



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.”

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 – Social half-hour at 6:30 p.m. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy refreshments! Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 – Social half-hour at 6:30 p.m. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy refreshments! Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10th, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Doggie Paddle at Woodland Park Pool.

Sunday, September 11th, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Butterflies of Raven Run.

Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 – 6:15 p.m. until meeting adjourned, MNA Board of Directors Meeting at 333 Larch Lane. The Board of Directors include the Officers, Street Representatives and Heads of the Standing Committees.

Friday, September 16th, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Gallery Hop in downtown Lexington.

Saturday, September 17th, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Mulch Giveaway at Old Frankfort Pike.

Friday and Saturday, September 16th and 17th, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Festival Latino de Lexington at the Court House on Main Street.

Saturday, October 15th, 2016 – 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Trash Disposal Day. More details to come in next newsletter.

SCHOOL NEWS

Please be aware of increased traffic and children in the neighborhood as public schools began on August 10th, 2016. Our neighborhood children attend Meadowthorpe Elementary, Leestown Middle School and Dunbar High School. There are also specific programs several of our neighborhood students have enrolled in for this year, resulting in an increased frequency of bus stops in the morning and afternoon. Elementary school times are 7:45 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. with 630 students. Middle school times are 9:05 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. with 800 students. High school times are 8:25 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. with 2,300 students.

If your child has not registered for school and became 5 years of age by August 1st, please visit www.fcps.net (Fayette County Public Schools) or call the elementary school at 859.381.3521. Register as soon as possible.

If you believe your 3-year-old or 4-year-old child could qualify for a free preschool program due to a disability or economic status, please visit www.fcps.net.

PRESIDENT PONDERINGS

By: Jim Capillo

There are two things that I want to bring to the members in this article.

First, the flag discussion. For those of you who did not notice or who noticed but did not understand, a second flag was flown from the Boiling Springs flagpole. It is a black and white version of the American standard, with one of the stripes a bright blue. It is marketed as the thin blue line flag. It represents support for law enforcement. There is a similar flag with a red stripe which is marketed as the thin red line flag. It represents support for the fire service.

Two of the members of the neighborhood wanted to show support for the Lexington Division of Police and raised the flag. It flew in the same location where the Big Blue UK flag flew during last year's basketball season. It was always intended that the matter would be discussed at the MNA meeting. There was an objection to the flag and during the ensuing discussion at the August meeting, it was moved and passed that the discussion be postponed to the September meeting so that all members had notice and could participate in the discussion if they chose to do so. Please attend the September meeting on Tuesday, September 13th and share your position.

Second, the Council debate. We extended an invitation to both candidates for the second district council race to attend the October 11 meeting. The plan was to conduct a debate in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting. However, Council Member Shevawn Akers has indicated that she will not be available on October 11th for a debate. Candidate Sasha Love Higgins has accepted and she will address the group and answer written question submitted from the audience or which have been sent in prior. Please prepare written questions and attend. Attendance and participation is NOT limited to the MNA membership. Come and exercise your right to be an educated voter.

HISTORIC PLAZA PROJECT UNDERWAY FOR BOILING SPRINGS/OLD LEESTOWN INTERSECTION

By: Tom Blues

At the intersection of Old Leestown Road and Boiling Springs Road, here is what you see now: A historical marker, commemorating Lexington's first airport, Halley Field, where Charles Lindbergh landed his plane in 1928. The marker post is bolted onto the sidewalk, just behind a grassy half circle at the head of the median, the enclosing curb crumbling and broken in several places.

If all goes according to the plans of a small MNA working group, the following is what you will see in the spring of 2017: The grassy area replaced with brick pavers, enclosed by new curb and sidewalk; the historical marker removed from sidewalk to the center of the brick surface; many of the bricks—the working group is hoping the great majority of them—engraved with the names their purchasers have chosen. Priced at \$25 each, the pavers will go on sale in November.

Brick ordering information will be included in the November *Meadowthorpe Messenger*. Over the winter, each paver will be engraved as specified by the purchaser and be ready for installation when the weather permits.

