



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 Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for RFP #28-2013 Design Services for Replacement Senior Citizen Center to be provided in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications established herein. Sealed proposals will be received in the Division of Central Purchasing, Room 338, Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY, 40507, until 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on November 5th, 2013. If you would like a copy of the necessary requirements, click [here](#). There will be a pre-proposal meeting on Friday, October 18th at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time at the current Senior Citizen Center, 1530 Nicholasville Road. Due to space limitations, this meeting shall be limited to two persons per firm and the walk-through shall be limited to one person per firm.

City Will Not Pursue Lorillard Lofts Site As New Center for Homeless

Mayor Jim Gray today said the city is not pursuing a proposal to locate a facility for Lexington's homeless population at the Lorillard Lofts on Price Road. Ginny Ramsey, director of the Catholic Action Center and the Community Inn, organizations with no connection to the city, proposed turning the lofts into a "Wayfinder Center," which would offer shelter and an array of services to those who are homeless. Ramsey has said it would cost approximately \$5 million to buy the property and \$1.6 million to rehab it.

"My staff met with Ms. Ramsey again today to let her know that, after serious consideration, we can't support the Lorillard project," Gray said, who said in the past few weeks the idea has been explored in public meetings, meetings with Ginny and in discussions with Councilmembers. "The project doesn't have the ingredients to make it successful and there's no feasible plan for the city to consider. The property does not have appropriate zoning; neighbors have serious concerns and questions that have not been addressed; it's an aggressive and expensive concept with unidentified ongoing expenses; and there are no signed commitments for major funding or program support from community partners, which are essential to making it a reality."

Over the past two decades, the community has made sizable investments in facilities on Loudon Avenue, including the Hope Center Emergency Shelter for Men, a cafeteria and a residential substance abuse program; as well as the Hope Center for Women and the Chrysalis House in the Versailles Road

area. "We're always committed to finding more effective, more efficient ways to help," the Mayor said. "We welcome ideas from anyone, but we feel this isn't the project to pursue right now."

The city is committed to helping those in need and each year provides funding for shelters at the Salvation Army, the Hope Center, Arbor Youth Services and other social service agencies that provide a variety of services to those who are homeless, Gray said. "In addition the city is preparing to take a lead role by establishing an office to coordinate homeless prevention and service delivery with community partners, including the Catholic Action Center, to find better ways to help and to make sure public funds are spent as effectively as possible."

This new city office is one of the central recommendations from the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness, which identified several areas where more programming is needed, including programs for people who are chronically homeless and have serious and persistent mental illness.



Free Mulch!

Yard waste collected by the city's Division of Waste Management during the past several months is now mulch material and



will be given away for free this and next Saturday. The mulch will be available from 8:00 a.m. to noon, or until the supply is gone. The mulch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to one pickup truck load per person.

The mulch can be picked up at the former city landfill site, 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Please enter through the gates of the former landfill and exit through Jimmie Campbell Drive. There will be signs to guide you to the mulch pick-up area. For more information, call LexCall 311 or (859) 425-2255.

Tates Creek Road Sidewalk Project Weekly Update

Week ending October 11th

- The sidewalk has been installed in front of Immanuel Baptist Church down to Speedway.
- The sidewalk has been installed in front of Centenary Methodist Church.
- Crews excavated for the sidewalk in front of Speedway.
- Crews excavated in front of Tates Creek Christian Church.
- Crews excavated between Old Dobbin Road and Rebecca Drive.
- Work continued on the pedestrian signals at Alumni Drive.
- A short curb has been installed at Alumni Drive.
- As of today, sod is being placed down in this area.

Plans for next week

- Crews are to install a form for the retaining wall between Old Dobbin Road and Rebecca Drive.
- The sidewalk will be poured at Speedway.
- Crews will excavate from Tates Creek Christian Church toward Albany Road.

Hands Off the Flags!

If you walk through Idle Hour Park these days, you will notice an array of flags dotting the landscape, marking the path of work to be done by geotechnicians, the Division of Water Quality and multiple utility companies prior to the excavation work that will take place as we move toward building the new senior center. These flags are all important for one reason or another. The removal of said not only impedes progress, but could also prove dangerous for those workers who must—for personal safety reasons—know where certain utility lines are buried.



We have had reports now that some flags have been removed from Idle Hour Park. Those flags were specifically put in place as warning markers as to the location of underground utilities so that drill rigs testing soil depth and the like don't hit them. The removal of these flags creates concern for obvious reasons, and we are appreciative of the vigilance all neighbors using the park have exhibited in promoting the utmost safety of the senior center project moving forward.

