



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember

November 7th: LCA Meeting at Leawood Elementary at 6:30pm

November 11th: Veterans Day

November 13th: Park Board Meeting, 6pm Leawood Elementary if available or TBD

November 23rd: Thanksgiving

December 5th: Santa Party, Leawood Elementary

Santa Party at Leawood Elementary

Santa will be visiting Leawood Elementary again this year on **Tuesday**

December 5th from 6pm- 7:30pm. Come and get your picture with Santa and join us for some crafts and games. More details to come in the December issue so keep an eye out.

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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Winter Lighting Contest!

It's that time of year again! Although we have seen Christmas stuff in store for a couple of months now it's almost time to start putting it up in the yard again. The Leawood Civic Board will judge the winners, **You must be a member of the LCA to win.** Winners will be posted on the website and put in the January Reporter issue. Make sure to have your decorations up by **December 15th.**

Way Back When

Our family moved into our new Leawood home in 1972. With our three children in tow, we thought we were moving to the country. The nearest grocery store, gas station and movie theater were all eastbound on Bowles. It was a scenic drive; complete with rolling pastures, grazing cattle, and a picturesque farmhouse. It's hard to imagine now, but Columbine High School did not exist yet. Our oldest

daughter started kindergarten in the brand-new Leawood Elementary.

Recently, when our neighborhood "moms" got together, we revisited our shared memories. One of our friends came from Florida and another from Texas. As usual, we took up right where we left off from the last get-together.

"Way back when" most of us were stay-at-home moms and that shared experience was the beginning of our friendships. It wasn't long until our children were playing together and what better way is there to meet your neighbors?

Us moms were soon getting together also. It wasn't long before a bridge group began meeting at night because the dads could watch the kids. We got together for coffee, candy and cookie exchanges, tupperware parties and outdoor picnics. You name it! The Christmas Progressive Dinners became the stuff of legends. Those continued for forty plus years. Memories came flooding back. One of us will never forget slicing all those onions for French Onion Soup. Another's husband commented he never saw her kitchen so filled with dirty pots, pans, bowls and utensils after she spent all day in the kitchen making a Snowflake Cake!

All of our children have fond memories of growing up in Leawood too. Their friendships continue to this day. Our youngest daughter remembers meeting her best friend at the lamp post. When the streetlights came on, it was time to go home. They would play together down at the creek, ride their bikes up and down the streets, decorate their bikes for the Leawood Parade, play soccer together and share countless other activities.

As friends we have been through thick and thin, but we have shared it all, together. This is our motto, "We're still here!"

— Joanne Harms

If you would like to write something up yourself we don't mind. Contact Kate Shafer or Mike Whalen if you have any questions.



Looking Good Leawood!

Thank you to all the neighbors who participated in the Halloween decoration contest. We had some spooky looking houses this year. Winners had signs in their yards and are posted on the website.

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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 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 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.

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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.

Emergency Preparedness Corner

WINTER STORMS

As winter approaches it's good to get ready for any winter storm. It's good to be prepared and making sure your vehicle is prepared is just as important.

For Your Car- Winter Car Kit:

- First aid kit
- Non perishable food
- Bottled water
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Wet wipes
- Plastic bags
- Medications
- Radio
- Flashlight
- Jumper cables
- Tire Chains
- Shovel

Winterize Your Home:

- Have your Furnace and hot water tanks serviced
- Weather strip doors and windows
- Insulate walls and attic to keep heat in
- Wrap pipes to keep them from freezing
- Shut off water valves if necessary
- Keep Utility providers emergency numbers handy in case of outages

The Jeffco Website has great resources to get you started and be ready to be your own Hero:
<https://www.jeffco.us/502/Emergency-Preparedness>
 Jefferson County Non Emergency Number: 303-271-0211
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Spaghetti Squash Recipe

- 1 spaghetti squash
- 1 pack of bacon
- 1 bag of spinach
- 1 4 oz pack of goat cheese
- 1 garlic clove
- parmesan for topping

Cut spaghetti squash in half long ways. Remove the seeds and put in the oven at 400 degrees for 40 minutes or until tender.

While the squash is cooking, use a cast iron skillet to cook some bacon and cut it into small pieces. When the bacon is crispy add washed and dried spinach to cook it down. Then add in garlic and cooked spaghetti squash and goat cheese. Serve with a little parmesan on top.

Promote Your Business With The LCA!

Do you want to promote your business while getting a tax write off? The LCA is looking for businesses to sponsor some of our events. It's a win-win situation! Your business gets advertising (and a tax break), while the neighborhood gets more funding for our events! You can set up a booth with banners at events. Contact Kyle Evans for more info. kyle.evans1731@gmail.com or 303-591-6845.

Working From Home? Embrace Your Digital Leadership Skills!

I like to think that people who are good leaders will always be good at leading people. That their skills and attributes transcend the era in which they lived and the platform from where they performed.

