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Leewood Garage Sale

May 14 & 15, 2010

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Dates to Remember

- **May 1st:** Leewood Community Pride Day – JAY COURT CLEAN-UP
- **May 4th:** LCA Meeting, 7:00, Re/Max
- **May 14th-15th:** Spring Garage Sale
- **June 5th:** Leewood Community Pride Day – WEAVER DRIVE CLEAN-UP
- **June 12th:** Spring Clean-up (dumpsters at Leewood Elementary School)
- **July 10th:** Leewood Community Pride Day – LEWOOD PARADE OF HOMES
- **August 7th:** Leewood Community Pride Day – HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY
- **August 28th:** Annual Leewood Picnic

Leewood Community Pride Day: Jay Court Clean-Up

Join us on May 1st at 8:30 a.m. for the first Leewood Community Pride Day. We will be at the Jay Court entrance removing weeds, picking up trash, and preparing the landscape for Spring planting! We no longer have the ugly blue tarp, so come help make this entrance appealing again! Please bring flat shovels, hoes and edgers. Contact Mike Shaw for more information.

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Next LCA Meeting

First Tuesday of month at 7 p.m.

May 4th, 2010

FOUND

Women's bracelet found on side street in Leewood 3/11/10. Please call **303-798-0666** to identify and claim.

Leewood Community Pride Days

The Leewood Civic Association has scheduled some new activities to get the neighborhood involved in cleaning up some areas and helping each other out. Here are the tentative dates and events:

JAY COURT CLEAN-UP

May 1st: Meet at 8:30 am to help clean up trash/weeds around the Jay Court entrance. Contact Mike Shaw to help.

KENDALL PARK CLEAN-UP

June 5th: Help clean up trash/weeds at the big curve on Weaver Drive.

LEAWOOD PARADE OF HOMES (NOSY NEIGHBOR DAY)

July 10th: Have you recently remodeled or is there a part of your house (inside or out) that you would like to show off? Open your home for a couple of hours to let your neighbors in – share your contractors' or vendors' information if you wish. Call or e-mail any LCA Board Member if you're interested in participating in this event.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY

August 7th: Do you need help with something around your house such as mowing, debris clean-up, etc? If you need help or are willing to help for a couple hours, call or e-mail a LCA Board Member.



Leewood Civic Association Board Members

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Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month except December, at 7:00 p.m. at Leewood Elementary, Re/Max Professionals office or Leewood Park. Location information is always specified on the first page of the Reporter every month. Visitors are encouraged to attend any meeting of the LCA. We welcome any comments, ideas or suggestions at the meetings, by phone or by e-mail.

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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Leewood Elementary School. Visitors are always welcome!

Questions for the Park Board?

Are you a Leewood resident who has questions, concerns, or comments for the park board? The Leewood Civic Association and the Leewood Metropolitan Recreation Park District are totally unrelated, so all inquiries should be directed to any of the park board members listed above.

2009/2010 Leewood Park Board Meeting Dates

- Wed., May 5, 2010 – Leewood Elementary School
- Tues., June 8, 2010 – Leewood Elementary School

Senior Corner

Alisa Long received a call from one of our neighbors who needs help getting his garden ready to plant. Please contact Alisa at 303-730-8362 if you would like to volunteer to help.

Leewood Civic Association

Minutes of April 6, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike Shaw, Richard White, Paul O'Connor, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros, and guest Debby Baker.

The minutes of the March LCA meeting were read and approved. Mike noted one correction: the fence amount was approved for \$750, not \$700 as noted in the Reporter.

Treasurer Report: Richard reported he will be going to the Park Board meeting on Wednesday, April 7. He asked for any questions the LCA board may have for him to take the Park Board. Among the questions were a possible street light on Sheridan, the buckled sidewalks on Ingalls walkway, and more frequent mowing at Weaver Park. Richard will also stress to the Park Board that Laurel and Nancy would like to have a meeting regarding the picnic as soon as possible.

Jay Court – THE BLUE TARP IS GONE! The fence on the east of the resident's yard is next in line for repair. Mike Shaw indicated that he has to get a flood plane permit for this and the \$156.00 fee was approved.

Debby Baker presented her receipts for the expenses she incurred for the Easter Egg Hunt. She purchased several plastic eggs on sale after the holiday for use next year. As always, Debby did a fantastic job this year of organizing the event and it was a great success!

The membership drive was discussed next. We have been unsuccessful in finding anyone who is willing to pass out flyers. Our memberships are up significantly this year, but there are still a lot of homes who have not donated. Paul O'Connor is going to get all of the memberships current in the database and we will figure out how many homes are missing and plan accordingly.

