



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 Ashland Neighborhood Association (ANA) Fourth of July Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 7th from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. Go to the ANA [Facebook page](#) for more information or to join the neighborhood group.
- The third annual Idle Hour Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 6th from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. Neighbors are asked to bring grills, coolers, long tables and game equipment for the young and the young-at-heart. In addition, the neighborhood association is looking for family-friendly music and/or other entertainment. In their words, "If you donate your talent, we'll feed you!" For more information, go to the I Grew Up In or Live In Idle Hour [Facebook Page](#).

Output of the Week Requires Your Input

Dear Neighbor,
The Fiscal Year 2014 budget was adopted by unanimous vote last evening. All of the improvements outlined here last week have been funded and we will look forward to getting them done.

Food Trucks

We also passed the Food Truck Pilot Program unanimously last evening. This pilot will allow qualified vendors to use the public right of way in certain areas with some prearranged conditions. While I share the trepidation of some of the brick-and-mortar restaurateurs, especially in downtown, I also understand the ever changing nature of the consuming public, especially here in Lexington now. This pilot will be studied and measured so we can evaluate the actual outcomes and make decisions based upon what happens over the next six months.

YMCA Anyone?

Also of interest this week was the emerging proposal from some of the new leadership at the YMCA to potentially combine parts of our Senior Citizens Center building opportunity with their locations on the north side at Beau-

mont and eventually at Hamburg. This is a first blush look at an idea that began in conversation on the recent Commerce Lexington visit to Oklahoma City. Right now our city is evaluating sites to build a new center. The YMCA is challenging us to think of partnering with them to provide space at their locations and they would provide upkeep, utilities and programming. This was the first conversation and it took place Tuesday at the Social Services Committee meeting. I would ask you to think about it too. As one who is getting more senior everyday, I'm very interested what is best for us all. This is a new wrinkle in an already long process.

Paving Progress

Briefly: The paving bond funds have kicked in across the district. The ability to pave so much is great but points to other needs in the process. Please let me know how the paving crews do and if you have thoughts about other needs in that area.

It's been a good week and a great start to summer. Enjoy Gallery Hop and a wonderful weekend.

My best,
Bill

Movie of Hope Comes to the Lyric

The 2013 Slamdance Film Festival Winning Film *My Name is Faith* will be shown at the Lyric Theatre on June 27th. CASA of Lexington will host the movie, which received the Audience Award for the Best Documentary Feature at the 2013 Slamdance Film Festival. The producer and director of the film—and Faith's mother—Tiffany Junker will attend the showing in Lexington. Tickets are available by contacting the CASA of Lexington office at (859) 246-4313. A reception with Tiffany Junker will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Lyric Theatre and be followed by the 7:00 p.m. movie. For more information on the documentary and to watch a trailer, click [here](#).

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Work Group Weighs In on Zip Lines, Agricultural Zones

In February 2012, Vice Mayor Linda Gorton appointed a work group of community representatives to explore recreational opportunities related to tourism. The group recently finished their work and reported their final recommendations to the Council on May 28th. The work group's stated goals were to:

- "Showcase Lexington-Fayette County as the Horse capital of the World by preserving and promoting its unique agricultural industries, environment, cultural landscape and historic resources."
- "Encourage agritourism opportunities that are incidental to the primary Agricultural use for signature Fayette County farmland."
- "Explore recreational and tourism opportunities that support the quality of life, infrastructure, and environment of urban, neighborhood, and rural areas."

Lexington's Zoning Ordinance has remained unchanged for many years with regard to recreational uses, specifically in the agricultural areas of the County. With this in mind, the group reviewed large amounts of information and reported a detailed zoning matrix, showing zones where different recreational activities are prohibited, allowed as principal uses, as accessory uses, or as conditional uses. The work group also recommended changes to the Agricultural-Natural Zone, which currently exists, although there are no parcels currently zoned in that category.

The activities examined in the report fell into two major categories: ecotourism and agritourism. Ecotourism is defined as, "Activities conducted in natural or green space or environmentally sensitive areas that are offered to the public for the purpose of enjoyment, education, and active involvement in the conservation of these areas." Activities under this category include camping, hunting and fishing clubs, zip lines, canoeing and other related activities.



Zip lines and canopy tours are gaining in popularity.

Agritourism is defined as "Activities conducted on an active farm, or at an agricultural, horticultural or agribusiness operation that are offered to the public for the purpose of enjoyment, education or active involvement in the activities of the active farm or

facility." This category includes activities like hay rides, horse riding, wine tasting rooms, petting zoos and other activities related to agricultural uses.

The work group's report recommends that most recreational activities be conditional uses, meaning that approval from the Board of Adjustments is necessary for the activity to be permitted. Farm tours and hay rides were recommended as allowed principal uses in all agricultural zones, while certain types of museums and county inns were recommended to be prohibited. Most ecotourism activities are prohibited in the Agricultural-Rural Zone in the report, with the exception of fishing and hunting clubs, bird-watching and nature preserves, which are conditional uses. To view the entire report, click [here](#). The recommendations are now on to the Planning Commission, where the recommendations will be discussed and amended, before the final proposal is sent back to Council for final approval.

While the Time Warner Cable (TWC) customer service number is (866) 857-7024, if you feel you have an exceptional issue with TWC—you feel you've been cheated, tried to call multiple times and keep getting the run around and so on—you should call Jason Keller, Director of Government Relations. He's based in Louisville and his number is (502) 867-2207.

Partners for Youth Announces Grants

This year, Partners for Youth awarded 48 grants to the Grassroots Program supporting Lexington's youth. These programs range from connecting young people with seniors through story-telling, to engaging youth with University of Kentucky Landscape Architecture students to learn architecture and design skills.

Each of the programs gave a brief description of their group and its objectives, revealing a truly remarkable effort throughout Lexington to provide assistance to children and youth through education and experiences. Led by Laura Hatfield, Partners for Youth serves as a clearing house for funding and in-kind services for programs serving young people.

For more information about Partners for Youth, click [here](#).

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Think of Your Neighbors!

As the nation's celebration of its independence approaches, so does the inevitable sound of TNT. It is with high hopes that we expect our neighbors to respect such things as sleep, and those who do not should be reported for noise violations to the Police non-emergency number at (859) 258-3600. On Tuesday at Council Work Session in Council Chambers, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention Rick Jordan will present the "best practices" and expectations for those who wish to include fireworks as part of their summer activities. You can tune in to GTV3 (channel 3) or by live streaming video by clicking [here](#) on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. In the meantime, below are the basics of fireworks acceptability this year.

What's Permitted / What's Not

■ Permitted

- As listed in KRS 227.702 (1)
- Manufacturer designed to be ignited on ground or handheld
- Primarily produce visible effects
- Comply with regulations set by United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Categorized as a 1.4G explosive by DOT



■ Not Permitted

- If they have wings, fins or other parts which would cause them to fly
- If cautionary label includes any of the following words in their description: explosive, emits flaming pellets, flaming balls, firecracker, report or rocket
- Basic rule "if it blows up or goes up"



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