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Eastland Parkway Neighborhood News

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EPNA MEET & GREET **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24** **5:30 - 7:00**

The most important goal of EPNA is for neighbors to get to know each other so that we can partner together for the good of the neighborhood.

So, rather than a formal meeting, a **BIG NIGHT** is being planned for you to bring your family and neighbors to the back parking lot of Christ Centered Church.

There will be a bouncy house, firetruck, free food (hot dogs & chips), and door prizes from neighboring businesses. Tables will be set up around the parking lot to allow you to speak to several city departments, schools, and local businesses.

Council Member Denise Gray and neighborhood board members will be present. Hopefully, our new police resource officers, Donna and Brandon, will have time to stop by and get acquainted with neighbors.

This is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself. Please invite your neighbors.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The EPNA will again sponsor the holiday decorating contest awarding the Best Decorated House, Best Decorated Block and Most Kid Friendly house.

Watch for updated information in the winter newsletter. After the judging, signs will be placed in the winner's yards and posted on FB.

This neighborhood tradition was spearheaded by Sheila Hardy. Let's continue this in her memory.

DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE WALL

The committee is continuing to work on finding solutions and contractors to repair the wall at the Winchester Road entrance. At this time, they do not have any information to announce. They are hoping to apply for the next City Corridor Grant to cover some of the costs.

EPNA NEWSLETTERS

Remember, you can get a newsletter by email, access it on Facebook, or on the website.

We are also putting some paper copies in "info" type boxes with red lids 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 a new neighbor or someone that doesn't use the internet.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

On September 25, the EPNA hosted a meeting with John Moses of the Health Department to discuss placing a Needle Exchange Mobile Program at the Mini Mart on Anniston Dr.

There was a lot of concern about the proximity to daycares, schools, and parks.

Thank you to everyone who attended and showed your support that this wasn't the correct location for this service. The Health Department has decided not to place the program on Anniston.

The Health Department still sees the need in 40505 area and would like alternate ideas of a location. Please email JohnQ.Moses@lfchd.org with your suggestion of a better location for this service. John listened and responded to our concerns, in return, he asked for feedback on better locations.

NEW SAFETY SIGNS

Hopefully, by now you have noticed the two new digital solar speed signs on either side of Eastland Parkway and the four-way stop at Eastland Parkway at Anniston. The EPNA Vice-President, Cheri McMullin, has been working with the city since 2021 and with the help of CM Denise Gray, they are now installed. This should help deter speeding and make Eastland Parkway safer for all, especially our children.

BASKETBALL IN DIXIE PARK

Parks and Recreation refurbished the basketball court at Dixie Park, and it looks great. Take a walk and try it out.

Dixie Elementary also has a new playground that is available when school is not in session.

The exercise trail with equipment is also available.

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Welcome to the neighborhood! We hope that you get to know your new neighbors.

Our new neighbors are: Chase Martin, Athens; Abdiel Martines, Biloxi; Luke Lamb and Megan Coleman, Gayle; and Joshua Goldman, Raleigh Rd.

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.

HELP NEEDED

A few folks have worked several times a week to keep the Winchester Rd. Entrance landscaped and watered all year long. Could you find an hour to help put up the holiday decorations at the entrance when weather permits around the end of November? If so, text 859-494-2007.

2023 - 2024 EPNA BOARD

Officers:

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

Directors:

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **EPNA Meet and Greet** - Tues, Oct 24. 5:30-7:00
- **Household Hazardous Waste** – Sat, Oct. 28, 8:30-3
- **DEA Drug Take Back Day** – Sat, Oct. 28, 10-2
Ky American Water, Richmond Rd.
- **Trunk or Treat - Christ Centered Church**
Sun, Oct. 29, 5-7 pm
- **Halloween Thriller Parade** - Sun, Oct. 29 6:30 Downtown
- **Halloween** - Tues, Oct. 31
- **6th District Meeting** - Wed, Nov. 15, 6:00
Liberty Elementary (topics: Building Inspection, Code Enforcement)
- **Freely Given Cafe Lunch** - Jennifer Rd - Eastland Park
Church of the Nazarene - 4th Saturday of each month
- **Radiant Church** - Free Christmas Dinners
- **EPNA Holiday Decorating Contest** – December (TBD)

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association

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

6th District Councilwoman Denise Gray

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

Neighborhood Resource Officers:

- Brandon Means
bmeans@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov
- Donna Shepherd
dshepherd@lexingtonpolice.ky.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.

311 – report city related needs (potholes,
homeless encampments, etc.)

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

LexFun4Kids.com – family activities

2024 EPNA BOARD PLANNING SESSION

In January, the neighborhood board will look at strengths and weaknesses of the neighborhood to determine new goals for the association. This will also help when applying for city grants throughout the year.

Please consider adding your input before January 2, 2024, by emailing lexepna@gmail.com.

WINTER REMINDERS

- Change your batteries in smoke detectors and carbon dioxide monitors
- Make a plan for packages delivered to your front porch
- Keep your vehicles locked and take important items inside
- Check to see if your garage door is shut
- Park under lights and as close to your house as possible
- Keep guns locked up inside your house
- Check on neighbors as the weather gets colder

JUNIOR FIRE CHIEF

Congratulations go to McKayla McKinney, a Dixie Elementary School student, for being chosen as this year's Junior Fire Chief.

THANKS

- Barbara Hatton, Diane Gregory, AJ Heib, and others for caring for the flowers and landscaping at the Winchester Rd entrance.
- Christ Centered Church for hosting EPNA for regular meetings, the Special Meeting with the Health Dept about the Needle Exchange, and the Meet & Greet

SYMPATHY

Atlanta Dr. has lost another neighbor, Bill Hendron. The neighborhood extends sympathy to his family and friends.

DUES & DONATIONS

All membership dues and donations are appreciated. Donations since August include Tony & Patricia Wilson, Sally Moore & Norm Barnhart, and David & Ann Estes.

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 _____

I want a newsletter, but do not have email _____