

Happy Father's Day to All!



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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:

- The Kenwick Community Garden will **not** host the free produce pickup on Saturday morning this week so that the produce can be donated to free community supper at Victory Christian Church on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. If anyone would like to join in harvesting the produce on Tuesday, June 18th at 5:30 p.m., click [here](#).
- One lane of St. Margaret Drive will be blocked at St. Michael Drive, at St. Christopher Drive and at St. Teresa Drive through Friday, August 16th for water-line repair.
- Tonight in Triangle Park, Fountain Films on Friday will feature *Walk the Line* starting at dusk. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on movie nights at the Main Cross Cafe, located in Triangle Park.

Budget Wins Coming Home to the District

Dear Neighbor,
On Tuesday the Council finished the intense deliberative part of our work on the Fiscal Year 2014 budget. I'm a fan of meetings and enjoy the process but Tuesday's rivaled some of the long Reynolds Road zone change for length. We met for eight and a half hours and made the final best decisions possible to spend all of our \$297 million wisely.

For our area, three notable undertakings received funding. The city owns five acres of land on Eastland Drive adjacent to the Chase Bank in the shopping center. Included in the budget is \$100,000 for the design of a relocated Station No. 2 (from Meadow Lane and New Circle) with the hope of design in 2014 and including funds to build in the 2015 budget. The facility would house the current station and firefighters but will also include large apparatus garage capability. Larger equipment from Station No. 1 would be moved and better housed in this new home that is part of our district. We will all benefit from enhanced service.

Next up the Council agreed with me that one of the proper uses for part of Lexington's share of the Mineral Severance income from the State is to further the work already done on the Chevy Chase Redesign Project. The Council's budget action will provide \$150,000 for the actual work to be done removing the "slip" lane in front of McAlister's Deli and moving the stop bar in front of Glen's Creek Brewery further into the intersection. Both of those changes will make the intersection far more pedestrian friendly. Some lane restriping will be required on Euclid Avenue for continuity.

As this is a \$6 million plan that includes underground utilities, this represents only a beginning—but one that will enhance safety in the area. More on this once we get the survey results back from the engineers. With that in hand we will then have a public meeting to view the proposed intersection changes specifically.

Lastly, the Council was gracious to add \$120,000 to the Bond Package for tennis courts in Lansdowne-Merrick Park. The four dilapidated courts will in essence be razed and replaced with two brand new courts. For me this is huge and represents a commitment to keep our parks relevant to multiple generations with different sports and other programming available. While all may play, those in the neighborhood will benefit first and most.

This budget still needs two readings and a vote to make it official. If you have thoughts, concerns or sense missed opportunities please let me know.

As one myself I would like to wish all a very Happy Father's Day and hope that you too will enjoy celebrating the special bonds fathers have with their children.

Enjoy the weekend and holiday.

My best,
Bill



Senior Citizens Center to Be Discussed Tuesday

The city has been considering three sites for a new Senior Citizens Center: the old Kroger in Beaumont Center; a portion of the Turfland Mall Property; and the old Springs Inn site on Harrodsburg Road.

The Springs Inn site has now been eliminated from consideration due to a development plan being filed with the Division of Planning for the parcel. The development includes a McDonalds and a Rafferty's restaurant, next to the existing CVS Pharmacy already located on the site.

The two remaining sites are still being evaluated by the city. The Beaumont Centre location would include a large scale remodeling of the current space and the Turfland Mall site would include a new building to be constructed in the large parking lot adjacent to the old Dillard's store.

In a recent development, the YMCA of Central Kentucky will be present at the Council's Social Services and Community Development Committee on Tuesday, May 18th to discuss their proposal to partner with LFUCG to operate multiple senior citizen facilities throughout Lexington. The meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of the Government Center. The meeting can also be viewed on GTV3 or online by clicking [here](#). Stay tuned for updates as this project progresses.

Lexington Philharmonic's Picnic with the Pops Returns in August

The Lexington Philharmonic's annual Picnic with the Pops has been announced for Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17th. This year's performance will be Bugs Bunny Goes to the Symphony, a full-fledged production straight from Warner Brothers. The Lexington Philharmonic will perform the music of Looney Tunes cartoons.

