



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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“Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.” *Eric Zorn*

Submissions for the Messenger must be sent by the 21st of the month to m.messenger@twc.com.

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DATE TO REMEMBER

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 – Social half-hour @ 6:30 p.m. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy refreshments! Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to attend this important meeting during which the election of officers for 2015 will be held.

DEPARTED NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

George Phillip “Phil” Derifield (Hillsboro Avenue), 68, husband of Becky Jayne Smith Derifield, died November 21, 2014. Mr. Derifield was the son of the late George Jefferson and Gwendolyn Sammons Derifield, a retired employee of Investors Heritage Insurance Co., a Navy veteran serving as a Senior Corpsman in the Marine Infantry in the Vietnam War and a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. Survivors besides his spouse include a son, Phillip Jeffrey Derifield, Lexington, KY; a daughter, Melissa (Thomas) Gillespie, Aurora, IL and four grandchildren, Patrick, Ryan, Colin and Grant Gillespie.

Rueben Thomas Evans (Hillsboro Avenue), 64, husband of Carol Spears Evans, died November 26, 2014. He was the son of the late Non Evans, Sr. and Viola Martin Evans and was born on August 26, 1950 in Jessamine County, Kentucky. He graduated from Woodford County High School and worked for 43 years at Rand McNally in Versailles, Kentucky. In addition to his wife Carol, Rueben is survived by his brothers and sister, Non Evans, Jr., David Owen Evans and Sylvia Jean Garrett and many nieces and nephews. R.T. loved golf and hanging out with his friends.

Anna Louise Gentry Forbes (Old Leestown Road), 96, died November 27, 2014. Born September 10, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Thomas William and Minnie Lee Rhorer Gentry. Mrs. Forbes and her late husband Kermith were instrumental in the development of Meadowthorpe. Survivors are two children, Alice Eustacia and Wayne E. (Linda) Forbes, granddaughter, Suzanne (John) Combs, step great granddaughter, Kala. Louise and was a member of the Tates Creek Christian Church for sixty seven years where she enjoyed the Faith Sunday School Class. She was very active in her church and a Girl Scout leader for more than fourteen years.

DUES UPDATE

What a year! What a neighborhood! Our voluntary dues collected so far total \$8,388.42. The American Legion also donated \$200.00 so we have exceeded our goal of \$8,500.00.

Street	Dues Collected	Street	Dues Collected
Boiling Springs 200s	\$290.00	Old Leestown	\$690.00
Boiling Springs 300s	\$540.00	Meadowthorpe 1400s	\$25.00
Burke	\$1,265.00	Meadowthorpe 1500s	\$525.00
N Forbes	\$410.00	Meadowthorpe 1600s	\$150.00
Glendale 200s	\$396.00	Pelican	\$530.00
Glendale 300s	\$445.00	Pepper/Leona	\$545.00
Hillsboro 200s	\$447.00	Taylor evens	\$35.00
Hillsboro 300s	\$500.00	Taylor odds	\$360.00
Larch	\$908.00	Townley	\$327.42

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

Due to the early deadline for the January Messenger because of our printer's holiday schedule, the results of the Decorations Contest will be announced in the February 2015 Messenger.

TENNIS, ANYONE?

We reported last month that 2nd District Council Member **Shevawn Akers** had proposed to use \$19,000 of the FY 2014 LFUCG budget surplus to resurface the tennis courts in Meadowthorpe Park. At the Holiday potluck, Shevawn announced that this project was approved. Many thanks to Shevawn and special thanks to **Marilyn Machara** (Meadowthorpe Avenue) who has advocated for this project for many years.

MNA OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2015

For President – Jim Capillo (Meadowthorpe Avenue): Jim was born, raised and educated in New York City. Upon graduation from Law School, he was offered employment in Lexington and moved with his dog and Volkswagen. He fell in love with the area and although he did not stay at the law firm, he took and passed the Kentucky Bar exam and opened a private law practice, rather than return to New York. After ten years in private practice, during which time he met and married Anita, he accepted a full time position in government and served as one of two Chief Prosecutors for the Fayette County Attorney. He and Anita moved to Meadowthorpe soon after he took the position with the County Attorney. During his service with the County Attorney, he came to the attention of the Fayette County Jailer, who hired him in 1993, and he has served at the jail ever since, in Training, Policy Writing, as a Commander and as contract overseer. Jim has served on the Board of AYS, a non-profit helping at risk youth; as a founding Board member of FOP Lodge 83; and as an officer of West End Alliance. In his spare time, he referees soccer, swimming and Quick Recall academic competitions.

