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**MAY
2022**

A Monthly Insight into Lee Square Cooperative

Lee Square

NEWSLETTER INFO

You can find the Newsletter online at Leesquare55.com

Newsletter articles are due by the 24th of each month in order to be included!

Please drop off articles at Unit 348 or email Donna: dldgherman@gmail.com

Please direct newsletter comments or questions to DONNA at email above or drop off note at #348.

Spring is here and Summer is on its way. This means outside projects have been happening around Lee Square the past month. We had common area windows replaced in the stairwells, by the elevators, and in the atrium. We are still missing one window on the 3rd floor East near the elevator, which has been ordered and will be installed soon. Thank you for your cooperation during the atrium window installation.

As you know, the siding crew ran into some issues with the verticals on the building when they were taking off the siding. We have had the city and an engineer look at the damage, and a carpentry crew will be repairing the areas with wood damage ahead of the siding crew. Keep an eye out for updates on when the installers will be working on your side of the building.

Units have been selling at a quicker pace than we have seen since pre-Covid. This is great news for the Cooperative. Thank you to our Marketing Committee who has worked hard to get Lee Square's name out there and have put in a lot of time touring prospective members at Lee Square.

I would also like to thank all of the members who volunteer their time working inside and outside of the building to make sure that Lee Square's landscaping and interior is looking good.

-Jed Bodine

Fri May 13 Wine & Dine

**Mon May 9 Annual Meeting
with light lunch**

**Thur May 26 meal with
accordionist Bill Koncar**

Memorial Day bar-b-que

**Watch for sign-up sheets
in the Commons**

ODDS & ENDS

- Please **STOP** when leaving the garage to give the door time to close!!
- 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 anything you order to be delivered! UPS does NOT have to deliver if there is no apartment number!!

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Donna Herman, Chair

New Member Orientation was held on April 27. We are still trying to catch up with members who moved in during the Covid lockdown. We have volunteer opportunities available: monthly newsletter, bulletin board upkeep. For more information on any of these or other opportunities, talk to Donna, Wendy or Patti.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

meets 1:00 pm second Tuesday in library

Sue Elliott chair

Will Spring ever come? The wind and low temps, unbelievable!

Our Easter dinner went well. A big thanks to Beth & Chuck for a turkey and Doug & Donna for the ice cream donated for their 51st anniversary. It's always good to have help with our meals.

Our entertainment and picnic dinner was also well attended. Our hopes were maybe the weather would be nice enough to have our picnic dinner outside.

Our May Wine & Dine and entertainment night will be the last until September.

June will be pizza and game night on June 23rd.

We are awaiting to hear from the City Band for July.

August 2nd will be National Night Out.

Let me know if you are interested in having a table for the Robbinsdale Garage Sale June 9, 10, & 11 OR one or more days. Hopefully weather will be nice so we can have items outdoors.

We will have exercise and bingo all summer at regular times.

****Remember –May 9th Annual Meeting 2 pm. Light lunch will be served. Ballots due by that day! VOTE!!**

To comply with privacy rules, please sign a form to authorize use of your picture on Lee Square Facebook, website or in newsletter. See Patti Knez or Donna Herman for form.
Forms will also be available at Lee Square events

BUILDING, GROUNDS & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ed Ampe, Chair

Meets 2:30 pm 1st Wednesday of the month in the library

Siding replacement has begun with a few hiccups due to the rotting wood found under the siding. Everyone is getting updates as to the progress and reschedule.

Common area kitchen refrigerator by the food line has died and will be replaced in the next few weeks.

The first round of window replacements has begun. You may have noticed new windows in the stairwells. The new atrium windows look great too. Thanks for your patience over the inconvenience of not being able to get through the common area.

Gordon Erlandson has taken over for Jeanne in managing garden plots. If you've had a plot and are interested in renewing, please contact Gordy. Gordy has also installed a beautiful raised garden box. We are trying to get a feel for how many people are interested in a raised garden. Fees for garden plots will remain at \$10. Fee for raised bed TBD and will be discussed at next BG&S meeting. Please contact Gordy @ 651-325-8948 if interested.

Due to the cold weather and inability to get outside, we're giving you **30 more days** on the bike racks. Please move, donate or sell your bicycle if you are not using it. **Bikes with flat tires on June 1st will be removed and donated.** If you have a parking space in the garage, please consider storing your bicycle in front of your car along the wall allowing spaces for people without garage parking.

Our committee is still looking for a permanent secretary. Please contact Ed Ampe if interested.

