



# 5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



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Details for the District

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., join the Fayette Alliance at the UK Agricultural Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place for the opportunity to meet Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Director of Agricultural Policy, Warren Beeler and learn more about industrial hemp, the potential it has for Kentucky's agricultural future, and key issues regarding its production. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Click [here](#) to register. For more information please call (859) 281-1202 or e-mail Kathleen Burke at [kathleen@fayettealliance.com](mailto:kathleen@fayettealliance.com).
- The Carnegie Center and the International Book Project will be collecting books to distribute at Breckenridge Elementary School. If you have any old books (in good condition), for students in grades K-5, please call (859) 254-4175, ext. 28 or drop them off at the Carnegie Center.

## New Speed on the Roads and on the Net

Dear Neighbor,

As of this week, the Division of Streets and Roads has begun to spread asphalt gold on the streets of the 5<sup>th</sup> District. This is long-awaited work that once completed will give a smoother ride to us all. Streets slated for repaving with the original budget of \$379,000 will be paved first. Once the bond money for the additional \$1.4+ million is in place, the paving made possible by that bond will begin. I have asked that on Coburn Boulevard, special consideration be made for striping to alleviate parking issues created by the success of Coba Cocina. I am aware that there is some clashing of patrons versus neighbors in the area and am working on a solution. Stay tuned on all points.

### Montavesta Slow Down

Speaking of street work, in an effort to improve public safety, and noting the physical characteristics of the roadway and rolling terrain, the Division of Traffic Engineering has recommended reducing the speed limit on Montavesta Road from the intersection of Mount Drive to Pepperhill Road from 35 mph to 25 mph. Montavesta Road, classified as a collector, is situated along gently rolling terrain. The two-way road, which is primarily residential, is characterized by turns as it winds counterclockwise from Mount Drive to its intersection with Pepperhill Drive. With parking on both sides of the road and consistent horizontal and vertical dynamics, the roadway geometrics are not always favorable for providing good sight distance, particularly at residential and commercial access aprons. Based upon the character of service it provides, the road basically functions as a local residential street.

Collision history along Montavesta Road indicates an increase in incidents from previous years. This recommendation is supported by the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works Commissioner, Richard Moloney, and reducing the posted speed limit on Montavesta Road requires the approval of Council. If you have any questions, please e-mail them to me by clicking [here](#). In the meantime, I will encourage Mayfair Manor to consider the best practices for being a good neighbor with consideration to their patron and employee parking guidelines.

### Time Warner's Turn

In Council Work Session on Tuesday, I had the opportunity to inquire as to where our Department of Law stands on reaching a franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable. Based on several e-mails received over the last few months, this is a concern to many of you as well. LFUCG Attorney David Barberie advised Council that Time Warner Cable has submitted a draft agreement to Law, but the department did not feel the terms were acceptable. In response, Law has volleyed back a much different draft for Time Warner Cable to use as a "starting point." With cable and internet prices seemingly on the rise annually, this is an important topic to watch. I will update you here as negotiations continue.

On Monday, the Council will have a budget retreat and I will update you here next week. In the meantime, please notice the tree replacement work in the Tates Creek Road median. Better maintenance and watering will protect this community investment going forward.

Enjoy the weekend,  
Bill

## Arbor Celebration an Opportunity to Adopt a Tree

This Sunday, Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate will present its first-ever Arbor Celebration and will feature the critically acclaimed [University of Kentucky Wind Symphony](#), under the direction of John Cody Birdwell, in a free concert of works inspired by nature as well as popular traditional band music. Ashland's 17-acre estate has over 400 trees, some of which date back to the 1800s when Henry Clay lived there. Arbor Celebration festivities begin at 1:00 p.m. and will include Free Tree Talk and Tours on the half hour with arborist Dave Leonard; an Adopt a Tree program featuring 100 Ashland trees that individuals may adopt for \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500, which will help maintain a tree for a year; and Graeter's Ice Cream.



The concert will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Ashland's back lawn. The UK Wind Symphony is made up of the finest wind and percussion performers in the [UK School of Music](#) in the [UK College of Fine Arts](#). As the centerpiece of a band program that has served the Commonwealth of Kentucky for more than 100 years, the UK Wind Symphony is considered to be one of the finest university concert bands in the United States. Several of the recordings of the UK Wind Symphony have been nominated for Grammy Award consideration in recent years, and during the summer of 2008, the ensemble participated in a 10-day concert tour of the People's Republic of China and performed for thousands of Chinese citizens in the cities throughout the country in celebration of China's hosting of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. Most recently, the UK Wind Symphony was one of nine ensembles selected to perform at the 2013 College Band Directors National Association. In case of rain, this concert will be moved to Singletary Center for the Arts.

## Rabies Clinic Helps Save Cash

Lexington pet owners seeking a low-cost rabies vaccination will have their chance at a special clinic next month. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department's (LFCHD)



annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Third Street Fire Station, 219 East Third Street. Vaccinations will cost just \$3. All cats must be in a carrier and all dogs must be on leashes.

"The health department provides this clinic every year to give Lexington's pet-owners a chance to get a low-cost rabies vaccination for their animals," said Luke Mathis, Environmental Health team leader and one of the event's organizers. "This low-cost shot protects the pets and the people of Lexington, which is another way we work to improve public health." Rabies vaccinations typically cost about \$20. State law requires that all dogs, cats and ferrets maintain a current rabies vaccination. The health department gave 403 rabies shots during the May 2012 clinic. The LFCHD Rabies Control Program received 872 animal bite reports last year, with LFCHD staff making sure each animal was up to date on all rabies vaccination shots.