Leading people in the real world certainly feels as if it should be different than leading people digitally. Years ago, my then-girlfriend explained the classroom tactic of Shock and Awe. "First day, first class" she said, "walk into the classroom, kick the trash can clear across the room, throw a stack of paper into the air, and loudly shout "I'm gonna teach y'all some MATH!!" My guess is that this same technique was probably lost on virtual students. Just as a manager's call to action via zoom might ring hollow for employees who are busy checking email on another screen.

Quality leaders rise above single-dimensional theatrics. They can command the battlefield, a classroom, or even working-remotely. It starts with the understanding that a boss is not synonymous with a leader. Leadership is about the subtle nuances that draw you into some and repel you from others. The French call it "je ne sais quoi," which translates to "really hard to define."

Critically it's the reason we only see a handful of books on leadership that stand the test of time, even though hundreds are published annually on the topic. Leaders place their ego behind their integrity and accountability. They provide a safe path for those who follow. Leaders are above all, team players. We can achieve much more as a team than as individuals. They connect, communicate, and collaborate with those around them.

In the end, the definition of leadership is highly personal, and subject to a myriad of variables. And while there are common traits that separate the good from the bad, it's about being better than you were yesterday. Roosevelt dared us to "do what you can with what you have where you are." What can you do now? Today?

Leawood Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 6:30PM
LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Attending: Kyle Evans, Travis Hall, Katelyn Shafer, Betsy Major, Mike Major, Camille Sankey, Mike Whalen, Debbie Zumo

Discussion:

- Treasurer report provided - Account looks good, just need to keep on budget
- Picnic went well with cost staying on budget plan
- Halloween decorating contest voting concludes 10/20
- Santa party set for 12/5 at Leawood Elementary 6/7:30 for kids to visit
- Leawood platinum dinner set for 12/6 at Elks Invitations to be mailed shortly approximately 60 people
- 2024 Calendar discussed March 23rd Easter Egg Hunt - possible candy donations
- May garage sales, June annual clean up, July 13 craft/car show, August 24 annual picnic
- Possible Chili cook off September.

Next board meeting: Tues., November 7th 6:30 pm

Meeting end: 7:31pm.

Next meeting: November 7th at Leawood School

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Answer: Three days

Question: What meats were served at the first Thanksgiving celebration?

Answer: Venison, swan, duck and goose were likely—not turkey!

Question: Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?

Answer: John F. Kennedy

Question: How many calories on average are consumed, per person, at Thanksgiving dinner?

Answer: 4,500

Question: When was the first Thanksgiving NFL game?

Answer: 1920

Question: What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?

Answer: The Wampanoag

Question: In what month did the very first Thanksgiving celebration likely take place?

Answer: September

Question: How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?

Answer: About 46 million

Question: What percent of Americans skip turkey on Thanksgiving?

Answer: About 12 percent

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School News



Leewood Elementary School

Nov 13th: No School

Nov 20th-24th: No School, Thanksgiving Break



Ken Caryl Middle School

Nov 20th-24th : No School, Thanksgiving Break



Columbine High School

Nov 20th-24th: No School, Fall Break



FRONT RANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

November 17th: Half day for all students
(Thanksgiving Celebration)

November 20st-22nd: All school DLDs
(digital learning days)

November 23rd-24th: Thanksgiving Break
(no school; all offices closed)

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Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, and Maggie Tocco. Myra Pasco was unable to attend because of illness. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager

Approval of Agenda – Maggie moved that the proposed agenda be approved. Judy seconded and the proposed agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes – Judy moved that the minutes of September 13, 2023 meeting, sent to Board Members via email, be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

Public Comments – Kyle received calls regarding weeds in the xeriscape, low hanging and broken tree branches and Yarrow plants (which can be toxic to dogs, cats and horses) in the parks. Board Response: Dave also spoke with the resident. The Board has a contractor who will weed the xeriscape. Kyle Responded that the residents should not be weeding the xeriscape. **Board Response:** Dave will investigate and take action as necessary.

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

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, irrigation inspected, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. Graffiti continues to be a problem in all the parks.

(A) Leawood Park: The baseball field was repaired, debris removed, and new dirt added.

(B) Weaver Park: The volleyball court has been removed and new native grass planted. A blanket is protecting the new seed. A branch hanging over a picnic table was trimmed.

(C) Raccoon Hollar: Urban Drainage removed two large branches. The debris pile has been removed.

OLD BUSINESS

(A) Update of 2023 projects: Postponed until next meeting due to time constraints.

(B) Recruitment for the Board, Assistant Park Manager: The Board will work on a job description and a draft contract.

(C) Record/file storage, retention: Postponed until next meeting due to time constraints.

