



The Leawood Rappporter

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Dates To Remember:

Upcoming Events: Leawood Civic Association

September 1st: Labor Day

September 2nd: LCA Board Meeting:
6:30pm at Leawood Park

Upcoming Events: Rec & Park District

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
at Leawood Elementary

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
at Leawood Elementary

Wednesday, November 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
at Leawood Elementary

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*Happy September! The world shall now
transform into pumpkin everything."*

—Keith Wynn

From Neighbors to Friends

Huge thanks to everyone who joined in our front yard parties this year—whether you opened up your lawn, brought a chair, or just wandered over for snacks and conversation. We've loved meeting new friends from all corners of the neighborhood, and we'd love to keep the tradition alive next year. One little thing—we need more hosts to make it happen! If hosting feels intimidating, we want your ideas on how to make it easier, more fun, and maybe even a little irresistible. Let's keep turning neighbors into friends, one front yard at a time!

Well I'll Be Dammed!

If you've walked by our neighborhood streams recently, you may have noticed some new neighbors — a busy little beaver family hard at work. Their dam is a fascinating example of nature in action, but it also raises questions about what can (and can't) be done.

Here are a few important things to know:

- **Leave It to Beavers.** In Colorado, beavers and their dams are protected. They cannot be touched or altered outside of the June–September window.
- **Who's responsible?** While the streams run through our Park, they fall under the jurisdiction of the Mile High Flood District, not the Park Board.
- **Log Jam Ahead.** The Flood District has a long list of projects, so we're not sure when (or if) this dam will float to the top of their list.
- **For now:** The Park Board, LCA, Flood District, and neighbors are all coordinating to balance what's best for the beavers and for our community.

So, next time you stroll by, take a moment to admire our furry contractors and be respectful of their space — they're just doing what beavers do best!

The Weaver Beaver (photo courtesy of K. Opgenorth)



LCA Minutes

August 5th, 6:30pm

Attending: Dave & Laurie Sarno, Nancy Bock, Chip Langowski, Paul K., Paul O. Desiree Robinson

Treasurer report: all incoming bills have been paid. The park board generously paid the Reporter postage for the next year.

Desiree noted that Stripe, the on line payment, can be a problem for people trying to join the LCA. Chip & Paul will try & figure out where the disconnect is.

Laurie discussed places to hold the platinum member party in October. Leawood annual picnic was also discussed & board member assignments noted for various jobs throughout the picnic.

Front Yard parties: Next one is August 22nd.

Meeting ended at 7:20pm. Next meeting will be in Leawood Park September 2nd at 6:30pm

*All the months are crude experiments,
out of which the perfect September is made.*

—Virginia Woolf




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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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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

Minutes – Wednesday, August 13, 2025, Vintage Reserve Clubhouse, Littleton, CO • 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga (Secretary), Judy Anderson (Volunteer), Ken Leaf (Park Manager), Steve Wahl (Volunteer), Tom Bryant (Volunteer), Jesse Opgenorth (Board Member), Logan McMillan (Vice President), Gail Welde (Resident), Zack Sack (Resident)

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice President Logan McMillan.

Resident Comments

- **G. Welde:** Concern about bike/dirt bike use creating paths behind W. Hoover Dr.
- **J. Anderson:** Update on Xeriscape and Weaver raised beds; plans to fill bare spots in Sept.
- **J. Opgenorth:** Concern about sprinkler zones/timing at Weaver Playground; graffiti remains on Eaton Bridge.
- **T. Bryant:** Covered signposts to prevent rot; inspected Chase Bridge (good condition); noted bare areas after July 19 volunteer day.
- **Z. Sack:** Concern about poison hemlock at Raccoon Holler; suggested copper sulfate; expressed interest in board position.

Park Manager Report

- **July hours:** 45.75, including hedge trimming, graffiti removal (Eaton Bridge pressure washing ineffective), and Dutch Creek/beaver meeting with Mile High Flood Control.
- **Swing set timbers:** Quote for \$4,000 approved unanimously.
- **Herbicide spraying:** Cox Landscaping recommended

1 more spray (Weaver, Kendall, Leawood). Board requested details, broadleaf-only herbicide for Kendall/Weaver, and careful application. Ken to follow up.

- **Electrical panel:** Missing panel on Leawood Pavilion; Ken to follow up with Carole/Excel.

