



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember:

May 5: Cinco de Mayo
May 10: Mother's Day
May 25: Memorial Day

Upcoming Events: Leawood Civic Association

May 5: LCA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
at Leawood Elementary
May 15 & 16: Community
Garage Sale, 8am-3pm
Jun 13: Community clean-up
Jun-Aug: Front yard parties
Aug 22: Community picnic
(volunteers needed!)

Upcoming Events, Rec & Park District:

*Find the most up-to-date info on the
website or LMPRD Facebook page.*
May 14: LMPR meeting,
6 p.m. at Leawood Elementary

Front Yard Parties

Get ready for the annual FYP season to start! We're looking for neighbors who would like to host in their front yard and bring the neighborhood together. Don't want to go it alone? No problem! Get a neighbor or two to host with you and take some of the pressure off. These events are casual and fun. We're looking forward to meeting everyone! Interested? Reach out to Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-4921 to sign up. Parties start at 6:30 p.m.
June 12: Laurie and Dave Sarno,
5935 S Jay St.
Open dates: 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21

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.

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Annual Community Garage Sales

The annual Leawood Garage Sale is just around the corner and is scheduled for **May 15th and 16th this year from 8am-3pm**. Spring is here, so it's time to start that spring cleaning and pull out your gear, treasures, supplies, and whatever else you might want taken off your hands. Set some things aside for the community sale and start to get your house decluttered and cleaned. You never know, something you don't care about might be *exactly* what your neighbor has been looking for!

To be included on the official map handed out to shoppers, **YOU MUST REGISTER!**

The deadline to register is Tues., May 12th! Registration form is on page 6 of this newsletter.

Please complete the registration form and drop it off at Camille Sankey's home at 6104 W Leawood Dr by May 12th, and put it in the box next to her front door. If you have any questions, call Rhonda Eveleth at 303-898-5418.

*May, the month of sunshine, blooming
flowers, and endless possibilities.*

-Unknown



Easter Egg Hunt

Once again thank you for coming out to hunt some Easter eggs at the end of March! It was a lot of fun and a wonderful day for it. There were about 80 kids in attendance.



School News



Leawood Elementary School

- May 1: KG Denver Zoo field trip
- May 4-8: Staff appreciation week
- May 4: Assessment day, by appt. only
- May 7: 1st/2nd grade Meow the Musical
- May 12: 2nd grade Dinosaur Ridge field trip;
PTSA community night @ Skate City
- May 15: K-5 Field day
- May 21: Cheerleading performance
- May 25: Memorial Day, no school
- May 27: 5th grade last day and
continuation pool party
- May 28: Last day k-4, early release;
Leawood Eats @ Nella's



Ken Caryl Middle School

- May 4-5: MAP testing
- May 6-7: Science MAP testing (7th grade only)
- May 18: Orchestra concert @ Columbine
- May 19: Band concert @ Columbine
- May 22: 6th and 7th grade awards breakfast
- May 25: Memorial Day, no school
- May 27: 8th grade continuation @ Columbine
- May 28: Last day of school; Spartan Jamboree



Columbine High School

- May 1-2: Spring play
- May 4-15: AP testing
- May 6-8: Senior finals
- May 13: Senior awards
- May 14: Graduation practice
- May 15: Graduation @ Red Rocks, no school
- May 25: Memorial Day, no school
- May 26-28: S2 finals
- May 28: Last day of school



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- May 11-14: Jr/ Sr finals and testing
- May 15-21: Jr/ Sr practicum
- May 22: Last day of school (all grades)
- May 23: Graduation

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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

President:	Zachary Sack, zsack.leawoodparks@gmail.com
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Board Member:	Vicki Grove, VickiJGrove@gmail.com

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/>

LCA Minutes

April 6th, 2026, Leawood Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Attending: Nancy Bock, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Paul O'Connor, Camille Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, Emma Smedberg

Treasurer Report: All bills have been paid. Membership drive income continues but has slowed down from previous months.

Membership: Chip is reconciling membership records and entering the new data into the system.

Old Business: Laurie reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. It was a beautiful day to look for eggs in the park. Approximately eighty children attended.

New Business: Rhonda will oversee the garage sale, like in previous years. Camille reported the deadline to register is May 12th and so far, only two families have signed up. Nancy reported that the scholarship recipient has been notified and will receive their check at the May meeting. Laurie mentioned volunteers needed to host Front Yard parties in July and August.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome. – William James

Pet(s) of the Month

Here are two lovely cats, Jaq and Jillian, and a story of neighbors coming together to rescue Jaq! Orange cat is Jaq; black mackerel is Jillian.

These siblings just turned 11 on April 24th. Happy Belated Birthday!

Their dad, Paul, said Jaq ran away from home a few years back and was gone for almost 3 weeks (that's practically half a year to a cat)! Waiting for news of his dear cat was unbearable until a

neighbor texted about a post they had seen on NextDoor: someone had noticed an orange tabby taking shelter and keeping warm on a covered sewer grate way on the other side of the neighborhood, past Raccoon Hollar. Reportedly, *another* neighbor had been leaving food and water for the lost kitty.

