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5th District Newsletter

*News and announcements from
around our community*



**Council Recess Edition
Details for the District**

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- You are invited to attend a neighborhood meeting to hear details from the city’s Division of Water Quality (DWQ) regarding the Ecton Park Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th 2013, at 6:30 pm, at Christ The King Church. Attendees should park in the Providence Lane parking lot of the Church, enter through the glass doors and turn left to the small meeting room. This portion of the project involves the reconstruction of approximately 1,800 feet of large diameter sanitary sewer in and around Ecton Park.
- If you are receiving this newsletter at your old in-sight.bb.com address, please bear with us. We are working to update our database as quickly as possible. If you have not sent us your new twc.com address, please do so by responding to this e-mail.

Time for Crime Discussion—Mark Your Calendars

Dear Neighbor,
Our residents in Kenwick have reported a rash of crime-related incidents over the past few weeks to where it seems we have a consolidated effort within the Kenwick and Fairway neighborhoods, as well as the 3rd District Mentelle neighborhood, to commit crime. Neighbors are using RaidsOnline.com as well as reporting break-ins on their various Facebook and social media avenues. These residents make a concerted effort to report suspicious activity to the non-emergency police numbers.

Last week, I asked Commander Doug Pape to retain reinforcements in the area. In addition, the Kenwick Neighborhood Association has scheduled a special meeting with Commander Pape to dis-

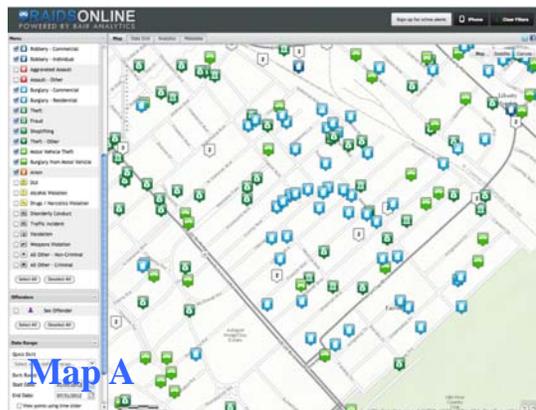
cuss neighborhood concerns. The meeting will be held August 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenwick Community Center, 313 Owsley Avenue.

I asked Commander Pape for a pre-meeting update on activity within the area, particularly after specific mention of the 300 block of Bassett Avenue has been a source of social media concern. His response was enlightening.

“First let me address the Bassett Avenue, 300 block complaint. We have received several complaints on this location over the last year. We have followed up on those complaints going as far as searching a specific house on one occasion. At this point, other than the complaints, nothing leads us to believe that they are engaged in criminal activity. We will continue to keep an eye on this location but we approaching a threshold of harassing the occupants.”

“Secondly I would like to address crime in the Kenwick neighborhood. We have placed a great deal of extra attention in this neighborhood this year, especially during our Third Shift hours. Year-to-date compared to the same time period last year, overall reported crime in Kenwick is actually down more than 30%. Theft and Burglary offenses within that reported crime are down just under 30% at 28%.”

Map A on the left shows crime between January and July of 2012, while Map B shows the same time period for 2013. Commander Pape went on to say that he credits the neighbors using social media and other communications with reducing crime, “But at the same time that communication makes it seem as though crime is out of control.” As those



This information is available at RaidsOnline.com.

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Horses That Serve Featured on Versailles Road Viaduct Banners

The Corridors Commission has many great places to help make Lexington more beautiful and special. This part of Versailles road welcomes so many and this public art project ties horses and history together for all to enjoy. As Chair of the Corridors Commission, I am happy to report that today LFUCG, the Corridors Commission and the Friends of Versailles Road unveiled banners that will decorate the Versailles Road Viaduct near downtown Lexington. The banners feature four horses that currently serve the community and are based at the Kentucky Horse Park. The horses being featured are members of the Central Kentucky Riding for Hope organization or the Kentucky Horse Park Mounted Police. You can read the bios of the horses chosen on page 3.

Regarded as “The Horsemen’s Corridor,” Versailles Road is the gateway to downtown Lexington for travelers from points west, including Blue Grass Airport, Woodford County, Frankfort, Louisville and the Martha Layne Collins Bluegrass Parkway. The route includes iconic horse farms and historic Keeneland and Red Mile racetracks. Oliver Lewis Way, which was named after the African-American jockey who won the first Kentucky Derby in 1875 astride Aristides, connects Versailles Road with Newtown Pike, which leads to the Kentucky Horse Park.

“The installation of these colorful banners is in-



This project is the result of hard work from multiple districts, residents and the Kentucky Horse Park.

tended to encourage other organizations to promote civic, cultural, national and international events with their own banners,” said Paula Singer, president of the Friends of Versailles Road.

Welcome banners were first placed on the Versailles Road viaduct in 2010 for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, an event attended by more than a half-million people from around the world. In 2011, Keeneland placed banners along the viaduct to recognize its 75th anniversary. The Corridors Commission considers matters of aesthetic qualities, landscaping, signage and other elements of the major roads of Lexington and Fayette County. In fall of 2012, the commission voted to fund the project to recognize service horses. The banners will be displayed until December.

