



## MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane

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*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."* ~Albert Camus

*"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall."* ~Oscar Wilde

**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

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017** – MNA General Membership Meeting, social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 4, 2017** – Labor Day

**Saturday, September 9, 2017** – Doggie Paddle at Woodland Park

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017** – Feed the Soul at Lyric Theater

**Saturday, October 7, 2017** – Free Mulch Give Away at Old Landfill Pad on Old Frankfort Pike

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017** – Halloween

**Sunday, December 10, 2017** – MNA Holiday Potluck

### PRESIDENT PONDERINGS

**By: MNA President Jim Capillo**

This month I want to bring to the attention of all Meadowthorpe residents a few issues that have been mentioned elsewhere – either at meetings or on Meadowthorpe Rocks. For those of you who have heard or seen these before, I apologize for the repetition, but these are things I feel should be shared with all residents.

**Bees** – apparently there was some sort of stinging insect building a nest in and around the playground equipment at Louie Mack Park. To protect the children, a Good Samaritan sprayed the area to kill the insects (I checked – it was NOT Parks and Recreation). Unfortunately, insect sprays are not only toxic to insects, they are unfriendly to little children. In the future, if you see a need for insect control, please call 311 and ask Parks and Recreation to handle the issue.

**Hawks** – There have been reports of concern about birds of prey in the neighborhood and the safety of our smaller pets. Apparently, the hawks were settled in Fayette County to control the blackbird scourge (which created a noise and health hazard) a few years ago. Shooting, trapping or otherwise interfering with birds of prey may be both a Federal crime and a State crime. Contact Fish and Wildlife for ideas about protecting your pets. And, it goes without saying that shooting songbirds with a pellet gun may also be illegal.

**New Laws** – there are new State and Federal laws protecting landlords and tenants in leases where domestic violence has occurred. There is a free webinar about these laws on September 6 and 22. For information or questions, contact Isela Arras, Director of Training, KCADV, (502) 209-5382 extension 112.

### THESE SIDEWALKS ARE MADE FOR WALKING

The city is marking sidewalks slated to be replaced. It would be better for homeowners to band together to reduce costs. If the city does it, they will charge \$10-12 per square foot plus the cost of concrete. One sidewalk square is 16 square feet! For more information please contact Russ DiBella at (859) 255-7775.

### SCHOOL IS IN

A reminder to neighbors that school is back in session. Please be mindful of additional elementary school vehicular traffic and student pedestrian traffic waiting at bus stops and walking to school. Meadowthorpe is a caring community, so please stay safe and drive carefully.

## **BETWEEN THE TRAILS MEETING SUMMARY**

At the July meeting of Between the Trails organization, aka West End Alliance, (Melrose-Park, Townley Park, Georgetown Road neighborhood associations and more) guest speakers from LFUCG Parks & Recreation and the Landscape Architect for the City of Lexington spoke to the group and asked for feedback from the group while discussing the recent partnership between the City of Lexington and neighborhoods.

Things to know about your city park system:

- Pyramid Park is closing near the elevated railroad track on Manchester Street. The city and Norfolk-Southern were not able to come to an agreement regarding annual rental cost and it was determined funds could be better used at other parks in the area.
- Lack of baseball fields in Lexington for leagues, free play, practices, visiting travel teams.
- Pickleball court has been installed at Kirklevington Park (Meadowthorpe as well).
- Futsal (form of football) is now at Castlewood Park.
- Archery field is now available at Hisle Park.
- No closings of city golf courses, including 9-hole Meadowbrook course.
- Portion of building permit fees is placed in a savings account, then used for the city to purchase land for park space. Contact Parks & Recreation if you have a suggestion of available property.
- 104 parks in Lexington.
- Meadowthorpe Park is used by baseball little leagues, tennis leagues, volleyball groups and ultimate frisbee organizations. All of these groups work with Parks and Recreation to reserve times.
- Tree Arborist for the city is a unique position and provides support for retaining tree canopies, determining the list of acceptable trees in Lexington, etc.
- Join the weekly Parks & Recreation e-newsletter by searching on [www.lexingtonky.gov](http://www.lexingtonky.gov) or call 311 (city customer service).

Requests for park maintenance and idea suggestions should be made by calling 311 or sending e-mail to Parks & Recreation at [www.lexingtonky.gov](http://www.lexingtonky.gov). Also, visit [YourParksOurFuture.com](http://YourParksOurFuture.com) to view the comprehensive park plan.

