



MEADOWTHORPE MESSENGER

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ARTISTS TO PRESENT MURAL PROPOSALS TO M.N.A. ON APRIL 9; VOTE ON FAVORITE TO FOLLOW

Mark your calendars for April 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM and join us at the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Park Center for an evening filled with creativity and community spirit.

Get ready to be impressed, Meadowthorpe! Artists Casey McKinney and Sherrie Graham-Greene are gearing up to unveil their vibrant outdoor mural designs for the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Park Center at the upcoming Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association general membership meeting.

McKinney and Graham-Greene will be showcasing their artistic prowess through detailed renderings of their proposed murals. From whimsical landscapes to abstract compositions, their designs promise to potentially infuse our neighborhood with more energy and charm!

But the excitement doesn't stop there! Attendees will have the chance to interact with the artists, ask questions, and even influence the final decision by voting for their favorite proposal. It's an opportunity for every member of our association to have a say in the art that could potentially adorn our shared space. Join us at the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Park Center on April 9 to witness the unveiling of these captivating mural proposals. Let's come together to celebrate local talent and make Meadowthorpe an even more vibrant place to call home!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 9: Monthly MNA membership meeting, 7 PM, Meadowthorpe Park Center. **We're reviving the pre-meeting snacks starting at 6:30 PM to allow neighbors to mingle and get to know each other better. The April meeting will include a drawing for a \$25 gift card.** Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month except July and December. Under current bylaws, members must be present in person in order to vote, but attendance via Zoom is also available:

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

Meeting ID: 230 081 2544

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Executive Committee Meeting (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer): Tuesdays at 6:00 PM on May 14, August 13, November 12.

Board of Directors Meeting (executive committee, street representatives, and committee chairs): Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on May 14, August 13, November 12.

75TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

WHO CAN ENTER? Meadowthorpe residents and persons who have had a connection to the neighborhood.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES? Tuesday, May 7

WHAT SHOULD THE DESIGN INCLUDE? Using either two or three colors, the design should include

- Meadowthorpe Neighborhood
- 75th Anniversary
- 1949–2024

The Spirit Committee will select a winner, to be announced in the June newsletter.

The winner will receive a free T-shirt, a gift card, and the option to ride on the float in the July 4 parade downtown.

Digitally created designs can be emailed to ncwarman52@yahoo.com. If your design is drawn on paper, take a photo of it and attach it to the email, or deliver it to Nora Warman at 1468 Meadowthorpe Avenue.

NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW STOPPED MAILMAN FROM BECOMING A HERO

On a snowy afternoon in January, Lacy Evans of Glendale Drive was walking her corgis when she fell and hurt her arm. Down the block on Hillsboro, her regular mailman, Keith, was finishing his deliveries for the day. It was nearly 5 o'clock, and he had only a block and a half of houses left. He saw Lacy fall and hurried to help her. She was able to pull herself up from the ground, but was clinging to a pole while she pulled herself together. "I fell really hard and was in a great deal of pain. He said 'Are you all right?' and I said no. He was going to call somebody for me but I didn't have my phone with me." The most logical person to call was Lacy's niece, Linda Melton, who also lives on Glendale. Despite having been on his feet all day already, Keith volunteered to walk the additional blocks through the snow to Linda's house, returning to stay with Lacy until Linda could drive over and pick her up.

Lacy and Linda decided not to face hours waiting in an emergency room and driving home on a dark night in rough weather. The next morning, Linda took Lacy to the UK Urgent Care Clinic at what used to be Turfland Mall. Lacy's left humerus—the upper arm—was broken. Fortunately, Lacy is right-handed, but months after the accident, she is still in pain. At 76 years old, this is her first broken bone. "Whatever broken bone you have at the time, it's the worst one. I hope it's my only experience with a broken bone." She's wearing a sling for now and looking forward to July, when the medical team says she can expect to be back to normal. "I'm making progress in physical therapy. I've had really good medical care."

Whenever Lacy is walking her dogs, if they spot Keith, they want to drag her across the street to say hello to him. "Keith is my hero," she said. "He saved me. He says, 'That's what we're supposed to do: be kind to each other.'"

INTRODUCING NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: SHEDDING LIGHT ON MEADOWTHORPE'S FINEST

Hey there, Meadowthorpe neighbors! Get ready to shine a spotlight on the amazing folks right in our own backyard with our newest column, "Neighbor Spotlight!"

In this special (hopefully monthly) feature, we'll be turning our attention to the wonderful residents who make our neighborhood the vibrant community it is. From the friendly faces you see at the local coffee shops or neighborhood restaurants to the



unsung heroes quietly making a difference as volunteers, through their personal accomplishments or with the well-earned accolades from their professions or peers, Neighbor Spotlight will showcase the diverse

talents, stories, and contributions of our fellow Meadowthorpers and help us get to know each other better.

