



Masterson Station Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Neighborhood News

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2010 Calendar

April

Board Meeting 8th

May

Board Meeting 13th

Pool opens 29th

Cook Out 29th

June

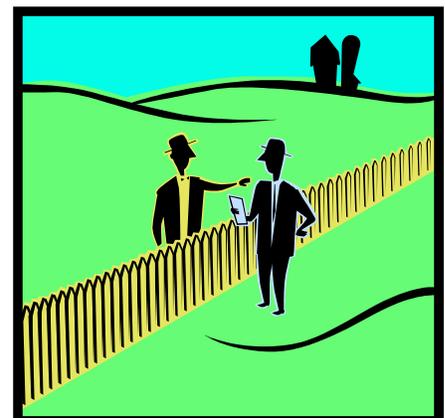
Board Meeting 10th

Association Meeting 15th

Good Neighbor vs. Bad Neighbor

Good neighbors are usually unappreciated, but that doesn't mean that they go unnoticed. They are usually just taken for granted. People usually don't comment that they have a good neighbor, but they will comment when they have a bad one. Are you a good neighbor or a bad neighbor? Do your neighbors comment on your behavior in a good or a bad way? Do you want to change how they look at you? Keep reading for tips on being a better neighbor. First of all, what makes a bad neighbor? Loud music, keeping odd hours, driving too fast, blocking one another's mailboxes, and not keeping a respectable lawn, and letting excess trash from your Herbie blow into neighbor's yards are some of the biggest things that bother your neighbors. But those are obvious faults. What else is cause for concern? Secondly, what makes a good neighbor? A nice lawn, quiet music, open communication, no loud parties, and driving at the speed limit. Those are obviously things that other neighbors appreciate. What else makes them smile in your direction? Being helpful is probably the biggest thing that neighbors appreciate. When you see that your neighbor's lawn is overfull of leaves and one of your neighbors is outside trying to single handedly rake them up, offer to lend a hand. When a new neighbor moves in, offer to help unload the truck or unpack the boxes. A neighbor just had a baby? Offer to make a meal one night so the new parents aren't so stressed

out. Those small gestures like those can go a long way. What you may think is only a neighbor could turn into a wonderful friendship. What else would make a good neighbor? If your neighbor hasn't brought in his garbage cans yet, roll them back into his yard. When you're outside make sure to smile and wave at your other neighbors. Start a conversation if you like. These are things that other neighbors love. Lastly, what can you do to make new neighbors feel at home? Besides helping with moving in, be sure to introduce yourselves to the new neighbors. Also, find out if they have kids and if they do, tell them where all the children in the neighborhood live. Tell them where the good places to eat are and where the good places to shop are. If possible, take a dessert or a plate of cookies to make them feel welcome. If you're feeling really ambitious, you could have a barbecue or a dinner party to introduce the new neighbors to everyone else in the neighborhood. It is not too hard to be a good neighbor or a better neighbor.



Pool Membership Drive

The association has set aside three days in April to process pool membership applications, payments, and take any needed photo ID's. The drive will be held at the clubhouse on the following dates:

Saturday, April 24th 12-4pm

Sunday, April 25th 1-5pm

Monday, April 26th 6-8:30pm



~SPLASH~



The 2010 pool memberships will be as follows: Single: \$175, Couple: \$250, and Family: \$300, with a \$50 discount for those who sign up by April 26th.

Pool applications and any additional info is provided on our neighborhood website. Photo ID's will be used again this season. We will be using the 2009 photos for these ID's unless you are a new member with no previous picture. Please contact Property Manager, Sara Barber for any additional questions.

Neighborhood E-mail List

Join our neighborhood e-mail list by e-mailing webmaster@mastersonstation.org. You will receive a reply, requesting your name and street address. This is a restricted list open only to our neighbors. The e-mail list enables notification of meetings and quicker distribution of news and other area events.



Pool Cookout

Dive into the summer and swim season at noon on Saturday, May 29th with a cookout by the pool. The cookout will be free to 2010 pool membership holders and their guests. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, fruit, and soft drinks.



Lifeguards Needed

Professional Pool Management (PPM) our contracted pool management company is now accepting applications for 2010 lifeguards, pool managers, swim instructors, and coaches. Qualified applicants should contact Brad at brad40965@aol.com to receive an application.



Don't delay, positions are limited and filled on a "first come, first served" basis. This is a wonderful summer job opportunity!



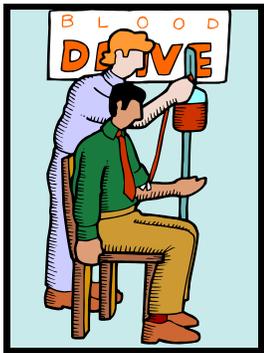
PARTY TIME?!?

Are you thinking about hosting a party? It's that time of year again to start thinking about graduations, wedding receptions, family reunions, and birthdays. The Masterson Station Clubhouse is the perfect venue for hosting your next celebration. Please visit www.mastersonstation.org for complete information for renting the clubhouse.

