



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER
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“One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.” ~Jeanette Walls
“Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.” ~Jenny Han

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – MNA General Membership Meeting, social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 12, 2017 – Midsummer Night’s Run in downtown Lexington

Saturday, August 19 and 20, 2017 – Woodland Art Fair in Woodland Park

Monday, August 21, 2017 – Solar Eclipse

Monday, September 4, 2017 – Labor Day

Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Doggie Paddle at Woodland Aquatic Center

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 – Halloween

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – MNA Holiday Potluck

PRESIDENT PONDERINGS

By: MNA President Jim Capillo

I really appreciate it when someone does something that they don’t have to do. Just because they can, just because they think it is a good idea to do it. Especially if it is something positive. Especially if it is something that, in fact, serves the common good.

Ever since I have lived in this neighborhood, there has been an undeveloped triangular tract of land behind the Old Winn Dixie (now the Goodwill store). Originally it was on an unnamed strip of gravel, which the government eventually took possession and made it a public street named Antique Drive. There were ideas and proposals for the triangular parcel and the most recent owner, Solly Van Meter, proposed an assisted living facility for elders. However, Solly contacted me (and I contacted you) because his business plan changed. He didn’t have to, but he did.

In early May he contacted me again to give me an update. He didn’t have to, but he did. The update was that he had been approached by Holly Wiedemann of AU Associates, and he was excited. He didn’t give me details, and I discovered that was because there were no details. Holly, who specializes in developing and rehabbing affordable, in-fill, living spaces wanted to know what we thought. She didn’t have to, but she did. We called a special meeting on May 23, to give Holly feedback. She returned to the regular meeting on June 13 and updated us on how her plans were moving. She didn’t have to, but she did. And then she showed up at the ice cream social with staff and poster boards and stayed around to share with us. That was something that she definitely didn’t have to do, but she did.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Thank you to all of those who are currently serving or have served our country! I understand that Ms. Helen Evens was recognized at the Armed Forces Appreciation Day during a Lexington Legends game in July. Thank you to all of those who have served and are serving our country. You make American great and we thank you!

NEIGHBOR OBITUARY

It is with sad news we announce the passing of Mr. Robert Fields of the 200 block of Glendale. He is survived by his wife and sons. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING AGENDA NOTICE

Next regular neighborhood association meeting: Tuesday, August 8th, 7: 00 p.m. at 333 Larch Lane (Community Center). All neighbors are welcome! Agenda: Emergency Management guest speaker, soil testing grant, art project for drainage openings, forming a committee to explore an outdoor concert in the fall at the park, idea submissions for neighborhood improvement plan for 2017-2018.

SLOW TRAFFIC ON LARCH LANE

Neighbor John Medina (Larch Lane) is researching options for slowing traffic on Larch Lane at the entrance to Meadowthorpe Park. The goal is to learn how to apply for street physical changes with LFUCG and begin the process with this area of the neighborhood. Even though speeding is a concern on various streets, the process to make these changes is long. One of the first steps is for a neighbor to receive 60% of the street to give their signature in support of a specific change. Be watching for more info and Mr. Medina will give an update at the August MNA meeting (8/8/17, 7:00 p.m.)

BAG WORM ISSUE

Recently Meadowthorpe has been plagued with bag worms and this can have an impact on your yard plantings. There will be information on bag worms at the next General Meeting. We are also working to post this information on our webpage.

BETH'S BEAT – A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY

By: Beth Workman

Just like every good American, I love the Fourth of July and Fireworks. In American we are fortunate that we get to celebrate our country's birth with cookouts, family, and fun! Lexington, Kentucky is a lovely city with multiple holiday celebration opportunities. We start the day off with the Bluegrass 10K race in the morning. Downtown festivities and a parade is the perfect mid-afternoon day fun for all ages. In Lexington, we are fortunate that multiple locations provide us with free, professional fireworks shows. This year I attended the Idle Hour show, which was absolutely stunning. Other locations including Commonwealth Stadium and the Lexington Legends Park. Friends and neighbors, we are blessed with wonderful riches in our community!

The Fourth of July is a time to remain safe and healthy too. What is a holiday without spending it with your family and friends? And we all want our friends and family to be happy and healthy. The only downside to a wonderful holiday celebration is unsafe and illegal practices. We all want Meadowthorpe to be a happy and healthy community, so let's all be mindful of safe practices. Also, please keep in mind that fireworks can have a profoundly negative affect on our veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

Each year in the United State, more than 200 injuries and millions of dollars in property damage are reported. The Lexington Police and Fire Departments want to urge citizens to use caution and follow the laws when celebrating the Holiday. A few Fourth of July Holiday tips from the city include:

- If it goes up, it blows up, it is illegal. Did you know that bottle rockets are illegal in Fayette Co? They are! Please be mindful of this when purchasing fireworks.
- Follow all directions of firework packages and do not light multiple fireworks at once, unless it is part of the package directions.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Do not throw lit fireworks at people. And spectators should keep a safe distance when viewing the show.
- Do not drink alcohol and handle fireworks.
- LFUCG Noise Ordinance prohibits noise from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. That means that fireworks must stop at 11:00 p.m. on any day!

