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# Eastland Parkway Neighborhood News

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## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

It's that wonderful time of year again! Many neighbors decorate their houses for us to enjoy. Some have already taken advantage of warm days to prepare.

The neighborhood association will again host the annual decorating contest. Wonder how many years they've hosted it? Does anyone know? Why drive across town to see decorations when your own neighborhood has lots to offer.

It will all be in good fun and sportsmanship. We do it for the sole interest of fostering neighborhood spirit. Everyone that participates is appreciated!

The categories are:

- **Best Holiday Home Award**
- **Best Holiday Block Participation Award**
- **Most Kid Friendly Award**
- **People's Choice Award (vote on FB)**

The judges will be from outside the neighborhood. Signs will be posted in yards for first place and honorable mention winners in each category and announced on our Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

Home decorations should be completed by **Monday, December 12**. Turn your lights on each night. Weather and availability of the judges will determine the judging night.

To participate in the **People's Choice Award**, upload a picture of your house or your neighbor's house (with their permission). The winner will be determined by the most "likes" or comments on the photos. This award will stop taking pictures on **Monday, December 12**. Voting will be from **Tuesday, December 13 - Sunday, December 18**.

Let's make this more competitive by adding more pictures of houses and getting more people to vote.

A special thanks to Sheila Hardy for single handedly coordinating this event for many years and to Andrew and Arielle Austin for continuing this tradition.

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

This winter newsletter will only be delivered through email, FB, and our website. The paper copy will NOT be delivered to homes. To help us be successful, we need:

1. One **updated email address** for your family sent to [lexepna@gmail.com](mailto:lexepna@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We promise not to flood your email account, only sending emails when necessary.
2. Share this information with new neighbors so that they can receive a newsletter.
3. If you do not use the internet, we need to know you would like to receive a paper copy.

## EPNA BOARD ELECTIONS

During the October 25 meeting, officers and directors for the 2023-2024 term were elected. We are excited to have a strong and talented board.

Officers:

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

Directors:

Art Cammers	Alan Monthie*
Susan Ecton	Betsy Noland
Diane Gregory	Steve Pratt
Barbara Hatton	Pat Tatum
AJ Hieb*	* new to the board

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

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DUES

During the October neighborhood meeting, members voted to raise annual dues to \$10 per adult in a household starting in 2023. Our neighborhood association is totally voluntary. We are not a HOA.

Your dues are used carefully to enhance the neighborhood. We host a spring clean-up replacing knock out roses, fertilizing and mulching them along with many common area trees and upkeep of the memorial park. We pay for electric and water for the front entrance. This past year our Winchester Road entrance has blossomed under the care of Barbara Hatton and Diane Gregory as they have added seasonal flowers and decorations. Holiday lighting has needed to be replaced. Upcoming plans are to repair the entrance wall and replace some dead trees. The entrance walls have historical significance as they are from the original farm entrance before the neighborhood moved from farmland to a neighborhood more than 60 years ago.

## CITY ELECTIONS

EPNA hosted question and answer sessions for both the Mayoral and 6th District Council Candidates. We want to thank Linda Gordon, David Kloiber, Charlie Rowland and Denise Gray for taking their time to come and share their ideas and plans with our neighborhood.

Please support the election winners: Mayor Linda Gordon and 6th District Councilmember elect Denise Gray. We want to thank Councilmember David Kloiber for representing our neighborhood as part of the 6th District for the past two years.

Councilmember elect Denise Gray is presently asking for needs of the 6th district by emailing: [denisegray4ky.com](mailto:denisegray4ky.com) or calling (859) 429-1615.



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Remember to save your family's pull-tabs over the winter to donate to the RMH. The association will collect them in the spring.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 11 - Free Christmas Dinner at Radiant Church (former Vineyard Church) - 5:00-7:00 pm
- Dec. 16, Friday - Nativity Drive-By at Christ Centered Church - 6:30-8:30 pm
- Dec. 24, Saturday - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Noon - Christ Centered Church
- 4th Saturday of each month - Freely Given Cafe Lunch at Eastland Park Church of the Nazarene
- **LexFun4Kids.com** offers dates and information about Holiday light displays, visits and pictures with Santa, Live Nativity Scenes, train rides and holiday road trips ideas if you are needing ideas to make memories with your family.
- Lexington Parks and Recreation offers outdoor family activities this month such as bird walks, scavenger hunts and campfire smores. Join their FB page and know about events all year long.



## NEW NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS

Have you noticed the new neighborhood association signs in the neighborhood? They provide the QR code for our website. Presently they are located at the Memorial Park, the corner of Eastland Pkwy and Ft. Sumter on the Winchester Road side and at the 4 way stop on Eastland Pkwy.

## HELPFUL CONTACTS

### **6<sup>th</sup> District Councilman David Kloiber**

- (859) 280-8243
- [dkloiber@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:dkloiber@lexingtonky.gov)

### **Neighborhood Resource Officer Andy Cain**

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

**Non-Emergency Police** (859) 258-3600

**Non-Emergency Fire** (859) 231-5600

### **Code Enforcement**

- (859) 425-2255
- [code\\_enforcement@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:code_enforcement@lexingtonky.gov)

**Humane Society** (859) 233-0044

### **Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Association**

- Pres: Andrew Austin [epna.andrew@gmail.com](mailto:epna.andrew@gmail.com)
- VP: Cheri McMullin [epna.cheri@gmail.com](mailto:epna.cheri@gmail.com)

**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 Cliff Deutsch and Skip Blakeman. If you would like to share the of a loss of a neighbor, email [skecton@gmail.com](mailto:skecton@gmail.com).

## THANKFUL FOR NEIGHBORS

- A donation of greenery for the front entrance holiday decorations.
- Churches that provided Thanksgiving meals to our community.
- Spectrum for providing a great facility for the Mayoral Forum.
- City for adding new trees to vacant lots on Fort Sumter and Gayle Drive.
- Copy Express for printing our hot pink newsletter for many years.



## 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 and Ivan & Pricilla Thomas, Auburn.

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 or follow us on Facebook to keep up with happenings of the neighborhood.

# WATCH OUT!

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

These are things we all know, but we get lax. This is the time of year to perk up our safety measures at our house and for our neighbors.

- LOCK your vehicles and park under lights. Use your garage if possible.
- Don't leave valuables in your car. Purses, electronics, and gifts are very enticing for thieves and hard to replace. Who has the time to re-holiday shop?
- Doublethink 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.
- Set an alarm on your phone - and start a safety check each night. Are outside lights on? Doors locked? Garage door down? Cars locked? Candles, fireplaces, and appliances off?
- Most importantly, CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS as the weather gets colder and we all snuggle down.
- 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!

## 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.

Happy Holidays to your family!



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## Membership Dues for 2023

- 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.
- Venmo - 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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