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Eastland Parkway Neighborhood News

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March 26 ASSOCIATION MEETING

- Tues, March 26 @ 6:30 pm
- Christ Centered Church (back entrance)
- Speakers: 6th District Council Representative
- Come hear about plans for the year and share needs and ideas for our neighborhood

EPNA 2024 CALENDAR

- **March 26** - 1st Association Meeting
- **April 20** - Service Day / Neighborhood Clean Up
 - Rain date: April 27
- **May 18** - Neighborhood Garage Sale
- **June 25** - 2nd Association Meeting
- **Aug 24** - Meet & Greet – (date may change)
- **Oct 22** - 3rd Association Meeting
 - Board Election

SERVICE DAY Saturday, April 20

It has been a long-standing tradition to take a few hours on a Saturday in the spring for neighborhood and church volunteers to spruce up the neighborhood.

- Please take a couple of hours and pitch in to help. We will meet at 9:30 on Sat, Apr 20 (Rain date, April 27) at Radiant Church (1888 Eastland Pkwy) parking lot.
- Bring gloves and hand tools that work for you.
- If that time doesn't work for you, contact Diane Gregory (text 859.227.6242), accept an assignment, and complete it at your convenience.
- We maintain four flower beds in the neighborhood. Trimming the corner rose bushes makes them bloom more. The Memorial Garden and the Winchester Rd. entrance need to be freshened. The creek bed catches trash and debris that clog and destroy the waterway.

DOGWOOD TREES

Dogwood trees will be planted soon along the creek on Roland. They are from a neighborhood grant from the city. They should be beautiful next spring.

PROTECT YOUR DOG

Lexington Animal Control is offering a \$15 special during the month of March to have a dog microchipped. It is normally \$25. Only 22% of animals without a microchip are ever reunited with their families, but that number rises to 52% when they are microchipped.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE Weekend of May 18

Spring cleaning? Clutter taking over your life? College student moving home or parent downsizing? Start planning now to change your "stuff" to cash.

The advantage of a neighborhood garage sale is that many sales in one area will attract buyers.

The neighborhood association has large signs announcing the sale and will post on our FB page.

Eastland Pkwy. is a neighborhood association, not a HOA. We do not make rules that you have to follow. You can have a yard sale anytime you want if you follow city regulations.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEMBERSHIP

The EPNA board met this winter to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the association and to plan a calendar for the year based on the needs of the neighborhood.

- Strengths: the longevity of a strong association (37 years), our connections with city government, and the Meet & Greet last fall.
- Weaknesses: communication with the neighborhood. and dwindling enrollment and involvement.

Communication has changed drastically over the past decade with so many different styles. We want to ensure that we are reaching all of the neighborhood.

Decreased membership has been impacted by retired neighbors aging, members moving out of the neighborhood, and during the time of Covid, we lost connections and never gained them back.

Working parents struggle with time for their jobs, kid's school, and sports. It's hard, many of us have been there.

By paying your \$10 annual dues, you are saying, "Hey, I support the neighborhood and appreciate all that is done to keep it beautiful and clean." I appreciate that someone is keeping their ears open to city actions that impact our neighborhood. I want to share my email address so that I can be informed. We need your input!

You might not have much time, but showing up at one event or volunteering one or two hours a year would help. Letting someone know what concerns you have about the neighborhood improvement would be appreciated.

DELIVERING NEWSLETTERS

This March, we hand delivered a newsletter to each household. This takes both manpower and money from our dues. We want every family to be knowledgeable about the neighborhood association.

The goal is to be able to hand deliver by volunteers to every house. If you have a little time to spare and would be willing to deliver to your street email Susan Ecton at skecton@gmail.com.

If we do not have the manpower, this probably will be the only paper copy you will receive this year.

EPNA NEWSLETTERS

You can get a newsletter via email, on Facebook, or our website.

We also put some paper copies inside red lidded boxes at the corner of Eastland Pkwy/Ft. Sumpter (near bridge on the Winchester Rd. side) and Eastland Pkwy/Raleigh Rd. (four-way stop on New Circle side).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **Radiant Church EggStravaganza** - Sun. Mar. 24, 2-4pm @ Dixie Park - egg hunt, face painting, inflatables and more
- **Egg-Citing Easter Egg Hunt** - Sat. March 30, 12-2pm @ Christ Centered Church (2275 Eastland Pkwy)
- **6th District Meeting** - Mon, April 22, 6-7pm @ Bryan Station HS Cafeteria.
- **6th District's Got Talent** - Sat. Aug. 24 @ Constitution Park
- **Affordable Housing Public Meeting** - Tues, Mar 26, 5pm @ Tates Creek Library & Thurs, April 4, 1:30pm @ Lexington Senior Center
- **Freely Given Cafe Lunch** - 4th Sat of each month @ Eastland Park Church of the Nazarene (Jennifer Rd)

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS - DECEMBER 2023

Decorating your home for the holidays made the whole neighborhood sparkle. Thanks for the effort. The judges had a difficult time selecting and spent several hours mulling over their choices. Just in case you missed it, here are the winners.

- Best Decorated House - 709 Roland
- Honorable Mention - 1709 Pellinore
- Most Kid Friendly - 1602 Raleigh Rd.
- Honorable Mention - 1506 Anniston
- Best Decorated Block - Ft. Sumter
- Honorable Mention - Martha Court
- People's Choice on FB - 1506 Anniston

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to the families and neighbors of Dr. Daniel & Nancy Reedy on Cantrill, Curt Goodwin on Dalna, and Shirley Hellmueller formerly of Atlanta. These are all longtime residents that were active in the neighborhood.

Parks and Recreation has planted a tree in memory of Debbie Foxx Holliran in Dixie Park.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

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

Call Before You Dig - 811 - it's the law

Animal Care and Control (859)-255-9033

Humane Society (859) 233-0044

Suicide and Crisis Hotline - 988 - open 24 hours a day, **LexFun4Kids.com**- a great website with many activities for kids and families.

Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association

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

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Welcome to the neighborhood! Our new neighbors include: Ed Spears, Gayle; Megan Coleman & Luke Lamb, Gayle; Richard & Lauren Gaisser, Sarasota; Jason & Margaretta Walker, Cortland; Kiara Carrasquillo, Memphis; Joe & Nealy Denger, Cantrill; and Rachel Crabtree, Biloxi.

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.

DUES & DONATIONS

We so appreciate ALL volunteers, membership dues and donations. We have received donations in 2024 from JoAnn Suter and Sue Mays.

MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2024

- Dues can be mailed to:
Jane Fraebel, EPNA Treasurer,
1885 Gayle Drive, Lexington, KY 40505
- Paid at any association meeting
- Make checks out to EPNA and include name, address and email
- Venmo @LexingtonKy-EPNA - please note name, address, email, dues/donations
- \$10 per adult in a household
- Memberships are for a calendar year January - December

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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