain:

- **Community Events:** Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sales, Summer Front Yard Parties, Car & Craft Show, Leawood Picnic, Santa Party, and more!
- **Leawood Entrance Maintenance:** Keeping the Bowles entrance looking its best.
- **Neighborhood News:** We publish *The Reporter* to keep everyone informed about community happenings.
- **Scholarships:** We offer scholarships for local high school seniors—encourage your eligible student to apply this year!
- **Clean-Up Day:** We provide dumpsters for residents to use for a small fee (a great deal compared to renting your own!).

Easy Ways To Show Your Love This Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day, take a second to show the people in your life you care about them. This doesn't have to be anything extravagant, and you certainly don't have to break the bank doing it.

- Ask your loved ones what their favorite dinner or dessert is and cook that. Bonus points if you do it together!
- Try a DIY spa day at home, even just for 30 minutes. Make a mask using ¼ ripe avocado (mashed), 1 Tbsp honey, and 1 tsp coconut oil. Mix until smooth, and lather it on your face. Leave for 15-30 minutes then rinse. The healthy fats in the avocado moisturize, while the honey soothes.
- Make a short playlist of a few of your favorite meaningful songs together and listen to it.
- Try the "Paint Each Other" date night trend! Get some cheap canvases and paints, sit across from each other (or in a group! Just make sure you can't see the other paintings until the end.), and try your best (or not) to paint a likeness of your loved one. There's no need to be an artist for this—sometimes the funniest outcomes make for the most cherished pieces.

Remember, this holiday isn't just about romance—some of the most meaningful relationships are friendships, family, and even the one you have with yourself. Treat yourself!

School News



Leawood Elementary School

- Feb 11: PTSA Meeting
- Feb 12: Valentine's Day Parties
- Feb 13: No School-Teacher Learning Day
- Feb 16: No School-President's Day



Ken Caryl Middle School

- Feb 3-6: Outdoor Lab
- Feb 4: PTO and SAC Meetings
- Feb 12: Spring Conferences



Columbine High School

- Feb 11: SAC Meeting
- Feb 12: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb 13: No School
- Feb 16: No School-President's Day
- Feb 26- 28: Musical
- Feb 13: No School- Professional Development Day
- Feb 16: No School- President's Day



FRONT RANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- Feb 13: No School
- Feb 16: No School-President's Day

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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 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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Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board Members

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- President/Treasurer: **Carole Gottlieb**
- Secretary: **Margaret Turaga**
- Board Member: **Jesse Opgenorth**
- Parks Manager: **Ken Leaf**

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00p.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.

Recognizing The Winners

We wanted to take a moment to show off the top houses for the Holiday Lights contest this past year. There were about 365 houses with some sort of decoration, but these four really gave it their all:

In first place was 5495 W Leawood Dr.; second place was 6212 Ames Ct.; third was a tie between 6287 S Benton and 6348 Chase Ct. Thank you for spreading holiday cheer and we're all looking forward to seeing what people do at the end of 2026.



1st Place: 5495 W Leawood Dr.



2nd Place: 6212 Ames Ct.



3rd Place Tie: 6287 S Benton



3rd Place Tie: 6348 Chase Ct.

LCA Minutes

LCA Minutes January 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. The agenda was reviewed and accepted without changes.

Attending: Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip Langowski, Paul O'Connor, Jesse Oppenorth, Camile Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, and Emma Smedberg.

November meeting minutes were approved.

Santa party was a success. It was stressful this year since both Santa and Mrs. Santa came down with a virus the morning of their visit. Fortunately, Mrs. Santa's daughter, Jenny and Tom B. came to the rescue!

Treasurer report: Paul K. was unable to attend because of a work meeting. He let the board know he has set up the Venmo account. Chip reported that the link to Venmo is working on the website for people wanting to pay membership dues using that method.

Membership: The membership drive will start in February with mailers going out.

Rhonda introduced Emma who is our new Reporter editor and everyone welcomed her to the board.

Community Outreach, including Front Yard parties, will be discussed next month. Also, at the February meeting the board will decide the date of the garage sale and Leawood cleanup.

Board thanked Paul O'Connor and his son for the nice holiday lights at the Jay Court entrance. Lauri reported that approximately 365 houses had some sort of holiday display in their front yards. Way to go Leawood!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next meeting is February 3rd at 6:30pm

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Minutes For Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District

Thursday Jan. 8th, 2026, Leawood Elementary School, Littleton, CO 80123, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga (secretary), Ken Leaf (park manager), Vicki Graves (board member), Zach Sack (President), Carole Gottlieb (Treasurer), Jesse Opgenorth (board member). Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President, Zach Sack.

Administrative Items

Treasurer's Report

Carole Gottlieb reported that insurance premiums have been paid. W-9 forms are due in preparation for tax season, and 1099s are expected to be issued. Payments to Randy will continue through March during/until the transition to the new Design By Sundown. Carole informed that the District needs to file a physical copy of the budget with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), which she will do.

