



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane

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“There is another life I could have had, but I am having this one.” *Anonymous*

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – Social half-hour @ 6:30 p.m. Get to know your neighbors! Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Meadowthorpe Elementary School Heritage Night: Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Heritage Night** is one of the longest and most exciting traditions at Meadowthorpe Elementary School.

DEPARTED FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

Elizabeth Euell Johnson (Larch Lane), 84, died November 9, 2014. Born February 25, 1930 in Carlisle, KY, she was the daughter of the late Laura Dayton and William Lyle Euell. Elizabeth was an original resident of Meadowthorpe. Elizabeth and her late husband Frank P. Johnson bought their house on Larch Lane while it was still under construction. **Family members have arranged for a memorial celebration to honor Elizabeth's life on Monday, February 9, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Community Center on Larch Lane and all friends and neighbors are invited to attend and remember Elizabeth.**

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST WINNERS

The holiday decorations contest winners and their charities are below. Again this year, we had many wonderful displays to brighten Meadowthorpe and for that reason, judging the displays was not easy. Thanks to judges **Kim DiBella** (Pepper) and **Karen Mosley** (Meadowthorpe) for their hard work and dedication. Each winner has directed a donation of \$25 to a local charity. Charity websites are included below in the event anyone else wants to make a donation to any of these charities.

Most Whimsical: 272 Larch Lane; **Josh Ahern** – Lexington Humane Society (<http://lexingtonhumanesociety.org/get-involved/donate/>)

Best Use of Lights: 1554 Meadowthorpe Avenue; **Jeremy Cheek and Jeremy Rice** – God's Pantry Food Bank (<https://give.godspantry.org/>)

Traditional Christmas: 220 Boiling Springs Drive; **Shirley Young** – Lexington Rescue Mission (<http://www.lexingtonrescue.org/>)

Old Fashioned Christmas: 276 Burke Road; **Kim and Phil Czirr** – Lexington Humane Society

Honorable Mention:

- 291 Larch Lane; **Jessica and David Anderson**
- 217 Hillsboro Avenue; **Scott Luebbehusen and Fred Ashley**

INTRODUCING YOUR MNA OFFICERS FOR 2015

Detailed bios for the new members of the Executive Committee were included in the January 2015 Messenger. The newly elected officers promise an exciting year with an emphasis on TEAMWORK!

- 👤 **President** – **Jim Capillo** (Meadowthorpe)
- 👤 **Vice President** – **Michael Stuart** (Hillsboro)
- 👤 **Treasurer** – **Linda Melton** (Glendale)
- 👤 **Secretary** - **Beth Workman** (Glendale)

Deep thanks to outgoing officers **Sharon Woodrum - President** (Taylor), **Scott Applegate - Vice President** (Larch) and **Stacey Stevens - Treasurer** (Hillsboro) for their service to Meadowthorpe.

SOUND BARRIER

State Senator Reggie Thomas (13th District) attended the January 13 meeting and gave an update on the sound barrier. Senator Thomas reaffirmed his support for this project. He met with Transportation Secretary Hancock on December 13, 2014 and continues to press the issue wherever possible. Among Senator Thomas' arguments are the facts that Meadowthorpe was in existence well before New Circle Road was built and that the school is located so close to New Circle Road. The estimated cost of the sound barrier is \$4 million. Finding the funds will be the challenge. Show your support for the sound barrier by contacting the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet: **Robert.nunley@ky.gov** or 246-2355.

MESSAGES FROM LARCH LANE NEIGHBOR CAROLYN TROYER

- **Luminaries:** The rainy weather just before Christmas Eve made the luminaries a bust. Nonetheless, Nora Warman and I want to thank all the neighbors who took the time to light a candle in their luminary on Christmas Eve. We also want to thank the volunteers who helped assemble the luminaries, deliver them and then pick them back up: William Andrews and sons Will and Charlie (Hillsboro); Lorayne Burns (Taylor); Kim Czirr (Burke); Lacy Evans (Glendale); Sheila Foy (Larch); Wendell Grider (Meadowthorpe) and Karen and Larry Mosley (Meadowthorpe). Additional thanks to Karen Mosley for the refreshments. Finally, many thanks to the neighbors who saved the half gallon size plastic milk and juice jugs throughout the year. It was those plastic jugs that kept the luminaries from becoming a wet glob of sand in the white paper bags. Keep it up. We always need them. Just leave them on Nora's front porch, 309 Boiling Springs.
- **Flags:** Winter winds can be so harsh on a flag so the flag at the Boiling Springs entrance has been taken down for the winter. Old Glory will be flying again at March Madness time.