Treasurer's Report

- Carole absent; reported virtually.
- **Balance:** \$475,000.
- **Payments:** Zelle/ACH now active.

Sprinklers

- Costs higher this year (\$19.5k vs. \$12k in 2024).
- Suggestion: hire irrigation expert.
- Fewer leak texts this year (may indicate better Cox maintenance).
- Jesse requested Cox map sprinkler system and provide before/after photos.
- Tom recommended pressure regulators.
- Judy reminded board of past due \$29k bill to Weston.

Website

- Marci & Jesse to organize board resources/docs for website.
- Motion to adopt Gmail accounts (e.g., name.leawood-parks@gmail.com). Marci/Jesse voted yes, Logan voted no (not a priority).

Beds & Signs

- Judy's pickleball/tennis court sign designs approved unanimously.

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LMRPD Meeting Minutes,

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- Discussion: "No Motorized Vehicles" sign (no decision).
- Marci suggested pump track at Kendall for bikes/scooters.
- Discussion on responsibility for T Tract sidewalk/W. Hoover Pl. (undetermined).

Trees / Streams

- Walkthrough with CSU (7/31, 8/8). Recommendation: tree cleanup + new plantings.
- Action item: schedule Raccoon Holler walkthrough (late Aug/early Sept).

Concrete

- Board approved Poly Lift quote for Leawood sidewalk repairs (\$1,219.20 + \$625 grinding).
- Approved 60 ft. of grinding in Raccoon Holler & Weaver (\$1,500).
- Developer agreed to replace Weaver Park concrete near new construction. Ken to ask about cash settlement to bundle with other projects.

Cameras / Surveillance

- Jesse presented deterrent and surveillance options (signage, PTZ cameras at Leawood/Weaver).
- Ken to provide current graffiti/cleanup expense info.

Meeting Time

- Marci proposed moving meetings to 2nd Thursday at 6 p.m. Action item: check with Leawood Elementary and local authorities.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23pm, Marci Turaga, Secretary

School News



Leawood Elementary School

Sept 1st: No School – Labor Day
 Sept 4th –10th: Book Fair
 Sept 5th & 8th: Assessment Day
 Sept 17-18th : Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Sept 19th: No School – Teacher Learning Day



Ken Caryl Middle School

Sept 1st: No School – Labor Day
 Sept 2nd: Vision & Hearing Screening
 Sept 3rd & 4th: Honor Roll Assembly
 Sept 12-18th: Scholastic Book Fair
 Sept 18th: Fall Festival
 Sept 19th: No School – Professional Development



Columbine High School

Sept 1st: No School – Labor Day
 Sept 19th: No School – Professional Development
 Sept 29-30th: Homecoming week



FRONT RANGE
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Sept 1st: No School – Labor Day

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Autumnal Equinox

The Autumnal Equinox in September ushers in a change of season. It is observed annually when the sun can be seen directly overhead along the equator. The day marks the end of summer and beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

The autumn equinox is one of two days when all points on Earth except the polar regions see the sunrise and set at due east and due west. With few exceptions, all latitudes see almost precisely 12 hours of daylight and 12 of darkness.

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—Deborah Day

LCA Balance Sheet July 2025

CHECKING DEBITCREDIT

7/1 Beginning Balance.....	\$9,488.82
7/7 Ionos: Email Hosting.....	4.00
7/8 Check: For Cleanup Day Dumpsters ...	1,160.00
7/9 Check: For Picnic Prizes.....	100.00
7/11 Check: Jeffco Schools.....	16.00
7/17 Reporter.....	273.00
7/18 Check: Jeffco Schools.....	124.00
7/21 Check: Xcel Energy.....	14.48
7/25 Deposit - Parks and Rec '25.....	310.00
7/30 Reporter.....	1,693.00
TOTALS.....	2,003.00 1,691.48
Ending Balance	\$9,800.34

SAVINGS

7/1 Beginning Balance.....	\$1,026.81
Interest.....	\$0.04
7/31 Ending Balance.....	\$1,026.85
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,827.19

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Ranch Style	\$740,000	\$1,049,000	2
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$675,000	\$675,000	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	\$585,000	\$585,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Leawood (Jan. 1, 2025–Aug. 14, 2025)

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$570,000	\$570,000	1
2-story	\$645,000	\$725,000	5
Tri/Multi-level	\$520,000	\$900,000	12
Bi-level	None	None	0

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