



The Leawood Reporter

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Dates To Remember

Oct 3rd: LCA Meeting, Leawood Elem., 6:30pm
Oct 11th: Park Board Meeting
Oct 20th: Halloween Contest Deadline
Oct 31st: Halloween

Trick or Treat!

The Halloween season is upon us. And if you plan to have trick-or-treaters, or take your kids door to door here are some helpful tips. When trick-or-treating it's best to have a safety plan and ground rules established before the night's activities. Some best practices are:

- Having an adult present for little kids
- For older trick-or-treaters, go door-to-door with a partner or a group of friends
- Wearing bright colors when possible
- Not accepting homemade or questionable treats from strangers
- Monitoring candy for openings or suspicious wrappings.

If you plan to hand out candy, keep your walkway clear and well-lit during the trick-or-treat hours. Ensure that complex or overly complicated decorations are not a tripping hazard or hide the walkway. Pets should be controlled. Don't take any chances around children they are not familiar with.

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 hrs/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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Halloween Decoration Contest!



The Leawood Civic Association (LCA) board is proud to support the Leawood Halloween Decoration contest again this year! In order to win, homeowners must be members with the LCA. Decorations must be up by

October 20th, which will allow Board Members time to evaluate our neighborhood's Spooktacular houses. Will be announced online.

Senior Corner:

9 AUTUMN HEALTH AND HOME SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS

With autumn in full swing, don't miss this quick essential checklist for seniors looking to safeguard their health and safety this season. Article originally appeared on seniordirectory.com.

1. Get the Flu Vaccine: It is critical that everyone get the flu shot sooner rather than later. Seniors may also want to check with their doctor about a possible pneumonia vaccine.

2. Organize Your Medicine Cabinet: Autumn is a great time to get your medicine cabinet organized and stock up on flu prevention essentials and over-the-counter supplements you may use to boost your immune system like vitamin C or zinc. Discard old prescriptions you are not using, especially antibiotics.

3. Cold-proof Your Home: As the temperatures outside drop, you may be noticing more drafts in your home from windows and doors that don't properly shut or seal. Address any visible drafts you can find, rearrange furniture to block cooler air coming in from windows, and get out your favorite throw-blanket to have handy.

4. Check Batteries: Everyone who utilizes wood stoves, fireplaces, and space heaters, should check their carbon monoxide and smoke detector batteries this fall. Plan on testing the alarms on these detectors every month.

5. Protect Against Falls: It's not just inclement icy weather that can put seniors at a higher risk for falling during cold weather months. Factors like increased joint pain or difficulty exercising because of cooler weather can also make seniors with chronic conditions more likely to experience a fall inside their home. Upgrade your living environment to guard against falls this autumn with easy-to-use tools like grab bars and non-slip bath mats, to name a few.

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Calling All Leawood Residents

How long have you lived in Leawood? We want to hear from you! Many of our neighbors have lived in Leawood for over 20 years and we know they have some great stories about how the neighborhood has grown. We would love to do features on some of our neighbors too.

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

Senior Corner, *continued from front page*

6. Make Sure You Can See: Make sure you have gotten your annual vision checkup done so that you know you are seeing correctly or have the prescription aids to do so. Test the lighting throughout your home and replace bulbs that are dimming or simply aren't bright enough. And don't forget that clocks fall back an hour in early November which means that your evenings get quite a bit darker. You may want to plan outings and travel accordingly.

7. Plan for Solitude: Even with the holidays, the fall and winter months can still leave many seniors on their own, especially when freezing temperatures or bad weather make it difficult to get out and about. For seniors, autumn may be the perfect time to brush up on technology to maintain contact with the outside world and stay connected with friends and family. This may include using Skype or Facetime, or simply joining social media platforms like Facebook.

8. Prep for Bad Weather: Are you ready for bad weather? In addition to coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and boots, you'll want to make sure that you have backup supplies of water, food, prescription medicines, and first aid items both in your home and in your car. Don't forget battery-operated and candles which will come in handy if your power is knocked out.

