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Eastland Parkway Neighborhood News

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AUGUST 2023 ASSOCIATION MEETING

- Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:30PM
- Christ Centered Church - 2275 Eastland Pkwy
- Enter through white doors in back of church
- Speakers: Councilmember Denise Gray and Councilmember At-Large James Brown
- Vote to approve minutes from June 27, 2022 as posted on the website

SPEAKERS FOR AUGUST MEETING

- **James Brown** is one of three council at large members. He speaks for the entire city of Lexington. James has been on the council since 2015, serving in many other community positions as well.
- **Denise Gray** is our 6th District Council Member. While Council has been on break this summer, Denise has sponsored several activities in our parks.
- By attending the meeting, you will find out about happenings in our city and be able to ask questions. Your presence will also be a visual that shows how interested and involved our neighborhood is in the community.

DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE WALL

Have you noticed the damage to the Winchester Road Entrance Wall on the side closest to downtown?

The EPNA board elected a committee to investigate solving the damage problem. No one is sure what caused the damage. It is possible it happened due to a water main break several years ago or recently when Winchester Road was re-paved.

The city is unsure who actually owns the property. Several years ago, the board attempted to determine ownership and no one seemed to know. The board has asked the city again recently and ownership still has yet to be determined. The neighborhood association has been caring for the wall for many years.

The committee has had estimates from several stone masons. But it could be structural, foundation damage, or water erosion that would be very expensive to repair. The committee has several experts lined up to assess the situation.

VANDALISM

This week, vandals broke the globes to two of the entrance lights on the pillars at the Winchester Road entrance.

BIGGEST EPNA EVENT OF THE YEAR MEET AND GREET - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 5:30-7:00

Mark Your Calendar! We know it's a busy time of year, but we want you to get to know your neighbors and neighborhood.

We will have food, a firetruck, bouncy house, raffles, giveaways, and tables set up with experts from our city government, and other activities.

Our 6th District Councilmember Denise Gray and the neighborhood board members will be present. Take this opportunity to introduce yourself.

This will not be a typical neighborhood meeting, but a chance to mingle, meet and ask questions. The board has worked hard on this event to bring to you an opportunity to meet your neighbors and city officials.

HISTORY OF THE ENTRANCE WALL

The entire subdivision was once a farm owned by the Knight family who sold it in the 1940s to Mr. Gaidry (of Gaidry Ford, later sold to Paul Miller). The walls are White Kentucky Marble, the same stone as on the manor house at the end of Roland Drive.

Over twenty years ago, the walls were in serious neglect and literally falling down. EPNA began caring for the wall under the leadership of Al Hieb, who was a construction manager. Al's son, AJ, is now on the EPNA board and the committee to repair the wall.

Since that time, the neighborhood association, along with city grants, have maintained the walls, filling cracks and having end caps restored. We added lighting and landscaping to make it a beautiful entrance to the neighborhood that mirrors other Lexington neighborhoods and Kentucky horse country.

The neighborhood has spent quite a bit of money over the years to maintain the walls thanks to your dues and donations.

EPNA NEWSLETTERS

In June, we attempted to put pink paper copies of our newsletter at each entrance to Dixie Park; however, those locations were not approved by Parks and Rec.

Therefore, we are going to try again at other locations. The "info" type mailboxes will be out the week before and the week after our neighborhood meeting at the following locations:

- 1702 Fort Sumter Dr (corner of Ft Sumter & Eastland Pkwy on the Winchester Rd side)
- 1625 Raleigh Rd (the four way stop at Raleigh Rd & Eastland Pkwy on the Dixie Elementary side)

Please take one to neighbors that don't use email or FB.

