



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER
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“And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days.” – James Russell Lowell

“How did it get so late so soon? It is night before it is afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?” – Dr. Seuss

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

Saturday, June 3, 2017 – MNA Annual Yard Sale

Tuesday, June 13, 2016 – MNA General Meeting. Social Hour starts as 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – MNA Ice Cream Social at the Community Center. **Come join us for the fun!**

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 – Halloween in Lexington

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. MNA Holiday Potluck

MEMORIAL PLAZA DEDICATION SET FOR 5:30 PM JUNE 8

Please join us at 5:30 p. m. Thursday June 8 at the intersection of Boiling Springs Drive and Old Leestown Road to dedicate the recently completed memorial plaza. The site features the relocated historical marker, surrounded by engraved pavers that pay tribute to Meadowthorpe neighbors, past, present and future and that recognize area businesses.

Engraved paver sales have resumed; download order forms from the MNA website (www.mnalex.org/order-plaza-paver). Mail completed form with check made out to MNA (\$35 per paver for Meadowthorpe residents, \$100 for area businesses) to Coleman Bush, 324 Pelican Lane, Lexington KY 40511. For assistance, contact Tom Blues 254-0475 (tblues@twc.com) or Russ DiBella (255-7775). Pavers will be engraved and installed in groups of ten or more.

MNA GENERAL MEETING JUNE AGENDA

Johnathan Hollinger, Meadowthorpe Neighbor and Urban-County Government Director of Project Management will provide neighbors with a Town Branch Trail and Town Branch Commons update and overview. Of particular interest will be the discussion of a safe and convenient access to Town Branch Trail for Meadowthorpe Neighbors.

UNWANTED ADVERTISEMENT

If you do not want to receive the advertisement supplements from the Lexington Herald Leader, please call 859-231-1495. These supplements will be delivered to your house unless you call and cancel the subscription. I urge folks that do not want to receive this unwanted printing to call the number.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Holding out for a hero: Summer is quickly approaching, and that means Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. This year's theme is Hero Central: **Discover Your Strength in God**. VBS at Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church (356 Hillsoero Avenue) will take place Monday, June 5th to Friday, June 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tell your friends and family! Please contact Melissa Kowal at 859-255-1273 if you are interested.

PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS

By: Jim Capillo

A new type of flashing yellow arrow traffic signal was deployed on April 26 on Leestown Road at Boiling Springs Drive.

According to the website for the Transportation Cabinet, District 7, what makes this one unique is the yellow arrow will both flash AND be steady. You should treat this signal like any other flashing yellow arrow signal. While it's flashing, you yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. When it's steady, the signal is changing and you need to prepare to stop.



NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE--SATURDAY, JUNE 3

The biggest event of the year in Meadowthorpe is happening on June 3! Rain or shine, residents will be walking the streets looking for a good deal, or selling their own items. Invite your friends and family to walk the streets with you, or just sit in your front yard watching all of the visitors and neighbors pass by.

For neighbors only: A large waste box has been provided by the city of Lexington and will be located in the community center parking lot from Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4. Your large and small trash items may be tossed for free, in this box. Please give to our local Goodwill Store when appropriate, but use this free service as part of our neighborhood weekend.

If you are having a yard sale with other neighbors, or on your own, be sure to place a sign in the front of your property to advertise your sale. Also, make sure to visit our local Meadowthorpe businesses for their promotions and open houses on our yard sale day. Plan to eat, shop and visit neighbors on Saturday, June 3!

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 at 859-230-4635.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Meadowthorpe social media has been active with neighbors voicing concerns about neighborhood safety. Neighbors have heard you and we are responding. A concerned neighbor has reactivated the Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email mnalexwatch@gmail.com or sign up at the June General Meeting.

WATCH OUT FOR WATCH SIGNS

Meadowthorpe will soon officially become a neighborhood with a Neighborhood Watch program. Part of the program is to install Neighborhood Watch signs in our neighborhood. These signs will be installed, per LFUCG regulation, sometime in June. Let's work together to make our neighborhood safe!

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING SHARP!

By: Beth Workman

As a resident of the historic and beautiful Meadowthorpe Neighborhood, I am proud to keep my home looking sharp. Admittedly, I do not have a green thumb, but I get out and mow at least once a week and at least keep a few potted plants watered several times a week. Unfortunately, I understand that not everyone is capable of keeping up their lawns, so I hope some young folks in the neighborhood will step up this summer and provide lawn care services for their neighbors. If you or your children are able to provide these services, please email meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com and we can advertise your services for free in this publication. Unfortunately, some properties might be in violation of City Ordinance. If you are concerned that a neighboring property is not up to code, please do not hesitate to inform the neighbor of the code. Not all neighbors are aware of the ordinance.

Chapter 12 of the City Code of Ordinances prevents property owners from having any of the following conditions on their property:

- Grass and/or weeds 12 inches or more in height.
- Bushes, hedges and/or trees that interfere with sidewalk travel.
- The accumulation of trash and debris located in the yard.
- Furniture and appliances designed for indoor use, but located outside.
- Any junked, wrecked or inoperable vehicle (car, truck, etc.).

There are a number of ordinances that provide relief to certain circumstances (i.e. property zoned as agricultural, licensed businesses, etc.). Please refer to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances for full details and/or contact us at (859) 258-3091 for assistance.

Additional information about the City Ordinance and Code Enforcement can be found at: www.lexingtonky.gov

This information includes:

How do I report a suspected violation to Code Enforcement? - You can report suspected violations by calling LexCall at (859) 425-2255 or 311 if you're calling from the Lexington area. Citizens may also submit a service request online.

How can I find out if there are reported violations in my neighborhood? - The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government provides a service which tracks any reported violations in any neighborhood in Lexington. You can be made aware of these reports via text or email by signing up for free at the CITYGRAM app.

What does it mean if I have received a Notice of Violation from Code Enforcement? - If you have received a Notice of Violation from Code Enforcement it means a complaint has been submitted regarding the condition of the indicated property. Additionally, an officer has inspected the property, and the officer found violations to be present.

MAY SPECIAL MEETING UPDATE

Solly Van Meter, developer, and Holly Wiedemann, President of AU Associates, proposed an idea for the Antique Drive property at a Special Neighborhood Meeting on May 23, 2017. Currently Solly Van Meter owns the property and was considering building an Assisted Living Facility on the 3.75-acre plot. Due to other similar developments in the vicinity, Mr. Van Meter and Ms. Wiedemann have worked out a deal. The Special Meeting was purely informational and sought neighbor input on the future of the site. Neighbors strongly support Ms. Wiedemann's proposed idea of affordable senior apartments, as this is a population that would be best served at the location. Meadowthorpe is blessed to be a friendly, walkable and livable neighborhood; the facility would be centrally located to local amenities. Design details for the site are pending and a quick turnaround for re-zoning is desired for a fast-pace project. More details of the project can be discussed at the next Neighborhood General Meeting in June.

REMINDER OF NEIGHBORHOOD ADVERTISEMENT POLICY

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.

NEIGHBOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

330 Larch Lane Fellowship Hall: Huge inside and outside sale includes: tools, furniture, clothing, beds, and bedding, silk flower arrangements, children's and adult's books, shoes, office supplies, lamps and much more. Friday and Saturday June 2 & 3. Monday and Tuesday June 5 & 6. Open 9 AM. Please call 859-608-0847 if you have questions.

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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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