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# 5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



Eighty-fifth Edition

Details for the District

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- While it has so far been a mild winter, you should always be prepared in case of snow or ice emergencies. The city's snow plan, which includes information on priority streets and snow emergencies, is available online by clicking [here](#).
- The next installment of Tadoo lounge sessions End o' the World Holiday Mash Up Extravaganza will take place on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Smiley Pete offices, located at 434 Old Vine Street. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Candlelight tours at Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate will take place on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).
- The 5<sup>th</sup> District Office will be closed from Christmas Eve until January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. We will, however, be checking e-mail. If you need immediate assistance during this time, please call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

## Nevermind the Mayans, Just Mark Your Calendars

**D**ear Holiday Neighbor!  
In anticipation of the end of the Mayan calendar, our weekly e-newsletter will be taking an anticipated two week hiatus. If you don't get the first e-newsletter of 2013 please let us know.

### Just Past

As the Council wrapped up its legislative year and district terms this past Tuesday, a business item appeared on our docket to complete the "E 9-11" necessitated address changes on Richmond Avenue. Council Member Diane Lawless and I have been working against this change for months.

After several maneuvers to stop the change a compromise was reached by a majority of the Council to change the two "half" numbers on the street to A and B designations, thus averting changes for all the street numbers for Richmond Avenue. I appreciate the time Council took to help the folks on the street rather than in the "Addressing Office" of the Urban County Government. Yeah!

### For Your January, 2013

Here's a look at the January calendar. The new Council will be sworn in on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Kentucky Theatre. The event is open to the public and all are invited. It's a great local civics lesson as the 12 district Council Members will all be sworn in.

January 8<sup>th</sup> is the District-wide meeting in the Lassiter Theatre of Henry Clay High School at 6:00 p.m. Having men-

tioned this before, please join us if you can.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The postponed hearing about the development plan for the old Two Lakes Apartments will be heard. This is the proposal to build a six-story apartment building with a three-story parking structure. The same folks that rebuilt the former Sonnet Cove into the new and beautiful Lakewood Park have made this proposal to bring more residences to the area behind the pond and lakefront townhomes they are building now.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the Council will take up the Ashland Park H-1 overlay zone application. This is the last stop for this issue. If the Council fails to act or have a quorum to meet, the Planning Commission's approval will become law after 90 days, which would be January 23<sup>rd</sup>. As a property owner in the area, I will not be part of that hearing.

It's already shaping up to be a busy 2013. Keep reading this e-newsletter when it returns, and we will keep you up to date. I hope that the specialness of the holidays are of comfort to you and your family and that blessings do flow for you and yours.

It is a personal pleasure to serve on your behalf.

Happy 2013!  
Bill



Christmas Eve Buffet: 11 am - 6 pm

Store Hours: 8 am - 7 pm

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## Council Approves Ordinance for Redistricting Procedures

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has approved an ordinance that establishes procedures and provides guidelines for redistricting Council districts. The Council may deem it necessary to redistrict after a decennial census has been conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census, and this ordinance outlines a strict and objective process to achieve fairly redrawn districts by future Councils.

The proposed ordinance was initially brought forward by Vice Mayor Linda Gorton in response to the difficulties faced by the Kentucky State Legislature during its redistricting process in the last year. "The LFUCG ordinance permits the Vice Mayor to appoint a Redistricting Committee of fifteen members with one designated by each Council Member. The appointee cannot be a Council Member or a member of the Council Staff," Gorton said.

The Redistricting Ordinance specifies rigid guidelines to follow in determining the makeup of each district including: ensuring population equality, restrictions on splitting existing precincts, reflection of community interests, and prohibits moving sitting Council Members out of their current districts.

The Committee will be required to make its redistricting recommendations to Council by the last working day of September of the year appointed. The Committee will be dissolved after this.

Gorton also said, "By approving this ordinance, the City Council has established a consistent, objective and transparent process for redistricting following each ten year census should it decide to based on the changes to the city." To learn more about the Redistricting Ordinance, click [here](#).

## WoodSongs Finds New Home at the Lyric Theatre

In what is described by all parties involved as a "win-win-win" the worldwide broadcast of the WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour will move from its current home of the Kentucky Theatre to the brand new facilities of the historic Lyric Theatre, just a few blocks away. WoodSongs airs on 506 radio stations including WEKU, WUKY and WMMT regionally. The show is broadcast each weekend on the American Forces Radio Network in 173 nations and every US Naval ship at sea. As a TV series it partners with KET and Insight Communications and is seen in millions of USA TV homes from San Diego to Orlando. It is also broadcast three times a week on the Blue-highways TV Network coast-to-coast, plus online.

"The Kentucky Theatre has been and still is wonderful," says WoodSongs creator and host Michael Johnathon. "They are preparing to undergo a major remodel, which we support completely. That means WoodSongs would need to vacate anyway to make room for the new construction. The broadcast normally shuts down for several weeks this time of year so, even though this is early in the remodeling process, moving now is the most practical for the crew and the theatre."

WoodSongs kicks off at the Lyric Theatre on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> with multi-award winning musician Victor Wooten of Bela Fleck and the Fleckstones. Fans of the show can expect artists like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Crystal Gayle, Mike Scott and the Waterboys and many others to grace the stage of the Lyric in 2013, including the celebration of WoodSongs 700<sup>th</sup> broadcast. The audience needs to

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## Gem Illuminates the 5<sup>th</sup> District in More Ways Than One

This week's Gem of the District is often highly visible as a true leader in the community, but no more so than his home on Chinoe Road during the holiday season. With this and other contributions to the 5<sup>th</sup> District and beyond, we decided to round out this year of Gems by asking Ron Turner how he keeps all things bright. This is what he had to say.

