



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:

- Kenwick is participating in the Great American Cleanup again this year. The neighborhood association invites volunteers to walk around the neighborhood for about an hour to remove trash along the Kenwick streets. You will be provided gloves and trash bags. Please meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Kenwick Center. For more information, e-mail leeannmurphy@insightbb.com.
- A public hearing on Kentucky American Water's proposed 17.6 percent rate increase for residential customers will be held May 28th at Bryan Station High School. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Public Service Commission will begin to take public comment at 6:30.

This Weekend, Take Time to Remember

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Memorial Day weekend. This is a holiday with multiplied importance for each of us in recent years. Celebrating those who not just served but paid the ultimate price has become quite personal for many of us. Plaques and markers with the names of honored dead now bear the names and memories of people we knew. As we celebrate the beginning of summer this weekend, remember the focus of the Monday holiday will be at national cemeteries across our nation and on hallowed ground around the world.



Locally our ceremonies will take place inside the National Cemetery at the Lexington Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Monday. (See below for details.) If

you are able to do so, please join us. If not, find a way to give thanks in your own way. Value and price are two different things. The value of the freedom we share each day here is built on the price paid daily with unheralded acts of

bravery across the globe by all who continue to serve. God bless each of them.

Next week, I'll catch you up to speed on all things food truck, district and budget related and of interest to

those who stay involved. The 5th District Office will be closed both Monday and Tuesday. However, do not let that stop you from e-mailing me if necessary.

My best,
Bill

Memorial Celebration to be Held Monday at Lexington National Cemetery

The last Monday in May is set aside to remember those men and women who died in military service to their country. Lexington's official observance ceremony is held annually at The Lexington National Cemetery, located just inside the front gates of The Lexington Cemetery.

The service is held Monday at 11:00 a.m. and includes featured remarks, the presentation of The Colors, playing of "Taps" and a 3-volley salute. Participants include the members of American Legion Man O' War Post No. 8 and its Ladies Auxiliary. This year the featured speaker is Mayor Jim Gray. You are invited to join in remembering and saluting those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Profanity, Nudity May Soon Come to Primetime

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is asking you to weigh in on how much on-air cursing is too much, and whether nudity should be treated

differently than swearing. You are also invited to offer your thoughts on anything else having to do with the indecency standards.

It is a violation of federal law to air obscene programming at any time. It is also a violation of federal law to air indecent programming or profane language during certain hours. Congress has given the FCC the responsibility for administratively enforcing these laws. The FCC may revoke a station license, impose a monetary forfeiture or issue a warning if a station airs obscene, indecent or profane material.

A public notice posted on the regulatory agency's website last month said that FCC is launching a review that may end the prohibition of expletives and certain images of nudity on television. The FCC had first given the public until May 20th to weigh in on the hot-button issue, but that deadline was recently extended to June 19th.

Comments may be submitted to the FCC online by using the [Electronic Filing System](#) and referencing Proceeding No. 13-86, or by referencing GN Docket No. 13-86 through mail at: Commission's Secretary; Office of the Secretary; Federal Communications Commission; 445 12th Street, SW; Washington, DC; 20554. For additional instructions and ways to contact the FCC, read their press release [here](#).



More Grant Opportunities Now Available

The Stormwater Incentive Grant Program is once again open for infrastructure projects for businesses, schools, churches and other institutions. These grants, funded by the Water Quality Management Fee (WQMF), provide financial assistance for projects that reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality and educate citizens about these issues.



Currently, Class B Infrastructure Grants are open for applications. Grants for educational projects and neighborhoods were due earlier this spring and are in the process of being evaluated.

Class B Infrastructure Grants are available for non-farm commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family residential facilities that pay the WQMF. In the past, these grants have funded a variety of stormwater projects, including stream restoration, constructed wetlands, bio-retention, rain gardens, rainwater harvesting and pervious pavement installation.

