

April fools



SCOOP

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COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES BY MEMBERS

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Management Report

Greetings Everyone!

Items of note:

- 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, however we do anticipate a 1 and 2 bedroom later this month to go on the market.
- 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!
- Organic recyclers, please make sure you are frequently disposing of your waste. This will help avoid infestation.
- We will be switching garbage haulers to Republic effective 3/31. Same pickup dates.
- New windows will be installed in the first week of April, so you may see some activity regarding that.

Thank you!



Informational Speaker on

MEDICATION QUESTIONS

What is the proper dosage?

How can I get better sleep?

Do over-the-counter cold medicines work?

We all have many questions about our Rx and OTC medications. Come to this speaker and get some answers.

TAYLOR HILL

Medical Therapy Manager

North Memorial New Hope and Maple Grove

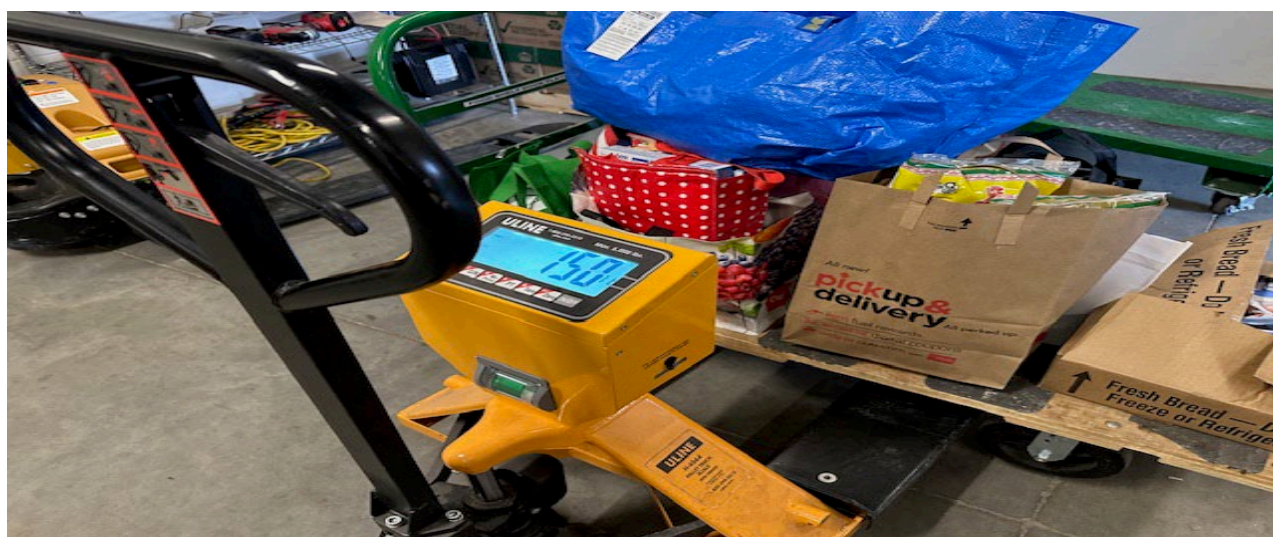
Monday, April 27, 1:00 the Commons

DONATIONS UPDATE

A week ago I delivered a cartful of your generous donations to Northpoint Food Shelf. They weighed a flatbed piled with these items; it weighed 150 pounds! So BIG thanks to all. As always, they need food, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.

Thank you also for the reusable handle bags. Shoppers at the food shelf are happy to have sturdy containers.

Marsha Jarvela



Treasurer's Report –March 2026

Lee Square Cooperative operating income as of year to date February 28, 2026 is \$11,265. Looks good right? However, the mail did not deliver and this amount does not include February billing for CenterPoint Energy (gas for heat) \$6,046; or Xfinity (Internet) \$2,480. These invoices will be included within March financial statements, and year to date financial statements will then appropriately show three months of expenses for these items. Please note that if the items were included in February results, Lee Square still remains on track with the budget for 2026!

Reserve/30 year plan notes:

- In February, \$13,731 was used from Reserve Fund for two projects:
 - o The repair of leaking drain pipes in the garage \$3,750.
 - o Remaining balance Furniture commons area remaining balance \$9,981.

We will continue to monitor all expenses over the year and provide updates as needed to the Board of Directors and membership. Please contact me with any questions. Submitted by Beth Ampe



April Birthdays

- 2 Sharon Topel
- 4 Bill Rowe
- 6 Barbara Bryan
- 10 Shannon Magner
- 12 Barb Quist
- 13 Sandy Johnson
- 13 Lydia Jopp
- 20 Lee Ann Thurston
- 23 Patrick DiRocco
- 24 Janet Midthun
- 27 Gary Johnson

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Quotable Quotes:

"I'm learning to trust the journey even when I don't understand it."

Mila Bron

"Progress is a nice word, but change is its motivator."

Robert F. Kennedy

"Small changes and small steps can create massive impact."

Melissa McCreery

"Teamwork makes the dream work."

John C. Maxwell

"Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success."

Anonymous

"Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."

Kevin Durant

Thanks

Gerry

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 in the office**

Activity Committee Updates

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

Our March 19 Wine & Dine featured shepherd's pie, salad with carrot cake for dessert. Fifty members enjoyed this St Patrick's Day celebration. Phyllis and Cheryl made the shepherd's pies; other committee members baked the carrot cake. Thanks to Phyllis for running this event and to all committee members who pitched in while Hermans were gone. Thanks to our substitute bar keep Mary R who stepped in when Dean of the West was out of town.