People of all ages will enjoy these familiar tunes, much of which has come straight from the classical orchestra literature. With video screens, live symphonic music, a guest Warner Brothers conductor, and a script to keep everyone in tune, this year's Picnic with the Pops will be one to remember.

For more information about Picnic with the Pops visit www.lexpops.com. For more information about Bugs Bunny Goes to the Symphony click [here](#).

Refresher on Dogs

If you have a neighbor with a dog that barks incessantly, your frustration likely creates an unjust strain that seems insurmountable. Even neighbors on good terms with each other start to harbor feelings of resentment that can make tensions rise to the boiling point. The process of reaching an accommodation with barking dog owners can be an upsetting ordeal—but when you make the choice to live with it instead, your oblivious neighbor could unwittingly turn from friend to foe.



If you are having a problem with a barking dog, Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control (LFACC) suggests the following options:

- **Talk to your neighbor**—Give your neighbor the benefit of the doubt. In many situations, someone with a noisy dog may not realize that there is a disturbance. Dogs bark because of numerous reasons including loneliness, boredom, other animals, passersby or because they're being teased. Doing someone a favor by informing them of the situation first could be the neighborly thing to do.
- **Put it in writing**—If after talking to your neighbor the problem continues, write a letter reminding him/her of the situation. Try not to use a threatening tone and explain that if the problem doesn't get better you will need to contact local authorities. Maintain a list of the occasions you've spoken to the neighbor about the problem. Be sure to record the dates, times and durations of barking. *(Note: If you wind up moving forward with legal action, you will*

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**Cuisine of the
Greek Region
of Macedonia**

[Click for Menu](#)

**GREEK
DINNER
NIGHT**

Sat. June 15
5:30-8:30pm

Dine In
or Take Out

No Reservations
Needed

Click
Me!

Gem Creates an Avenue for “Artist-made for You”

While technically not in the 5th District but certainly on the “close proximity radar,” this week’s Gem of the District came to us by our favorite way of selection: Recommendation! To quote, “I had the pleasure of visiting The Collective on South Ashland over the weekend. What a treat! I hope you will consider doing a piece on this “gem.” Take care. Joanna R.” We took Joanna’s advice and this week sat down with Celeste Lewis of the The Collective at 314 South Ashland to see how she pulls things together. This is what she had to say.

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

A. My name is Celeste Lewis and I am an artist. My husband’s name is Barry Dennis and he is an architect. The two of us are mainly the ones manning the artists’ co-op in Chevy Chase called The Collective but the gallery features the work of twenty very talented artists. You may see our faces in the gallery every day but the items we sell are each made by the very talented artists we represent.

Q. As the name implies, The Collective is host to a “collection” of artist’s work from around the region.

Tell us what we can expect to find when we walk through the door.

A. The Collective is an artists’ co-op art gallery, which means it is a shared gallery. We have twenty artists who show their work in the gallery and share the space. Everything we offer is “artist-made for you!” The artists of The Collective work in a variety of mediums from painting and photography to fiber arts, jewelry and mosaic to turned wood and mixed media. We also have a milliner who makes gorgeous hats and we have leather and wood furniture. There’s



Celeste (second from left) and friends show off artist-applied henna tattoos during Gallery Hop.



A variety of artwork, jewelry and textiles are waiting to be found at The Collective. Click [here](#) for hours and information.

a real array of great work by some very talented people. This region has more than its share of super gifted artists and we hope everyone will enjoy seeing the beautiful one-of-a-kind things we have for sale. There are things for your

home, your office, for gifts; we want everyone to love and appreciate original art and bring in to every part of their lives.

