



## MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane

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**“To plant a garden, is to believe in tomorrow.” – Audrey Hepburn**

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### JUNE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**Tuesdays, June 5 - 26** – Big Band and Jazz, Moondance Amphitheatre - 5p-8:30p

**Fridays June 1-29, 2018** – Free Friday Flicks, Jacobson Park – 7p

**Sunday June 10, 2018** – Explore the Springs, McConnells Springs - 2p-3p

**Tuesday June 12, 2018** – MNA Monthly Meeting – 6:30p social hour, meeting begins at 7p

**Saturday June 16, 2018** – Castlewood Block Party, Castlewood Pool – noon-4p (\$1 adults, youth, free)

**Saturday June 16, 2018** – Night Hike, McConnells Springs – 9p-10p

**Sunday, June 17, 2018** – Father’s Day

**Tuesday, July 3, 2018** – Patriotic Music Concert Lexington Philharmonic, Transylvania University – 8p-10p

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018** – Independence Day – Public Holiday

## Ponderings

### JIM CAPILLO MNA PRESIDENT - COORDINATOR SPOTLIGHT

Courtesy: [bereadylexington.com](http://bereadylexington.com)

How does a native New Yorker end up in Lexington, Kentucky, volunteering with Emergency Management as a planning coordinator? For Jim Capillo, it has been a road with twists and turns, the one less traveled and one that occasionally finds itself poolside and field-side.

“I grew up in Queens, New York, and got all of my formal education there,” Jim said. “When I graduated from St. John’s University with my JD degree, I was offered a job in Lexington with a small law firm. I moved down right after I took the NY Bar, and fell in love with the area.” After opening his own law firm for a time, Jim took a position with then Fayette County Attorney Norrie Wake’s office. It was there that he found another calling. “I became the first full time permanent Juvenile Court Prosecutor in Kentucky. I stayed there for several years,” says Jim. But again, fate and an election cycle intervened and Jim started working with then newly elected Fayette County Jailer Ray Sabbatine.

“I helped re-write his policy and procedures manual and stayed. I had found my niche for the third time and served as a deputy jailer, project manager, captain and major.” Jim rotated through several other positions at the jail, including liaison to Fayette County Public Schools, staff training coordinator, internal affairs investigator, custody commander and contract compliance officer. Jim retired from the jail last year after 30 years of government service. Despite his retirement, Jim still finds time to volunteer with emergency management as a planning coordinator.

“The planning coordinator is the person in the emergency operations center who works the crystal ball. It’s our job to figure out what will happen in the next 12 to 24 hours and insure that the logistics people have the resources to get the necessary plans, supplies and tools to the “boots on the ground” who will be coming on board for the next operational

period – typically 12 hours. In addition, planners keep an eye on the current situation, coordinating with other agencies. We also stay close to the Division of Code Enforcement to assess and record ongoing property damages.”

The last time Jim sat in the planning chair was during an actual emergency in 2012, when storms bounced over Lexington and struck West Liberty and communities east of Lexington. “We crowded into the second floor of the old Columbia Gas Building hoping nothing hit here. The EOC was opened as a precautionary measure and while no major damage occurred in Fayette County, we did supply mutual aid resources to eastern Kentucky, especially West Liberty.”

In addition to volunteering as an EOC coordinator, Jim stays busy as a TASER instructor and a concealed carry instructor. As an Accreditation Auditor for the American Correctional Association, he travels around the country visiting correctional facilities. The audits compare the actual operations of a correctional facility against the National Best Practice Standards of the ACA. Jim also volunteers as a referee for swimming, diving, lacrosse and soccer.

### **MAY 12 PAVER PARTY: A SALES AND SOCIAL SUCCESS**

Saturday May 12 was a great day for the weather and for Meadowthorpe’s first (annual?) Paver Party in the Boiling Springs median. Between 11 am and 2 pm, the plaza project committee sold 23 pavers, including one to a neighborhood business; gratefully received \$103 in contributions to the paver plaza fund; and distributed—free of charge—hot dogs, chips, cookies, and cold drinks to all comers. The day was a successful sales event, but also a congenial Meadowthorpe gathering. There were former, long term, and recent arrivals, along with kids of all ages and infants in strollers. Neighbors gathered in conversational clusters as they enjoyed the refreshments and fine spring weather. Committee members Julie Waits, Jim Stone, Bill Congleton, Liz Chilton, Coleman Bush, Russ DiBella, and Tom Blues thank our Meadowthorpe neighbors for making the day a sales and social success.

It’s just over a year ago that the first engraved pavers were installed at the historical marker. The numbers change as sales go forward, but here’s a snapshot: when current orders have been completed, there will be 271 engraved pavers in place, 188 blanks remaining. Sales will continue until all spaces are occupied. Here’s how to order your paver, if you have not already done so. Download the order form from the MNA website. Go to [www.mnalex.org](http://www.mnalex.org); click on PAVER ORDER FORM at the top of the home page. Please read instructions carefully, fill out form, mail completed form, with check made out to Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association, 333 Larch Lane. Price: \$35 for Meadowthorpe residents; \$100 for area businesses. Be sure to include your contact information on the order form; you will be notified when your paver has been placed. Pavers are meticulously engraved and installed in groups of 10 or more, as weather permits. Please allow four to six weeks for your order to be completed.

