



# 5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



Council Recess Edition

Details for the District

November 9, 2012

Leaf bags are available at  
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Order free coupons by  
calling [LexCall 311](tel:6063313111).

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- A tribute to our veterans, the performance of Joseph Baber's An American Requiem at Immanuel Baptist Church is a piece based on texts from the American Civil War. With imagery and photographs from the period projected above the chorus and orchestra, this will be an entertaining and moving salute to all who have served in the military. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$15 children. Seating is open.
- The fourth annual Lexington Preschool Fair will take place at Centenary United Methodist Church from 10:00 a.m. until noon tomorrow. Local preschool representatives will hand out information, speak to parents and answer questions about their programs. Area parents are invited to the free event. Children's activities will be available. The fair is organized by the MOMS Club of Lexington-East. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Crime a Topic Slated for Next District-wide Meeting

Hello Neighbors,  
With all of the elections over and no football game this Saturday, today seems almost quiet.

Crime continues and I want to ask all of you to be careful and vigilant. I can't tell you for sure that there is more crime, but there is for sure more neighborhood conversation about it. I'm asking you to pay more attention to your surroundings and by locking cars, garages and your homes. We also need to report street lights that are out and replace those that we can around our homes.

Have a dog. Have a motion detection light or any of a number of gadgets to confuse those who would take our belongings and therefore peace of mind with it. Get to know your adjoining neighbors a bit better if possible, and join your neighborhood association. If you live in an area without an active association, we will be glad to try and organize one with you. Right now one of the best benefits of being in or a part of an association is access to the various Facebook pages and neighborhood bulletin boards created for the purpose of spreading word quickly. These are great tools for communicating recent events, items lost or found and any crime or

suspicious activity.

As a word of caution there, remember that sometimes the echo can be louder than the event. Last week a non-5<sup>th</sup> District neighborhood was upset over eight car break-ins as posted and reposted to the neighborhood server. After speaking with the police there were two break-ins that the e-mail trail built to eight before all was said and done. Please use proper caution in all these matters.

Following up on the success of our last district gathering, we have worked to plan another one for just after New Year's. The meeting will be on Tuesday, January the 8<sup>th</sup> at Henry Clay High School in the Clyde T. Lassiter Theater. (On a personal note, Mr. Lassiter was a long time Principal of Henry Clay and my Godfather.) The meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on that day. Many more details will be filled in here before then and all suggestions for topics of interest and concern are welcome. For now please go ahead and put the date on your calendar and consider attending.

Also for now—enjoy this beautiful weekend.

My Best,  
Bill

## Rake to the Curb, Not Into the Street

A quick drive through the streets of the 5<sup>th</sup> District proves that fall is here. Leaves are everywhere—and in some cases, not in the right place! Leaves should be raked to the curb but not into the street. If there are no sidewalks on your street, rake the leaves to the edge of your yard. If your sidewalk goes to the edge of the street and there is no curb, leaves should be raked to the edge of your yard, but not onto the sidewalk. You will need to have this done the Sunday before your collection week. To find out when the vacuum trucks will be on your street, click [here](#). Please note that if your car is parked in the street on your collection day, your leaves will not be vacuumed.



## Details for the District

### Would Your Holiday Kitchen Pass a Health Inspection Test?

Kevin Hall, Communications Officer with the Lexington-Fayette County Public Health Department, recently put out feelers in the media circuit hoping to find a reporter willing to let a health inspector into his or her kitchen during the holiday season. Inspired by the article, “Would the City Shut Down Your Kitchen?” in *The New York Times*, Hall’s hope is to find someone willing to point out common food handling hazards many of us overlook as we prepare family meals. (Click [here](#) to read the article.)

We won’t beleaguer proper food handling here, as most rules are basic common sense. If, however, you’d like to see if your kitchen would either pass or be graded a disaster area, click [here](#). If you are a good sport and a member of the media interested in having your kitchen put to the test, click [here](#) to contact Kevin Hall. To check the rating score of restaurants in Lexington, call (859) 231-9791.



