



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER
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"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals." ~Melody Beatty

*"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice."
~T.S. Eliot*

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meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com.**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Open until January 13 – Triangle Park Ice Rink

Friday, January 5, 2018 – UK Gymnastics Excite Night 7p.m., Rupp Arena, tickets at rupparena.com

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – MNA Monthly Meeting & Executive Committee Election 7p.m.

Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Free Trash Disposal Day 6a.m. – 1p.m. Details on page 4.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS – ON LEAVES AND TREES

This is an update from my ponderings from last January. As you know, the Division of Waste Management supplied a service to vacuum the leaves from the right of way between the sidewalk and street in late autumn. I have three types of trees on my property. One type is kind enough to shed all its leaves before the vacuum trucks show up in Meadowthorpe. The second type shed some of its leaves before the vacuum truck, but held onto most of its leaves until the recently. The third type of tree, my trusty Pin Oak, still refuses to let go of its leaves. All of which left me wondering what to do about the leaves that have fallen and have yet to fall.

So I investigated how I would get rid of my leaves now that the vacuum truck is no longer an option. The first option is to load all the leaves in a big bag and drag them over to a section of the city where the vacuum has yet to appear. I reject this as impractical.

I found that the Urban County Government has a winter yard waste protocol, divided into two sessions. Waste Management collects natural Christmas trees for mulching from the curbs starting after Christmas for 30 or so days. The government has not yet posted when this protocol will be in place, but I presume the general parameters from last year will be followed. Gray yard waste containers and bags of leaves may also be placed at the curb at that time. That is session 1.

Last year, session 2 began immediately after the tree collection period. During the protocol period, yard waste collection (gray containers and bags) will not automatically occur. Trash and recycling trucks will run the regular routes. Yard waste must be serviced by request. You can make the request for a yard waste pick-by calling LexCall at 311 or www.LexingtonKY.gov/LexCall.

Regular yard waste collection will resume sometime in March. The Division of Waste Management will assess weather patterns as spring approaches and may move this time line to best meet the needs of Lexington.

COLUMBIA GAS AT JANUARY MEETING

Risa Richardson of Columbia Gas will be at the January meeting to speak to the MNA about a major pipeline replacement at the first of the year. To find out information, such as which streets it will impact, and/or to get answers to questions, please plan to attend.

OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE, HOW DO I DISPOSE OF THEE?

Now that the man in the big red suit has earned another annual brief leave of absence, this clears the path for New Year's resolutions that almost always include never again, over-doing it at Christmas Dinner. (Ok, sure, whatever you say). If your family used a REAL Christmas tree this year, you might be wondering how to properly discard of the tree that once housed hundreds of twinkling lights and protected many presents during December. In Lexington, Christmas trees can be recycled with yard waste. Put **trees** on the curb for normal collection day. Make sure all ornaments and tinsel are removed from the **tree**. Contact LexCall 3-1-1, or 425-2255 if your **Christmas Tree** is not collected on your normal collection day. Collection of Christmas trees will be completed through mid-January. Artificial trees in good shape can be donated to Habitat for Humanity on Southland Drive.

What happens to the real trees? In most cases, the trees are chipped and made into a mulch which is usually made available, free to city or county residents. Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and could cause a chimney fire.

RENT OUR SPACIOUS MEADOWTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTER – PRIVATE PARTIES & MORE!

Room for 72 guests including a full kitchen, 13 8x3 tables with chairs the Meadowthorpe Community Center is available to rent for your private party or, business function. At only \$50 per hour plus \$65 cleaning fee, the updated facility is a GREAT DEAL when looking at similar facilities around Lexington. Located at the Meadowthorpe Park and accessible by plenty of parking spots, the Community Center is currently taking bookings for the 2018 calendar year. For more details on rental applications, availability, deposits and quotes please email reserve333larch@gmail.com or visit mnalex.org, click on "about us" and follow the links to "Community Center". Available rental hours are Monday – Saturday 9a-10p and Sunday 2p-6p year-round. 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, NYE and New Year Day are the exception with no availability on these dates

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood is a unique Lexington asset. We are an active neighborhood association and we owe this to our neighbors and leaders. All neighbors are welcome to attend the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association January General Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

At this meeting MNA will hold our annual elections. This year all four of the current executive committee are running for re-election. Mr. Jim Capillo from Old Leestown Road is running again for president. Mr. Bill Congelton of Glendale Avenue is running for Vice President. Ms. Linda Melton of Glendale Avenue is running for Treasurer. Ms. Traci Letcher of Pelican Lane is running for Secretary. Should there be additional nominations, please email, mnalexky@gmail.com. Neighbors are only allowed to cast their vote at the January meeting. The election procedure is overseen by several election officials and the votes are cast via anonymous ballot. Anyone who owns property or lives in the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood is eligible to vote. Should you have any questions regarding the election, please email mnalexky@gmail.com or speak with an election official at the January meeting.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ND-1 OVERLAY ORDINANCE IS FOR MEADOWTHORPE?

