



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:

- Citizen involvement is needed by the Division of Police as they go through the National Accreditation Process. On September 16th and 17th, you are invited to share your opinions, experiences and suggestions for the Division of Police as they undergo this process. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Please note that the free produce pickup at the Kenwick Community Garden will not take place on this Saturday morning as the produce will be donated to the Victory Christian Church supper.
- The Ashland Neighborhood Association (ANA) is inviting its neighbors to join the ANA Google group. The group is for all residents within the neighborhood; you do not have to be a dues paying member to join. Click [here](#) to join the group.

Fund Facts: A Brief Clarification

Dear Neighbor,

What a beautiful Friday it is. Early this morning when I stepped out to get the paper—yes, a physical paper—the ever-so-pleasant smell of roasting peanuts at the Jif plant greeted me. Later on the way to work the also wonderful smell of hickory smoking all the fine things at Billy's Bar-B-Q again made me so happy to be in Lexington for this fine early fall weekend.

Now, on to business. The supposed "surplus" that the Council and Mayor have had some dialogue about has captivated local media as well as some of you this week. As the Mayor suggests, we all have been prudent and responsible with your tax dollars. The city—just like you and I—has ongoing needs just like we have mortgages and various other payments. Sometimes when we balance our checkbooks we are happily surprised. That's not exactly what's gone on here but it is akin to it.

The Administration has seemingly had a hard time settling Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 to a balance so that we can all see where we stand. In fact at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting when this was on the agenda last

week—an item I placed in committee—the presentation about fund balance was theoretical, not actual. In other words, a discussion of what the terms mean and not the actual figures involved. After waiting to have this discussion and make decisions, this presentation did not sit well and left for me at least a sense of frustration. That's what led some Councilmembers to act to take some funds off the table. The Council has done so in the past, but not recently and not since The Recession of our lifetimes.

The Mayor and Council do accomplish well together but for now there's an urgency to place some funds for certain on the Council side of the ledger. I have not felt that way and have not been supportive of the efforts to do so, but the discussion makes for great news here locally.

Rest assured that the public's well being and the best use of tax dollars will guide me and all those making these decisions. Enjoy this crisp weekend and all it has to offer.

My best,
Bill

Smart911 Improves Responder Safety and Efficiency

Did you know the Urban County Government offers a free service to help you when you call 911? No one plans to call 911, but now you can plan ahead. Once you've signed up, first responders will be provided important information that will help them address your emergency. This information—including photos, medical issues and current location—can help Police, Fire and EMS locate and help you.

Smart911 is a free service that allows you to create a Safety Profile for your household that includes any information you want 911 to have in the event of an emergency. Then, when anyone in your household dials 911 from a phone associated



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Cell Tower Moves Upward

Crown Communications has ordered the new cell tower for the Duke Road location and expects it to arrive by the end of this month. In the meantime, Crown has obtained the building permit and begun some work at ground level when it arrives, such as drilling for the new caisson (tower foundation) and clearing and digging for installation or relocation of utilities. Once the new tower is up—hopefully by the end of October—Crown will move the antennae, cabling and the like from the old tower to the new and install Verizon's new equipment. That process could take a few weeks; after which the old tower will be removed.



Some neighbors have expressed concern about the noise and disruption associated with the drilling, but Crown doesn't expect that to continue past this week. In the meantime, Crown has committed to limit drilling to between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you have additional questions, click [here](#) to contact Christopher King, attorney for Crown Communications.

Public Meeting Set for Rupp Arena, Town Branch Commons

If you want to tell the architects working on the reinvention of Rupp Arena what you think or weigh in on the plans for Town Branch Commons, come to a public meeting from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 18th at the Kentucky Theatre. Robert Mankin from NBBJ, the lead architect working on Rupp and a new convention center, and Kate Orff from SCAPE/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, winners of an international competition to design Town Branch Commons, will offer brief presentations and then listen to your suggestions.

"There is no specific design for Rupp yet," Mayor Jim Gray said. "That makes this the perfect time to hear from the public." Previous NBBJ projects include Pauley Pavilion at UCLA, the Staples Center in Los Angeles and Hangzhou Olympic Stadium in China. Orff's winning design integrates history, geology, and ongoing development initiatives into a thread of new public spaces along the path of Town Branch as it weaves through downtown. Lexington was named on the banks of the creek in 1775.