WE WANT SUGGESTIONS!!!

We are gathering ideas and suggestions related to improving the furniture and use of space within Lee Square commons areas. We will then assess and compile a list of appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Here's an opportunity for you to live the Cooperative life and make suggestions! This is your home; think about how you use the space in the common areas. What do you like? What would make it a better use of space? Starting May 1 through June 15, summarize your thoughts and add them to the suggestion box located on the table near the kitchen. A suggestion sheet will be available with a list of common areas to consider.

Common areas open for review and improvement:

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 1) Main Lobby | 5) Elevator Foyers |
| 2) Party Room | 6) Hallways |
| 3) Library | 7) Patio |
| 4) Offices | 8) Guest Rooms |

We appreciate any and all ideas you have for improving the shared spaces within our Cooperative home.

The Furniture Committee - Beth Ampe, Mary Ann Anderson, Dick Knez, Leona Loranger, Dean Skoglund

LEE SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETINGS are OPEN to ALL members!

Attend any meeting to learn about the many opportunities to get involved! Check the calendar for meeting dates and times.

Minutes from committee and Board of Director meetings can be found on a door in the back of the Lee Square library. All members are welcome at any committee meetings!

MARKETING COMMITTEE

Wendy Fries, Chair

meets 2:00 pm second Wednesday in library

Spring. The lawn has gotten some good rain and now – Repairs! Marketing has decided to put off any open house until after trucks and boards are off the lawn and things get back to normal. That does not mean, however, that we aren't doing anything. We are still working on social media to bring in prospective new buyers. We have done quite well this month. There are only 3 units up for sale.

I will be going to the Blue-Line update at the Chamber luncheon April 26th to bring back information to share with all. This will be an asset for Lee Square when it gets done.

Remember to volunteer or attend events in Robbinsdale and surrounding areas. It is a great way to meet people and talk about how great it is to live at Lee Square. There are all kinds of volunteer opportunities out there. Many of our members have come to live here just because someone mentioned to come and take a free tour. The repairs and materials around can be explained that we want to keep our building up to date and fresh. The building will look fresh, updated, and clean when they are done.

If you would like to visit, become a member of Marketing, or have questions/suggestions, please come visit our meetings. We meet every 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 PM. You may also email one of the committee members.

Thanks for keeping Lee Square in your conversations.

Linda Hoks

Hldhoks1@gmail.com

GARDEN CLUB

Welcome to Spring!

As I look out our patio, I can watch it coming more every day. Have you seen the tulips popping up out around the flagpole? The buds are coming out on the trees and you can see buds coming out on the lilies. With the warmer nights now, we can start thinking the beauty of summer out there again.

I have a lot of donated seeds for the vegetable gardens. If you want some just stop by my unit (#146) any evening between 6:00 – 7:30. They will be on a first come, first serve basis.

As always, we would love to have you to come visit or join the Garden Club in the library the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30.

If you have questions, or suggestions, you can always contact me in evenings before 8:00 or by email.

Until next month -----

Harry Hoks, Chair

Hldhoks1@gmail.com

FOR SALE

SALE PENDING #203 Large One Bedroom which will be newly painted. The buyer will be able to choose new flooring at no cost to them. Only \$44,900! (616 sq. ft.) \$618.00 monthly maintenance fee. Twin Oaks Realty

SALE PENDING #147 Two bedroom first floor unit with a walk-out patio facing the East. Hard surface throughout except the two bedrooms. 887 sq ft, \$888 a month \$69,000 Twin Oaks Realty
#236 One bedroom plus den. This unique unit has a large storage space/pantry off the front entry. The unit faces East by Northeast so you can watch the sun rise. 696 sq. ft. \$711.00 a month. \$50,000 FSBO

SALE PENDING #251 Wonderful, 1 plus den, with an eastern, sunrise exposure and peaceful view. 696 sq ft, \$711 a month \$54,000 Fazendin Realty

#337 Excellent 1 plus den with a south facing view with plenty of sunshine. 696 sq ft, \$711 a month \$48,900 Twin Oaks Realty

For more information, please contact Jed in the office or the realtor listed.

Years ago we had Steve Jobs, Bob Hope and Johnny Cash.
Now we have no Jobs, no Hope and no Cash!

