



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 3 P.M.

Fried chicken, drinks, plates, and cutlery will be provided.

Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

A craft activity for kids will be provided.

Santa will make an appearance!

Entertainment will be provided by guitarist Ross Whitaker.

We will have a bin to collect nonperishable food items to donate to God's Pantry. If you'd like to donate but cannot attend, please arrange pick-up or drop-off with Beth Workman at 859-948-3447.

DÉCOR CONTEST RETURNS, AND YOU GET TO VOTE!

Beth Workman

The holiday decoration contest is back this year with a twist! Please have decorations up by Monday, December 18, if you'd like to participate. The five categories are whimsical, traditional, daytime, nighttime, and—for this year's innovation—a neighborhood vote for people's choice! To vote in the people's choice category, provide the information in the form below and drop it in the mailbox at 329 Glendale Avenue by December 31.

2023 Meadowthorpe Holiday Decoration Contest, People's Choice Category

Street where voter lives: _____

Voter's choice for best overall decoration, street address: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 3, 3 PM: Annual Holiday Party, Community Center.

Tuesday, December 12: *No monthly MNA meeting in December. Next meeting is January 9.*

Monday, December 18: Deadline for decking your yard for consideration in the holiday decoration contest.

Friday, December 22, 10 AM: Setup of Community Center for assembly of luminaries. Time is negotiable to fit volunteers' needs.

Saturday, December 23, 10 AM: Assembly and distribution of luminaries, Community Center. Drivers and pickup trucks are especially needed.

Sunday, December 24, sunset: Light the candle in the luminary in your yard, and help your neighbors by lighting any that are dark. Take a walk to enjoy the most festive hours in Meadowthorpe.

December 25–31: Collect luminary candles and jugs, and leave them at the door of the Community Center.

Sunday, December 31: Deadline for dropping off your vote for the People's Choice category of the holiday decoration contest, mailbox at 329 Glendale Avenue.



MEETING SCHEDULE

General membership—second Tuesday of each month except July and December:

Next meeting, and election of officers for 2024: Tuesday, January 9 at 7 PM.

◆ *Join remotely at zoom.us; click "Join A Meeting."*

Meeting ID: 230 081 2544

Passcode: MNA

◆ *Or dial either 1 301 715 8592 or 1 312 626 6799*

Meeting ID: 230 081 2544

Passcode: 475046

LIGHT UP MEADOWTHORPE BY HELPING WITH THE TRADITIONAL LUMINARIES

Carolyn Troyer and Nora Warman

We need plenty of volunteers for the Christmas Eve luminaries.

First, we need a couple of people to help set up the community center, moving tables and laying down drop cloths. We especially need a pickup truck to haul sand and supplies from the concession stand. We plan to set up on Friday, December 22, at 10 AM, but the time is negotiable. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Troyer (see below). Assembling the luminaries depends on the one hour it takes to set up on the day before.

Now, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 23, at 10 AM at the community center. Drivers with pickups are especially needed. It's a productive and busy task for the good of the neighborhood. We need people of all ages to fill bags with sand and a candle, deliver a bag to each house in the neighborhood, and clean up the center. This is a fun activity for kids. No need to sign up or call ahead. Just show up. Many hands make for light work. The tradition continues because of its many volunteers.

At sunset on Christmas Eve, everyone light the candle in your luminary and those of your neighbors. Then enjoy the sight and silence of soft candle glow up and down your street on a winter's night. Be sure to drive into the neighborhood at the Boiling Springs entrance and enjoy the luminaries on the median.

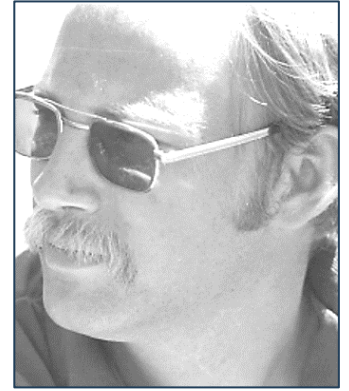
Finally, we need people to pick up the luminaries during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Do it at your convenience when you feel like taking a walk. Discard the sand or find a good use like saving a bucketful in your car trunk in case you get stuck in the snow. Save the unused luminaries, jugs, and any unused candles and leave them at the door of the Community Center.

If you have questions or want to volunteer to set up, contact Carolyn at Troyer@twc.com or 859-252-2766. See you all there!



