



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane

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“No one has ever achieved financial fitness with a January resolution that’s abandoned in February.” - Suse Orman

“February days are a marketing gimmick; love happens every day.” -Randeep Hooda

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – MNA Board Meeting

Sunday, February 5, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Super Bowl

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – MNA General Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – Valentine’s Day

Monday, February 20, 2017 – President’s Day

Saturday, April 22, 2017 – Household Hazardous Waste Event at Old Frankfort Pike

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By: MNA President Jim Capillo

Much like my musings in September, I want to take this opportunity to bring both sides of an issue to the attention of the members.

In 2007, there were three organizations which used the Community Center monthly. The Rock Club has since disbanded, but the Railroad Club and the Hot Rod Club have continued their usage, uninterrupted. While discussing the new policies for renting the center, the members voted, in 2007, that these three organizations would be grandfathered out of the new policy, specifically the rental rate. In 2016, the Board recommended and the membership approved (as part of a general rental increase) an increase in the rent paid by these organizations, which was still below the standard rate.

At the end of 2016, the Board recommended that these organizations no longer have any exemption for a special rate and be required to pay the full rate. At the membership meeting, representatives from the Railroad Club and the Hot Rod Club indicated that they could not afford the proposed increase. The recommendation was tabled and sent back to the Board to obtain input from the LFUCG about the situation and to determine whether the 2007 decision by the general membership would change the recommendation. (It was never mentioned at the Board meeting that the membership had voted on this situation.)

What do you think? It is your money. All rental funds are placed in a segregated account, per the LFUCG, to be used solely for the center. In the past, these funds paid for the bathroom upgrades, electric upgrades, park improvements and other items, plus future replacement of appliances, when necessary. Let us know what you think at a meeting or by emailing mnalexky@gmail.com. Do we reaffirm the 2007 vote or not?

HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS

The winter decorations in Meadowthorpe were especially beautiful this year. 2016’s winners are: Most whimsical: 275 Larch Lane; Best use of light: 329 Hillsboro; Traditional Christmas: 1554 Meadowthorpe Avenue. Thank you everyone for displaying your beautiful decorations.

SPECIAL PAVER SALE
COMMUNITY CENTER 333 LARCH LANE
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

If you have not yet ordered your engraved commemorative paver to be displayed in the Boiling Springs median Memorial Plaza, there is a convenient addition to the order-by-mail process. Come to the Community Center between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 18 to order and purchase one or more pavers. The price is \$25 per engraved paver for Meadowthorpe residents, \$100 to area businesses. You may pay by cash or check only. Members of the Memorial Plaza Development Committee will be present to assist with filling out the order form.

Mail and/or drop-off orders continue to be accepted and encouraged. For information and order forms, see the special insert in your January *Meadowthorpe Messenger* or contact Tom Blues 859.254.0475; tblues@twc.com) or Russ DiBella 859.255.7775) for information and assistance.

Please purchase your paver(s) at your earliest convenience, to assure engraving of all ordered pavers in time for plaza construction.

Paver orders will be taken until at least the middle of February.

2ND DISTRICT HAS A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER
MEET COUNCIL MEMBER SASHA LOVE-HIGGINS

"Thank you to the constituents of the 2nd District for giving me this opportunity to work for you! I pride myself on hard work and I plan to do just that for this district. As I start my first term as 2nd District Councilmember, I am settling in and learning the ways to best serve everyone. I look forward to making this district stronger and more prosperous, as well as fighting on your behalf for what is right. Thank you again for this opportunity!"

- Councilmember Sasha Love Higgins

Councilmember Higgins immigrated to the United States from Montego Bay, Jamaica when she was a young child. Following in her parents' footsteps, she has been pursuing the American dream ever since. Her husband of ten years, Joseph Higgins, Sr. is a native of Lexington. Joe and she have two beautiful children JR, who is seven and in the 1st grade at Coventry Oaks Elementary and Samara, who is four.

When she moved to this unique and diverse city, she fell in love. She has been involved with a variety of community organizations and projects over the years. From there, she learned that she wanted to become even more involved. The current organizations Sasha has the privilege of serving are Rotary Club of Lexington, Community Inspired Solutions, All God's Children, and Opportunity for Work and Learning to name a few.

Sasha is currently the General Manager at the Hampton by Hilton Keeneland Airport South in Lexington and has been in the hospitality industry for 13 years. She also serves as the PR Director for House of God International where they have over 850 churches worldwide.

A THANK YOU TO LUMINARY VOLUNTEERS
By: Carolyn Troyer and Coleman Bush

Did you have a chance to see how lovely the neighborhood looked on Christmas Eve with the luminaries lit on the streets and at the Boiling Springs median? An outstanding group of 25 volunteers exhibited great community spirit by joining together at the Community Center on December 23rd and 24th to assemble and distribute the luminaries, and on December 26th to collect and dispose of the luminaries. Many thanks go to Coleman and Brenda Bush, David, Kim, Emma and Cole Bush, Nora Warman and her grandchildren, Aaron and Valerie, Richard Fritz, Bill Congleton, Tom and Cynthia Hayes, Jim Capillo, Liz Chilton and her granddaughter Inara, Lacy Evans, Jim Evans, Tom Blues, Bob Layton, Holly and Clara Gilpin, Wendell Grider, David McCall, and Carolyn Troyer.

NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM ELECTED AT JANUARY MEETING!

President: Jim Capillo (Old Leestown Road); Vice President: Bill Congleton (Glendale Ave.); Treasurer: Linda Melton (Glendale Ave.); Secretary: Traci Letcher (Pelican Lane).

These members will serve until December 2017.

BETH'S BEAT – I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HERE IS HOW

By: Beth Workman

In 2011 when I moved into my first home, I knew that Meadowthorpe was where I was meant to be. Never have I ever lived in a neighborhood where I have known a large number of my neighbors; many of whom are my friends (and family). Meadowthorpe Neighborhood is truly a special place.

When people ask where I live, I proudly declare: Meadowthorpe Neighborhood. We are recognized and respected citywide. Many people are familiar with our active neighborhood association; of which, I am very proud to be a volunteer. As the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* Editor, I am also the chair of the Communications Committee.

Have you ever wondered how you can get more involved in the neighborhood? Being an active association volunteer is a great way to make a noticeable difference in your community. I am honored to write "Beth's Beat" for the newsletter and share a part of my life with my neighbors! It brings a smile to my face when neighbors compliment me on an article I wrote, because I know that I can make a positive difference in our neighborhood.

If you are interested in being an active volunteer, I encourage you to sign up and serve as a member or chair of a committee. Committee sign-up sheets will be passed around at the February and March meetings. The following is a list and description of the committees that need a chair or members:

- **Community Center Committee**, which advises the membership on the condition of the center and oversees policy regarding its usage, including rentals. The committee coordinates with key holders and serves as liaison to the Urban County Government.
- **Neighborhood Spirit Committee**, which advises the membership regarding activities and events organized to promote social interaction and neighbor to neighbor communication, in order to develop a sense of community. The committee plans and coordinates neighborhood social events, including the welcome of new neighbors, and holiday events (potlucks, street luminaries, and flags).
- **Hospitality Committee**, which organizes and facilitates treats for each General Membership Meeting.
- **Neighborhood Watch Committee**, which advises membership of ongoing safety issues in and around Meadowthorpe. Serves as liaison between neighbors and local law enforcement.

STREET REPRESENTATIVES

Can you serve as a street representative? Street reps deliver newsletters to each residence near the first of each month and attend a Street Rep/Board meeting four times a year. Great job for a family! Please contact MNA Vice President Bill Congleton: 859.230.4635.

KEEP INFORMED ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

(LOST ANIMALS, EVENTS, CITY WORK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, ETC.)

Add your name to the neighborhood email list by contacting Secretary Traci Letcher, tsletch@gmail.com or mnalexly@gmail.com

- 'Like' the on Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association on Facebook.
- E-mail questions to: mnakylex@gmail.com.
- Pay your voluntary dues (collected in the Fall) or drop a check at 333 Larch Lane, Community Center.
- Attend the monthly membership meetings. The agenda for February 14th General Membership meeting includes: calendar approval, budget approval, community center rental policy.

FAYETTE ALLIANCE CITIZENS PLANNING ACADEMY

Fayette Alliance is proud to present the Citizen’s Planning Academy, a five-week course that will educate and engage citizens of Fayette County on the importance of land-use planning, and its relationship to economic development, the environment, and quality-of-life issues in our community. From Monday, March 6th to Monday April 3rd, citizens are encouraged to attend a weekly course to learn about the City of Lexington Planning. Visit fayettealliance.com to sign up.

NEIGHBORS ADS

There is still ad room. Please email meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com for your ad to be included.

For sale: 6’ X 3½’ solid wood dining room table (plus 1’ extension) with 6 wooden & cloth chairs (2 arm chairs and 4 side chairs). Comes with full table pad plus additional pad for extension. \$200.00, negotiable Call: 231-6438.

Tenor Saxophone for sale by neighbor. Conn b-flat with case and stand. Near mint condition. Price very negotiable. Please call Rick Wells at 859-231-9059.

Clear it out sale on Larch Lane. Appointments Monday through Saturday. Please call 859-608-0847.

Large rectangular white and glass top patio table with umbrella and matching cushions. Please call 859-948-6088 if interested.

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The LFUCG Division of Parks and Rec can organize an adult coloring book class which would meet once a month at the Neighborhood Center. Day or Evening and Day of the week (including weekends) will be determined by the participants. At the end of four months or so, there is the possibility of an art show showing the participants’ work. If you are interested, contact Jonathan Washington at Parks and Rec or MNALexKy@gmail.com

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