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Lee Square sCoop

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Articles for September issue due **AUG 25th**

Hello Lee Square!

Here comes the Fall weather. Hope you're ready. Here are a few things to share:

- Schumacher Elevator is our new elevator company. We are looking forward to some "elevated" service. When using our elevators, please use patience when pressing the buttons.
- The Budget for 2026 was approved by the BOD at the most recent meeting.
- We currently have one unit for sale-unit 331 is priced at \$64,900. We have a couple more that will be listed soon.
- Organics recyclers, please make sure you are frequently disposing of your waste. This will help avoid infestation.

When entering our building please be aware of anyone trying to enter behind you. We had a recent incident of this occurring, so please be aware when opening that front door. The front door is our key to security.

Thank You!

Committees

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

ACTIVITIES

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

Many thanks to the 40th Anniversary Committee for the celebration October 9! The evening was great fun with beautiful ruby red decorations, members in festive red outfits, tasty food, and door prizes. The committee of Phyllis Aldrich, Julia Madison, Nancy Novack, Alyce Lundell, Cheryl Lindley, Marsha Jarvela and Delores Killian did a FABULOUS job. When you see one of these hard working volunteers, please give them thanks for creating such a wonderful event!

Activities Committee hosted the Halloween Party on October 30. Prizes were awarded for best costumes and game winners. Halloween treats were served to about 30 members

Watch for details about the annual Thanksgiving Feast coming in November and the New Members/Holiday Celebration in December.

Community Outreach Committee met with Activities Committee to discuss possibly combining the two groups. Chair Wendy Fries has resigned from Community Outreach and no member has stepped up to fill that lead role. After a very lengthy discussion, it was decided to NOT COMBINE the two committees. Individuals who are interested will handle these events as they come up:

Chamber of Commerce meetings City-wide Garage Sale Whiz Bang Parade

September Meet & Greet Halloween Give-out

Patti Knez will continue as our Lee Square lead at Prism (see PRISM article this issue).

Watch for a member survey coming soon. Help us plan future entertainment and meals!

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

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

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

Fall is certainly in the air with much cooler temperatures. The critters feel it too. If you see signs of mice, please let the office know.

Organics recycling: If you are not currently participating but would like to, please contact Patti Knez or Ed Ampe for an organics recycling bin. For those who are, please, please take your bags out weekly. You can place them directly into the outdoor gray organics bin or the small green flip top bins in the East and West garbage rooms. Only take-out pizza boxes and paper egg cartons should be placed in the blue bins. Styrofoam and plastic egg cartons are garbage and cannot be recycled. Organics are picked up on Fridays, so if you can take your bags down mid-week, that would be best. When you run out of bags, you can pick up a new roll from the office. Questions? Contact Patti or Ed.

Also - Several people have turned in the bins to the basement. Please let Patti know that you have discontinued organics recycling so she can take you off her list.

If you have fruit flies, a simple solution is to put some apple cider vinegar in a jelly jar with a drop or two of dish soap. Swirl to mix (the soap keeps the flies from floating) and cover with plastic wrap. Punch holes in the plastic wrap with a toothpick. Make the holes large enough for the flies to enter. It works!

A special thank you to Gordy, Eric, Don and Mike F. for making the back patio area look so nice with the gazebo staining and the building of the boxes around the trees on the back patio. It sure makes the area look great!

We have several buckets of batteries in our trash areas. If anyone is willing to take these to the Hennepin Recycling Center, please let Ed Ampe know. You have to have a license with an address in Hennepin County.

Thanksgiving humor: Why did the turkey join a band? Because it had the drumsticks.

Happy Thanksgiving!

FINANCE

Julia Madison, **MON after the 15th, 2:30**

Finance has been busy helping with the budget process. Now complete. Completed a proposal to the board recommending that the finance committee be given permission to recommend where any generic donations can be used. Working on updating the spreadsheet for capturing all donations from Lee Square members. Carefully review the budget dollars each month to make sure no errors occur.

SAFETY

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

Happy November (already?!) - we are wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! We are hoping for good traveling weather for our “snowbirds” heading to a warmer climate and for our members on the road for the Holidays.

The Safety Committee members are asking you to please read the following:

An incident reported involving an unauthorized person entering our building on Friday, October 3rd. That same person returned on Saturday, October 4th, entering our garage in a vehicle. Julie Sterud reported we have ISSI camera videos, the recordings were sent to the police, they have access to our videos. Discussion was held in our meeting. **We agreed ALL MEMBERS of this Co-Op need to be more aware of their surroundings.** Do Not let a stranger slip inside the front door with other members. We need to question any unauthorized person trying to access our front door(s). Also, an ongoing issue with members not waiting for the garage door to close, at the entrance and exit doors. This action allows unauthorized people to gain access to our garage and to follow someone into the elevators. That causes a safety breach and concern to all of us.

SAFETY BEGINS WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. Let's keep this a secure building!

ALSO a reminder to keep your car doors and unit doors locked at all times.

Safety Tip: Always have your building keys ready before approaching the building

DONATIONS

Marsha Jarvela

- The cold weather baskets are filling up, thanks to all of you generous members. I will be emptying the baskets periodically to sort and organize them. **Dollar Tree** and **Five Below** are particularly good places to shop. **We will collect until 11/21** and deliver to Lucy Laney the week before Thanksgiving.
- With SNAP and WIC benefits in jeopardy, food shelves everywhere are being overwhelmed by people in need. Thank you for your continuing donations to the big basket in the library.

