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5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Thirty-second Edition

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- Neighborhood Watch signs are being installed this week at various entrances to the Shriners neighborhood. This is part of the continuing effort to implement a Neighborhood Watch program in the area. The neighborhood association is still seeking block captains. E-mail Linda at pricejl@insightbb.com if you're interested. To be notified of crime in the Shriners neighborhood, residents can send their e-mail addresses to shriner-salert@gmail.com.
- Central Kentucky seniors and others who can provide a service now have a way to earn a supplemental income while others who need such services can find reliable and inexpensive help, thanks to a new program launched Thursday. Click [here](#) for more information.

Council is Back and So Are the Single-Head

This was Council's first week back from summer recess, which featured the return of our formal meeting schedule. During the Tuesday and Thursday meetings we took formal action to set property and special service taxes for things like street lights and street cleaning. We made no changes in any tax rate. So you will not pay more taxes for those things this year. That's good news for all.

In closer-to-home news, the Parking Authority, after a trial run, is putting new meter heads in Chevy Chase and will be removing some if not all of the pay and display meters. To me this represents a victory for neighborhood and all things local. While the ticket spitting machines have a place and use, the confines of Chevy Chase will be right at home with a meter at your car for convenience. Happy Friday indeed!

Mowing Our Parks on a Budget

Earlier today, Jerry Hancock, Director of Parks and Recreation, went out to inspect some of the mowing jobs that had been previously scheduled for the 5th District. He found that in most cases, the parks had been mowed as scheduled. Unfortunately, due to budget restraints, we greatly reduced the number of times we can mow our parks—and our medians, right-of-ways and greenways—to two times during the month of August. This year, with all the rain, grass has continued to grow this late in the season.

In the spring we mow more often, and in August and September we schedule infrequent mowing. Given the 4,000 acres Parks and Recreation maintain, outsourcing the mowing saves money but reduces the flexibility for mowing more often. As stated in previous newsletters, these are tight times all around the city and we must all expect to see services such as this reduced. Reduced mowing schedules are preferable to laying people off, cutting programs or closing facilities. We will continue to work on the issue in an effort to keep our parks safe as places for all to enjoy.



The Fairway Neighborhood has embarked on a program to mark all storm sewers with warnings that dumping of anything other than storm water is prohibited. The ornamental metallic medallions are easy to install and an attractive alternative to previous stenciling programs. They provide a reminder that substances such as pet waste, grass clipping, motor oil, anti-freeze, or other fluids should not be directed toward the sewers. Other neighborhoods may contact the Division of Environmental Policy at (859) 425-2807 for additional information.

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Chevy Chase to Hold Block Party Next Weekend

The Chevy Chase Business Owners Association would like to invite you to celebrate what makes Chevy Chase a great place to live and shop. On August 27th from 4:00 until 10:00 p.m., the Chevy Chase Block Party will feature music, food, entertainment, kids activities, hot dog eating and corn hole contests as well as merchandise from local vendors. We're currently working with Lextran on a possible Trolley Hop route, and we will provide more details next week.

Citizen Police Academy Now Enrolling for Fall

Contact your family, friends and neighbors to join the Lexington Citizen Police Academy. Fall classes begin Tuesday, August 30th at 1795 Old Frankfort Pike in the Police Roll Call Building. If you have questions, call Community Services at (859) 258-3636. All classes are free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for an application. To view a sample class schedule, click [here](#). To view scheduled tours and activities, click [here](#).

New Smart 9-1-1 Makes Citizens Safer

Lexington's E911 service just got a lot smarter—it now allows citizens to enter a variety of personal information so that emergency first responders are better prepared to address individual emergencies. "Smart 911 is a big step forward in public safety," Mayor Gray said Monday. "Citizens can enter information or photos about their health, house or families, including their pets—anything that can help a firefighter or a police officer who is responding to their home." Lexington is one of the first cities in Kentucky to implement Smart 911.

Police Chief Ronnie Bastin and Interim Fire Chief Keith Jackson agreed that the service will make citizens safer. "This new technology will give officers valuable insight about how to protect and serve a 911 caller long before we arrive on scene," Bastin said.

"Smart 911 will provide our division the ability to provide a more efficient and service-oriented response upon notification. The updated information will allow our firefighters and officers the opportunity to pre-plan and develop more tactically sound incident mitigation when assisting our citizens," Jackson said.

David Lucas, Lexington's E 911 director, said any citizen can register information for Smart 911 by going to www.Smart911.com. There is no charge. The service is supported by existing 911 fees.

When 911 is called from a registered phone

number, Smart 911 automatically delivers the information about the address the citizen has registered with that phone number to 911 operators, who in turn relay it to police, fire or emergency medical personnel at the scene. Smart 911 uses a secure, confidential website.

