



**MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER**  
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**“Being happy never goes out of style.” – Lilly Pulitzer**

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**AUGUST ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**Friday August 3, 2018** – Summer Nights in Suburbia – MoonDance Amphitheatre 7p-9p

**Tuesday August 14, 2018** – MNA Monthly Meeting – 333 Larch 6:30p social hour 7p-8p Meeting

Guest Speaker: *Chris Cooperrider of the City of LEX Parks and Recreation, will discuss the new walking trail to be installed at Meadowthorpe Park.*

**Wednesday August 15, 2018** – First Day of School!

**Friday August 3, August 10 & 17, 2018** – Fountain Films (FREE) – Triangle Park Downtown Lexington – starts at dusk

**Saturday August 4, 2018** – Craft Fair – Shaker Village – 10am

**Saturday August 11 & Sunday August 12** – Crave Music, Food & Car Festival – Masterson Station Park

**Saturday August 18 & Sunday 19, 2018** – Woodland Art Fair – Woodland Park

**Friday August 24, 2018** – Summer Nights in Suburbia – MoonDance Amphitheatre 7p-9p

**Saturday August 25, 2018** – Chevy Chase Street Fair

**Wednesday August 29, 2018** – Lexington Mayoral Town Hall – 21C Hotel Downtown Lexington 6:30p-8p

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept 8 – Annual Doggie Paddle Woodland Park Pool

Sept 15 – Masterson Station Fall Yard Sale

**Ponderings**

This is a follow-up to an article in the last newsletter, which addressed the issue of free roaming dogs. In addition to the ordinance against dogs running at large, there is another ordinance which requires owners to be responsible for the removal “any excreta deposited by his/her animal(s) within the urban service boundary on public walks, streets, recreation areas or private property belonging to another.” (See Sec. 4-23.1.) I believe that covers every place in Meadowthorpe, except your own house and yard.

I can remember Mr. Johnson, a curmudgeon who lived on my street growing up, who would use a shovel to scoop up any offending offal deposited in front of his house and carry it to the home of the offending pet owner (he would also declare that any balls that rolled into his yard were “now my property.”). Luckily, MNA provides doggie bags, purchased from your voluntary dues, to help in this clean up requirement and to prevent self-policing like Mr. Johnson. They are located at dispensers around the neighborhood. I also see many neighbors using plastic grocery bags to comply with this requirement. And to all of you, thank you and good job.

However, I note that dogs can be trained to perform a variety of behaviors that are not necessarily natural. One of those behaviors is to deposit excreta without stopping to squat or even break stride. I have not found any exception to the

ordinance for owners whose dogs have developed this behavior. If your dog can do this, please be aware that you are also required to clean up after your very intelligent pooch. Thanks.

-Jim Capillo MNA President

### **STORMS AND MEADOWTHORPE RESIDENTS**

Storms that hit Central Kentucky Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>, left a devastating effect on many residents, including many Meadowthorpe neighbors. Meadowthorpe neighbors banded together, helped with debris and checking in on neighbors' safety during the aftermath and subsequent blackout. Many neighbors were without power until Sunday evening as Meadowthorpe experienced the most disruption to the electrical grid since the ice storm several years ago.

Residents can learn how to be better prepared for storms such as this by visiting [bereadylexington.com](http://bereadylexington.com).

**For those who have a small amount of debris**, please use your Lenny to dispose of limbs less than six inches in diameter. Limbs should not exceed four feet in length. If limbs will not fit in your Lenny, bundle them with a string, and place them at the curb on your regular pick-up day.

Everyone can help clean up our streets raking and sweeping debris into the Lenny.

**If you have more than Lenny can handle**, you are welcome to call LexCall 3-1-1(425-2255) to request a special pick-up. To make special pick-ups as efficient as possible:

- Pile up debris together before calling for pick-up. One collection trip per property is all that can be provided in the near term.
- Pile all debris along the edge of the street so that crews can collect it without entering private property.

Helpful information about insurance claims, fallen trees and neighbor damage to property were shared on the Meadowthorpe Rocks Facebook page (make sure you're following that page especially in times like these where neighbors were able to communicate easily!).

### **LEXINGTON CITIZEN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Citizens Fire Academy is a dynamic 10-week program designed to provide participants with an inside view of the organization and operations of the Lexington Fire Department. The program includes live demonstrations, classroom learning and hands-on experiences – all of which are intended to give the participant a true feel for the LFD. The CFA is open to anyone 18-years-of-age or older who either lives or works in Fayette County or surrounding counties and has no felony convictions. Classes are limited to no more than 25 students. Spots are on a first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to people who live in Fayette County.

