



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Ninety-Second Edition

Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- Mission Lexington provides free medical and dental care to adult Fayette County residents who cannot afford it. The Directors of the Mission Lexington Board would like to request the pleasure of your company at the official dedication of the new Medical and Dental Clinic facilities of Mission Lexington on Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00 p.m., 230 South Martin Luther King Boulevard, with an open house from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. For more information, [here](#).
- Victory Christian Church has announced it has approved the Kenwick Community Garden to be built on their property! The neighborhood association is working out the official contract signing and they are building the Community Garden Committee.

If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or as a member of the planning committee or if you would like to donate seeds, plants, tools or materials; please e-mail Sara Constantine by clicking [here](#). No experience is required.

Paving the Way Toward Spring

Dear Neighbor,
Even though it's still cold out a lot of work this week has been asphalt related.

Paving One and Two

In the next e-news we will outline the previously submitted FY2013 paving list, which has only been partially completed. That will give you the background for what's to come as soon as the weather allows Streets & Roads to start their work. What you will see is that we originally only had about \$400,000 to spend, but more funds have been added.

We will also be able to talk more specifically about the new list we have just submitted. The deadline is today for submitting the list for each of the 12 districts, and I am pleased to say that the 5th District list was sent in on Wednesday, and was the second one in. Engineering will begin to vet the list and you will see it here next. This year we have greater resources, about \$1,400,000 for our area. I look forward to sharing with you and hearing your thoughts and suggestions.

Chevy Chase Intersection

By way of update, background work continues on the beginning of the Chevy Chase Rehabilitation Project. This work comes after I have recently reconnoitered for Engineering the various resources the Council has set aside for the intersection work.

First up, a bid will go out for survey services. The intersection is big and has various infrastructure pipes beneath it. The survey is designed to chart all of them in a comprehensive manner. This work will lead to problem solving as it pertains to the McAlister's Deli entrance area. The intersection redesign will eliminate the right turn, slip lane at that front

door. That is also the lowest point in the intersection. Engineering work will have to be completed to move and reconnect the storm water system in this area. The survey will set the stage for those plans to be drawn.

With that complete, we will get to a new rendering of what we can do to both beautify and make the area safer. As this progresses, we will cover it here in the newsletter and have a well publicized public meeting.

Ashland

As noted here, Ashland the Henry Clay Estate is reopening for the season today. They have the home spiffed and ready for you to enjoy. Check them out at www.HenryClay.org and also see their full social calendar through June. Don't hesitate to support them either online, or at one of their great events. I recently visited them to catch up for their new year. Look for that on an upcoming episode of my Council Comment program, Lexplore, on GTV3.

Aide Indeed

During this next week my aide, Jessica, will be enjoying some long awaited and well deserved time off. I hope she works as hard to relax as she does for me. If you have a need and can't get in touch with me, please contact Jenifer Benningfield, a member of the Council's Core Staff that has volunteered to help. She can be reached at jbenningfield@lexingtonky.gov, or by phone at (859) 258-3207.

I hope you enjoy the weekend.

My best,
Bill

Seedlings a Good Way to Grow

With spring just around the corner, now is the perfect time to plan your tree-planting activities by ordering tree seedlings through the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF). Nearly 50 tree species including white oak, black walnut, eastern white pine, baldcypress, yellow-poplar, redbud, persimmon, pawpaw and hazelnut are available by calling (800) 866-0555. Order forms are available by clicking [here](#); then click on the quick link “Seedling Orders and State Nurseries.”



These bare-root seedlings are available in quantities of 10 or 100 ranging in price from \$30 to \$48 per bundle and are ideal for local Arbor Day celebrations, wildlife habitat enhancement, timber production, erosion control, windbreaks and numerous other conservation projects. KDF seedlings are often purchased by local businesses for giveaways to customers, employees and to local schools for students to take home. For specific information about the characteristics of individual species and their availability, call the number above or click [here](#).

Collision-Heavy Streets in Lexington Now Exposed

Often we receive requests for information on accidents that occur on the district's more heavily-traveled streets and roads. Released earlier this week by Division of Police Traffic Analyst Julie Shaw, the [2012 Traffic Analysis Summary and Comparison Report](#) is a comprehensive report that contains graphs and maps for bicycle, motorcycle, pedestrian and vehicle collisions for Fayette County. The contents of the report are bookmarked for easier searching:

- [Between Streets \(ranked\)](#)
- [Between Streets \(alphabetized\)](#)
- [Intersections \(ranked\)](#)
- [Intersections \(alphabetized\)](#)
- [Red Light Running \(ranked\)](#)
- [Red Light Running \(alphabetized\)](#)

Shaw points out that this report does not represent the entire Lexington-Fayette County traffic experience. Other agencies with jurisdiction in Fayette also collect collision data and issue citations, which are not included in this report.

Scholarship Deadline Approaches

The Lauren K. Weinberg Scholarship provides a one-time \$2,500 award toward college tuition for a high school senior who demonstrates a dedication to racial and ethnic understanding and who promotes equality and harmony between diverse people. High school seniors in public or private schools in the Central and Eastern Kentucky region, who can clearly demonstrate their leadership and/or commitment to raising awareness and speaking out for the just, fair and equal treatment of all people by promoting respect, understanding and acceptance should apply. **This scholarship is not based on academic achievement.**

Recommendations must come from teachers, counselors, principals, religious leaders, volunteer coordinators or others who can explain why the student satisfies the criteria pertinent to this award. A short essay is required. Finalists will be interviewed by the Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice Scholarship Committee. Click [here](#) to learn more about the scholarship; click [here](#) to download the application. For more information, contact the Plantory at (859) 255-6999 or e-mail jill@plantory.org. Applications and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than March 30th.

