



5th District Newsletter

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around our community



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Bullet Points of Interest:

- The Unified Trust Company Ice Rink in Triangle Park will close for the season this Sunday at 10:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).
- The Southland Church Richmond Road Campus will hold its first services tomorrow, January 5th at 5:30 p.m. Sunday services are at 9:30, 9:40 and 11:15 a.m. followed by evening services at 6:00 p.m. For more information, click [here](#).
- Natasha's Bistro and Bar will host a Celebration of the Life and Times of Gatewood Galbraith on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Bring your stories and memories for "open mic" and round out the evening with live music by the Blind Corn Liquor Pickers. Suggested donation is \$7. For reservations call (859) 259-2754.

Well, I Swear!

Dear Neighbor,
First, let me cordially invite you to attend the Swearing In Ceremony for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County District Council Members, which will take place this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Kentucky Theatre, 214 East Main Street. A reception will immediately follow at the Government Center next door, and I hope to see you there. As always, it has been a pleasure to serve you and I appreciate your support through the years. Pages 2 and 3 of this e-newsletter will give you an idea of who the new incoming Council Members are, and I encourage you to come and meet them in person as well.

We want to know what you think about crime in our neighborhoods. Please take a moment to take our Community Crime Perception Survey by clicking [here](#).

Next Tuesday, the 5th District-wide meeting will be held in the Clyde T. Lassiter Theatre of Henry Clay High School. The event begins at 5:30 with refreshments and a bite to eat provided by Dingus Childers of Belle's Bakery. We will also have a display of home security ideas and equipment set up. All of this will take place in the lobby area just outside the theatre. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and refreshments aren't allowed in.

The Mayor will help us kick things off and while I know that more than one member of the Division of Police will be

there I have also asked Chief Bastin to attend. Done right this will be a great opportunity to meet neighbors from other neighborhoods and have a forum to ask questions and exchange ideas. Just as with the state and federal governments, we locally have needs and big decisions to make. Pension needs. Police and Fire needs and EPA-mandated sewer work to be done.

Even more locally, we have neighborhood needs related to crime, traffic and zoning. Tuesdays can be an easy evening to go home and at this time of year get in out of the cold. This Tuesday however, come join the warmth of kindred spirits and the promise of the new year. I hope to see you then.

The first Council meetings of 2013 won't start until the 15th, but as many of you know our 5th District Office is always glad to respond. With four newly inaugurated Council Members there is reason for optimism and hope for accomplishment in this still very new year.

If I don't see you Sunday at the Kentucky Theatre or Tuesday at Henry Clay, don't hesitate to call or write when you have a question or a need.

Happy New Year with my best,
Bill

Did you get a new TV, computer, cell phone or electronic device during the holiday season? Don't leave the old one in the garage or in a drawer. Instead recycle it by taking it to the Lexington Electronic Recycling Center at 1306 Versailles Road. This is for Lexington-Fayette County residents only. For more information on the center and what they accept, click [here](#).

Shevawn Akers, 2nd District

Council Member-Elect Shevawn Akers has a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Kentucky and has worked in the non-profit sector for about 14 years. She currently works for Volunteers of America of Kentucky as the Manager of Community Engagement for the Bluegrass Region. She has been a resident of Masterson Station for 11 years. She is an 18 month (and counting!) breast cancer survivor. She has served on inter-agency commissions, boards and other civic groups. She has raised thousands of dollars for various non-profits and volunteered for other campaigns prior to her own.



Akers has a 10 year-old son, Hayden, who attends the Maxwell Elementary Spanish Immersion program and keeps her busy with baseball, basketball and academic team competitions. She is passionate about making a difference in her community. She wants to teach her son that it is everyone's responsibility to improve the city, state and world in which we live. She loves cooking for friends, visiting art museums in other cities, recycling everything, and espresso from Starbucks.