Construction-only projects, along with design and construction projects, have a maximum grant award of \$350,000 with a 10 percent cost share for design phase costs. Feasibility-only projects have a maximum grant award of \$50,000 with a 10 percent cost share. Class B Infrastructure Grants are due on Friday, August 2nd. Grant selection for Class B Infrastructure Grants will occur in the fall with the anticipation that grant funds will be awarded by the Urban County Council in February, 2014. Grant application packets and other information are available by clicking [here](#).

Holiday Collections, Closings May Impact You

The Division of Waste Management will adjust its collection schedule for the Memorial Day holiday. Residents whose regular collection day is on Monday will receive their collection service on Wednesday, May 29th. Residents and businesses who normally receive Monday pick-up should place their Herbies, Rosies and Lennies out after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, to assure collection the next day.

Businesses that have city waste management services for their dumpsters (landfill bound and recycling) and normally have pickups on Mondays will also have their units picked up on Wednesday, May 29th. The Lexington Recycling Center, the city's Electronic Recycling Center and the Haley Pike Waste Management facility will be closed on the holiday.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government offices, including the 5th District Office, will also be closed on Monday, May 27th. For more information, contact LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

Gem Links Community Straight to the Mayor's Office

This week's Gem of the District is well seasoned in the world of politics. Having worked for two former U.S. Senators and a former Congressman, Beth Cawood Overman has recently accepted a post in our own Mayor Gray's office to keep the Administration tuned in to what Lexington's neighborhoods need. This week, we sat down with Beth and asked her how she plans to stay plugged in. This is what she had to say.

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

A. My name is Beth Cawood Overman and I am Mayor Gray's new Community Relations Director. I am a Transy graduate and moved to Washington, DC, after college to work on Capitol Hill, but my husband and I have called Lexington home for 12 ½ years now. We have two children who attend the Spanish Immersion program at Maxwell Elementary, though my oldest is graduating from Maxwell this year and transitioning to the Spanish Immersion program at Bryan Station Middle School. We have lots of changes in our lives right now!

Q. What are some of the goals you have set with your new position as far as neighborhood relations go?

A. I want citizens to know that they have a direct line to the Mayor's Office. So many times we think that our elected officials and government officials are unapproachable or do not want to be bothered with our concerns, but I am here to dispel that myth. As public servants, it is our job to listen to the citizens and do everything we can to address their issues.

Q. Is there anything that you would encourage the community or neighborhood associations to do to help you help them?

A. Yes! Tell us your ideas for bettering the community or improving city services. The citizens of Lexington are on the "front lines," and they know what is working and what is not. We want to hear your ideas. You can e-mail me anytime at everman@lexingtonky.gov or Mayor Gray at mayor@lexingtonky.gov.

Q. What do you like most about working in the Mayor's Office?

A. I love the energy and vision in our office, and the dedication that everyone has to making Lexington the best city it can be. I feel like we have the best of both worlds in Lexington with our city being small enough to comfortably raise a family, but sophisticated enough to always have interesting things to do. Lexington has evolved so much since I've lived here, and I love being part of that positive change.

Q. Do you have any questions or concerns for the 5th District?

A. I will call Councilmember Farmer if I do! I enjoy working with Bill and feel that we citizens of the 5th District are well represented with his years of experience and knowledge of the inner workings of city government. My husband, children and I have called the Fairway neighborhood home our entire time in Lexington, so we love the 5th District.



Beth can be reached in the Mayor's Office at (859) 258-3983.

