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# Lee Square sCoop

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### COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

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Articles for August issue due **July 25<sup>th</sup>**

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. Here are some of the things that we are working on:

-We are making progress on getting the original toilets replaced and have about seven left to install. We have so far received \$1000+ from the City of Robbinsdale for our effort. So, our upgrade is a win.

-Our cement and landscaping project is complete and looking very nice.

-We will be having our common area windows cleaned on 7/17 and 7/18. For those of you who would like their unit windows cleaned, please reference the flyer that we delivered to your unit or view the info at the information desk in the common area. The unit cleaning will be at your expense and you will need to contact Clarus directly to set up your appointment.

-We will be doing our annual drain flush in both the basement as well as about a dozen units on the first floor. This will occur on 7/15. Those with cars in the garage will need to move their cars on that day. On 7/21, we will be powerwashing the garage which will require moving the cars out of the garage as well. We will give advanced notice regarding these items as we get closer.

-A reminder that those of you with a garage stall can only store a bike or a cart in front of your garage space. **No other items are permitted.**

-When you use the laundry room, please remember to leave both the washer and the dryer doors open after use, to clean the lint traps and turn off the laundry room light after use.

-The office will be closed on July 4th.

-A big thank you to Tom W for making the coffee for everyone on Saturdays and Sundays!

Thanks,

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**

Activities Committee helped with the Lee Square tables at the Robbinsdale Citywide Garage Sale June 5-7. We sold our overstock of kitchen utensils and cookware. Thanks to committee members who helped set up, man the tables, and clean up each of the three days!

Robbinsdale City Band gave a wonderful performance in our backyard on June 19. About 68 members and guests enjoyed root beer floats after the event.

Special thanks to Community Outreach Committees for helping us with these events.

Upcoming Events:

- July 4 5:30 pm – bar-b-que Dug will grill all-beef hot dogs and we will serve chips and watermelon. Charge is \$5 per person. Sign up in the Commons by July 2.
- Bring-your-own-meat grill event – *date to be determined*.
- August 1 National Night Out – we invite the neighbors to a meal on the back patio.
- Labor Day September 1 5:30 pm – end of summer bar-b-que: brats, potato salad and coleslaw.

*SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, October 9 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lee Square celebration! Plans are underway!*

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.

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

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

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

Happy July 4th! Hoping everyone has a safe holiday. 2025 is half over already!

Thanks for everyone's patience while the landscaping projects were completed. The weather sure didn't help us on that one. It looks wonderful! As a side benefit, the irrigation leak was found during this project. We're back in business with watering! A huge bonus for Lee Square!

By the time you read this, the landscaping crews should have completed root removal, stump hole filling and grass seeding (scheduled for June 30 and July 1 weather permitting).

Drain flushing is scheduled for July 17 and garage floor cleaning on July 21. Cars will need to be removed from the garage on those days. Sorry in advance for the inconvenience.

We continue to find bird nests behind the air conditioning shields. Work is being done to find a solution. If you think you have a nest above your air conditioning unit, please tell the office.

Reminder for Recycling – people are throwing plastic bags and garbage in the recycling bin. Please separate your recycling from your garbage. Please refer to the sign above the bin if you are unsure of what can be recycled. We still have organic recycling bins available for anyone who would like to join the program. See Patti Knez or Ed Ampe if interested.

Summer funny - Why did the sun go to summer school? A. To get a little brighter!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Don Fries

Hello everyone, here it is July already, time to celebrate our Independence and the state of a great country that we can be proud of. Speaking of celebrating, we have the cement and landscaping work finally done. I think it looks great and many others said the same, Even better news when they were tearing it up they found a major leak that has eluded us for sometime. By the time you read this the holes left by the tree removal should be done. We have the paint for the Arbor and Gazabo (Thank you Nancy Novak for donating the cost). We will be starting on this soon. Just a reminder, if you have an issue with someone or if you believe they are breaking the rules please do not leave notes on their door. Please contact the office or talk to the board. If the few rules and policies we have here are followed we should all be able to live in harmony.

Have a great 4th

Your humble servant, I mean President

Don Fries

# DONATIONS

Marsha Jarvela #321

Hey friends, Thank you for continuing to donate items to Northpoint Food Shelf. The need for **food, cleaning and hygiene supplies** is even greater in the summer when the children are home. If you have large reusable bags (like those from Aldi, Marshalls, 5 Below and other stores) they are the best for families. When you donate, please put the items in these bags if there are some in the big basket. Northpoint appreciates the Lee Square generosity.

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH/MARKETING

Wendy Fries, **2nd WED, 2:00**

The All City garage sale was a success. Thanks to all the members who helped Don set up and store away every nite. We were able to raise over a 1000.00 towards our new sign fund. Some members also had tables out there and it sounds like everyone did very well. We are now in gear for the whiz bang days. We will be giving mini beach balls out at the parade with tags on them with information about Lee Square. We will have 4 or 5 people walking along the parade route and hand them out. This will be on July 13th. If you attend the parade be sure to wear your Lee Square wear and show you spirit. Also we are gearing up for school supplies, Carmen Berrios will be heading this up, watch for flyers.