HELP IS NEEDED at each event . . . check in with Donna at the event for available jobs—**if any**. These jobs will vary depending on which Activities Committee members are available. Sometimes help is needed serving; sometimes help is needed with clean-up, etc. This is a one-time commitment—you are **not** assigned a 'life sentence'.

Upcoming events . . .

- April 29 Treble Tones & dessert
- May 11 Annual Meeting
Memorial Day bar-b-que
- June 18 Robbinsdale City Band & root beer floats
- July 4 4th of July bar-b-que
- August 4 National Night Out
- Sept 7 Labor Day bar-b-que

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

WORK/WOOD SHOP , CARWASH BAY, PAINT ROOM REMINDERS: Anyone using the equipment in this area **MUST HAVE TRAINING** first. Please check with the office for instructions before using the shop for the first time. They will help you meet someone with experience and for training. Please clean up after every use. This includes vacuuming/sweeping up the sawdust, taking your tools home, keeping the tables clear. If you cannot finish your project in one day, please leave a note with your name and unit#, stating when you will return to finish it. Be aware using the "stop saw" - you cannot use any wood with moisture in it, especially any kind of treated wood. This will cause the saw to stop abruptly (for safety) but it will not start again without a service call. This is very costly. Do not leave items in the carwash bay without identification. They will be removed. Do you have leftover paint? Please put a note on them before leaving them in the workshop or paint room areas. We will either use the paint or recycle it if the can is near empty. Watch for more Safety and Instructional Signs to be posted on the Shop door and inside the Shop area. Please take these seriously to avoid accidents/injuries. If you have any questions, please reach out to anyone on the Building & Grounds Committee or a Staff member for clarification. Thank you!

Building & Grounds Updates

Happy Spring & Happy Easter!

What a difference a couple of weeks can be. In March we can have a blizzard one weekend and 70 degrees the next. Now that it's April, and hopefully we get some showers to get everything growing. The pond is thawed! Harry and crew are busy preparing for when they can get into the gardens and pots to get some color outside of Lee Square.

The inside common area also looks wonderful with the new furniture. The last of the chairs were delivered in late March. Thanks to all of the members of the CARS subcommittee. It's so nice to have new furniture here to enjoy.

A couple of rumors to squash:

The heating coil in the front sidewalk: A few tweaks were made to the timer and temperature setting to keep the cement warm enough to melt snow. As we saw after the heavy snowfall in mid March, it worked great! It took some time, but with help from the electricians, the J-Team got it working!

Water leaks: This is not from the irrigation system. The irrigation system leak was fixed last summer. However, there have been other leaks within the building's water system. As the building ages, we are seeing more leaks around tub drains and shower valves. These repairs generally need the water to be shut off. When water is shut off, it is generally limited to 3 or 4 units on each floor directly above each other. If you've ever looked at the basement hot/cold water pipes, you'll see them labelled with unit numbers. These are the units being served by those pipes. We've also had a couple of garage drain pipes fixed. Water is also shut off to units using those drain pipes so that water doesn't come rushing through while being repaired.

Recycling reminder: Please, no plastic bags or garbage **of any kind** in the recycling bin. Empty plastic bags and place the bags in the recycling box in the corner. Please see the posters to see what can/can't be recycled.

We have a new sanitation service starting April 1st. Republic Services is replacing Aspen Waste Systems. You probably have seen Republic's trucks around the neighborhood as this is the hauler Robbinsdale selected for single family home service.

April humor: What did the hammer say to the screwdriver on April 1st? "April Tools' Day!"

Save the Date for the Annual Meeting, Monday May 11th at 2:00 p.m.

Safety Committee Updates

Happy April Everyone,

Are we all looking forward to spring? I sure am :-)

April is known for Severe Weather Awareness. This year it will be the week of April 13-17. Please stay alert as the storm season approaches once again. Also please note the posters on all of our bulletin boards and on the TV in the Commons.

If you want a poster for yourself, please ask the office for a copy.

This will be the last entry in the SCOOP newsletter from the Safety Committee. Deb Pribyl announced her resignation in the March 11th meeting, as Safety Committee Chairperson, effective April 1st, 2026.

A HUGE THANK YOU to each member that served on the Safety Committee, in the past and in the present. The phrase “ it takes a village to raise a child” also fits the description of what it takes to have a successful Safety Committee. It wasn't just one person that can take the credit. It was all of the dedicated, committed **volunteers** within the Safety Committee. The committee members worked cohesively together, accomplishing many tasks over the years. We are proud of what we have accomplished and we hope Lee Square Members continue to take pride and responsibility to help keep our homes, our building and our beautiful grounds, a safe place to live!

Thank you!

Deb Pribyl

Safety Committee Chair

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Garden Club

Discussion for work project...Volunteer projects will be easy and timing only an hour to hour and a half
The more volunteers, the shorter the time it will take. Project notices will be put on table in the commons.
Immediate Projects: -Tools need cleaning, oiling and Sharpening-Perennials need to be trimmed to the ground before new growth-get supplies: potting mix, fertilizer, etc -Order Pond treatments -Early Spring Spruce tree feeding. Next meeting will be April 14th at 6:30. Be thinking of new ideas, or updates for our beautiful grounds. Harry Hoks