The clinic also provides pet owners with the opportunity to purchase an animal license, which costs \$8 if the animal has been spayed or neutered. A license costs \$40 if the animal has not been fixed or the owner has no proof of alteration. Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control is also sponsoring the clinic. For more information on the annual Rabies Clinic, call the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department's Division of Environmental Health at (859) 231-9791.

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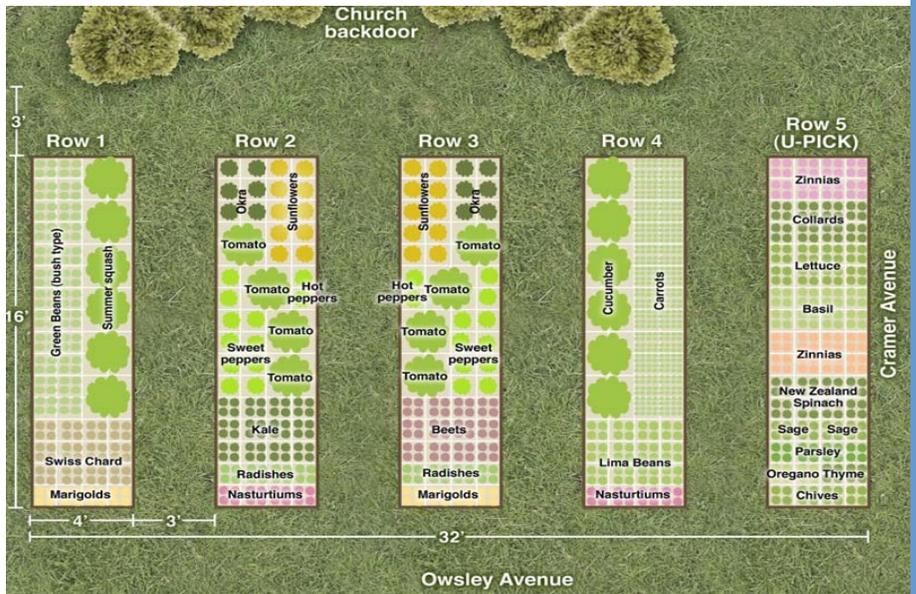
## Countdown to “The Build Day” Begins!

If you live in the Kenwick neighborhood, then you probably know the name Sara Constantine is synonymous with dedication to the community. We are quite impressed with the work Sara has done to bring the community garden there to fruition, and we'd like to share with the district what progress has been made to this point. The following is an announcement from Sara about the upcoming garden build next weekend:

“We are getting very close to getting this garden started! The planning committee has approved an estimate from Ryan Koch from Seedleaf to help us build the raised beds. The Build Day will be on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. We will be assembling five 16' long x 4' wide x 12" deep raised beds. We should have enough volunteers for this day. If you volunteered, please remember to bring a shovel and/or wheelbarrow if you have one.

The Planting Day will be on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from noon until 2:00 pm. There will be a blessing of the beds by Minister Rachele Snellgrove from Victory Christian Church before we start planting. We have a proposed planting layout that is being reviewed (see image). We will need volunteers to help with the planting. Please message me with your feedback on the layout or to volunteer to help with planting.”

If you are interested in helping out, you can e-mail Sara by clicking [here](#).



Victory Christian Church is located at 148 Victory Avenue.

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# PLEDGE TO PICK IT UP, LEXINGTON.

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## Walk to Skate a Good Exercise for All

This Saturday, Friends for Skateparks will host a one-mile fun ride from



Woodland Park to the WRFL lawn in front of the University of Kentucky's Student Center at the corner of South Limestone and Avenue of Champions. Participants are encouraged to skate, walk, bike or skateboard to show support of action sports as a healthy and environmentally-friendly alternative mode of transportation, while also demonstrating support for the development of action sports facilities within the Lexington Parks & Recreation system.

The event format and route are designed to encourage use of bike lanes and participation by all ages and levels of skill. At the finish line, food, prize give-aways, swag and live music from local band J. Marinelli and WRFL DJ's will commence. Friends for Skateparks is a non-profit that formed in 2011 to raise awareness for the health and cultural benefits of increased action sports facilities. The group is working on developing funding and support for expanding skateparks in Lexington.

The fun ride from Woodland Park will begin at 2:00 p.m., with registration starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodland Park pavilion next to the skate park. Free t-shirts, featuring the Cricket Press-designed Greenskate logo, will be available for the first 75 registrants. Music and events at UK will last until 5:00 p.m. A rain date is tentatively scheduled for Sunday.

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## Sign Up for Lexington's Street Tree Inventory

The Lexington Urban Forestry staff is seeking volunteers to count and identify the street trees in Lexington. Street trees are located along city medians, sidewalks, right-of-ways and in tree wells downtown. Street trees provide environmental, economic and social benefits to the community.

The inventory will give Urban Forestry staff an idea of the overall health and condition of the urban forest. It will also provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the trees in our community. The tree count will take place between May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Urban Forester Tim Queary [Tim Queary](#) to set up training for your neighborhood, church or civic group. (This is a great way to earn community service hours.) Groups will be trained in basic tree identification, data collection and how to measure a tree. No prior tree knowledge required and most surveys can be done in half a day.

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).

## Butterflies Are Free

By Leonard Gershe



When: May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Where: Henry Clay High School

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