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**LEE SQUARE
COOPERATIVE
COMMITTEE NEWS
&
UPDATES BY MEMBERS**

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Management Report

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 are currently no units available for sale.
- 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.
- 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 will be shut down effective 10/20.
- The heat has been turned on for the season.
- When transporting your coffee through the common areas, please use a cover.

Thanks Lee Square and enjoy the rest of this season. The cold weather is just around the corner!

The J Team



Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to all the new faces who have moved into Lee Square in the past months! We are absolutely thrilled to have you here! Moving to a new home is a brave step that comes with a learning curve and a lot of new details, especially when moving from a single home to community living. Let us remember extending a little extra grace and kindness makes home a brighter, happier place for everyone! The J Team

DONATIONS UPDATE

Keep the donations coming! Thank You!

Winter Donations are coming soon.

Needed; hats, mittens/gloves & scarves

More to come.....

Marsha Jarvela

Building and Grounds Update

Enjoy the October coolness and color. Our recent rains have really greened up our grounds.

Building and Grounds meets the first Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the library. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 7th. Please feel free to attend.

The Committee Fair on September 14th was well attended; we thank the members who came to visit us.

Trash Rooms: members are finding food items in the recycle dumpster, please note the sign above this

dumpster for appropriate items to recycle. Please inform your caregivers, home help aides, family members. Lee Square is fined for contaminated recycling. Please help us keep our costs down. We have video.

Our committee extends a "heartly thank you" to Harry and Linda Hoks for 19 years at Lee Square, leading the garden club and doing so much to maintain our beautiful grounds, we will miss you.

Gordy Erlandson, Eric Larson and other volunteer members really stepped up on our landscape maintenance - the east side lilac grove looks great! Three new Maple trees have been planted off of 36th

Ave. These new Maple trees are noted for their great fall colors.

We thank Gil Russell for volunteering to refresh our Lee Square wooden entry sign on 36th Ave. (B&G

will be organizing a deliberative process to consider new signage design over this coming year. We anticipate involvement in this by other non B&G members.)

Fitness Room update: Clipboards have been attached to each piece of equipment to track usage. Please

utilize the clipboard to help us monitor usage. Gordy Erlandson has volunteered to shampoo the carpet

down there.

There is an awareness of traffic entering Lee Square property going as far as the garage entrance and

exit areas apparently thinking there is an outlet. We considering some additional signage such as "no outlet/no thru traffic/dead end."

Halloween Riddle:

What do you get when you cross a ghost with a flower?

A Boo-quet.

Submitted by Tom Carlin – Building and Grounds Co-Chair

Treasurer's Notes

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The Budget process for 2027 is near completion. The Board of Directors will make its final review and vote at the September Board meeting.

Operating Income

Lee Square Cooperative operating income as of year to date 08/31/2026 is \$33,918. Don't get too excited though, the Property/Real Estate Tax bill (\$39,241) will be paid in September and this will bring the bottom line back on track with our Operating Budget goal of break even for 2026.

Reserve/30 year plan notes:

The reserve fund balance as of July 31, 2026 was \$1,551,965.

· In August, \$6,507 was used from Reserve Fund for repairs, replacements and refurbishments.

o Parking lot crack-filling maintenance \$2,592

o Plumbing repair \$3,915

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 reconvened this past month. This committee will meet quarterly. Next Meeting is November 11th at 1:00 p.m.

The Robbinsdale Fire Dept will be here October 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the Commons to talk Fire Prevention and Safety Tips and Q & A..

Carmen Berrios

Activities Committee Updates

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

NEXT MEETING October 6

We resumed monthly meetings on September 1 after a two-month break in July and August. All members are welcome to join us to see what we are about and share your ideas.

August National Night Out was attended by 50 Lee Square members. Thanks to Don Fries for stepping up to man the grill! Thanks to our Activities Team for working together to serve hot dogs and clean up.

Labor Day bar-b-que was September 7. Once again Don manned the grill & cooked brats for 58 members. Thanks, Carmen, for the coleslaw! Chips and dessert completed the meal.

On September 10, 31 members enjoyed Doug Ohman's Part 2 of Down the Mississippi. Root beer floats were served after his presentation.

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

- Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Holiday decorating of Commons
- New Member Welcome/Holiday Celebration

Volunteers are still needed for the sCoop and entertainment planning.

