



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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“I can’t give you a sure-fire formula for success, but I can give you a formula for failure: try to please everybody all the time.” – Herbert Bayard Swope

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JULY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tuesday July 3, 2018 – Great American Pie Contest & Ice Cream Social, Fifth Third Pavilion- Noon-1p

Tuesday July 3, 2018 – Patriotic Music Concert, Transylvania University Morrison Lawn- 8p

Wednesday July 4, 2018 – INDEPENDENCE DAY Public Holiday!

Wednesday July 4, 2018 – Lexington Downtown Parade – 2p

Wednesday July 4, 2018 – July 4th LIVE Music, Fifth Third Pavilion– 7p-9:30p

Tuesday, July 10 – MNA Ice Cream Social, Meadowthorpe Community Center 33 Larch! Join us for fun with neighbors and lots of ice cream! (FREE)

July 9-July 15, 2018 – Lexington Burger Week – details: LexingtonBurgerWeek.com

July 12 - July 22, 2018 – Lexington Lion’s Club Bluegrass Fair, Masterson Station Park

Ponderings

A POTPOURRI OF POTENTIALITIES

First, after many years of work, and getting lost in the bureaucratic maze that is local government, the current LFUCG Budget (starting July 2018) does include funds for the Meadowthorpe Walking Trail. Our guest at the August meeting will be Chris Cooperrider, Deputy Director of Parks at Lexington Fayette Parks and Recreation. Come hear what the next steps will be now that the money is earmarked.

Second. The LFUCG has printed black, white and gray yard signs reminding drivers that children are playing in the neighborhood. They are free to anyone who wants one, just ask at the security desk in the Government Center. Some of you may remember that we had a children’s activity in the past where neighborhood children made hand-painted signs with the same message. There is a feeling that the handmade signs get more attention because they are colorful and different. So, we may do the activity again. When a candidate asks to place a political sign in your yard in November, please ask if you can keep it after the election. With a paint sprayer and neutral paint, we can repurpose those signs for the children’s project with minimal costs.

Finally, MNA is hoping to sponsor a forum for the candidates in the second council district. Barring unforeseen circumstances, it will be Tuesday, Sept 18. We also hope to put together a separate forum for the Mayoral candidates and the candidates for Council at Large. Stay tuned for further details.

-Jim Capillo MNA President

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

For some time, our neighborhood has had an issue with free-roaming dogs. While owners may think this does not cause any harm, they are very wrong. Not only are these dogs in danger of being injured themselves, they have attacked and even killed other neighborhood pets. Remember: dogs are prey animals! A child at play in their own yard could easily be the next victim.

Fayette County's leash law states that "all dogs in Fayette County must be on a leash, behind a fence or on the dog owner's property under the owner's supervision at all times when outside. Dogs cannot run- at-large, even under voice command, [emphasis added] and they must wear their current license and rabies tags at all times."

If you see a loose dog, especially one that you know the owner isn't looking after, please do these animals a favor by calling Animal Care and Control at (859) 255 -9033. They have professional, friendly staff who will care for the dogs until the owner takes responsibility or the dogs can be placed in a better situation.

If you have a pet that you cannot take proper care of, please consider placing him/her with a friend or family member. The Lexington Humane Society is also available to help. They are located at 1600 Old Frankfort Pike. The Humane Society telephone number is (859) 233-0044.

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK FREE RUN/WALK CLUB

Run or walk at your own pace. It all starts at the Ky Horse Park Visitor Center, every Monday, except Sept. 3rd. Featuring local craft beers, food trucks, information tables, yoga, massages and horse meet-and-greets. Kids, joggers/strollers and leashed dogs are welcome! kyhorsepark.com

NOW - September 24, 2018

- Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Monday
- Location: [Kentucky Horse Park](#), 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington
- Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Price: Free

A GRAND OLD FLAG: A JULY 4 MEADOWTHORPE TRADITION

Meadowthorpe celebrates this great American holiday by displaying flags throughout our neighborhood. As has become customary, your street representative will place an American flag in the easement in front of your house just before July 4. We will also fly the "Betsy Ross" 13 star flag at the Boiling Springs entry the day of the 4th. Please do not remove your flag. Street reps will retrieve all curbside flags immediately after the holiday; they will be stored for distribution in following years.

Our neighborhood's annual tribute to the American Revolution evolved over several decades. In the late 1980s, MNA purchased a flag pole for the Boiling Springs entry way. Street reps distributed small flags to neighborhood houses for the first time in 1990, and flags were displayed around the flag pole for the next year's holiday. In the early 90s, residents were asked to retain their flags for the following year's display. 1999 was the first 4th of July holiday that street reps began the practice of setting flags in advance of and retrieving them following the holiday. Eventually, flags enhanced the Boiling Springs median, as well as the entry way.