Scholarship Applications – Two scholarship applications will be awarded for approximately \$250.00 each. Mike O'Connor and Richard White need to tally up all of the donations to come up with an exact figure. The checks will be presented to the recipients at the next LCA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held at ReMax on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00.

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Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District

Minutes of April 7, 2010

The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President **Kyle Sargent** at the Leawood Elementary School. Board members present were: **Mibby Luedecke, Donna Snyder, Charlie Campbell, and Linda Smith**, along with **Dave Padilla**, Parks Manager. Residents **Richard White and Judy Rosich** were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – Charlie moved the minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting be approved as submitted. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

Public Comment – Richard brought to the District’s attention several items from the LCA:

Easter Egg Hunt had 103 in attendance.

Asked if the District could do something about adding a street light at the corner of Leawood and Sheridan – Kyle said that the Board had received questions about a light at

this location over the years, but that the street is County property. While the District had no problem with putting a light there, it is believed that the Coventry residents might need to be queried about their opinions. Kyle said that if Richard had any information from Excel Energy that he could bring that back to the Board.

Richard said LCA asked again about the buckled sidewalk at Arbor, Caley and Jay Way. This item had been discussed at length last year, although this sidewalk is not park property. To the best of the District’s knowledge, the sidewalk was deeded to an entity that has not been identified, although it is suspected that the walk likely is now part of the adjacent owner’s property. Kyle said that he had communicated to Mike that the next step was to determine to whom the sidewalk easement was originally deeded, and who owns the sidewalks now.

Wanted to know when the District could get together with LCA re: the picnic. Kyle stated he and Linda had been having email discussions with Laurel about what needed to be included. Times for a meeting

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LEAWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

****You may also use the membership payment form at LeawoodNeighbors.com***

Although memberships are accepted year round, please remit by April 30th to receive the full benefits of membership:

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As your Civic Association, our primary purpose is to protect your best interest on issues impacting our neighborhood. We handle the maintenance for the Jay Ct. entrances. We represent your interests to the Leawood Park Board and to the County. Recently, we got the county to help re-landscape and irrigate the Jay Court and Bowles intersection. We provide a neighborhood website and newsletter. The LCA also sponsors many neighborhood activities for adults and kids such as the Easter egg hunt, Leawood picnic, garage sales and clean-up day. There will be more emphasis on adult activities and socials going forward. As a voluntary association our strength depends on residents joining and participating. Your money goes a long way to help keep our neighborhood a popular and fun place to live. Memberships start at \$20/year with increased benefits for higher donations. The value is tremendous. Your support of the Leawood community is expressed by becoming a paid member of the Leawood Civic Association. However, we can also use your time, please let us know if you can help in any way as a volunteer or as an actual LCA Board member. The LCA Board welcomes your input and encourages your attendance at our board meetings. The LCA is more active and involved than ever! If you are interested in other civic or recreational activities, please include them with this form and attend our next meeting. Thank you for your support!

— LCA Board

LEAWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM: Membership Year _____

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could not be set up due to various schedule conflicts. Kyle will follow up with Linda, Laurel and Mike.

LCA cleanup of the sidewalk on the south side of Kendall Park –The concern seems to be weeds in the curb and sidewalk area. L&M will be spraying for weeds at the time designated in their contract. The District has no objection to LCA pulling weeds from that sidewalk, or any trash pickup that may be needed at that time. However, the boundaries of the District were described so that LCA would be aware of them prior to working on non-District sidewalks. Replacing the walk was briefly discussed.

Grass height concern was expressed but Richard did not know which area generated this concern. The District has a contract with L&M for grass mowing – the blue grass is cut once a week depending on weather, the native grass (at Weaver Park, Kendall Park and Raccoon Park) is cut three times a year with the option of more cuttings, if needed. A lot depends on the weather and how much the native grass grows. Mowing along the banks of the creek at Weaver Park is done by Urban Drainage (their contractor is Urban Farmer). It was discussed that the Board receives one or two complaints a year about the length of the grass, but that these complaints are usually split between those wanting the grass shorter and those asking for it to be left longer. If there is concern about the height of the grasses, please contact Kyle or Dave. Raccoon Park and Kendall Park are considered native areas and are not defined to be manicured landscaping.

Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s report was submitted by Donna and bills to be paid were discussed. We received a bulk of the property tax fees and some additional lottery funds. Bills include: Denver Water, doggie bags, LCA newsletter reimbursement, Columbine Courier for notice of Election cancellation, United Site Services, Dave’s invoice, reimbursement to petty cash and snow removal invoice. Charlie moved to receive the Treasurer’s report and pay bills. Mibby seconded and the motion passed. Donna noted she was reimbursed for the certified mailing to Jefferson County of our audit. Also noted was the upcoming fee for the audit by our CPA. Donna will pay that invoice before the next meeting.

Parks Manager Report – Dave removed graffiti from tables and wood beams at the Weaver Park pavilion and painted over some older removed graffiti at Leewood Park. Landscaping was trimmed at new bridge area at Weaver Park. Doggie bags trash was removed from all parks along with the usual trash.

Several large branches were removed from an area near Sheridan and Leewood Drive. There were also downed trees at Tract T just east of the new bridge that were removed. The old barbecue grill at Weaver Park was taken down and a new one installed. Dave repaired the volleyball pole and the net is now up. All the benches have been delivered. Installation of benches at Tract T and the new path area will be done as soon as possible. The remaining three will be installed as time permits.

L&M contract started April 1. The bluegrass was cut, edged and trimmed. Water for all parks will be turned on around the end of April or as weather permits. The Board asked Dave to get bids on painting and stucco repair at the Leewood Park pavilion.

Urban Drainage advised Dave that repairs to the erosion at the area east and south of the wooden bridge (Weaver Park) will be a fall project. Urban Drainage and the Corps of Engineers will be identifying what they will be doing and coordinating with the District. In the past, they have been very good about informing and listening to us about their plans.

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Old Business

Tree Trimming – Dave met with Davey’s Tree Company related to receiving another bid for tree trimming. Their bid was \$40,000 so it was officially decided to go with Arborist Arms. Dave will meet with Arborist Arms to determine a start time and confirm the trimming plan.

Port-A-Potty Update – Dave met with Denver Concrete Sawing to get a bid on saw cutting the potty structure at Weaver Park in relation to relocating it. The company can saw cut the foundation perimeter. The cost would be approximately \$600. Then Dave met with Goodland Construction to discuss moving the structure to a different location. The contractor recommended this would be an extremely costly move. The Board has directed Dave and Charlie to look into options such as a new potty at a different location, removing the potty or other options. Due to difficulty maintaining the port-a-potty several options are being considered. Dave is to report his findings at next meeting. A discussion and a possible decision will be made at the May 5th meeting.

Signage for meetings – No new information. Kyle and Mibby need to meet and discuss wording.

Elections – The oath of office ceremony will be held at the May 5th meeting for Charlie and Mibby.

New Business – None

Future Meetings and Agenda

Date of May meeting was changed due to conflicts with several Board members. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5 instead of May 12.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regular

meeting is Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School.

Future Meetings: (after May the school is not available)

- Tuesday, June 8 – place to be determined
- Wednesday, July 14 – place to be determined
- Wednesday, August 11 – place to be determined

— **Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary**

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Park Board Financial Statement

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the period: 03/01/10 to 03/31/10

Current Period Amount

Beginning Balance.....\$316,982.46

REVENUES

Property Tax \$ 33,151.97
 Ownership Tax Revenue \$ 572.03
 Int & Div – Operating & Jeffco \$ 0.50
 Field Use Fees..... \$ 0.00
Total Operating Revenues \$ 33,724.50

EXPENDITURES

Jeffco Treasurer's Fee \$ 497.28
 Director's Fees..... \$ 500.00
 Dues..... \$ 0.00
 Insurance Expense..... \$ 0.00
 Publishing Expense..... \$ 33.44
 Supplies & Misc Office Expense \$ 10.00
Total Administration Expenses... \$ 1,040.72

Maintenance – L&M Other..... \$ 0.00
 Truck Rental – Padilla..... \$ 96.00
 Maint Contract – Padilla \$ 1,223.74
 Maintenance – Other \$ 276.46
 Maintenance – Snow Plow \$ 1,375.00
 Portable Restroom Expense \$ 254.25
 Xcel Energy..... \$ 110.76
 Water \$ 16.74
 Water – Tract T..... \$ 3,856.59
Total Maintenance & Utilities.... \$ 7,209.54
Total Other Expense \$ 0.00
Total Operating Expenditures.... \$ 8,250.26

LOTTERY/

GRANT REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Funds In Lieu Of Interest \$ 14.43
 Lottery Funds..... \$ 2,578.24
 Int & Dividents – Lottery \$ 4.89
Total Grant Revenues \$ 2,583.13

Total Grant Expenditures..... \$ 0.00

Ending Balance..... \$ 345,054.26

Better Sleep Month

Sleep is essential to a healthy life, but 95 percent of Americans report difficulty sleeping at some time in their lives. Infants require 12–14 hours of sleep, whereas seniors may require only 6–8 hours. For tips on getting the sleep you need, go to:

<http://www.medicinenet.com/sleep/article.htm>

One Possible Cause of SIDS

The tragedy of sudden infant death syndrome — the most common cause of death among children less than 1 year old — may be linked to serotonin, a neurotransmitter that helps regulate body temperature and breathing.