9. Plan for Murphy's Visit: You know Murphey (they guy with all those laws). What can go wrong will go wrong! And adverse snowy weather makes the unpredictable nature of weather even more chaotic. Get ahead of that chaos by planning for what you can. Make sure your snow tires are in shape for another season. Make sure the snowblower (or snow shovel) are in working order. And make sure those projects around the house get completed before the snow arrives. heavy snow and large tree branches (hanging hazardously over your car or roof) DON'T MIX!

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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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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.

Cheddar Corn Cakes

Fall is here! Which means the corn and chili harvests have arrived in our produce. It's a great time for hearty foods that come with the colder weather. This is one of our family's fall staples, which work best fresh, but can be frozen for up to six months.

What To Do In An Emergency

In the event of an emergency we call 911, but what if it's not an emergency? Or what if it's a natural disaster? Flood? Blizzard? Tornado? Fire? All things likely to happen here in Colorado. Do you and your loved ones have an emergency plan? It's always good to know what to do, even if it's just something as simple as a power outage.

Whether it's to make a 72 hour emergency kit and stay put or meet at another family member's house, have a plan in place. Not sure where to start, The Jeffco Sheriff's website has tons of great resources. You can also sign up with Look out Alert and get notified when things are happening in your area. 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>

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INGREDIENTS

- ¾ c. all-purpose flour
- 2 T. yellow cornmeal
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. cayenne powder
- 1 t. paprika
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 2 med. roasted green peppers, chopped
- 2 ½ c. roasted corn (frozen works too)
- 2 large eggs
- ½ c. whole milk
- 1 T. vegetable oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl combine dry ingredients: flour, cornmeal, baking powder, cayenne, paprika, salt+pepper, chilis, & corn
2. Incorporate eggs, buttermilk, stir to combine
3. In a skillet over med-high, heat vegetable oil, and dose batter in 3-4" pancake-shaped blobs. Fry for 3-4 mins. Flip and cook for another 3-4 mins. Batter should be cook through.
4. Serve with green onions, sour cream, or chunky avocado salsa.

History of The Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lanterns were originally carved in turnips and potatoes as the tradition came from an old Irish Legend about a man making a deal with the devil and needing to ward him off. Some origins come from the Scottish Highlands where people were scaring off lost souls around All Saints Day, the day after Halloween.

As the tradition evolved and depending on what fruits and vegetables were around everything from beets to apples were used until the pumpkin became the official gourd.

It has now evolved from the traditional Jack O'Lantern face to scary pictures related to halloween or works of art. Make sure your pumpkins, or other fruits and veggies are carved and ready then proudly displayed in your works of art and scare off the wandering souls.

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Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. **Members present:** Judy Anderson/Vice President, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Myra Pasco and Maggie Tocco. **Other District:** Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. **Visitor:** Leawood resident Karin Hall and Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

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 August 10, 2023, be approved. Maggie seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

Public Comments – None

Conversation with Park District Management Company – Peggy Dowswell with Pinnacle Consulting Group presented her company and answered Board questions.

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, 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.

(A) **Leawood Park:** Concrete damage near porta potty repaired. Repair of fence damage should be completed in October. Tree trimming completed. Fertilizer and weed control applied.

(B) **Weaver Park:** The removal of the volleyball court will begin in September. Fertilizer and weed control applied. Bushes trimmed along the path near soccer field. Mulch added to planters around the pavilion and at park entrance.

(C) **Raccoon Hollar:** Large tree branch down, will be removed by Urban Drainage. The major tree trimming project will be revisited with Weston to determine scope and price.

(D) **T Track:** Fertilizer and weed control applied.

OLD BUSINESS

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

(B) **Recruitment for the Board, Assistant Park Manager:**
 (1) Karin Hall attended the meeting to observe. She is considering joining the Board as a position opens. She and her husband have lived in Leawood for 35 years.

