



# 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:

- After eight months of work, the Annex Parking Garage adjacent to the Lexington Division of Police and the Fayette County Clerk's Office will soon reopen for business on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate's renowned Peony Garden Tour and Peony Sale will take place this Sunday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Enjoy touring Ashland's Peony and formal gardens as well as five gardens around the historic Ashland neighborhood. Tour tickets are \$10. Over 14 different varieties of peonies locally grown by Kelly Nursery are for sale from \$25 to \$85. Proceeds from the tour and sale benefit the estate. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Wrap Up Before the Races!

Dear Neighbor,

It's been a busy week for Derby doings and government goings on. Let's recap.

The last of the Fiscal Year 2013 paving budget money was spent this week milling and resurfacing most of Coburn Boulevard near the new restaurant and along the gateway to Idle Hour subdivision. Next up will be the beginning of the paving for the newly let paving bond.

Some of what I am relating to you now has been covered in *Chevy Chaser Magazine*; click [here](#) to read the article. In short, some streets will receive paving in two different timeframes based on how the funding was ascribed—not upon the location of the street need solely. Clinton just got one block paved out of the 2013 budget but the rest won't get done until the bond funds kick in.

The government and the contractor meet every other Monday. I will be part of one of the upcoming meetings and will likewise tell you about it here. All of this activity has brought further interest and know that next year's list has already begun in the 5<sup>th</sup> District Office. The Kenwick community garden build was so successful last weekend and I

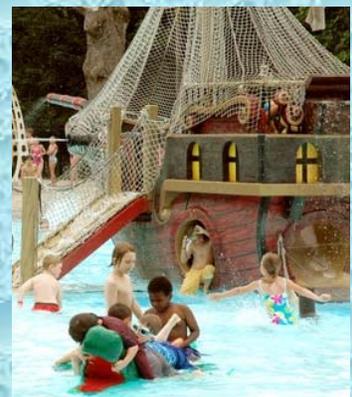
encourage you to drive by the Victory Christian Church at the corner of Cramer and Owsley Avenues to see it for yourself. I was back over there on Wednesday evening for the Spring Carnival at the community center. With the street closed off the Zumba class was taking place in the street. Everyone was having great fun. They tried to get me out there but I was saved by my tie and "street shoes." I encourage you to try those classes and the many others offered there as well.

We are happily working on the community garden and rain garden beds in Idle Hour with community sustainability grants. (Congratulations also to Fairway, which was successful on their project for street trees and landscaping.) Those were awarded this week too. The alliance and I have hopes of upgrading the entrance medians there as well. I have been invited to the next meeting of the alliance on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., and for the first time at the new Southland Christian Church. I look forward to seeing those neighbors there.

In the meantime, go baby, go enjoy this Derby weekend.

My best,  
Bill

Lexington Parks & Recreation operates seven aquatic facilities located throughout Lexington. Pool passes are available online until May 17<sup>th</sup>. Passes can also be purchased at aquatic centers during operating hours beginning May 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50 for an individual pool pass and \$160 for a family pool pass, which is good for up to six household family members. To obtain web access, click [here](#). For additional information, or if you've forgotten your household's user name and password, please call (859) 288-2980 or email [parkswebhelp@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:parkswebhelp@lexingtonky.gov).



## Louisiana Meets Lexington in First Annual Crawfish Festival

On May 11<sup>th</sup> at The Red Mile Race Track, Bourbon n' Toulouse and Bayou Bluegrass Catering are teaming up to bring Lex-



ington its very first Crawfish Festival. A delicious 1,500 pounds of crawfish will be boiled up by Chef Matt Falcone, a native of Southern Louisiana. Along with the crawfish boil, Bourbon n' Toulouse will be serving jambalaya, chicken étouffée, chicken sauce piquant, black beans and corn and cajun red chili. Bayou Bluegrass Catering will also be frying catfish and alligator tails all evening.

Kevin Heathcoat, co-owner of Bourbon n' Toulouse, said, "Every year for Fat Tuesday both Bayou Bluegrass Catering and Bourbon n' Toulouse have huge crawfish boils and our customers love it! They beg us all year long to have more crawfish boils and hopefully this festival will help hold them over until next year. We're encouraging people to grab their friends, their lawn chairs and their appetites and come join the party. Crawfish season is about to end and this will be the very last time for Lexingtonians to get boiled crawfish this year!"