Citizens enter only the information they choose to enter. For example:

- Medical, including disabilities, disorders, impairments, medications and food or drug allergies.
- House lay-out, such as bedroom locations, easiest access and tips to locate the address itself.
- Household, including number of family members and pets. For example, photos of all members of the household can be stored on Smart 911, making it easier and faster to implement Amber Alerts or Golden Alerts.
- Vehicle information.
- Restraining orders or emergency protective orders like those issued in domestic violence situations.

"Smart 911 gives first responders what they need to know to respond quickly and effectively," Gray said. "It offers an opportunity to improve the public safety services we offer to each individual."



Silent Auction Not Just for the Birds

The Friends of the Arboretum invite you to join in the fun by participating in the 10th Annual Birdhouse Display and Silent Auction. Participants are encouraged to either build a birdhouse from scratch for donation or contribute one that is ready-made, yet embellished with personal touches.

Ribbons will be awarded this year for the Best Children's Birdhouse (age 10 & under) and Fan Favorite Birdhouse. The Pat Morris Creativity Award will be presented to the Most Creative Birdhouse. The birdhouses will be on display from September 2nd through the 11th, and the silent auction will take place during this time period. You can donate your birdhouse to the auction or reclaim it on September 11th. The silent auction will end at 3:30 p.m. that day. Funds raised will be used to support The Arboretum.

The birdhouses will be displayed outdoors, so

they must be weatherproof. They should be ready to hang on a hook or mount on a 2"x4" plate with screws. (Birdhouses that weigh more than 10 pounds or those with a base larger than 16"x16" cannot be installed. You should also use waterproof outdoor glue (E-6000, Gorilla glue, etc.), which is available at craft and hardware stores.)

Entry Forms and fees are due on Monday, August 22nd. (Click [here](#) for an entry form.) Birdhouses are due no later than August 30th and should be turned in at The Arboretum's Visitor Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the 29th or from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the 30th. For more information, click [here](#).



Stormwater Quality Grant Program Now Accepting Applications

The Division of Water Quality is now accepting applications for Class B Project Grants for 2012. The grant program provides financial assistance for projects in the community that improve water quality, address stormwater runoff and educate the public about these issues. Fiscal year 2012 contains \$1.2 million available for these grants. Eligible recipients are Water Quality Management Fee ratepayers for "non-farm commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family (excluding duplexes) parcels within Fayette County." Property owners and/or tenants are eligible.

Projects will be ranked based upon project impact, project team and other factors. The Water Quality Fees Board, a citizen's board appointed by Mayor Gray, will review all recommendations and make the final selection on all grant awards. Please refer to the application packets to determine your project's eligibility. Click [here](#) to view the 2010/2011 grant recipients.

Class B Education applications are due Tuesday, September 20th. Class B Infrastructure applications are due Wednesday, September 21st. Six hard copies of the application should be sent to Susan Plueger, P.E.; LFUCG Division of Water Quality; Incentive Grant Program Administrator;

125 Lisle Industrial Avenue, Suite 180; Lexington; KY; 40511. You can contact Susan for more information at splueger@lexingtonky.gov.

Class B Education Grants
Application Packet: [PDF](#)
Application
Form: [PDF](#) [Fillable Form](#)
Scoring Sheet: [PDF](#)
Sample Budget: [PDF](#) [Excel](#)
Grant Agreement: [PDF](#)

Class B Infrastructure Grants
Application Packet: [PDF](#)
Application Form: [PDF](#) [Fillable Form](#)
Scoring Sheet: [PDF](#)
Grant Agreement: [PDF](#)
Maintenance Agreement: [PDF](#)

New Forcht Bank Under Construction

Forcht ("fork") Bank's newest banking center is under construction on Tates Creek Road across from



Lansdowne Shopping Center. This will be the bank's fifth location in Lexington, adding to Hamburg, North Park, Southland Drive and Beaumont. Forcht Bank is a family-owned bank based in Lexington with 34 total banking centers throughout central, northern, and southern Kentucky, and assets of over \$1 billion.

Family Business Provides Gems of Wisdom for Health and Well-being

This week's Gem in the District has long been a community favorite where the phrase "everybody knows your name" certainly applies. This week, we sat down with Claire Wheeler Love and asked her to tell us a little bit about what makes her family business such a special place for so many people. This is what she had to say.

Q. First of all, tell us who you are and what you do.

A. My name is Claire Wheeler Love. I am the youngest daughter of Buddy Wheeler and also a pharmacist. My father opened Wheeler Pharmacy in January of 1958. I graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 1993 and went to work for K-Mart before joining in the family business in January of 1999. Currently, I am the pharmacy manager at Wheeler's.

Q. Wheeler's is far more than a pharmacy to the residents of the 5th District. What is it about the business that continues to bring customers through your doors?

A. I think that our personal service is what keeps bringing customers back. We truly care about all our customers and know their entire families. From our pharmacy staff knowing just what prescription you need refilling even when you can't remember to our wait staff knowing exactly what you will be drinking with your lunch and having it ready before you sit down, we are here to serve each and every one of our customers to the best of our ability. Wheeler's is still family owned and operated after 53 years! That fact combined with old fashioned services we offer such as store charge accounts, delivery of medications, special ordering of a hard to find item, etc., make us truly unique and customer oriented.

