



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. -Helen Keller

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

October 13th – MNA General Membership Meeting – Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. 333 Larch Lane
December 8th – Holiday Potluck (no meeting) – 7:00 p.m. 333 Larch Lane

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Membership voted to freshen up the website with a new design. The plan is to give it a new look with a new design that will be easier to keep updated. If you or someone you know, would like to submit a proposal for the new design, please send it to mnalexky@gmail.com by October 15th.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Joshua Samples from the Department of Transportation will attend our October 13th meeting to discuss the much anticipated sound barrier!

The Breeder's Cup Festival will be held October 24-31st. The mostly free events will take place all over town and include concerts, plays, and art exhibits. The Oliver Lewis bridge lighting will take place on October 28th at 7:30 with the celebration continuing with fireworks in the Distillery District.

Trick or Treat will take place on October 31st. Please drive safely and watch out for little ghosts and goblins!

VOLUNTARY DUES DRIVE

The 2015 Voluntary Dues Drive is officially underway! A letter and envelope are included with this month's *Messenger*. Your street representative has indicated on the letter the planned date and time that he or she will pick up your contribution. If you prefer, you may drop your contribution off at his or her residence or put it in the mail. We hope to have all voluntary dues contributions turned in by October 31st. Remember, your dues are tax deductible! MNA is classified as a public charity with tax exempt status from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE

by Beth Workman

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity. -Douglas Adams

When I was a young person in elementary school, I served the hungry at a soup kitchen. When I was a young woman in college, I built and repaired homes for the needy. And as a young adult I have served on multiple boards and committees; providing services to men, women and children in my community. In particular, I have spent the last three years dedicating my time to serving friends and neighbors in the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood.

This is a cause that is very near and dear to my heart because my neighbors are people who approach service like I do. Meadowthorpe residents are not a group that states "*here is a problem,*" rather, we ask, "*what will we do about this problem?*" And Meadowthorpe residents have a long history of being proactive. Even before a Neighborhood Association was formally organized residents gathered to discuss and oppose threats to the neighborhood subdivision in 1954! In more recent years, we have organized beautification projects, fixed our lovely and historic stone wall and have laid the ground work for the building of a sound barrier.

Meadowthorpe is blessed with a number of residents who know the proper and most effective channels for getting things done, from the conception of the neighborhood to the present we are fortunate to have an active, strong and caring group of neighbors willing to work hard for the best of our community. And while we have an excellent group of dedicated servants, there is also still room for more neighbors who are interested in giving and helping.

I have always said that “a happy, healthy neighborhood is a happy and healthy community!” And this is so true in Meadowthorpe. You feel the service, in a gentle greeting to your neighbor when you pass on the street to an organized group gathering to protect the integrity of our great community. We are a neighborhood that serves! We are a neighborhood that cares! It is this that makes Meadowthorpe the best neighborhood in Lexington, if not all of Kentucky.

Ask not what your neighborhood can do for you, but what you can do for your neighborhood! So I encourage all neighbors that have the urge to serve to please join your neighbors in service that makes our community great!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers don't get paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” -Sherry Anderson

The statement is certainly true of MNA's many volunteers who devote their energy, intellect and time to such services as maintaining the beautiful entryway at Boiling Springs, picking up trash along the roadways, maintaining and enhancing the Community Center and Park, putting flags out for the 4th of July holiday, creating and delivering the monthly newsletter, lobbying the city for improvements such as new speed limit signs, grants to repair sidewalks, grants to assist with our on-going water issues and much, much more.

Reasons to volunteer:

- To protect your property values and maintain quality of life in our neighborhood
- To correct and prevent problems
- To give back to our neighbors
- To be sociable, meet neighbors, and make friends
- To build your personal resume
- To have fun accomplishing things around our neighborhood
- To be educated on the many facets of running a neighborhood association
- To express yourself and be creative while offering your opinion on solutions to day-to-day problems

There are many opportunities to be an MNA volunteer, most of which require only a few hours a month.

- Attend monthly meetings
- Become a Street Representative
- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Serve on a Committee: Meadowthorpe Development Review; Natural Resources; Community Center; Park; Neighborhood Spirit; Communications; Neighborhood Watch
- Serve on the Executive Committee as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer

Come to the October 13th meeting, contact the Executive Committee or talk to your neighbors about ways you can volunteer!



NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN CHARACTER OVERLAY ZONE (ND-1)

We are seeing many property improvement projects happening in Meadowthorpe and that is great news for our neighborhood. Since April 26, 2012, with the passage of LFUCG Ordinance No. 44-2012, Meadowthorpe has been an ND-1 neighborhood. ND-1 was put in place to protect the character of Meadowthorpe with these preservation goals in mind:

- 1) To protect against the degradation of Meadowthorpe, a special place of aesthetic and cultural significance in Lexington
- 2) To encourage the preservation of Meadowthorpe's original structures, through adaptive rehabilitation when necessary
- 3) When adaptive rehabilitation is necessary or desirable, to encourage construction that will lead to continuation conservation and improvement in a manner appropriate to the scale and physical character of the original buildings
- 4) To foster civic pride in Meadowthorpe as a community, and as an exemplary subdivision of the post WWII era.

Meadowthorpe has design standards in place in seven different areas:

- Design Standard 1 Exterior Building Materials (applicable to single-family detached, duplexes and multi-family)
- Design Standard 2 Floor area ratio (applicable to single-family detached and duplexes)
- Design Standard 3 Building heights (applicable to single-family detached and duplexes)
- Design Standard 4 Rear yard setback (applicable to single-family detached and duplexes)
- Design Standard 5 Accessory structures (applicable to single-family detached, duplexes and multi-family)
- Design Standard 6 Minimum wall openings (applicable to single-family detached, duplexes and multi-family)
- Design Standard 7 Parking (applicable to single-family detached, duplexes and multi-family)

For detailed information, please reference: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=3366>. If your construction project requires a building permit, LFUCG building inspection employees will guide you in securing the permit under the ND-1 standards.

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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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

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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.

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 and let's take care of that list! 749-4552 or dutyryan62389@gmail.com.

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. Contact 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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SPECIAL SERVICES

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SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

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CLEANING/PET CARE

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

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