

Meadow Vale News

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Connie Borders
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City Clerk

Mary Andrade
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Monthly Meetings

Date: 3rd Monday of each
month

Time: 7:00pm

Place: 9408 Blossom Lane

Other Numbers

Jefferson Co. Emergency #
911

Meadow Vale Police

574-5471

Lyndon Fire Department

425-7474

Rumpke Sanitation

568-3800

LG&E

589-3500

Animal Shelter

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Mayor Moment

Dear Fellow Residents,

It has been a busy time of year for most of us. I hope you were able to relax and spend time with family and friends.

The Commission and I have made strides in bringing the City of Meadow Vale up to date. We are constantly seeking ways to improve our neighborhood to keep us a safe desirable place to live, as well as compliant with state statutes. The city financial audit for 2012-2013 is complete. We will be sending the required pages to each resident shortly when the city receives the final draft.

There are several amendment proposals going before the state legislation in the coming months that will have a tremendous impact on our city as well as other small cities throughout the state. We will keep you posted as we hear the outcome.

When making your New Year's resolutions, please keep the city in mind and heart.

We operate and do the necessary functions because of the volunteers we have. Your city of Meadow Vale property tax rates do not cover the costs of running a city. If each individual homeowner had to pay for their garbage pickup monthly, the cost would be greater than the annual taxes paid. We receive special rates that are negotiated yearly by the commission on your behalf.

It is all volunteers who keep our city looking like it does. There are several residents who give freely and willing to help keep us a wonderful place to live. If you look around at various surrounding neighborhoods, it is evident of what happens when a city succumbs to indifference and people stop contributing to the overall good of the community. Please try to contribute in some small way. If we all do a little, no one person is left to do a lot.

Use the website and newsletter to keep informed. We post all opportunities and latest news on the website. Commissioner Songer has put many hours into making the website a wonderful tool, please utilize it. If you have not been there in a while, check it out! www.cityofmeadowvale.org

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Recycle Your Christmas Tree- Take Home the Mulch!

Metro Solid Waste Management will again this year offer curbside pickup of Christmas Trees to residents of the Urban Services District (the old City of Louisville boundaries). Beginning Thursday, December 26, residents with City curbside yard waste pickup may set their Christmas trees and greenery out on their regular collection day.

Drop-off sites will also be available for **all** Louisville residents at three locations. Two of the three drop-off sites will also instantly recycle trees in to mulch that will be offered back to citizens for home use. Those wishing to receive mulch must bring an appropriate container in which to carry it. Trees picked up from curbside will also be recycled but not offered as mulch.

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Minutes City of Meadow Vale December 16

Mayor: Mary Hornek
 Commissioners: Connie Borders (absent), Linda Prys, Byron Songer, Melissa Steineker
 City Clerk: Mary Andrade
 Treasurer: Chris Lusher
 Counselor: Carrie Ritsert, Esq.

Mayor Hornek called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

OPEN MEETING

The November minutes were read, motion to approve with minor changes by Com. Steineker, second by Com. Songer, approved by unanimous vote.

Chris Lusher presented the city's financial report. The report was reviewed, motion to approve by Com. Borders, second by Com. Prys. Approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Robert Ryan, CPA presented a draft copy of the 2012-2013 Audit report for the City of Meadow Vale. The City of Meadow Vale accomplished the job of appropriate city money management and met government audit standards. There was one outstanding check from the KY Dept. of Treasury. The check was identified and requested from the state.

The city hall remodel is mostly finished, the open house was attended by several special guests.

LEGAL

Rental Ordinance

A discussion occurred regarding the amount of fee to charge for the license. Commissioner Steineker suggested the amount be \$150, Commissioner Prys requested the amount to be the \$200 that was originally proposed. Com. Prys moved for a 2nd Summary Reading City of Meadow Vale, Ordinance #8, Series 2013-2014. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances of the City of Meadow Vale to provide for the registration and permitting of rental properties; second by Com. Borders, the second reading was approved by unanimous vote. Commissioner Prys moved to accept the ordinance at the \$200 fee, second by Commissioner Borders, Commissioner Songer and Commissioner Steineker opposed, motion passed.

