



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember:

June 19: Juneteenth

June 21: Father's Day

June 21: First day of Summer

June is Pride month!

Upcoming Events: Leawood Civic Association

June 2: LCA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
at the Leawood Park pavilion

June 13: Community clean-up

June-August: Front yard parties

August 22: Community picnic
(volunteers needed!)

Upcoming Events, Rec & Park District:

Find the most up-to-date info on the website or LMPRD Facebook page.

June 11: LMPR meeting, 6 p.m.
at the Leawood Park pavilion

Front Yard Parties

The parties are back! These summer parties are a Leawood tradition that gives us all a chance to hang out with and meet our neighbors. These are very casual and very simple parties—all the host needs to do is supply some refreshments in their front yard, and guests stop by with some snacks or drinks to share, maybe a lawn chair or two, and then party! If hosting feels intimidating or overwhelming, consider partnering with one or two of your neighbors to share the responsibility. The more the merrier! 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. Parties will start at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm or wherever the night takes us.

June 12: Laurie and Dave Sarno,
5935 S Jay St.

July 10: Camille Sankey,
6104 W Leawood Dr.

Open dates: 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21

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Congrats Caroline!

Every year the Leawood Civic Association awards up to two amazing graduating seniors in the neighborhood with \$500 scholarships to support their academic endeavors. This year we're congratulating Caroline Fender and recognizing her achievements and contributions to our community. The neighborhood is proud to support driven young adults in their futures and we wish all of them – Caroline in particular – success and happiness in their higher education! *"I will be attending Montana State University this fall. I plan on majoring in sociology or elementary education. I am super excited for the next four years and look forward to spending time in Montana. I have enjoyed growing up in the Leawood community and will miss this amazing neighborhood! Thank you!!"*

– Caroline Fender



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

Clean Up Day: June 13th

Leawood Clean Up day is planned for June 13th at Leawood Elementary and will start at 8 a.m. until dumpsters are full. Sign up ahead of time and we'll have your name on the Membership list at the front of the line. \$25 for Bronze and Silver LCA members; free for Gold and Platinum; \$55 for nonmembers.

We ask that our neighbors respect the time of the event, as well as our request not to leave prohibited items in the dumpsters, prior to the event. Items that cannot be discarded are hazardous materials, paint cans, tires, electronics (including appliances, computers /computer monitors, televisions), oil, and liquids. Take advantage of this opportunity to help clean up the neighborhood! If our neighbors need assistance with heavy or complex items. Please visit leawoodneighbors.com or contact an LCA board member for more information.

We need strong people to help! Will probably only last for a couple hours.

Go Fishing Day

National Go Fishing Day on June 18 encourages us to drop a line – in the nearest stream, pond, lake, or river. It's time to take a break from our daily routine, bait a hook and catch some fish while enjoying the outdoors on your relaxing endeavor.

The act of fishing has been around for thousands of years. In fact, archeologists have found evidence of it dating back to the Upper Paleolithic period about 40,000 years ago. As part of human culture and survival, fishing has always been a consistent way to feed our families while enjoying a relaxing pastime.

Pet(s) of The Month

Floyd's a hunter! He enjoys catching things in the back yard, as cats do. Of course he wants to share his trophies with his parents, Steve and Diane, but they don't let him bring snakes inside. I'm sure Floyd is just trying to give them a little gift!

Send over a photo and some words about your pet to smedbergemma92@gmail.com with the subject line "LEAWOOD PETS" and I'll try to include them in an upcoming issue.



LCA Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2026, Leawood Elementary, 6:35pm

Attending: Paul O'Connor, Paul Klinger, Camille Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, Rhonda Eveleth, Emma Smedberg-Ruiz; Guest; Caroline Fender (Scholarship Winner)

Treasurer Report: provided - good standing- some dues are still coming in.

Upcoming Dates: Garage Sale 5/15 & 5/16, Rhonda & Camille have it handled; Clean up 6/13; Front yard parties: Sarno's 6/12; Camille 7/10; Picnic 8/22

Rappoter: Emma handling it well

Meeting Ended: 7:15

Next Meeting: June 2, 2026 @ Park

We Need YOU!

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

The *Leawood Rappoter* 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:

CALLING ALL WRITERS! Do you have any interest in publishing a short article in the Leawood Rappoter? If so, please reach out! We are open to all kinds of ideas. 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.

Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board Members

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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, concerns, or comments for the Park Board?

Contact any of the Park Board members listed above or go to the parks website: <https://leawoodparks.colorado.gov/>

Ways To Keep Your Kids Entertained This Summer

Summer’s in full swing, the kids are on vacation and looking for things to do. Before you give in to the unrealistic notion that your children need to be entertained on a regular basis when they’re not in school, remember that it’s summer – a time for even the most active kids to take a break from organized activities and find ways to entertain themselves.

