



**MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER**  
Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane  
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*“How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?” ~Dr. Seuss*

*“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**

**Open until January** – Triangle Park Ice Rink

**Sunday, December 10, 2017** – Lexington Christmas Marketplace, Disney theme at Clarion Hotel

**Sunday, December 10, 2017** – MNA Holiday Potluck 2p.m. MORE INFO BELOW!

**Saturday, December 23, 2017** - Community Center – Make luminaries & distribute. Drivers and pickup trucks are especially needed.

**Sunday, December 24, 2017** – At sunset – Light the candle in the luminary. Help your neighbors by lighting theirs.

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018** – MNA Monthly Meeting & Executive Committee Election

**PRESIDENT’S PONDERINGS**

**By: MNA President Jim Capillo**

Mark the date and time. The neighborhood is throwing a holiday party. Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 pm at the Center (333 Larch Lane). The Neighborhood Association will provide chicken, soda, ice, plates and cups. Bring a dish (either a side, salad or desert) to share. I have it on good authority that the elf in the red suit has been invited.

Those who want to can participate in a game called “Dirty Santa.” Participants bring a gift that you already have at home. DO NOT PURCHASE a gift. The gift can be useful or fun. Each present is brought wrapped and placed under the tree. Each participant (who brings a gift) chooses a number drawn by lot.

When the game starts, whoever’s turn it is to go first, picks a gift from the central pile, and opens it. They show everyone. Of course, the fun here is in the gift itself and the reaction of the recipient. There will normally be a dynamic range of gifts, from desirable to useless, practical to hilarious. The first player now takes their seat with their gift in hand.

The second player now has the choice of either selecting an unopened gift from the central pile (and opening it) or, doing the dirty by taking an already opened gift from the first player, in which case that player chooses an unopened gift from the remaining pile and open it and display it.

Each subsequent player has the same choice: select an unopened gift from the pile (and open it and display it), or take an already opened gift from any of the preceding players. The player whose gift is taken can select an unopened gift from the pile or select one of the opened gifts from the other players. However, they cannot take back from the person who just took from them.

The game ends with number 1 having the last selection.

And in the words of Tiny Tim, “God bless us, every one.”

## CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec 23, 10:00 a.m. Come to the Community Center to assemble and distribute luminaries throughout the neighborhood. Drivers with pickups are especially needed.

At sunset on Christmas Eve, residents light the candle in their luminary and those of their neighbors. Then enjoy the sight of soft candle glow up and down your street on a winter's night.

The tradition continues because of its many volunteers. We need people of all ages to fill bags with sand, deliver a bag to each house in the neighborhood, and clean up the center. No need to sign up or call ahead. Just show up at the community center. This is indeed a task where many hands make for light work.

If the weather for Christmas Eve looks like it's going to be rainy or windy, we will not do luminaries on the streets, but we will decorate the Boiling Springs median. If the weather will be dry or even snowy, we will do luminaries on the streets. If the weather looks iffy, call Carolyn (859) 221-6797 to find out if help is still needed.

**Important:** This year, we need a core team of people to coordinate the effort. This means purchasing the supplies, setting up the Center at 9:30 am before the big assembly job, and cleaning up the Center afterwards. With 4 people, the Center can be set up in 30 minutes. For this effort, I do need sign-ups so that I can plan. A well set-up Center makes the task of assembly go smoothly for the people who just show up.

Finally, we need people to pick up the luminaries during the week between Christmas and New Years. Do it at your convenience when you feel like taking a walk. Discard the sand or find a good use like saving a bucketful in your car trunk in case you ever get stuck in the snow. Save the milk jugs and any unused candles and leave them on my front porch, **260 Larch Lane**. Recycle the white paper bags. Bill Congleton has offered to drive his pickup while a couple people or more, collect the luminaries and toss them into his truck. Contact Bill Congleton at [congleton.wt2@gmail.com](mailto:congleton.wt2@gmail.com) or leave a message at 859-231-1720 if you want the help of his truck.

So, whether you can help a lot or a little with the purchasing or the setting up, call or email Carolyn Troyer to volunteer. [troyer@twc.com](mailto:troyer@twc.com) or 859-252-2766.

## MNA HOLIDAY PARTY POTLUCK SUNDAY DEC 10<sup>th</sup> 2pm

MNA will provide chicken as the main dish, neighbors are asked to bring sides to share and please bring a canned food item to donate to God's Pantry Food Bank. A "Dirty Santa" gift exchange game will be played, if you would like to participate please bring an item you already have (don't shop for a new item), grab it from your basement, perhaps a re-gift of a re-gift etc.. Numbers will be drawn for everyone who brings something and you have the opportunity to pick a gift you'd like or, steal someone else's! A popular game played around the Holidays, the MNA crew will be sure to explain the game rules to everyone who wishes to play.

