



# 5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



**Ninety-sixth Edition**

**Details for the District**

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- Due to recent burglaries on St. Ann Drive, the Division of Police has added patrol to the Idle Hour neighborhood. All neighbors—regardless of your neighborhood—should be on the lookout for a green Chevrolet, approximately 8 years old, which has been seen “casing” the same house as recently as today. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police non-emergency number: (859) 258-3600.
- The Kenwick Community Center is in need of a replacement for their Nintendo Wii game system, which is used on rainy days by kids in the neighborhood. If you are interested in supplying them with a new one, please click [here](#) to let us know.
- The Fairway Neighborhood Association is once again initiating their Adopt-an-Island program and is seeking volunteers to help keep the “islands” free of debris and litter. If you would like to help, please e-mail FNA by clicking [here](#).

## Big Plans for the Future

**D**ear Neighbor,  
The Mayor presented quite a budget this past Tuesday, all in about 1500 words. No charts or video links—just the podium and an attentive audience all as rapt as I. The Council’s delve into this spending plan has just begun.

### For Now, Some Broad Budget Strokes

The Police and Fire pension solution freed us of the need for bonding to shore up those funds. For the first time, and maybe since the recession began, we can properly use bonding for long-term capital improvements. Police will be provided with Ford Interceptors; not all are new but it’s a step toward modernizing. The proposed budget also calls for an additional Emergency Care Unit (ECU), which will be the city’s 10<sup>th</sup> unit, and the personnel to staff it are funded as well. I know that’s huge. Our ECU crews now function at too high a service rate. This new unit will provide better coverage and ease the loads each will have to carry. In addition, some of the bond proceeds will fund long-awaited Parks improvements that will benefit us all.

To me the anticipated \$10 million revenue increase included in the forecast seems bold. Our city gains quickly when jobs are added and shrinks similarly when employment contracts. I’d love for us to create several thousand new jobs this budget year—running from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014—and it can happen. We derive a net profits tax that can have an immediate upside when businesses are successful. I’ll share details about paving, corridors and anticipated projects in the district next week.

## For Future, a Few Finer Ones in Chevy Chase

At present, Kevin Wente of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works has met with Greg Isaacs of Palmer Engineering to determine a cost estimate associated with producing both a final survey and design for the Chevy Chase Intersection Redesign Project. The survey is necessary to account for proper drainage with respect to the sidewalk improvements we have discussed with adjacent property owners. Once the final design is complete, the plan is to bid the construction using the Division of Engineering’s Unit Price Contract. The hope is to begin construction once Fayette County Public Schools and the University of Kentucky have ended their spring semesters. Construction in this area will ultimately result in lane closures. Wente will encourage the minimalization of impact to traffic as much as possible, thus having construction scheduled by either late spring or early summer. Once timelines for the completion of both the survey and the final design are available, I will update you here.

As I close let me tell you I attended the Police recruit graduation yesterday. Thirty-one new officers were sworn in by the Mayor as the next class looked on. Today, I believe, you can truly feel safer here in Lexington with the prospects even better for tomorrow.

Enjoy the weekend,  
Bill

Kentucky American Water is aware that there are some tastes and odors being experienced by their customers and they are working to address this issue. There are no health issues associated with this event and it should resolve itself within the next 24 hours.

## Calling All Seniors!

If you're 50 and older, you're invited to learn more about your local government by enrolling in the 2013 Senior Intern Program. The program, which is free, offers seniors the opportunity to talk with key decision makers in city government participate in class activities and visit several government facilities. Several sessions are devoted to field trips to outlying government operations that include the Corrections, Emergency Operation Center Fire & Emergency Services, the Division of Police and others.

This year's program will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. The program concludes with the annual Alumni Luncheon and Graduation. Space is limited to the first 45 eligible people who apply. Only those people who have not previously participated may attend. If you're interested in the program, contact Kristy Stambaugh at (859) 258-3806 or at [kstambau@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:kstambau@lexingtonky.gov).

