



# MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

January 2019 Newsletter

*from your Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association*

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*"Even a blizzard starts with a single snowflake." -Sara Raasch, author*

## 2019 NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### Mark your calendar for these neighborhood events in 2019:

2nd Tuesday of each month, general membership (all residents) meeting at Community Ctr.

Neighborhood Yard Sale: Saturday, June 1

Ice Cream Social: Tuesday, July 9, 7pm at the Community Ctr.

Halloween: Thursday, Oct. 31, 6pm-8pm

Holiday Potluck: TBD (Dec. 10?)

Luminaries lighted at dusk: Tues., Dec. 24

**MNA Board members, street reps. and committee** members should mark their calendars for the following meetings to occur at 5:45pm, Community Center: Feb. 12, April 9, July 9, Nov. 12.

*The Board meets 4x a year to determine the agenda for the general membership.*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR FORMER COUNCILMEMBER JOE SMITH

Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> District Neighbors,

I am honored to have been appointed by Mayor Jim Gray to fill the unexpired term of Council District 2. I ran for election to continue my work in this position because of my commitment to a strong, inclusive and sustainable District's quality of life, investment in our community's future, and maintaining the values of our neighborhoods. I remain very passionate about these values and will continue to work with government, businesses, community leaders, and residents to ensure the work continues for the best interest of 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District and the city as a whole.

It was an extremely close race. I congratulate Josh McCurn as the winner, and wish him well going forward.

Also, I thank my family, my campaign team and voters for their support.

Thank you for your support,

Joe Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilmember 2017-2018

*-2<sup>nd</sup> District Newsletter, City of Lexington*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF LEXINGTON PARKS & RECREATION

Our new district Community Outreach Coordinator, Anthony Jackson, (former Meadowthorpe Elementary staff member) says he wants to find the neighbors who are interested in playing Bridge. He understands there are a few active, competitive groups already in the neighborhood and would like to assist the groups. If you are interested in joining a Bridge group, belong to a Bridge group in the neighborhood, or have an idea for a group/activity, please contact him: 859.288.2953 or [ajackson@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:ajackson@lexingtonky.gov)

## ELECTIONS FOR 2019 OFFICERS

With over 444 households in Meadowthorpe, our neighborhood association advocates for every renter and homeowner. All neighbors are welcome to attend the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association General Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m., Community Ctr. (333 Larch Ln.) At this meeting MNA will hold our annual officer elections. Nominations were accepted at the November meeting & will be accepted again at the January 2019 meeting. Listed below are bios of the current nominees.

**President nominee:** Jamie Giles Rodgers (Hillsboro Ave.) Jamie has lived in Meadowthorpe since 2015 with her husband, Fred, and new baby, Charlie. She is currently Deputy Director of the National Association of State Chief Administrators and a former Legislative Aide to the 10<sup>th</sup> District of the City Council for 5 years. She is a Fulbright Scholar and graduate of Univ. of Kentucky and Univ. of Louisville.

**VP nominee:** Bill Congleton (Glendale Ave.) Bill has lived in Meadowthorpe 28 years and has served as MNA vice president for the past 3 years. If elected, he is willing to continue serving as vice president in 2019. His main motivation for serving is to provide continuity from the past executive committee and institutional knowledge, as the new executive committee gets established in 2019.

**Secretary nominee:** Jason Sloan (Hillsboro Ave.) Jason has an extensive background in nonprofit and organizational management, and currently serves as the Executive Director for the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies. He and his wife, Mary, moved to Hillsboro Avenue in May 2015. They were both drawn to Meadowthorpe's unique history and strong sense of community, and their daughter, Olivia, loves the park's playground (and may be skeptical of the MNA Santa).

**Treasurer:** Linda Melton (Glendale Ave.) Linda was born and raised in southeastern Kentucky and earned her business degree from the University of Kentucky. Linda has lived in on Glendale Avenue since 2006 and has served as MNA Treasurer since 2015. Linda has worked in the financial services sector for nearly 20 years and earned several securities licenses during that time. Linda also serves as Treasurer/Secretary a small, privately held company. Linda has been proud to utilize her years of experience to aid in safekeeping and stewardship of MNA funds and is honored to be nominated to serve in the position for one more (final) year!