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

**A.** I was born in Lexington, Kentucky in 1943, and I started Amteck of Kentucky Inc. in 1977. Amteck is a design/build electrical contracting company that had modest beginnings but with Toyota coming to Georgetown, Amteck has grown into a national company performing work across the US and beyond. Amteck has wired for such prominent names such as Nike, Gatorade & Pepsi, just to mention a few.

In 1998, I began developing commercial property in Lexington under the Turner Development logo and today we have designed, we own and we manage over 270,000 square feet of commercial rental property in Lexington. In 2005 I purchased the Lansdowne Club, a landmark built in the 1950s. When we purchased The Club it was in disrepair so we raised it and rebuilt a new Club, renaming it The Signature Club of Lansdowne.

**Q.** During the holiday season, you've become famous for the way you decorate the outside of your home on Chinoe Road. This year, you opened up your home to the public. What made you decide to do so and how many people came for the tour?

**A.** My wife Linda and I have three grown children: Troy, Daren and Tonya as well as 11 grandchildren. We are very active in the community supporting many charitable causes, most recently opening his "Christmas House" last week for public tours to raise funds for the Foster Care Council. For us it was a golden opportunity to open up our hearts as well as our home to the community. The tours were a

huge success, bringing in close to 1,000 people who were thrilled to see the work Linda has done to beautifully decorate the interior of our home on Chinoe Road.

**Q.** It might come as a surprise to some to learn that you also have a hand in the tree lighting at Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate. How did you become involved in that project?

**A.** Last year I helped decorate a local landmark, the 100-year-old, 100-foot-tall evergreen on the grounds of Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate. I was invited to participate because of my electrical experience and vision, and I enjoyed the process of putting thousands of LED lights on the spruce tree as a source of beauty for Lexington.

**Q.** You've just completed major renovations on the Gateway Building off Winchester Road. Tell us in a nutshell why that property is being touted as one of the most energy-efficient buildings of its kind.

**A.** My latest construction project is the Gateway building off Winchester Road. I put all of my energy into renovating the vacant shell into a showplace that would truly

be the "Gateway" to Lexington, located just 1.9 miles from I-75. Some features of the building include high-tech, low-energy engineering, which will result in 18-20% lower utilities than other local commercial buildings. It will be the only building in Kentucky with all LED site lighting, which takes one third the energy and offers three times the lamp and ballast life. The first floor is 85 percent glass, with 16-18 foot clear ceiling heights. It features 168 parking spaces.

I attribute my success to a "never give in attitude" and dedication to knowing what you want, not taking no for an answer and working hard to achieve your dreams. My motto is to "turn tragic into magic" and I feel that anyone can achieve this with hard work, dedication and commitment to achieving a goal.

**Q.** Do you have any questions or concerns for the 5<sup>th</sup> District?

**A.** I have nothing but praise for Bill Farmer's efforts as 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilman, and I call him a "true asset to the community." One of my recent concerns in the area has been excessive speeds being driven on busy thoroughfares.



*Around 40,000 small lights, twelve 500-watt quartz fixtures and twenty 150-watt flood lights illuminate the Turner home.*



For more information about the Gateway Building, click [here](#).

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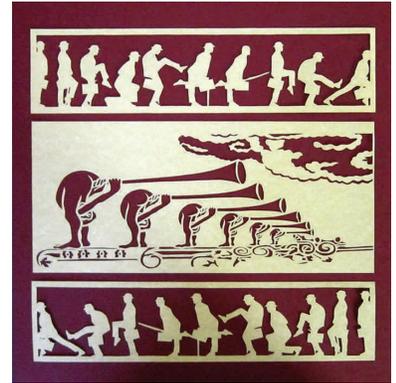
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## Negative Space to Fill Bourbon n' Toulouse

With the 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter going on a hiatus until 2013, we thought we'd give you advanced notice about an opportunity that could help put something unique under the tree this year for those on your shopping list. On December 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m., Bourbon n' Toulouse will open their doors to Ohio-based artist Gordon Unsub Brown as he creates his works during the event dubbed "Cutter's Ball" and "GumboSocial." A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to the Central Kentucky Regional Humane Society.

About his craft, Brown said, "A famous sculptor somewhere once said that his job was to envision the figure within that big shapeless piece of marble and simply remove the bits that weren't part of it. That kind of sums up what I do with paper and an Exacto blade. Whether starting from a printed or hand-drawn design—always backwards so the presentation side stays pristine—or just improvising with a blank sheet and my trusty blade, I'm always pleasantly surprised by the end result when I flip it over onto a contrasting backing. I suppose the negative space is hard to see in your head until it's not there any longer. Next Thursday, I'll be bringing a big box of mounted pieces that vary greatly in content from the concrete to the abstract and setting up an impromptu shop at a table at Bourbon n' Toulouse in Chevy Chase. Everything is for sale and I'll be bringing along a small cutting board and doodling with my blades all the while." Artwork is for sale by cash or check only. For a preview of Brown's work, click [here](#).



Click [here](#) to view more of Brown's work.

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).

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be seated by 6:45 p.m. and there is plenty of free parking alongside the Lyric Theater. The shows reservation hotline remains (859) 252-8888.

The Troubadour Concert Series, also created and produced by Johnathon, celebrates 20 years at the Kentucky Theatre on January 31<sup>st</sup> with a concert by Grammy winner Shawn Colvin. Since Troubadour events are booked on a concert-by-concert basis, plans are to continue programs at the Kentucky Theatre until remodeling actually begins. Details will be posted online at [www.lexingtonlyric.com](http://www.lexingtonlyric.com) and [www.WoodSongs.com](http://www.WoodSongs.com). The Lyric Theatre is located in downtown Lexington at 300 E Third St. Readers wishing to donate to the Kentucky Theatre's renovation fund can click [here](#).