Park Maintenance and Operations

Park Manager Report (Ken Leaf)

- Ken reported 36.5 hours worked, slightly less due to illness and holidays.
- Ongoing activities included fall cleanup, beaver monitoring, and playground inspections. During inspections, hardware was identified that needs replacement. Playground maintenance items noted include a loose bolt on monkey bars and missing caps on the "general store" structure.
- Board approved effort to apply protective paint. Ken will research appropriate sourcing and color-matching options for painting trees along waterways in Kendall and Weaver parks to prevent beaver damage. Beaver activity continues to be monitored in Weaver and Kendall, where a lodge has been identified.
- Met with Colorado Wildlife and Mile High Flood District regarding installation of a pond leveler. Next steps include obtaining water level measurements and developing a long-term plan.

- A shared Google Sheet will be implemented to track park manager day-to-day tasks and long-term projects.

- Ken to communicate with Designs by Sundown, which has begun tree trimming operations.

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning

Signs: Sign drafts were shared with board members. Board members to review and make edits and adjustments to be submitted to Judy.

- Goal to have final draft of signs, pending phone number, by February meeting.

Grants: Vicki reported on several grant opportunities:

- Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO): District was discouraged from applying, as the program prioritizes larger-scale projects. Suggestion made to consider Kendall Park dirt trails as possible option for GOCO support.

- Colorado Tree Coalition: Possible grant money for purchasing trees for Weaver Park. Application requires a one-page letter of intent including budget details, potential funding from the Colorado Forest Service, emphasis on diversity and resiliency, and possible volunteer involvement. Vicki will proceed with applying for this grant.

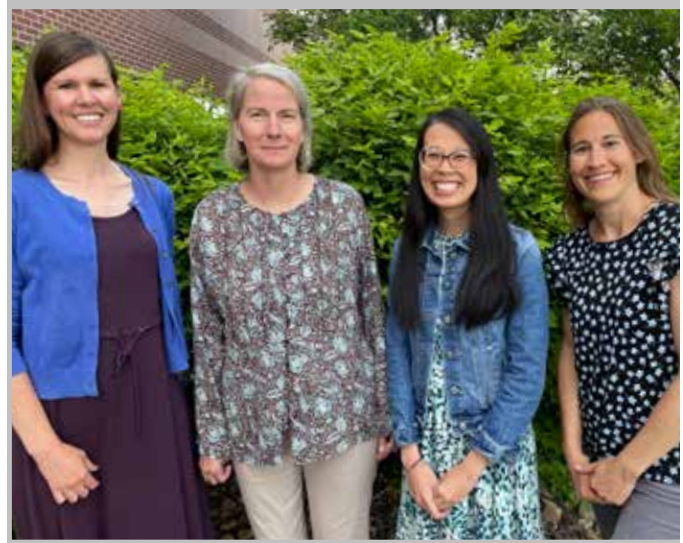
Phone Systems

- Jesse Opgenorth reported on phone system options. The SDA referred him to High Country Workplace Technology, with an estimated cost of \$20-22 per month. The system would provide a single phone number for residents to leave messages, which would then be forwarded to 2-3 board members and the Park Manager.

- An alternative option discussed was Google Voice through Google Workspace, estimated at \$7 per user per month plus an additional \$10 per month for Google Voice. Benefits of Google Workspace

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Minutes, *continued from page 4*
 were discussed, including point-to-point voice functionality.
 - Jesse and Carole to continue researching these options with goal to make a prompt decision, so information can be included in new signs.
 - Research to include bundling Google Workspace for email, storage, and phone communication.
New Business
 - Event Planning for 2026: Marci suggested the board anticipate 2-3 events/ community activities during the year.
 - Suggested events: Arbor Day event; Early June Leawood Baseball cleanup and game; Kendall thistle cleanup in June; Fall Raccoon cleanup event
 Meeting adjourned by President Sack at 7:30 p.m.
 — **Minutes submitted by: Marci Turaga, Secretary**

LCA Balance Sheet Dec. 2025

CHECKING	DEBIT	CREDIT
12/1 Beginning Balance		\$6,880.38
12/8 Ionos: Email Hosting	4.00	
12/9 Reporter Postage	273.00	
12/16 Check: Santa Party Photographer	200.00	
12/19 Check: Xcel Energy	14.73	
TOTALS	491.73	
Ending Balance		\$6,388.65
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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$680,000	\$749,000	4
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in LeaWood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$600,000	\$899,900	2
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in LeaWood (June 1, 2025–Jan. 14, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$570,000	\$700,000	3
2-story	\$645,000	\$725,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$520,000	\$735,000	5
Bi-level	\$795,000	\$795,000	1

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