2023 - 2024 EPNA BOARD

Officers:

- President: Andrew Austin
- Vice-President: Cheri McMullin
- Secretary: Deborah Lancaster
- Treasurer: Jane Fraebel

Directors:

- AJ Hieb
- Alan Monthie
- Art Cammers
- Barbara Hatton
- Betsy Noland
- Diane Gregory
- Pat Tatum
- Steve Pratt
- Susan Ecton

To contact the board or any specific member email:
lexepna@gmail.com and your email will be forwarded.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **First Home KY Football Game** – Sat., Sept. 2
- **Keeneland** – Fri, Oct. 6 - Sat., Oct. 28
- **Fire Prevention Week** – Fri. Oct 8 - Sat, Oct. 14
- **EPNA Meet and Greet** – Tues, Oct 24. 5:30 - 7:00
- **Halloween** – Tues, Oct. 31
- **Freely Given Cafe Lunch** – Jennifer Rd - Eastland Park Church of the Nazarene - 4th Sat of each month
- **EPNA Holiday Decorating Contest** – December (TBD)

THANKS

- Everyone who participated in the June yard sale.
- Barbara Hatton, Diane Gregory, AJ Heib, and others for caring for the flowers and landscaping at the Winchester Rd entrance.
- Eastland Park Church of the Nazarene for hosting the Back-to-School event with backpack and school supply giveaways. Barbara Hatton and Susan Ecton, representing our neighborhood, gave away at least 120 children's books.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dixie has recently won two awards: National Project Based Model School and a Promising Practices School.

We are fortunate to have great schools in our neighborhood, Dixie, Yates, and Crawford. Teachers, thanks for all your hard work every day!

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

WATCH YOUR DRIVING - Kids sometimes dart out in the street without looking. They don't always cross at crosswalks. Parents are stressed. They need to get to work, but first they need to drop the kids off - their kids may have the morning grumps, are arguing with their siblings, or they forgot something important. There is a lot going on in that car that distracts the driver, so give them some grace and help watch out for them.

LOCK YOUR CAR! - Police continue to say that no matter where you live, this is the largest preventable problem in our city. Don't leave purses, wallets, tools, backpacks, or computers in your vehicle.

KEEP YOUR GUNS LOCKED UP in your house, not in your car. Many guns used in robberies and illegal activities are stolen. Don't let yours be one of them.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association

- President: Andrew Austin
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- Vice-President: Cheri McMullin
epna.cheri@gmail.com

6th District Councilwoman Denise Gray

- 859-280-8243
- dgray@lexingtonky.gov

Non-Emergency Police (859) 258-3600

Non-Emergency Fire (859) 231-5600

Code Enforcement (859) 425-2255

- code_enforcement@lexingtonky.gov

Animal Care and Control (859) 255-9033

Humane Society (859) 233-0044

Suicide and Crisis Hotline - 988 - open 24 hours a day, English and Spanish

211 – confidential source for food, housing, utilities, etc.

811 – Call Before You Dig (it's the law)

LexFun4Kids.com – family activities

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Welcome to the neighborhood: Jeff Demoss, Gayle; Luke Lamb, Gayle; and Kaan Eskut, Knoxville!

The Eastland Church of the Nazarene has a new minister, Doug Goforth. He wants to continue the church's tradition of caring for the neighborhood.

Please encourage your new neighbors to share their email address to lexepna@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook to keep up with happenings of the neighborhood.

DONATIONS

Donations since June 2023 include Steve & Elizabeth Pratt, Yvonne Queen, Marty Hall, and Arthur Cammers.

All dues and donations are appreciated. Dues and donations are down this year from past years, yet expenses are rising (mulching, landscaping, entrance wall repair, broken light, inflation on regular expenses).

We hope that you see your contributions making the neighborhood a better place.

MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2023

- **Dues run from January-December**
- **Dues are \$10 per adult in a household**
- **Payable by check or Venmo**
 - **Check:** make out to EPNA
 - include name, address, and email
 - **mail to:** Jane Fraebel, EPNA Treasurer, 1885 Gayle Drive, Lexington, KY 40505
 - **bring to:** association meeting
 - **Venmo:** @LexingtonKy-EPNA
 - include name, address, and email

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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