



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember:

Upcoming Events: Leawood Civic Association

July 1: Board Meeting –
Leawood Park 6:30pm
July 1: International Reggae Day
July 3: Red, White & ROCK!
@ Hudson Gardens
July 3: Red, White & YOU @ Clement Park
July 4: Independence Day
July 11: FYP @ Patti Wiggam &
Marie Carpenter 6355 S Chase St

Upcoming Events, Rec & Park District:

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
at Vintage Reserve Clubhouse
Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
at Vintage Reserve Clubhouse
Wednesday, Sept 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
at Leawood Elementary

Pavilion Rental

The pavilions at Weaver and Leawood Park are now available to reserve at a cost of \$35 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. This information and more can be found at our website: leawoodparks.colorado.gov

Thank You For Pitching In

Thank you to all who came out and participated in the "Pitch In For The Park" event. Your time and effort to help beautify the park made a big difference, and we look forward to hosting more volunteer events in the future. Thank you!

Garage Sale Success

Thank you to the 26 residents who participated this year! We hope you had a great turn out.

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Summer in Leawood Means Front Yard Parties!

If it's Friday, we're looking for a Front Yard Party! These summer gatherings are a beloved neighborhood tradition — a great way to meet nearby neighbors and enjoy the season together. Each Friday evening, we gather at a different host's home for a casual, community-driven event.

What's a Front Yard Party?

It's like a mini block party! The host's address will be shared in *The Reporter* and marked with a front yard sign. Hosts provide a few tables (if available), and everyone else brings their own chairs, a dish to share, and drinks of their choice. We snack, chat, and enjoy a couple of hours getting to know each other.

Most parties take place in the driveway, but the location is up to the host. Backyard or garage more your style? Totally fine — guests will gather wherever you direct them!

We recommend a potluck-style setup where the host provides a sharable main dish and guests bring something to complement it. Don't want to host solo? Team up with a neighbor and co-host!

We have many other openings available please contact Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-4921 to sign up to host your party.

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. and are held on select Thursdays.

- **July 10 – Blue 88s Big Band** – big band jazz
- **July 17 – Michael Friedman Band** – R&B, funk, jazz
- **July 24 – Julia Kirkwood** – alternative pop, rock
- **July 31 – Blessing Bled Chimanga** – African jazz and dance music
- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman** – folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite** – 90s alternative rock and pop covers

Neighborhood Cleanup Success

Thank you for all who participated in the neighborhood clean-up. We had over 20 participants. It is an event the LCA enjoys providing. Also, thanks to 5280 Waste Solutions for the dumpsters.



LCA Minutes

June 3rd, 2025, 6:35pm

Attending: Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Paul O'Connor, Desiree Robinson, Camille Sanky, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno.

Discussion:

Clean up starts at 7am and will last until both dumpsters are filled. 5280 will provide two dumpsters.

Several Leawood residents have tried to join the LCA using the website and have had trouble with the payment portion. A discussion followed as to how we can make this an easier process.

Treasurer Report: Paul stated all bills have been paid. Park board is looking at ways to pay us directly for their share of the Reporter through their bank, rather than sending a check.

Membership: Chip has been working on entering new memberships into data base. As of June 3rd, 127 residents belong to the LCA. It was pointed out that there are close to 800 homes in Leawood so there should be ways to attract more families to join.

Rhonda reported the garage sale was a success. Twenty-six residents signed up and \$219.00 was made.

Dave Sarno mowed the Bowles/Jay entrance, and it looks so much better! Thank you, Dave.

Front Yard Parties: So far three families have signed up to host a party this summer. Rhonda volunteered to call several residents that hosted before to see if they can host one again.

Leawood Picnic is August 23rd. Discussion followed on budget and menu.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm. Next meeting scheduled for July 1st, Leawood Park, 6:30pm.

Red, White & You

Thursday, July 3, 2025 in Clement Park
(7306 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton 80123)

Event runs rain or shine. Red, White & You is a FREE patriotic, community event focusing on fun for the whole family! Red, White & You is the largest free community event in South Jefferson County. Geared toward all ages and designed to bring the community together, attendance is estimated at 35,000+ annually. The event includes kids' activities, live entertainment, food concessions, community business booths, beer & wine garden, and a fireworks display.

Spend A Day At The Beach

Yes, Colorado has beaches, and what better way to spend a hot summer day than with your toes in the sand? Many reservoirs throughout the state include spacious beach spots perfect for sunbathing, swimming, picnics, SCUBA diving, and more. Notable ones include Cherry Creek State Park, Chatfield State Park, Lake Dillon Reservoir, and the Boulder Reservoir. Pack a picnic, bring some towels and an umbrella, and soak in some sun.

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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
Board Member:	Logan MacMillan
Parks Manager:	Ken Leaf

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.

Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District – Meeting Summary

DATE: JUNE 11, 2025 • TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: VINTAGE RESERVE CLUBHOUSE

Attendees: Carole Gottlieb, Marci Turaga, Logan MacMillan, Jesse Opneorth, Tom Bryant, Steve Wall

- **Resident Comments:** Complaints about wildflowers being cut; board to address with Cox Landscaping.
- **Park Manager Report:**
 - * Edger purchase approved (3-1 vote)
 - * Dripline inspections ongoing
 - * No available sprinkler layout plans
- **“Pitch in the Park Pickup”:** Well-received by residents. Judy securing cheaper weekly dumpster service.
- **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - * All bills on autopay, paperless
 - * Irrigation costs: \$3K YTD
 - * Pavilion rental: \$75 received
 - * Requesting full US Bank download (past 5 years)
- **Website & Email:** Exploring SIPA options for email/voicemail/data. Marci to confirm storage details.
 - * Reviewed website. Updates were made to current board members, park pavilion policies, and contact information
 - * Discussed creation of official, separate LMRPD emails. Plan was made to research Gmail and other offerings for discussion in June meeting.

- **Flower Beds:** Judy to lead design with volunteers; volunteer day at Raccoon to be scheduled.
 - * Park manager advised that Cox looked at drip lines in beds but did not give conclusive answer on whether the lines are functioning properly.
 - * Plan to spread mulch on Weaver entrance beds as part of May31st “Pitch In For The Park” activity.
 - * Discussion was had on obtaining irrigation specialist to run sprinkler system and drip lines independent of landscaping maintenance.
- **Marketing:** Facebook & Nextdoor: 25 followers. Temporary sign approved (4-0) for Pavilion rental info.
- **10-Year Park Plan:**
 - * Discussion was held on Board goal to develop a 10 year plan for the park.
 - * 2 Year plan outline to be developed by Logan MacMillan for discussion in June meeting
- **Trees/Stream:**
 - * Mile High contact still pending
 - * \$1K invoice for barrel removal under review
 - * Vote to approve bids to remove Raccoon Hollar fallen tree: unanimous approval
 - * Jefferson County Extension & CSU: Margaret will call JCE and CSU to begin discussion/work on getting tree audit and recommendations for tree removal/replacement

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- * Mile High: Logan MacMillan will develop contact with Darren at Mile High to prepare for work on tree/foliage/growth in Dutch Creek
- **Concrete:**
 - * Permits required; Tom researching
 - * Chase St Bridge mud-jacking noted
 - * Recommending moving porta-potty and requiring insurance certificates for vendors
 - * Jeffco to repair Fair sidewalk; focus on sealing cracks
- **Wooden Bridge:** Dan Foster to provide painting quote.
- **Grants:** Steve Wall to lead grant efforts with Carole's assistance.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: July 9, 2025, 6:00 PM at Vintage Reserve Clubhouse

* *The LMPRD Board would like to extend a special thank you to Judy Anderson and Tom Bryant for their volunteer efforts. Their projects contributions are meaningful and impactful to all of us within the district!*

* *There is ONE remaining seat open on the Leawood Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Board. Board members typically meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and work together to oversee and maintain the parks. Board members are paid \$100 per month/meeting.*

* *Thank you for your patience as we have transitioned to a new landscaping company.*

National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day, July 7

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity.

The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.

School News



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National Parents' Day

National Parents' Day honors all parents on the fourth Sunday in July. No matter where our parents may be, this day serves to celebrate their important role in our lives.

In May we celebrated mothers, and in June we celebrated fathers. It follows that in July we can bring all our parents together and show them some appreciation all at once.

Parents play a vital role in the lives of children. From our birth, parents protect, teach, provide, and serve as role models. As part of a family, we look to them for guidance. We mirror their behavior and learn to be a core part of our communities.

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*July, with its days of blue skies and time that
seemingly stands still, holds a special place in my heart.*

—Daisaku Ikeda

LCA Balance Sheet May 2025

CHECKING DEBIT CREDIT

5/1 Beginning Balance.....	\$8,863.46
5/7 Ionos - Email Management.....	4.00
5/12 Stripe - Membership Dues.....	28.83
5/13 Stripe - Membership Dues.....	28.83
5/16 Check - Scholarship Winner.....	500.00
5/17 Reporter.....	273.00
5/19 Check - Garage Sale Mailbox.....	21.75
5/20 Stripe - Membership Dues.....	96.80
5/22 Check - Xcel Energy.....	15.05
5/30 USPS - 12 Mnth PO Box Renewal.....	332.00
5/30 Deposit - Membership Drive.....	850.00
TOTALS.....	1,145.80 \$1,004.46
Ending Balance	\$8,722.12

SAVINGS

3/1 Beginning Balance.....	\$1,026.65
Interest.....	\$0.04
3/31 Ending Balance.....	\$1,026.69
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,043.94

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	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$615,000	\$749,500	3
2-story	\$750,000	\$750,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$700,000	\$700,000	1
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	\$645,000	\$645,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$640,000	\$735,000	3
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Leawood (Oct. 1, 2024–June 17, 2025)

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$482,500	\$745,000	3
2-story	\$640,000	\$725,000	4
Tri/Multi-level	\$560,000	\$900,000	11
Bi-level	\$592,000	\$592,000	1

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