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APRIL

# Lee Square sCoop

*News for Members*

## COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

### THE sCOOP

News and notes submitted  
by members

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Birthdays  
Miscellaneous notices

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## BUILDING MANAGER

John McDonald

Hello everyone! Happy spring. It's been a bit of a quiet month.

- Our new elevator flooring has been installed and is looking good.
- We are still in flu season, so in consideration of your fellow members, if you are feeling symptoms, make sure you isolate and test.
- Break down your boxes for the recycle bins. On Wednesday evenings, when the recycle container is outside, please do not leave your recycled items on the floor of the trash room. It creates a mess for all.

Units for sale:

Unit 152-One bedroom-\$75,000

Unit 237-One bedroom-\$63,000

Unit 339-Double unit- Two bedroom, Two bath-\$124,900

Coming soon

Unit 212-One Large bedroom corner unit-\$65,000-time TBD

Unit 135-One bedroom with Den-price and time TBD

Unit 308-One bedroom unit-price and time TBD

Thanks everyone! Have a great April!

# Committees

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

## ACTIVITIES

Shawn Sisco, **2nd TUE, 1:00**

April is in the air! a revitalizing turn of the season. With mild temps and lengthening days, we hope you will enjoy our Cooperative amenities and “bloom” with all that Lee Square offers!

**Last month**, Activities prepared an Irish St. Patrick’s Day feast for Wine & Dine! Thanks to the Hermans and the Fries for all the delicious cooking - savory corned beef & cabbage, red potatoes, sweet baby carrots, home-baked rolls, spicy ginger and snickerdoodles for dessert, all beverages and a safe ride home for only \$8. If you skipped out, you missed out! Dessert & Entertainment delighted us with the Treble Tones Women's Chorus (including our own Linda Cherra who had quite an act - ask her!). The Chorus brought a refreshing springtime concert of “Bewitched, Bothered & Bewildered” as we enjoyed plates of flaky apple pie a la mode - a wonderful night for only \$3. If you see Alyce Lundell, be sure to thank her for the great talent she always books for us!

**Our March meeting:** We had pizza lunch paid by your nice dining tips for 2023, thanks again!

1. Bill Rowe visited us with survey results and suggestions on improving our Exercise Room - this upgrade is underway and tasks for next steps were assigned, thank you Bill! I’m looking for help to build the IKEA snack bar by Exercise and the garage door. Awesome for quick sales both ways! Watch for updates.
2. Activities financial report is currently healthy, but a problem is brewing: there’s a trend of more members signing up for events yet failing to attend. We do get a few latecomers added, but the total is still less than the plates prepared so we lose money on no-shows. If you signed up, please mark your calendars and set your alarm if needed, thanks!
3. We love to recognize monthly birthdays at Dessert & Entertainment! Plan to come - you will be honored by name, smiles and applause, and your table will be popular (among the first at the serving line).
4. Would you start attending Dessert & Entertainment if we offered a gluten-free or sugar-free (special diet) dessert? Julie in the office will be sending out a Dessert Survey asking this question, and for suggestions of a thrifty, alternate diet dessert to serve on D & E nights. Awaiting your reply!
5. We need more event volunteers, regular and occasional. Join us to help: Set-up, Cashiering, Cooking, Serving or Clean-up (for example, as easy as collecting S & P shakers or helping bus trash). Many hands make light work.

### Upcoming Events:

**April 12, 5:30 - Wine & Dine - Spring Ham Dinner - \$8/member**

**April 25, 6:30 - Dessert & Entertainment - Kayfes-Kieley Music, Cheesecake with toppings - \$3**

## DONATIONS

Marcia Jarvela

Hello Generous Members: Of course the community needs continue and I do receive notes of gratitude from Northpoint Food Shelf. The full basket in the library always makes me smile. You may know that the food shelf distributes much more than food. Donations fall into 3 general categories:

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS  
CLEANING/LAUNDRY SUPPLIES      PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

**TRY THIS: One-Stop shopping at Dollar Tree**

NOTE: Please check expiration dates on food and donate only unopened hygiene and cleaning supplies.

Though not food, these are often requested by users of the food shelf:

Formula and baby food	Shower/shave gels	
Diapers	Feminine hygiene products	Deodorant and lotions
Household cleaning supplies	Toothbrushes	Soap and shampoo

*Thank you all for your continuing generosity*

## GARDEN CLUB

Harry Hoks, **2nd TUE, 6:30**

Preparations for Spring are underway! Collections of needed materials such as soil, peat moss, fertilizer, pond treatment, etc. along with ordered flowers and trees at wholesale prices The donation program is on the back page of our newsletter. A big thank you to the "J" Team for helping to organize the program to make it more user-friendly.