## HISTORIC PLAZA ENGRAVED PAVER SALES CONTINUE THROUGH HOLIDAYS

Memorialize a loved one. Honor a neighbor. Recognize your family. Note your presence in our neighborhood. Sale of engraved commemorative pavers for placement in the historic plaza site in the Boiling Springs median continue through the holiday season. To download the order form from the MNA website go to [www.mnalex.org](http://www.mnalex.org). Type "paver" in the search box. Mail completed form with check made out to MNA to Coleman bush, 324 Pelican Lane, Lexington KY 40511. Price: \$35 for Meadowthorpe residents; \$100 for area businesses. For assistance, contact Russ DiBella (255-7775) or Tom Blues ([tblues@twc.com](mailto:tblues@twc.com); 254-0475). Pavers are engraved and placed in groups of 10 or more as weather permits.

## NEIGHBORHOOD REQUESTS – HANDICAP RAMP

Neighbor on Forbes is in need of a handicap ramp for her home, please contact 859-687-9390.

## **MNA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS & POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2018**

Nominations will be accepted on the floor at the Potluck December 10th 2pm gathering and elections will be held during this event. Serve our beautiful neighborhood by becoming a part of the Executive Board! If you're looking for other ways to take part in helping our neighborhood, here are some other opportunities volunteers are needed for:

**Natural Resources Coordinator**--Responsible for addressing environmental issues in the neighborhood, including street tree health, and maintaining the grounds and gardens, including the entrances to the neighborhood and the community center garden

**Spirit Coordinator**-- Advises the membership regarding activities and events organized to promote social interaction and neighbor to neighbor communication, in order to develop a sense of community

Coordinators are not expected to manage any position without the help of a support team. Contact President Jim Capillo, if you want to learn more. [capillo.jim@gmail.com](mailto:capillo.jim@gmail.com), or drop a note in the neighborhood mailbox at: [333 Larch Lane](#)

Learn more about our Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association at: [mnaalex.org](http://mnaalex.org)

## **SNOW ON SIDEWALKS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

As outlined in ordinance 12-8.4, once official notification/announcement indicating the end of a snow event has occurred, property owners must clear any accumulation of four inches (4") or more of snow from their sidewalk within 24 hours of the notification. The notification will be indicated on the LFUCG's Website and provided to media outlets for dissemination. This requirement will only apply to a property if the abutting street has been plowed.

If after 24 hours the property owner has not removed the snow, a Notice of Violation may be issued. The Notice of Violation, which will be posted at the property and mailed to the property owner, will afford the property owner an additional 24 hours to come into compliance. If after those 24 hours the sidewalk is still not in compliance then a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 may be issued with additional civil penalties being issued every 24 hours thereafter until compliance is gained.

In the event of the presence of extreme weather conditions, this ordinance requirement may be held in abeyance until conditions improve. Any such announcement will be made on the LFUCG's website and in public communications as well.

The Division of Code Enforcement only responds to complaints regarding this matter and does not conduct proactive inspections. Call 3-1-1 with any anonymous complaints or questions.

## **SENIOR CENTER OF LEXINGTON – TIME TO REGISTER FOR JAN & FEB CLASSES!**

(Locations: Richmond Road, Bell House downtown & E. Third St.)

It is time to register for any free or nominal fee class to be held Jan. 2-Feb. 16. Registration is Dec. 19, 10am-12pm. Call or stop-in for more info. Upcoming classes: Barre lattes, ceramics, book club, bridge, Tai Chi for arthritis, table tennis, Zumba, acrylic painting, mindfulness, CHLoga (chair yoga), sewing I, II III, piano, Pinochle! game, line dancing, and much more. Also, use the satellite centers at Bell House on Sayre Ave. or Charles Young Center on E.Third Street. Call the center 276-6702, or check their website, <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/lexington-senior-center>

## **MEDIAN AT BOILING SPRINGS DRIVE**

You might have noticed the black scuffmarks on the main median at Boiling Springs and Leestown Road, across from the Kroger entrance. This median has electric for our landscape lights, water for our sprinkler system, flagpole for our US flag and beautiful flowers. The median has won the Lexington in Bloom neighborhood division competition hosted by Lexington Council Garden Clubs more than once. Thank you neighbor Shelby French (Taylor Dr.) and Jim Stone (Old Leestown Rd.) for the weekly work you give this median. Your dues \$ pay to maintain this median.

Since our MNA budget could not absorb significant curb repair costs, MNA is applying for a city grant. Several neighbors are forming a team to gather bids, get expert advice and find a long-term solution to keep the curb looking sharp. This grant proposal will be brought to the January general membership meeting for an endorsement by neighbors. If you have any experience with grants and could proof the 3-5 page grant, or want to help construct the grant proposal, please contact MNA Secretary Traci Letcher

**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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