City Commission Monthly Activity:

Safety/Special Events. Officer Yates distributed the Police Activity Report. Yates recommended that residents lock their doors. There have been some breaking into cars and items missing, but in all instances, the vehicles were left unlocked.

Streets: On Nov. 29th there was a water main break on Tiverton, 6 residents didn't have water for about 2 hours.

Drainage & Website: No issues

Lights & Signs/Social Issues: No issues.

NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion about payment for Former Mayor Fey for his partial service as mayors. Commissioners were in agreement with the partial payment.

Mayor Hornek asked about the newsletter permit, to mail the newsletters. Com. Steineker offered to deliver them.

Mayor Hornek mentioned that the treasurer Bond on the former Treasurer was terminated.

Com. Prys moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm, second by Com. Steineker. Unanimously approved.

Neighborhood Safety

There have been reports of gunfire coming from the back of Hounz Park again. Residents are asked to call Metro police if anything sounding like gunfire is heard. These seem to be coming from a different neighborhood, but let's all keep alert to keep Meadow Vale safe!

**Reminder: YARD WASTE
 pick up will
 resume April 7, 2014**

Winter Safety

When it comes to the weather this season, Louisville is expecting an eventful winter. Some helpful things to keep in mind:

- *Home fires are most common during winter months. Be careful when cooking, using heaters and fireplaces, and burning candles.
- *Change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Some do this twice a year when the time changes to and from Daylight Savings Time.
- *Make sure your home has a working carbon monoxide detector.
- *Gather supplies for a winter survival kit. Make one for your home and car.
- *Please keep cars in Meadow Vale off of the streets. This makes it easier to plow and keep the streets clear.
- *When shoveling, please keep snow clear of the area surrounding your mailbox so our mail carrier can ensure all residents receive their mail.
- *Take care of your pets. The cold weather we are expecting can be dangerous for animals as well as people.

For more details on winter safety and what to include in your emergency kits, visit the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org/safety

Please keep cars off of the streets of Meadow Vale. This is for everyone's safety, especially during snow events.

Winter Fun!



If you're enjoying the upcoming winter weather with children (or not), below are some fun ideas and resources so you can get the most out of the cold and snow.

- *When the temperatures get below freezing, blow bubbles! The bubbles freeze quickly in the icy air and don't pop so easily.
- *Fill small spray bottles with water and food coloring. "Paint" the snow!
- *Fill a regular balloon with a few drops of food coloring, then water. Freeze. Peel off the balloon. Lay your new "gem" in the snow and watch the sun sparkle through it throughout the day.

*Go sledding. Designated sledding hills in Louisville are as follows: Cherokee Park, George Rogers Clark Park, Joe Creason Park, McNeely Park, and Tyler Park. For sledding times and more details, visit www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks



Happy New Year, Meadow Vale!!

We want to thank our volunteers for the festive holiday decorations on the lamp posts throughout our neighborhood.

From all of Meadow Vale, thank you Joe Hornek and Jimmy Hogan!

As a Reminder...

Some houses and yards within Meadow Vale are exhibiting signs of lack of concern for upkeep and maintenance. This says much about the residence of the home weather they are renting or own. The city asks that each resident do their part in keeping yards clean, properly mowed and trimmed, keep trash properly stored in containers, and tending to painting or general maintenance of the house. Show pride in where you live. Please do your part to keep Meadow Vale looking like he beautiful neighborhood that it is. In doing so, you'll also be showing respect to your neighbors as well.



Also, the City Commission sometimes receives complaints about dogs going from yard to yard without being under adequate control. Dogs that are out of a house must be in a fenced area of a yard or on a leash. Please do not allow a dog out of the house without being on a lead and under the watchful care of a responsible person. Pets that are allowed to run freely are not considered under appropriate control, regardless of how harmless the owners may feel they are.



Volunteer Corner

If you have volunteered for the City of Meadow Vale in 2013, please contact Commissioner Connie Borders or Mayor Hornek with your name and email address or phone number.

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