There are many small projects ready for members to do. Notices will be put out on the Commons table from time to time or if you'd like to help anytime, please call me (Harry) at 612-432-2973 any time before 8:30 PM. The May Patio planting notice will also be put out on the table.

April's meeting will be very active. Please come to learn about all our plans. Hope to see you then.

Gardener Harry

# SAFETY

Carl Monson, **2nd THU, 1:00**

April is Severe Weather and Safety Awareness Month.

1. First WED of every month, 1 PM brings the familiar sound of the test siren.
2. Watch for our safety flyer the second week of April.

ATTENTION: If you are unable to hear the fire alarms and any other emergency siren situations, arrange for a neighbor to alert you. Or, if you are a neighbor to a hearing challenged person and they cannot be reached, please notify the office immediately. "We protect our own".

Submitted by Deb Pribyl

# BUILDING & GROUNDS

Dick Knez, Chair, **1st WED, 2:30**

April is upon us. Hello everyone. Have you operated your dishwasher lately? You need to run it at least once a month so the hoses don't dry out. Once they dry out and crack, you've got a water leak. Thank You, Bill Rowe, bringing up the questions regarding the L/S Fitness Center. I will be putting it on the April Agenda.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our committee meetings.

When it's time to make changes in your unit, please fill out the required "Work Order" and explain what you are intending to do. It's available in the library. Leave it at the office, and they will see that the Buildings & Grounds Committee reviews it. It will then be sent to the Board of Directors for approval.

March 22nd, we hosted a meeting with Richard McCoy, City Engineer for Robbinsdale and Jenna Wolf, City Water Resources Specialist for Robbinsdale regarding our inquiries to lower our water bill, improve our irrigation system, utilize many options for gathering rain water for irrigation, and possibly obtain grants to subsidize our costs. One option is to use all the manholes on our property, placing underground cisterns for rainwater collection and distribution. We were also informed it is possible to obtain a water efficiency grant regarding our usage of toilets, washing machines and dishwashers.

Future possibility for either Rain Gardens or Prairie Strip Planting partnered with U of M for adding deeply rooted plants needing less water. Discussions and updates to follow as the months go by. Please provide your feedback at our meeting or to any of our members.

Submitted by Deb Pribyl - Secretary of B&G Committee

*Two hats were hanging on a hat rack. One hat said to the other: "You stay here, I'll go on a head".*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Fries

I hope everyone had a Hoppy Easter. Green grass at Christmas and snow on Easter, welcome to Minnesota. Mother nature is confused.

I'm Sorry we were unable to do the Easter Ball drop this year with no real ice on the pond. We will try next year. We have a lot of things on our wish lists for 2024. We are putting together a list of items that need to be done or want to have done. When the list is complete we will send the list out to all are members as a survey on what this community would like to see being done. This will give us an idea of what the majority of our members would like to see prioritize.

Reminder, that April 15th is the Candidate open forum meeting at 6:00 pm.

I talked with our Vending machine Vendors and they said snacks are good at about 6 to 12 items sold per day, however pop sales are about 1 a day. We did add sprite and Mocha Ice coffee is coming soon. We will watch the sales on these and see if it picks up, otherwise we might lose that machine.

Reminder this is a co-op, in order to keep costs down, we all need to help even in small ways.

Forward I am heavy but backward I am not, what am I?

Thanks for your smiles,

Don, BOD President

## MARKETING

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

Welcome to our new members!.. Tune in to next month's marketing article ...New changes are being work on and waiting for board approval.

# From the Treasurer

Mar-24

## A summary of our investments/reserves - February 29, 2024

<u>Fidelity</u>	
Money Market earning 4.76%	\$473,551
Bonds	\$49,350
Equities (stocks)	\$611,689
Total	\$1,134,590
<u>Enterprise Bank</u>	
Money Market earning 2.75%	\$19,105
Total Reserve Funds	\$1,153,695

3 year history of Fidelity Stock Investments end of year balances.	
Dec. 31st 2021	\$678,414
Dec. 31st 2022	\$546,919
Dec. 31st 2023	\$594,456
End of Feb. 2024	\$611,689

The Board of Directors have partnered with Mike Flynn, Investment Counselor with Churchill Management Group to manage and advise us with investment strategies for our reserve funds. We are grateful for this as it's been a long search and finally accomplished. Securing our investment is vital for our current and long term capital needs. We contribute \$14,500 to our reserves monthly, some of those funds will be used this year for improvements and upgrades in units and various building improvements. There is a "bucket list" which more accurately is our 30 year Replacement Reserve Fund where the dollars come from for these costs. There is also a "wish list" that is ongoing. Proposals can be presented to the Finance Committee or the BOD. Our Replacement Reserve Fund 30 Year Schedule will be revised and updated this year.