This list of practical (and fun) ideas for things kid can do on their own, or with a parent or caregiver, should help you survive until the school bus rolls into the neighborhood again.

1. **Pick your own...whatever.** Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.
2. **Camp out.** First-timers, try backyard camping.
3. **Camp in.** Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.
4. **Rearrange the furniture.** Give the kids graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.
5. **Invite friends over for a game day.** Have a kids’ games table and an adult one too. Candyland, chess, Monopoly, Clue – let the kids pick their favorites.
6. **Make your own pizza.**
7. **Talk to the animals.** Go to a zoo. If there isn’t one nearby, take a virtual zoo tour online.
8. **Get wet.** Break out the kiddie pools, hoses, and sprinklers. Or if the budget permits, spend the day at a waterpark.
9. **Have a puzzle race.** Stock up on 100-piece puzzles and see who finishes first. For older kids, skip the race and challenge them to complete a mega-piece puzzle. Set up a spot where everyone can join in working on the puzzle.

10. **Play (or learn) card games.** Amazing how much fun you can have with a single pack of playing cards. Little ones can learn crazy eights or Old Maid. Teach the older kids rummy or poker, or discover new games to master.

11. **Make good use of nearby parks.** Go to your local park’s website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.

12. **Pack a picnic.** And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a state park or in your own backyard. Rainy day? Have an Indoors Picnic! Spread a blanket on the living room floor where there are no bugs or rain to contend with and the children will love it!

13. **Join (or create) a summer reading club.** Most local libraries have a summer reading program that awards prizes for the most books read. If your library doesn’t, create your own. Pick a day of the week to be library day. You take back the read books and pick up new ones. Create categories and award prizes to whoever read the most books in those categories. If you have three children, have three categories. Make sure every child gets a prize.

14. **Experiment with new hairdos.** Let the kids try out not-permanent colors or braids. Or maybe a spiked look.

15. **Set a goal and complete a home project.** Spare room need cleaning out? Fences need painting? Kitchen cabinets in need of organizing? Find ways to let the kids help.

16. **Let the kids cook dinner.** In fact, make a tradition of it.

17. **Host a sleepover.** And the maybe your kids will be invited next – giving you a free evening.

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Minutes for Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District

Thursday, May 14th, 2026, Leawood Elementary, 6:05pm

Attendees: Marci Turaga, Ken Leaf, Vicki Grove, Zach Sack, Carole Gottlieb, Jesse Opgenorth, Public: Tom Bryant, Judy Anderson, Craig Pedersen

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Public Comments

Local homeowner expressed interest in supporting the board's work and efforts, and shared appreciation for the work board members put into serving on the board. The board much appreciated the positive feedback.

Resident suggested an additional bench be installed in Racoon Hollar, possibly through a district campaign to raise funds. Park manager to explore cost of new metal bench. Resident also shared that a homeowner in Racoon Hollar requests no mowing by landscapers be done on his property. Zack to communicate with Designs By Sundown.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials were shared with board. Total cash balance remains steady at approx \$350k. Colorado Trust Fund work has been completed and funds will be coming, including for previous period. Treasurer to continue keeping close track of irrigation expenses (along with other operating expenses) to give a clear picture of where largest expenses are. Last few years water expenses totaled \$25k, \$38k, and \$47k.

Treasurer withholding on final payment to Cox due to errors with irrigation repairs completed that failed within a few months. No communication has been received from Cox regarding this issue.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

Park Manager Report

Work includes graffiti removal, new tennis court net in Weaver, Arbor Day preparation (thanks to Ken!), clearing debris from creek, pressure washing Weaver pavilion concrete.

Suggested rock edging to prevent mud and ruts from Honey Bucket truck in Weaver Park.

Reported that Hooper gave info to Q3 (contractor) to coordinate replacing tree. Company to replace Maple tree that was damaged.

Watering new trees has been performed by hand. Discussion held about watering trailer being stored. Further research into winter watering options required.

Solar lights have been stolen from garden bed at Weaver main entrance. Ken and Jesse to work on installing cameras. Resident suggested Lorex cameras for reducing vandalism.

Discussion was held about cleaning up areas between Weaver sidewalk and street, noting that grass and weeds have become long and overgrown. Designs By Sundown recommends holding off on mowing due to draught conditions. Mowing will be performed next week. Edging to be performed by either DBS or park manager.

