



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:

- One lane of St. Margaret Drive will be blocked at St. Michael Drive, St. Teresa Drive and St. Christopher Drive through Friday, September 13th for utility work.
- The Annual Kenwick Yard Sale will take place this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Come buy some great stuff from your neighbors! Click [here](#) to view participating households.
- The Bluegrass Business Development Partnership announced Wednesday that NOHMs Technologies, an R&D company for lithium-ion batteries, is locating in Lexington and will be creating 162 new jobs in the area. For more information on NOHMs, visit www.nohms.com.

Short Week Not Short On Activity

Dear Neighbor,
Any week with a Monday holiday brings Friday faster! The Council did not have a Work Session this week but activity did continue—especially close by.

I was honored to introduce the DiMartino/Osland Jazz Orchestra on Sunday for Jazz on the Lawn at Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate. A great crowd greeted the wonderful weather in one of Lexington's most beautiful places for a first-class concert. Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate is a National Historic landmark, museum and educational center that celebrates the life and times of one of our nation's greatest statesmen, Henry Clay, known as "The Great Compromiser."



To become a Friend of Ashland and to learn how you can give back to this landmark estate, click [here](#).

The estate includes Henry Clay's mansion, 17 acres of green space, gardens and walking trails and is not funded by the city, state or federal government. In fact, Ashland is owned and operated by the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)3, and is eligible for donations. There are many ways to contribute and all are appreciated. Please check out the picture herein and follow the link in the caption to become a Friend of Ashland. Then take a moment to stroll the grounds and find your way to become part of the Clay legacy that lives on today here in Lexington. After the concert, I joined Mayor Gray as part of the Prayer Walk for Peace civic engagement activity. Rallying from Immani Baptist church down Georgetown Street puts feet, hearts and minds in the neighborhood. I was glad to join the

group and enjoyed the walk. All Council districts have crime but the recent spate of gun violence in that area was and still does warrant our consideration and prayers. Other walks are upcoming. Participate in one and know you are making a difference.

On Wednesday, all Council Members were invited to the existing senior center on Nicholasville Road for coffee, Spalding's doughnuts and a tour. The number of folks and activities ongoing while we

were there was eye-opening for those who had not visited before. Exercise, bingo, billiards and just good old-fashioned catching up were the order of the day. There is great excitement among those there for the new center to be built and a demon-

strated need for more space to help with this ever-growing part of all communities. My excitement grew too for what the new center to be built in Idle Hour Park will mean to not only the seniors, but the current park visitors and neighbors of all ages.

On Wednesday evening, the Urban County Government Senior Center Work Group—empanelled since the council vote—met with the board of the Idle Hour Neighborhood Alliance (IHNA). It was a productive first step made better with the anticipation of upcoming change. From that meeting, two members of the IHNA board will now be part of the work group process. Remastering this park to welcome a new 30,000 to 40,000 square-foot building for senior services

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Grant Money Is Once Again Up for Grabs

The Division of Grants and Special Programs is now accepting applications for the Neighborhood Action Match Program. This program supports eligible neighborhood associations in carrying out improvements in their neighborhoods and communities. The funds are to match the cooperative efforts and voluntary contributions of neighborhood individuals, businesses, schools and other organizations. The maximum amount awarded to a neighborhood association is \$10,000.

An eligible neighborhood association must, at the time of application:

- Be established and in operation as a private voluntary, non-profit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and;
- Have a complete slate of elected officers and a governing body composed of at least sixty (60) percent of neighborhood residents. Neighborhood associations should also be registered with the Division of Planning.

The application and instructions are available on the city's website by clicking [here](#). The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 31st. Appli-

cations and all supporting materials must be submitted (no faxes or e-mails) to:

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Division of Grants and Special Programs
200 East Main Street, 6th Floor
Lexington, KY 40507

Last year, the 5th District received thousands of dollars in grant money for gardens, public art, neighborhood infrastructure improvement and the like. If you have questions about the process, please let us know.

Multiple Solutions Are Soon to Impact Kenwick

After a long process, the Division of Code Enforcement has obtained permission from the court system to demolish the property at 357 Preston Avenue. The demolition contractor has abated the asbestos in the structure and it is on schedule to come down next week. Please use caution when traveling through the area.

Concern has been raised that since the pair of stop signs went up on Menifee Avenue last year, some folks now avoid it all together and speed down Sherman Avenue, thus avoiding all stop signs and raising the average speed on the roadway. The Division of Traffic Engineering will perform a traffic study at the intersection of Sherman and Monroe Avenues and review the signs and pavement markings along the entire length of Sherman Avenue. They will measure traffic volume and speed information at that intersection and make recommendations for traffic calming from the study and their field investigations.

