



# 5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



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Details for the District

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## Bullet Point Reminders:

- Details for the Kenwick Neighborhood Block Party are on page 3.
- The Ashland Neighborhood Association (ANA) Fourth of July Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information, go to the I Grew Up In or Live In Idle Hour [Facebook Page](#).
- There will not be a 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter next Friday. We will be back on track on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Good News Even More a Cause to Celebrate

Dear Neighbor,  
It's been a busy Fourth of July week. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. We've had hectic meetings this week and will again Tuesday before the Council Summer Recess begins. I've got several updates.

### Show Me the Money!

At long last, there is good news on Tates Creek Road and the long awaited sidewalks there. The rebidding process is complete and we do have more consistency as well as a winner. The \$2+million project via the last bid has now come down to \$1.7 million. That is still more than budget or grant, but it is in the range of doable. Next Tuesday one of the new business items will be to accept the lowest bid! That is genuinely great news and sets the stage for two readings and passage—all next week! We will use some temporary funds and ask the state for further help as we move on with the project. A pre-construction meeting will happen during break but I will be there nonetheless. Folks who enjoy walking, running and even riding a bike now know for sure it will be easier to do all along Tates Creek Road in the not too distant future. The easement process that started us off here has now been more streamlined and that continues to help us with the EPA Consent Decree projects and process.

### Not So Idle Hour

In other business, next Tuesday will see a final vote for the contract amounting to \$522,665 for Idle Hour "North" storm water improvements. This project will couple with a previous sanitary sewer project to keep up the needed repairs to both systems. There will be repairs and

maintenance to the pipes and the water drops too. It's good work and needed.

### Ecton Park

Also next week, the contract with Free Construction will receive its vote. That will put the dig and replace portion of the project into action. The neighbors and I will be anxious for this project to move quickly and with quiet efficiency. As it will be invasive, all will need patience and the company doing the work will need to be flexible to neighborhood needs during this "big dig." When I know more about the pre-construction meetings I will attend and report. Here's to success for all here.

### A Bit of Housekeeping

People and businesses using Insight e-mail addresses through [insightbb.com](http://insightbb.com) will have to change them by July 8<sup>th</sup> or have their e-mails shut down. As nearly half of our subscribers to the e-newsletter have Insight addresses, we will need to update your information in the database. Please click [here](#) to submit your changes. Click [here](#) for more details.

It's sometimes hard to think about July 1<sup>st</sup> as the New Year but for government and all of its resources and endeavors, it is. This update to a certain degree highlights that as so many green lights seem to go on at once.

I believe our e-news will take on a recess edition look when next published and may even pause slightly as the recess continues until August 13<sup>th</sup>. That said when you have needs or questions don't hesitate to contact me. Again, Happy Fourth of July.

My best,  
Bill

## Fundraising Campaign Ramps Up with Two July Downtown Events

On Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Friends of the Kentucky Theatre (The Friends) will present a Lexington screening of *OUR NIXON*, an all-archival documentary co-produced by Lexington-based filmmaker, writer and University of KY professor of law, Brian Frye. Frye's films explore relationships between history, society and cinema through archival and amateur images. Frye was named one of Filmmaker Magazine's "25 New Faces of Independent Film" in 2012.

Throughout Richard Nixon's presidency, three of his top White House aides obsessively documented their experiences with Super 8 home movie cameras. Young, idealistic and dedicated, they had no idea that a few years later they would all be in prison. This visual record, created by H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman and Dwight Chapin, was seized by the FBI during the Watergate investigation, filed away and forgotten for almost 40 years. *OUR NIXON* presents these home movies for the first time, along with other rare footage, creating an intimate, complex and fascinating portrait of the Nixon presidency as never seen before.

Screening tickets are \$20 and will include a post-screening discussion panel moderated by Chris Frost, a professor in the University of Kentucky College of Law. Frye, along with other distinguished, invited panelists will participate. Complimentary popcorn will be available for all ticketholders and beverages can be purchased at the concession stand. All proceeds from the event will go to The Friends campaign for theatre upgrades.

On Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Nick Ryan's Saloon, a favorite downtown restaurant, located at 157 Jefferson Street, will donate 20% of the day's lunch and dinner proceeds to The Friends campaign. In addition, artwork created by five local artists will be on display and available for purchase. A "Seat In" reception will be held at the restaurant that same day from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25, and will include one drink, appetizers and the opportunity to meet the artists and purchase the artwork.