Also I have made a decision to step down as Chairperson. I have held this position for 3 years now and feel it necessary for me to take care of myself a bit. The next meeting will be in September for Community Outreach.

Wendy Fries

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# SAFETY

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

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> everyone, celebrate and be safe!

A BIG THANK YOU to Janet Bona for the new evacuation maps, next to each elevator in the building. These are much easier to read, thank you Janet!

Recap of June events:

Medicare vs Medicare Advantage Plans – Gene Montanez, licensed insurance agent gave a great, informative presentation. Anyone can call for an appointment to discuss which plan is best for you, at NO COST. Plan ahead, open enrollment is in October.

Tornado Safety Talk – Thank you to all that attended, small group, great feedback!

Take Away Points:

1. Go to our basement storage area for shelter, stay away from windows & doors.
2. Use stairs if physically possible.
3. Be prepared to bring snacks, water, flashlight, identification, med's list etc.
4. Turn on the weather radio in the storage area for update on the tornado.
5. Stay until the weather radio announces all clear. Turn radio off when you leave.

Coming up in August:

History of Robbinsdale - Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, speaker Pete Richie.

We welcome ALL feedback, thank you for attending our events!

Please read the Safety Committee Minutes in the Library for more information on the topics of discussion in our recent meetings. We are working on several Safety Issues/Concerns/Requests, too many to mention in this article.

Coming soon, a fund for Hero (Fire) Blankets. Our goal is to supply each unit with one at no cost to the member.

Safety Reminder: Be mindful when walking or biking on or off our property, stay safe, prevent injuries by taking precautions daily. Exercise (even chair exercise) is great for our minds and body to stay alert. Enjoy our hot, humid, typical month of July!

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

*If you complain when you are displeased, you must compliment when you are pleased.*

Larry Stegall

*Imperfect action beats perfect inaction every time.*

Harry S. Truman

*A conversation is a dialogue not a monologue.*

Truman Capote

*The best way to find out what we really need is to get rid of what we don't.*

Marie Kondo

*Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.*

Arthur Ashe

Submitted by Gerry O. Lundell

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**On July 4th, the United States celebrates the anniversary of its Declaration of Independence. In 1776, representatives of the then 13 colonies signed the famous document with which they declared their independence from the British crown, and of which the whole of America is still extremely proud today.**

**The background for this historical event was an increasing dissatisfaction of the colonists with the ruling monarchs in Great Britain. Before 1776, the colonies were subject to British law and had to pay high duties for the import of goods such as sugar, coffee, tea, or spirits.**

**As the English king responded to the demands with a new tax on tea, the famous Boston Tea Party took place on December 16th, 1773, during which Americans expressed their displeasure. 342 boxes of the highly taxed tea - a symbol of oppression for the colonists were dumped into the harbor of Boston.**

**This was followed by the American War of Independence, in which the US Army was led by George Washington, who later became the first president.**

**Declaration of Independence**

**All 13 existing American colonies voted for independence from Great Britain on July 2nd, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 representatives of the colonies just two days later, on July 4th, 1776 - the United States of America was born!**

**The Declaration of Independence defined the political and moral philosophy for the country that would subsequently become the United States of America. All Americans to this day are very proud of the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence. At the time, the ideas were revolutionary, making America the first modern democracy:**

- **All men are created equal**
- **All human beings have inalienable rights**
- **All people have the right to life, freedom, and the right to pursue happiness**
- **The government is elected and appointed by the people**

**The most famous part of the Declaration of Independence:**

***"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness...."***

# sCoop Classifieds



## July Birthdays

- 2 Vilma Atienza
- 4 Suzanne Howe
- 7 Ed Ampe
- 8 Pauline Peterson
- 8 Duane Peterson
- 9 Cheryl Lindley
- 18 Phyllis Aldrich
- 21 Daniel Struss
- 24 Dale Behrens
- 26 Patricia Condon
- 29 Nancy Novak

### 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

**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 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

### Office Contacts

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### In case of Emergency

**Police/Fire: 911**



Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

**612 381-8600**

(11pm-7am)





# July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 11-Exercise	8 2:00 C.A.R.'s Mtg 6:30 Garden Club	9 11-Exercise 1:00 Safety Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	10 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts	11 11-Exercise	12
13	14 11-Exercise	15 Annual Drain Flushing/ No cars in the garage 7-Bingo	16 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	17 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts	18 11-Exercise	19
20	21 Annual Garage Power Wash No Cars in the garage 2:30 Finance Mtg	22	23 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	24 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts	25 11-Exercise	26
27	28 11-Exercise	29 6:00 BOD MEETING	30 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	31 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1:00 Crafts	4th of July BBQ includes hot dog chips, watermel- on and drinks \$5	