Gerry O. Lundell - Treasurer

Well done is better than well said. -- Benjamin Franklin

# The sCOOP (now we're talkin')

## **APRIL FOOLS JOKES - hope they bring a smile to your face.**

Did you hear about the submarine that sank on April Fools' Day? Someone left a window open.

**What month of the year has 28 days? All of them.**

**How do you keep a fool in suspense? I'll tell you the answer tomorrow.**

Why should you avoid the stairs on April Fools' Day? Because they're always up to something.

*How many fools does it take to change a lightbulb? Four. One to hold the bulb and three to turn the chair.*

Submitted by Deb Pribyl

MISSING.  
Have you  
seen  
something  
like this?



The one that is  
missing is  
Terra Cotta colored  
Sits 2 3/4" high  
Has an incense tray

It's special and belongs to Ellen Rierson. Please deliver it to her at #106W – no questions asked.

## DID YOU KNOW?????

The original New Years day was celebrated March 25th 2000 BC in Mesopotamia because that's when the planting season started. It wasn't till 46 BC that Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar with January as the first month.

So— if you have already broken your New Year's resolutions from January, you can just forget them and start over as of March 25th LH



History Book Club meets on April 15 at 6:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome!

April's book is Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind. Author: Yuval Noah Harari

**International Dinner Night**  
**April 5, 2024, 5:30 in the Commons**

**FREE!!**

**Contact Carmen Berrios**  
**for more information**

**612-666-4042**

## **Is anyone interested in a Lee Square walking group?**

It can be indoors or outdoors, morning, afternoon or evening. Interested members must be willing to be available via text communications only. It can be on short notice or planned walking times. If you are

interested **please text:**  
**Linnea Hoff at 612-296-9114.**

Submitted by Deb Pribyl

# sCoop Classifieds



*Birthdays  
In April*

- 2 Sharon Topel
- 4 Bill Rowe
- 6 Barbara Bryan
- 10 Shannon Magner
- 12 Barb Quist
- 13 Sandy Johnson
- 13 Lydia Jopp
- 13 Dick Knez
- 20 Lee Ann Thurston
- 22 Mary Ann Anderson
- 23 Patrick DiRocco
- 27 Gary Johnson
- 30 Ilene Shephard

## 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

### **SCHWANS**

Stops at Lee Square  
every other Monday

1 - 2 pm  
1-888 724-9267

## Food Delivery - Groceries

**HYVEE** 1-800 772-4098

**CUB** Cub.com

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

**INSTACART**  
1-888 246-7822

## **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

## Transportation

**HelpAtYourDoor.org**

## Activities

**EXERCISE CLASS**  
11 am - MON, WED, FRI

## Miscellaneous

**Service GRATITUDE msg.**  
Thank you to LS members  
who volunteer for  
committee leadership roles.  
There are many committees  
with new chairs this year!

**In case of Emergency**

**Police/Fire: 911**



Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

**612 381-8600**

Monday-Friday (11pm-7am) Saturday & Sunday (5pm-7am)





# Lee Square Tornado and Severe Weather Policy

**PUBLIC WARNINGS FOR TORNADO/SEVERE WEATHER WILL BE GIVEN THROUGH RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS, TV BULLETINS, AND SOUNDING OF CIVIL DEFENSE SIRENS.**

## **Tornado and Severe Storm “WATCH” –**

A “Watch” is issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) when conditions are right for a tornado or severe storm to develop.

When a tornado or severe weather “Watch” is issued by NOAA all Lee Square Members should take the following actions:

- 1) Remain Calm
- 2) Return from common areas to your own apartment so you can shelter in place if necessary.
- 3) Close all apartment windows.
- 4) Close all curtains/drapes to help prevent flying glass.
- 5) Close all apartment doors to prevent wind circulation.
- 6) Monitor the weather on a weather radio, a public radio station (like WCCO), or a local TV station, and listen for Civil Defense Sirens to sound in case a Tornado or Severe Storm “Warning” develops.