Classes in the CFA are taught by professional, career firefighters and the curriculum includes: History of the fire service, Fire station tour, Emergency apparatus and equipment training, Fire ground operations, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Personal protective equipment, Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus (SCBA), Hazardous materials, Search and rescue, Portable fire extinguisher training, CPR, Fire prevention and investigation, Fire and building codes, Vehicle extrication (Jaws of Life)

Classes meet on Thursday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. for dinner prior to the class. Classroom and hands-on activities run from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Classes are held at the Fire Training Academy, [1375 Old Frankfort Pike, Lexington](http://1375%20Old%20Frankfort%20Pike,%20Lexington). Questions, dates and to apply, contact Firefighter Kyle Branham [branhamk@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:branhamk@lexingtonky.gov) or 859.231.5618.

*Feel free to donate leftover food, plants, games or anything to Fire Station 13 on Leestown Road. Our guys would love for you to stop by with food!*

## **LEXINGTON IN BLOOM – MEADOWTHORPE WINNER**

Congrats to 300 block of Hillsboro Ave. resident Liz Chilton for winning the 'Lexington in Bloom' competition! Liz is also won in 2014. She is also the mother of Lexington Fire Chief Kristen Chilton. This garden competition is sponsored by the Lexington Council of Garden Clubs. Walk by Liz's home and check out her winning property. Meadowthorpe is home to previous winners, including Larch Lane residents Joseph Uecker and Brian Estes in 2016 and Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association's Boiling Springs median won the neighborhood association award which is maintained by Taylor Drive neighbor Shelby French.

## **WHAT ARE THOSE ORANGE BIKES ALL OVER TOWN?**

Spin, a stationless bikeshare company, has launched a pilot program in downtown Lexington and on the University of Kentucky campus. Spin has provided Lexington residents access to solar-powered, GPS-enabled, self-locking bikes. These bikes require no fixed racks, can be parked anywhere, and have been distributed all over town at no cost to the city. To use Spin bikes, riders can download the Spin app on their smartphones and load payments to their account with a credit card. When you're ready to ride, open the app to find a bike near you and scan the bike's QR code to unlock. Once you're finished using the bike, pull down on the lever on the bike to lock it. For those without a smartphone or credit card, pre-loaded cards will also be available for purchase at locations around the city and the UK Transportation Services. The cost to ride is \$1 for 30 minutes. UK students, faculty and staff who register using an .edu email address can ride for a 50 percent discount on the company fares. The Spin bikes allow you to complete multiple trips during the allotted time frame. A trip begins when the bike is unlocked and ends when the bike is locked. The app will stop charging you as soon as the bike is locked.

Spin's launch in Lexington has started with 500 dockless bikes distributed across the city and the UK campus. Parking on the UK campus is limited to designated zones identified in the Spin app. Outside of campus, the bikes can be parked anywhere within the public right of way, as long as they do not block sidewalks or building entrances. During the pilot phase, Spin will track bike usage and preferred parking areas to identify where residents will benefit most from the service. If results prove positive from the pilot phase, Spin will inform Lexington on how to implement a full-scale program to be a valuable part of transportation infrastructure. ---*M. McCardwell, Ace Magazine*  
*Meadowthorpe residents: Use the orange Spin bikes, so the company will keep bikes in our area! View a tutorial video at this link: [www.spin.pm](http://www.spin.pm)*

## **WHEN TO CALL 8-1-1**

Like every other state, Kentucky has a statewide phone 8-1-1 service that, by law, must be called at least two working days prior to beginning excavation. This advance notification is intended to allow ample time for utility lines to be located and marked so that excavation can proceed safely. Natural gas providers and hazardous liquid pipeline operators are required to provide the location of their lines to the 811 center. If you are planning to build a fence, deck, install a sprinkler system, plant a tree, or any digging in your yard, you now are required by law to call 8-1-1 before you dig. For more info, <http://call811.com/map-page/kentucky>

## **TOWN BRANCH COMMONS PARK – WALK/BIKE TRAIL UPDATE**

Groundbreaking was held on July 2 for this large project of installing greenspace downtown and increasing pedestrian walkways for bikes, walkers and runners. When the Legacy Trail is completed, it will connect the Masterson Station area to downtown. The Midland Avenue sanitary sewer construction (East Lexington & Main Street) is slated to begin first. This work will replace sanitary sewer lines along Main Street, Eastern Ave., Short Street, and Midland Ave. This project has now received all authorizations from state and federal agencies to move into the right-of-way acquisition phase. The design team has completed the 60% design submittal for the Trail. Internal reviews are occurring to ensure the design is in line with SCAPE's master plan and to ensure the design remains within our planned construction budget. We are on track to finalize the TBC trail design by this Fall. AECOM has been providing professional services and program management for the this project since 2016 and their contract is to be extended for a continuation of services with added construction management services. There were 3 neighborhood meetings held through the month of May to inform neighborhoods of the upcoming Town Branch Commons construction and continued design efforts. Meetings

were held at Charles Young Center, Central Library, and BCTC's Newtown Campus. Outreach to property owners and various stakeholders will continue. Website: [www.lexingtonky.gov/townbranchcommons](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/townbranchcommons) Visit this site for construction information and details about the trail project.

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