When the job is done and the transformation completed, what is now an obstruction will have become an attraction, marking not only a significant event in our neighborhood's history, but identifying members of a special community, their loved ones, and remembered friends and neighbors.

LEXINGTON IN BLOOM

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood is proud to announce that our Entrance Garden is a winner in the Category of "Miscellaneous, Neighborhood Entrances, Zone 1" of the 2016 *Lexington In Bloom Contest*. The city is divided into four zones. The contest is sponsored by the Lexington Council Garden Clubs, which judges and selects garden winners each year. We would like to congratulate and thank Ms. Shelby French for all of her hard work she puts in managing our planted entrances.

NEW 'MEADOWTHORPE' STREET POLE BANNERS ALONG LEESTOWN ROAD

At the August 9th, 2016 neighborhood meeting, a proposal will come to the membership regarding approval for the use of the name 'Meadowthorpe' on banners. These banners would be located along 1400-1499 Leestown Road (Goodwill/Dollar General/Meadowthorpe Antique Mall business strip). The banners would be approximately 6-8 feet in height, 24" width and be placed on street light poles along this city corridor. A proposal to the LFCUG Corridors Commission for funding of the street pole brackets will occur on September 13th, 2016.

Hopefully, 8-10 of these banners will add consistency to the Leestown Road strip and identify this area as part of the Meadowthorpe neighborhood. Already, discussion with business owners along this strip has prompted aesthetic changes.

You might have noticed the recent updates to the Goodwill store front. Approval from KU, LFUCG and KY District 7 Transportation office have already been approved to install banners on Leestown Road. All entities have given approval for banners to be placed on any of these street poles.

Businesses and neighbors are needed to donate/sponsor a banner for \$250 each. The bracket and installation costs will be covered, but banner funding is needed. Don't forget, donations to MNA are tax deductible! If you can help, please contact neighbor Traci Letcher, tsletch@gmail.com or 859.333.4077.

These banners will look great! Can you donate?

BETH'S BEAT – THE IMPORTANCE OF A FLAG?

By: Beth Workman

People have used flags for over 4,000 years. Such historic flags are a metal flag found in Iran from around 3000 B.C. and the symbolic representation of flags on Greek coins as well as in Egyptian tomb carvings.

The scientific study of flags is Vexillology, which is derived from a Latin word, meaning "to guide". For over 2,000 years, the fabric flag has been a symbol of guidance, identification, wayfinding, decoration, honor, alliance and surrender.

Today, every country in the world has a flag and every state in the United States of America proudly flies its own state flag.

Flags are used for war, as well as celebrations of special events. During sad occasions, flags are flown at half-mast in memory and honor. Flags come in many different shapes and colors and the people who design flags have a unique and special task. Flag designers have the important job of getting message and information on a flag without using many words or pictures, which is why flags are so symbolic of what it represents. A red flag can symbolize danger, revolution, courage and power; a white flag represents peace or truce; a green flag symbolizes safety, land, youth or hope; a yellow flag represents caution and a black flag represents mourning or death.

There is no denying the historical significance and overall importance of a flag. Whether you are flying a KY for KY Flag or the Gadsden Flag, you are doing so to exhibit alliance, support or advertisement. Flying the American Flag parades pride, honor and support. It is such a thrill for our Olympians to proudly present the American Flag when winning a medal.

This is why the discussion on the agenda for September's General Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association is so important, as our neighbors will discuss if another flag should fly with the American Flag at the Building Springs Road Entrance.

As editor of the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* I am honored to present information to the great neighbors of Meadowthorpe, but as a neighbor, I have an option and so do you. All neighbors have the right to have their voices heard at the September meeting, and I urge you to please come to the meeting and voice that opinion. Flying any flag is an honor and we should all think carefully as to what our neighborhood represents. I for one believe that it represents pride for Kentucky and support for our country. So if any flag should fly under the American Flag, it should be our great state flag. *United We Stand, Divided We Fall.*

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