



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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By all these lovely tokens September days are here, with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer. – Helen Hunt Jackson

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 8th – Membership Meeting – Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at 333 Larch Lane

September 12th – Mulch Giveaway – Residents may pick up mulch 8 AM–12 PM. Enter on Jimmie Campbell Drive and follow the signs. Each resident is allowed one pickup truck load of mulch.

JULY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thanks to all who helped with the ice cream social in July. Special thanks to our neighborhood Kroger who kindly donated \$50 for ice cream and supplies!

FOURTH OF JULY FLAGS

MNA has a long tradition of placing the American flag in the Boiling Springs median and in front of each residence. Thank you to Carolyn Troyer, Liz Chilton, Michael Stuart and all of our hardworking street representatives for coordinating and distributing the Fourth of July flags. Volunteerism is a hallmark of our great country and we thank all of our great volunteers who make Meadowthorpe such a special place.

MEADOWTHORPE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADES

MAY: Meadowthorpe's Louie Mack Park's tennis courts were resurfaced, re-striped, and furnished with brand new nets, at a cost of between \$20-25,000. Ours was one of only three city parks with tennis courts to receive a complete upgrade. It happened in large part because of our neighborhood's willingness over the last several years to pledge \$5,000 in support of the resurfacing and related improvements. As it turned out, the entire cost of the upgrade was paid for from the Parks and Recreation Budget, saving MNA's tennis court fund for other park/community center-related projects (see below).

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST: To address the problem of a leaking roof, which was causing water damage to the community center's interior, the city replaced it with a rubber membrane that comes with a 20 year manufacturer's guarantee. Interior wall damage has been repaired and spot-painted. Outside the building, near the entrance to the park, the old drinking fountain, that only operated seasonally and caused puddling around its base, has been replaced with a fountain that won't cause a mess around its foundation, is handicap accessible, will operate year round, and features a hydrant that enables access to water for pets. In addition, two old, rusting benches in the playground have been replaced. Parks and Recreation completed these projects early in August.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER: Remember the MNA funds not spent on the tennis courts? They won't sit idle. At the August 11th MNA meeting, Russ DiBella proposed that the \$5,000, plus \$800 of collected community center rental fees, be used for the following park and building upgrades: removal of the crumbling asphalt walkway, to be replaced from the park entrance to the playground gate with a concrete walkway, featuring an embedded bicycle rack; a complete repainting of the center's interior walls; the application of a durable, maintenance free sealer on the tiled restroom floors. MNA members in attendance unanimously approved funding these exterior and interior projects, which should be completed by Labor Day.

THANK YOU! These improvements demonstrate that good things happen when an active, engaged neighborhood association works productively with city government. Special thanks to Lexington's Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Chris Cooperrider, 2nd District Councilwoman Shevawn Akers, and neighborhood volunteers Russ DiBella, Jim Stone, and David McCall.

SOUND BARRIER

Sen. Reggie Thomas attended the August MNA meeting and told us “The sound barrier is on the books.” Sen. Thomas has worked tirelessly to see that this, his number one priority project, has an opportunity for success. Sen. Thomas and others will be at the October 13, 2015 MNA meeting to provide more information about the project and to answer questions.

ZONE CHANGE REQUEST

A zone change for Antique Drive has been requested to build a Long-Term Care Facility. Mr. Solly Van Meter, developer for the project, attended the August meeting to give an overview of the project and to answer questions. Mr. Van Meter has filed a request for a zone change for the Antique Drive property from B-4 to B-1 zone, which was the former zoning for the property prior to 2008. The zoning was changed in 2008 to accommodate a fit-up facility for manufacturing businesses. That proposed project never came to fruition.

Mr. Van Meter’s present plan is for a stand-alone, long-term care facility, which will likely be licensed as a personal care facility, although it may operate as an assisted living facility. It will be approximately 18,000 - 20,000 square feet with 28 - 32 beds in private rooms. It is planned to be a single-story structure with the remote possibility that it might be two stories. It will be designed specifically for residents with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, but will also include residents with traditional long-term care issues. It will include a significant amount of landscaped, secure outdoor space for the enjoyment of the residents of the facility. In addition to the long-term care facility, Mr. Van Meter is investigating possible expansion of operations to include a small dementia-specific daycare/respite facility on the property. The new facility will employ approximately 25 people.

After a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken and members voted unanimously to support the zone change request. Mr. Van Meter’s request will be heard at a public meeting before the Planning Commission on August 27, 2015 at 1:30 PM.

FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOUNDARIES

FCPS recently voted to finalize new school boundary lines. Meadowthorpe Neighborhood will remain with Meadowthorpe Elementary (pre-school–5th grades), Leestown Middle School (grades 6–8), and PL Dunbar High School (grades 9–12). Our school board representative is Melissa Bacon. Please note students who live in neighborhoods on Leestown Road are assigned to Sandersville Elementary and Bryan Station High School. Also please remember Meadowthorpe Elementary’s 500 students began school on August 12th!