Along with amazing food options there will be live music from The Tallboys, Rebel Without a Cause and The Keith Hubbard Band. To liven up the party attendees will find plenty to drink at the bar including a nice selection of Louisiana specialty beers, Hurricanes and all of your Kentucky favorites. The party gets started at 5:00 p.m. and will run until midnight.

"Bayou Bluegrass Catering and Bourbon n' Toulouse have worked together on events in the past and have always thought that a Crawfish Festival would be a great collaboration for our two businesses," said Falcone, who is also the owner of Bayou Bluegrass Catering. "Anyone who comes out is sure to get plenty of delicious food, hear some great live music and have a whole lot of fun in the process. And with free admission, the price is right!" For more information about The First Annual Crawfish Festival call Kevin Heathcoat at (859) 797-5087 or go to [www.ilovecajun.com](http://www.ilovecajun.com). You can also join the event on Facebook by clicking [here](#).

## Durman Act Signed by Beshear

On Wednesday, acting on the third anniversary of the death of its namesake, Governor Steve Beshear ceremonially signed the Bryan Durman Act, setting higher parole eligibility thresholds for crimes that result in the line-of-duty death of a peace officer or firefighter. Named for a Lexington police officer killed by a hit-and-run driver while investigating a routine complaint, Senate Bill 15 ensures that offenders who kill an on-duty police officer or firefighter serve more of their sentence before becoming eligible for parole.



*Officer Bryan Durman was killed in the line of duty on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.*

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## Food Truck Work Group Votes to Approve Pilot Project

Second District Councilmember Shevawn Akers announced yesterday that the Food Truck Work Group has agreed upon a food truck pilot program. The Food Truck Work Group was formed in late January, with the purpose of crafting a new Food Truck Ordinance. The group has already been successful in passing a partial ordinance streamlining the permitting process for food truck vendors; however, they are currently limited to operating on private property. The group has since focused on crafting a resolution which would allow these vendors to operate on public streets.

This pilot program will be presented as a resolution to the Urban County Council, following approval from the Lexington Parking Authority. The proposed program would allow food truck vendors access to designated parking areas downtown in order to provide new and diverse food options to the citizens of Lexington.

"I would like to thank the Work Group members who worked diligently to reach a compromise on the pending resolution," said Akers. "Thanks to the efforts of the food truck operators, restaurant owners, citizens, Council members, Council staff and the Mayor's office, I am confident that the Work Group is on track to accomplish its goal by this summer."

## Gem Focuses In on Fast Cars, Fast Horses and Fast Shutter Speeds

This week's Gem of the District banks on budgeting speed and light to capture the moment, be it in the financial market or at the races. While his professional life is often in black and white, his hobby is full of speed and color. This week, we sat down with Doug Steele to see how he keeps it all balanced and this is what he had to say,

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

**A.** After 22 years as a commercial banker I made a transition to a more entrepreneurial setting as CEO of two local private companies for 16 years, and Director of a third. With a combination of mountain blood (Pineville) and Western Kentucky upbringing, I had graduated from Bellarmine College in Louisville (Economics) and started my career there with First National Bank in 1967. Over the years I was with Citibank in New York, J. Walter Thompson in Atlanta, and found my way to Lexington in 1986. Last fall I started [SteeleMetrics](#), an analytical service to help non-financial managers understand accounting and finance.

**Q.** You have a [Business Owners Advisory Board](#) (BOAB) event coming up this month at Commerce Lexington. Tell us about that.

**A.** Beverly Clemons of MCI Consultants is assisting the BOAB groups. She thought I might have something to offer, so I will discuss six audiences for a business's accounting information, how they differ and why they are important. I hope it helps.

**Q.** With Derby coming up this weekend, it seems timely to share your passion for horses. What prompted your foray into the world of equine photography?

**A.** My wife Annie and I are serious fans of the Bluegrass in all respects. On many weekends we find ourselves driving the country roads soaking in the beauty.