TREASURER REPORT

The third quarter of 2025 is done. More good news! Year to date, as of September 30, 2025, Lee Square Cooperative's Net Operating income is \$35,568.

Reserves: As of 9/30/2025 our total reserve fund balance was \$1,370,759. The 3rd Quarter Reserve Fund expenses, reflected in September's statement, totaled \$37,240. Please note this is several months of invoices within the 3rd Quarter, not all was spent in September. This included diseased/damaged tree removal, elevator consulting fee, a down payment for painting the decks, and unit repairs and replacements. These Reserve funds are used to complete repairs and maintenance of the cooperative structure.

Things to review and discuss:

Restricted Funds: The balance sheet has held a Restricted Fund balance of \$7,032.10. This is the total of the Angel Tree Fund collections since **2003**. The Angel Tree Fund was established for use on general expenses for the Commons area. The current balance sheet reflects the movement of these funds to the Operating Income Statement- Miscellaneous Income line item. This action releases the fund balance for use as it was originally intended. In the future any amounts collected will be used within 12 months of donation.

Donations: Finance Committee is monitoring the collection of member donations. There are currently over \$10,000 in donations from members for various projects around the Coop. One project category, "Biggest Need", has a balance of over \$5,000. This amount is not dedicated to a specific project. The Finance Committee is proposing that they will make spending recommendations for this category to the Board. The Board of Directors will have final approval of how this money is spent.

Budget 2026

The 2026 Budget process began at the end of August and has completed the final draft of the budget. The Budget Focus Group has submitted the final draft to the Board of Directors for review and approval at the October Board of Director meeting.

Submitted by Beth Ampe, Treasurer

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The sCoop (now we're talkin')

Prism Update from Lee Square Prism lead Patti Knez

Prism can always use permanent part-time volunteers that can work several days/hours during the week. If anyone wants to do that I can put them in touch with the volunteer coordinator. There are several different types of jobs. There is training for these jobs.

Lee Square has been working as a group for special projects such as packing backpacks in late summer, helping with the monthly outdoor food distribution in the summer, helping with toy distribution before Christmas. Some of their projects have been changing due to cuts in federal money.

- **Save the Date: Holiday Toy Shoppe 2025 will be December 13.**

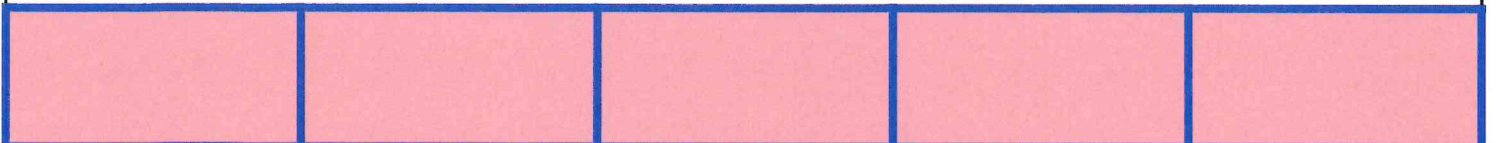
Set up dates are December 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and/or 12

People can contact me for more info. It would be great to put a team together from Lee Square. December 13 is actually shop day where you accompany families around. Volunteers for that day fills up fast because it's the most fun!

Patti 715-836-9080

CARs update

Working on using the donations to update the commons area with new furniture. I.e. loveseats, end tables, rearranging useable furniture to other areas. The committee is on track to have some furniture ordered/delivered by the end of the year.



FIRE SAFETY FOR LEE SQUARE MEMBERS

WHAT TO DO if a fire is INSIDE your unit:

1. If you cannot put it out safely (using your fire blanket)
2. EXIT your unit, make sure to shut your door
3. Call 911 to report the fire
4. Alert your immediate neighbors
5. Inform the office staff
6. DO NOT re-enter your unit until authorized

WHAT TO DO if a fire is somewhere else in the building:

1. STAY in your unit unless you are unable to evacuate safely – then go into the nearest stairwell and stay there
2. WAIT until you are told to evacuate the building
3. USE stairs not elevators
4. DO NOT re-enter the building until authorized

Please keep these instructions in case of fire emergency.

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- 2 Gerry Lundell
- 4 Delores Killian
- 8 Don Schaper
- 11 Kai Michels
- 12 Kathy Russell
- 13 Peter Paulson
- 21 Maria Ganoza
- 22 Joy Dell
- 24 Marsha Jarvela
- 24 Mike Frazer
- 25 Richard Hince
- 29 Betty Bradley

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

In case of Emergency

Police/Fire: 911



Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

612 381-8600

(11pm-7am)



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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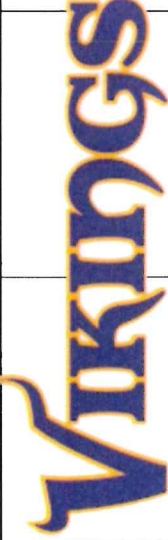
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November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Fall back 12:00 Vikings vs Lions Game	3 11-Exercise	4 2:00 Activities & Community Outreach Mtg 7:00 Bingo	5 11-Exercise 2:30 Building & Grounds Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	6 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner	7 11-Exercise	8
9 12:00 Vikings vs Ravens Game	10 11-Exercise	11 Veteran's Day 2:30 C.A.R's Mtg	12 11-Exercise 1:00 Safety Mtg 6:30 Cards/500	13 Beauty Shop 9:30 Coffee Corner 5:30 Wine & Dine Thanksgiving Feast	14 11-Exercise	15
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