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**JANUARY, 2026**

# Lee Square **s**Coop

## *News for Members*

### **COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES**

**THE sCOOP** News and notes by members

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**Birthdays**

**Miscellaneous notices**

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Articles for September issue due **JAN 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Hello Lee Square!**

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Here comes January. Below are a couple of reminders:

-As we have had an intrusion into the garage recently, it is critical that we all be acutely aware of our security and safety.

Lock your car when parking it in the garage.

Wait for the garage door to close behind you when entering and leaving.

Drive no faster than 5 mph in the garage.

At the entrance, please be aware of anyone trying to enter with you. Unless you know them, do not let them in.

-We have a new listing available-Unit 305, a one bedroom with Den, C1 style is for sale for \$67,000.

-Please do not throw meds away through the drain. It is bad for the system.

-Remember we live in a community of people in close proximity. Please be tolerant of the normal day to day noises of your neighbors moving around in their units.

That, and the squeaks of a forty year old building.

Thanks, and have a great January!

The J Team

# Committees

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

## ACTIVITIES

Donna Herman, **1st TUE, 2:00**

Our Holiday/New Member Celebration was held on December 18. A record-setting 94 members attended this celebration and welcomed nine new members. Guests were served an assortment of hor d'oeuvres: meat balls, chicken bites, little smokies, shrimp, veggie tray, cheese tray, and Christmas cookies and candy. Thank you Beth Waldmyer for the egg rolls and Marge Bergman for the pickled herring.

Thanks to Sharon Batman for leading our Lee Square members caroling thru the halls on December 19. The carolers did a wonderful job entertaining our members.

28 members enjoyed a performance by KMC Dancers in the Commons on December 27. Cookies and lemonade were served to the dancers and members. Thanks to Holly for lining up this entertainment. Special thanks to Alyce for guiding Holly in handling our entertainment schedule.

Many thanks to these volunteers who showed up to help move tables in the Commons for the dancers. Thank you Eric Larson, Dan Struss, Bill Schneider, Tom Werbowski, Gordy Erlandson and Dug Herman!

We will continue to collect tip money at our Wine & Dine events. Tip money in 2025 was designated to replacement of the Lee Square sign, with a small amount given to the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Our Activities Committee voted for tips in 2026 to be designated to the sign.

Our monthly meals for 2026 will remain at \$8 each person. We are trying to line up quarterly entertainment. Watch the sCoop and bulletin boards for information.

January Wine & Dine will be held on January 15. 'Hot Dish Night' will feature Dug's Baked Chopped Suey and his 3-11 Goulash – named for the meal his dad hated that was cooked only when he was on the 3-11 shift. Salad, dinner rolls and dessert will round out that meal.

Thanks to all our Activities Committee members who make these events happen: Phyllis Aldrich, Dale Behrens, Nancy Eder, Donna Herman, Dug Herman, Marsha Jarvela, Cheryl Lindley, Dianne Laniel, Kristin Lisor-Kern, Alyce Lundell, Holly Randall, LeeAnn Thurston, Julie Sterud—Cities Management. Also thanks to Susan Smith and Bernadette Lo who help set up our events.

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. And 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](mailto:dldgherman@gmail.com), text or leave a message 763-458-1955, drop a note at #348**



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## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Ed Ampe & Tom Carlin, Co-Chairs, **1st WED, 2:30**

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- New furniture should be arriving soon to replace the couches and cushioned arm chairs in the atrium areas.
- New tile will be going into the east side garage elevator lobby soon. We are currently requesting bids. Once the tile is installed on the east side, both sides will be painted.
- A revised Repair and Replacement Policy is being worked on. More to come soon.

Recycling reminders - Please, no plastic bags, chip bags and other garbage in the recycling bin. Separate garbage from glass, paper & cans before placing items into the bin. Please review the recycling guidelines above the bin if in doubt or you can pick up a recycling guide from the office.

New Year's Humor: Why is partying in Times Square Overrated? Because they always drop the ball.

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## DONATIONS

Marsha Jarvela

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**—Your on-going generosity surely fills some gaps in the lives of many families who are in need. The food shelf and Lucey Laney Elementary School have sent notes of gratitude to Lee Square. We will continue to collect food, cleaning and personal hygiene items. Thank you always!

# SAFETY

Deb Pribyl, **2nd Wednesday, 1:00**

Happy New Year everyone!

Let's start out 2026 with a conscious effort to stay alert as we enter and exit our front lobby doorways.

We had a 2<sup>nd</sup> breach of security early last month. Senior Living Communities are being targeted, we are one of them. Please see our December minutes for more details. A theft has been reported. We remind everyone to please keep their unit doors locked whether you are home or not.

Our building is only as secure as we make it.

Reminders from members:

Please clean up after yourself if you leave a mess in the commons, party room and hallways. This is not the responsibility of our day and night cleaners. Thank you!

Do you have old medications to get rid of? Please see Deb Pribyl for medication disposal bags from our Robbinsdale Police Dept. These are free. Please do not flush them down the toilet. They damage the pipes. Also, any cleaning solutions, paint, solvents, other damaging liquids can be disposed at a nearby Hennepin County Drop Off Facility in Brooklyn Park, just north of Osseo. See Deb for details.