DEPARTED NEIGHBORS

Robert J. Valentine, Jr., 75, known as Jim to most, died peacefully in Lexington on October 18, 2023. Jim moved with his family to Taylor Drive in 1985 and was known for his beautiful flowerbeds. Born on June 25, 1948, in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Jim was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He is survived by his wife, Nell; son, Phillip; daughter, Lilla (Undrea Shelton-Badgett); and granddaughter, Ember Valentine-Shelton. Jim held a bachelors of science in geology, studying at Lindsey Wilson College, Fresno State University, and the University of Kentucky. He channeled his love of the soil into a career in horticulture, providing training and therapy for developmentally disabled adults at Mountain Comprehensive Care's greenhouse program; working at Sunmount Hott House in the Adirondacks; growing for Hillenmeyer's Nurseries; and managing Louie's Flower Power Shops. Jim's yard was a testament to his green thumb, where flowers, fruit trees, and vegetable gardens spilled into every corner. He found his happy place in New Brunswick, Canada, at Saints Rest, where he spent every summer since childhood. Dogs provided companionship for Jim, especially Friendly. Bigger than life, with an endless stream of bad dad jokes, Jim had a talent for creating fun and laughter. Known for taking Christmas toys apart as a child, he had a knack for mechanical ingenuity which carried over into adulthood when he restored a '59 Austin Healey, constructed an extensive model train set with intricate scenery, and installed solar power in a rustic cabin. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Doctors Without Borders. A memorial service is planned for 2 PM on December 2, 2023, at Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church, 356 Hillsboro Ave.



M.N.A. MEMBER PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

MNA Community Center Committee

In order to encourage member participation, the MNA Community Center Committee proposes that an added incentive may promote engagement of members of the MNA and its various committees.

POLICY

A member who attends at least three out of ten general membership meetings per calendar year will be eligible to reserve the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Park Center (NPC) free of rental fee, for up to three hours once per calendar year.

CONDITIONS

1. For documentation reasons, offer is available only to members who attend meetings in person and sign in.
2. Reservations depend on availability of the NPC. Eligible members shall make reservation at least 45 days in advance.
3. Member shall complete rental agreement, pay applicable security deposits, cleaning fees and taxes (\$3 per hour). Only "per-hour rental fees" are waived.
4. Eligible reservations shall be made within one year of the most recent, documented meeting attended.
5. Program is limited to two members per household. Reservations may be combined (for example, 3 + 3 = 6 hours).
6. If conflicts arise, a majority vote by the MNA Community Center Committee makes the final decision on eligibility of the member and availability of the center.
7. The MNA Community Center Committee reserves the right by majority vote to discontinue the policy/program at any time and for any reason. All member eligibility and applicable reservations will be forfeited and considered null and void at the time of the majority vote to discontinue policy/program. Security deposits and cleaning fees will be returned to member(s) according to Rental Agreement.

GET THE MESSENGER DIGITALLY

Send meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com a request to get the Meadowthorpe Messenger by email. You'll still get a paper copy at your home.

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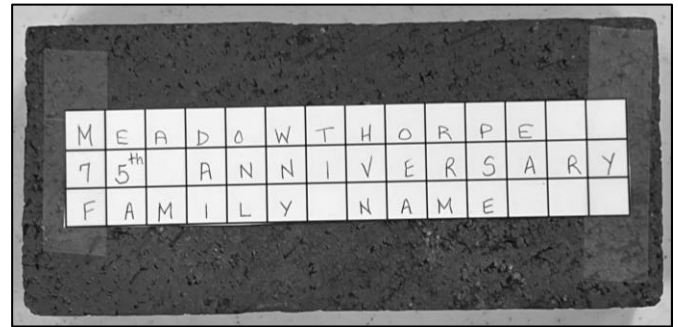


Rent the community center:
reserve333larch@gmail.com

**PAVER COMMITTEE DESIGN
 COMMEMORATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

As the first means of celebrating Meadowthorpe’s upcoming 75th anniversary, pavers noting the event will be installed at the Charles Lindbergh historical marker plaza near the Boiling Springs entrance. A series of bricks, identical except for the family name (see below for lettering specs), will be a good visual indicator of Meadowthorpe’s group spirit.

To sponsor a paver, call Russ Di Bella, 859-255-7775; Jim Stone, 859-433-5836; or Paul Price, 859-402-7368. The cost is \$50.



COMING SOON: THE BARK & THE PURR

Boutique pet supply shop, and a place for the community to post lost or found pets
 1469 Leestown Road

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Opening scheduled for February 2024

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Susan Miller, susanemiller2015@gmail.com

MEADOWTHORPE ANTIQUE MALL

Check for discounts, storewide!
 1463 Leestown Road, 859-255-2607

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**10 AM–5 PM, Tuesday–Saturday
 1 PM–5 PM, Sunday**

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*Owner Evie Taylor
 celebrated 23 years at the mall as of July.*

SHAGGY’S BARBER SHOP

Notary, fax/copy, and village post office.
 1473 Leestown Road

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9 AM–6 PM, Monday–Friday

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Shgg268@aol.com — 859-509-5746

FEATHER YOUR NEST

Antiques and collectibles

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1317 West Main Street — 859-533-5167

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10 AM–6 PM, Monday–Thursday and Saturday
 1–5 PM, Sunday 11 AM–7 PM, Friday

*If you would like to write a story about our neighborhood,
 if you have information about a neighborhood event or the passing of a neighbor,
 or if you have story ideas or suggestions, contact Messenger editor Brian Throckmorton at 859-230-4605
 or MeadowthorpeMessenger@gmail.com. Submissions are due by the 23rd of the prior month.*