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BUILDING MANAGER

John McDonald

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer. A few reminders:

- Please remember to have everyone's safety in mind regarding our front door. Never let anyone in through the door unless they have a verified reason to be here. When entering and leaving the garage, be certain the door closes behind you.
- Be responsible recyclers by breaking down your boxes.
- All dog owners be certain you are picking up your pet's waste.
- Building and Grounds and the Board are working on a plan for replacing our cement in the front entry.
- We have hired a design team to assist us in developing a plan for the Commons Area. They will be focusing on furniture, flooring and paint ideas to freshen our look.

Units currently for sale:

Unit 244-Large one bedroom-\$55,000 Unit 308-Large one bedroom-\$63,000 Unit 237-One bedroom plus den-\$55,900
Unit 147-Two bedroom with patio-\$72,000 Unit 339-Two bedroom, two bath-\$115,000

Lastly:

Thank you everyone on the east side for your patience during the elevator outage. It was a difficult time for all involved. I will be away from 7/15-8/13. If there is anything pressing that you need, please come by and see me. Otherwise, it will be in the capable hands of the J team.

Happy Fourth of July!!

John

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 is off to a busy start to our summer events!

Please remember: these FREE events are provided from our Lee Square budget for Lee Square members and non-resident members. The ONLY exception is Robbinsdale City Band which has a local following – these fans have traditionally enjoyed the treats we serve to the Band and Lee Square members after the concert.

From September to May, guests from the Lee Square Wait List are invited to our Dessert & Entertainment events to give them a 'flavor' of life at Lee Square!

Many thanks to Don & Wendy Fries for providing a wonderful pancake breakfast on June 8 with sausage links and featuring Dean Zimmermann's maple syrup!

Robbinsdale City Band again gave a wonderful evening of entertainment on June 13 followed by root beer floats for all!

Don Fries and Dug Herman manned the grills on June 15 cooking whatever meat a member provided. Activities, along with Community Outreach volunteers, served potato salad, pasta salad, pistachio salad and a variety of desserts: apple crisp, brownies, and pink lemonade cake. Thanks to Don & Dug for handling all the custom orders!! And thanks to Dianne Laniel, Wendy Fries, Carmen Berrios, Phyllis Aldrich, Barbara Kennelly, Le Loranger and Cheryl Lindley for providing their tasty contributions!

Behind the scenes . . . special thanks to Lonnie & Ray West for sorting our many kitchen utensils! It's so much easier when things are organized!!

Watch the Commons to sign up for these summer events;

July 4 - hot dogs, chips & Schwan's ice cream treats

July 18 - pizza & game night

Aug 6 National Night Out – sloppy joes

Labor Day – brats

None of these events would be possible without our fabulous volunteers:

Activities Committee		Community Outreach Committee	
Phyllis Aldrich	Le Loranger	Dale Behrens	Cheryl Lindley
Sharon Batman	Alyce Lundell	Wendy Fries	LeeAnn Thurston
Dug Herman	Holly Randall	Dianne Laniel	
Marsha Jarvela	Sharon Skepstedt		
Bernadette Lo			

All help to make my interim position much easier, and I am thankful for the support.

Come to our next meeting July 2 at 2 pm in the library to plan meals and entertainment. Entertainment Coordinator is still needed. Help is welcome at any and all events – check in with Donna at the event.

DONATIONS

Marsha Jarvela

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT, July 2024

Beth Ampe

Hello from the newly elected Lee Square BOD Treasurer. Gerry Lundell has skillfully navigated this role for the past three years and I thank him for his steady guidance of the Lee Square finances. I hope that I am able to provide the information you need to continue to feel confident about the financial health of Lee Square.

The 30 year plan! The Lee Square Board of Directors is busy reviewing the latest version of the Reserve Study, aka 30 year Plan. The 2024 reserve study was created by a third party engineer whose specialty focus is cooperatives, homeowners associations and condominiums where common ownership of the infrastructure is shared among many owners. They inspected all of the Lee Square building and grounds and based on their expertise made maintenance, repair or replacement and spending recommendations for each year, for 30 years.

The Reserve Study is used to help us prioritize the spending for the long- term upkeep of Lee Square's Building and Grounds infrastructure. Basic items like roof, siding, the commons areas, parking lot, boiler etc are included in this Reserve study. Also within the study are a certain number of units that are refurbished each year to help maintain market rate property values for all owners; priority goes to units that have recently turned over in ownership.

Each month Lee Square sets aside funds from the monthly Administration Fee for the Reserve Fund. Based on recommendations of the reserve study, finance committee, and careful discernment by the Board of Directors and Cities Management team, the needs for 2024 are being prioritized right now. Watch for more information on this topic in the coming months.

BUILDING AND GROUND

Dick Knez,

1st Wed, 2:30

Happy summer to all. The elevators and the repair service are having their UPS & DOWNS this past week. Hopefully, the problems with the repair will be over. The concrete walk and ramp coming in at the front drive is being measured and discussed to increase the loading zone along with replacing broken concrete. It will look very different when completed. A meeting with Minnesota Roadways is scheduled for July 8 that will help us do things correctly. Due to the July 4th holiday, we have changed the B & G committee meeting to July 10. We may need to meet in the Family Room due to another meeting taking place in the library at the same time. New members are always welcome at our meetings. Until then, see ya!

SAFETY

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

Happy Independence Day everyone!

Just a safety reminder for everyone entering the east lot and garage entrance. Please slow down and watch for others whether on foot or in the car backing out. This is a narrow space compared to the west lot, please be aware. Thank you and have a great month of July! It's Ice Cream month, Grilling month, Hot Dog month etc !

HAPPY SUMMER!!!!

The sCoop (now we're talkin')

To all Committees and all Members

When making a proposal to the Board of Directors, please provide the following information - in writing:

- 1) Proposal details - Why, Where and When
- 2) How it benefits Lee Square
- 3) Financial impact on our operating budget (\$\$\$ - close estimates)
- 4) Provide supporting documentation if applicable

The proposal may be presented in person at a monthly BOD meeting.

Or, at any time it can be given to the Business Office to be included in the packet of information that the board members receive.

The proposal requires the name of the Committee, or the Lee Square Member submitting the proposal.

The BOD will consider all proposals and provide timely feedback.

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*Birthdays
This
Month*

- 2 *Vilma Atiena*
- 2 *Cindy Martin*
- 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*

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Activities

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members who
volunteer