(2) Dave and Kyle spoke with residents James Dawe and Rick Olsen. They expressed interest in the assistant park manager position. Kyle noted that the interest indicated has been varied in terms of availability and longer-term commitment, and that the board will have to figure out if anyone who expressed interest might be a fit in the short-term or if the board looks at other strategies.

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

(D) **Vintage Overlook Proposed Development:** Donna received a notice from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Kyle will investigate the one notice that appears to include the Vintage Outlook.

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LMRPD Minutes, *continued from page 4*

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Special District Management Companies: Board is researching special districts management companies as a possibility for the future.

(B) Discussion of 2024 Budget - The Board continued to discuss the future of the District, including the expected increases in costs - both short and long-term - to relieve the treasurer's role of day-to-day accounting and to reduce that of the parks manager. Considerations that have been discussed include the hiring of a district management company and increasing the responsibilities of the landscape company. Factors in any decisions include the possible need for a mill levy increase to cover the additional costs and whether there is enough community support beyond just increased tax revenue. Options range from making adjustments to current operations to provide short-term relief to merging or discontinuing the district altogether.

Future Board Meetings: The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at Leawood Elementary.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.
— Debby Baker, Secretary

Future Meetings:

- Wed., Oct. 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Leawood Elementary School
- Wed., Nov. 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Leawood Elementary School
- Wed., Dec. 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Leawood Elementary School

"My favorite color is October." –Unknown

Facebook Page

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School News



Leawood Elementary School

Oct 17th/18th: Parent-Teacher Conference
Oct. 19th/20th: No School, Fall Break



Ken Caryl Middle School

Oct 2nd through 6th: School Book Fair
Oct 17th/18th Parent-Teacher Conference
Oct. 19th/20th: No School, Fall Break



Columbine High School

Oct 3rd: Orchestra/Band Concerts
Oct 18th: Parent-Teacher Conference
Oct. 19th/20th: No School, Fall Break



FRONT RANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Oct 16th through 20th: Fall Break
Oct 26th: half day/Parent-Teacher conference
Oct 27th: No School/Parent-Teacher conference
Oct 26th: No School

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Working From Home? Feeling The Blursdays-Blues?

Many Work-From-Homers feel stuck in an endless loop of blursdays. One day bleeds into the next with no boundary between this day and that. And, the distinctions that sets mornings apart from evenings lose their significance. But breaking those blursday-blues is important and easy to do.

Have a dedicated workplace: Define a distinct area where you work. Make sure it's comfortable, and outfitted with the necessary equipment to do your job. Printer, working computer, comfy chair, or even a stand up desk. Also, where you work is not where you live. Eat meals at the table and not in front of your laptop. Your couch is for television watching and book reading, not zoom meetings

Stay socially connected: Remote positions don't offer much social interaction. Conferences are a great way to stay connected to your profession. So is volunteering for those in-person meetings, lunch dates, and afternoon happy hours. Making friends outside of work is also important. Joining a social group (like the Leawood Civic Association) is a wonderful way to make new friends!

Take Care of yourself: Remaining physically engaged is critical to your health. Get outside, prep your garden for the colder months, or even a brisk walk is a great start. Your mental health is important too. Take frequent screen breaks, practice mindfulness techniques, enjoy the small things. Fall is here, so don't forget to breathe that crisp autumn air.

Leawood Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 5th, 6:30 pm, Leawood Park Pavilion

Attending: Kyle Evans, Travis Hall, Katelyn Shafer, Nancy Bock, Betsy Major, Mike Major, Camille Sankey, Rhonda Eveleth, Mike Whalen, Beth Narva., Debbie Zumo

- Treasurer Report discussed
- Beth asked about Parking permit signs on Fair and students from the highschool parking on the streets
- Picnic Details discussed pros and cons of event and how to improve next year
- Voted to keep new Amazon sign for announcements
- Fall garage sale dates 15th/16th Sept. only a couple people signed up so probably will not have fall sale next year
- Discussed dates for Santa Party in December to start planning

Meeting end: 7:21pm.

