



# 5th District Newsletter

*News and announcements from  
around our community*



**One Hundred Third Edition  
Details for the District**

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- The 2013 Kenwick Bungalow Tour will take place this Sunday from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. See the Gem of the District on page 3 for details.
- Streets and Roads will soon initiate a unit price contract to replace the curbing at South Ashland Avenue and High Street where the Ashland Park Neighborhood Association installed plantings on the corner. The work is expected to be complete in June.
- The Kentucky American Water evidentiary hearing time has changed to June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Click [here](#) for details. Click [here](#) to read what Mayor Jim Gray had to say about the case to the Public Service Commission. Click [here](#) to view the presentation from the public meeting in the case.

## Big Plans with Big Numbers

**D**ear Neighbor,  
I hope this short week has treated you well. We had a full Council day on Tuesday and office activity still centers on constituent follow up and all things budget.

There were a couple of budget hearings during Work Session but neither produced notable changes to the Mayor's Proposed Budget. The Council's five links have made recommendations; none are binding so far and they will have further discussion next week. I don't agree with all of them but I'm sure others feel the same way. Today is the last day for individual Councilmembers to make individual requests for consideration by the whole. I am making four.

**1. \$120,000 for repairs and resurfacing of the ten tennis courts at Lansdowne-Merrick and Ecton Parks.** This would be funded through good, old-time infrastructure bonding. This healthy sport has little barrier for folks of all ages and stages. It is surging in popularity for just those reasons.

**2. \$150,000 to further the reconstruction of the Chevy Chase Redesign Project.** We are still gathering steam here. Corridors funds I was able to add are being used now for the "underground inventory" of the infrastructure already in place. The original design for the whole area was estimated in millions. I'm working on smaller chunks now: the big intersection first; then traffic calming and median work to make the South Hanover Avenue intersection with East High Street safer for pedestrians and harder to speed through for drivers. This too could be bond funded or could come from fund balance.

**3. \$100,000 for the Tates Creek Road Sidewalk Project.** While I have been happy to report lately on the active bid process to get this project started, the two bids that were submitted were over the original grant budget total. I know how important these sidewalks are to our active neighborhoods and community and want some added funds—if needed—to get this done!

**4. \$100,000 for Fire Department design and engineering for Station #2 relocation.** The city bought five acres on Eastland Parkway and Murray Drive in 2007 to move this station and to also build it with extra and large bays to afford the opportunity to store larger apparatus and engines that currently are not garaged at Station #1. If this work can be done next year the stage will be set to construct the new station to be built the following year.

I want to pause and thank Columbia Gas for their great help with a neighbor's driveway on Irvine Road this week. Repair to the gas line in the 300 block left their apron cracked. After some communication problems about the difference between repairing the gas line versus repairing the driveway itself I am happy to report that the repair has indeed been made and the driveway apron will be replaced next week. Here's a big thank you to Herb Miller and all the fine folks at Columbia Gas.

Enjoy the Bungalow Tour in Kenwick this weekend and the rest of this edition of the E-news.

Regards,  
Bill

## Southland Christian Development on the Homestretch

With the sunshine making the colors of the 5<sup>th</sup> District as vibrant as ever, some areas lack the pop we'd have hoped for by now. Several of you have asked for a status update from the Richmond Road Campus of Southland Christian Church, and Campus Director Gary Black has obliged. In his words, "Believe me, no one wants to get the project finished more than we do!"

Black tells us that while the fence is unsightly, the area is still a construction zone. Until that site work is complete—particularly the dredging and cleanup of the water channel—then it will have to have a fence around it for public safety. Spring weather has put crews behind schedule with getting things finished up, including the parking lot. This week, those crews were able to finish the blacktop and sidewalks.

When the water channel and banks work is complete, the church will landscape the property along Richmond Road and they'll be able to remove the fence. Work began on that project two days ago. Black added, "We still have more trees to plant as well, but we needed to get the parking lot curbed and paved until that work could be done. Much of that

Before...



...and after.

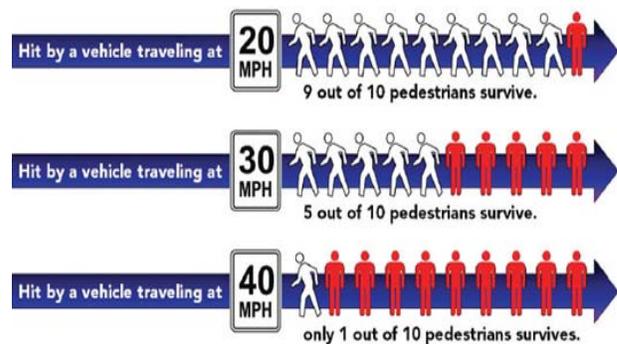
will be complete in the next couple of weeks." The church hopes to complete the water feature work by September, weather permitting. Some of that work is highly specialized.

"People from all over the Richmond Road corridor are finding their way here on the weekends and we are so honored to be able to serve them and minister to them," Black said.

## Selective Enforcement: You May Not See Them, But They're There

Often the 5<sup>th</sup> District Office receives requests to initiate "selective enforcement" by the Traffic Section of the Division of Police on some of the streets and roads heavily traveled by more than just those who reside in the district. Most recently, requests were made for the Sycamore Fin-castle area. The returned results were as follows:

- Speeding citations issued 2
- Stop sign violations issued 2
- No insurance violations issued 2
- Other charges placed 3 citations issued



*A little more speed is a lot more deadly.*

We also received requests for Blairmore Road and Henry Clay Boulevard. The combined citations were as follows:

- Speeding citations issued 5
- Stop sign violations issued 4
- No insurance violations issued 2
- No seatbelt violations issued 3
- Other charges placed 5 citations issued and one arrest

If you have concerns about speeding in your neighborhood, please let us know. While selective enforcement must be spread judiciously across the city, it is available. Click [here](#) to submit a request.

