



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Eighty-ninth Edition

Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- The city is inviting local businesses to become a part of the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program. Last summer the LFUCG placed over 150 youth at businesses and organizations across the city. This year, the goal is to give 225 youths a job for the summer. Click [here](#) to view a letter to potential business leaders who could like to participate. More detailed information can be found on the [fact sheet](#). Click [here](#) to download an application for your business.
- Contestants are currently being sought for annual St. Patrick's Day Rose of Tralee competition. The Rose of Kentucky will be crowned at the Rose Ball in the Red Mile Clubhouse on Saturday, March 9th starting at 7:00 p.m. The winner will win an all-expense-paid trip to Ireland. Click [here](#) for more information.

Poachers, Pavement and Playgrounds

Dear Neighbors,
I am glad we are outside of the blizzard zone this weekend. I feel for those who can only watch and wait. Briefly noted as follows:

Fairway Parcel Poacher

As evidenced by posts to the Fairway listserv, parcels of all types have been disappearing from front porches and steps. Both the Police and the Office of the US Postal Inspection Service have been alerted and involved. So that you know, there are three postal inspectors for Central and Eastern Kentucky—all based right here in Lexington.

If you wish to report a USPS missing package, please e-mail Misty N. Racimo by clicking [here](#). If parcels are missing from other delivery services please contact them directly.

In the meantime, be on the lookout for a 1993-1996 golden-tan color Toyota Corolla with a rear spoiler and damage under the trunk lid. It has similarly colored mud flaps. The driver is a Caucasian male, young and nimble of foot. Thanks to all those who have posted and are working on this case.

Tate's Creek Road Sidewalks

In chatting with the folks in Engineering this week, I made it a point to check progress on the long-awaited sidewalk project. It is interesting to note that all the design changes for the project have been state-driven. All of the right-of-way and intersection changes have been at their request as well. The new traffic signals for the Lansdowne Drive intersection were also their suggestions and they have appropriated funds to us for the upgrade. They have the final plans now to approve; once that is done, work will get under way as soon as possible.

Food Trucks

As part of the "fast track" Food Truck Work Group, I attended yesterday's first meeting with great interest. The food truck folks came to Council asking for in essence bureaucratic relief for their somewhat repetitious permitting process. I believe the draft we reviewed to help cut red tape is viable and will ultimately gain Council approval. As for other food truck issues, we may not solve all the problems but progress will be made.

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Go Green for Ten Grand

Kentucky American Water is now accepting applications for green project funding through its annual Environmental Grant Program. The program offers funding up to \$10,000 for qualifying, innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies. Grants are limited to supporting projects in the company's service area.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Projects are selected for funding based on various criteria such as project goals, impact, innovation, design, collaboration, sustainability, and community engagement, among other requirements. To access the grant application, click [here](#).



Sign of Things to Come ... and Go

The Zoning Enforcement Section of the Division of Planning is conducting a concentrated illegal sign enforcement effort beginning the week of February 11th. The primary target of this effort is the explosion of “feather signs” and other small freestanding signs that are currently illegal under Lexington’s zoning ordinances. The expanding presence of this type of signage creates a visual blight on the community, creates excessive distractions to motorists and can create an “uneven playing field” for businesses that are in compliance.



...or not.

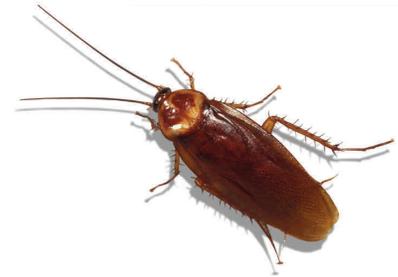
Rather than acting on a case-by case basis, Planning decided the most effective approach is to begin a phased program beginning with the New Circle Road between Georgetown Road and Richmond Road due to this major highway having the highest number of such illegal signs. Similar efforts on other major corridors will follow. The enforcement efforts will involve a series of steps (date indicates the start date of each phase):

- Education and Voluntary Compliance (beginning the week of February 11th): The owner of each of the 240 business properties in the targeted corridor will be sent a letter explaining the program, informing them of the program, and providing the name of their designated planning staff contact person. Voluntary compliance will be requested. Sign companies will also be contacted.
- Hand-delivery to Operating Businesses (beginning February 20th): An Inspector from the Division of Planning will hand deliver similar notices to each business operator on-site. That individual will be asked to forward the information to the business owner or operator.
- Notice of Violations (NOV) (beginning March 8th): Businesses that have not voluntarily removed illegal signs will be issued formal NOVs. The NOV will document the illegal signs, and stipulate that the sign must be removed within 10 days.
- Issuance of Civil Citations with Fines (beginning March 18th): Follow-up citations will be delivered for any remaining illegal signs. Fines will be assessed as provided in the applicable ordinances.