## **BETH'S BEAT – SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE**

**By: Beth Workman**

Most folks know I grew up in Meadowthorpe. Then after a few years of living in several other neighborhoods around the city, I found myself back in my old community; I found myself back at home. One thing I quickly noticed when returning to Meadowthorpe is we are lucky to have a very friendly, social neighborhood. I know more of my neighbors in Meadowthorpe than in all of the other neighborhoods combined! That really says something about our great community.

I have also found that as technology changes, we do more communicating on the phone, than in the streets. Therefore, my challenge for my neighbors this September is to put down your phones and keyboards and go meet a new neighbor!

While I already know many of my neighbors on my street and throughout Meadowthorpe, I am still taking on this challenge too and I am going to meet a new neighbor this month. Not only will you meet a new neighbor, but you could be meeting a new lifelong friend!

## **HISTORIC PLAZA ENGRAVED PAVER SALES**

**By: Tom Blues**

To order an engraved paver for placement in the historic plaza site in the Boiling Springs median, download the order form from the MNA website, [www.mnalex.org](http://www.mnalex.org) and type "paver" in the search box. Mail completed form with check made out to MNA to Coleman Bush, 324 Pelican Lane, Lexington, KY 40511. The price: \$35 for Meadowthorpe residents and \$100 for area businesses. For assistance, contact Russ DiBella (859) 255-7775 or Tom Blues ([tblues@twc.com](mailto:tblues@twc.com); (859) 254-0475. Pavers are engraved and placed in groups of 10 or more.

## IN AND AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Article provided by Coleman Bush

If you have seen large spools of cable by the side of the road, or, if people have been climbing utility poles near your home, and, you have been wondering what it's all about, here is an update.

Windstream is bringing fiber optic cable to Meadowthorpe. Construction began earlier this year with the placement of a new electronics cabinet on Old Leestown Road. Contractors for Windstream are now installing a fiber optic overlay above the existing copper wires. The copper wires will remain for those who are interested in landline service only.

Hundreds of strands of glass will soon make available up to 1 gigabyte of data for any of the 570 homes that Windstream is targeting in Meadowthorpe.

In addition to data, Windstream will be offering its TV product, Kinetic. Work is expected to be completed in Meadowthorpe by early fall.

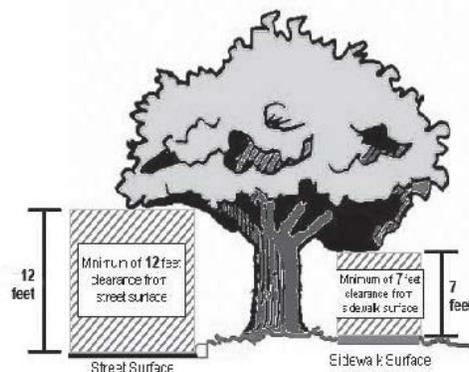
You have probably already seen Windstream's marketing pieces, either by mail or by door to door delivery. If you haven't, you should expect to receive them soon. This information will contain information about service availability, costs, etc.

## HOW TO BE A BETTER NEIGHBOR

In Meadowthorpe we are all blessed to have good neighbors. We are also blessed with a community of vibrant trees. On any given evening, I see many neighbors outside and being active; from walking dogs to running, our neighborhood is booming with activity. As the temperatures temper down, Fall is a great time to be out walking, so it is important for neighbors to make sure their trees are cleared properly.

LFUCG provides a great deal of public information regarding ordinances. This excerpt is from the Urban Forestry Program in Lexington.

“Street trees are an important part of Lexington's neighborhoods. In addition to adding beauty, they also increase property values and reduce energy costs. Property owners are required to prune their street trees to maintain a 7-foot clearance above a sidewalk and a 12-foot clearance above a street. Maintaining safe tree clearance is important since pedestrians use the sidewalks and trucks and emergency vehicles need to be able to travel your street to provide you with vital services such as trash and recycling pickups, mail delivery, and street sweeping. Non-compliance with Lexington's street tree ordinance may result in a fine. If you would like to learn more about the city's Urban Forestry Program please call LexCall at 3-1-1 or (859) 425-2255 or visit us on the web at [livegreenlexington.com](http://livegreenlexington.com)”.



## 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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LFUCG Division of Parks and Recreation can organize an adult coloring book class which would meet once a month at the 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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owners of Meadowthorpe Antique Mall

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