



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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"May the leprechauns be near you, to spread luck along your way.
And may all the Irish angels, smile upon you St. Patrick's Day."

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MARCH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Saturday, March 3, 2018 – Volunteer Day: 10a – Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – March Madness Bingo: 6p-6:30p – Kenwick Community Center

Saturday, March 10, 2018 – Outdoor Skills Program: 10a – McConnells Springs

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – MNA Monthly Meeting: 6:30p Social & Snacks 7P Meeting Begins

Friday, March 16, 2018 – Gallery Hop: 5p-8p – Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center

Saturday, March 17, 2018 – St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Festival: All day – Downtown Lexington



Saturday, March 17, 2018 – Junior Naturalist: 10a-11a – McConnells Springs

Saturday, March 31, 2018 – Tiny Tots Naturalist: 10a-11a – McConnells Springs

SAVE THE DATE!

- Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Earth Day trash pick up event April 22 @ 1pm.
- Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale – Saturday June 2

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

This is not so much of a pondering as an announcement. As some of you might know, the Lexington Fire Department Community Services Division, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will install 10 year lithium battery smoke alarms in all homes in Fayette County. You must call or email the Fire Department to get this service. The smoke alarms are free and will be installed by the Lexington Fire Department at no cost to the occupant. As part of the installation, the LFD will also conduct a fire safety inspection.

What many don't realize is that the Community Service Division is so overwhelmed with these requests that the responsibility has been farmed out the Ladder Companies throughout the City/County. Our little red firehouse on Leestown Road (Engine 13) does not have a Community Service Division. Nor does it have a Ladder Company; but Engine 13 showed up at the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association meeting on February 13 and told me a secret. Even though they are neither a Community Service Company nor a Ladder Company, they are Meadowthorpe's firehouse. If you want or need a smoke detector or a fire safety inspection, just walk over, see if anyone is home, ring the doorbell and ask. They will perform this service for us even though it is not part of their normal duties. Why? Because they are AWESOME.

FIRE STATION 13 – LEESTOWN RD

Several members of Station 13 visited the recent neighborhood meeting and reported there are several new updates to the station, such as: new bay door, additional bathroom, new street apron poured and a few other maintenance items. These firefighters stated that any resident is welcome to stop by and view the updates, unless a fire run occurs. Also, you may drop-off any food items at any time. Any leftovers from catered parties are always accepted for this hungry crew of neighbors.

NEW CAR WASH - MDRC

The empty lot next to Zaxby's will be occupied by a new drive-thru car wash with vacuums located in the back. Developer Dennis Anderson attended the February meeting to answer any concerns about the new establishment. The Meadowthorpe Development Committee must approve any developments in this area as part of an agreement. This committee has been instrumental in keeping signage low, requesting traffic studies and even lowering light pollution towards the neighborhood. A big thanks to neighbor Jim Stone (Old Leestown Road) for chairing this important committee.

MEADOWTHORPE SELECTED FOR UK SENIOR DESIGN PROJECT

UK Design has selected the Old Leestown Road/Meadowthorpe business strip as their design project for their senior capstone. You might have seen these 3 students measuring or coming into businesses inquiring about a 'wish list' for the area. This is the same team that worked on the Southland Drive updates and designed the new Southland sign at Nicholasville Rd. and Southland Drive as a welcoming entrance to the area.

These students are focusing on issues such as lack of signage in the area, pedestrian connection to the new Legacy Trail, sidewalks and parking issues along the business strip, and traffic flow. Their goal is submit drawings to neighbors and business owners at a meeting in April. If the renderings are well received, then it is up to us to find the funding. Since the city of LEX has been involved in this process since the beginning, applying for grants to remove the crab apple trees or re-design the parking lot are viable options. Watch for more info on this meeting where students will present their final project/renderings/solutions/signage designs. All are welcome.

ROCK WALL REPAIRS

Did you notice the 2 obstructions to the neighborhood stacked rock wall that borders Leestown Road suffered from 2 different car accidents? A separate fund is maintained in the MNA budget (100% from your donations/volunteer dues) to repair these issues which can also occur due to shifting of the land. When a vehicle damages the wall, the policyholder's insurance covers the cost of repairing our wall. A master rock wall installer is often the lowest bid on these projects and he was raised on Penrod. It is great to have a former resident helping to maintain our beautiful wall.

NEW TREES AT THE PARK!

Parks Committee Chair Russ DiBella (Pepper Dr.) reported the city gave Meadowthorpe Park a variety of trees along the park border with the warehouse business side. These trees will provide a visual and sound barrier for park enthusiasts. Trees, including wild plum, pecan, buckeye, bald cypress and Choke cherry, will be planted and provide residents an opportunity for tree education. Our Park Committee chair has also been working with arborist Heather Wilson to secure donated trees for Meadowthorpe Park walking trail. The new plantings will be near the new walking trail, but not interfere with the trail.

WALKING TRAIL LOOP FOR MEADOWTHORPE PARK

The proposed walking trail loop for Meadowthorpe Park will begin at the basketball courts, follow the border of the back yards of homes on Boiling Springs and Penrod, past the tennis courts, along the new tree line next to the warehouses and loop around the baseball fields/bathrooms, then back to the Center. Our 2nd District Councilman Joe Smith announced at the February MNA meeting reported the walking trail around the perimeter of Meadowthorpe Park will be included in the City's 2018-19 Budget and construction should begin this fall.