This project is an example of the types of strategic zoning enforcement enhancement projects that the Division of Planning has envisioned since being assigned zoning enforcement duties on January 1st, 2012. Other projects, including proposed ordinance improvements, are currently underway or in the planning stages. These efforts are intended to clarify rules when necessary, and provide an improved climate for compliance with our zoning ordinances.

When Dining Out, Calories Aren’t the Only Thing That Count

With recent news of a popular Mexican restaurant being closed due to cockroach infestation, you’ll be happy to know that to help diners in Lexington stay better informed, the Lexington-



You may not be the only one hungry for a nice dinner.

Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) now posts restaurant inspection scores on their website. The LFCHD inspects about 1,500 establishments each year, twice per year. This includes restaurants, schools and university cafeterias, supermarkets, convenience stores, farmers’ markets, permanent and temporary concession stands and anywhere else food is routinely served. Environmental health specialists visit each location to make sure health codes are being followed to ensure safe, sanitary conditions for all of us—with the exception of cockroaches.

Foodservice establishments are inspected at least every six months and more often if needed. Restaurants are required to post their most recent inspection scores in a conspicuous spot near the business entrance. Scores of 85 or higher with no three-, four- or five-point violations are posted with a numeric value in green, while scores of 84 or lower or those with three-, four- or five- point violations are posted in red. (Retail, mobile food units, pushcarts, restricted concession and temporary food service operations do not need to publicly post their most recent inspection scores.) If you’re curious to know if your favorite eatery passes the mustard—er, mustard—click [here](#).

Gem a Big Part of Why WUKY Rocks

With a voice that is to radio as Bourbon is to Kentucky, this week's Gem has received numerous awards for his on-air accomplishments. This week we sat down with WUKY's Alan Lytle to see how he keeps things covered. This is what he had to say.

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

A. I'm Alan Lytle and for the past decade I have served as News Director for WUKY Radio. THE public radio voice of the University of Kentucky and all of Central Kentucky for that matter.

Q. While it is probably hard to pick a favorite, tell us about your most memorable interview.

A. It would be impossible for me to pick a favorite, but I'll tell you a few folks who are on my short list for various reasons: KET Founder Len Press, Baseball Hall of Fame Broadcaster Marty Brennaman, NPR's Melissa Block, Noah Adams and Peter Sagal, Louisville's own Bob Edwards, and many moons ago I got to interview Gary Lewis, of Gary Lewis and the Playboys fame. He told me a very funny story about the origins of one of his Top 40 hits, "Green Grass."

Q. Tell us what made you get into radio.

A. Frankly, it's all I ever wanted to do. I remember being mesmerized by voices coming out of this little box in our kitchen or the family station wagon. When I got older I made the decision that I would do just about anything to be on the radio, even



One of many guests interviewed by Lytle, President Eli Capilouto had the honor when first hired by the University of Kentucky.



Are you at a loss for what to give that special someone for Valentine's Day? Click [here](#) to see what's up for auction at WUKY.

if it meant giving up my Wednesday nights to drag my record collection to my hometown station (WOBO near Batavia,

Ohio) and spin oldies for three hours. I want to publicly thank my parents for tuning in all those years ago. Honestly, they put up with an awful lot of my shenanigans, some I will refrain from detailing here!

Radio is something that, once it gets in your blood, you can't imagine ever doing anything else.

Q. How has technology broadened broadcast ability during your career?

A. Editing sound is far less painstaking than it once was. Those of my generation know of what I speak...china markers, splicing tape, (erase, record playback), need I say more? Radio has always been an immediate medium, but now it is much more interactive, especially with the explosion of social media—which I am still trying to get a handle on.

Q. WUKY has such a wide range of programming. What are some of the shows you tune into when you're not on the air?

A. *Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me*, *The Dinner Party*, *Rock and Roots* (We news people like to work in a rockin' news room; what can I say?) *Curtains @ 8* *With Nick Lawrence*, and *Joe's Blues*.

Q. Do you have any questions or concerns for the 5th District?

A. None that come to mind at present, but Councilman Farmer is, and always has been, responsive to his constituents as evidenced by this weekly newsletter. Lots of great, useful information.



Alan Lytle has been fine-tuning his radio voice since his teenage years.

Right back at you Alan! To view WUKY's scheduled programming or listen to a Podcast, click [here](#). Remember that you and other members are WUKY's most reliable source of income. Begin or renew your membership by clicking [here](#).