The Kenwick Bungalow Tour has been scheduled for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Organizers are still looking for homeowners who are willing to have either their home or garden on the tour. If you are interested, or if you know someone who may be, please contact click [here](#).

## Corridors Grants Now Open

The Corridors Commission is currently accepting applications for the Corridors Neighborhood Match Grant program. The program's objective is to partner with neighborhood and other community-based groups to enhance the corridors leading into and out of Lexington and to increase awareness of corridor enhancements.

To be eligible for these funds, applicant groups must be either incorporated, active neighborhood/home-owner associations or a federally recognized non-profit organization 501(c)3. Cooperation between applicant groups is encouraged. For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the entire fund is capped at \$10,000, with a \$10,000 match. It is anticipated there will be multiple awards for this round of funding. Applications will be evaluated by a review board appointed by the Corridors Commission. Funds will be awarded by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the award year and participants will have one fiscal year to complete the projects.

Those interested in applying for the funding must apply by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Instructions (including activities that are eligible and ineligible) and an application are available on the Corridors Commission [website](#). For additional information, contact Elizabeth Mortenson at (859) 266-1572 or [elizabeth@bgpride.org](mailto:elizabeth@bgpride.org)

## Cassidy Elementary to Shed Light on Autism Next Week

April is Autism Awareness Month and the Cassidy Elementary PTA thought that this would be a good time to facilitate Cassidy's first "Special Needs Awareness Week." A week-long event during the school-day, Cassidy plans to increase awareness of both physical and hidden disabilities progressively more encountered by students in the school and in the local community. Cassidy's goal is to facilitate interactive and [didactic](#) activities to educate and highlight special needs, as well as instill a positive and empowered attitude towards inclusion and acceptance for all.

The PTA encourages parents to drop in on the interactive simulation stations facilitated throughout the school day in the gym. These simulation stations are the highlight of the entire week, as they will fulfill the "hands-on" piece of the theme "Different Abilities, Many Possibilities!" better than any instructional sessions that will take place during other class periods. Covered will be the more physical components and challenges of life with a disability, some of the sensory issues that typical kids find hard to understand, as well as the communication issues and challenges.

Many local professionals, parents and friends of Cassidy will help to make this event a success. The week will culminate with a special assembly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> in the Cassidy gym. Special guests include a former Cassidy and Morton student who is now a senior at Transylvania University and has succeeded with a physical disability, a successful entrepreneur and parent who has overcome a hidden disability, as well as a surprise UK Athletics star who has overcome a hidden disability, all with positive messages for the students and community. Please contact Dr. Kim Thompson at (310) 210-7636 for more information.



## Dressing Well a Cooperative Measure for This Gem

This week's Gem of the District needs help, but she isn't asking for it for herself. In the spirit of generosity, Analisa Wagoner has taken on the task of assisting fellow women who need help finding employment, empowerment and even the simple gift of clothing. Not one to take her own success for granted, this week we sat down with Analisa and asked her what called her to organize the newest affiliate of Dress for Success. This is what she had to say.

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

**A.** I am Analisa Wagoner, and Jennifer Monarch and I are the co-founders of Dress for Success Lexington. Jennifer is an attorney living in Lexington. She is a graduate of Transylvania University and the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. I grew up in Lexington, and graduated from the University of Kentucky. I am also actively involved in the thoroughbred business.

**Q.** What motivated you to open the Lexington affiliate of Dress for Success?

**A.** Many factors motivated us to start Dress for Success Lexington. First and most important is a need in the community for our organization. With high unemployment rates, assisting women in obtaining and maintaining employment is not only beneficial for our clients, but it's also good for the entire city of Lexington. So many people are struggling financially right now, and Dress for Success Lexington gives us the opportunity to help address this problem. Moreover, the international presence and reputation of Dress for Success® works to our benefit as many businesses and non-profit organizations immediately recognize our name and are more enthusiastic to partner with us in reaching our goals. Finally, we are both deeply passionate about enhancing women's lives in this community. As professional women, we realize the importance of the services we are offering and are committed to sharing them with other women who wish to improve their lives.