Blood Drive

The Kentucky Blood Center is able to provide lifesaving blood and blood products to nearly 70 Kentucky hospitals and clinics through the generous gifts of thousands of donors in more than 60 counties.

MSNA clubhouse is opening it's doors to Center Pointe Christian Church along with The Kentucky Blood Center to host a blood drive. The drive will take place at the Masterson Station Clubhouse, Friday, April 2nd from 4-8pm.



Call 811 before you dig!

Prior to digging that hole for your new shrubs, trees; fence post, etc., call to have all underground utilities within your yard marked. You must call at least two business days before you begin to dig. This is a free service. More information can found at: www.kentucky811.org and www.call811.com.



REMINDER

If you have not already, please turn in your payment for the 2010 MSNA HOA dues. All payments should be made payable to MSNA. Payments may be dropped off in the mailbox/ drop box located at the front of the clubhouse, or can be mailed to 328 Masterson Station Dr. Don't delay, we have a new accounts receivable policy in effect for 2010. Payments are now considered late and there is a \$5/ mo fine added each month as of 3/5/10. Additional info on this policy can be found on the website.

Spring Cleaning

Masterson Station Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 22nd beginning at 8am. Take advantage of this opportunity to clean out that unwanted clutter from your basement, your garage, or even your car! Please avoid posting individual sale signs at the entrances to the neighborhood. If you do put out directional signs, please make sure to take those down by the end of the day. Every year this event is a huge success, we expect nothing less this year.



Building a Fence or Shed?

Fences and sheds are regulated by our Deed of Restrictions. You must obtain a permit from the city and submit your

plans to the Association for approval prior to installing your fence/ shed. For fence guidelines you can download an application from our website or contact our Property Manager and she will mail one to you. Sheds also need prior approval from the Board before being built. If you're interested in building a shed, please submit a building application prior to your construction.

It's March Madness Time!!
Good Luck to both the Men and Women's Basketball Teams! GO UK!!



From the PVA Office:

Do you qualify for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption? Under the provisions of the Homestead Amendment, a person or persons must be 65 years of age or older or totally Disabled during the year for which the application is made, and must own, occupy and maintain a residential unit for such exemption. For Disability Requirements, a person must be classified as totally disabled under any type of public or private retirement system, along with other requirements that may be found on the PVA website. May is the deadline for appealing taxes with the PVA. To view more information and/or for a printable application for these tax exemptions, please visit www.fayettepva.com.



MOPEDS

Because of an increase in two-wheeled traffic in our neighborhood, we thought it might be helpful to define a moped and give you information regarding them. A moped can be defined as either a motorized bicycle whose frame design may include one or more crossbars supporting a fuel tank and has pedals, or a motorized bicycle with a step through frame that may or may not have pedals. The cylinder capacity does not exceed fifty (50) cc. The top speed will be thirty miles per hour and will be run with an automatic transmission. Anything larger would be considered a motorcycle and anything less a scooter or go-cart, neither of which are street legal. To operate a moped, you need to be appropriately licensed. The moped needs to have a headlight and a taillight, along with turn signals and a horn or bell. You don't need to have a registration plate, a brake light or carry insurance. Since a moped is considered a vehicle, they must be driven on the streets, and NOT on sidewalks or in parks. In the event of violations, parents of children under the legal age of sixteen may be cited to court and face fines of up to \$500 and one year in jail. Licensed juveniles can also be cited to court and face fines of up to \$100. If you'd like further information about mopeds, call the Lexington Division of Police at 258-3636 and request the brochure "MOPED Rules and Regulations" or go to

<http://www.lexingtonpolice.lfucg.com/Moped.asp>.

-SAFE DRIVING-

Well neighbors, it's that time of the year again. Spring has sprung. Our neighborhood children are excited about getting outdoors and unleashing their energy with plenty of running, bike riding, skateboarding and various other forms of play. Many residents, if not most, are making excellent efforts to take care to ensure our neighborhood remains safe--for our children, our neighbors (street watching) and for visitors. This time of year, however, is the time for us all to make that 'extra' effort to monitor our driving speed and keep a watchful eye for playing children, some of whom will be enjoying their child-like fun a bit too much to effectively keep their eyes on us, hopefully cruising our streets at, or below the speed limit.

The neighborhood wide speed limit is 25 mph. Neighborhood speeding, along with excessive failure to come to a complete stop at stop signs, has become an increasingly serious matter. If you have yet to witness one of our neighborhood auto accidents or near accidents. Hopefully, our continuing efforts will help keep our streets much safer, not only for our children, but for drivers as well. All of your efforts to ensure a safe neighborhood are indeed appreciated. Let's all continue to make that 'extra' effort to keep a watchful eye out for our playing children, along with utilizing proper driving speed and stop sign obedience. Let's all have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

When you exit the neighborhood via Masterson Station Drive and make a left turn to go inbound Leestown Road, you **MUST YIELD** to traffic exiting McConnells Trace that is either making a right turn to go towards town or coming straight across. This is a huge problem in the morning when everyone is leaving and going to work, school, etc. If you are in an accident and have failed to yield, you will be at fault. Please be observant and remember to yield to the oncoming traffic.

