



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER
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*"The first day of April is the day we remember what we are the other 365 days of the year." –
Mark Twain*

"Sweet April showers do spring May flowers." – Thomas Tusser

**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, April 11, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. MNA General Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 3, 2017 – MNA Annual Yard Sale

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

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By: MNA President Jim Capillo

Spring has arrived and with it the thought of outside activities. To the south, the Town Branch Trail is moving forward, part of a vast walk/bike trail system which is envisioned to run from Masterson Station Park to downtown and connecting north to the Legacy Trail to the Horse Park.

The challenge for Meadowthorpe is crossing Leestown Road to connect to the trail. Townley has a connection, because they are both on the south side of the road. However, most access from Meadowthorpe to Townley is not bike or pedestrian friendly. I suggest that one connection might be using Forbes Road, but that is a major thoroughfare, with lots of traffic and little room for sidewalks. Perhaps the best access is a more pedestrian friendly crossing at Burke Road using Lisle Industrial Avenue to access the trail. I believe that is an excellent starting point for the discussion.

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION ENGRAVED PAVER SALE ENDS SATURDAY APRIL 15
WITH OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE, 9-12 AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Pre-construction sale. The on-going sale of engraved pavers for the memorial plaza in the Boiling Springs median will be discontinued Saturday, April 15 at Noon. Up to that date and time, you may purchase your paver in one of two ways: (1) mail your order form with your check to Coleman Bush 324 Pelican Lane, 40511, or drop it off in the mail slot of Bill Congleton, 248 Glendale, or Linda Melton, 333 Glendale. Make check payable to MNA (\$25 per paver for residents; \$100 for business purchasers). If you have questions or need assistance, contact Tom Blues 254-0475 (tblues@twc.com) or Russ DiBella 255-7775.; (2) Take advantage of the over-the-counter sale at the Community Center at the head of Larch Lane 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Saturday, April 15. We will be happy to help you frame your message within word and line limits.

Post-construction price increase. We urge you to purchase your paver at current pre-construction prices. We plan to re-open sales after the plaza is constructed at \$35 per paver for residential purchasers. Because business purchasers pay a premium, their price remains at \$100. Reason for increase? After the plaza is constructed and the space filled in with both engraved and blank pavers, our contractor will charge \$10 to replace a blank with an engraved paver. We will have to pass the cost along in order to keep up with our additional expense. Act now. Save \$10 per paver.

EMERALD ASH BORER TREATMENT

It is time again for the 2017 Ash tree activity with MNA and home owners' matching money. The next treatment for Ash trees located in the service strip in front of houses will begin this Spring. This is the fourth treatment to date. The coordinator, Al Cinson, will deliver the approval letter to each of the home owners that have been a part of this program in the past. The price remains the same as well as the tree company applying the chemical. Some home owners have changed over time so each address will be contacted to encourage the activity to continue.

For questions or more information please contact Al Cinson, acinson@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE--SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Prepare for a very busy day in Meadowthorpe as this annual tradition brings out all of the neighbors to sell or browse or visit with neighbors. Rain or shine.

This year, Brian Throckmorton has graciously agreed to coordinate the yard sale. If you are interested in helping out, please contact bthrock@aol.com.

MNA places an ad in the local newspaper and on social media to advertise this event across Lexington.

Start cleaning out your garage!

AGENDA ITEMS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 7:00 P.M. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:

State Legislative Update: State Senator Reggie Thomas will report on the legislative session of February-March bills passed into law and the impact to residents.

Kentucky Geological Survey geologist and Hillsboro resident, William Andrews will be speaking at the April 11 MNA meeting. All residents are welcome to hear Dr. Andrews discuss the abundance of limestone rock in our area and educate neighbors on what is underground in Meadowthorpe.

Social Time: Come early at 6:30 p.m. to mingle with your neighbors before the monthly meetings. Free snacks are waiting for you!

At each meeting, the Lexington Police Department West Sector (our area) sends a representative to give an update on safety, crime and information to use. Also, LFUCG City Council 2nd District (our district) representative gives an update on any city policy changes and upcoming initiatives in Lexington.

At the February meeting with over 30 residents present, MNA discussed the Emerald Ash Tree Borer treatment program, Community Center rental policy changes, Neighborhood Watch program re-launch and much more. Any resident is welcome to attend the monthly meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Community Center, 333 Larch Lane. For more meeting information and other neighborhood information, please visit [www.http://mnalex.org](http://mnalex.org).