Thanks to all of these neighbors, Jaq was reunited with his sister, Jillian, and the rest of the family. Little Jaq now has a tracker, though he seems to have learned not to stray too far from the house again.

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.





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Minutes for Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District

April 9th, 2026, Leawood Elementary, 6:01 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga, Ken Leaf, Vicki Grove, Zach Sack, Carole Gottlieb, Jesse Ogenorth

Administrative Items

Update to be made to LMRPD Policies and Procedures to clarify that charges/expenses that are required by law or are repetitive in nature do not require a vote by the board.

Treasurer's Report:

Statement 1 – Expansion of Insurance Claim

The Treasurer is providing notice that the insurance claim is being expanded to include two additional documented incidents of external interference with District operations. The first involves a written communication distributed to multiple parties – including the District’s insurance adjuster – containing inaccurate statements about the District and its Treasurer. The second involves the public distribution of inaccurate statements about District practices that resulted in direct operational harm, including the loss of an established contractor relationship as a result of those communications. The Board will continue to document all incidents as part of the claim record.

Statement 2 – Non-Response from Insurance Carrier

The Treasurer also notes that its formal written request to the insurance carrier for all communications between the adjuster and unauthorized third parties has received no response to date. This non-response is itself being documented as part of the claim record.

Statement 3 – Tree Removal Payment to Designs by Sundown

The District has to date paid 50% of the contracted amount of \$168,000 to Designs by Sundown for the removal of dead trees and mitigation of dying trees across District parks. This work represents a direct, quantifiable cost to the District resulting from years of deferred tree maintenance and is a component of the insurance claim currently being documented.

Statement 4 – SDA Membership Renewal Required

The Treasurer received notice that the District’s 2026 SDA membership renewal has not been completed. Current SDA membership is required as a condition of the District’s insurance coverage through the Colorado Special Districts Property & Liability Pool. 2026 dues are approximately \$400. Board authorization to pay is requested.

Statement 5 – Cash balance as of today \$366k

Park Maintenance and Operations

Park Manager Report:

- Manager continues to guard trees, trim suckers from trees and clean up debris/branches, plans to clean up near Benton bridge.
- Reported one snow plowing event during March, no further plowing expected this season.
- Detailed work on playground equipment in Leawood Park. Informed board of need to replace swing set materials and continue replacing playground caps (general maintenance). Swing set components must be replaced every 2-3 years. The board has no record of swing set components ever being replaced.

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LMRPD Meeting Minutes, *continued from page 4*

- Informed board that the two lamp posts in Weaver (playground and tennis courts) require repair. Solicited an electrician's bid: cost is approx \$1400 for one with \$700 required up front. The board unanimously approved this expense as general maintenance. Treasurer to pay.
- Discussion was held about retrieving water tanks from Creekside Gardens for watering new trees. Jesse suggested a per-mile cost for using his personal truck and also suggested district to work with Designs By Sundown for watering. Mr. Leaf to follow up on watering solutions.

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning

Phone/Email System:

- Vicki applied for a SIPA grant to offset cost of communications system
- No new updates regarding Gmail/Tyler

Surveillance Camera:

- Dome cameras have been purchased and will be placed in Leewood and Weaver Pavilion areas. Jesse to work with park manager to get cameras installed and running.
- Jesse provided an update to the board on CHS student behavior in Leewood during school hours. Jesse spoke with the school, which advised that they take no responsibility and have no control over where students go during their lunch break due to open campus policy. Instructed district to call Jeffco sheriff to report any nefarious behavior.

Grants and Tree Replacement/ Arbor Day Event:

- Vicki provided update on effort to apply for grants. Application for a grant to match \$2000 has been submitted. District expects to purchase 20 trees through Colorado Tree Coalition program.
- Arbor day event will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 12-2pm. Event to include planting three maple trees near the Weaver playground, activities for children and adults, kick off of tree donation campaign. Refreshments provided.
- Vick and Ken to work together to contact Xcel energy and prepare digging site. Board members assigned tasks to support event preparation.

New Business

The board discussed the appropriate response to a request from a non-resident that a special meeting be held specifically to discuss beavers. The board deemed a special meeting unnecessary due to the facts that beavers have been a topic of discussion in public board meetings for many months, information is readily available on the website, and public participation is welcome and encouraged at our regularly held monthly meetings (2nd Thursday at 6pm at Leewood Elementary).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

