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Eastland Parkway Neighborhood News

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MAY 2, 2023 ASSOCIATION MEETING

- Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:30PM
- Christ Centered Church - 2275 Eastland Pkwy
- Enter through white doors in back of church
- Speakers: Councilmember Denise Gray and Resource Officer Andy Cain
- Vote to approve meeting minutes from October 25, 2022

COUNCILMEMBER DENISE GRAY

Plan on attending our neighborhood meeting to hear 6th District Denise Gray explain what is happening in the City Council and Lexington Government.

Denise is a dynamic speaker who is very enthusiastic about representing the 6th District. She is a take charge, get things done, Councilmember. We are in the middle of the 6th District as it roughly extends from Liberty / Todds road to the Joyland neighborhood on Paris Pike.

To receive her bi-monthly newsletter go to <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/council-district-6> and open Newsletters under Contacts. CM Gray's email and phone info is listed in the Helpful Contacts on the next page of this newsletter.

RESOURCE OFFICER ANDY CAIN

We are very fortunate to continue to have Officer Cain as our Police Resource Officer. He knows our neighborhood, keeps his ear to the ground of problems that arise, and knows many of our homeless by name.

He will speak at our meeting concerning problems in our area, what is being done, and answer questions in both the group setting or be available to talk to you personally at the end of the meeting.

The best two ways to communicate with Officer Cain is by text or email as listed under Helpful Contacts.

IMAGINE NEW CIRCLE ROAD

Have you recently been stuck in traffic *again* on New Circle Road from Richmond Road to Newtown Pike? Do you look around and think "What a mess, it looks like it's stuck in the 60's". The Lexington Planning Commission has a website to include you in the planning for improvements: <https://www.imaginecircle.org/>. You can take a survey, share your opinion and look at documents of work that have already been done in this important project.

SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

The neighborhood association has invested many hours of labor and money from the association and from various grants to landscape the Winchester Road entrance, the Memorial Garden, 2 small "eyebrow" gardens, trees, and knock-out rose bushes at street corners.

We've worked hard to make the neighborhood beautiful and welcoming. Unfortunately, just like your own yard, these areas require maintenance and upkeep.

During these last weeks, a very small group of neighbors have worked extremely hard to trim back most of the knock-out roses, cut bamboo out of the creek, clean the creek, and trim-up Memorial Park. These folks that have volunteered many, many hours are Dianne Gregory, Barbara Hatton, AJ Hieb, Jane Fraebel, Richard Kryscio, Ann and Jana Ghibaudy. Pat Tatum obtained tools and supplies from the city.

This was definitely a case of a few who gave their all for the good of all of us that live in this neighborhood. We can show our appreciation with words of thanks and by adopting one small patch of the common spaces in our neighborhood to maintain while caring for our own yards. Many hands make light work. These volunteers will appreciate your effort.

DOGWOODS REPLACED

Kentucky in the spring makes you picture Keeneland and dogwood trees. Dogwoods are beautiful flowering pink or white trees. There are 5 species of dogwood trees that are native to Kentucky. Paducah hosts a Moonlight Bloom Walk to see their beautiful dogwood trees. They can be found in open woodlands and fields growing wild throughout KY.

There is a history and a story of how our original dogwood trees were donated to our neighborhood. After a rival Auburn - Alabama football game in 2010, an Alabama fan poured herbicide on two 130-year-old Auburn "sacred" trees where traditionally Auburn fans toilet paper-wrapped and celebrated games.

Later, the Auburn Alumni decided to respond to the dastardly Alabama deed by planting trees in the cities of every SEC campus (i.e. turning the other cheek).

Our neighborhood received dogwood trees because we have Auburn Drive.

Some of our donated dogwood trees have died out, but we have received a Neighborhood Action Matching Program Grant to replace them.

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.



NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE SCHOOL

I have good memories growing up of going to a summer bible school with a friend or group of friends and attending several bible schools over the summer.

Christ Centered Church is inviting all neighborhood kids K - 6th grade to come have fun and participate in activities for a few hours. They will host this event June 12 - 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

It will be held at 2275 Eastland Pkwy. Go to the parking lot behind the church and have fun!

Note: As a neighborhood association, we will gladly share events from all neighborhood churches.

We would like to thank the wonderful churches that host events for our neighborhood.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- EPNA will hold meetings in June, August and October on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- [May is Bike Month](#)
- **Street Fest** - Saturday, May 13:
bike, scoot, skate, jog or walk
- **Bible School** - Christ Centered Church
June 12 - 16 (Monday - Friday)
- **Freely Given Cafe Lunch** - Jennifer Rd -
Eastland Park Church of the Nazarene - 4th
Saturday of each month
- [LexFun4Kids.com](#)

POOL OPENING DATES

- Spraygrounds at Jacobson and Masterson
Station - April 22
- Southland, Woodland, Tates Creek, and
Castlewood Pools - May 27
- Douglass and Shillito - June 3
- Use this link for pool info, swim lessons and
swim teams
<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/neighborhood-pools>