Next meeting: October 3rd at Leawood School

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the period: 8/01/23 to 8/31/23

	Current Period	Yr-to-Date
	Amt	Amt
Beginning Balance	349,521.05	
Property Tax	1,204.26	164,121.39
Ownership Tax Revenue	965.34	7,679.89
Interest - Savings	0.00	0.18
Interest - Equip Replace Cap I	137.09	1,313.53
Interest - Property Tax	425.51	444.16
Interest & Divedends - Tx Rv	0.00	962.41
Total Operating Revenues	2,732.20	174,521.56
Auditing Expense	0.00	1,350.00
Director's Fees	1,400.00	5,200.00
Dues	0.00	421.41
Election Costs.....	0.00	50.00
Insurance Expense.....	0.00	6,546.00
Jeffco Treasurer's Fee	18.52	2,462.57
Publishing Expense	0.00	918.78
Secretary Expense	200.00	1,100.00
Supplies & Misc Office Exp	35.00	436.08
Web Expense	0.00	262.00
Total Admin Expenses	1,753.52	18,746.84
Doggie Walk Bags.....	250.00	1,750.00
Maint Contract - Weston	4,988.00	24,209.22
Maint Contract - Weston/T.....	0.00	3,065.00
Maint Other - Weston.....	2,997.58	5,167.82
Maint Contract - Padilla.....	2,583.08	12,737.52
Maintenance - Alarcon	2,886.04	4,127.55
Maintenance - Materials.....	53.16	171.35
Maintenance - Other.....	115.00	2,306.55
Maintenance - Snow Plow	0.00	3,050.00
Portable Restroom Expense	591.20	4,511.20
Waste Management	299.49	2,422.68
Xcel Energy.....	97.60	785.72
Water	3,928.36	11,022.15
Water - Tract T.....	1,557.06	4,436.78
Total Maint. & Utilities	20,346.57	79,763.54
Projects - District Funds	0.00	835.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	835.00
Total Operating Expenditures	22,100.09	99,345.38
LOTTERY/GRANT REV. & EXPENDITURES		
Funds In Lieu Of Interest.....	597.58	4,221.92
Lottery Funds	0.00	11,765.28
Int & Dividents - Lottery.....	206.13	1,196.58
Total Grant Revenues.....	803.71	17,183.78
Lottery - Major Maintenance	7,300.00	17,160.00
Total Grant Expenditures	7,300.00	17,160.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$323,656.87	

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National Taco Day: October 4th

Get one, two or three on National Taco Day. On October 4th, the day recognizes the savory tortilla stuffed with fillings. It doesn't have to be Tuesday, so get out and enjoy your favorite.

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LCA Balance Sheet Aug 2023

CHECKING	DEBIT	CREDIT
8/1 beginning balance		\$9,523.06
8/8 we pay membership		48.30
8/17 Colo Lasertype Reporter	273.00	
8/17 Hall (picnic) check 1540	50.00	
8/18 Jeffco School (car show) chk 1538	64.00	
8/22 we pay membership		120.90
8/22 Xcel Energy July	15.00	
8/28 deposit picnic		816.00
8/28 Rib City picnic	1,473.66	
8/28 5280 Jumpers picnic	392.92	
TOTALS	2,268.80	985.20
8/31 ending balance		8,239.46
SAVINGS		
8/1 beginning balance		\$1,025.89
8/31 interest		0.04
8/31 ending balance		\$1,025.93
TOT ASSETS		\$9,265.39

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Leewood Statistics for September 2023

Current Homes FOR SALE in Leewood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$659,000	\$695,000	2
2-story	\$700,000	\$725,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$599,000	\$925,000	3
Bi-level	\$675,000	\$675,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Leewood

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$659,000	\$659,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Leewood (Jan. 1, 2023–Sept. 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	6
Bi-level	\$580,000	\$621,775	3

The statistical information is based on MLS data September 16, 2023. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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