



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come." -- Robert H. Schuller

Submissions for the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* must be sent by the 15th of the month to meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 – Social half-hour at 6:30 p.m. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy refreshments! Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to attend this meeting as LFUCG Division of Planning Staffers Brandi Peacher and Jimmie Emmons have accepted our invitation to attend the April 12 meeting and discuss with us our concerns for the future of our neighborhood and nearby area.

May General Membership Meeting: Tuesday May 10th, 2016 – Social half-hour at 6:30 p.m. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy refreshments! Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The annual Meadowthorpe Yard Sale will, as always, take place the first Saturday of June. As with any endeavor, our yard sale needs a leader, or leaders. This shouldn't take too much work and there is a small budget for advertising and supplies! If you're interested in serving in this role, please notify the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association executive committee.



More information will follow in the *May Messenger*. In the meantime, clean out those closets, basements and garages and price everything to sell! If you have items for sale but do not want to hold your own yard sale, check with your neighbors about partnering.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS DISPOSAL

The household hazardous disposal waste event will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 to 4:00 at the landfill pad located at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Residents can dispose of items not normally accepted at the Recycling Center such as old gasoline, anti-freeze, paints and pesticides. Those taking part in the event must complete a quick survey. To learn more, visit lexingtonky.gov.

APRIL MEETING NOTES

Article Contribution By Neighbor Tom Blues

Change is coming to Meadowthorpe and nearby area. Solly Van Meter intends to build an attractive senior residential facility in the vacant acreage on the north side of Antique Drive. The stockyards are gone and are not likely to return. Wayne Supply has departed. The Vaughn warehouses just east of Townley have been demolished. Transition can mean opportunity for rebirth, for enhanced quality of life and strengthened property values. It can also bring threats, as we know, with the possibility of a garbage transfer station coming to Lisle Industrial Road.

To assure positive change, to prevent negative redevelopment, we must be informed and involved. Our April 12 special guests, LFUCG Division of Planning staffers, Senior Planner Jimmie Emmons and Design Specialist Brandi Peacher, can help us take the first steps. Our guests will listen to concerns and hopes for the future of our neighborhood, answer questions, explain the ins and outs of the planning process, and give us ideas as to how we can be active and productive participants.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Musings from the President for March

By Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association President Jim Capillo



Years ago, the Neighborhood Association formed a committee to deal with development issues like gas stations, other re-zoning issues and the like. Not all have been “no bad outcomes – win/win” discussions. Most recently, the Association banded together to oppose turning a group of condominiums into a homeless shelter.



We are now faced with the newest fairy tale - a waste transfer station where little trucks of garbage will drop their load so it can be transferred into larger trucks of garbage for a more efficient trip to the dump. First, the city already has a transfer station where this is currently accomplished. Rumpelstiltskin (Republic) proposes a conditional use permit to operate a new transfer station as a private enterprise, to maintain waste management control. It is in direct competition with the city facility, which would deprive tax payers of the revenue generated by the existing facility - thus spinning gold into straw.

Despite all protestations to the contrary, Rumpelstiltskin cannot control what goes into the residential garbage trucks, and therefore cannot control what is unloaded on the transfer floor.

Please take the time to read about the proposal set before the Board of Adjustment. The paperwork is on the MNA website. As others have said, the most effective way to convince the Board of Adjustment is by an overwhelming show of opposition to the proposal. Please try to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting at the newly rescheduled date, April 29. We have arranged a bus shuttle from the neighborhood on April 29th. Please contact mnalexky@gmail.com to coordinate a ride.

GARBAGE TRANSFER STATION IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD? WE SAY, “NO WAY!”

Article Contribution By Neighbor Coleman Bush

MEADOWTHORPE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Republic Services, a private garbage hauling company, has filed application with the BOA for a conditional use permit to build a garbage transfer station on Lisle Industrial Avenue (former Wise Recycling Center), just 3/10 of a mile from Meadowthorpe residences and businesses.

If Republic's application is approved, the noise, litter, and large truck traffic so near our and other residential and business neighborhoods will degrade public health, the environment, and quality of life and will lower property values. Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association (MNA) voted unanimously at its March 8, 2016 meeting to oppose the granting of a conditional use permit.

Republic Services' application was originally scheduled to be heard on March 25, 2016. Republic has requested a postponement to April 29, 2016.

Help Meadowthorpe by attending the LFUCG Board of Adjustment (BOA) meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2016; LFUCG Government Center, 200 East Main Street. It is extremely important that we have as many neighbors as possible in attendance! To alleviate driving and parking issues, we are exploring bus transportation and/or car-pooling. Let us know if you are interested in hitching a ride. Please contact Coleman Bush at colemanbush@twc.com or 333.3229.

In the meantime, you can state your opposition to the transfer station by sending an e-mail to Jimmie Emmons, Senior Planner LFUCG Division of Planning at: jamese@lexingtonky.gov or by sending a letter to: LFUCG Division of Planning Board of Adjustment, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507.

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