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# Lee Square sCoop

*News for Members*

## COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

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## THE sCOOP

News and notes submitted by members

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## BUILDING MANAGER

John McDonald

Hello everyone. Spring has sprung! Yeah!

We will be seeding and soiling in the areas that were affected by the tree removal as well as some bare areas that need attention.

Pet owners remember it is your responsibility to pick up your dog waste.

We highly encourage those that have not done a TOD (Transfer on Death) to do so. Please come talk to us at the office if you have any questions.

A safety reminder to all. We are the key to our security at Lee Square. Always be mindful of who is entering our building, and when entering or leaving the building through the garage, please wait for the door to close. Everyone has been doing a great job with the front door, so thank you!

Below are units that are available for sale:

Unit 152 - One bedroom - \$69,900

Unit 237 - One bedroom - \$57,900

Unit 339 - Double unit - \$119,900

Unit 212 - One large bedroom corner unit - \$65,000

Unit 135 - One bedroom unit with Den - \$62,000

Unit 308 - One large bedroom unit - \$63,000

Please make sure you are breaking down your boxes before tossing into the recycle bins. This will enable us to fit more recycling into the bins.

Remember that the speed limit in the garage is 5 mph. Any speed above that is a danger to your fellow members.



# Committees

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON **DAY AND TIME SHOWN (IN PURPLE)**

## ACTIVITIES

Shawn Sisco, **2nd TUE, 1:00**

Glorious May is finally here - the most "robust" of the three Spring months, as we anticipate Summer! Enjoy May's mild weather and our fabulous grounds. Keep a lookout for the wildlife babies we often see, and take a picture to share with us on Facebook if you can!

**APRIL HIGHLIGHTS** Activities prepared a Spring Ham Dinner for Wine & Dine and the compliments rolled in. Plenty of slow-baked, tender honey ham, cheesy hashbrown hotdish, green beans, corn, dinner rolls, and cookies with all the beverages. Extras were sent home with many happy diners. Dessert & Entertainment brought the musical talents of Kayfes-Kieley as we enjoyed rich, creamy cheesecake with choices of toppings. A great month of celebrating Spring!

A Very Big Thank You to everyone who hosted and helped in the Annual International Dinner. I was one of the 50 who signed up for this delicious "Around the World" buffet in the Commons last month, and it was AMAZING. Thank you to the members who plan and provide this each year.

Our April meeting brought a few new topics and very "robust" planning. At our request, Julie in the office has distributed a "Dessert Survey" to all members for your feedback. Please submit your idea(s) and return it to the office, thanks. Holiday decorations: We now have an ample supply of seasonal decor that is boxed and marked in storage - thank you everyone who has donated decor to Activities, we are close to capacity now. Our Activities Ledger Sheet is always updated for every meeting and we are still in the black, which is necessary in view of the many free events coming up MAY-SEP. Mark your calendar and please be sure to sign-up for all the May Events, even free ones.

- May 10 **Wine & Dine** - Friday at 5:30  
Mexican Fiesta Salad Bar \$8/each member
- May 13 **Annual Meeting** - Monday at 2:00  
followed by light lunch FREE for attendees
- May 14 **Activities meeting** 1pm in library  
You are always welcome
- May 27 **Memorial Day BBQ** - Monday at 5:30 *Rain or shine*  
Sirloin Burgers & fixings FREE
- May 30 **Dessert & Entertainment** - Thursday at 6:30  
Bobby & Christine, Strawberry Fest \$3

## DONATIONS

Marsha Jarvela

On Saturday, May 18th, there will be an Open House at Northpoint Health and Wellness Center.

This center offers Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health services and, of course, the Food Shelf where all of our donations go.

The open house will be from 11-2. I expect the tour will take about an hour. I plan to go and will leave here at noon on that day. If you are interested in seeing this wonderful new facility, please let me know.

I can take about 3 people in my car. Please let me know who you are.

## GARDEN CLUB

Harry Hoks, **1st Tues, 6:30**

Yes, Spring is here with its lovely weather and much needed rain. The Tulips are up and beautiful around the flagpole.

PLEASE NOTE: This month's garden club meeting will be on the 1st Tuesday of May 7, 6:30. We will go over planning with volunteers for the following week.

The vegetable gardens will be ready for planting May 15. Gertens will be delivering the annuals for the back patio May 17 and the call for all volunteers to help plant the will be Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM. There are things to do even if you can't bend to plant. You can hand plants to those who can. There are pots to plant as well as the ground. If you can help, please call me (Harry) and leave a message if I don't answer at (612) 432-2973.

The Mugo Pines will be ready to have their candles picked off during the first 10 days in May. Easy to do and volunteers are needed to help.

Yes, this is one of the two busiest times of the year around our grounds. Our grounds are known for their beauty and great for marketing Lee Square. If you can help at all, even for a half hour or so, call me or come to the meeting on May 7. Lee Square needs you!

Harry

## SAFETY

Carl Monson, **2nd Thursday, 1:00**

Happy May everyone!