***Thank you to President Jim Capillo (Old Leestown Rd.) & Secretary Traci Letcher (Pelican Ln.) for your service in 2018. If any resident is interested in any executive position before Jan. 8, please send an inquiry to: mnalex@gmail.com. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Jan. 8 meeting.***

## ELECTION PROCESS

At the upcoming January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, nominations for executive officers will be accepted. Once all nominations are confirmed, a vote will occur by paper ballot for every resident attending the meeting. You must be present to vote. No absentee ballots are accepted. If the ballot is accepted, the list above will become officers for 2019 at the conclusion of the January 8th, 2019 meeting. Anyone who owns property or lives in the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood is eligible to vote. Should you have any questions, contact election coordinator, Russ DiBella (Pepper Dr.) 859.255.7775, or reference the bylaws which may be found at mnalexky.com.

There are many other ways you can help in Meadowthorpe, without being responsible for a leadership position. Several committees need your help to not complete physical work, but to have your input and feedback. Example: community center rental committee must approve rentals via e-mail. Or, you can pick up trash in the neighborhood as you walk the streets. Stop in at the next monthly general meeting, or pull weeds along a curb. Every bit of your help is needed and appreciated. Thank you for being part of our community.

### **DID YOU FIND AN ORNAMENT?**

In mid-December, many residents awoke to find one ornament hanging in their front yard tree near the sidewalk, or another place in their yard. This unexpected gift glimmers in the sun and was a fun game for residents walking the neighborhood streets trying to find each ornament placed on their street. A big 'thank you' to the secret elf/elves who brightened our neighborhood with holiday cheer!

### **HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE**

If you used a live Christmas tree this year, you might be wondering how to properly discard of the tree and/or garland. In Lexington, Christmas trees can be recycled with yard waste. Put trees on the curb for normal collection day (Thursdays). Make sure all ornaments and tinsel are removed from the tree. Collection of Christmas trees will be completed through mid-January. The discarded trees are chipped and made into a mulch which is usually made available, free to city residents in the spring. Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and could cause a chimney fire.

### **RENT THE MEADOWTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTER IN 2019 FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES & RECEPTIONS**

Our Community Center is owned by the city of Lexington, but is maintained by your neighborhood association. The neighborhood collects 100% of the rental fees for facility & park improvements (mulch, flowers, benches, etc.) The facility has room for 72 guests; includes a remodeled kitchen, 13- 8'x3' tables with chairs, projector & screen, ADA remodeled bathroom, and a public playground outside. Cost is \$50 per hour rental, plus \$75 cleaning fee. Located at the Meadowthorpe Park, parking is available in the lot and on the street.

MNA is now taking bookings for the 2019 calendar year. For more details on rental requests, availability, deposits and estimates, please email [reserve333larch@gmail.com](mailto:reserve333larch@gmail.com) or visit [mnalex.org](http://mnalex.org). The management of renting our facility is from a volunteer effort of neighbor, Gabe Hensley (Pelican Lane) and his committee. Thank you Gabe!

### **BUR OAK TREE VOTED CITY OF LEXINGTON OFFICIAL TREE**

The bur oak is now Lexington's official tree. In late 2017, Lexington's Tree Board invited the community to vote for Lexington's official tree from three finalists that thrive in the Bluegrass region: bur oak, spotted oak and dwarf chestnut. The bur oak won by a landslide. Bur oak trees once dominated the Bluegrass region of Kentucky. Its spreading crown and giant fringed acorns, the largest acorn of all North American oaks, characterize this stately tree. Bur oaks can reach 80-100+ feet in height & may live for hundreds of years. - *Lexingtonky.gov City Arborist*

Check out the 'Tree Walk' tab on [www.mnalex.org](http://www.mnalex.org) to view the list of addresses with special trees.

If you plan on removing or adding a street tree on your property, remember you must dial 3-1-1 and notify the City Arborist. There are no fees, but there is a list of approved trees for easements. You can find info/link for the approved list on [mnalex.org](http://mnalex.org) or call 3-1-1 to request an approved tree list.

*I have seen oaks of many species in many kinds of exposure and soil, but those of Kentucky excel in grandeur all I had ever before beheld. ---John Muir (Father of the National Parks)*

**COLUMBIA GAS UNDERGROUND PIPE WORK---UPDATE**

Columbia Gas worked many weeks in early 2018 and throughout the year upgrading pipes under streets and sidewalks. After presenting their plan at a neighborhood meeting, extensive work began on almost every street. If any neighbor still has disturbed landscaping, broken or chipped sidewalks/driveway/apron (only from their work), or needs to speak with a Columbia Gas representative about any remaining property damage. Please contact Risa Richardson, 859.953.2100.

