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LEE SQUARE COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES BY MEMBERS

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Hello Lee Square

We hope all are doing well and enjoying the final days of warm weather. Below are some reminders and items that may be of interest:

- When using the elevators, please use patience when pressing the buttons as it sometimes confuses the electronics.
- There is currently one unit available for sale. Unit 340 listed at $78,000.
- Security is one of our highest priorities 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. Remember that the garage speed is 5 MPH. Also, if you encounter a garbage truck on the way out, please be patient and give them space to do their jobs. Everyone has been doing a great job with the front door, so please keep it up and thank you!
- Budget season is here and budget is complete. They will be distributed to all residents on 11/16.
- In the Laundry Room, please make sure you are cleaning the lint screens after using the dryers.
- For those using the community TV, please put the cover on it when putting it away and put the remotes away in the TV stand drawer.
- The sprinkler system has been shut down for the season.
- The heat has been turned on for the season.
- When transporting your coffee through the common areas, please use a cover.
- While not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you have HO6 insurance for your unit. It will protect you and your checkbook from a large outlay if things go wrong in your unit.
- Flu season is here. In consideration of your community, it is critical that:
  - You let the office know of your illness.
  - Isolate when you are ill.
  - If you must be out and about, wear a mask.
  - Please make your family aware.

Thanks Lee Square and enjoy the rest of this season.
The holidays are just around the corner!

The J Team

Treasurer's Notes

The Budget process for 2027 is complete and approved by Board of Directors. Members will have an opportunity to get an overview of the budget process. Please watch for upcoming communications with more details about the budget and timing of the budget forum.

Operating Income

Lee Square Cooperative operating income as of year to date 09/30/2026 is $12,915.

Reserve/30 year plan notes:

The reserve fund balance as of September 30, 2026 was $1,561,496. In September, $13,058 was used from Reserve Fund for repairs, replacements, and refurbishments.

o Plumbing repair- units $13,058

We will continue to monitor all expenses over the year and provide updates as needed to the Board of Directors and membership.

Submitted by Beth Ampe, Treasurer

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Safety Committee Update

Safety Committee will meet quarterly.

Safe Winter Driving Tips in the Commons Nov 10th @11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting is November 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Carmen Berrios

Building and Grounds Update

Happy Thanksgiving! (It sure doesn't feel like November!)

Building and Grounds meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm in the library. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th. Please feel free to attend.

Special thanks to Gil Russell for rejuvenating our Lee Square sign! It looks fabulous!

Recycling Don'ts:

· Don't place plastic bags of any kind in the recycle bin. Stretchable plastic can be recycled in the box in the corner. Anything else is trash.

· Don't place food and candy wrappers in the recycling bin. They are trash.

· Don't place paper towels, napkins, paper plates, pizza boxes or anything contaminated with food. They are compostable, not recyclable, and can be taken to the Robbinsdale compost site.

· Don't place styrofoam or cardboard/paper egg cartons in the recycle bin. Paper cartons are compostable; styrofoam cartons are trash.

· Don't place styrofoam, packing peanuts or bubble wrap in the recycling bin. Styrofoam is trash. Bubble wrap should go into the square box for plastics.

· Don't place compost into the recycling bin. Lee Square is no longer composting.

Please refer to the sign above the recycle bin for what you are able to recycle. Place aluminum cans in the 30-gallon bin. These are being taken in for cash.

NOTE! Lee Square is paying fines when there are contaminants in the recycling.

Tree work, approved by BOD in October, will be done by J's Lawn & Landscape. 25 trees will be trimmed and 8 trees will be cut down (3 ash, 1 pine and 4 apple trees on the west side). Trees with a red X are to be removed. Trees with caution tape but no X will be trimmed. Work will be done in November once the ground firms up.

New "DO NOT ENTER" signs were installed in the rocks at the ends of the outdoor parking lot. These are meant for people outside of Lee Square to help keep them from driving down to the garage entrance/exit.

The garden fencing was also fixed. Some of the cross bars had broken loose.

Thanksgiving funny – My wife told me to quit telling Thanksgiving jokes. I told her that I couldn't quit cold turkey!

Submitted by Ed Ampe – Building and Grounds Co-Chair

Activities Committee Update

Reminder: Activities Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the library.
NEXT MEETING November 3

Lee Square members will enjoy a spooky Halloween Party on October 31. Thanks to Phyllis and Julia for planning and hosting this party.

Upcoming events . . . *watch sCoop and bulletin boards for more info!*

- **November 12 - Thanksgiving Feast** with turkey and all the trimmings.
- **Friday Novembe 27 - Holiday decorating of Commons**
- **Monday December 7 - New Member Welcome/Holiday Celebration**

Volunteers are still needed for Entertainment Co-ordiator and the sCoop.

Anyone interested in occasional cooking please contact Donna or any member of the committee.

Activities Committee meets the ***first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm*** in the library. Join us to learn how we plan our events and how you can help. Help can be ***occasional or on a regular basis***. We are always looking for new ideas! Planning is underway for 2027. If you have any questions or ideas, talk to any committee member.