Ultimately, the decision to serve on the Urban County Council stemmed from a number of things. While trying to find herself and her direction in college, Akers signed a lot of petitions, participated in a few rallies and improved her understanding of grassroots activism. Early in her education, she realized that the best way to help the greatest number of people is through policy change. She knew that was where she wanted to be, but was intimidated by traditional politicians to launch her own campaign.

After a breast cancer diagnosis in the summer of 2011 and the treatments that followed, Akers' perspective shifted. She states, "Facing your own mortality, losing your hair and defeating cancer makes you fearless to 'little stuff' like running for public office. I also realized that the time I had invested in my community made me a viable candidate; I knew I could do the job and I believe I will be good at it."

When asked what her goals were for the 2nd District during her term in office, Akers' response was multifaceted. She wants to work on public-private partnerships to create more active recreation in the district,

such as basketball courts, tennis courts and disc golf facilities. With the widening of Leestown and the extension of Citation Boulevard, she hopes to see the Town Branch Trail extended into downtown as originally planned. She will support efforts to revitalize the Distillery District and hopes infrastructure improvements can begin soon. Lastly, she is concerned about the abandoned and blighted properties that are often havens for crime and intends to partner with the Division of Code Enforcement to address these properties.

"I want to make Lexington a place that attracts young professionals, that's a safe and vibrant place to raise a family, a place that enriches the lives of all its citizens through cultural activities, that promotes healthy lifestyles and is inclusive of the diversity that makes us unique. I will support efforts that work toward this end."

Jennifer Scutchfield, 7th District

Council Member-Elect Jennifer Scutchfield, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, is the Research and Development Manager for the Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road in Lexington. Scutchfield graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Psychology and also graduated from the University of Kentucky



College of Law. She has worked for Judge John R. Adams of the Fayette Circuit Court as his Staff Attorney, served as an Assistant County Attorney for the Fayette County Attorney's office, Executive Director for the Bluegrass Tennis Association, attorney with the law firm of Hurt, Crosbie & May, PLLC and was the Criminal Justice/Paralegal Chair and Instructor at ITT Technical Institute in Lexington.

Scutchfield is dedicated to public service and served for three years as the PTA President at Athens-Chilesburg Elementary. She is still volunteering her time as immediate Past-President on the Executive Committee. She is currently serving on the 2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's planning committee and was asked to serve on the Citizen's Advocate Selection committee. Jennifer was very proud to be included in the Leadership Kentucky Class of 2011.

Scutchfield is married to Alex Scutchfield and they have two children, ages 11 and 9. She enjoys getting out and involved in her community and welcomes insight into how we can make Lexington better.

Jennifer Mossotti, 9th District

There will be a familiar name serving the 9th District on the new Council, Jennifer Mossotti. Jennifer is reclaiming the seat she previously held from 1997 through 2004. For seven years, she was a popular and effective leader and strong voice for the people, neighborhoods and businesses of the 9th District. Her reputation is one of being a no-nonsense relentless advocate for good public policy.

Her tenure was marked by her concern for water management, infrastructure and public facilities as they affect Lexington neighborhoods. She won mandatory design guidelines, pedestrian walkways and storm water management concessions for mega store zoning. She also chaired the outside agency committee that resulted in specific guidelines for agency funding from the government and reduced duplication of services. She was also instrumental in introducing the amendment that led to the passage of Lexington's Fairness Ordinance.

"My focus always has been on our neighborhoods and improving our quality of life in Lexington," notes Mossotti. "With advice and assistance from so many constituents, I was, I believe, an effective public servant during my previous four terms on the Council. I am confident that going forward, working together, we can build on our city's strengths and solve any issue that confronts us as we strive to make Lexington an even better community in which to live, work, and play."

Mossotti, 58, is a Realtor with Prudential A.S. de-Movellan Real Estate. She was given the Fayette County Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Hero Award in 2004, was a Lions Club Davis Fellow for Dedicated Humanitarian

Services in 2003 and a YWCA Women of Achievement Award winner in 1999. She presently serves on the Kentucky Domestic Violence Program Board, and is a member of the Lexington Lions Club. She and her husband, Ron, have three children and three grandchildren.