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LONG-TERM PLANNING

Update on Tree Trimming

As of today, \$51k of the \$137k contract for tree work has been paid/work completed. Marci brought up multiple cottonwood trees that require trimming or removal in Weaver Park. Zach and park manager to walk through Weaver to identify

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trees needing work, will review the contract with mapped out trees and communicate with DBS.

Irrigation

Many issues with current sprinkler system in all five parks. Cost to replace entire system in 5 parks will likely be close to 500k.

Suggested work include installing Master Valve in Leewood Park which can be turned off remotely (in case of leak). Master Valve requires flow meter, which will automatically stop water when a leak is detected. Cost approx \$18-23k

Racoon has no Stop and Waste. This is required by Denver Water.

Discussion held on options, including to begin replacing sprinkler system park by park. Board decided to move forward with installing master valve and flow meter in Leewood then assess next steps.

Motion made to approve having DBS doing work in Leewood Park and install Stop and Waste in Racoon for approx \$30k. Unanimous approval.

Payment System

Through Tyler Technologies, SIPA offers two applicable options for payment systems: Engagement Builder, a robust and dynamic system that can be scaled up, and PromptPay, a simple payment link system. Engagement Builder provided more long term potential at a higher cost, that is covered by SIPA. Approval for PromptPay is extremely likely, while approval for EB is less certain.

Marci to follow up with Beth about linking third party applications to the website for reservations and payment.

Beaver Relocation Service

Motion made to move forward with Nick Hagan, from Songdog Outdoor Services, for beaver relocation in the summer. Nick has expertise in both finding suitable relocation sites as well as in the trapping and relocation process. Unanimously approved.

Insurance Claim Update

Carole provided board with a summary of potential claims to insurance and met with contact from the insurance company to discuss path forward. Next steps are to receive for feedback from Insurance Company liaison.

Leewood 5k

Board discussed putting on a LMRPD 5k in the fall to raise money for various projects. Zack to work on t-shirt design, Carole to inquire about event insurance, Jesse to gather information about potential sponsors, Marci to prepare potential routes.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on how to address established tree on park property that may be damaging homeowner's retaining wall. Board determined that more information is needed. Meeting to be held with DBS, VR HOA, Ken, Zach and Jesse to determine best path forward.

Marci to draft semi-annual letter for communication with VR residents.

Tom to get quote on concrete repair and for preserving replaced wood timbers on Eaton bridge.

June 13th Community Cleanup Day scheduled.

Next meeting will be held on June 11th, 2026 at the Leewood Park Pavilion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm

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Step 1: Materials. You can get everything you need for this project from a craft or art supply store and around the house.

You'll need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Water
- Powdered Tempera Paint
- Mixing Bowl
- Molds

You can use some fun molds that came with a plaster of Paris kit, and some of the neat ice tube trays from IKEA. They even make tube-shaped ones if you want traditional chalk shapes.

To make your own stick molds, try using toilet paper rolls. To make them thinner, just cut a seam, overlap the edges, and tape together.



Step 4: Clean-up! Clean up is very important - and you don't want to rinse this stuff down your sink. See how it's setting up in those molds? It's going to do the same in your pipes!

Take a container like a small waste bin, and line it with a plastic bag. Pour in some water, and use this as a sink to rinse everything - all materials, your hands, everything! Let the plaster set up in the bottom, and the water will rise to the top. Once it's settled, you can pour off the water from the top, leaving the plaster undisturbed. Dispose of the bag.

Step 5: Check Out That Chalk! Drying time will vary, depending on size of the molds you use. It's pretty easy to tell by look and feel when the chalk will be ready to de-mold. Even if you pop it out and it's not set yet, you can let it air dry a bit more without worrying about it losing its shape.

- www.instructables.com/Make-Your-Own-Sidewalk-Chalk/

Step 2: Mix It Up. For every cup of plaster of Paris, use 3/4 cup of water. Add in as much powdered tempera as you like, and stir, stir, stir!

Step 3: Molds. Pour the mixture into your molds. For fun, mix up a few different colors, and swirl them together!

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Hello, June! Now the days are going to be hotter and the nights even longer.
 - Unknown

School News

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4/6 Ionos: Email Hosting	8.00	
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Ending Balance		\$9,196.60
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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$749,000	\$749,000	1
2-story	\$680,000	\$680,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$650,000	\$700,000	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Leawood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$550,000	\$550,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Leawood (June 1, 2025–May 15, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$570,000	\$885,000	5
2-story	\$645,000	\$725,000	4
Tri/Multi-level	\$520,000	\$735,000	8
Bi-level	\$795,000	\$795,000	1

The statistical information is based on MLS data May 15, 2026. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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