Donna Herman, Chair

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Did you borrow our flour sack dish towels or any dish rags??
Please return to the basket under the serving line. Thanks!

Garden Club Update



Leaves are red, flowers are gone,
Fall is here; the gardens are done.
Winter will pass, spring will arrive,
Flowers will grow; we'll enjoy it again.

The Garden Club will hold its final meeting for this Fall season on Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm, in the Library. Please join us to review recent activities. We will meet again on Tuesday, March 9, 2027. Enjoy the seasons.

Submitted by Jan Lovick, 612-889-1872

If anyone is interested in dry cleaning being delivered here at Lee Square, please contact Dean of the East in Unit # 136. He uses Mulberry's Garment Care and speaks very highly of their services. He will organize pick-up and drop-off times. For more info, reach out to Dean!

DONATIONS 10/25 **~Marsha Jarvela**

- **Such generous and important items filling the big basket in the library—diapers, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, toothbrushes and, of course, all of the food. I am happy to see occasional cake mixes, frosting, cookies, all of which will provide a sweet treat for clients of Northpoint Food Shelf.**
- **I am having warm thoughts of Terry Taylor who was our original food shelf guy. He delivered the donations for a number of years. The food shelf workers called him "diaper man" because he always donated diapers along with mac and cheese and peanut butter. I went with him occasionally and, because I have strong connections to North Minneapolis, I was happy to organize and deliver every 2-3 weeks. On Monday the Lee Square delivery weighed 160 pounds.**
- **The winter gear baskets are filling quickly with lovely warm hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. I know that many of these are made with love by Lee Square members. We will collect until November 20th, then deliver to Lucy Laney Elementary School the following week.**
- **YOU ALL ARE MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR MANY PEOPLE NOT AS FORTUNATE AS WE ARE—THANK YOU.**

POEM

Cherish The Fall

To the Editor:

Cherish the fall, trees of orange colors and reds,
to the right and the left people turning their heads
to view the fall scenes against the blue sky,
and birds migrating south, waving good-bye.
They travel together without hesitation.
They are programmed inside to the right destination.

Cherish your walks as the leaves you scatter
and where they land it just doesn't matter
'cause the wind will take them wherever it will,
to the bushes or trails or the foot of a hill.

From crushed dusty leaves we love the aroma
from north to south — throughout Minnesota.
And the scent of cider and pumpkin pie spice
this is Minnesota autumn, this is Minnesota nice.

Cherish your family and your many close friends
cherish them all, let your joy transcend.
Enjoy with them this beautiful autumn,
all your best friends — that's why you got'em.

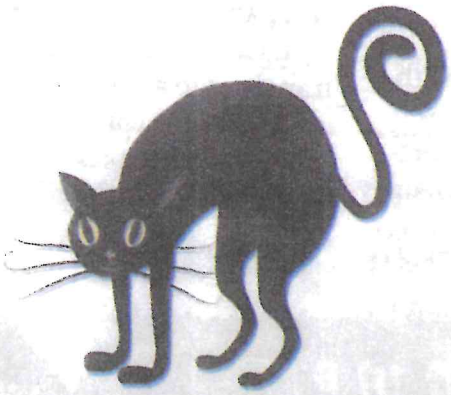
The autumn's fresh air so glad when it comes,
taking deep breaths filling our lungs.
Because any day now — we just never know
when we find ourselves covered with .....
Sticks and Oak leaves.

Gerry O. Lundell
Robbinsdale









Fill in the Blanks

3, 4, 5, 9, security, spills, open, west, volunteers, mail,

money, members, reserve, clothing, trees, buttons,

pinecones, east, recycle, carts.

Leave dryer and washer doors _____when not in use.

Any member can donate _____ at any time.

The maximum speed in the garage is _____ mph.

No _____ is allowed on the give away table in the library.

We have _____ standing committees here at Lee Square.

Return _____ to the proper place when done using them.

Members are encouraged to pick up _____ around our property.

We have _____full time Cities Management staff here.

If you get the wrong _____ give it to the right person or the office.

Be very welcoming and friendly to all new _____.

Free coffee in the commons is for every member but please, no _____.

There are _____ members on the Board of Directors.

It's important to know what items go in the _____ dumpster.

Be conscientious about _____ at all times.

Don't keep pushing _____ in the elevators.

Members who do volunteer work here are called _____.

We have over 100 _____ on our property.

We have a space here that you can _____ for private gatherings.

The _____ side members are much nicer than the _____ side members



November Birthdays

1 Kai Michels
2 Gerry Lundell
4 Delores Killian
8 Don Schaper
12 Kathy Russell
13 Peter Paulson
14 Mark Iverson
21 Maria Ganoza
22 Joy Dell
24 Marsha Jarvela
24 Mike Fraser
25 Richard Hince
29 Betty Bradley

AFTER HOURS INFO

In Case of After-Hours Emergency at Lee Square

Police/Fire/Medical Call #911

Maintenance Emergency #612-381-8600
Listen to the recording and follow directions. Emergencies are defined as Fire, Flood, Security Issues, Elevator Problems or no Heat. All other maintenance requests can be entered the following day in the office!

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