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

ACTIVITIES

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

Activities Committee kicked off Fall on Labor Day Motion approved unanimously. with brats, potato salad, and coleslaw for 60 members. Brownies rounded out the meal.

We hosted Wine & Dine for SEP 11. Many thanks to Don Fries for stepping in at the last minute as Grillmaster! Don cooked burgers for 49 members. We served beans and potato salad with apple crisp and ice cream. Thanks to Barbara Kennelly, Phyllis Aldrich and Alyce Lundell for making the apple crisp!

On September 26 45 members enjoyed Doug Ohman's presentation of his trip Down the Mississippi in Minnesota. Members were served Mississippi mud pie.

Upcoming Events:

- THU, OCT 9 40th Ruby Anniversary of Lee Square celebration! Special thanks to the Anniversary Committee for all their hard work on this event!
- THU, OCT 30, 6:30 Halloween party – fun & games with prizes for best costumes.

We have invited Community Outreach to our OCT 7 meeting to discuss combining committees. Anyone with an interest in either committee is encouraged to attend.

The 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

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

DONATIONS

Marsha Jarvela #321

BRRRRR For several years, we have gathered cold weather gear to donate to Lucy Laney Elementary School in North Minneapolis. Please consider helping out this year. Watch for flyers in mid-October. **HATS, MITTENS, GLOVES, SCARVES, SOCKS** (AGES K-6th grade)

Food shelf donations are on-going. Thanks to all generous members.

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TREASURER REPORT

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Reserves: As of August 31, 2025 our total reserve fund balance was \$1,361,979. No withdrawals were made during the month of August. YTD 2025 withdrawals from Reserves total \$170,167. These Reserve funds are used to complete repairs and maintenance of the cooperative structure.

Donations: The Finance Committee is monitoring the collection of member donations. There has been an uptick in donations from members for various projects around the Coop. The Finance Committee and J-Team are working toward procedures to track the receipt and distribution of these funds. This information will be shared in the upcoming months.

Budget 2026:

The 2026 Budget process began at the end of August and will continue through September. The Budget Focus Group, including J-Team, and representatives from the Building & Grounds and Finance committees, and the Board of Directors, will be meeting weekly to fine tune the projections for the 2026 Operating expenses of Lee Square Cooperative. Please let me know of any cost-saving suggestions or questions you may have. There is a Suggestion Box near the front entry or contact me directly.

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bethampe@yahoo.com

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- 1 Julia Madison
- 3 Harry Hoks
- 5 Gordon Erlandson
- 8 Don Fries
- 9 Connie G.
- 10 David Rasinko
- 13 Michael Laniel
- 18 Dean Skoglund
- 19 Deb Pribyl
- 21 Barbara Sundquist
- 24 Gil Russell
- 26 Yolande Schneider
- 26 Sarah Lambert
- 26 Eric Larson
- 28 Todd Christiansen
- 31 David Wawracz
- 31 Lonnie West

In case of Emergency

Police/Fire: 911

Lee Square Cooperative

Emergency After Hours:

612 381-8600

(11pm-7am)



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

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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JulieS@citiesmanagement

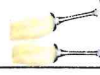
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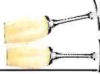
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