For assistance, contact Russ DiBella (255-7775) or Tom Blues ([tblues@twc.com](mailto:tblues@twc.com); 254-0475).

### **FREE PET WASTE BAGS**

These FREE bags are provided for all neighbors thanks to our dues (voluntary). Your \$ installed 9 doggie waste stations in Meadowthorpe and your \$ purchases bags every year. In 2011, MNA and neighbor Shelby Jett managed a LARGE grant to improve ecology in Meadowthorpe. Check out what happens to our neighborhood when pet waste remains on the ground: <http://mnalex.org/living-green/> If you forgot to pay your dues (voluntary), drop your donation in the MNA locked mailbox at 333 Larch Lane. Donations are always needed to keep our neighborhood looking clean. Thank you for using the bags.

### **UNSOLICITED MATERIALS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR**

On March 2, 2017, the Urban County Council enacted Section 14-106 of the Code of Ordinances to regulate the placement of unsolicited written materials. By definition, unsolicited written materials are written materials delivered to a premises without express permission of the owner, occupant or lessee. Examples may include, but are not limited to, advertising circulars, coupons, pamphlets, newsletters, books or magazines left without permission. Under the

ordinance, the delivery of unsolicited written materials is restricted to the following areas: on a porch nearest the front door; securely attached to the front door; through a mail slot on the front door; between the exterior front door (if one exists and is unlocked) and interior front door; in a distribution box on or adjacent to the premises; or by personal delivery to the owner, occupant, or lessee. If unsolicited written materials are delivered to any of these areas, no violation of the ordinance has occurred.

Effective June 1, 2018, the city of Lexington will begin enforcing the ordinance. If you believe that a violation of the ordinance has occurred prior to June 1, you may contact Lexcall at (859) 425-2255 and a warning will be issued to the potential violator. On or after this date, you may file a complaint with the city's Division of Code Enforcement. For more information, visit the Division of Code Enforcement website (link to website – <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/code-enforcement>). ---Your Lexington 2nd District Councilman Joe Smith

### **TINY LIBRARY AT MEADOWTHORPE PARK**

Meadowthorpe Park was chosen by 'Friends of the Library' with Lexington Public Libraries to have a Tiny Library! From your Lexington Public Library: Readers are everywhere, so books should be everywhere. That's the idea behind the Lexington Public Library's newest initiative to make reading more accessible to the community — the Tiny Library program. A Tiny Library is a miniature community center for sharing books. It's hyper-local — right in your neighborhood — and it's free, easy and fun.

The Tiny Library program will bring the “take a book, leave a book” concept of book exchange boxes to 50 new locations. Nomi Design, a Lexington firm, donated its time and expertise to design the book exchange boxes, which are built of steel, wood, and plexiglass with the eye toward elegance, durability, and ease of use. Sponsorship of a Tiny Library, or several, is available at \$250 per installation. To sponsor a Tiny Library, you can donate here or contact the Library Foundation at (859) 231-5557 or [adonworth@lexpublib.org](mailto:adonworth@lexpublib.org). More of these boxes can be installed throughout the neighborhood.

Can't host but want to help? Donate books to any of our Tiny Libraries for others to enjoy! All genres and reading levels are encouraged. Go check out our new library at Meadowthorpe Park entrance, 333 Larch Lane.

### **UK STUDENT DESIGN PROJECT FOR MEADOWTHORPE - SUMMARY FROM MAY 8**

After the May neighborhood meeting, MNA hosted 3 Univ. of Kentucky Landscape Design students at the community center and invited all impacted residents/business owners/property owners to attend. These 3 students had researched the history of Meadowthorpe, visited the business strip at different times of the day for unofficial pedestrian and vehicle traffic counts, along with talking to several of the business and property owners about their desires for the strip. The detailed presentation using slides explained the need for aesthetic updates, supplied unofficial data to support the need for projects and many solutions on what those changes could look like in this area.

The proposals offered different approaches to the parking area in front of stores, adding outdoor community space beside Goodwill by closing the vehicle cut-through and still allowing a drive-thru for Goodwill, and providing an airplane-themed runway strip with lighting as a new, wider sidewalk. Check out [mnalex.com](http://mnalex.com) for a view of the slides from the presentation.

Thank you to the Townley Park Neighborhood Association's representatives for attending the meeting, along with several dignitaries and your city Councilmen Joe Smith and your Kentucky Senator Reggie Thomas. If you are interested in a role associated with writing a grant, reaching out to businesses, gathering prices for outdoor seating, exploring possibilities such as murals, or just about anything towards a re-development of the area, contact neighbor Jamie Rogers to express your interest. Several neighbors have already begun the process for adding immediate, community space and working with businesses to support their needs. Contact: Jamie Giles Rogers [Jkgile01@gmail.com](mailto:Jkgile01@gmail.com)



**A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO MEADOWTHORPE NEIGHBOR MARY NEIL!**  
**If you'd like to extend your best wishes, please contact [mnalexky@gmail.com](mailto:mnalexky@gmail.com) and we will share Mary's contact information. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!!!!**

**THANK YOU TO ELAINE PENCE & LANDSCAPERS CORNER!**

The MNA extends a very special thanks to Elaine Pence and Landscapers Corner (located on Old Frankfort Pike at Forbes Road) for their donation of two cubic yards of hardwood mulch for the Boiling Springs median and one cubic yard of pine bark fines for the Boiling Springs flower garden. It looks beautiful!

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