

Your fireplace & Meadowthorpe Community Ctr. fireplace

Billy Williams provided the inspection of the community center fireplace this summer and discovered 'our community home' did not have a carbon monoxide detector! The detector should be placed across the room from any gas appliance and approximately 18" from the floor. A plug-in carbon monoxide detector works great. He reminded the group that a 'vented' fireplace is meant to keep the damper open & does not provide a lot of heat. A 'vent free' fireplace keeps all heat in the room and keeps the damper closed. If you are using wood logs, always keep the damper open. A newer type is 'direct vent' and provides more heat in a room. Purchase concrete logs for a gas fireplace and not ceramic. 90% of service calls are for lack of yearly clean-up, which may only cost \$100-\$150.

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Updates from recent MNA meetings:

Jim Akers, Market Management Services and Jeff Stidham, Stidham Commercial Partners gave a brief presentation regarding possibilities for developing the property along South Forbes Road formerly occupied by the Bluegrass Stockyards. They will seek MNA's input as plans are being developed. In the meantime, questions may be directed to Jim Akers at 859.255.7701 or akersjim@bellsouth.net.

Johan Graham of AU Associates updated neighbors on the 55+ unit affordable housing project along Antique Drive. Groundbreaking should take place before Thanksgiving. He will keep us posted throughout the project which is expected to take approximately one year.

Michelle Kosieniak of Lexington Parks & Recreation presented a new rendering of the walking trail for the Meadowthorpe Park showing the perimeter rail with no "figure eight" in the design. The neighborhood association gave approval for Parks & Rec. to move ahead with the walking trail construction. Expect dirt to be moved late this fall.

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Thanks to the hard work of Laura Ruberg (Hillsboro Ave.), Natural Resources Committee Chair, MNA has received the storm water grant in the amount of \$8,701 for tree planting in the spring of 2019.

Come to a meeting and learn what is happening in your neighborhood. You are always welcome to attend!

If you are new to the neighborhood, check out the info below on staying informed. Expect your monthly printed newsletter to be delivered to your door, by your street representative, near the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

MNA meetings for all residents: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Community Ctr. (Come at 6:30pm and visit with your neighbors!)

Stay connected: mnalex.org, Facebook: 'Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association' official page and the unofficial page of 'Meadowthorpe Rocks'.

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## **Time to book your holiday party at the Community Ctr. (333 Larch Ln.)**

Community Center Rental Coordinator Gabe Hensley (Pelican Ln.) reported the Community Center has 14 hours of rentals spread over four days coming up. If you, your business, friends or family wish to host a holiday party, please book early. To check the calendar for availability at the Community Center, view the contract, calculate the \$50 an hour cost, request a viewing, or book the facility, send an e-mail to: [reserve333larch@gmail.com](mailto:reserve333larch@gmail.com) Any Lexington resident can reserve the Meadowthorpe Community Center for birthday parties, end-of-season team parties, baby showers, holiday parties, training sessions, or teach a class at this location for an inexpensive option. Don't forget about the kitchen, disability-compliant bathroom, projector/screen, updated and seating for 72 people. All rental funds are spent on park improvements (benches, community garden, sprinkler system, lighting, etc.). Remember to tell your work friends, family and anyone else about this great deal! [reserve333larch@gmail.com](mailto:reserve333larch@gmail.com)

## **Annual Holiday Party---Meadowthorpe tradition**

Mark your calendars for the annual holiday potluck on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2pm. The potluck will be held at the Community Center for all residents. Please bring a side or dessert. Wear your festive holiday clothing and come join your neighbors in this fun tradition. A visit from Santa Claus could be a possibility! All ages are welcome.

## **Election time for 2019 Meadowthorpe Neighborhood officers**

The officers of this body are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected annually by the membership, will serve a one-year terms, and may be re-elected. Any Meadowthorpe resident is eligible to hold office.

PRESIDENT presides over meetings of the MNA and of the Board of Directors. He or she appoints representatives, committees, and individuals to carry out the business of the association.

VICE-PRESIDENT substitutes for and acts on behalf of the president in his or her absence or upon his or her request. The vice-president serves as liaison with the street representatives and coordinate their activities.

SECRETARY writes and keeps a record of the minutes of general membership, executive committee, and board meetings; maintains a file of standing and ad hoc committee meeting minutes; responsible for external MNA communications and routine correspondence.

TREASURER keeps and maintains the association's financial records, carries out the transactions normally associated with the office, prepares and presents a treasurer's report at each board and general meeting, prepares and presents an annual budget report.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT remains on the Executive Committee as a non-voting mentor and consultant to the new Executive Committee and president as long as his or her successor remains president. (MNA By-laws, 2014, mnalex.org)

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Nominations for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer may be made by any resident at the November general meeting of each year. Nominations from the floor are also permitted at the January meeting of the following year, at which meeting election of officers will be conducted. MNA residents present at the meeting are eligible to vote, by secret ballot only. Proxy and absentee voting is not permitted. If you are interested about holding an office, contact nomination chair, Russ DiBella (Pepper Dr.) 859.255.7775.

A big thanks to these committee members & officers who made living in Meadowthorpe just a little more special for all of us in 2018.

President: Jim Capillo (Old Leestown Rd.)

Vice President: Bill Congleton (Glendale Ave.)

Secretary: Traci Letcher (Pelican Ln.)

Treasurer: Linda Melton (Glendale Ave.)

Meadowthorpe Development Review Committee: Jim Stone (Old Leestown Rd.)

Natural Resources Committee: Laura Heil Ruberg (????)

Community Center: Gabe Hensley (Pelican Ln.)

Trees & Environment: Al Cinson (Boiling Springs Dr.)

Newsletter: Rebecca Price (Boiling Springs Dr.)

Park Committee: Russ DiBella (Pepper Dr.)

Communications Committee: Beth Workman (Glendale Ave.)

Flag replacements/luminaries, etc.: Carolyn Troyer (???)

Technology help: Jason Sloan (Hillsboro Ave.)

Boiling Springs median garden: Shelby French (Taylor Dr.)

Community Ctr. Garden: garden angels of Hillsboro Ave.

Grant support: Jamie Rodgers (Meadowthorpe Ave.)

Neighborhood Watch: Chuck Smith and Karen Stivers

Annual Yard Sale: Brian Throckmorton (Larch Ln.)

Brick paver committee: Liz Chilton (Hillsboro Ave.), Julie Waits (Burke Rd.), Jim Stone (Old Leestown Rd.), Russ DiBella (Pepper Dr.), David McCall (Larch Ln.),

There are many more volunteers who pick-up trash in our neighborhood, refill the doggie waste bags and keep Meadowthorpe a loving, unique neighborhood. A big thank you to all of the residents who give their time and energy to our neighborhood.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart. ---Elizabeth Andrew (author)*