



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER
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“There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” --- C.S. Lewis

“Much as we may wish to make a new beginning, some part of us resists doing so as though we were making the first step toward disaster.” --- William Throsby Bridges

Submissions for the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* must be sent by the 15th 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

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – MNA General Meeting and Officer Election by Secret Ballot

Sunday, January 1, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – First hike of the year at Raven Run

Saturday, January 7, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Beginners digital photography at McConnell Springs

Saturday, January 14, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Outdoor skills class at McConnell Springs

Friday, January 20, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Gallery Hop

Saturday, January 28, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Owl Prowl at Raven Run

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

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By: MNA President Jim Capillo

As you may know, the Division of Waste Management supplies a service to vacuum the leaves from the right of way between the sidewalk and street in the autumn. I have three types of trees on my property. One type was kind enough to shed all its leaves before the vacuum trucks showed up in Meadowthorpe this season. The second type shed some of its leaves before the vacuum truck, but held onto most of its leaves until recently. The third type of tree, my trusty Pin Oak, still refuses to let go of its leaves. All of which left me wondering what to do about the leaves that have fallen and have yet to fall.

So I investigated how I would get rid of my leaves now that the vacuum truck is no longer an option. I have found that the Urban County Government has a winter yard waste protocol. This year, Waste Management will collect natural Christmas trees for mulching from the curbs December 27 through January 27. Gray yard waste containers and bags of leaves may also be placed at the curb at that time.

The winter protocol will begin on Monday, January 30 2017 and regular yard waste collection will not occur during that time. Trash and recycling trucks will run the regular routes. However, yard waste can be serviced by request. You can make the request for a yard waste pick-by calling LexCall at 311 or www.LexingtonKY.gov/LexCall.

Regular yard waste collection will resume no later than the week of March 13, 2017. The Division of Waste Management will assess weather patterns as spring approaches and may move this time line up to best meet the needs of Lexington.

COMMEMORATIVE PAVERS NOW ON SALE

Pavers engraved with your message are now available to Meadowthorpe residents (\$25 each) and Meadowthorpe area businesses (\$100 each). Please see instructions and order form inside this issue of your *Messenger*.

2016 DUES UPDATE

We have raised \$9,161.00 to date.

Street	Amount	Street	Amount
Boiling Springs Drive	\$425.00	Meadowthorpe	\$1,150.00
Burke Road	\$1,820.00	Old Leestown	\$975.00
Forbes Road	\$430.00	Pelican Lane	\$350.00
Glendale Avenue	\$605.00	Leona / Pepper	\$580.00
Hillsboro Avenue	\$901.00	Taylor Drive	\$665.00
Larch Lane	\$1,110.00	Townley Drive	\$150.00

It is never too late to send your voluntary dues contribution and remember, it is tax deductible!

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood is a unique Lexington asset. We are an active neighborhood association and we owe this to our neighbors and leaders. From time-to-time we have important items to discuss during our association meetings. Thus, I would like to ask all neighbors who can attend, to please attend the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association January General Meeting on Tuesday, January, 10th at 7:00 p.m.

First, we will hold our annual elections. This year we have three great neighbors running for re-election. Mr. Jim Capillo from Old Leestown Road is running again for president. Mr. Bill Congelton of Glendale Avenue is running for Vice President. Ms. Linda Melton of Glendale Avenue is running for Treasurer. Please be sure to attend the meeting to vote. Also, please note that we still need a Secretary, so if you are interested, please contact one of the Executive Committee Members by email, mnalexky@gmail.com, to discuss the position.

Second, a motion was made at the November Board Meeting to discuss expanding the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* Newsletter Advertisement Policy. The motion is: "to set aside advertisement space in the newsletter for neighborhood services, (such as grass mowing, leaf raking, snow shoveling, odd jobs, etc.) which benefit older neighbors or those with physical limitations, who depend on the MNA Newsletter ads to get access to those services." This motion will be discussed at the January MNA Meeting.

Third, a suggestion was made at the November Board Meeting to discuss at the next General Meeting the Community Center Rental Agreement. The rental agreement discussion will include raising the rental and cleaning fee to a comparable rate for two ongoing organizations. This will be discussed at the January General Meeting.

Finally, the Kroger parking lot will be discussed at the January General Meeting. About a year ago, Kroger representatives attended a General MNA Meeting and discussed improving the grocery parking lot during the renovations. Several neighbors have noticed that the parking lot has not been improved and there continues to be a rainwater issue. Beth Workman volunteered to write a letter to Kroger's landlord, Jim Capillo had agreed to sign in representation of the neighborhood and Jim Stone will research the landlord contact information.

Looking forward to seeing neighbors at the January MNA General Meeting.

BETH'S BEAT - NEW YEARS 2017

By: Beth Workman

For over a decade, my dad (formerly of Glendale Ave) has continued a long-standing tradition of sharing Max Ehrmann's *Desiderata* on New Year's Eve. Each year, I look forward to re-reading the poem. It is a reminder that we are in charge of ourselves within this crazy universe. I find myself re-reading the poem throughout the year when I need some advice. I published this in last year's January Newsletter and will continue to publish it each year for as long as I am the editor of the *Meadowthorpe Messenger*. From my family to your family, I wish you a very Happy New Year and a lovely 2017!

Desiderata by: Max Ehrmann Copyright 1952.

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender
be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others,

even the dull and the ignorant;
they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons,
they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others,
you may become vain and bitter;

for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs;
for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals;
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.

Especially, do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

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.

At the beginning of each January we refresh our advertisement space in the *Meadowthorpe Messenger*. This keeps the ads fresh and allows for all neighbors and businesses to have a chance to advertise in the *Messenger*. Recently, there has been some discussion regarding the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* Advertisement Policy, which is posted below.

MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER ADVERTISEMENT POLICY Approved by the Communication Committee on May 26, 2015; Approved by Membership on June 9, 2015 Ad space is available only to MNA Members and to neighborhood businesses within Meadowthorpe as Meadowthorpe is defined in the current Bylaws. A Member may not include an ad for a business physically located outside the defined boundaries of Meadowthorpe. Because space for ads is limited, the Messenger may not be able to include all ads. Space for ads will be determined issue-by-issue at the discretion of the Editor. In cases where an issue requires more space for news, announcements, etc., the editor may remove any or all ads for that issue at his or her discretion and without regard to the timing of the placement of the ad or ads. Ad copy will be included as close as possible to the submission of the advertiser, but all ads, with the exception of those governed by law, will be subject to editing by the editor. All ads will expire with each December issue of the Messenger and must be resubmitted for the January (or subsequent) issue following to be included for the current year. Each December, the Editor will notify advertisers of this policy by the most expedient method. Ads will be included each year on a first come/first served basis until available ad space is consumed. The Editor, at his or her discretion, may reject any ad. In doing so, the Editor may seek advice from the Communication Committee, if he or she feels it necessary. 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, e.g., lawn services, must be revised by the advertisers as seasons change or such ads will be removed at the discretion of the Editor.

NEIGHBORS ADS

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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