The [Wild Thyme Cooking](#) kitchen, located at 1060 Chinoe Road, has a proud rating of 100 and is featured in the November/December issue of [Cooking With Paula Deen](#).

### Public Comment Opportunities Scheduled for Kentucky Utilities Rate Increase Case

The proposed rate increase by Kentucky Utilities (KU) is scheduled for hearing before the Public Service Commission beginning on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. There are several opportunities for public comment scheduled, including one in Lexington next Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the downtown public library. In addition, a settlement conference is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, but this is not open to the public.

The following is a brief summary of the case and the position of some of the parties. KU has requested an increase of approximately \$82 million per year, which amounts to a 6.5% increase in rates. However, the proposed impact to customer classes is not equal across the board. For example, the proposed street light increase is approximately 5.4%, while the increase to residential customers would be approximately 8%. A significant component of the proposed residential increase is a raise to the basic monthly flat fee rate from \$8.50 to \$13 a month.

There a number of intervenors (parties) in the case including LFUCG, the Attorney General (AG), the Community Action Council and the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers (KIUC). All of the intervening parties are generally opposed to the rate increase. KIUC and the AG have sponsored expert witness testimony arguing that the proposed increase should be significantly lower, or that a rate reduction should be awarded.

If you are a residential customer of Kentucky Utilities and would like to send a letter of opposition to the Kentucky Public Service Commissioners, click [here](#) for downloadable options. If you would like to correspond with the Commission directly, mail to: Commissioners; Kentucky Public Service Commission; 211 Sower Boulevard; Frankfort, KY; 40601. Include the case reference of 2012-00221.

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**REINDEER  
RAMBLE  
5K RUN/WALK**

**SAT., DEC. 8  
9 AM  
KEENELAND**

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## Much Tadoo About Something

On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the second installment of the **tadoo lounge sessions** will be held at the at the Smiley Pete offices located at 434 Old Vine Street. Launched by the publishers of *Business Lexington*, *Chevy Chaser* and *Southsider*, the **tadoo lounge sessions** support Smiley Pete's newest endeavor, an online-curated cultural calendar called [tadoo.com](http://tadoo.com). "Several of the staff here are musicians and we are huge supporters of local, live music," said Tom Martin, Editor of *Business Lexington*.

The **tadoo lounge sessions** will take place on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Smiley Pete. Featured will be local artists, musicians, performers and a few national acts traveling through the area. In addition, some of the areas most popular food trucks have been invited to bring their menus to the audiences. Next Thursday, Fork in the Road will serve locally sourced, well-crafted, world street-foods. More information about **tadoo lounge sessions** and [tadoo.com](http://tadoo.com) can be found by clicking [here](#) or by calling Robbie Morgan at Smiley Pete Publishers at (859) 266-6537.



Next week's tadoo lounge session will feature *Oh My Me* from the *10 in 20 Project*, a music project featuring 10 local bands recorded in 20 days.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter is distributed via e-mail to any Lexington resident. I encourage leaders of the 31 active neighborhood associations in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to provide input for the newsletter and to distribute the newsletter to their members. Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter may contact the 5<sup>th</sup> District Council office via e-mail at [bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov). If you wish to unsubscribe to the newsletter, e-mail [jgies@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:jgies@lexingtonky.gov).

## Luminate Lexington Presented by Kentucky Utilities Co.

Lexington will usher in the holiday season this year with Luminate Lexington presented by Kentucky Utilities Company on **Saturday, November 24th**.

Triangle Park will be alive with the sights and sounds of the Unified Trust Company Ice Rink, holiday entertainment, seasonal food/beverage offerings, arts & crafts vendors, and the Official Tree Lighting! Festivities will begin at 2pm and will continue until 6:30pm when Santa Claus & Mayor Jim Gray turn the "magic key" to light up Downtown with thousands of lights! As the lights are turned on all over Downtown, join the Lexington Singers as they sing a variety of favorite holiday songs.

### Also join us for:

Lexington's Christmas Parade,  
Thursday, December 6th at 7:30pm  
Downtown Lexington, Main St.



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GIVE THANKS  
THIS YEAR?

DINING  
OUT FOR  
LIFE  
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28  
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