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On the Road Again

In Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13), the 5th District received \$376,540 for resurfacing, which was a significant decrease from the year prior. It was a tough choice, but after driving the district, the following roads were chosen for the FY13 list:

- Loudon Avenue from Statesman Way to Winchester Road
- Prather Road from Hart Road to Culpepper Road
- St. William Drive from Coburn Boulevard to St. Matilda Drive
- Sparks Road from Lagonda Avenue to Delaware Avenue (Completed)
- Diaz Aly from Eastland Parkway to Commercial Drive
- Liberty Road from Winchester Road to Dallas Avenue
- Eureka Springs Drive from Beaver Creek Drive to Deaton Place
- Clays Spring Lane from Chinoe Road to Clinton Road
- Colony Boulevard from Cochran Road to Providence Lane
- Cochran Road from Colony Boulevard to Hart Road
- Courtney Avenue to Emery Court
- Baybrook Road from Plainview Road to Folkstone Drive
- James Court to Helm Street (Completed)

With the allocation of \$1,488,000 now on the horizon, we need your help in deciding what streets to add to the list. If you would like your street—or another in the 5th that you think is in need—to be considered for repaving, click [here](#). Your street must be rated 65 or lower to make the cut. While this recent allocation may seem like manna from Heaven, it's a tad shy of the \$15,324,401.15 it would take to cover the entire district. We look forward to your suggestions.

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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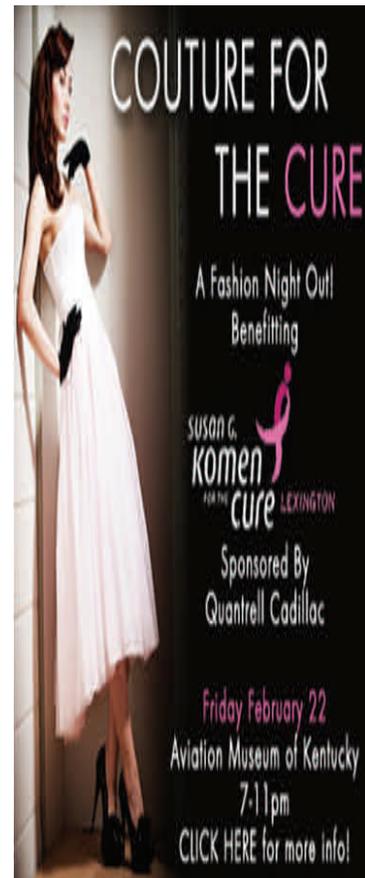
Bricks and mortar folks have concerns and emerging entertainment oriented generations want more variety. We will do our best.

Kenwick Playground

One new business item from Tuesday was the Council's approval of the submission of a grant application with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management requesting a waste tire crumb rubber grant. This \$15,000 grant would replace the aging wood chip base in the playground area. The Division of Parks and Recreation will support the cost of removing existing material installing the subbase, applying a top rubber surface to keep crumb rubber stationary and promoting the project. These additional items will cost approximately \$11,500 and will come from the operating budget of Parks. The total project cost would be \$26,500. I will keep you posted on progress. Here's to success for all.

Tonight I will, for the second year in a row, be part of the judging panel for the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center movie night and chili cook-off. If you are out and have any sort of appetite for chili, please join us from 5:30 p.m. on. Believe me when I tell you, it will be great. Enjoy the weekend.

My best,
Bill





IDLE HOUR NEIGHBORS ALLIANCE



QUARTERLY MEETING AND VALENTINE

PARTY 

Bring a Neighbor!

Monday, February 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church, 460 East Main Street

(Across the street from Kerr Brothers Funeral Home)

(Use Ransom Street middle entrance. Park in the rear church lot or the parking lot across the street.)

➤ **CHECK OUT THE NEW IHNA WEBSITE:**

www.idlehourna.com ◀

MEETING AGENDA:

- **Mark York** will present a short video of the Richmond Road Clean-Up.
- **Officer Bige Towery** of Division of Police will give us hints and suggestions to keep our homes and neighborhood more secure.
- **Short Business Meeting including:**
 - President's Report
 - Update on what's happening with: Beautification, Creek Clean-Up, Community Garden, Breckinridge School projects and needs, Community Connection and the new website.
- ***Door Prizes!***

❖❖❖ COMING EVENTS ❖❖❖

Easter Egg Hunt
Community Yard Sale
Summer Picnic



If you wish, bring non-perishable food items for donation to God's Pantry and receive one door prize ticket per item.

Need a ride to this meeting? Contact: Marie Bradshaw, 221-2635.
We will do our best to identify drivers with room to take you.

2013 FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Monday, May 13 ~ Monday, August 12 ~ Monday,
November 11