Help is needed! Can you serve the Spirit Committee? We are in need of a coordinator of 4th of July flag disbursement, holiday luminary disbursement, along with other small events. There are always volunteers to place flags or luminaries at each neighborhood residence, but a coordinator to promote events and organize the volunteers is needed. Please contact President Jim Capillo if you can help. His email is: capillo.jim@gmail.com.

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.

WEST END ALLIANCE

By: Coleman Bush

“A lofty idea for homeless - Advocates want to transform Lorillard properties into a service center to help Lexington's homeless population....”

Many of you will remember this headline from the July 28, 2013 Lexington Herald-Leader. Shortly thereafter, the West End Alliance Ltd was formed with this purpose in mind: “The Corporation is organized in order to preserve and protect the unique character of each of our neighborhoods and business corridors from the Georgetown Street corridor west to the Manchester Street/Old Frankfort Pike corridor and to promote the social and economic welfare of the residents, property owners, business operators and other stakeholders who have made financial and emotional investments in the west end of Lexington, Kentucky.”

Notwithstanding such a worthwhile purpose, the organization was soon dissolved, due to lack of interest, after the organizers of the proposed homeless shelter withdrew their plan. It is not uncommon that such organizations as the West End Alliance will dissolve after a threat or perceived threat is removed.

However, threats to, and opportunities for, a community are ever-present. When confronted with a threat or when presented with an opportunity, it is far better to be proactive than reactive. The west end of Lexington is growing and changing - new development is bringing more people to the west end, major road construction is on the horizon, exciting change continues on Manchester Street, and this important question arises frequently, “What will happen to the stockyard property?” The recent spate of burglaries and break-ins is a major cause of concern for not just the west end, but for all of Lexington.

Three neighbors, Jim Capillo, Traci Letcher and Joe Collins have decided to take the proactive approach and have resurrected the West End Alliance Ltd. The articles of incorporation were filed on February 14, 2017 with Jim, Traci and Joe making up the initial board of directors. According to the articles of incorporation, “...the purpose for which the corporation is organized is to create a unified association of civic leagues, neighborhood associations and other residential and business entities, individuals and organizations to promote the social welfare of the residential and business entities west of downtown Lexington, Kentucky, including, but not limited to the Leestown Road corridor and to solicit grants and other sources of funds and to spend any such funds received to achieve these purposes.”

The new purpose as well as the former purpose of the West End Alliance are quite similar and can be jointly paraphrased using the mottoes of both the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts, which happen to be the same: “BE PREPARED.” We can add to that, the adage: “There is strength in numbers.” By being prepared and through communities working together, we will be better prepared and more capable of facing down our threats and taking advantage of our opportunities.

The first public meeting, an organizational meeting, of the new West End Alliance was held on March 6, 2017 at the Meadowthorpe community center, with 33 people from various neighborhoods attending. During the meeting, nominations were accepted from the floor and self-nominations were accepted for executive officer positions. The following officers were elected by consensus: President: Maria Kenney, Vice President: Olivia Davis, Secretary: Jim Capillo, Treasurer: Coleman Bush, Communications Officer: Jamie Rodgers.

New Business:

- Discussion regarding mural painting in the west end by working with the organization PRHBTN.
- Formation of a business association led by Joe Collins.
- Art sculpture garden possibility in cooperation with BCTC and Kentucky Department of Highways.

A brainstorming session was held on March 22, 2017 to hear and develop ideas and projects for the West End Alliance, but due to the deadline for the April Messenger, the results of that session will be reported in the May Messenger.

Please give serious consideration to joining us at future meetings to help the West End Alliance stand up for West Lexington. In the meantime, forward any ideas that you might have to mnalexky@gmail.com (Attn: WEA) until we establish communication methods for the West End Alliance, or contact any of the individuals listed above.

NEIGHBOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church Easter events at 356 Hillsboro Avenue

Inviting all our Meadowthorpe friends and neighbors:

- Thursday, April 13th- Maundy Thursday Services-starting at 6:00 p.m. with a Mediterranean style meal followed by Maundy Thursday Service.
- Saturday, April 15th-Easter Egg Hunt - 3:00 p.m. on the church grounds. 5th grade children and younger are invited.
- Sunday, April 16th
- Easter Day Sunrise service- 7:00 a.m. On church grounds. Followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall.
- 11:00 a.m. -Traditional Sunday service.

NEWSLETTER ADS

Neighbor ads:

Moving Sale – Available washer and dryer, portable dishwasher, dining room table and chairs, china cabinet, bookshelves. Prices negotiable. Please call 859-269-3439.

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.

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

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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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