Our thanks to Howard Stovall for raising the question about the steel plates that seem to have disrupted the now-smooth ride down Lincoln Avenue. According to Albert Miller, Acting Director of the Division of Streets and Roads, "We are installing new manholes in conjunction with all the streets we are resurfacing as a better way to make a better, smoother surface. This program has been ongoing for two years with great results." As can be expected when new replaces old, sometimes bumps in the road will occur. Thank you for your patience as we pave our way through the 5th District and in Lexington as a whole.

Tates Creek Road Sidewalk Project Weekly Update

Week ending September 6, 2013

- Sidewalk construction has been completed on the west side of Tate's Creek Road from the Enclave to Alumni Drive.
- Detectable warning tiles have been installed.
- Excavation is complete on east side from Alumni Drive to the existing sidewalk.
- The sidewalk has been installed up to Turkey Foot Road.

Plans for next week

- Work continues on the conduit for the pedestrian signals at Alumni Drive.
- This week it was too wet to cut the sod, so that work will start on Monday.
- Work will begin on Section two south of Alumni Drive on the west side.

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UK Attempts World Record

Watch out for flying balloons if you're over on the UK campus to-night. You might just get wet. More



than 4,000 people will hurl 125,000 water balloons in attempt to recapture the Guinness World Record for the world's largest water balloon fight for the University of Kentucky.

UK held the world record until three weeks ago when Brigham Young University broke it with 25 more participants and 1,000 more water balloons, topping UK's August 2009 record. The event, hosted by UK's Christian Student Fellowship, is the culmination of K Week, UK's welcome for new and returning students. The event will take place at the Pieratt Student Recreation Fields, adjacent to the Johnson Center on UK's campus starting at 11:55 p.m.

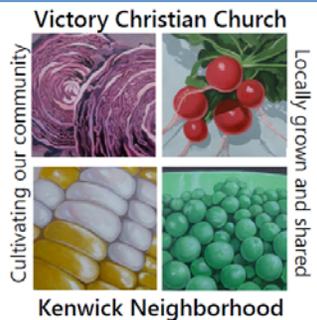
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and balance improvement opportunities will be a tall order. I believe it can be done. The logistics of moving the football field are the first focus. That will entail moving up some of the sanitary sewer work there too. This is multi tasking at its finest. Some green space will be lost, but new amenities will grace the park for young and old alike to enjoy. The only unintended outcome from my viewpoint is the need for Morton Lacrosse to relocate in the spring while the new field settles and grows. I'm glad to have been a proponent for the new fields we are building on Reynolds road near Lexington Christian academy.

All of this while the excitement over the Tates Creek Road sidewalk continues to grow along with the progress on the sidewalk itself. People are taking pictures and having continuing social media conversations about this long anticipated project.

In closing, Go Cats! Have a great weekend.

My best, Bill



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Kenwick Neighborhood

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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.

9-11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMBS. Honoring Firefighters Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice on September 11, 2001. New Locations Across the U.S. * Proceeds Benefiting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE. I will JOIN THE 9/11 DAY MOVEMENT.

The 11th Annual Edward T. Houlihan
Halfway to
St. Patrick's Day

O'Neill's Irish Pub ♦ 2051 Richmond Road
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5:30-8:00

McTeggart Irish Dancers

Bagpiper Kevin Murray

Liam's Fancy Irish Music

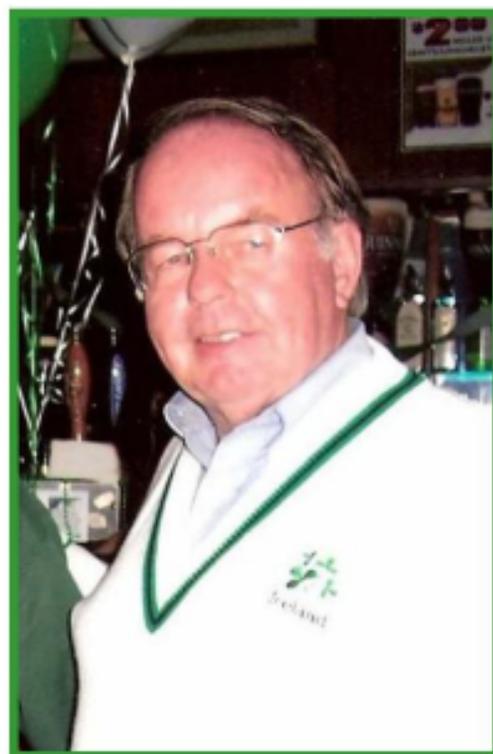
Guest Bartenders

Silent Auction

Lamb Stew & Brown Bread
By Guest Chef Mary Parlanti



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Admission: \$10 at the door

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