WATER TREATMENT PLANT & 36th Avenue UPDATE

Update from Robbinsdale City Engineer

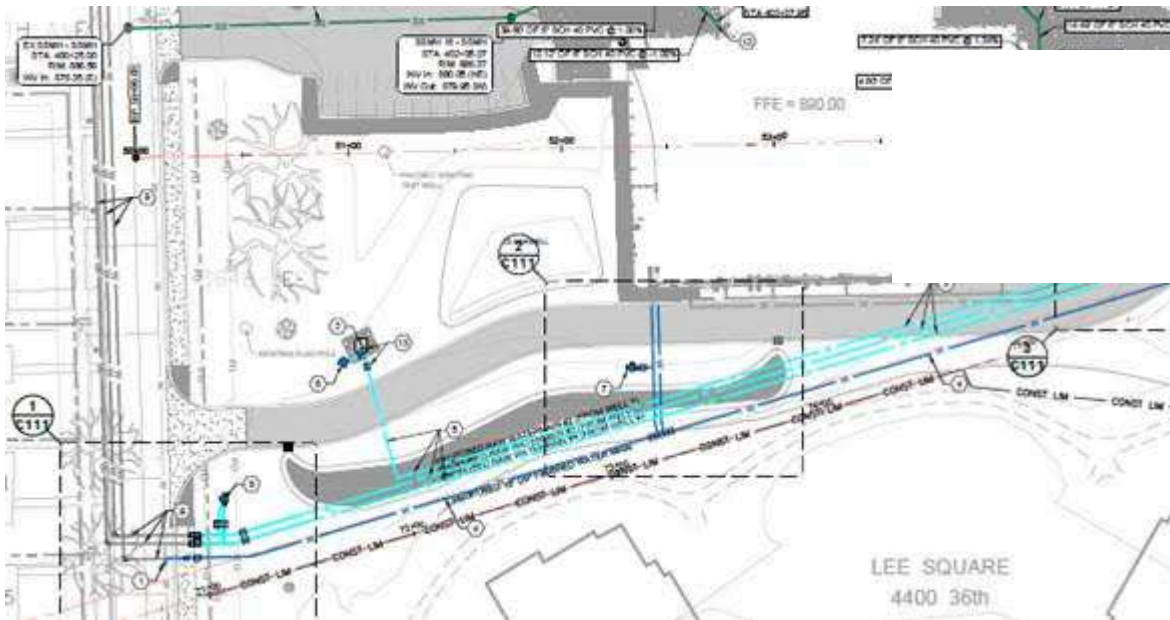
From: **Richard McCoy** rmccoy@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us

Date: April 21, 2:44 PM

Subject: RE: Lee Square Newsletter

The weather has been very frustrating over the last month. I truly hope we start to see some signs of Spring soon. I fear we will jump directly from temperatures in the 40's to the 70's and higher.

The excavation work close to the border with Lee Square is to allow the connection of the raw water pipes (from the wells) in Lee Avenue to the starting point of the treatment process in the plant. The pipes shown in light blue in the snippet of the plan page below helps to show that –



The windows you can see from Lee Square are a combination of the decorative blue metal tiles on one half and a translucent panel on the other half to allow natural light into the building. They have also installed the black metal trellises underneath the windows that will be used for growing plants (thinking hops).

Progress on the indoor work continues and soon the Contractor will be starting the grading work around the building to allow the driveways to be built.

I am sure we will be having tours of the finished facility for numerous groups of residents and professionals. Certainly residents of Lee Square will be included in those opportunities. Visitors will have to be able to negotiate stairs as we do not have any elevators in the building.

The provision of a push button system for flashing lights at the **36th Avenue crossing** may be a solution, however I am not prepared to commit to anything until I have had the chance to review the crossing numbers and traffic data.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Richard McCoy, P.E. | Public Works Director / City Engineer
City of Robbinsdale | 4100 Lakeview Avenue North
ROBBINSDALE MN 55422 | USA
Direct ☎ 763-531-1260 | FAX 📠 763-537-7344



Check the Lee Square library for senior activities offered by the City of Robbinsdale!

NEW AND REFRESHING LEE SQUARE DIRECTORY

Connie Gundy (photographer) and Dean Skoglund (interview/write up) have received clearance to bring up to date a picture/write up directory.

The Activities along with the Marketing Committees would like to update our directory. We will be contacting all members.

If you would like to use the present picture and information to your update, let us know. We can add or incorporate that information.

All new pictures will replace the present ones. Dean will sit down and talk with each member. A story will be typed up for your approval.

This will only appear in the Directory and kept in the library.

We want to create an active and wide array of pictures of the activities and the casual on-goings of Lee Square Cooperative membership.

There is a copy of Dean's format in the library.