Are you adjusting to "community living" after living in your own home for decades? Sharing your own experiences can be helpful to others. What we do impacts others. It's great to see so many people enjoying our commons area during our winter months of isolation from the outside world. Also, being able to walk in the hallway and greet people is a nice way to get our exercise without risk of falls and injuries on the ice outside. Please wear a mask if you're not feeling well, or stay home until you are well. Let's keep the cold and flu bugs to a minimum here at Lee Square!

Thank you everyone, best wishes for the New Year!

# TREASURER REPORT

Year to date, as of November 30, 2025, Lee Square Cooperative's Net Operating income is \$46,847.

**Reserves:** As of 11/30/2025 our total reserve fund balance was \$1,414,964.

The Reserve Fund expenses, reflected in November's statement, totaled \$6,778. This expense was for the repair and replacement of leaking pipes in the garage area. Reserve funds are used to complete repairs and maintenance of the cooperative structure.

After the December financial statements are published in January, I plan to provide a more thorough Treasurer's report related to 2025 results.

Submitted by Beth Ampe, Treasurer

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# *The sCoop* (now we're talkin')

## *VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY*

### Lee Square Newsletter Coordinator Needed

This issue of Lee Square sCoop will be my last. Since taking over for the esteemed Donna Herman, I am proud to say our circulation has not gone down. It has been a great pleasure to serve my fellow members in this vital concern.

So, LEE SQUARE NEEDS A NEW NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR.

It's fun and easy, and a great chance to interact with the dozens of members who provide articles throughout the year. I have a system in place where the newsletter practically makes itself, and I'll be happy to guide you through your first few issues. There's not much more to it than sending an email, and "cutting" and "pasting" articles.

Please text me if you would like to be part of the team that brings the newsletter to your door every month.

Bill Rainey, **text: 612 715-5751**

Many thanks to the Lee Square members who opened their homes for our annual Holiday Open House. Close to 50 members were welcomed to our homes to enjoy holiday decorations and treats.

Dug & Donna Herman

## **HOW ARE YOUR EYES?**

**Marsha Jarvela #321**

On Monday January 12, we will have a visitor from **VISION LOSS RESOURCES**, a non-profit organization that provides training, support and resources for people with vision loss. Renee Waclaw, community specialist, will talk about the organization and answer questions. If you have concerns about your vision, do come. She has lots of good info. Watch for flyers in about 10 days

# sCoop Classifieds



- 2 Peter Skepstedt
- 10 Barbara Kennelly
- 12 Barb Detloff
- 15 Bryan Pohl
- 18 Sharon Batman
- 20 Sherry Boucher
- 27 John Matula
- 27 Phillip Gore
- 27 Sharon Skepstedt
- 27 John Isais
- 30 Steve Hedges
- 30 Marge Bergman

## 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

## Food Delivery - Groceries

**HYVEE** 1-800 772-4098

**CUB** Cub.com

**INSTACART** 1-888 246-7822

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

## **ONSITE SERVICES**

### **LEE SQUARE SALON**

*Style it up with Shelley!*

Thursdays - 8 am to ??

Call for appointment...

763 593-0349

### **FILTERED DRINKING WATER**

- in the party room

- behind the serving line (cold water only)

### **ICE MACHINE**

behind the serving line

## Food Shelves

**N.E.A.R. Food Shelf**  
5209 W. Broadway,  
Crystal  
763-533-2836

**Beacon of Hope Church**  
[ 5 - 7 pm ]  
2827 N. Newton Ave  
Minneapolis 55411  
612-217-4003

**PRISM Marketplace Food Shelf**  
1220 Zane Ave N  
Golden Valley, 55422  
763-529-1350

**VEAP Food Shelf**  
9600 Aldrich, Ave S.  
Bloomington, 55420  
952-888-9616

## Transportation

**HelpAtYourDoor.org**

## Activities

### **EXERCISE CLASS**

11 am - MON, WED, FRI

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## **In case of Emergency**

**Police/Fire: 911**



Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

**612 381-8600**

(11pm-7am)









# January 2026



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				<b>1</b> NEW YEARS DAY		<b>2</b> 11 Exercise		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11 Exercise	<b>6</b> 2:00 Activities Mtg 7:00 Card Bingo	<b>7</b> 11-Exercise 1:00 Safety Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	<b>8</b> Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	<b>9</b> 11-Exercise	<b>10</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11 Exercise 12:30-2:30 Vision Loss Resources	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	<b>15</b> Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 5:30 Wine and Dine	<b>16</b> 11-Exercise	<b>17</b>			
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Martin Luther King Day 11- Exercise	<b>20</b> 7:00 Card Bingo	<b>21</b> 11-Exercise 2:30 Building & Grounds Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	<b>22</b> Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	<b>23</b> 11-Exercise	<b>24</b>			
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11-Exercise	<b>27</b> 6:00 BOD Meeting	<b>28</b> 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	<b>29</b> Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	<b>30</b> 11-Exercise	<b>31</b>			