Q. Wheeler's Pharmacy has been an icon in Lexington for as long as most people can remember. How did you decide to join in on the family business?

A. Wheeler's was as much a part of my upbringing as my own home was. I always knew where to find my dad and grew up watching him serve his community as a trusted

health care professional and businessman. I did not always know that I would become a pharmacist, but I did always know that I wanted to be involved in the family business and wanted to ensure its continued success. It wasn't until my late teens that I realized that becoming a pharmacist was the best way to do this. Today, my

brother Stuart Wheeler manages the store/fountain, and I manage the pharmacy/health care services. We work together to strike a balance and operate

Wheeler's in the best possible way and Dad even pops in on occasion to check on us! I hope in the years to come to continue to operate Wheeler Pharmacy as a family business. It's important to me to preserve the aspects of the "neighborhood drugstore" while adapting to the new and ever changing health care needs of our society by offering improved and innovative services.

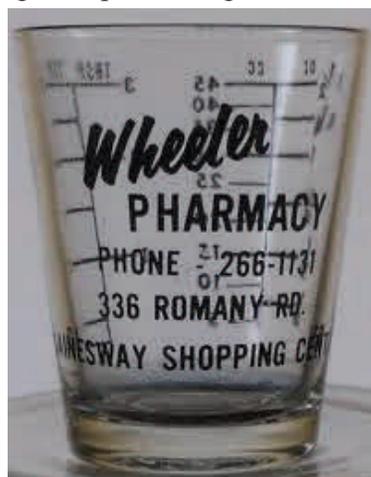
Q. Wheeler's isn't like other pharmacies. Tell us what we can expect when we walk through the doors.

A. You wouldn't know it just from looking at our humble brick and mortar building on Romany Road that there is so much going on inside! The store itself offers a wide variety of products including personal care items, gifts, toys, cards, make-up, home decor, school supplies, and OTC medications.

In addition, we have a vintage 1950's soda fountain that serves breakfast and lunch. The menu items include traditional grilled and fried staples such as delicious hamburgers, French fries, onion rings, chicken or fish sandwiches, and real (made from ice cream) milkshakes. You can also order cold sandwiches such as tuna fish, chicken salad, or olive nut, fresh soups such as vegetable beef or chili, or one of our specials, which change daily. Breakfast is served all day and you can choose from pancakes, eggs, bacon, toast, omelets, etc. Fountain hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Most first and foremost, Wheeler's is a pharmacy and is committed to providing the best care for our patients as possible. All of our pharmacy staff are either Registered Pharmacists or Certified Pharmacy Technicians. We accept most all commercial insurance plans and all Medicare Part D prescription insurance plans. We also bill Medicare for your diabetes testing supplies or durable medical equipment such as walkers or wheelchairs. In addition to the traditional pharmacy services that we provide, we also have several specialty services. One of these is compounding specific dosage forms of medications that you or your pet may need but which is not commercially available. We realize that medicine is not one size fits all, and our compounding

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staff has studied and trained extensively, and works with your physician, to provide you with a customized medication to meet your specific need such as bio-identical hormone replacement, pain relief, gluten free, or veterinary needs, just to name a few. Wheeler Pharmacy also offers a one-of-a-kind service called Wheeler's Home Connection. It is a medication management program designed with seniors in mind and focuses on keeping a patient independent and in their home for as long as possible.

We accomplish this through extensive communication with your physician, weekly filled medication organization boxes delivered, weekly visits from one of our Certified Pharmacy Technicians or Pharmacists, and thorough medication reviews in order to find you the most appropriate and cost effective medication therapies possible. You can't find any service like our Home Connection program anywhere else! And finally, Wheeler's will again be offering flu vaccinations beginning in September.

Q. What is one of your favorite family-business memories at the store?

A. One of my favorite memories of being in the family business has to be during the ice storm of 2003. No power, no way to get out of my driveway for several days, and no way for many of our customers to get their medication. The ice hit Lexington on a Sunday and knocked out power to most of Lexington and especially the 5th District, including Wheeler Pharmacy. By Monday night, I had convinced my family that we needed to try to serve our customers as best we could because they may need us more than ever now.

So on Tuesday, my Dad, brother, and sister-in-law (Tammy, our bookkeeper) all carpooled (in an SUV, of course) to the store. We worked by flashlight and battery powered exit lights, and bundled up in our warmest clothes. We wanted to make sure that any of our customers who needed their medications were able to get them! Tammy made grilled cheese sandwiches and soup on the fountain gas burners so we could stay warm and fed. That experience brought us all closer together as a family.

If You Go...

Wheeler Pharmacy is located at 336 Romany Road. You can find store and menu special updates by liking them on [Facebook](#). Call (859) 266-1131 for more information.

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