ELECTION REMINDER

Remember to complete your ballots for this year's Board of Directors election! The ballot box will be in the Commons area **FRIDAY MORNING, May 6th THRU MONDAY, May 9th at 2:00 pm.**

2022 CANDIDATES

Doug Herman 348

Richard Lee 255

Bill Leto 108

Bill Rainey 140

Kathy Sherwick 204

Kathann Wawracz 318 *incumbent

The three chosen candidates will join the remaining members of the Board: Pat DiRocco, Jeff Anderson, Don Fries, Harry Hoks, Gerry Lundell and Chuck Waldmyer.

Please watch the bulletin boards for the results following the counting of the ballots on Monday May 9th.

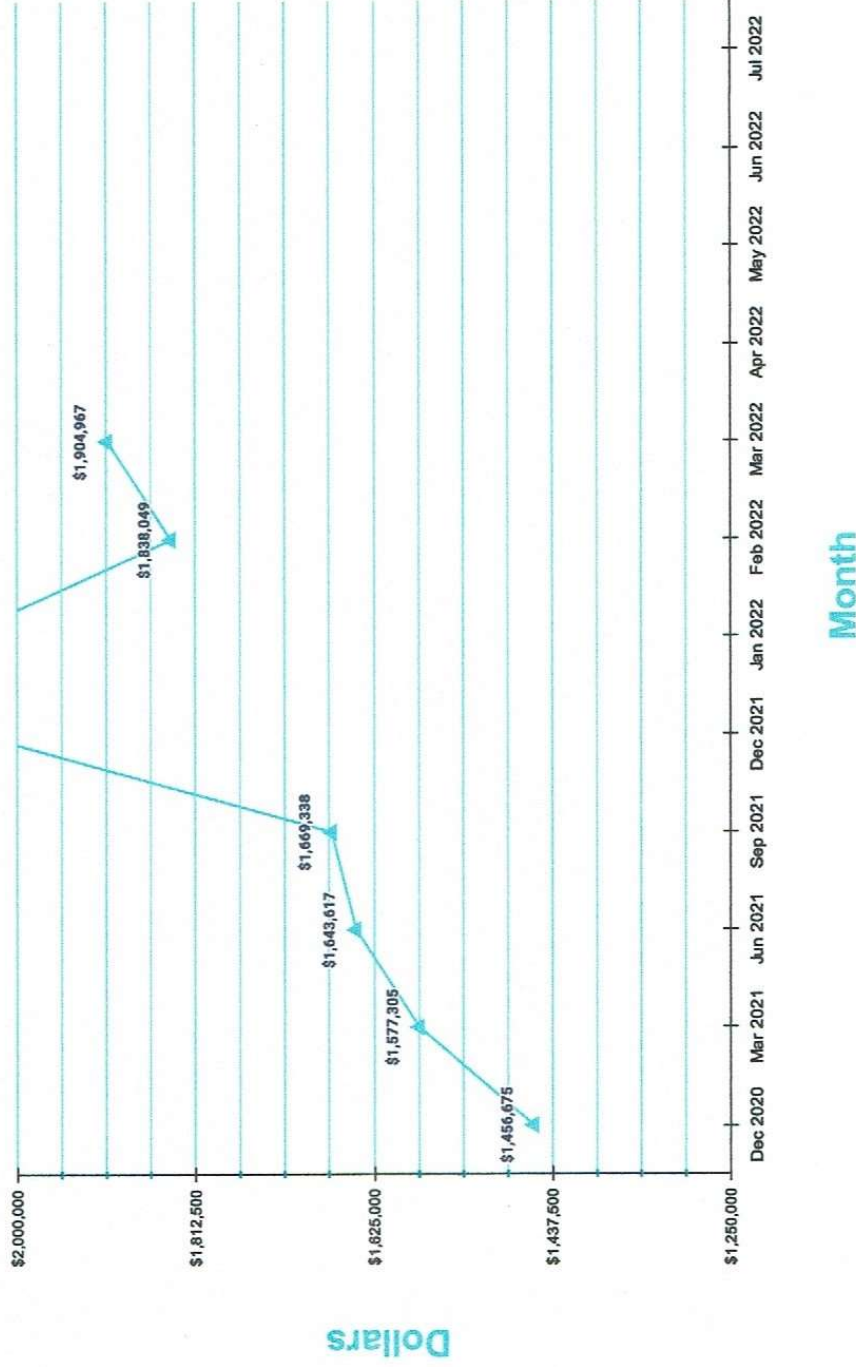
Nominating Committee

Donna Herman & Gordon Erlandson



Lee Square Cooperative - Designated Assets

January 1, 2020 to Current Month



The line graph indicates our designated assets from January 1st 2020 to the current month. Quarterly through December 31, 2021 then monthly thereafter starting January 1, 2022. The reason for the spike at end of December 2021 was from proceeds from Insurance Co. of \$272,921 received in November 2021 from storm damage to our building. In January we paid \$186,933 (down payment to Cloudline for the siding work.) This brought our balance down to present amounts indicated. This provides us the necessary funds to complete our siding project while still allowing strong financial equity for reserve requirements and replacement costs.