*Analisa (left) and Jennifer hope to make positive changes in the lives of women in Lexington.*



**Q.** Certainly clothing is a critical need for the women you're working with, but what other opportunities are available for those who would like to get involved?

**A.** Although clothing donations are certainly one of our critical needs, there are additional, equally important ways that people can help. Most importantly, we are in need of funding and volunteers. We are looking for strong financial partnerships with businesses and other organizations. We are also looking for motivated and dependable individuals to fill a number of volunteer positions on the Volunteer Committee, Fundraising Committee, Donations Committee, Operations Committee, and Marketing Committee. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact either of us at [Lexington@DressforSuccess.org](mailto:Lexington@DressforSuccess.org). You can also

visit our website at [DressforSuccess.org/Lexington](http://DressforSuccess.org/Lexington).

**Q.** How do you link the women you're helping with potential employers, and if a business is interested in working with you, how would you they go about doing so?

**A.** Women come to Dress for Success Lexington by referral after having completed job training programs offered by a variety of sources, including local non-profit agencies, government agencies, and community programs. In order to be suited, the women must be referred from one of these agencies and have an interview scheduled with a local business. Dress for Success Lexington plans to forge and maintain strong relationships with businesses and organizations in the local community through these referral agencies. Potential employers can also contact our organization directly at [Lexington@DressforSuccess.org](mailto:Lexington@DressforSuccess.org).

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

**A.** Having grown up in the 5<sup>th</sup> District, I have always enjoyed the strong sense of community in the neighborhood. As a new non-profit agency in Lexington, we look forward to the involvement of businesses and individuals within the Chevy Chase area. By pooling our resources and talents, we believe we can create a successful Dress for Success Lexington affiliate for Lexington and the surrounding area, empowering the women we serve to begin to overcome the economic hardships they face.



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If you want to lend a hand or make a donation, you can also contact Analisa via Facebook.

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## Come and Get It!

Yard waste collected by the city's Division of Waste Management during the past several months is now mulch material and will be given away for free this Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and next Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The mulch will be available for pick up from 8:00 a.m. until noon or until the supply is gone. The mulch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to one pick-up truck load per person. The mulch can be picked up at the former city landfill site, 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Please enter through the gates of the former landfill and exit through Jimmie Campbell Drive. There will be signs to guide you to the mulch pick-up area. For more information call LexCall at 311 or at (859) 425-2255.



## It's a Garden Party in Kenwick

The second meeting of the Kenwick Community Garden Planning Committee will take place on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. in the Victory Christian Church in the basement. The goal is to create a plan for building and organizing the management of the garden. If you would like to join this meeting and you have not contacted Sara Constantine already, please e-mail her at [kenwick-neighbors@gmail.com](mailto:kenwick-neighbors@gmail.com) so that an accurate attendee tally can be made. You can park in the lot off of Owsley Avenue and enter the basement from the steps under the awning.



AT **CD CENTRAL**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

## Carnegie Center Gets a Boost from Smiley Pete

On Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., Business Lexington and Janet Holloway cordially invite you to Happy Hour at Smiley Pete's Lounge benefiting the Carnegie Center's Cycle of Literacy Campaign. There will be live music from the Patrick McNeese Band, and the Athenian Grill Food Truck will be on-site and will generously donate 15% of their sales to the Carnegie Center. Admission is \$10, which includes one drink ticket. Smiley Pete's Lounge is located at 434 Old Vine Street. Call (859) 266-6537 for more information.

## Do You Live Alone? Get Carrier Alert

Two city departments are partnering with several postal agencies to offer citizens who live alone without family a new service. The service, call "Carrier Alert," allows postal carriers to alert local authorities when someone in the program has an unusual accumulation of mail. Lexington is the first community in Kentucky to offer the program.

Registration forms are available at any Lexington post office; by calling LexCall 311 or (859) 425-2255 or by clicking [here](#). To register, fill out the form and give it to your letter carrier, take it to your local Post Office, or mail it to the Department of Social Services, 200 East Main Street, Suite 328, Lexington, KY, 40507. Click [here](#) for more information.

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