## **Tornado and Severe Storm “WARNING” -**

A “Warning” is issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) when a tornado or severe storm is in the immediate area and will be accompanied by lengthy sounding of Civil Defense Sirens.

When a tornado or severe weather “Warning” is issued by NOAA all Lee Square Members should take the following actions:

- 1) Do not leave the building under any circumstances.
- 2) Sheltering in place in your unit is the best option. The safest place is the bathroom with the door shut.
- 3) If you are unable to get back to your own apartment other safe places in the facility are: any small room without windows, public restrooms, or in the garage storage locker area, fitness center or the workshop area. Alternately, interior hallways as far away from any windows as you can get are good.
- 4) Continue to monitor radio or TV for storm information if you are able to.

## Lee Square Smoke and Fire Alarm Policy

### IN UNIT SMOKE ALARM -

Individual apartment smoke alarms are not connected to the fire alarm system.

If the smoke alarm in your apartment goes off while you are cooking check your stovetop, oven, toaster, or other cooking appliance(s) for something burning. Turn off whatever you have on. If there's only smoke turn on your bathroom fan and open windows to help remove it.

If you see fire close all doors and windows and get out of your apartment. Go out in the hallway and pull the nearest fire alarm (Red Box). Call 911 or ask someone else to do it. Move away from the area and do NOT go back into your apartment under any circumstances. Your life is more important than your stuff!

### FIRE ALARM –

**REMAIN CALM! DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR AFTER THE FIRE ALARM IS ACTIVATED! DO NOT COME DOWN TO THE FRONT DESK DURING A FIRE ALARM!**

Either smoke or fire in any and all facility common areas will activate the alarm system.

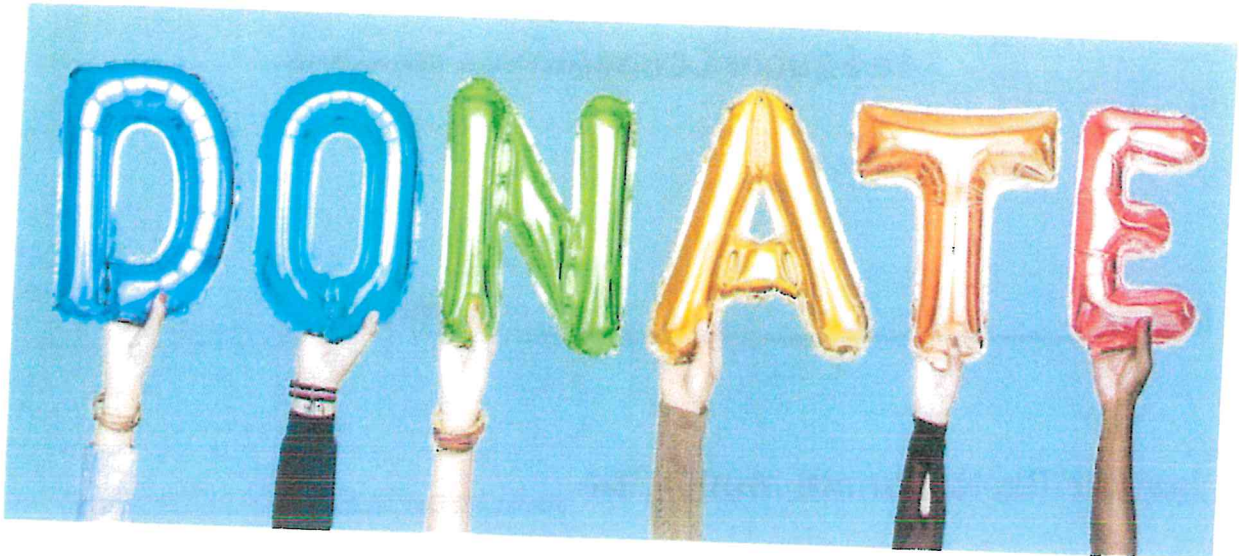
Laundry Room and Commons Area access doors will close automatically upon activation of the fire alarm. They do not lock when they close.

If you are anywhere in the first-floor commons or in the garage, go outside immediately through the nearest exit door.