Can you help? Need a service project? Measure the new walking loop!

We are looking for a volunteer to measure the loop once completed & mark specific distances on signage, number of signs and designs are determined by the creator with approval from the MNA Park Committee. Your help is needed and your ideas are needed! Contact Russ DiBella for more info. [859.255.7775](tel:859.255.7775).

NEIGHBORHOOD LOST/FOUND: DandyLion (cat) is still missing from his home on Burke Rd. He is a long hair cat, orange in color and his right eye stays dilated. He is very missed and anyone with info is encouraged to contact his owner, Lora on [\(859\) 248-1476](tel:859.248.1476)

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COLUMBIA GAS PIPELINE PROJECT - UPDATE

Columbia Gas of Kentucky is making progress on the neighborhood pipeline replacement project, though the rain has caused some delays. Construction crews are installing the main line on the west side of Boiling Springs and then will begin contacting customers to schedule appointments to replace service lines on that side of the street starting at Forbes Road. Next, crews will install the main and service lines on the east side of Boiling Springs.

Customers with questions or concerns should call the company's hotline at [1.800.562.8970](tel:18005628970), Option 3, ext. 6355.

For more information and to watch a video about these projects, visit ColumbiaGasKy.com/pipeline.

STREET REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

A street representative is needed for the even numbers on Taylor Drive. The primary responsibilities of the street representatives are:

1. Deliver the monthly newsletter.
2. Dues collection once a year.
3. Attend of Board of Directors meetings 4 times per year.

You do not have to live on Taylor Drive to be the street representative. Contact Mnalexky@gmail.com or [859-231-1720](tel:8592311720)

TREES TREES TREES

Guest speaker at the February MNA meeting, Arborist Heather Wilson with City of Lexington, provided new info on many subjects impacting our tree canopy in Meadowthorpe. She also reviewed the city policies regarding tree removal/replacement and grant programs. The 36 neighbors in attendance at the February meeting learned about the 18 new trees being installed at Meadowthorpe Park between the baseball diamond and the fence bordering the warehouses to provide screening. Some of the trees have been planted and green flags mark the placement of trees to be planted in the coming weeks. Some of the new trees the city selected are: Chove Cherry, Bald Cypress, Ohio Buckeye, Pecans, Wild Plum and more. You can view the tree canopy and the 2015 report of tree health in Lexington online at lexingtonky.gov To check out Meadowthorpe's Tree Walk and use a map to navigate the neighborhood identifying our precious, grand trees, go to mnalex.org.

Street tree policy for the City of LEX

This neighborhood was established in 1948 with the plan of having each street installing the same type of tree with 2 trees per lot. These 'street trees' are located between the sidewalk and the street in an easement, but are the responsibility of the homeowner. There are 12 street trees missing on Larch Lane where trees have been removed over the years and not replaced per city policy. Definitely check out the Tree Walk on mnalex.org before purchasing your next tree, as you will find a list of unique trees (approved by LEX) found in our neighborhood.

Each property owner must trim and maintain the health of the tree. Branches can not hang over any area of a sidewalk and must have a 8' clearance for pedestrians. If your tree hangs over the street, you must maintain a 12' clearance and only a few years ago the local school system called the city and neighborhood to complain too many low-hanging branches were hitting and damaging buses. Please make sure your trees meet the clearance requirements for the sidewalk and street.

If you want to remove a tree in your easement, you must 'apply' with the City of Lexington. A city arborist must verify the tree should be removed and property owners have 1 year to replace the street tree with another tree from an approved list. The list can be found on the city website. If a property owner does not replace the tree, this would be in violation of the city tree policy. If a property owner replaces the tree, an application can be filed for the city to pay half

of the removal/replace for the tree, if you secure 2 bids. This can result in a substantial amount of \$ saved for those neighbors with large, dying trees.

Guest speaker Heather Wilson also stated the tree line along the rock wall on Leestown Road will be evaluated for health and evaluation of trees. Also, the crab apple trees along Leestown Road in front of the business strip (Goodwill, Dollar Store, etc.) will be evaluated for health and possible replacement. Meadowthorpe is 1 of 4 subdivisions in Lexington which is actively protecting and growing their tree canopy. Any resident may donate seedlings or trees to the City of Lexington's 2 tree nurseries to be planted in city parks and easements. Call 3-1-1 (LEX Customer Service). Neighbor Al Cinson (Boiling Springs Dr. & Tree Guy) reported at the last neighborhood meeting that our neighborhood is 9 years into the Emerald Ash Borer treatments. A committee of 6 has been formed to inventory the trees in the neighborhood along with other tree-invested projects. If you have questions about purchasing the discounted treatments, contact Mr. Cinson at [859.254.4413](tel:859.254.4413) or acinson@gmail.com

SAD NEWS

A long-time Meadowthorpe resident, Carle Mahan "Buddy" of Taylor Drive, passed away January 22nd. Neighbors might remember him, and his wife, who had previously passed, as being avid walkers around the neighborhood. Carle has been described as a "true Kentucky gentleman" in his online obituary on Legacy.com

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