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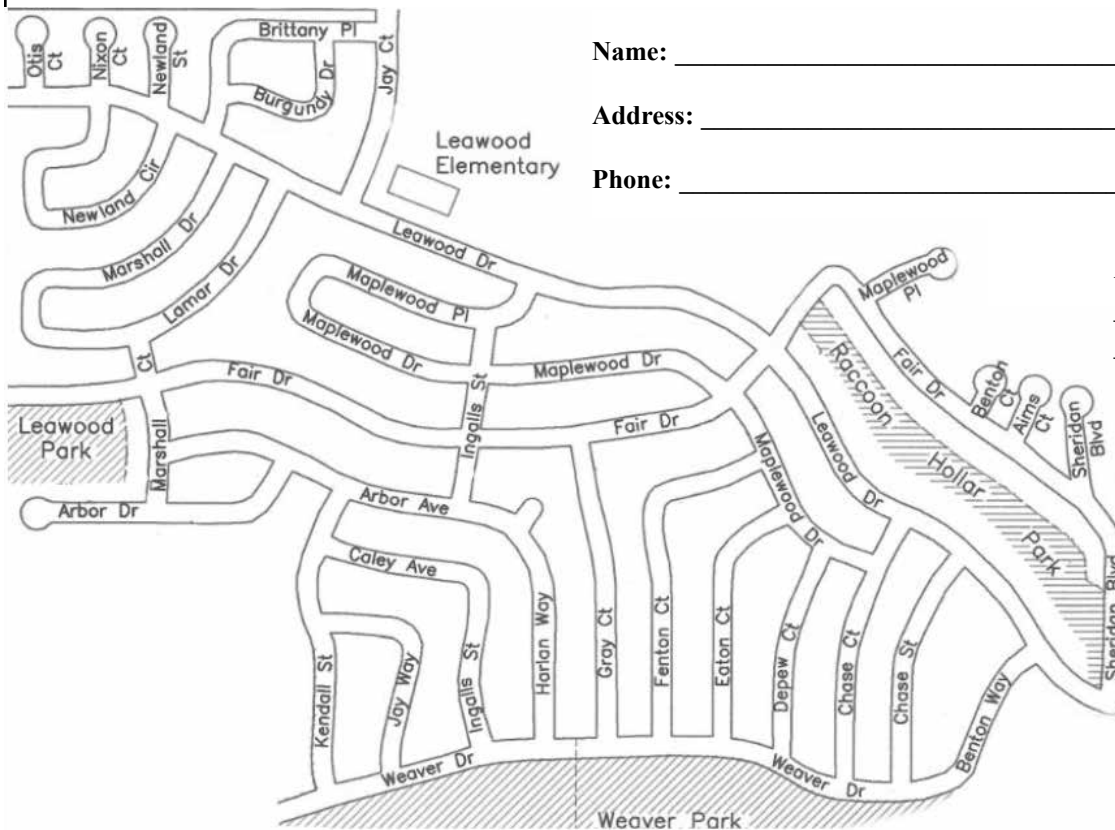
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Leawood Garage Sale Registration Form

The annual Leawood Garage Sale is scheduled
for May 15th and 16th. To be listed on the
official map that's handed out to shoppers, you
need to register.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed:

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Forms are due by May
12th. Please complete the
registration form and drop
it off at Camille Sankey's
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Call Rhonda Eveleth
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Mother's Day, May 10

Mother's Day is a time-honored tradition of recognizing the women in our lives who raised us, dried our tears, and well, mothered us. Everyone has one or has someone who is like a mother to them. On the second Sunday of May, we honor those women who are our mothers. Whether we shower her with gifts, take her to a fancy dinner or make her a homemade card, what moms want most is to be surrounded by the love of her family. Knowing the people they love are safe, sound, and healthy is a mom's number one priority.

HOW TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Pay tribute to your mother this holiday. Surround her with the love she deserves and shower her with the affection and attention you know she wants. For those of us whose moms are no longer with us, spend some time remembering the woman you miss. Visit with those who remember her and honor her memory. If you're a mom, revel in the attention. You deserve it!

LCA Balance Sheet Mar. 2026

CHECKING	DEBIT	CREDIT
3/1 Beginning Balance		\$5,918.81
3/4 Venmo Deposit: Membership		558.39
3/6 Deposit: Membership Drive.....		1,820.00
3/6 Check: Nancy	47.48	
3/7 Ionos: Email Hosting	19.00	
3/9 Check: Jefferson Cty Public Schools	42.00	
3/9 Check: Laurie; Easter Candy	122.06	
3/10 Venmo Deposit: Membership		558.27
3/10 Check: Rhonda; Mailer Postage	555.75	
3/13 Deposit: Membership Drive.....		624.00
3/20 Reporter Postage	273.00	
3/27 Deposit: Membership Drive.....		420.00
3/27 Check: Xcel Energy	18.20	
3/31 Venmo Deposit: Membership		175.98
3/31 Account Maintenance Charge	6.00	
TOTALS.....	1,083.49	4,156.64
Ending Balance		\$8,991.96
SAVINGS		
3/1 Beginning Balance.....		\$1,027.13
Interest.....		\$0.04
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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$779,000	\$779,000	1
2-story	\$685,000	\$685,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$704,900	\$704,900	1
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	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in LeaWood (June 1, 2025–Apr. 16, 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

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