Immediately following the 2001 September 11 World Trade Center terrorist attack, neighborhood volunteers set 140 of our flags in the median. Within a few days 13 were left. In the wake of the tragedy, according to former neighbor

Harriet Collier, "there were no flags to be purchased in town; we would like to consider our missing ones merely relocated and redistributed throughout the city."

Several years ago, Larch Lane street rep Steve Troyer obtained and raised the first Betsy Ross flag on the entry way flag pole. In 2003, he became coordinator of the flag project. Steve passed away in 2015; his wife, Carolyn, continues Steve's annual commitment.

What began with the purchase of a single flag pole has in the course of three decades become an established neighborhood ritual, thanks to Steve and Carolyn, to numerous dedicated street representatives, to neighbors whose annual dues contributions enable purchase of replacement flags. Long may they wave!

MEADOWTHORPE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

If you're looking for neighborhood info, or, want to post about a lost pet (for example), then use our neighborhood resources found online. There are 2 Facebook groups and you may join both. Also, check out the general webpage for neighborhood association meeting info, agendas and past minutes.

On Facebook, search and 'like' these groups:

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association (official)
Meadowthorpe Rocks (unofficial)

Webpage for minutes, agendas, past newsletters and community center rental info:

www.mnalex.org Make sure to bookmark this page.

To join the e-mail listserv to receive reminders, announcements, etc., send an e-mail to and request to be listed: mnalexky@gmail.com.

To advertise a service in the newsletter, or would like to submit information, send an e-mail

to: meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com. Each household (over 400!) will continue to receive a paper newsletter near the 1st of each month.

These resources are also good to use for any friends who are considering a move to the neighborhood. A big thanks to neighbors Anna Blanton, Rebecca L. Price and more who keep us informed. All neighbors with access to these resources should 'like' the 2 social media pages and send a request to be placed on the general e-mail listserv. Stay informed!

POLICE ACADEMY – LEXINGTON CITIZEN EDITION

The Citizen Police Academy is a dynamic 10-week program designed to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. This program is comprehensive, covering a different area of the department each week. The academy is open to anyone 18-years-of-age or older who either lives or works in Fayette County and has no felony convictions. Classes are limited to 35 citizen attendees. All classes are free. Certified police officers, supervisors, and civilian instructors with particular expertise will conduct each topic. Topics include: criminal law, patrol procedures, narcotics/vice investigations, k-9/ unit, Crime Scene Processing, Traffic Stops, Pursuit Driving, Use of Force, Polygraph, Traffic Unit

A vital part of the Academy is participation in role-playing and scenarios. These simulations will provide an opportunity for a unique "hands-on" learning experience. Students will also have the option, on a voluntary basis, to "ride along" with a patrol officer, a CPR course, and take a tour of the Fayette County Detention Center, Blackburn Correctional Complex and TSA at the airport. The next session is: September – November, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Questions and to apply, Contact sgahafer@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov

MNA COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS


A big thanks to neighbor Gabe Hensley, for serving as the Community Center Rental Coordinator. Gabe is responsible for showing the center to potential renters, obtaining payment/deposit, scheduling and so much more. Gabe was meticulous in reviewing the old rental contract, requesting feedback, working with a committee and submitting an updated contract to increase our appeal to potential renters. Thank you, Gabe!

Community Center Rentals recently: ACT prep camp for high school students (2 week rental), several graduation parties, anniversary party, birthday parties and a monthly meeting for a local group.

Plan an event at our Meadowthorpe Community Center for only \$50 an hour. Check mnalex.org for a calendar, contract and more info. All \$ are used for improvements at the center and park.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Meadowthorpe Antique Mall Booths of antiques 10am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday 1pm-5pm Sunday Visit Norris and Evie Taylor (Townley Dr. residents) owners of Meadowthorpe Antique Mall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20% OFF First Training Package for New Clients! 859.333.3140 www.motiv8lex.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Furnished Solutions by TJ <i>Reasonable Rates</i> <i>Reliable – Honest</i> Being CLEAN & TIDY, Leads to PEACE & JOY! Personal Shopper & Organizer Image Consultant Interior Design Assistant House/Office Cleaning Lawn Care & Landscape Advisor <i>Rom. 15:13</i> <i>Contact: 859-608-0847</i></p>
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