I will repost this reminder in next year's newsletter. I want all of my neighbors to remain safe during the holidays. And also, as a close community, I want all neighbors to respect all neighbors. The goal is to be happy and healthy and together we can achieve this goal!

HOW TO BE A BETTER NEIGHBOR

In Meadowthorpe we are all blessed to be good neighbors. In my firework regulation research, I came across a great document written by the City that addresses how we can all live better as a community. Thus, I will start a new monthly update (as space allows) addressing how we can all live as a GREAT neighbor!

The following information is taken from *How to Be a Good Neighbor*, LFUCG. Edited by newsletter editor.

“We all have different expectations of our neighbors. For some of us, a good neighbor is one who takes time for chats across the fence, or who helps with the chores when a neighbor is ill. For others, a good neighbor is one who leaves us alone. Although we don’t agree on all of the fine points of neighborliness, we do tend to agree on certain basic standards that allow residents to enjoy their homes and property, preserve peace and quiet in our neighborhoods, help maintain property values and prevent disputes among neighbors. The people of Lexington have enacted these standards into law. Some of the “good neighbor ordinances” are described in this booklet, with references to relevant sections of the Code of Ordinances [in brackets]. Remember, when you follow these simple rules, you are not only obeying the law — you’re being a good neighbor!

The following information applies to citizens who have Urban County Government (UCG) Service Area:

Garbage & Trash: Herbie garbage containers may be filled to capacity as long as the lid can be closed and latched and as long as the weight doesn’t exceed 200 pounds. No engine blocks or other excessively heavy items and no paints, solvents, flammables or liquids of any kind may be placed in the Herbie [Section 16-8]. Construction materials, such as bricks, concrete, drywall and roofing materials, cannot be put in the Herbie or left out as a special pick-up. Instead, these items should be taken to the UCG Construction Demolition Landfill on Hedger Lane, off Haley Pike. The phone number for the construction landfill is 859-299-5715. For garbage collection, all items must be prepared so they can be readily handled by one Solid Waste worker. Bulky items, such as cardboard containers or similar refuse, must be tied in bundles or packed in containers no larger than three feet by four feet. Furniture and other large bulky items are picked up on the second collection day each week. Herbies should be rolled to the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. (Oct. 15 - April 15) and 7 p.m. (April 16 - Oct. 14) on the evening before scheduled collection or no later than 5 a.m. on collection days. They must be removed from the curb by 7 p.m. on collection days [Section 16-10]. Herbies are emptied twice a week (and in residential areas, once a week). Residents may be required to replace any Herbie that is stolen or vandalized if the UCG determines that the resident was negligent in the care of the container [Section 16-8]. Contact 311 to replace a lost, damaged or stolen Herbie.

Recycling: Residents served by UCG garbage collection are encouraged to participate in the Rosie recycling program as well. Specific instructions and collection schedules are provided to residents when the Rosie is delivered. There is no additional charge for this service. To obtain a copy of the recycling guide that explains how to separate recyclables for the Rosie recycler or to order a Rosie, call 859-425-2255. Recycling collection is provided once a week. Rosies should be rolled to the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. (Oct. 15 - April 15) and 7 p.m. (April 16 - Oct. 14) the evening before the scheduled collection day or no later than 5 a.m. on collection days. They must be removed from the curb by 7 p.m. [Section 16-10]. Motor oil can be recycled through the PETRO program by calling 859-258-3784.

Yard Waste: The UCG collects organic yard waste from households when it is separated from regular garbage and recyclables. Residents are provided with three options for storing yard waste including a free 95-gallon gray cart known as Lenny that looks similar to a Herbie or 30-gallon compostable paper bags that can be picked up free from most local grocers, hardware stores and discount stores by using UCG issued coupons. Both the cart and the coupons for the paper bags can be obtained by calling 859-425- 2255. Residents can also use their own personal containers marked “yard waste only.” You may place tree limbs up to six inches in diameter, leaves, and garden debris including pumpkins in your Lenny. Lenny should be rolled to the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. (Oct. 15 - April 15) and 7 p.m. (April 16 - Oct. 14) on the evening before your scheduled collection day or no later than 5 a.m. It must be removed by 5 p.m. on collection days [Section 16-10]. Brush too big to fit into Lenny must be cut in lengths no longer than four feet and tied into bundles [Section 16-9]. It will be collected on your yard waste collection day.”

NEIGHBORHOOD 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.

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