A recent study reported in Scientific American compared serotonin levels in children who had died from SIDS with those of children who had died from other causes, and with infants who had been hospitalized for low levels of oxygen. Researchers reported that infants who died of SIDS had approximately 25 percent less serotonin in their brainstems than other children.

They theorize that an infant in a face-down position who isn't getting enough oxygen will normally turn his or her head or wake up in order to breathe, whereas infants with lower levels of serotonin may not have the same ability.

"I've always found that the speed of the boss is the speed of the team."
 —Lee Iacocca

Leawood Civic Association Treasurer's Report April, 2010

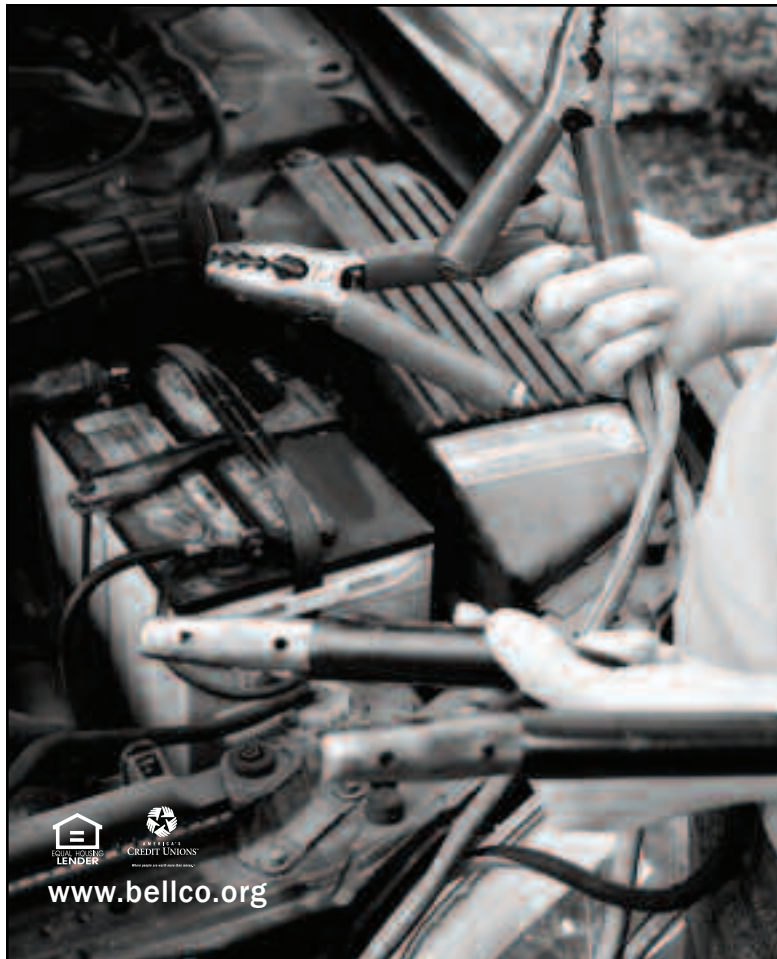
<u>New Horizons CCU (Checking)</u>		<u>New Horizons CCU (Savings)</u>	
Balance Forward	\$1,979.24	Balance Forward	\$1,532.30
Income		Income	
Deposits	\$1,755.00	Deposits	\$0.00
Earned Interest + rebate	0.17	Earned Interest	0.33
Total Income	\$1620.17	Total Income	\$0.33
Expenses		Expenses	
Checks	382.15	Transfers	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$382.15	Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance	\$3,969.55	Balance	\$1,532.63

New Horizons CCU (12 month Certificate of Deposit)
 Balance \$560.59 (matures 03/2011)

New Horizons CCU (12 month Certificate of Deposit)
 Balance \$579.76 (matures 05/07/10)

Total of Balances \$6,641.98

Outstanding bills: January Park Board minutes = \$75.00
 Outstanding bills: February Park Board minutes = \$75.00
 Outstanding bills: March Park Board minutes = \$75.00
 Bill will be delivered 4/7 at their meeting



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