



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Council Recess Edition

Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- As you are most likely aware, the General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 6th. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you aren't sure of your polling station location, click [here](#).
- The Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church located at 460 East Main Street. Members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for a holiday food basket. If you need a ride, please call Marie Bradshaw at (859) 221-2635.
- The Lexington Hearing & Speech Center will host the second concert in the PB&J Series this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information.
- If your group, organization or business will be hosting any sort of holiday-related activity from December 1st through January 2nd, please e-mail Robbie Clark at Smiley Pete Publishing by clicking [here](#). With the information, please include the date, time, location, description and contact information. This is completely free service Smiley Pete provides to the community every year.

Recess Still a Time to Plan

Dear Neighbors,
With no regular meetings this week or next, the E-news has taken on a "Recess Edition" format. Enjoy briefly!

If you are not familiar with the [RAIDS Online](#) information system about local crime happenings, I encourage you to sign up. Several neighborhoods have and are now far more familiar with local crime events than ever. Starting last week our area has seen increased burglary and robbery activity. The police are aware and have been far more visible in Kenwick, Fairway and Chevy Chase. That is much appreciated.

If more patrols are the Police purview, more prevention falls to each of us. First, lock everything, taking no sense of neighborhood for granted. Belongings in cars should be covered or in the trunk. Garages need to be closed and otherwise locked. Our homes need locked doors and windows along with exterior and motion detection lighting.

Lastly, if you see a streetlight out please let the 5th District Council office know about it as quickly as possible. Much as one broken window leads to others, streetlights out on the streets of our neighborhoods conjure up a feeling of homes less tended to and darker at the very least. Take care at home and help us keep the lights on in the streets!

With the Council schedule free of meetings during break, I have occupied some of my time with the logistics of when the Council hearing of the H-1 overlay proposal can be set. The Council has 90 days to act on the Planning Commission's recommendation. If the Council fails to act, the H-1 as passed by the Planning Commission will go into effect.

The Council hearing on the matter could have the same outcome, could be

passed with the boundary modified or— with at least 8 votes against—could be turned down. The potential hearing date seems to me to be Tuesday, January 22nd and probably at 6:00 p.m. Now that's just my prognostication based on the calendar.

If Planning staff has the meeting ready to report out on the Tuesday we return (November 13th) the soonest the Council could set the hearing date—given notice requirements—would be 30 days later on Thursday, December 13th. As if trying to have such a meeting in mid December wouldn't be challenging enough, the last Council meeting is set for December 11th. So the 30-day notice requirement would run longer than the scheduled Council term. Turning to the new and reenergized Council for the meeting seems best. The Council 2013 calendar has not been set yet but tentatively calls for the first Work Session of the new Council for Tuesday the 15th with the first Council Meeting on the evening of the 17th.

After conversation with the Vice Mayor, the early opinion is that having the hearing during the first week of the new term might be a bit hectic for all involved. With that in mind, 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 22nd looks good. The presentations during Work Session can be kept to a minimum and all staff work and notifications for the hearing can happen in a timely fashion.

Planning staff has said they will be ready whenever the Council sets the hearing. I will ask the Council to set the H-1 Historic Overlay hearing before the Council for Tuesday January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. We can have lots of conversation before then and happy holidays too. Enjoy this weekend for now.

My best,
Bill

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Many Thanks for a Job Well Done

Mark York from the Division of Environmental Policy would like to thank those of you who participated in the Richmond Road clean-up for your support and participation in the project. Mark stated, "I believe we have accomplished many of our goals and the area looks great."

The clean-up by the numbers looks something like this:

- Amount of honeysuckle and other debris removed: 84.8 tons
- Amount of recyclables collected: 440 pounds
- Number of volunteers for cleanup and tree planting (combined): 92 (This does not include LFUCG workers.)
- Number of trees planted: 100, including four varieties of Dogwood, Basswood, Winterberry Holly, Chokeberry and Nine Bark



Volunteers turned out en masse to work both weekends during the clean-up.

A little more work remains to be done in the area and the development of a 2-year maintenance plan is in the works. In the meantime, we'd like to express our sincere appreciation to Mark and his team for this tremendous improvement in the 5th District and for Lexington as a whole. If you would like to do the same, click [here](#).

Ice Skating Returns to Downtown Lexington for the Holidays



Shameless Editor's Note: I took both my kids (on the left and right here) during school break last year and they loved it!

From November through the beginning of January, the lawn at Triangle Park is transformed into a winter wonderland with the Unified Trust Company Ice Rink. The ice rink opened today at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 for 90 minutes of skate time. When Fayette County Schools are in session, the ice rink will be open from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday; and from 1:00 until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. When school is not in session, hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., while weekend hours remain unchanged.

The Unified Trust Company Ice Rink welcomed over 22,000 skaters and an additional 65,000 visitors to Triangle Park and downtown Lexington last year. Click [here](#) for more information.

Kentucky's Premier Literary Event Comes to Frankfort

Now in its 31st year, the [Kentucky Book Fair](#) will be held November 10th at the Frankfort Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's fair will feature nearly 200 authors showcasing their most recent books. Sponsored by [The State Journal](#), and co-sponsored by the [Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives](#) and the [University Press of Kentucky](#), the Kentucky Book Fair attracts thousands of avid readers and patrons from across the country. With many books ranging from regional cookbooks to wartime histories, the fair has a book for everyone with a passion for reading.



Among others, University Press of Kentucky author, T.R.C. Hutton, will participate in "Feuding Kentucky: Page to Performance," a panel discussion sponsored by The Kentucky Book Fair and [The Kentucky Historical Society](#). The program will be at noon on Saturday, November 10th in the House Chamber of Old State Capital across the street from the convention center. UPK author James C. Klotter will moderate a discussion involving Hutton; Altina Waller, author of *Feud*; James D. Reeder, playwright of *Bloody Rowan!*; and Jerry Deaton, filmmaker of *The Feuds of Bloody Breathitt*. Admission is free and open to the public. Limited seating is available. For more information, contact Mack McCormick, Publicity Manager at (859) 257-5200 or at permissions@uky.edu.

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**LPA announces Temporary Closure
to the Annex Garage Downtown**

Starting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, the Annex Garage in downtown Lexington will be completely closed until late spring. The closure will allow restoration work to continue at a faster pace to expedite re-opening. Construction began in August on the \$3.1 million dollar restoration to the garage, built in the mid to late 1960s.

If you're visiting the Government Center or any other location centered around the Annex Garage, you can find alternative parking in:

- Transit Center Garage, enter at 170 East Vine Street or 129-201 East High Street
- Courthouse Garage, enter at 105 Barr Street
- On-street spaces

"We know this construction will be inconvenient, but it's worth it to make this facility safer and extend its life," said Lexington Parking Authority Board Chair James H. Frazier, III.

"The restoration involves needed safety repairs, including waterproofing, lighting updates and a new entry/exit system," said Gary Means, Parking Authority Executive Director. "We look forward to re-opening a safe and secure parking facility as soon as possible."

The Fayette County Clerk will remain open during the renovation and visitors can park in the alternative locations listed above and shown below.



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

*The Golden Gals' Holiday Mystery Party:
The Curse of Jessica Fletcher*
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Holly Day Market

November 9-11
KY Horse Park

FRANKEL COCKTAILS & CASINO
to benefit Lexington Hearing & Speech Center

Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.
350 Henry Clay Blvd

Dinner, Drinks, Music, Casino Games, & Poker

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