District resident Bruce Barnett's Red River Moon will have its encore showing at the Kentucky Theatre on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., with music at 7:00 p.m.

Twenty percent of all arts sales will be donated to the campaign to help cover the cost of new seats for the theatre. Menu and drink items for the day will follow the classic movie

theme of *Gone with the Wind*. Local artists participating are Ann Nave Bass, Sue Wilmes, Norene Mara, Deborah Westerfield and Marcia Cone. Reservations are recommended for dinner by calling Nick Ryan's at (859) 233-7900.

To date, \$546,042 has been raised toward the campaign goal of \$1.5 million. The Friends have raised \$296,042 from the private sector and Mayor Jim Gray and the Urban County Council included \$250,000 in the city budget for the project.

The mission of the Friends is to preserve, renovate and enhance the Theatre and create a fund for its continued maintenance over the coming years. The 90-year-old cinema in Lexington has become a cultural institution through the historic grandeur of its building, its iconic Marquee and the diverse, community-centered programming it provides. A charitable fund has been established with Blue Grass Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) and donations can be made online by clicking [here](#).

## Helix Garage Goes Technicolor

Fireworks aren't the only thing that will help light up downtown Lexington on Independence Day. The Helix Garage, located at the corner of



Main Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, will get into the patriotic spirit Thursday with new red, white and blue lighting. The 80 LED lights can be programmed to be any color or pattern. They were installed by Kentucky-based company Vincent Lighting Systems, which has also installed colorful lighting on the Empire State Building. Total cost of the project was around \$100,000, paid for with Lexington Parking Authority proceeds.

"The lights enhance the architectural detail of the Helix's circular exit ramp and are a dramatic way to brighten up downtown," said Gary Means, Executive Director of the Lexington Parking Authority. The lights will be turned on beginning at sundown on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will remain on until 3:00 a.m. The red, white and blue theme will continue throughout the weekend. Going forward, the lights will be a nightly feature of the Helix Garage. The Lexington Parking Authority is considering ways to incorporate public ideas for colors and designs.

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## Summerfest Is Back at the Arboretum

When you assemble 45 actors, 40 technicians, 25 staff members, a stage newly built each summer, compelling plays and musicals, wonderful sponsors, 12,000 enthusiastic audience members, you will have an idea of the magnitude and degree of pure fun that invades the University of Kentucky's Arboretum for three weeks each July. This wonderful creature is Summerfest.

SummerFest is Lexington's vital and compelling Summer Theatre experience. It began about 28 years ago as The Lexington Shakespeare Festival, and in 2007, under a new Board of Directors and staff, became Summerfest, one of the region's oldest continually operating Summer Theatre experiences. Generations of many families congregate out under the stars, enjoying a picnic basket, perhaps a little wine, and some of the best theatre that this area has to offer.

From this Saturday through July 14<sup>th</sup>, Summerfest presents *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie, directed by Vanessa Becker. Peter and the Darling children will take flight utilizing innovative custom built puppetry and elaborate staging created by guest artist Travis Lope and Conservatory students. The gate opens at 7:00 p.m. and the show begins at 8:45. To buy tickets and for reserved blanket information, click [here](#).

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

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In case you missed your favorite Councilmember making sausage at the University of Kentucky Meats Lab, you're in luck. Click the Play button above to watch last month's episode of LexPlore. This month's episode will detail the measures necessary to set up and set off fireworks at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival in Downtown Lexington. That segment will start running on GTV3 tomorrow.

## Kenwick Neighborhood Block Party

1<sup>st</sup> Block Bassett Avenue

Saturday, July 6

4:30-11:00 p.m.

### Schedule of Events

- 4:30-6:30 –Fun and Games
- 6:30-8:00 –Let's Eat
- 8:00-10:00 –Music and Karaoke
- 10:00-11:00 –Clean Up

This doubles as a going away party for Nathaniel Perkins, who leaves for basic training July 8. Please come and wish him well.

- Food—Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and condiments provided. Please bring a dish to share.
- Drinks—Bottled water and ice provided. Your cooler of liquid refreshment welcome.
- Corn Hole and Other Games
- Music and Karaoke
- Kids' Activities