High Hope Steeplechase, 2009

It's like living in a live post card! I have also been a fan of sports car racing since attending the British Grand Prix of 1967. I never considered myself creative although my mother was an artist, a sister

is an artist, and my father was a writer. My photography started in 2005 at Mid-Ohio and Sebring race tracks—and in Annie's garden. It's not a big jump from shooting fast cars to fast horses. Both are colorful and powerful. You only get one chance with the horses while the cars come around many times until you can get it right! Living amidst the horse farms and lovely Keeneland provides an unmatched photographic outdoor studio.



Doug's Derby favorite is Orb.



Doug captured Aegon Turf Sprint at the Kentucky Oaks in 2006.

**Q.** Will you share with us the secret to capturing that perfect shot as the horses round the bend? What prepares you to freeze that moment in time?

**A.** A professional from Montana told me there weren't many secrets ... a good camera, a good lens and take as many shots as you can. In sports the key for me is shutter speed. For most of my auto and equine racing shots the shutter is only open for 1/1600<sup>th</sup> of a second, even 1/2000<sup>th</sup>. That's fast, and it captures the action as if it's "frozen." You have to increase the light sensitivity as not much light will come through the lens at that speed. Some prefer a blurred look to convey speed, which is done by slowing the shutter down and panning along with the movement.

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

**A.** My only concern about the District is that we continue to protect and preserve the character and historical fabric of our area. Crime seems to be on the rise, primarily auto and home break-ins, and some scam-type solicitations. We have a "Watch" system in Ashland Park, and the Police Department has been quite responsive, which we appreciate very much.



Annie Steele's garden has also provided inspiration for Doug's photography.

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“Our law enforcement officers routinely place themselves in harm’s way in order to protect others, and while it’s rare, it’s an unfortunate reality that their bravery and commitment to duty occasionally cost them their lives,” Governor Beshear said. “This law recognizes the great sacrifice that our men and women in uniform make, and serves as a deterrent to those individuals who may cause them harm.”

The law adds second-degree manslaughter and reckless homicide of a peace officer or firefighter acting in the line of duty to the violent offender statutes, and stipulates that the offender must serve at least 85 percent of his or her sentence if the officer or firefighter was clearly identifiable.

If the officer or firefighter was not clearly identifiable, the offender must now serve at least 50 percent of his or her sentence before being eligible for a parole. Previously, offenders committing these crimes were eligible for parole after serving only 20 percent of their sentence.

## TNL Gets Thumped

The Downtown Lexington Corporation is excited to announce that Thumper Rewind has joined the 2013 Central Bank Thursday Night Live line-up. Thumper Rewind will perform on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Cheapside Park.

For those of your around Lexington in the 90s, the name “Thumper” may bring back memories of the past, and you would be right—Thumper Rewind is comprised of members from the famed Thumper and the Plaid Rabbits. You can find the complete Thursday Night Live band schedule and details by clicking [here](#).

## Crafting for the Homeless

A dedicated group of seniors is taking ordinary plastic grocery bags and turning them into warm bedrolls for homeless people. The Eldercrafters at the Black and Williams Center cut the plastic bags into strips, tie them together and crochet them into bedrolls that homeless people can use to sleep on. When they finish with the bedroll, they craft a handle so that it can be rolled up and carried during the day.

“The idea and patterns for the bedrolls came from Community Action Council,” said Ann Greene, President of Eldercrafters. “Most of the group participated. The ones that couldn’t crochet cut the bags into strips and tied them together. It was a group effort.”

The women, some of whom have been coming to the Black and Williams Center for more than 20 years, have been involved in several community projects: crafting quilts and throws and Build-A-Beds for people in nursing homes and making hats and blankets for babies at Shriners Hospital in Lexington. The group was featured recently in news stories when they made dresses from pillow cases for girls in foreign countries. The plastic bag project included some pillows for the homeless to use to rest their heads on. So far, they have made about 15 bedrolls and several pillows.



Recycling has a new meaning for the Eldercrafters.

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).

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RACH 3  
Featuring Han Chen, piano and Project SEE Theatre  
7:30 pm, Friday, May 10, 2013  
Singletery Center for the Arts  
Tickets: \$25-60

LexPhil closes its season with *Rach 3* featuring Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3* performed by Han Chen, and Boyer's *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*, a multimedia collaboration with Project SEE Theatre celebrating the historic American immigrant experience.

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