(D) Special District Management Companies: Pinnacle Consulting Group submitted a written proposal for the Board to review.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Discussion of 2024 Budget: Donna presented draft of proposed budget for 2024. For the new Board Members, Kyle walked through the process for determining the budget and explained the different categories and funding sources.

Future Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be **Monday, November 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.** at a location to be determined.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

— Debby Baker, Secretary

Future Meetings:

Mon., November 13, 6:00 p.m., Leawood Elem. School or TBD

Wed., December 13, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elem. School

Wed., January 10, 6:00 p.m., at Leawood Elem. School

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	Current Period	Yr-to-Date
	Amt	Amt
Beginning Balance	323,656.87	
Property Tax	670.04	164,791.43
Ownership Tax Revenue	1,136.80	8,816.69
Interest - Savings	0.00	0.18
Interest - Equip Replace Cap I	0.00	1,313.53
Interest - Property Tax	22.09	466.25
Interest & Divedends - Tx Rv	337.50	1,299.91
Total Operating Revenues	2,166.43	176,687.99
Auditing Expense	0.00	1,350.00
Director's Fees	500.00	5,700.00
Dues	0.00	421.41
Election Costs.....	0.00	50.00
Insurance Expense.....	0.00	6,546.00
Jeffco Treasurer's Fee	10.38	2,472.95
Publishing Expense	0.00	918.78
Secretary Expense	100.00	1,200.00
Supplies & Misc Office Exp	0.00	436.08
Web Expense	0.00	262.00
Total Admin Expenses	610.38	19,357.22
Doggie Walk Bags.....	375.00	2,125.00
Maint Contract - Weston	4,256.75	28,465.97
Maint Contract - Weston/T.....	731.25	3,796.25
Maint Other - Weston.....	325.00	5,492.82
Maint Contract - Padilla.....	1,719.73	14,457.25
Maintenance - Alarcon	0.00	4,127.55
Maintenance - Materials.....	0.00	171.35
Maintenance - Other.....	115.00	2,421.55
Maintenance - Snow Plow	0.00	3,050.00
Portable Restroom Expense	591.20	5,102.40
Waste Management	306.85	2,729.53
Xcel Energy.....	98.19	883.91
Water	5,262.36	16,284.51
Water - Tract T.....	1,362.50	5,799.28
Total Maint. & Utilities	15,143.83	94,907.37
Projects - District Funds	0.00	835.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	835.00
Total Operating Expenditures	15,754.21	115,009.59
LOTTERY/GRANT REV. & EXPENDITURES		
Funds In Lieu Of Interest.....	582.51	4,804.43
Lottery Funds	4,146.65	15,911.93
Int & Dividents - Lottery.....	345.69	1,542.27
Total Grant Revenues.....	5,074.85	22,258.63
Lottery - Major Maintenance	0.00	17,160.00
Total Grant Expenditures	0.00	17,160.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$315,143.94	

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Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.
 -Lauren DeStefano

LCA Balance Sheet Sep 2023

CHECKING	DEBIT	CREDIT
9/1 beginning balance		\$8,239.46
9/5 Chk 1542 Travis Hall summer picnic	253.70	
9/7 Chk 1541 Rhonda Eveleth summer picnic	73.39	
9/8 Chk 1543 Nancy Bock summer picnic	25.00	
9/11 Chk 1545 Paul Oconnor sign straps	18.85	
9/11 Chk 1544 Paul Oconnor summer picnic	50.00	
9/12 we pay membership		62.58
9/18 deposit garage sale		108.00
9/18 Chk 1547 Betsy Major summer picnic	49.98	
9/19 Colo Lasertype Reporter Aug	273.00	
9/19 Chk 1549 Xcel Energy	14.08	
9/23 debit card Steakhouse 10 board appreciation	100.00	
9/30 account mntc charge	2.00	
TOTALS	860.00	170.58
9/30 ending balance		7,550.04
SAVINGS		
9/1 beginning balance		\$1,025.93
9/30 interest		0.04
9/30 ending balance		\$1,025.97
TOT ASSETS		\$8,576.01

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LeaWood Statistics for October 2023

Current Homes FOR SALE in LeaWood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$615,000	\$615,000	1
2-story	\$678,000	\$700,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$665,000	\$925,000	2
Bi-level	\$665,000	\$665,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in LeaWood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$525,000	\$680,000	2
2-story	\$675,000	\$675,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$599,000	\$599,900	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in LeaWood (Jan. 1, 2023–Oct. 16, 2023)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$525,000	\$740,000	5
2-story	\$700,000	\$780,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$575,000	\$700,000	7
Bi-level	\$580,000	\$621,775	3

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The experience of working with Duane was phenomenal! He will tell you the truth, not just what you want to hear. He is methodical and calming—excellent personality traits that carry you through a trying time. The fact that Duane is an expert in the Columbine area is an added bonus. I would wholeheartedly recommend Duane to sell your home. Don't hesitate—he will take excellent care of you! J. S.

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