Whether it's a passion project, a remarkable talent, or just a heartwarming story that deserves to be shared with neighbors, we want to hear about it! So if you know someone who deserves a moment in the limelight or if you have a story you'd like to feature, drop Ken Miller a line at DrKenMNA@yahoo.com or give a call at 859-806-3536 and let him know why they're a shining star in our neighborhood constellation. Let's celebrate what makes Meadowthorpe so special—one neighbor at a time!

HEADS UP FOR THE ANNUAL YARD SALE

The neighborhood-wide yard sale will take place on Saturday, June 1, from 8 AM to 4 PM. All households are welcome to hold their own sale, and MNA will take care of publicizing the event. This longtime tradition is always fun—shoppers come back year after year. Hosting a sale at the same time as your neighbors is a good way to get maximum foot traffic without having to put up signs. More details to come in the May issue of the Messenger.

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.

ARE YOU VIOLATING LEXINGTON'S LAWS ABOUT LOOSE DOGS AND DOG WASTE? FINES RUN AS HIGH AS \$500

Sec. 4-17. - Taking unleashed dogs into parks.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of any dog to accompany or take any such animal, male or female, except when such dog is upon a leash or chain, into any of the public parks of the urban county.
- (b) Any owner or person in charge of such dog who shall violate this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Sec. 4-18. - Female dogs in heat not to run at large.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any female dog to permit her, when proud or rutting, to run at large in the urban county.
- (b) Any person who shall violate this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or be imprisoned for not less than five (5) nor more than sixty (60) days, or both so fined and imprisoned.

Sec. 4-19. - Dogs running at large.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large within the urban county; provided that a hound or hunting dog may be unrestrained when engaged in lawful hunting activities while on private or public property designated or authorized for that purpose.
- (b) Dogs shall be confined behind a fence or within an enclosed area or otherwise securely restrained at all times while on the owner's or harborer's property. A dog may be unconfined or unrestrained while on the owner's or harborer's property where the dog is in the company of the owner or harborer and the dog is under the owner's or harborer's direct control and supervision.
- (c) A dog shall be permitted off the owner's or harborer's property only if it is restrained by a properly fitting collar or harness physically attached to a leash or tether of appropriate material and weight with the capacity to physically restrain the dog.
- (d) Any dog found to be on public or private property without the permission of the property owner and unattended by the owner or harborer shall be presumed to be running at large and may be impounded by the division of animal control as set forth in section 4-21.
- (e) The owner or harborer of any dog found running at large in violation of this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense, not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a second offense during a thirty-six-month period, not less than two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a third offense during a thirty-six-month period, and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a fourth and each subsequent offense during a thirty-six-month period.

Sec. 4-23.1. - Responsibility of owner to remove animal excreta from waste removal areas.

1. The custodian of every animal shall remove 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.
2. Any excreta not removed in violation of subsection (1) above is declared to be a public nuisance.
3. Any person violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction, be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation.



FREE TRASH DISPOSAL DAY

The City of Lexington, along with the Bluegrass Regional Transfer Station, is offering Fayette County residents a free trash disposal day for non-hazardous household waste. The event will be on Saturday, April 13, from 6 AM to 1 PM at the Bluegrass Regional Transfer Station, 1505 Old Frankfort Pike.

Fayette County residents can dispose of up to one pickup truck load of non-hazardous household waste at this event. Residents can also bring items in a car or SUV.

Items normally serviced through the city's curbside collection program will be accepted without charge. Construction and demolition debris as well as yard waste and large outdoor items will be accepted at the regular gate rate during the event; they do not qualify for free disposal.

Participants must present a valid Fayette County drivers' license or ID with a Lexington address. All loads must fit in a standard truck bed. All loads must be covered by a tarp and level with the bed of the truck. No commercial vehicles are allowed. All loads will be subject to inspection, and acceptance of materials at no cost will be at the discretion of Transfer Station employees. Items accepted at no cost include: mattresses, box springs, bagged household waste, small indoor household furniture such as tables and chairs, up to four tires off the rim. Items accepted at a cost include: any material that does not originate from inside a household such as outdoor furniture and grills, as well as appliances, electronics, tire rims or any tires over four per load, yard waste of any kind, construction and demolition debris, building and remodeling material, outdoor sheds and shelters, water hoses. Items not accepted at the facility at any time include: hazardous materials, free-flowing liquids such as paint or pool chemicals, medical waste.

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