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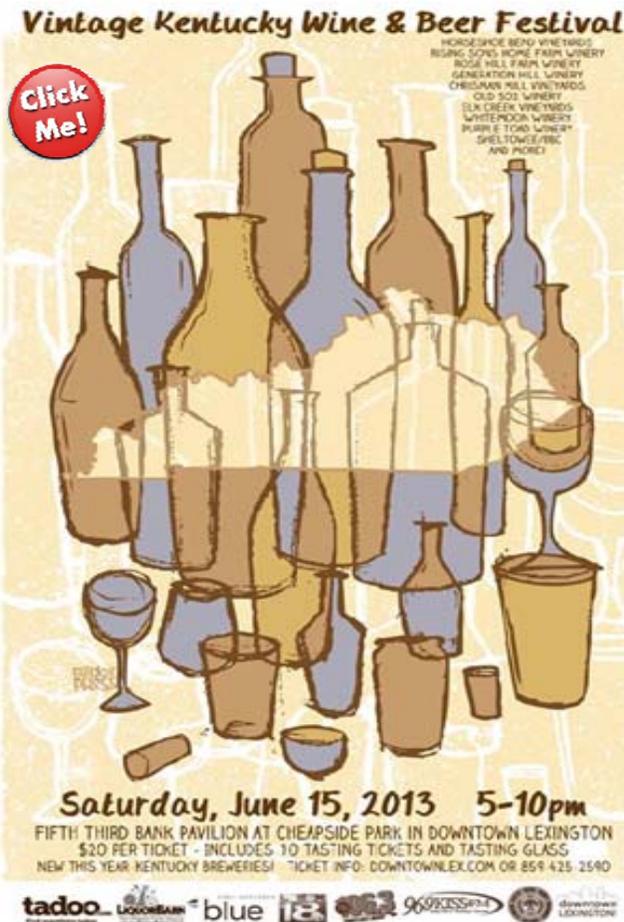
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Saturday, June 15, 2013 5-10pm

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Click It or Ticket!

Memorial Day Weekend means fun, food and travel. In fact it's one of the busiest travel holidays of the year. So, to help keep the roads safe, Lexington Division of Police officers—throughout the county—will be looking for impaired driving and those not using seatbelts. This enforcement effort is in conjunction with the national “Click It or Ticket” campaign.

In addition to the “Click It or Ticket” activities, Lexington police officers will conduct D.U.I. checkpoint enforcement. The D.U.I. checkpoint will be activated on Saturday, May 25th from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on West Main Street at Buchanan Street.

Working together we can help to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. For more information contact Officer Alvin Cook at (859) 258-3682 or Public Information Officer Sherelle Roberts at (859) 797-9030.

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.

When Donating to Tornado Relief, Cash is Recommended

If you're looking for ways to help residents of Oklahoma ravaged by a monstrous tornado on Monday, several relief organizations are currently working in the area. The American Red Cross gives 91 percent of every dollar collected to victims. They keep the other 9 percent for administration fees. The United Way and the Salvation Army both say they give 100 percent of their donations directly to the victims in Oklahoma.

The American Red Cross has several shelters open in Oklahoma and Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles are delivering hot meals throughout the affected areas. The Red Cross is also working to link loved ones in Moore who are okay through a website called [Safe and Well](#). Text REDCROSS to 90999 to give \$10 to American Red Cross Disaster Relief, donate [online](#) or by phone at (800) RED-CROSS.

The Salvation Army is activating disaster response teams and mobile feeding units to help residents and rescuers in Moore, as well as in other locations in the Plains and the Midwest that were impacted by tornadoes. Donate [online](#) or text STORM to 80888 to contribute \$10 to the Salvation Army's relief efforts or make a donation by phone at (800) SAL-ARMY. If you're sending a check make sure you specify your intent with the words Oklahoma Tornado Relief, and mail it to: The Salvation Army; P.O. Box 12600; Oklahoma City, OK; 73157.

The United Way of Central Oklahoma has activated a disaster relief fund so that individuals can specifically donate to tornado relief and recovery efforts. “Financial contributions are the best way to help unless otherwise requested,” the organization says on its site. Donations can be made by clicking [here](#). Checks, with a notation of “May Tornado Relief” can also be sent to: The United Way of Central Oklahoma; P.O. Box 837; Oklahoma City, OK; 73101.