REPORT FROM THE JANUARY 2015 MNA MEETING

- **Bathrooms project at the Community Center:** This work is progressing and should be completed in February. During the January meeting, Traci Letcher (Pelican) and Russ DiBella (Pepper) presented the remaining requirements to complete the project. Following the presentation, a motion was made and approved to add an additional \$2,000 to the project so that work on both bathrooms can be completed.
- **Luminaries:** A motion was made and approved to change the format for distributing luminaries. Luminaries will continue to be placed at the Boiling Springs medians, but luminaries will be delivered to households on request.
- **Reading Volunteers:** If there is enough interest by neighbors, MNA is considering partnering with Meadowthorpe Elementary School to work with children to improve reading skills. This is still an idea in progress, but if you think you might be interested in helping, please contact Coleman Bush (Pelican) at **colemanbush@twc.com**.

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM 2ND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER SHEVAWN AKERS

- **Missing stop sign on Townley Drive:** Townley Drive neighbor **Richard Clements** reported a long-missing stop sign at the southeast corner of the intersection of Meadowthorpe Avenue and Townley Drive. We contacted **Council Member Akers** who then contacted LFUCG Traffic Engineering. On January 14, we received this response from Traffic Engineering: "I created a work order this morning to have the stop sign reinstalled on Townley Drive. I also asked that a stop bar be installed as well. I would expect the stop sign to be installed soon, but the stop bar pavement marking will come sometime later this spring or summer once the weather improves for Streets & Roads to do pavement markings work."
- **LexCall 311 app:** Look for the new and improved LexCall 311 app in your phone's app store. This new app makes it even easier to interact with local government. The app has been available since 2010, and was recently updated to improve functionality and provide more information to citizens. Additional issues were added to the app, including housing complaints, graffiti reports and flooding. For those unfamiliar with the LexCall app, it allows citizens to report issues such as missed waste collection, traffic signal malfunctions, code enforcement violations and more. Users can submit the location, photos and comments about the request or issue. The reports are then documented by LexCall customer service specialists and directed to the appropriate division in City government. The app is available for free download at: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=3441>.

- **Art in Motion:** This Art is back in motion: This project did not die; it just turned out to be more complicated than first realized. However, it appears that the bus shelter, known as the Chimneystop Project, will be completed this year. In fact, Yvette Hurt with Art in Motion, Inc. advises that, under the contract signed with Marrillia Construction, Chimneystop must be completed by August 15, 2015. For readers who are unfamiliar with this project, Chimneystop is a combination art project and very usable bus shelter and will be located on Leestown Road in front of Walgreens. Yvette advises: "AIM will also be doing regular updates during construction of the shelter so I hope everyone will like our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/ArtshelterLex to receive these updates."
- **No Parking signs near Taylor Drive/N Forbes Road intersection:** A few "no parking" signs have been placed near this intersection to alleviate congestion during morning drop off and afternoon pick up at the school. Additional signs were planned, but due to neighbors' concerns, these have been delayed pending further meetings with city officials, school representatives and neighbors.
- **Tennis Courts:** In case there is any confusion about the funding for the tennis courts rehabilitation, it was announced at the January 2015 MNA meeting that the \$19,000 to be provided by the LFUCG will be supplemented by \$5,000 from MNA. MNA has, for the last several years, been setting aside funds for this purpose.

COLEMAN'S CORNER

Brenda and I are stepping down as editors after this issue of the Messenger. We have certainly enjoyed working on the Messenger, but it is time for us to take a break. The MNA Communications Committee is exploring ways to make production of the hard copy newsletter more of a team effort. A few neighbors have stepped forward expressing an interest in helping, but more help is needed. The Communications Committee is also exploring ways to enhance neighborhood communications by electronic means. Please contact mnalexky@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

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

JILL OF ALL TRADES: Need help? Give me a call. House/office cleaning; care-tending; house/pet sitting; yard work; organization and various odd jobs. References available; reasonable rates; honest; dependable Christian lady and a neighbor. Please call MJ at 859-684-2496 or email: maryjean6591@gmail.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.

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).

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.

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.

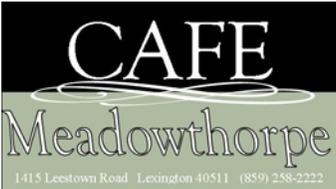
Photographer: Weddings, events, seniors, pets, families; KathyGPhotos@aol.com; 502-541-1478.

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 \$800 (retails \$1500). Small dent/scratch on side. New owner must move it. Call or text 502-291-1339.

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.

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