



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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Winter is coming. – George R.R. Martin

Submissions for the Messenger must be sent by the 21st of the month to meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com To receive an electronic copy of the Messenger, please send your e-mail address to meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8	Holiday Potluck (no meeting) – 7:00 p.m. 333 Larch Lane - bring a side dish or dessert. Meats and drinks will be provided.
December 13	Early deadline for the January edition of the <i>Messenger</i>
December 23	@ 10:00 am, Community Center – Make luminaries & distribute. Come a little early at 9:30 am and help set up the center.
Christmas Eve	Sunset – Light the candle in the luminary. Help your neighbors by lighting the candle in their luminary. Please do not dispose of your luminary. It will be picked up sometime during the week between Christmas and New Year. However, if for any reason, you do not wish to display a luminary, please feel free to remove it from your front yard.
January 12	Membership Meeting – election of officers 7:00 PM (6:30 refreshments) 333 Larch Lane

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY CENTER MERRY

Before the December 8th holiday potluck, the Community Center needs to be decorated! If you would like to volunteer, please email mnalexky@gmail.com.

LUMINARIES

Luminaries at Christmas Eve is one of the traditions that make Meadowthorpe a special neighborhood. It began in the 1970s when Louie Mack, the first neighborhood association president and fellow board member George Fritz, put white paper bags filled with a little sand in front of each house a couple days before Christmas Eve. Residents put their own candle in the bag and lit it at sunset on Christmas Eve. When many bags were lit, it made for a warm and serene scene as one looked down the street on a dark Christmas Eve. Since then, we've added luminaries to the Boiling Springs median. **NEW THIS YEAR: EACH BAG WILL COME WITH A CANDLE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LIGHT IT!**

The tradition continues because of its many volunteers. This is indeed a task where many hands make for light work. We need people of all ages to set up the center, fill bags with sand, deliver a bag to each house in the neighborhood, and clean up the center. We especially need drivers with pick-up trucks. No need to sign up or call ahead. Just show up at the community center, Wednesday, Dec 23, 9:30 am to help set up or 10am to help fill bags and distribute.

If the weather for Christmas Eve looks like it's going to be rainy or windy, we will not do luminaries on the streets but we will decorate the Boiling Springs median. If the weather will be dry or even snowy, we will do luminaries on the streets. If the weather looks iffy, call Carolyn (859) 221-6797 to find out if help is still needed.

COMMUNITY CENTER COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our Community Center, located at 333 Larch Lane, is a popular location to hold family reunions, kid parties, club meetings, baby showers, etc. While the Center is owned by LFUCG, MNA keeps the rental fee and is permitted to spend it on improvements to the Center and the Park. This year, the funds were used to renovate the bathrooms, making them ADA compliant, and update the drinking fountain, bike rack at the Park.

While servicing the rentals is a group effort, we are in need of one person to coordinate the efforts. The main responsibility is answering inquiries and giving information to potential renters. Other responsibilities include coordinating with Community Center Keyholders and the MNA Treasurer. The time involved is about five to seven hours per month.

MNA thanks Julie Dotson Lutton for the tremendous job she has done for the past couple of years. Rentals have been lucrative for the Center. Julie credits her willingness to return phone calls and answer e-mails quickly!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our dedicated, generous, active neighbors made this year’s voluntary dues drive a success! As of the printing date, we have raised \$9,519.00. If you haven’t had the opportunity to give, contributions are accepted at all times! If you prefer to use the U.S. Mail, please send your donation to 333 Larch Lane. Remember all donations are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Street	Amount	Street	Amount
200's Boiling Springs	\$335.00	300's Larch	\$310.00
300's Boiling Springs	\$380.00	Leona	\$65.00
Burke Road	\$1,405.00	Meadowthorpe	\$1,360.00
Forbes Road	\$315.00	Old Leestown	\$950.00
200's Glendale	\$465.00	Pelican	\$380.00
300's Glendale	\$375.00	Pepper	\$620.00
200's Hillsboro	\$339.00	200's Taylor	\$625.00
300's Hillsboro	\$365.00	300's Taylor	\$250.00
200's Larch	\$695.00	Townley Drive	\$285.00

MNA OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2016

There were no officer nominations at the November 2015 membership meeting. However, the following members have announced that they will accept nominations: Jim Capillo (Old Leestown) – President; Linda Melton (Glendale Avenue) – Treasurer. Jim and Linda currently serve in these roles. If you are interested in serving our neighborhood as a member of the Executive Committee and would like more information, please contact any member of the Executive Committee (mnalexky@gmail.com) or Board of Directors. Nominations will be taken at the December potluck, on the floor at the January 2016 meeting and anytime in between.