Harry Clarke, 10th District

Council Member-Elect Harry Clarke's current leadership and organizational skills are demonstrated with innovative activities and promotions as the President of the Harrods Hill Neighborhood Association, now in his second term. As Director of UK School of Music for 14 years, he administered a personnel, scholarship and operating budget of over \$2 million. During those years and under his leadership, the School of Music developed into one of the top music schools in the country, in performance, academics and music education, with unprecedented growth in numbers and in the quality of faculty, performance and academic achievement.

Clarke believes the key to Lexington's future is tied largely to the success of economic development. This success is defined by the growth of business of all types, either entrepreneurial, the addition of existing businesses elsewhere joining the Lexington scene, or the expansion of businesses already established. In order to attract new or expanded models, Lexington must be a highly desirable place to live and work. The Lexington we know is already an attractive city, and it is important that we maintain and grow that signature by providing the infrastructure of roads, good water, superb police and fire protection, sewer systems, waste collection and other services; opportunities for entertainment, for recreation, for all ages; a government that cares for its citizens young to elderly, and promotes a healthy lifestyle; one that promotes the value of signature neighborhoods, old, new and still to be developed; one that values its schools and educational attainment at all levels; one that protects and preserves the beautiful Bluegrass country and the historical nature of the city.

Clarke and his family are members of Calvary Baptist Church and he served as its Minister of Music from 2005 to 2007. He has been married to Lexington native Mary Beth Stevens for 33 years. Their son Matthew is a UK graduate and a recent graduate of Princeton University with a Masters in Architecture. He is now employed by the Division of Cultural Affairs in New York City.



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KAW Repairs Romany, Prepares for Rate Increase

During routine maintenance procedures last week, Kentucky American Water (KAW) crews determined that three valves on water mains in the Romany Road area needed to be replaced. Crews worked to prepare the area for the task and then performed the actual replacement of the three valves this past weekend, beginning at midnight and after the Kroger store closed so as to minimize impact to businesses in the area.



This project is an example of the various types of system upgrades that KAW makes throughout the year to keep our drinking water system, which includes approximately 2,000 miles of water main, in good working order and in compliance with drinking water regulations. Examples of other such projects include the replacement of water mains, water meters and various pumps, as well as upgrades to tanks and treatment facilities.

On December 28th, the company requested a rate increase through the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) and has indicated that the increase is to cover numerous capital projects such as these. If approved in full by the PSC, the average residential bill would increase by \$5.76 per month. The PSC will review the KAW's request in detail over the next several months, as will the Office of the Attorney General and the LFUCG, which is typical for such utility rate requests. The PSC will ultimately determine any new rates. Any rate change that occurs would not go into effect before July 27th, 2013.

Our thanks to Susan Lancho of KAW for this update. If you have questions for Susan, click [here](#) to e-mail her.

Citizen's Fire Academy to Begin in February

The Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services (LDFES) has long recognized the importance of maintaining a close relationship with the citizens they serve. In an effort to further promote this relationship, the LDFES has developed a program called the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA). The CFA is designed to teach citizens about the many jobs the LDFES does on a daily basis and to promote citizen interaction with the firefighters and paramedics of the LDFES.

The Citizens Fire Academy is a dynamic 11-week program designed to provide participants with an inside view of the organization and operations of the Lexington Fire Department. The curriculum includes live

demonstrations, classroom learning and hands-on experiences—all of which are designed



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to give the participant a true feel for the LFD. Best of all, the entire program is free and open to anyone 18-years-of-age or older who either lives or works in Fayette County.

The next class begins on Monday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lexington Fire Department Training Academy at 1375 Old Frankfort Pike. For an application, click [here](#). To request more information, click [here](#).

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.

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