**MESSAGE FROM A TAYLOR DRIVE NEIGHBOR**

*Thanks to the homeowners who've taken the time and expense to add new trees to their properties this year. Not only will these additional trees enhance their own property values, but will add overall to the aesthetic of the neighborhood, in terms of beauty, cleaner air, shade in summer, and quietude, which we appreciate in these times of increasing traffic noise and pollution. In the words of the poet, Joyce Kilmer, "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree."*

**WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING**

Several neighbors have asked for a reminder to be posted regarding those who walk/bike/run our streets in the evening or mornings. With darkness falling upon us sooner, there have been a few 'near misses' with pedestrians who are not wearing reflective gear or clothing. Please wear light-colored clothing, or reflective clothing and add a reflector to your stroller, dog collar or hat, if you will be on our streets or sidewalks. Just because you see the vehicle, doesn't mean the driver see you!

**DUES COLLECTION UPDATE**

Our dedicated, generous, active neighbors made this year's voluntary dues drive a success! As of the printing date, we have raised \$9,493.00. If you haven't had the opportunity to give, contributions are accepted at all times! If you prefer to use the U.S. Mail, please send your donation to 333 Larch Lane. Remember, all donations are deductible from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Boiling Springs	\$230	Meadowthorpe Ave.	\$1,220
Burke Road	\$1,650	N. Forbes	\$440
Glendale	\$795	Old Leestown	\$1,458
Hillsboro	\$485	Pelican	\$405
Larch	\$725	Pepper	\$515
Leestown Rd.	\$600	Taylor	\$570
Other	\$350	Townley	\$50

Thank you, neighbors! Total \$9,493  
100% of your donation is spent in Meadowthorpe

*Thank You*

*Meadowthorpe Neighborhood motto: Where all neighbors are members and all dues are voluntary.*

ADVERTISEMENTS WILL RETURN IN THE NEXT MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER.

<p><b>Thoroughbred's Restaurant</b>          1483 Old Leestown Rd.          10:30am-1am Mon.-Sat.  <b>Home-cooked food - hotbrowns, greens,          meatloaf, fried green tomatoes,</b></p>	<p><b>Pop's Resale</b>  <i>11am-7pm, Tues-Sat.          1423 Old Leestown Rd.          "6,000sqft. of stuff you want!"          Since 1996          80,000 vinyl records,          vintage and quirky clothing,          old-school game systems,          and a million other things          you ain't never heard of</i>  <i>Dan "Pop" Shorr says,          walking along an aisle          between the store's bins of          more than 80,000 vinyl          records. "I'm never going to          get rich doing this, so it's          great if we can have fun."</i></p>	<p><b>Feather Your Nest          Antiques</b>          1317 West Main Street          (neighbor-owned)          lexantiques.com          multi-dealer antique store          eclectic, vintage  <b>outdoor antique garden area</b></p> 
 <p><b>MATT S. FINLEY</b>  <b>ATTORNEY AT LAW</b>          275 BURKE RD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•WILLS, TRUSTS, LIVING WILLS</li> <li>•LANDLORD TENANT</li> <li>•ESTATE PLANNING, POWERS OF ATTORNEY</li> <li>•CRIMINAL DEFENSE</li> <li>•IN HOME APPOINTMENTS AT NO EXTRA COST</li> <li>•AFTERNOONS AND WEEKENDS</li> <li>•20% DISCOUNT TO MEADOWTHORPE RESIDENTS</li> </ul> <p>CALL: 859-494-5373          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:MATTFINLEY@TWC.COM">MATTFINLEY@TWC.COM</a></p>	<p><b>Marie Pullen Photography</b>          \$125 sitting fee, no prints required  <a href="mailto:MariePullenPhotography@gmail.com">MariePullenPhotography@gmail.com</a>          Facebook: MariePullenPhotography  <i>Babies, couples, families, pets</i></p>	<p><b>Furnished Solutions by TJ</b>  <i>Being clean &amp; tidy,          leads to peace &amp; joy!</i>          Personal Shopper &amp; Organizer          Image Consultant, Interior Design          Assistant, House/Office Cleaning          Lawn Care &amp; Landscape Advisor          Rom. 15:13 Contact: 859-608-0847</p>
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