



**Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association
333 Larch Lane, Lexington, KY 40511**

**February 14, 2017, 7pm
General Membership Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President Jim Capillo

Agenda changes: Secretary Traci Letcher asked to add 'Meadowthorpe Assisted Living' to the announcements. Motion to accept the changes by Al Cinson, seconded by Jim Stone; motion passed.

Approval of past minutes: Maria Kenney made the motion to accept the January 2017 minutes and this was seconded by Joe Collins. Motion passed.

Police: Lieutenant Jackie Newman from West Sector gave a report on area crime. There have been 2 men arrested for the burglaries into 3 outside sheds in the neighborhood. All sheds were secured and Lieutenant Newman asked all residents to secure their outdoor items. Plain clothes cops patrolled and walked the neighborhood for several nights during the week of these burglaries. A big thank you to Lexington PD for serving our neighborhood! Neighbors were also asked to please phone the non-emergency phone number [859.258.3600](tel:859.258.3600) Or, text a tip: lexpd + tip to 274637 She said they want to know if any neighbor sees anything unusual.

2nd District Councilmember: Sasha Love-Higgins, Assistant Alicia Lamour and Parks/Rec. John Washington shared information about electronic district newsletter available by print and requested residents consider hosting 'On the Table' event to connect community leaders and neighbors across Lexington. Love-Higgins is also working with LexTran to address disability access (ADA) concerns regarding the bus stop in the 1400 Leestown Road block, west (in front of the Dollar General store).

Reports

Treasurer Report (Linda Melton, Treasurer) Budget changes for 2017: Emerald Ash Borer treatment increase of \$500, newsletter & insert cost increased, website design/maintenance decreased by \$500, New Line Item - Neighborhood Issues-Advocacy \$1,000. Ending cash balance for Jan. 31, 2017: \$10,375.49 (to last all year).

Thanks for your voluntary donation/dues! You can still pay any amount of donation to MNA, 333 Larch Lane, Lexington, KY 40511

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VP Report (Bill Congleton, VP) requested more street reps volunteers. The 300 block of Boiling Springs and the street of Townley need representation. Reps deliver newsletters and participate in board meetings 4x a year. You do not need to be a resident of a street to serve the street. Next board meeting (2nd meeting) will be in May. Big thank you to Jan McKinley (North Forbes) and Jim Stone (Old Leestown) for serving as street reps more than 20 years!

MDRC (Jim Stone, Development) The Mullis' property at New Circle Road and Leestown Road (next to Leestown Middle) has been developed into 5 establishments that house 8 apartments for assisted living. The remaining land will be green space for the business. The business has selected the name 'Meadowthorpe Assisted Living', but is not located in Meadowthorpe. This is not the business which proposed an assisted living center on Antique Drive in the Meadowthorpe area.

Emerald Ash Borer Tree Treatments (Al Cinson, resident) announced biennial treatment (2 of 3) would occur this spring for ash trees located in the easement (property between street and sidewalk) for 37 trees. Neighbors can receive a reduced rate of the treatment while the company is working in the area this spring. Increased info for the newsletter is planned and other communication efforts. Contact Al Cinson for more info: acinson@gmail.com 859.254.4413.

Old Business

Community Center President Jim Capillo presented the board (VP, street reps) recommendation to the general membership tonight, stating that non-profit organizations may be charged a 'half rate' at \$25 an hour with the customary cleaning fee \$60 and deposit of \$250. The Rock Hounds Club has dissolved, the Train Club and Hot Rods club are aware of the potential change. It was suggested documentation of non-profit status be presented before price reduction. Motion from committee to the membership; motion passed. New rental rates will be in effect with approval from LFUCG.

Brick plaza paver sales (Tom Blues, resident) On Saturday, Feb. 18, 9am-3pm, the committee will be available at the community center for any residents who want to purchase a brick for \$25. Sales will now continue into March. Approximately 130 bricks have been purchased by businesses and residents. In 2016, \$800 was budgeted for this project and CM Love-Higgins has indicated \$400 would be available from neighborhood development funds (NDF). Installation should occur this spring.

New Business

Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 3

Neighbor Brian Throckmorton (Larch Lane) agreed tonight to serve as coordinator of placing the community newspaper advertisement, signage for the event and much more. Brian served in this same position a few years ago. Thank you, Brian!

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Neighborhood Community Watch will be re-launched! Thanks to neighbors Mike Garvin, Karen Stivers and Chuck Smith for agreeing to serve as the board for this organization. The group will be joining the Kentucky and national Neighborhood Watch programs. More info to come.

West End Alliance group

Residents and businesses along the Leestown Road corridor want to enhance the 1300-1400 block of Leestown Road area with large planters, large signage of 'West Lex', banners, signage for antiques area, and ask for a widening of Leestown Road. This organization has been formed in order to bring all stakeholders to the table, such as neighborhood groups of Townley Center, Melrose, Lisle Industrial and businesses in the area. The West End Alliance is a non-profit and board members include Jim Capillo (Old Leestown), Traci Letcher (Pelican), Joe Collins (N. Forbes). This group will be presenting in March to the LFUCG Corridors Committee to request funding for these projects. This will be a long process, but a lot of neighbors have been working for a few years on these ideas. Thank you!

Spirit Committee (OPEN) This position to organize coordinators for 4th of July flag disbursement, Christmas Eve luminaries disbursement and snack coordinator for meetings, is still needed.

Online Survey results (Traci and Russell Letcher, residents)

Approximately 90 residents completed the online neighborhood survey! Thank you! 86% of residents owned their home and 14% rented their home. Residents wanted to see for future projects: walking trail, dog park, coloring book club, yard sale in spring & fall, fall festival, youth and adult sport leagues.

Traffic Survey results

Eli Abernathy (Glendale) completed his 6th grade science project with his grandfather Coleman Bush (Pelican) by measuring traffic on Taylor Drive. Eli found if the painted signs stating 'slow down' were posted, 44% of drivers lowered their speed, with 27% lowering their speed if no signage was present. You might have seen Eli and Coleman with radar guns on Taylor Drive last fall. Thanks Eli for great info! Those signs do make a difference! (If you want a painted sign in your yard, contact Coleman Bush colemanbush@twc.com 859.226.0025

Announcements:

Next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm made by Jim Stone. Seconded by Linda Melton.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Letcher

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