



**MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER**  
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*"April showers bring May flowers." -- Anonymous*

*"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer." -- William Shakespeare*

**Submissions for the *Meadowthorpe Messenger* must be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to**  
[meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com](mailto:meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com).

To receive an electronic copy of the Messenger, please send your e-mail address to [meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com](mailto:meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday, May 6, 2017** – Derby Day

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017** – 7:00 p.m. MNA General Membership Meeting

**Saturday, May 13, 2017** – 8:00 a.m. – Noon – Mulch Giveaway at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike

**Saturday, May 20, 2017** – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Paper Shred at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike

**Monday, May 29, 2017** – Memorial Day

**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

**THANK YOU, STATION 10**

The MNA wishes to thank the crew of Firehouse 10 on Georgetown Street for stringing a new rope on the flagpole at the community center and for attaching a new flag. Time and weather took its toll on the old rope till it finally broke.

**MNA GENERAL MEETING MAY AGENDA**

Bluegrass Historical Trust guest speaker discussing how residents can apply for their Meadowthorpe home for their marker.

Annual Yard Sale--June 3

Creation of business association

Wifi technology installation at community center for free internet

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Announcement for **Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church**: MPC will host a community hot dog supper at the church once a month through the summer, Wednesdays, June 21, July 19 and August 23 at 6:00 p.m. MPC will be hosting a community supper this summer! We will have hot dogs with fixings, sides and drinks. Please join us Wednesdays, June 21, July 19 and August 23 at 6:00 p.m. for food, fun and fellowship.

**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

## **GEOLOGY OF MEADOWTHORPE**

**By: William Andrews**

The Meadowthorpe neighborhood is underlain by rock layers of mostly limestone, with minor amounts of shale. The type of rock under our neighborhood has several implications for us, but none of them are unique or unusual in Lexington. Limestone is slightly soluble in natural rain water. This can lead to the development of what is called a karst landscape. Karst features include sinkholes and springs; you can visit excellent examples of both at McConnell Springs nearby. Care should be taken to ensure adequate slope-grading of yards and proper installation and maintenance of downspouts to avoid exacerbating the potential underground water flow which, along with numerous other factors, can lead to basement leaks. Many of the factors influencing basement leaks can be avoided or minimized with a few affordable proactive steps (a topic for another presentation sometime). The quarry nearby is located where it is because of the presence of thick limestone layers in the area; the proximity of the quarry helps us have access to lower cost gravel, concrete and asphalt. Blasts from the quarry can be felt in the neighborhood because the quarry is working underground, and the local bedrock carries the blast vibration waves relatively easily. The quarry is regulated for blast and worker safety. Based on conversations and interest at the April 11 meeting, we will look into gathering more information about the quarry for a future meeting.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## **PLAZA CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY**

Construction of the memorial plaza in the Boiling Springs Median is scheduled to begin early this month in two phases. First, LFUCG Division of Streets and Roads will replace the curb containing the site, remove and temporarily store the historical marker, replace a section of sidewalk, excavate the grassy area within the site, and re-install the marker approximately two feet north of where it now stands. Second, a private contractor will surround the marker with brick pavers, over 200 of which were purchased by Meadowthorpe neighbors and businesses and engraved with their messages. A dedication will be scheduled after construction has been completed.

## **BETH'S BEAT - APRIL SHOWERS BRING... DOWN TREES**

**By: Beth Workman**

We are all familiar with the saying that April showers bring May flowers. The evidence is the flowers blooming all over Meadowthorpe! However, Spring showers can bring unwelcomed issues to the neighborhood. Meadowthorpe is blessed with an array of established trees; some of our trees are over 100 years old. We are lucky to have bountiful shade covering in the Spring, Summer and Fall months, but that also means that we struggle with aging trees with weakening limbs. Unfortunately, one of our beautiful trees met a demise during a powerful April storm. Neighbor, Coleman Bush snapped a picture of the downed tree on the 300 block of Larch Lane. Thankfully no one was hurt, but this is a reminder that neighbors need to be very careful during and after storms. Heavy winds can weaken tree limbs, which can fall even after the storm has rolled through. Stay aware and stay safe!

### *Tips for staying safe during storms:*

If you hear thunder, go indoors. If you can hear the thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.

If you hear storm sirens in park, head indoors.

Prepare for storms by removing diseased or damaged limbs.

Move or secure lawn furniture, trash bins, hanging plants or anything else that could be picked up by wind.

Select a safe room inside your home to ride out the storm. A bathroom or basement room are the safest rooms.

Protect your car, park in the garage or in your driveway.

Do not use plumbing during a storm.

Invest in an emergency radio and keep it in your safe room.

Make sure pets are indoors or able to get to a safe shelter.

Assemble an emergency kit to keep in your safe room. This kit should include batteries, battery powered devices (like a flashlight and radio), food, water, and medical supplies.

### *After a storm:*

Investigate for damage. If a powerline is down, call KU – 1-800-981-0600.

Clean up branches or other items that are out of place.

Check on your neighbor. Meadowthorpe is a friendly community, so let's keep our neighbors safe!



## 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

"Time to have those family, couple, newborn, and pet photos taken! Casual, beautiful, outdoor photography available for \$125 a sitting. No required print packages. Please contact MariePullenPhotography@gmail.com for an appointment. Find samples of my work on Facebook."

## NEWSLETTER ADS

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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](mailto:MNALexKy@gmail.com)

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Meadowthorpe Resident  
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