MEADOWTHORPE ELEMENTARY

A big thanks to all the community members and Meadowthorpe families who attended the annual Fall Festival. This event raised over \$3,000 for the PTA, which will lower the cost of field trips for each child, provide recess equipment and host artists at the school. Fliers were delivered the week prior to the event in Taylor Drive/Forbes Rd. area in anticipation of increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic. While these homes face the biggest impact during school events, we recognize the entire neighborhood is impacted. Thank you for supporting our kids and thank you for always being patient.

Fifth graders will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in April. This annual field trip consists of two nights and, for many children, is their first time traveling out-of-state. This trip can cost over \$400 for each child, so fundraising efforts begin in earnest each Fall to reduce the costs. The hard work of 5th graders selling concessions at the festival resulted in a \$12 reduction per child. Great job 5th graders! Keep working hard!

With these fundraising efforts, 5th grade will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, December 5th. Bring your family and friends to help raise money for their trip. Check online info on the school web page or MeadowthorpeRocks Facebook page for details. All are welcome!

Message from Barbara Albaugh and Jane A. Gettler, Interim Principals: Good news from Meadowthorpe Elementary! According to results made public on October 1, our school achieved Proficiency: Better than 70

Meadowthorpe Elementary Calendar

December 1	Awards Ceremony
December 15	Site Based Decision Making Council (3 parent reps, 4 staff reps, principal) – Everyone is welcome!
December 18	Winter break begins
January 4	First day back after Winter break
January 12	Science Fair (community judges will be needed)
January 14	Science Fair make-up day, if needed
May 24	Last day of school (pending winter weather)

percent of schools, but less than 10 percent (between 70.9 and 76.7). All goals were achieved and we saw great growth in our Program Reviews.

We work every day at Meadowthorpe Elementary School to support the academic and social success of our students. We track their progress regularly with classroom assessments, teacher observations and student work so that we can individually support them in areas where they struggle or accelerate their learning in areas they have already mastered. Once a year, we also have an opportunity to gauge how well we are doing as a school to help all of our students meet or exceed state standards. Our families are crucial partners in this work. Thank you for all that you do to support the success of your children. Thank you for sharing your child and helping us achieve success for all students.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADS AND COUPONS

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ESTATE SALE

December 11, 12, and 13th at the home of the late Mr & Mrs Gibb, 260 Taylor Drive. Time will be advertised closer to those dates.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Marie Pullen Photography- Specializing in on-location outdoor casual photography. Reasonable sitting fees with no required package or print purchases - \$150 for a one-hour. MariePullenPhotography@gmail.com.

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Real Estate Services: Buy or sell a home? Call Julie at 859.312.6210. Owner/Broker of Big Blue Realty.

Tax Preparation: Your neighbor Matthew Holt offers individual and business tax preparation services. Telephone: 684-5934 or e-mail: holtma75@gmail.com.

HOME REPAIR / IMPROVEMENT

Brick sidewalks; pavers installed; some concrete work - Larry Mosley and Larry Sherbert. Call 225-0145 to get a jump start on your spring projects.

Gutter Cleaning: Licensed/Insured; Michael Stuart- Owner/Operator; 859-492-5543-www.fayettewindowcleaning.com.

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Mowing; tree work; hedge trimming & removal; vines removed; fence rows cleaned and miscellaneous. Call Pete at 967-9299 or Kay at 967-8150.

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CLEANING/PET CARE

House cleaning, church cleaning, pet sitting: Experienced with excellent references. Please call Lana, your neighbor, at 948-5653 or e-mail lanajacob@msn.com.

House Sitting/Pet Sitting: Meadowthorpe resident - references provided - will perform various tasks around your home while you are away from home; call 276-1191 or 298-0083; kencampbell@luckypetsrus.com.

Pet Sitting/Grooming: Meadowthorpe resident; vestadog@aol.com; call 502.541.1478.

LESSONS

Guitar lessons/recording studio:
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SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

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