The summary on the right shows our 1st quarter operating results.

Gerry Lundell - Treasurer

Recap of Liquid Assets

	Balance	(Decrease)	% Increase
Dec 2020	\$1,456,675		
Mar 2021	\$1,577,305	\$ 120,630	8.3%
Jun 2021	\$1,643,617	\$ 186,942	12.8%
Sep 2021	\$1,669,338	\$ 212,663	14.6%
Dec 2021	\$2,035,786	\$ 579,111	39.8%
Jan 2022	\$2,062,867	\$ 606,192	41.6%
Feb 2022	\$1,838,049	\$ 381,374	26.2%
Mar 2022	\$1,904,967	\$ 448,292	30.8%

Summary of Operating Expenses for 1st Quarter ending March 31, 2022

First Quarter Results of our Operating Expenses:			
Budget Revenues	\$	283,803	
Actual Revenues	\$	283,743	
Under Budget	\$	(60)	
Budget Expenses	\$	218,635	
Actual Expenses	\$	207,139	
Under Budget			\$ (11,496)
Net Positive Balance			\$ 11,436

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Michael Ellison
- 7 Charles Waldmyer
- 8 Tanya Baker
- 9 Jill Lietzau
- 12 Mike Abeid
- 14 Jeff Anderson
- 16 Charles Johnson
- 18 Terry Taylor

Voting for Lee
Square Board of
Directors begins
Friday May 6.
Place your ballot in
box in Commons
Area until 2 pm
Monday, May 9

FOOD RESOURCES

Home Delivered 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
1-888-724-9267

Stops at Lee Square every other
Monday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

GROCERY DELIVERY

HYVEE, 1-800-772-4098

CUB.com

AMAZON.COM

HELP AT YOUR DOOR
651-642-1892

INSTACART 1-888-246-7822

TRANSPORTATION

Helpatyourdoor.org

Help at your Door 651-642-1892

HAPPY MAY DAY!



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LEE SQUARE SALON

Style it up with Shelley!

Thursdays, 8:00 to ??

Call for an appointment...

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Be Well Therapies,

experience massage for
your well-being

call Francine Wilson, LCMT

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FILTERED DRINKING WATER

Is available in the party room
and behind the serving line.

Cold water only.

ICE MACHINE

located behind the serving

In case of Emergency

Police/Fire: 911

Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

1-(888)-655-4450

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:00 Dominos & Cards	2 1-2 PM SCHWAN'S 1:00 Exercise	3 7:00 Card Bingo	4 1:00 Exercise	5 BEAUTY/BARBER SHOP 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts/Conversation/ Social Hour	6 1:00 Exercise	7
8 Mother's Day 7:00 Dominos & Cards	9 Annual Meeting 2:00 PM 6:30 Garden Club	10 1:00 Activities 2:30 BG&S Mtg. 6:00 B.O.D. ReOrg Mtg. in Library. 7:00 Quiddler	11 1:00 Exercise 2:00 Mktg. Mtg. 6:30 500 Cards	12 BEAUTY/BARBER SHOP 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts/Conversation/ Social Hour	13 1:00 Exercise 5:30 WINE & DINE	14
15 7:00 Dominos & Cards	16 1:00 SCHWAN'S 1:00 Exercise	17 7:00 Card Bingo	18 1:00 Exercise	19 BEAUTY/BARBER SHOP 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts/Conversation/ Social Hour	20 1:00 Exercise	21  Armed Forces Day
22 7:00 Dominos & Cards	23 1:00 Exercise	24 7:00 Quiddler	25 1:00 Exercise 2:30 Finance Mtg. 1:00 Exercise	26 BEAUTY/BARBER SHOP 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 CC& Social Hour 5:30 Activities Meal/ Entertainment (Accordionist)	27 1:00 Exercise	28
29 7:00 Dominos & Cards	30 Memorial Day 	31 5:30 B.O.D. Mtg.				