Just a friendly reminder to keep the brightly colored "handout" sheet regarding fire and storm safety in a handy place. We hope you have it on your refrigerator or your front door and not buried in a file cabinet etc. 😊

ALSO please do not block parked cars in our driveway, thank you!  
Submitted by Deb Pribyl

## FINANCE

Bill Rainey, Chair, **WED before BOD mtg., 2:30**

Good evening, and hello to those who just can't wait until night to catch-up on the Finance Committee news. The April meeting saw full attendance of our voting members, one guest who also came to our March meeting. See the minutes in the library for who exactly these wonderful members are and details of our discussion which is only briefly summarized for you here (once they are officially approved at our next meeting of course).

We had an open discussion of the Finance Committee's duties and brainstormed on how to provide Lee Square members improved oversight of the cooperative's financial matters.

One result we came to was to submit a Proposal for Board Action (see the Board minutes for details). We will also continue to meet with key people such as our Building Manager, the Treasurer, and our new Financial Advisor.



## BUILDING & GROUNDS Committee

Dick Knez, Chairman, **1st WED, 2:30**

**If you want to do a Work Order, the forms are no longer in the Library. You will need to request one from the Office Staff.**

Com'on RAIN, We need it. Things outside are looking good. Thank You Harry and Gordy the Pansies out front they look great. We will be looking forward to the patio area getting spruced up.

In the past, inspections were not used very often to help bring market value into play, especially in most units. The Buildings & Grounds Committee has been working to improve our market value at the unit level. It is done by inspecting units when a unit is put up for sale, when a unit has employed a Work Order to make changes within the unit or even when a Do-It-Yourself project takes place.

Everytime one of these situations takes place, the unit owner (s) needs to notify the office with the information required to carry out the event. The information needs to include what work is being done, who is doing the work, who is willing to pay to have it done and whether or not there is liability insurance and whether the work is done by a licensed individual. All of this information needs to be given to the office even BEFORE you schedule any work. Go to the office and speak with staff that will help you with your request. You will be glad you did. Inspections will take place after any of the events take place.

### STORAGE ROOM BIKE RACKS

Members, if you have a bike stored at the East or West garage level storage room bike racks, please call the office to make sure your bike is registered. All bikes that are not registered with the office by May 15 will be donated.

Thank you!

The J Team



# The sCooP (now we're talkin')

The month of May brings many special days such as:

**Cinco de Mayo - May 5th**

**Fishing Opener - May 10-11**

**Mother's Day - May 12**

**National Waitstaff Day-May 21**

**Memorial Day - May 27**

both: **oDDS And Ends**

- Please return shopping carts ASAP to the designated area so others may use them.
- Please leave your phone ON if you are expecting a delivery. You should let in the delivery person when they 'buzz' you. This is not a duty of staff.
- Make sure your apartment number is on everything you order to be delivered. UPS does not have to leave packages if there is no apartment number.
- Stop once you are outside the garage. Wait for the door to close all the way before leaving.
- Smoking of any kind is not allowed anywhere on the Lee Square campus.
- Please do not leave recyclables if the bin is not there.
- Break down ALL cardboard boxes for recycling.
- If you have issues with posted notices, please speak with the office or person posting the notice. Thank You

I had a yoyo I liked very much. I yoyo-ed it a lot and one time the string broke and my beautiful Duncan Imperial flew across the ball room and hit a society lady with a feather hat in the head. She fell down, knocking into a waiter who bumped the man with the monocle, which caused him to spill his champagne all over himself. Everyone laughed and thinking the cause of this humiliation was Philip, his rival for the fair Penelope's hand, he picked up a whipped cream pie from yonder dessert table and smooched it into Philip's face. Philip wiped the cream from his eyes, flung it to the floor, and threw a pie at his rival, but missed and hit the mayor (the man in the red sash). Meanwhile, a waiter with a full tray, slipped on my yoyo, spilling the caviar, and my yoyo shot up in the air and hit Serena the Ambassador's daughter in the bum. She immediately spun and slapped the skinny man behind her. The skinny man's wife was shocked and slapped her own husband, making his toupee flop in his face. Back to Philip who went quite off and threw as many pies as he could get his hands on until the mayor tapped him on the shoulder, pointed at his shoes. The young bachelor looked down only to have the mayor grind a pie in his face. At this point in the melee, I was crawling on the floor, with fish eggs and cream flying overhead and every time I got close to my yoyo it got kicked away. Well, to make a short story come to a conclusion without any extra words, the kitchen staff kept churning out whipped cream pies by the dozens, and the wait staff kept rushing them out seemingly oblivious to the fracas. I was able to chase my yoyo under a table. Upon closer inspection the yoyo string had been cut! and I had a memory flash of Philip bumping me while we were in line for the bathroom as he butted ahead of everyone. When he came out of the bathroom, though he really had to go out of his way, he bumped into me again. That must have been when he took my yoyo, cut the string, then returned it to me without my knowing it. I should have known, of course, because Philip earlier in the evening won the dance trophy, and how could a man so graceful bump into a man leaning against the wall of a giant hallway? Flash forward 3 months and in the mail arrives an invitation to the wedding of one Penelope Fishtail to Harold (man with the monocle) Burnside. "My presence is requested ...", and handwritten at the bottom: "please no yoyos." That won't be a problem. I have put away my yoyo and now spend all my time trying to master the paddle ball.