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of you who attended our last district-wide meeting may remember, Commander Ken Armstrong expressed the same thought. Social media is great for reporting suspicious activity and recent thefts, but as a result will make us all more alert and that may also make us feel more uncomfortable simply because we are more aware. We can help make reduce this problem by making it increasingly harder for criminals to conduct their business, and on the 27th, we can talk about how.

For the Fairway neighborhood and the surrounding area, Lieutenant Dean Marcum reported that, “From July 11th through July 25th, Central Sector officers on Second and Third Shifts conducted an extra patrol for the Menifee and Fairway neighborhood areas. Officers did not locate any suspects or observe any suspicious activity during this period. A review of the Menifee area did not show any vehicle beak-ins during the extra patrol period. We will continue to monitor accordingly and please let me know if you need further assistance.”

I encourage those of you who are interested to attend the August 27th meeting at the Kenwick Community Center. We would all like to reduce crime in all our neighborhoods and this meeting is in part to help with that discussion and suggest things we can do to protect ourselves. Bring your questions and concerns, and as always, report suspicious behavior to the Police by calling the non-emergency number at (859) 258-3600. Keep an eye out for your neighbors, keep your garage doors down and report all theft, regardless of the value lost. In the meantime, enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

—My best, Bill

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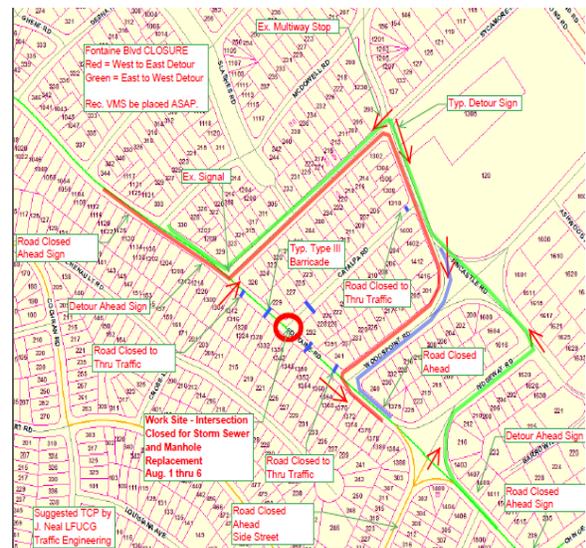
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In Case You Missed It

In an e-mail blast earlier this week, I let you know that the intersection of Fontaine Road and Catalpa Drive will be closed and traffic will be detoured around it until Tuesday, August 6th, for sewer work. As our Streets and Roads folks were resurfacing the area earlier this summer, a 30-inch ceramic pipe dating back to the early 1900s collapsed and work being done ground to a halt. Plans are now in place to repair this storm water main, and with those plans will come some inconvenience while traveling though the area. The map at right shows the detour route we'll need to take when traveling in the area. Many thanks to our Streets and Roads crew for working on this problem as quickly as they can.



*Above: Use this route when travelling through the Fontaine/Catalpa area.
Right: Crews found dating back to the early 1900s approximately eight feet below the surface.*



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.

Coming In to the Homestretch!

From left to right, Woody, a 13-year-old Thoroughbred gelding who has been used to teach students in The STABLES about horsemanship and horse training. Racing as Sylvan Approval, the Kentucky-bred won three races in 11 starts and earned \$19,095. He spent 10 years as an eventing horse named "Brushfire" before joining CKRH in February.

Hoss, a 14-year-old Mustang/draft gelding who participates in horse summer camps, therapeutic riding, hippotherapy, therapeutic riding and horsemanship for military service members and equine-facilitated learning for students in The STABLES, a program at CKRH for students of Fayette County Public Schools. He has been at CKRH since September 2009.

John R., a 9-year-old Thoroughbred gelding who has been involved in Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship for military service members, equine-facilitated learning for students in The STABLES; and equine-facilitated mental health programs. Racing as Impressive John R., the Kentucky-bred won two races in 26 starts and earned \$34,077. He was retired from racing to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and joined CKRH in September 2011.

Representing the Kentucky Horse Park Mounted Police is Dinero, a 6-year-old Percheron-Thoroughbred gelding. Trained in basic equitation, jumping, obstacle work and crowd control, Dinero is regularly ridden by trooper Roy Foster on daily patrols at the Horse Park. He was donated to the Horse Park by Asbury University in 2011.



IT'S TIME FOR WATERFEST

A Community Open House



KENTUCKY
AMERICAN WATER



Learn how we take water from the river and transform it into nationally recognized tap water. Stop by for a water treatment plant tour, educational exhibits and demonstrations, children's activities, and refreshments.

Representatives from several of our community partners will also be available to share information about their organizations and how we work together.

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Stop by anytime between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**Kentucky American Water
2300 Richmond Road
Lexington, KY 40502**

*Parking located across Richmond Road in the Southland Church parking lot.
Shuttle buses will bring guests to our property.*

Please note: Tours of the water treatment plant include walking up and down stairs, and a portion of the tour is conducted outside.

**Treatment plant tours. Educational demonstrations. Prizes. Facepainting.
Light refreshments and more!**

WE CARE ABOUT WATER. IT'S WHAT WE DO.