



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## From the President

The Property and ARC committees continue to work on behalf of the MSSA membership. Listed below are some of the actions taken by the MSSA Board of Trustees at the Nov. 9, 2019 meeting.

The board approved motions from the architectural review committee for improvements to several cottages. Among these were:

Cottage 24b: addition of two antique windows to a gable

Cottage 9: screening of an open porch on the east elevation

Cottage 16: Installation of two wrought iron handrails

Cottage 127: relocation of a restored 1905 playhouse

Cottage 11: approved alterations to previously submitted plans

Cottage 44: rescinded a prior submission of drawing and approved revised drawing resulting in a reduced size and simplified design.

The board approved motions from the property committee related to footprint changes to cottages 11, 44 and 127.

The board approved a motion from the property committee to replace the Warren Chapel roof.

The board of trustees also approved the issuance of lease assignments for the following cottages:

Cottage # 6, "Windcrest"  
to Ann Parker Buchanan

Cottage # 57, "Crest" to Kylee Ann Swiggart and James Loran Swiggart

Cottage #101, "The Captain's Legacy" an undivided interest to Frances McIntyre Knight and Rowanne McIntyre McKnight.



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## From the President

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If you are interested in the history of this area of the Cumberland Plateau, I would encourage you to read the printed guide book titled "Mont Eagle Springs, The famous Health and Pleasure Resort". This booklet, printed in 1881, can be found on our website under the area history tab (<https://monteaglesundayschoolassembly.org/wp-content/uploads/MontEagleSprings1881.pdf>). Thanks to Kent and Brent Ballow for sharing the booklet information.

*Best Regards,  
Bill Cox*

### Membership Reminders

Thanks to all who have sent in their updates to the membership information form. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to let us know if there are any changes or corrections for the 2020 directory.

The membership directory will be published in January 2020.

## From the GM

### Game, Set, Match: News from the Courts

Work is underway to restore and repair the East Courts and gazebo, including resurfacing, new lines, new nets, repairing rotten wood, painting, etc. To protect the investment, no bikes, scooters, skateboards, or rollerblades will be allowed on the renovated courts.

We are actively recruiting for a Youth Tennis Coordinator for the 2020 season. The position requires a dynamic, charismatic individual who will get kids excited about tennis and make the East Courts *the place to be*, with music, snacks and fun. Our goal is to re-energize youth tennis! In addition to the usual afternoons of age-appropriate tennis games and private lessons, tennis committee members will work with the coordinator to create special events throughout the summer. For a complete job description, contact Scott Parrish ([scott.parrish@mssa1882.net](mailto:scott.parrish@mssa1882.net)). Housing in the Nashville Home is provided if employee is 18 or older, as well as lunch in the dining hall.

## QUICK BITES

**ALL golf carts** must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2019 decal. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

**Lawn trimmings** are collected on Wednesdays.

**Dogs** must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

**Trash pickup** begins at 6:00 am on Monday & Thursday. Secure garbage can lids to avoid critters from getting into them. Garbage crews can only collect bagged trash located inside garbage cans.

**The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances** on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees.

**Safety first!** Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security



The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: "... the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination."

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

## Platform Highlights

The 138th platform is steadily filling with an array of topics and activities. As the holidays approach, and you find yourself either looking for a gift or time to cozy-up to a warm fire with a good book here are a few suggestions from the platform.

Historian and New York Times best-selling author, Alex Kershaw will be among the lectures that mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. A historian and journalist, Kershaw frequently leads tours of WW II battlegrounds and lectures on the topic. Kershaw is a graduate of University College, Oxford, and now lives in Savannah, Ga. His books include *The Bedford Boys*, *The Longest Winter*, *The Few*, *Escape from the Deep*, *The Liberator*, and *Avenue of Spies*.

Bill Dedman, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist, will present a lecture on *Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune*. This is a captivating read of the building of a family fortune and the recluse heiress whose father was born in a log cabin and became one of the richest men in America. The family held tickets on the return voyage of the Titanic, and she lived to witness 9/11 from the Manhattan hospital room where she spent the last 20 years of her life.

Thanks to MSSA member Bill Haltom, the platform will celebrate Tennessee's historic vote to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the vote.



## ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

January 15 February 28 June 10

July 31 September 30

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

*Why Can't Mother Vote?* Joseph Hanover and the *Unfinished Business of Democracy*, Haltom's book, due for release this month, tells the story of the house leader Joe Hanover, the representative who paved the way for Tennessee to become "The Perfect 36."

## HIGHLIGHTS

Watch for upcoming news about the adult tennis tournament and pickleball. It's going to be a fun summer on the courts.

Congratulations to MSSA member Ridley Will for being honored by the Land Trust of Tennessee as an author, historian and conservationist.

MSSA is accepting applications for the 2020 Youth Staff. For information, contact Scott Parrish at 931-924-2286 or [scott.parrish@mssa1882.org](mailto:scott.parrish@mssa1882.org).

## HOUSING QUESTIONS? ASK RHONDA!

Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or off-season, contact the housing office to discuss your options. If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, negotiate or prorate rentals, or if you have questions about your rentals, call Rhonda.

The housing office can also help if you want to rent a golf cart during the season!

The housing number is (931) 924-9000.



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## LEASEHOLDS

### AVAILABLE

#15 Bridgepoint \$595,000

#58 Fleur de Lis \$330,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:  
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*Kylee & Jamey Swiggart with  
Grandfather Judge James Swiggart.*

## WELCOME !

Please extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Ann Parker Buchanan

Presbyterian Caucus Cottage #6

Elizabeth Fox

Methodist Caucus Cottage #56

Kylee Swiggart

Methodist Caucus Cottage #57

James Swiggart

Methodist Caucus Cottage #57

## SAFETY FIRST

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency --medical or otherwise-- call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!