Potluck Picked Fresh in Kenwick

Rachele Snellgrove started as pastor of Victory Christian Church on March 31st of this year with a membership of 20 to 25 in worship. That number has grown recently to over 65 in worship. "There is energy, new people and children who are going to events. People are excited about being a part of something that gives them meaning and a feeling of belonging," said Snellgrove. "I think the community garden is a big part of that. People in the community are seeing this partnership, realizing that this church is not right wing fundamentalist or extremely left wing. Rather it is a moderate place that encourages people to find what they believe and know that no matter what that is, they are loved and accepted! It's exciting to be a part of it all."

Snellgrove is trying to create a bridge between the church and the people in the neighborhood. The goal is to create community, relationships and a space where all feel welcome. "I want Victory to be more than just a pretty building that plays bells!" she said.

The church is in need of over \$30,000 in repairs and in order to raise funds will hold a concert in conjunction with the Kenwick neighborhood. The Tallboys, Bruce Lewis, David Ponder, Warren Byrom and Ruby Wiant will perform on Saturday, September 28th from 2:00 until 7:30 p.m. There will be harvest games and a Bar-Be-Que potluck with side dishes from the community garden that the church and Kenwick share together. Sara Constantine will conduct a cooking class the morning of the event and will cook dishes for the potluck.

This is a casual event and will include a raffle for both items and half of the "money pot." The church has obtained an anonymous donor who will match up to \$10,000 of funds raised. For more information about the event, click [here](#). To watch our latest Explore interview with Pastor Snellgrove, click [here](#).



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Skuller's Clock to Reclaim Its Place in History

The Skuller's Clock, circa 1913, has been a familiar sight on Main Street since Harry Skuller moved his jewelry store from its original location on South Limestone to 127 - 129 West Main Street around 1920. When the shop moved two doors to the west in February 1931, the clock was relocated too. It remained the "calling card" for the business until 1984, when the store was closed following the death of Mrs. Lena Skuller, who had operated the store daily until a week before her death at the age of 95.

This handsome dual-faced street clock was made by the Brown Street Clock Company of Monessen, Pennsylvania and includes the maker's name cast in its base. The round-faced clock is topped with neon lettering spelling out the jewelry store's name. A pair of three dimensional eyeglasses, to advertise the optometrist lab associated with Skuller's Jewelry, were located just below the clock face. In 1974, the clock was considerably damaged during a windstorm, when the clock head fell to the street.

The clock was repaired and modernized in the 1970s, however, over the years it worked only intermittently and finally stopped. In 2010 it was taken down to allow for the infrastructure repairs being done on Main Street. Once removed it became apparent just how much restoration the clock really needed and the City of Lexington Historic Preservation Commission committed to take on the renovation, raising the approximately \$30,000 necessary to fully restore the clock, based on historic documentation.

Now, it's time! On Friday, September 20th, at 7:15 p.m. a ceremony to "Reset the Clock" is being held at the clock's same location in front of 115 West Main Street. We hope you will join with us to welcome this newly restored historic street clock back to its home on Lexington's Main Street.



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.

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with your Safety Profile, your profile is immediately displayed to the 911 call taker providing additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location.

At a time when seconds count, being able to provide 911 with all details that could impact response the second an emergency call is placed could be the difference between life and death. For those who have a physical disability or mobility restrictions, it is vital for responders to know about the person, their disability and what type of assistance or special equipment they may need to evacuate their home or receive transport.

For citizens who are affected by epilepsy, diabetes, Alzheimer's, allergies or other medical conditions Smart911 can inform responders of your condition as well as medications and emergency contacts. For active seniors living alone a Safety Profile can provide peace of mind that in the event of an emergency 911 would have details on their home and their medical needs. For caretakers, they can be assured that if the person they care for needs to dial 9-1-1 when they are alone, their details are available and the caretaker can be listed as an emergency contact.

For citizens with pets or other animals your Safety Profile can alert police to their presence when entering your home and Fire crews can be aware of exactly how many people and pets need to be evacuated from your home. For owners of a service animal, you can alert responders that your animal needs to be transported with you. To create your Safety Profile, click [here](#).