Q. Where did the idea for such a grouping of talent in one place come from?

A. For decades my friend, Patsy Anderson and I have talked about opening a place for artists to share their work. She has hosted a wonderful and beloved sale in her studio around the holidays for years that is a smaller version of what we do at The Collective. In talking with artists in the community we discovered there was a real need for this. We



put out the word we wanted to start a co-op gallery and we had an amazing group right away. We started out not all knowing each other but now we are all very good friends and the power of the group is amazing. Everyone teaches each other and

helps each other and trades information and resources and materials. It’s really a beautiful group of people. It is also a very simple model, a group of artists coming together and bringing their best work to share at the gallery which is why we use the tag line, “Artist-made for You,” because it is!

Q. You have events often. Tell us more about that.

A. We do! We are part of Gallery Hop, which happens five times throughout the year. The next one is Friday, June 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. This one will be both a party in the gallery and on our patio. Art, artists, food, drinks and fun; it’s always a great night. Many of the artists will be here to talk about their work and meet people. We also have artist receptions where we celebrate a featured artist and we offer “after hours” private shopping parties for birthdays or wedding showers or holiday shopping. We participate in all the Chevy Chase special events like the upcoming Sip, Nibble and Shop event on June 29th (Look for more details in the e-news next week.) and the street fair coming up later

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in the summer. We also have classes at The Collective that are a blast. We have both a mosaic class and a fiber arts class coming up. Both are loads of fun.

Q. Do you have any questions or concerns for Lexington?

A. We LOVE our location here in Chevy Chase and love being next to our neighbors, John's New Classic Shoes. I grew up shopping in Chevy Chase so I feel like it's home and I have always thought of it as one of the most special areas of Lexington. I'm very proud of being part of this district and all the work and care people put into keeping it a unique place. I look forward to the area improvements that are being considered and I love all the new shops, restaurants and neighbors we have but most of all I love that this is still a neighborhood; a walkable area where you tend to see people often enough to get to know them. I tell people all the time, you really can't beat it. For us, this is definitely the place to be. Thanks to everyone for the warm welcome we have received and all the support. If you haven't been in yet, we hope you will stop in and find a one of a kind treasure that's just what you're looking for. Come by and say hello.

Fallen Tree a Reminder to Adopt One

If you've driven past Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate, you may have noticed that a one-hundred-year-old Black Maple tree recently fell due to disease. It highlights the importance of maintaining the health of the trees on the estate. With the help of many who have recently supported the Adopt-a-Tree Program, started recently by Director of Development, Christina Bell, Ashland will be able to continue its important tree maintenance program. There are also plans underway for Community Volunteer Days in late August, where under the guidance of professional arborists, the community can volunteer to help care for the grounds and trees. Times, dates and tasks will be posted at henryclay.org. For more information on adopting a tree, email cbell@henryclay.org or call (859) 266-8581.

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need 20 minutes of recorded barking, which can be broken up into segments as long as they are presented in realistic intervals.)

- **The legal process**—Call LFACC at (859) 255-9033, extension 250 to file a noise disturbance complaint. You will need to leave a message with your name, address, and phone number and the address of the noise disturbance. As a first step, an information letter will be sent to the complaint address notifying the resident a complaint was filed. If the barking persists, file a second complaint and an officer will be dispatched to the address.

If officer dispatch does not remedy the situation, to move forward with legal action it will be necessary for you to file a criminal complaint with the County Attorney's Office; call (859) 254-4941 to directly file an official complaint. Be prepared to report your contact information; whether you have spoken to your neighbor about the problem, when, how often and how many times the disturbance has occurred.

(Note: Continual dog barking is a misdemeanor violation that must be witnessed for legal action to go forward. If you have witnessed a violation and file a complaint to remedy a situation, it is likely that you need to appear in court.)

- **Finally, mediation**—It's always best if neighbors can work together. Voluntary mediation can be a valuable tool in helping parties arrive at an acceptable, peaceful solution. Mediation must be agreed upon by both involved parties. Call the not-for-profit Mediation Center of Kentucky at (859) 246-2664 to request a session with a professional mediator. There is a fee for the service that is split between both parties.

Dogs are like children to those who own them. But if your "child" is running amok in the neighborhood, you should make efforts to resolve the problem. If you are "that neighbor" and need ideas to help quiet your dog, click [here](#).