



## MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane

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*"The fallen leaves in the forest seemed to make even the ground  
glow and burn with the light" ~Malcom Lowery, October Ferry to Gabriola*

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." ~L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables*

**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, October 1, 2017** – Raven Run 10K and Robin 5K at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017** – MNA Association Meeting

**Saturday, October 14, 2017** – Free Trach Disposal Day from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1505 Old Frankfort Pike

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

**Saturday, November 11, 2017** – Veterans Day Parade downtown from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017** – MNA General Meeting and Executive Committee Election

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

### PRESIDENT PONDERINGS

**By: MNA President Jim Capillo**

Just a couple of quick notes this month.

Who you gonna call? The Lexington government has a problem line. If you have any problem, call 311. The call taker on the other end is trained to know the services provided by each division and to route your call/complaint to the correct department. But be specific, if you call about trash, it makes a difference **where** the trash is located. If it's a trashy yard, it goes to one division, if its trash on the curb, it goes somewhere else and if its trash in the street it goes to a third place.

In unity, there is strength. Elsewhere in the newsletter, there is an article about joining together to get a better price on cement. It doesn't matter whether its sidewalk, curbing or backyards, Russ DiBella is coordinating getting a contractor in with enough jobs to make buying a load of concrete more affordable (see the article in this month's *Messenger*). Al Cinson is working on improving the tree canopy. Contact him if you have a desire to buy a tree to improve the looks and value of your property. The trees selection will include trees that are approved as street trees, but that is not the only place they can be placed. Finally, a neighbor has suggested that the neighborhood might be interested in security cameras. This project is just getting off the ground and we are looking to see if there is interest. If neighbors are interested in security cameras for their houses and garages, we can look at the possibility of a group discount for purchase and/or installation. If you are interested, send an email to [mnalexky@gmail.com](mailto:mnalexky@gmail.com).

### MNA NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Nominations for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer may be made by any member at the November General Meeting of each year. Please come to the November General Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 to voice your nominations.

### REMINDER TO SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING

Multiple neighbors, myself included have noticed that several vehicles in the neighborhood are not abiding by the city posted speed limit. Please keep in mind that the entire neighborhood is set to 25 miles per hour. Meadowthorpe is a beautiful neighborhood, where many neighbors walk freely, including children. It is imperative that we all abide by the speed limit laws. Thank you!

## **SIDEWALK REPAIRS**

Recently several neighbors' sidewalks have been marked for repair. To help save money on total concrete costs, we are forming a group of neighbors looking to repair sidewalks and curbs. Should the city mark your sidewalk or curb as in need of repair, you are eligible for a reimbursement. We are compiling a list of all folks interested in the group repair. Please call Russ DiBella at 859-255-7775 or email the MNA Board at mnalexky@gmail.com to express your interest. To get an accurate quote for repair services, we will need to know if you are interested as soon as possible.

## **RECYCLE YOUR ECLIPSE GLASSES**

Don't throw away those eclipse glasses! LiveGreenLexington is teaming up with Astronomers Without Borders to collect used eclipse glasses. Glasses will be donated to schools in Asia and South America for use when eclipses cross those continents in 2019. You can recycle your glasses at and of the following locations: Lexington-Fayette Government Center, 200 E. Main Street; Lexington Public Libraries- all branches; and Lexington Senior Center, 95 Life Lane (near Richmond Road).

## **2018 VOLUNTARY DUES DRIVE**

The 2018 Voluntary Dues Drive is officially underway! A letter and envelope are included with this month's Messenger. Your street representative has indicated on the letter the planned date and time that he or she will pick up your contribution. If you prefer, you may drop your contribution off at his or her residence or send it via mail. We hope to have all voluntary dues contributions turned in by October 31st.

The generosity of your response this October will determine our budget for 2018. Our volunteers work hard to supplement your voluntary dues with matching grant funds and fees generated by rental of the Community Center. ALL funds are used in neighborhood to maintain and improve our common areas, protect the integrity and safety of our neighborhood, promote, and much more.

Remember, your donations are tax deductible! MNA is classified as a public charity with tax-exempt status from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **CASA OF LEXINGTON IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS**

**By: Shay Spradlin, CASA Program Manager**

Mission: Through the power of volunteer advocacy, CASA of Lexington works to ensure that all victims of child abuse and neglect are given a chance to thrive in a safe, permanent home. CASA's trained and supervised volunteers provide an independent voice for children, one child at a time, by speaking for their best interests in the family court system.