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! If you have any questions or ideas, talk to any committee member.

Donna Herman, Chair dldgherman@gmail.com, text or leave a message 763-458-1955, drop a note at #348

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

We want to give a huge **THANK YOU** to **Harry and Linda Hoks** for their years of service to Lee Square Cooperative, serving on the Board, committees, and especially years of service managing the Garden Club and beautifying the grounds.

We also want to thank the major contributors – Gordy Erlandson, Don Fries, Mike Laniel, Eric Larson -- and the regular members of the Garden Club – Susan Smith, Janet Midthum, Jim Hughes, Mary Rye, Jan Lovick, and all members who help maintain the grounds. Additionally, thanks to these Lee Square Coop members for the recent work on Lilac Hill east and planting two new maple trees – Gordy Erlandson, Eric Larson, Mike Frazer, Dean Skoglund, Julie DiRocco, Linda Kierstead, Kristin Lisor-Kern, Jan Lovick, Bob Michaelson, Nancy Novak.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday (6:30pm) of each month in the library, starting in March and ending in October.

Projects will be identified and discussed at the monthly garden meetings. A request for volunteers for project work will be placed on the table in the lobby.

Residents are asked to place questions/comments in the general suggestion box with a "to the Garden Club" note.

At the Garden Club monthly meetings, the yearly calendar by month will be reviewed to plan tasks.

You cannot plant flowers if you haven't botany.

Jan Lovick, Garden Club, October 2026



Do You See What I See?

A different kind of art show

Lee Square Party Room Monday, October 12th, 1-4 P.M.

BLAME BANANA BREAD!

I began painting when I was 14 years old. Since then, my style and materials have changed. I've had commissions and sold works of varying sizes. In 2023, as I was preparing for an exhibition of paintings and photographs, I discovered a technique and process unlike anything I'd seen before... or since. It allowed me to create a surface that took on a 3-dimensional appearance. I experimented with different ways of applying the paint and it prompted a joyful, almost childlike feeling as the abstract paintings transformed magically.

Artist friends encouraged me to keep exploring the possibilities. I eventually settled on creating smaller pieces, all of them 8.5"x11". It allowed for the use of inexpensive frames from dollar stores. I like to save money.

I credit home-baked banana bread for inspiring the new method. Banana bread? Yes, banana bread. My discovery was a happy accident. If you'd like to learn how it came about, I'll be exhibiting several paintings in the **Lee Square Party Room on Monday, October 12th, from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Although paintings are usually displayed vertically, hanging on a wall, these pieces can also be placed horizontally on a table, etc. and viewed from above. Unlike in galleries and museums where you're not allowed to touch the artwork, viewers are encouraged to pick up the frames and move them about in a way that reveals different aspects of the paintings. The series is called "Do You See What I See?" They're all open to interpretation.

In addition to the paintings themselves, I've developed a craft workshop for those who want to learn the technique. It's easy, inexpensive, and fun. Pieces can be completed in as little as a day. No easel or any special skill is required. A kitchen table works just fine.

Derek Kiewatt Lee Square #122 time4artnow@gmail.com





October Birthdays

1 Julia Madison
3 Harry Hoks
5 Gordon Erlandson
8 Don Fries
10 David Rasinko
13 Michael Laniel
18 Dean Skoglund
19 Deb Pribyl

21 Barb Sundquist
24 Gil Russell
26 Yolande Schneider
26 Eric Larson
26 Sarah Lambert
28 Todd Christiansen
31 David Wawracz
31 Lonnie West

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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October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Halloween Party details to come, look for signage!				1 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	2 11-Exercise	3
4 3:00 Vikings Game Commons	5 11-Exercise 1:00 Fire Dept on Fire Safety	6 2- Activities Mtg 6:30- Bingo	7 11-Exercise 2:30 Bldg & Grounds Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	8 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	9 11-Exercise	10
11 12:00 Vikings Game Commons	12 Columbus Day 11-Exercise	13 6:30 Garden Club	14 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	15 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	16 11-Exercise	17
18	19 11-Exercise 2:30 Finance Mtg	20 6:30 Bingo	21 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	22 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 7:15 Vikings	23 11-Exercise	24
25 12:00 Vikings Game Commons	26 11-Exercise	27 6:00 BOD Mtg	28 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	29 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	30 11-Exercise	31 Happy Halloween 9:00 Spooky Pancake Breakfast