PLAN ON VOTING

- Early Voting – May 11 - 13 ([Kroger Field](#))
8:30AM to 4:30PM – bring photo ID
- Election Day - Tuesday, May 16
6AM to 6PM – bring photo ID
- use the link below to find your polling location
<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/vote>

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association

- [Facebook Page](#)
- President: Andrew Austin
epna.andrew@gmail.com
- Vice-President: Cheri McMullin
epna.cheri@gmail.com

6th District Councilwoman Denise Gray

- [859-280-8243](tel:859-280-8243)
- dgray@lexingtonky.gov

Neighborhood Resource Officer Andy Cain

- Text – [859-492-9491](tel:859-492-9491)
- acain@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov

Non-Emergency Police [\(859\) 258-3600](tel:859-258-3600)

Non-Emergency Fire [\(859\) 231-5600](tel:859-231-5600)

Code Enforcement [\(859\) 425-2255](tel:859-425-2255)

- code_enforcement@lexingtonky.gov

Humane Society [\(859\) 233-0044](tel:859-233-0044)

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

SYMPATHY

As a neighborhood, we would like to offer our sympathy to friends and families that have lost loved ones. Two that we are aware of are Marvin Johnson, retired Math Professor at KY State and Barbara Clark, seamstress. Both were avid gardeners and lived many years in the neighborhood. If you are aware of a loss of a neighbor, you can email skecton@gmail.com.

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Welcome to the neighborhood! We hope that you get to know your new neighbors. If we have missed you, send an email and introduce yourself.

Our new neighbors are: Alfredo Avila & Alejandrina Delg, Clarksdale; Darren & Mackenzie Soper, Auburn; Adam Herring, Sarasota; Zachary & Laura Turner, Biloxi; Charlotte & James Allison, Gayle; Charles & Judith McFaddin, Charleston; Ivan & Pricilla Thomas, Auburn; Julia Richie, Charleston; Jacob Hoskins, New Orleans and Malesa & Mickey Hyder, Ft. Sumter.

Now that we are no longer hand delivering newsletters, we need your help sharing information about our neighborhood association and the newsletter out to new neighbors. Please encourage your new neighbors to share their email address to lexepna@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook to keep up with happenings of the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

As Spring turns to Summer, petty vandals see easy opportunities to help themselves to your possessions. There has already been a rash of breaking locks and lock hinges on neighborhood sheds.

- LOCK your vehicles and park under lights. Use your garage if possible. Don't leave purses, wallets, electronics, or valuables in your car.
- Double think gun safety. Don't leave ammo in your gun. Don't leave guns in your vehicle. Don't leave guns laying around your house where children or someone with anger issues have access.
- Shut your garage door. Attached garages provide an easy entry into your home. If your car is parked in the garage, you might think your purse is safe in the car, but not if you don't shut the garage door. If you love your new weed eater or lawn mower, so will others.
- School is out. Watch for kids who don't watch for themselves. Scooters, skateboards, and darting out after a basketball are types of activities that distract kids from watching for cars.
- Remember, if something looks strange, it is probably not good and should be reported. Be aware of your surroundings, your street, and your neighbors. Keep your head up!

BE RESPECTFUL TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

- When you plan a friend or family gathering, make sure that you don't block other neighbors' driveways.
- Be aware of your music level or your barking dogs' effect on neighbors. They might have a different work schedule, a new baby, or be sick.
- Trash receptacles need to be on the grass not in the street. They need to be taken off the street after emptying as soon as your schedule allows.
- There is a city ordinance that does not allow parking of vehicles in yards.
- If you own a large RV or boat, think about its location from a neighbor's perspective.
- Do you have a vehicle parked in your driveway that hasn't been moved for a very long time?
- We are fortunate to live in a very well-kept neighborhood for 99% of the homes. Take a fresh look at your house and driveway to ensure it is up to the standards of your neighbors.

DONATIONS

Thanks to all for generous monetary donations and volunteering their time this year! This neighborhood has many caring hearts not only for the association, but for their neighbors.

The end of 2022 donations above dues were Francis Almedia, Mark Mitchell, Linda Lee, Shirley Hendrix, Alan Monthie, Deborah Lancaster, Doris Houston and Carl and Elizabeth Wills.

The beginning of 2023 brought additional donations from Marty Spence, Marilyn Jenkins, Steve & Betty Pratt, Loys & Sonja Mather, JoAnn Suter, Tom & Diane Gregory, Donna & Robert Hellard, Dan & Susan Ecton and Bette Faust.

We have transitioned treasurers from Loys Mather to Jane Fraebel. Both are excellent record keepers, but if you see an error, let us know.

All volunteering, membership dues and donations are appreciated. We hope that you see your contributions making the neighborhood a better place.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC vs. HOA

Eastland Parkway has a neighborhood association which is totally voluntary to join or not to join. The association has absolutely no power to control what you do with your property. You only have to abide by city laws and code enforcement rules that apply to every neighborhood in the city.

The association's goals are for neighbors to work together to make the neighborhood a beautiful, neighborly place to live. We work with city officials to prevent happenings that would be a detriment to our neighborhood. As a neighborhood association, we are able to apply for grants from the city. We are just a group that works for the betterment of our neighborhood.

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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