All volunteers complete 30 hours of in class training at the CASA office (typically on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays) and CASA asks that you commit to 1-2 years with our organization. Some cases can last much longer than others and the goal is to keep the same CASA with their child throughout the duration of the case. A child with a CASA typically finds permanency 7.5 months sooner than one without a CASA and 90% of our CASA children never re-enter the system.

Please contact Shay Spradlin, Program Manager at CASA of Lexington, Inc. Her phone number is 859-246-4321.

## **REGISTER FOR SMART911 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Smart911 program is free for Lexington residents and allows citizens to provide the additional details that 9-1-1 center may need in order to assist them during an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1, the information received by the 9-1-1 call center can be limited. Register your name, address, phone number, hospital preferences, pets and your emergency contacts. Your phone number will connect your info with dispatchers.

During an emergency, if you are unable to communicate, or it could be unsafe to communicate, this program provides your info if you are in the event you cannot verbally provide them. Smart911 is free, private and secure. Register at: [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and create a 'safety profile' to ensure dispatchers have your info.

## **UNCLAIMED MONEY/POLICIES/REFUNDS/CHECKS FOR KENTUCKY RESIDENTS**

The Kentucky State Treasurer administers Kentucky's Unclaimed Property Fund. Unclaimed property generally consists of payroll checks, unclaimed safety deposit boxes, old life insurance policies, stocks, or vendor checks that have remained unclaimed by their owners after several years. After a period of time, usually 3 years, banks and other financial institutions turn over the unclaimed property to the Kentucky State Treasury. People can search for unclaimed property for deceased loved ones through the existing database to discover if they have any unclaimed assets or funds. The Unclaimed Property fund contains assets with a total value of nearly half a billion dollars. Check the website and search your name, relative names and deceased relative names for unclaimed funds. Examples: deductible return for dental insurance policy, deceased relative insurance policy, missing payroll check. Please visit <https://treasury.ky.gov> or call (502) 564-4722 for additional information.

### **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.

Nuisances are prohibited under the Code of Ordinances and are generally defined in Chapter 12. They include, but are not necessarily limited to the appearance of any of the following conditions on a property:

- ✓ weeds or grass taller than 12 inches;
- ✓ trash, garbage, building debris, refuse, or waste of any kind;
- ✓ any readily visible wrecked, junked, partially dismantled or otherwise nonoperating motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle not properly licensed if it has remained on the property longer than 10 days and is readily visible from surrounding property;
- ✓ water which is directed or discharged across a public sidewalk, and which forms ice on the sidewalk; and
- ✓ furniture, equipment, or appliances that are upholstered, or not designed for outdoor use, that is used or stored outdoors.

The Division of Code Enforcement normally enforces nuisance violations. A civil penalty lien may be filed against the property under certain circumstances or a criminal citation may be issued for up to \$500 per violation. In addition, after providing notice and an opportunity to correct the violation, the UCG may elect to abate the costs and expenses incurred. An administrative appeals process has been established which allows property owners to appeal notices of violations and civil penalties. Info: Code Enforcement, 258-3270.

**Noise:** Certain noise disturbances are prohibited and should be reported to the Division of Police for enforcement. Noise disturbances are defined as sounds that endangers or injures persons or property or which annoy or disturb a reasonable person of normal sensitivities. Specifically prohibited noise disturbances include, but are not limited to the following activities, if the noise disturbance also crosses the boundary of a dwelling unit:

- ✓ operating tools or equipment including lawn mowers, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. any day and between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday;
- ✓ loudspeakers, public address systems, powered model vehicles, miscellaneous noises (loading or handling boxes, crates, building materials, etc.) between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.;
- ✓ music by radio, television, musical instrument or similar device;
- ✓ repairing, testing or operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorbike or motorboat; and
- ✓ barking dogs, anytime, or any animal that creates a noise disturbance [Sections 14-70-80].

In addition, noise disturbances across public ways or in public places are generally prohibited including playing of a motor vehicles stereo or similar device in such a manner that a noise disturbance is created at least 50 feet away. Info: Division of Police, 258-3600.

### **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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