And remember: In any instance—whether transforming a neighborhood park for the bigger better good to working in your own back yard—you should remember to call 811 before you dig.

Zombie's Hands May Fall Off!

Zombie rehearsals for the Thriller Parade have begun! In each rehearsal the entire zombie dance sequence to *Thriller* will be taught. Prospective zombies are welcomed to attend as many rehearsals as they like, but you must attend at least one regular rehearsal and one staging rehearsal during the process of preparation for this event.



Rehearsals will take place at the Barrel House and Carver Community Center. For more information on dates and times, click [here](#). To follow the event on Facebook, click [here](#). This year marks the 13th anniversary of the annual live performance, which will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th with festivities beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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Lexington's JOBS Plan: A Targeted Approach to Attract and Expand Business and Jobs

What follows is the Administration's explanation of how the Lexington JOBS Fund could be constructed should monies be allocated to support the endeavor. We aspire to keep you in the loop, so please evaluate the information, and if you wish, provide the 5th District Office with feedback.

"The JOBS fund is a recruitment tool to attract and hold onto good paying jobs in targeted business sectors and encourage local business expansion."

Mayor Jim Gray

Lexington is significantly behind the curve on funding economic development when compared to many peer cities with aspirational programs. To help close that gap, Mayor Gray has proposed the creation of a city fund to make smart investments that directly boost job growth.

Today the City invests in traditional business recruitment and expansion activities through Commerce Lexington, and it joins the state on eligible incentive projects. But as Kentucky's state economic development budget dwindles -- a 58% decrease in just the past four years -- smart local investment and incentive programs should be an added tool Lexington adopts.

Here's a look at the competition: Albuquerque has a \$5 million economic development fund to create incentives for closing investments. The county surrounding Cleveland created a \$100 million fund for economic development organized around innovation, redevelopment, and business growth. And other cities are investing significantly in their economic development strategies in conjunction with federal or state funds for which companies are eligible.

To increase Lexington's competitiveness in attracting companies with high-wage jobs, to grow existing businesses and to foster entrepreneurship, we must broaden and strengthen our current economic development capabilities. At the outset, we cannot match what our peers are doing dollar-for-dollar. But we hope to invest in our community in a smarter way. The JOBS fund would

allow the Lexington to provide gap financing—through loans or grants for capital investment and workforce training—to companies that are already investing significant dollars to add jobs in high-growth industries. Those include healthcare related businesses, technology and innovation oriented companies, advanced manufacturing employers and operations centers for professional service firms with global operations like Bingham-McCutchen, the law firm that recently located in Lexington filling about 250 good paying jobs.

While investing in this effort is important, it's also essential to minimize risk and protect the public's investment through a transparent selection process and legally sound agreements. That's why each application for the JOBS plan fund would be reviewed by the city's professional staff and an independent board of community members. Final approval would rest with the city council. And if jobs goals are not met, then businesses should be required to repay or forgo incentives they've been approved to utilize. Unemployment is declining, but there is a long way to go. Job creation should be our top priority, and this investment is certainly worth our attention and consideration.

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.



6th Annual

2S 2ND SUNDAY



BE THERE. BE HEALTHY.

October 13, 2013 - 2-5p.m.

Join Us on the Legacy Trail

A Kentucky Horse Park: 2-5pm: \$5.00 adults admission and free for kids under 12 and under along with Free parking
Must present 2nd Sunday sticker for parking and admission (each individual), so be sure to hit the Legacy Trail first. Note: For the safety of our guests, equestrians and horses, BICYCLES ARE NOT PERMITTED on park grounds beyond the main visitor parking lot or campground (without permission of the KHP Mounted Police).

B Spindletop Hall: Drinks and Snacks

C All along the trail: Walk, Run, Rollerblade, Walk the dog, Frisbee, Bike, Skateboard, Push a stroller

D Coldstream Trailhead:
2-5pm: Fayette County Extension, Fayette County 4-H, Fayette County 4-H Dog Club Drill Team, Capoeira Volta Ao Mundo, North Central Area Health Education Center, Bluegrass Greensource, Susan G. Komen Lexington, The Biggest Loser RunWalk Lexington Registration

E All along the trail: Walk, Run, Rollerblade, Walk the dog, Frisbee, Bike, Skateboard, Push a stroller

F North Lexington YMCA:
2-5pm: YMCA, Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, Hydration Station, Community Action Council, Better Bites Bike, Youth Bike Activities, Hula Hooping, Health Expo
2:30pm: Group Fitness Walk



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