March Madness Comes to Ashland, Henry Clay Estate

The Ashland, Henry Clay Estate will host March Membership Madness Kick-off with free mansion tours on Saturday, March 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you have not visited Henry Clay's mansion in years—or ever—take this opportunity for an open house tour with the estate's knowledgeable docents. On the day of the free tour, you can register to win prizes if you become a Friend of Ashland.

In addition, mark your calendars for the Ashland Poker Tournament at the Lansdowne Signature Club on Friday, March 22nd. Sign in starts at 5:30 p.m. Play begins at 6:00 and ends 11:00 p.m. With a nod to Henry Clay—a poker enthusiast himself—this Texas Hold 'em tournament is for players of all levels. Entry fees are \$50 or \$250 depending on skill level. Cash prizes for the top three winners in each level will be percent-to-be-determined based on the number of players. Blackjack will be available also. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. For reservations, call (859) 266-8581. Click [here](#) for more information.

Gem Brings the District the Luck of the Irish

This week's Gem is on a mission to "bring the best of the Emerald Isle to your home for you and your family to cherish." From Galway crystal and Belleek china to Aran wool sweaters, Liza Hendley Betz stocks [Failte Irish Imports](#) with a diverse selection of goods and foods from Ireland and Scotland. In preparation for St. Patrick's Day, this week we sat down with Liza and asked her about all things Irish. This is what she had to say.

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

A. I'm the owner of Failte Irish Imports and I help with everything Irish!

Q. You've been active in raising funds to help send one lucky Kentuckian to Ireland for the [Rose of Tralee International Festival](#). Tell us about that.

A. Yes, it's been wonderful to help make a girl's dream come through and to keep connections with Ireland. We are having a [Kentucky Rose Ball](#) on March 9th in the Red Mile Clubhouse to host a competition between seven Kentucky girls, with one girl being picked to go to Ireland to represent Kentucky in the Rose of Tralee. Very exciting stuff.

Q. Each year, you gather a group and head to Ireland to see the sites. What do you have planned for 2013?

A. We are excited about this year's tour because it will be the first time we will be staying in a castle. We'll spend two nights in Galway, two nights in Dingle, two nights in Ashford Castle and two nights in Dublin. You can find more details on my website: failteimports.com.

Q. With St. Patrick's Day right around the corner, tell us what the [Lexington Celtic Association](#) and the [Bluegrass Irish Society](#) have planned for Lexington.

A. A wonderful parade and festival will be taking place on March 16th in downtown Lexington. The festival starts at 11:00 a.m. with a break at 1:00 p.m. for the parade. After that, the festivities will continue until 7:00 p.m. There will be fabulous music, Irish Dancers, food vendors, craft vendors, kids' activities and much, much more. (Click [here](#) for more information.)

Q. Are you willing to share some of your favorite Irish recipes with the rest of us for St. Patrick's Day?

A. I have a bunch on my website. Click [here](#) for the list!



Liza emigrated from Dublin, Ireland to the U.S. in 1996, where she fell in love with Kentucky and made 5th Lexington her new home.



Failte Irish Imports is located at 113 South Upper Street.



This year, the Irish Ramble Tour will include a two-night stay in Ashford Castle near Cong in County Mayo on the shore of Lough Corrib. Click [here](#) for more details.



Annie Wright, center, a student at Transylvania University, was the winner of the inaugural Kentucky Rose of Tralee competition in 2012.

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Mark York Invites You to the Great American Cleanup

Spring is getting closer on the calendar, which means it is time to start planning for the 2013 Great American Cleanup (GAC) in Lexington. The Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission (KLB) is a certified affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and by ordinance organizes the Great American Cleanup in our city. The GAC includes beautification efforts, such as plantings on main corridors and neighborhood entrances as well as cleanups in neighborhood parks, playgrounds and streets.

In 2012, more than 2,000 of your neighbors participated in 78 cleanup events, contributing 3,727 volunteer hours. These volunteers collected more than 11,600 pounds of litter and debris. While impressive, we want 2013 to be even bigger.

We again want to focus on mobilizing volunteers to participate in making Lexington beautiful. We are encouraging neighborhood organizations, churches, schools, businesses and individuals to participate in the GAC. The KLB can provide cleanup supplies such as bags and gloves free of charge. We also have available for check-out a leaf blower and trimmer donated by Troy-Bilt, as well as shovels, rakes and buckets.

We appreciate the leadership from council members working with their neighborhood groups in past years and are very pleased to have Peggy Henson serving on the Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission.

We are inviting all interested groups, including neighborhood organizations, to our annual GAC planning meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Town Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant, 301 Lisle Industrial Avenue. We look forward to working with you and your neighborhood groups as we work together to make this GAC the best. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (859) 258-3586 or myork@lexingtonky.gov.

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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State Auditor Adam Edelen to Discuss "Ghost Government" at Lexington Forum Next Thursday

The speaker for the March meeting of the Lexington Forum is State Auditor Adam Edelen. In less than two years in statewide office, Edelen has set forth an aggressive agenda as Kentucky's taxpayer watchdog, examining issues such as Cyber Security, school finances and the state's Medicaid system. Most recently, he has led efforts to reform what he calls Kentucky's "ghost government," the \$2.7 billion spent in special taxing districts across the Commonwealth with little to no oversight. Edelen will discuss the reform efforts underway in the General Assembly and his agenda for the auditor's office. This meeting will take place next Thursday, March 7th at the Hillary J. Boone Center on the UK Campus, 500 Rose Street, from 7:15 until 8:30 a.m. Click [here](#) to register or call Dawn Brockman at (859) 806-7526.

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