by Coleman Bush (Pelican and formerly Boiling Springs)

Preserving and protecting the character of neighborhoods has been an ongoing process within the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government for many years. Through a neighborhood-driven process, the Neighborhood Design Character (ND-1) Overlay Zone requires property owners to observe limitations on such design elements as height, setbacks, and some building materials. As of November 2015, Meadowthorpe is one of only five Lexington neighborhoods with an ND-1 ordinance in place. (Chevy Chase, Greenbriar, Montclair, and The Colony are the others.) As an exemplary post-WWII suburban neighborhood, it is important that Meadowthorpe's unique character be protected. Visit mnalex.org for more info & map.

DID YOU FIND AN ORNAMENT IN YOUR TREE?

In mid-December, many residents awoke to find one ornament hanging in their front yard tree near the sidewalk. This unexpected gift glimmers in the sun and was a fun surprise to residents walking the neighborhood streets and to the homeowner. Photos of the different ornaments and 'thank-yous' were posted on social media. A big 'thank you' to the secret elf/elves who brightened our neighborhood with holiday cheer!

ADD THESE NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS TO YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

- **Yard Sale Saturday, June 2** (All residents invited to hold their personal yard sale on the same day with free advertising from MNA.)
- **July 4th flags** (Volunteers needed to place a small US flag in front of each house in the neighborhood. Contact neighbor Carolyn Troyer troyer@twc.com)
- **Ice Cream Social Tuesday, July 10** (Bring family, friends and pets to the Community Ctr. to enjoy ice cream and toppings on a July evening.)
- **Trick-o-Treat Wednesday, Oct. 31**, 6pm-8pm (With over 400+households in the neighborhood, it becomes a popular area for little ghosts and goblins.)
- **Holiday Potluck TBD** (Residents gather at the Community Ctr. to share a meal during the holiday time.)
- **Luminaries** placed on Monday, Dec. 24 (Volunteers fill white paper bags with sand and a candle to be lit at dusk on Dec. 24 to burn throughout the night. The neighborhood streets glow with the rows of luminaries. Contact Carolyn Troyer troyer@twc.com)
- **General membership meetings held at the Community Center:** All residents invited to attend General Membership meetings at 7pm and social time at 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

VOLUNTARY DUES CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2018 voluntary dues drive is another success! Thanks to our generous neighbors, we have raised \$9,265, just shy of our \$9,500 goal. If you haven't had the opportunity to give, contributions are accepted at all times! If you prefer to use the U.S. Mail, please send your donation to 333 Larch Lane. Remember all donations are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2018 Contributions			
Boiling Springs	\$502.00	Meadowthorpe Avenue	\$995.00
Burke Road	\$1,905.00	Old Leestown	\$495.00
Forbes Road	\$50.00	Pelican Lane/Circle	\$334.83
Glendale Avenue	\$1,150.00	Pepper Drive	\$485.00
Hillsboro Drive	\$710.00	Taylor Drive	\$652.00
Larch Lane	\$710.00	Townley Drive	\$380.00
Leestown Road	\$700.00	Other	\$151.50
Leona Drive	\$45.00		

FREE TRASH DISPOSAL DAY, SATURDAY JAN 13 6a-1p

The City of Lexington offers Fayette County residents a free trash disposal day for non-hazardous household waste. The event will be held at the Bluegrass Regional Transfer Station, [1505 Old Frankfort Pike, Fayette County](#) residents may dispose of up to one pickup truck load of household waste. Bulky items, such as mattresses, furniture, and up to four tires off the rim, will be accepted at this event.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVERTISEMENT POLICY

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<p>Meadowthorpe Antique Mall booths of antiques</p> <p>10am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday 1pm-5pm Sunday</p> <p>Visit Norris and Evie Taylor (Townley Dr. residents) owners of Meadowthorpe Antique Mall</p>	<p>Time to have those family, couple, newborn, and pet photos taken! Casual, beautiful, outdoor photography available for \$125 a sitting. No print packages required. Email MariePullenPhotography@gmail.com for an appointment. Find samples of my work on Facebook.</p>	<p>When is the last time you reviewed your Insurance Coverages?</p> <p>Mann Sutton & McGee Insurance Services would like to help you with any of your Insurance Needs. Personal, Commercial & Financial.</p> <p>Call us anytime 859-225-3661 http://www.msmltdins.com</p>