If you are in your apartment when the fire alarm sounds stay there and shelter in place. Close all doors and windows. Never open a door without touching it first with the palm of your hand. If it's hot DO NOT open it. Fire is on the other side of the door. If smoke begins to seep under your door put a wet towel on the floor in front of the door to stop it.

Stay in your apartment until you get an "ALL CLEAR" or evacuation instructions from rescue personnel.

If ordered to evacuate put your safety first. Do not waste time gathering personal belongings, getting fully dressed, putting hearing aids in etc.



Thank you to all the Lee Square Members who donate your time and energy here at Lee Square! Whether it is being on the Board of Directors, a committee or part of a project, your time is greatly appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed.

## THANK YOU!

Lee Square also accepts money donations. You can donate for outdoor flowers or trees, the Angel Tree during the Christmas season and is an appreciable way to help fund these projects. It's a great way to be involved when you don't have a lot of time to donate. If you would like to donate some money, please fill out the back of this sheet and specify what the donation is for. The office is keeping a spread sheet of the different donations and will let the membership know through the Newsletter when funds are spent on items, or projects . (Funds spent will need to be approved by the members, committees and BOD.)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

# Lee Square Cooperative Donation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate money for \_\_\_\_\_

(Outdoor Flowers, Trees, Angel Tree, or Other)



Donation Made \_\_\_\_\_ cash or check # \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

# **HO6 Insurance**

Hello Lee Square Members,  
We will need a copy of your  
current HO6 Insurance. Please  
drop it off at the office at your  
earliest convenience.

Thank you,  
The J Team

# Vegetable Garden Update

Hello everyone. I hope you're looking forward to some great vegetable and flower growing this spring and summer. We will be bringing in some garden soil some time in April to add some depth to the existing gardens. We are going to raise the price of all gardens to \$20 for this year only to cover some of this cost. Next year we will go back to \$10 for all gardens.

We don't want anyone to plant until May 15. So, I can get the gardens tilled and ready for planting and all chance of frost is gone.

Many thanks to Tom Carlin for helping me put the garden framing and setting the patio blocks in place. A little more work will be done to level up some of the block to make a level and solid base for them.

Thanks to Gary Huse for moving the water connections off to the side and placing some good hose hangers in place. He's excited to get started on this year's growing experience.

There are at least 3 gardens open for anyone who wants to sign up. The gardens are quite large now. You might think of getting together with a friend to partner with to help with keeping the garden clean of weeds and sharing the bounty.

Thanks to Don Fries for pulling out old timbers and sending up to cabin country.

Gardening rules and sign-up sheets will be set out toward the end of April. One garden to a person until June 1. After that, first-come-first-served for a second garden.

Happy Gardening Everyone.

## BLACK COMPOSTING BINS

These bins are open to place your table scraps in. They are emptied in the beginning of May and again around October 1, and the compost placed into the vegetable gardens.

DO compost: Kitchen scraps, indoor plants and garden plants (must be chopped into small pieces) leaves and grass clippings, old bread as long as it is cut up into small pieces.

DO NOT compost: Fish, fats, bones, meats, dairy products, milk products, polluted liquids, wood ashes or soot, aggressive plants (weeds, poison ivy), waste, plastic, trash, pet droppings.



# April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  April Fools Day! 11-Exercise 1-2 Schwan's	2 7pm Card Bingo	3 11-Exercise 2:30 B & G Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	4 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1-Crafts	5 11-Exercise 5:30 International Dinner 	6  11-Exercise 5:30 Wine and Dine Spring Ham	
7	8 11-Exercise	9 1 pm Activities Mtg 6:30 pm Garden Club Mtg	10 11-Exercise 2:30 Marketing Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	11 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1-Safety Mtg 1-Crafts	12 11-Exercise 5:30 Wine and Dine Spring Ham 	13
14	15 1-2 Schwans 6:00 Meet the Candidates Open Forum 6:30 Book Club	16 7pm Card Bingo	17 11-Exercise 6:30 Cards/500	18 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 1-Crafts	19 11-Exercise	20
21	22 Earth Day 11-Exercise Signing of the ballots/ instructions for Annual Mtg	23 7 pm Quiddler	24 11-Exercise 2:30 Finance Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	25 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Cor 6:30 Dessert / Ent- Kayfes-Kieley/ Cheesecake 	26 11-Exercise	27
28	29 11-Exercise 1-2 Schwan's	30 6pm BOD Mtg				

Emergency preparedness starts with you

## be prepared

make a plan    build a kit    stay informed

**ALERT**