## Gem Helps Highlight Diversity of Homes, Gardens on Kenwick Tour

This week's Gem of the District has taken time out of her schedule to help showcase her neighborhood and its unique attributes to any and all in Lexington who wish to attend. The 2013 Kenwick Bungalow Tour offers an inside look at this special part of the district and is an event you won't want to miss this weekend. This week, we sat down with Lauren Hightower and asked her for a sneak peek. This is what she had to say.

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

**A.** My name is Lauren Hightower and I am one of the co-chairs of the upcoming Kenwick Bungalow Tour this weekend.

**Q.** Tell us a bit about what we can expect on the tour.

**A.** The 2013 Kenwick Bungalow Tour is this Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This tour will feature eight homes and gardens, plus the new Kenwick Community Garden, Kenwick Community Center and the Victory Christian Church. Homemade refreshments will be served on the lawn of the neighborhood's oldest house, located at 116 Lincoln Avenue. Streets represented on the tour are Aurora Avenue, Richmond Avenue, Richmond Road, Owsley Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Bassett Avenue and Preston Avenue. While every house may not be a bungalow, each one will show a different aspect of Kenwick's unique personality.

Tickets are \$5 and are available on the day of the tour at Victory Christian Church, located at the corner of Owsley and Cramer Avenues. Parking and restrooms will also be located at the church.

**Q.** What is the purpose of the tour?

**A.** This event helps the Kenwick Neighborhood Association raise money for projects such as the Kenwick Victory Christian Church Community Garden and helps fund events at the Kenwick Community Center. There will also be a raffle to help support the Community Garden and the Church will be holding a silent auction during the tour to help support repairs to the Church building.

**Q.** Kenwick is such a diverse and interesting neighborhood where everyone seems to take care of each other. Tell us about your experience living there.

**A.** My husband and I moved to Preston Avenue almost four years ago and we absolutely love every aspect of our neighborhood. We became involved with the neighborhood association two years ago and have greatly enjoyed meeting other neighbors and helping to chair the

Bungalow Tour this year. We now have a 16-month-old daughter and appreciate how family-friendly and caring both our neighbors and others in the neighborhood are to our family. Kenwick and the 5<sup>th</sup> District truly are "gems" in Lexington.

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

**A.** I appreciate the open door policy of Councilmember Farmer and his staff. We appreciate your hard work to keep us informed and connected. I ask that everyone take time to meet their neighbors and connect with their neighborhood. That's part of what makes a neighborhood retain and recruit good, quality people to live in our area.



*Find out more about the tour on the association's Facebook page.*



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## Mosquito Spraying Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood

To help control mosquitoes in Lexington neighborhoods, the Lexington-Fayette Public Health Department will conduct mosquito spraying activities throughout the summer. Spraying will be in the early morning hours between 3:00 and 6:00 a.m. when mosquitoes are most active. Spray areas are listed by zip code. Only portions of the areas may be treated on any particular route. Click the magnifying glass to the right to search for spray routes in your area.

Specific timing for the route varies by weather conditions and other factors. The weather conditions for mosquito spraying must be within the following parameters:

- Wind speed of less than 10 mph
- Temperature of greater than 55 degrees Fahrenheit
- No rain or dense fog

The Lexington Fayette County Health Department also conducts surveys in neighborhoods around Lexington to identify standing water problems that can serve as a location for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Elimination of standing water is the ultimate goal, but in areas where standing water cannot be eliminated the water can be treated to kill mosquito larvae



*The incubation period for mosquito larvae is three to fourteen days.*

with a chemical called a larvicide. To report a standing water problem in your neighborhood, please call the Division of Environmental Health and Protection at (859) 231-9791. Larviciding is a much more effective method of controlling mosquitoes as there can be hundreds or even thousands of mosquito larvae present in each source of standing water that is treated. The mosquito spray used by the Health Department only affects the mosquitoes that are in the air at the time of spraying.



*Click on the magnifying glass above to check the spraying schedule for your neighborhood.*

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).

## Lexington Forum to Host Downtown Discussion

On Thursday morning at the Hillary J. Boone Center, 500 Rose Street, the Lexington Forum will present “Developments and Plans for Downtown Lexington.” In recent years, Lexington’s downtown has experienced a profound resurgence—restaurants, apartments and condos and nightlife creating a sense of vibrancy and diversity. But even more dramatic and potentially transformative change is underway with plans being contemplated for a new Entertainment District involving Rupp Arena and the Convention Center, Town Branch, 21C Hotel and other developments.



At the center of this activity is the Lexington Downtown Development Authority, which is charged with maintaining Lexington’s urban core as a diverse, lively and thriving heart of Central Kentucky. Jeff Fugate is President and COO of the Downtown Development Authority and to that position he brings years of education and experience across the country in economic development and planning. Jeff will be discussing with the Lexington Forum what has been happening in downtown Lexington and what exciting developments are being planned for the future. Coffee and networking begins at 7:15 a.m. with breakfast and the program at 7:30. The event is free for forum members in good standing and \$20 for non-members.