



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:

- This Saturday from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m., the Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance (IHNA) will have a neighborhood dessert party in Idle Hour Park. Neighbors are asked to bring a chair and a dessert to share. IHNA will supply the paper products and beverages.
- Fountain Films on Friday has been postponed tonight due to the weather. The event will return to Triangle Park next week and will run through August. Click [here](#) for more information and to see the summer line-up.
- We have received several calls and e-mails about high grass in several of the 5th District parks and medians over the last week. Jerry Hancock, Director of Parks and Recreation said that crews are currently behind schedule because of recent rain and should start to catch up over the next week.

Corridors and Craft Beer Wars

Dear Neighbor,
First off on this fine Friday, let me catch you up a bit and ask for our thoughts.

I met with the Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance on Monday evening. Some new asphalt has been laid down on Coburn Boulevard and that was welcomed by all involved. The neighbors have just done a wonderful planting in the St. Ann Median. What a special sense of community.

We did have long committee meetings on Tuesday but the actual Work Session did not take too long. Of more interest this week was the Corridors Commission meeting. Let me be the first to congratulate two of the three Corridors Grant recipients as they both will be awarded to neighborhoods within the 5th District.

The Fairway Neighborhood Association will receive \$2,750 to maintain the integrity of the stone cladding on the Henry Clay Boulevard Bridge, enhance this important corridor, improve public safety and transition traffic as it moves from a commercial/industrial region into a residential area. The Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance will receive \$2,270 to beautify the entrances to the neighborhood and provide naturalistic plantings in an austere environment created by asphalt on all sides of the traffic islands. And in the 9th District, the Copperfield Neighborhood Association will receive \$5,000 to remove invasive plants, protect the South Elkhorn Creek watershed and improve noise and wind control in the Clays Mill Road area. My thanks and appreciation to all of you who worked to submit these grants and have or will provide sweat equity to see that these project come to fruition. It speaks volumes as to the pride we all take in the 5th District.

In Ecton Park, besides some of the sounds of baseball, the dig and replace sewer work along Turkey Foot Road concluded this week. This sets the stage for the larger dig-and-replace project along and parallel to the stream bed. Work there will hopefully begin when baseball ends as some of the park and parking lot will be involved. My hope is that the Tates Creek Road sidewalk project will begin about the same time. All things concrete.

Shortly the Council will consider a pilot project ordinance for a six-month trial providing for "food trucks" at certain times and places to use the public right-of-way to set up shop. Until now these folks have only been able to set up on private property and have not—legally—used parking spaces. I'm asking you what you think about private food vendors in the public street. Please give it some thought and let me know. If you need a better understanding of the project, please feel free to ask me.

Lexington is awake from the long winter's nap and is greener and more beautiful each day. On Sunday enjoy the Northside Neighborhood Association Home and Garden Tour—such an historic way to enjoy Lexington today. Also enjoy the end of Craft Beer Week here in Lexington. It's a fine thing and to celebrate, the gentlemen of Country Boy Brewing and West Sixth Brewing Company have combined their talents to create a special brew called "Country Western." I highly recommend it and am already looking forward to this special week again next year.

My best,
Bill

Idle Hour Dig Coming Soon

With construction starting in late August, the Division of Water Quality will begin efforts to improve storm sewers in the Idle Hour North area. Kentucky American Water (KAW) in concert with this project will replace and relocate water mains in this area prior to the stormwater work to remove potential conflicts and to also replace old deteriorating water mains installed in the 1950s, and improve water service in the area. This work will be done in July and August. The streets that will be affected by this work are St. Margaret Drive from St. Christopher Drive to St. Michael Drive including St. Christopher Drive, St. Michael Drive, and St. Teresa Drive. KAW will contact neighbors in the area prior to their work in July.

Blooms Ready for U-(to)-Pick

Ashland Terrace's U-pick garden is open for the season. Large blooms cost 50 cents, small blooms are 25 cents and herbs are 25 cents for a small bunch. The U-pick garden employs the honor system when paying for snips. Roses and vegetables are reserved for residents. The donation box and scissors are located at the start of the main garden walkway; water and containers are available near the shed. All proceeds are used to maintain the garden and feed the garden critters. Call (859) 266-2581 for more info.

Pets Can Speak in Code

We don't typically make product suggestions in the 5th District Newsletter, but with the rash of lost pets showing up on various neighborhood social media outlets, we thought we'd share one product we recently stumbled upon. By no means is this an endorsement, but merely a nod to this and other technologies that could help bring Fluffy—or in this editor's case, Money-penny—home. QR (abbreviated from Quick Response) is a specific matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code) that is readable by Smartphones. Using a FurCode, you can keep your pet's critical



Neighbors who find lost pets can scan the QR code to find that pet's way home.



information up-to-date with contact, vet, dietary, medical, registration, vaccination information and so on. Click [here](#) for more information.

Stockdog Trials Something Different for the Weekend

The famous Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trials will once again be held at Masterson Station Park from dawn until dusk on May 15th through the 19th, marking 52 years of border collie trials in the Bluegrass. This competition, nearly identical to the one in the popular movie "Babe," is one of the largest, longest-running and most prestigious trials in the country, and always draws top handlers from across the United States. Families and spectators are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket for seating and pack a picnic basket. Concessions will be sold onsite. Additionally, dogs are welcome as long as they are well-behaved and leashed at all times. Parking and admission to the Bluegrass Classic is free. For more information, click [here](#).



In conjunction to the Bluegrass Classic will be the 4th annual Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival, a natural fiber and local food event. Held at the Lexington Lion's Club Bluegrass Fairgrounds, patrons will have the opportunity to view some of the nation's finest fiber artists and purchase handspun yarn and products. There will be a series of classes, workshops and demonstrations including spinning, knitting, weaving, felting and more. This event will also showcase other aspects of the sheep and Kentucky agriculture community including sheep-shearing and livestock exhibits, antique tractor exhibits, a cooking competition featuring Sullivan University culinary students, Celtic singing and dancing, and 80 natural fiber exhibitors and vendors from Kentucky and 15 other states.

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Vintage Kentucky Wine and Beer Festival Returns

Discover what Kentucky wineries and breweries have to offer while enjoying live local music at the 2013 Vintage Kentucky Wine and Beer Festival, which will be held on Saturday, June 15th from 5:00 until 10:00 p.m. at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Cheapside Park. Wineries and breweries from across the Bluegrass will serve up samples of their delicious potables. When you find something you enjoy, you can purchase a glass for only \$5. Bottles of wine and light fare will also be available for sale. (Wine bottles cannot be uncorked on-site.)



Tickets are \$20 per person and include 10 tasting vouchers and a glass. No sharing is allowed. You must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages and must show valid I.D. to purchase tickets. Lost or stolen tickets cannot be refunded.

Tickets are available for cash only at all Lexington area Liquor Barn locations. To purchase with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover credit card, visit or call the Downtown Lexington Corporation office at 101 East Vine Street or (859) 425-2590. There will be a \$2.50 processing fee added to each credit card transaction.

Free parking is available on-street at any meter and paid parking is available in garages and lots surrounding Cheapside Park. This is a rain or shine event.

Fine Kettle of Fish

Next Thursday, over 2,300 catfish are scheduled to be stocked at Jacobson Park Lake. Three hundred of the 2,300 fish will be tagged for an ongoing exploitation study to determine catch, harvest and number of days after release that fish are being caught by anglers. An additional 4,600 5-7" hybrid sunfish will be stocked into Jacobson Park Lake on May 30th.



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