For Vice President – Michael Stuart (Hillsboro Avenue): Michael was born and raised in Lexington. In his early twenties, Michael started his own business, which he has operated successfully for 14 years. Fayette Window Cleaning is one of five minority-owned businesses in the Commerce Lexington Accelerator program. Michael recently graduated from the Citizens Police Academy and is a current co-chair of the MNA Watch Committee. An advocate of community service, Michael serves on the board of directors at LexArts. He also served one term as president of the Living Arts and Science Center and was on the board for several years. Michael volunteers for the West End Alliance and has volunteered at the Thompson-Hood Veterans Center.

For Secretary – Beth Workman (Glendale Avenue): Beth grew up in Meadowthorpe and attended Meadowthorpe Elementary from Pre-K to 4th grade. Beth graduated from Henry Clay High School and attended the University of Kentucky, receiving an undergraduate degree from the College of Communications. Beth also has a Masters in Public Administration from Kentucky State University. After many years of working in the public sector, Beth accepted a position as the Office and Business Development Manager at CARMAN, a landscape architecture firm. Along with others, Beth was instrumental in the successful completion of our stone fence extension. Beth has served as secretary for the past two years and she looks forward to serving again. Beth enjoys running and has completed several half-marathons and one marathon. She is currently training for her second marathon.

For Treasurer – Linda Melton (Glendale Avenue): Linda was born and raised in Southeastern Kentucky. She earned a business degree from the University of Kentucky and soon thereafter became a proud resident of Lexington. After looking at homes in Meadowthorpe for several years, she bought her first home in our neighborhood in 2006. She lives on Glendale Avenue. Linda has worked in the financial services sector for more than 16 years and earned several securities licenses during that time. In January of 2012, Linda, along with four partners, created a municipal financial advisory firm in Lexington. Linda also serves as Treasurer/Secretary of a small, privately held corporation. When asked by the current Treasurer to accept this nomination, Linda accepted – she is eager to serve her neighborhood and happy to utilize her years of experience to aid in the safekeeping and stewardship of MNA funds and assist in moving MNA toward the future. When not working, Linda enjoys spending time with family and with her Welsh Corgis, Gus and Henry. She also enjoys reading and listening to music.

COLEMAN'S CORNER

Evolution is technically defined as: "a gradual process in which something changes into a different and usually more complex or better form." It is not often that one gets to witness evolution twice in the same day. Last year, I constructed a bird feeder stand using a 10' piece of ¾" rebar. 6' outside a window through which we could enjoy watching the birds feed, I drove the rebar 2' into the ground and fastened various shelf hangers to it using U-bolts. I hung three bird feeders of various designs and below them, I affixed a squirrel baffle. For the entire feeding season last year, the baffle was successful in keeping the squirrels at bay. This year however, evolution happened. One day I noticed that one of the feeders was askew and at first attributed it to wind. It was wind alright – a wind of change. Through the aforementioned evolutionary process, the squirrels in my neighborhood had determined that by the simple expedient of jumping into my windowsill, which is about 5' above the ground, they could then jump the 6' through midair to a spot on the rebar above the baffle. To combat these aerial escapades, I installed a piece of 3" PVC pipe all along the windowsill thinking that it would be too slick for the squirrels to get proper footholds for the upcoming leaps. Since I could not totally obscure the windowsill with round pipe, the squirrels simply changed their strategy and made their way to the feeder in one continuous motion using the windowsill as a rebound point instead of a landing spot. I picked up a copy of the book Outwitting Squirrels (2nd edition, Revised & Even Craftier) by Bill Adler, Jr. If squirrels had post offices, Mr. Adler's picture would be on permanent display. I have started reading the book, but instead of trying to follow Mr. Adler's lead, I intend to find out on my own if I am smarter than a squirrel. I went to Home Depot and bought a 10' section of 1" PVC pipe. I asked the clerk if he thought PVC was squirrel proof. He gave me a kindly smile, but I could tell by the way that he regarded me as he might a Baggie full of mouse remains that he had doubts about me. Here is my new design: I moved the rebar 7' farther from the house. I cut a hole in a plastic ball and slid that over the rebar; I put the baffle above the ball so that the baffle would pivot freely and encased the bottom 6' of the rebar in PVC. Take that Mr. Squirrel! We will see who is in front on the evolutionary road.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADS AND COUPONS

Ads in the Messenger are printed for free for neighbors and neighborhood businesses, as space allows. Remember that the ads are printed as a service at the request of neighbors, but they do not imply a reference or endorsement by the MNA for any particular business or service person. Always seek your own references.