ART IN MOTION BUS STOP

Regarding the Art in Motion bus stop, to be situated just east of Sharkey Way on Leestown Road, the Messenger reported in March of this year that “barring last-minute complications, construction could begin this May” and that the builder’s contract “calls for an August 25, 2015 project construction date.” Construction did not commence in May, the original August 25 deadline will not be met, and the completion date has been pushed forward to October 25. As of mid-August, at this writing, the construction site has been marked and some necessary clearing done. Let us hope that this project, initiated in the summer of 2012, has at last arrived at the starting gate. For regular project updates, via Facebook, go to www.Facebook.com/ArtshelterLex. Or request updates via email from Yvette Hurt, Art in Motion, Inc. President, at yhurt@windstream.net.

TREE WALK

Tom Blues and Coleman Bush, in concert with LFUCG Urban Forester Tim Queary, have compiled the Meadowthorpe Tree Walk. Copies will be available at future MNA meetings and the document will also be available on our website in the future.

Quoting from the introduction of the Meadowthorpe Tree Walk: “With the able assistance of Tim Queary, Lexington’s Urban Forester, we identified trees that stand out because of one or more prominent features – age, rarity, beauty, condition, size. We also included a number of the city government’s approved street trees, so that if you’re thinking of replacing or adding a tree to the utility strip, you can check out examples of various species before making a selection for your particular site. So that you can start your tree walk from any point in the neighborhood, the list is organized street by street. Each tree is identified by common name, located address and whether it is situated in the utility strip or in front or back yard. A brief comment and the tree’s estimated age accompany each citation.”

This fall will be an excellent time to take your tree walk(s), but whatever direction you decide to take, make sure to see the Fayette County Champion Post Oak tree on Hillsboro Avenue.

DEPARTED NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Rashidah Fakrid-Deen (Boiling Springs) passed away on May 31st. She is survived her husband Nashid, children Jashed, Ayesha, Yasmeen and Tina, granddaughters Ameerah and Khari, sister-wife Osunnike and brothers James and Dwight.

Stephen Troyer (Larch Lane) passed away June 5, 2015. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Carolyn; two daughters, Sarah (Mike) Bossick and Amy (Grant) Gehrke; granddaughter, Bridget Gehrke; and brother, Keith Troyer. For more than 25 years, Steve headed up the Christmas luminaria project as well as the Fourth of July flags. Steve also faithfully maintained the large flags that flew over the Boiling Springs entrance and the community center. Steve was a faithful volunteer for neighborhood events. He worked tirelessly during the renovation of the community center and never missed the Great American Cleanup. He served as a key-holder for the community center for many years and regularly walked the park grounds picking up litter and debris. If you went to vote, you saw Steve working the polls. Steve was a proud American and a dedicated Meadowthorpe resident and our neighborhood is a better place because Steve Troyer was here.

Herman Johnson (Old Leestown Road), 79, formerly of Jackson County, was born January 22, 1936 in Sand Gap and died Thursday, April 9, 2015. Herman was the son of the late James Arvel Johnson and Sarah Dora (Clemmons) Johnson. Herman is survived by two sons, Steven Ira Johnson and his wife Donna of Lexington, and James A. Johnson and his wife Ronda of Lexington. He was blessed with four grandchildren, Kyle Wade Johnson, Kurt Allen Johnson, Jamie Lee Johnson and Joseph Dale Johnson and by one great granddaughter, Makenna Olivia Johnson.

MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER AD POLICY

Below is a summary of the Advertising Policy adopted at the regular Membership meeting on June 9, 2015.

- Ad space is available to MNA Members and businesses within Meadowthorpe.
- A Member may not include an ad for a business physically located outside the defined boundaries of Meadowthorpe.
- Due to limited space, ads will be included at the discretion of the Editor.
- All ads, with the exception of those governed by law, will be subject to editing.
- All ads expire each December and must be resubmitted for subsequent issues.
- Ads will be included each year on a first come/first served basis as space is available.
- The Editor, at his or her discretion, may reject any advertisement.
- Any MNA Member may question the appropriateness or inclusion of any ad by appealing to the Editor. Failing resolution at that level, the matter will be elevated to the Executive Committee.
- Seasonal ads must be revised by the advertisers or such ads will be removed at the discretion of the Editor.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADS AND COUPONS

Advertisements in the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* are printed at no charge for neighbors and neighborhood businesses per the MNA Ad Policy. These ads are printed as a service at the request of neighbors and do not imply a reference or endorsement by the MNA for any particular business or service person. Always seek your own references.

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.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

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

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

CHILDCARE

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Knives and Blades Sharpened; call Larry at 225-0145; great prices.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

LESSONS

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

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.

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

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

PC Tune Computer Services: Computer Tune Up for \$79 includes virus and malware removal. Other services are available. Free Lexington pickup and delivery; call Craig at 559-0919.

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.

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.

Jill of All Trades: House/office cleaning; care-tending; house/pet sitting; yard work; organization; various odd jobs. References available; reasonable rates; honest; dependable Christian lady, neighbor. Please call MJ at 859-797-5275 or email: maryjean6591@gmail.com.

LAWN SERVICES

Lawns mowed/trimmed - \$25 and up; hedges trimmed and small tree work; any odd jobs; free estimates. Call Kyle McHatton at 559-7572.

Weed eat, mow & blow, tree/bush trim; gardens tilled; gutters cleaned free estimates - Kevin at 229-8296.

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

Mowing and trimming; \$20.00 and up 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.

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