THE YOYO TALE by Bill Rainey

## From the Treasurer

### Summarizing the first Quarter 2024 Financials



	Revenues		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
All Revenues	\$ 268,363	\$ 268,304	\$ (59.00)
	Expenses		
Expenses			
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 65,168	\$ 66,251	\$ (1,083)
Utilities	\$ 61,500	\$ 60,022	\$ 1,478
Administrative	\$ 118,945	\$ 121,990	\$ (3,045) *
Net Revenues less Expenses	\$ 245,613	\$ 248,263	\$ (2,709)

\* The reason for the over budget in Administrative is due to the significant increase in our Commercial Insurance Policy. This increase was not available at the time the budget was prepared in October.

#### Our investments with Fidelity increased each month this quarter.

Fidelity - January 1st 2024 Balance	\$ 1,112,795
Jan. 2024	\$ 18,028
Feb. 2024	\$ 3,766
Mar. 2024	\$ 7,810
	\$ 29,604
Fidelity March 31st 2024 Balance	\$ 1,142,399
Enterprise Money Market Balance	\$ 44,759
Total Reserve Balance to date	\$ 1,187,158

Gerry Lundell - Treasurer

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

William James



# sCcoop Classifieds



*Birthdays  
This  
Month*

- 2 Michael Ellison
- 7 Chuck Waldmyer
- 9 Jill Lietzau
- 14 Jeff Anderson
- 18 Terry Taylor
- 22 Robert Michaelson

Food Delivery - Meals

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

612 623-3363

**MOM'S MEALS**

1-877 508-6667

**OPTAGE CREATIVE  
SENIOR DINING**

651 746-8280

**OPEN ARMS OF  
MINNESOTA**

612 767-7333

**SCHWANS**

Stops at Lee Square  
every other Monday 1  
- 2 pm  
1-888 724-9267

**ONSITE SERVICES**

**LEE SQUARE SALON**

*Style it up with Shelley!*  
Thursdays - 8 am to ??  
Call for appointment...  
763 593-0349

**MASSAGE THERAPY**

*Be Well Therapies -*  
Francine Wilson, LCMT  
Call for appointment...  
612 805-0811

**FILTERED DRINKING WATER**

- in the party room
- behind the serving line (cold water only)

**ICE MACHINE**

behind the serving line

Food Delivery -  
Groceries

**HYVEE** 1-800 772-4098

**CUB** Cub.com

**HELP AT YOUR DOOR**  
651 642-1892

Transportation

**HelpAtYourDoor.org**

Activities

**EXERCISE CLASS**  
11 am - MON, WED, FRI

Miscellaneous

**Service GRATITUDE msg.**  
Thank you to LS members who volunteer for committee leadership roles. There are many committees with new chairs this year!

**Magnifying Glass Ideas**  
Hug yourself until I can do it.  
-- fine-print thoughts

**In case of Emergency**

**Police/Fire: 911**

Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

**612 381-8600**

Monday-Friday (11pm-7am) Saturday & Sunday (5pm-7am)








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# May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Remember to come to the Annual Meeting on May 13th this month!</p>			<p>1 11- Exercise 2:30 B &amp; G Mtg 6:30 Cards/500</p>	<p>2 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner</p>	<p>3 11-Exercise</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b></p>	<p>6 11- Exercise 1-2 Schwan's</p>	<p>7 6:30 Garden Club Mtg 7pm Card Bingo</p>	<p>8 11-Exercise 2:30 Marketing Mtg 6:30 Cards/500</p>	<p>9 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1- Safety Mtg</p>	<p>10 11-Exercise 5:30 Wine &amp; Dine/ Mexican</p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Mothers Day</p> 	<p>13 11-Exercise 2:00 Annual Mtg</p>	<p>14 1pm Activities Mtg</p>	<p>15 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500</p>	<p>16 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner</p>	<p>17 11-Exercise</p>	<p>18 1- 3 pm Open House</p> 
<p>19</p>	<p>20 11-Exercise 1-2 Schwan's</p>	<p>21 6:00 Book Club 7pm Card Bingo</p>	<p>22 11-Exercise 2:30 Finance Mtg 6:30 Cards/500</p>	<p>23 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner</p>	<p>24 11-Exercise</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 5:30 Memorial Day BBQ</p>	<p>28 NO BOD Mtg</p>	<p>29 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500</p>	<p>30 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee 6:30 Dessert Strawberry Theme/Enter - tainment Bobby and Christine</p> 	<p>31 11-Exercise</p>	

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