NEW AD THIS MONTH

Lawn Care and Fall Clean-up - In season, we can do your mowing and trimming; \$20.00 per yard, We can also weed eat, trim hedges, clean gutters, and remove leaves for a great price too. Call 967-9219 or e-mail marla.kay@aol.com.

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

Childcare: State Certified Home Childcare now has two openings for children six months or older. CPR/First Aid. 320 Glendale Avenue. Contact Betty at 226-0238.

A New Children's Book by Neighbor Jennifer Scisco Ison: A New Home for Alice, and you can buy it on Amazon.com: http://www.amazon.com/New-Home-Alice/dp/1497476364/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1407363617&sr=1-1&keywords=A+new+home+for+alice.

Cakes: Decorated cakes for all occasions. Call Jane at 402-3941.

Entertainment – MNA members Don and Mary Dever (Pepper Drive) invite you to spend a Saturday night (or more) with Kenny Whalen & The Travelers at 114 Lisle Industrial Road. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the shows start at 7:00 p.m. - there is no alcohol and no dancing - just good music, good food and good times for all. Admission is \$10.00.

Financial Services: Kentucky Blue Blood Financial Group - 1353 Leestown Road. A financial services group offering insurance and investment products customized to meet clients' needs.

Guitar lessons/recording studio: Guitar lessons with full recording studio. \$20/hour. Call 859-492-5032.

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

Handyman Services: Have projects around the house you've been putting off? From moving furniture around, painting, help with yard work, dog walking, to installing fixtures and assembling small projects. Available most evenings and weekends. Please e-mail, text or call Ryan Duty (749-4552 or dutyryan62389@gmail.com) and let's take care of that list.

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; kencampbell@luckypetsrus.com; call 276-1191 or 298-0083.

Insurance Services: Mann Sutton & McGee, LTD - 1353 Leestown Road. Had a check-up lately? When was the last time you reviewed your policies with your agent? Call us at 225-3661...we can help!

Knives and blades sharpened; call Larry @ 225-0145; great prices.

Lawn Care and Fall Clean-up: Tree work; hedges trimmed; gutters cleaned; leaf removal; any odd job - free estimates. Contact Kyle McHatton at 559-7572.

Lawn care and Fall Clean-up: Tree/bush trimming; gutters cleaned; rake, blow and bag leaves – free estimates – call Kevin @ 229-8296.

Lawn care and Fall Clean-up: Tree work, hedge trimming/ removal, vines removed, fence rows cleaned and miscellaneous. Call Pete (967-9299) or Kay (967-8150).

PC Tune Computer Services: Computer Tune Up for \$79.00 includes virus and malware removal. Other computer services are available. Free Lexington pickup and delivery; call Craig at 559-0919.

Pet Sitting/Grooming: Meadowthorpe resident; vestadog@aol.com; call 502-541-1478.

Photographer: Weddings, events, seniors, pets, families; KathyGPhotos@aol.com; 502-541-1478.

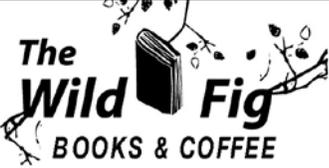
Real Estate Services: Need to buy or sell a home? Call Julie at (859) 312-6210 - Owner/Broker of Big Blue Realty.

Refrigerator for sale - GE Adora side-by-side stainless steel 25 cu. ft. refrigerator. In great working condition and barely used. Asking \$900 (retails \$1500). Small dent/scratch on side. New owner must move it. Call or text 502-291-1339.

Special Needs Parent Group: If you are a parent or a caregiver of a child with a cognitive or physical disability in Meadowthorpe and would like to form a group where we can support and share thoughts and ideas relating to the school setting, please contact Kerri Hardin at specialneedsMES@gmail.com.

Tai Chi Lessons: Free Tai Chi Lessons at the Charles T. Young Center at 540 East Third Street on Wednesdays and Fridays from **12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.** Seniors are encouraged. These lessons focus on increasing energy, focus and balance in a very gentle way. If you have any questions, you can call Rita Swain at 533-4566.

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

<p>Shaggy's Barber Shop with Salon Services Men, women and children Free hot lather, straight razor neck shave and eyebrow trim with cut Notary, fax and copy services; iPhone accessories 1473 Leestown Road Meadowthorpe Shopping Center www.shaggysbarbershop.com; 275-1101 \$12.00 haircuts any day and every day; \$1.00 off with coupon; Expires 1/31/2015</p>	 <p>NOW OPEN SUNDAYS \$1.00 off total bill with this coupon Cannot combine with any other offers Expires 1/31/2015</p>	 <p>10% off with this coupon Cannot combine with any other offers- Expires 1/31/2015</p>
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