



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:

- **Road Closure Alert!**
Please be advised that portions of Fontaine Road will be closed from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday of next week. Manholes will be raised to match the new pavement grade. Unfortunately, most of them are in the center of the road making it necessary to detour traffic around the work areas. This should be the last step in the resurfacing process.
- Due to technical upgrades necessary to continue effective communication with you, the 5th District Newsletter will take a break next week.
- Victory Christian Church will host a Trunk or Treat party on October 26th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Decorate a trunk and hand out treats as children in costumes come and play. Food and games will be on-hand.

City's Innovative Spirit Attracts Code for America Expertise

Lexington is one of 10 local governments nationwide chosen to be part of the 2014 Code for America program, where innovative local governments team with civic-minded technology experts to improve government service. "This project is all about continuous improvement. Setting the bar high," Mayor Jim Gray said. "That's what Lexington is all about. Getting up every morning and thinking, 'How can we improve today what we did yesterday.' Citizens of university cities like Lexington want a high quality of life, and Code for America helps raise the bar through innovative solutions and improved services."

At the Code for America Summit in San Francisco this week, Code for America announced the winning governments, along with the 31 Fellows who will work

with them. Code for America Co-Executive Director Bob Sofman said, "Each of these 10 governments has a remarkable commitment to innovation and is supported by forward-thinking and dedicated staff. This top-notch combination of Fellows and governments ensures a productive year and long-lasting partnerships."

Working with the governments, the Fellows will explore new approaches to resolving local challenges by building computer applications to engage the community and collaborate with other local governments. Over the past three years, the Fellowship program has produced more than 75 web apps in collaboration with 20 municipal governments.

Each year-long Fellowship project costs \$360,000, which is funded through a

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The Truth Behind the Mask

While sometimes we would like to, you can't always believe everything you hear in the news. Recently broadcast locally, the Division of Police will apparently crack down on anyone over the age of 12 wearing a mask or disguise this Halloween. Fortunately, this is completely untrue.

Lexington does have on the books the [Lexington Disguise Ordinance](#), which prohibits "anyone over the age of 12 to wear a Halloween mask of any kind in any public place in Lexington, KY." However, there will be no targeted effort by police to stop, search, ID or question anyone who appears to be over the age of 12 wearing a mask. According to Lexington Division of Police spokesperson Sherelle Roberts, "Police officers will be using common sense and discretion in applying this law. Anyone who is being disruptive, causing issues or is behaving suspiciously while wearing a mask will be handled appropriately."

Police also suggest that you ensure that your children's costumes and masks do not inhibit their ability to walk, move or see appropriately. Try to apply reflective tape or a reflective element to costumes to make them visible after dark. Finally, chaperones of small children—who wish to wear a costume—should consider something that does not limit their field of vision (i.e. face paint instead of a mask).



The Street Voice Council of Lexington Proudly Presents the First Annual Festival of the Streets

The Street Voice Council, a group made up of men and women who are struggling with or have overcome homelessness, serves as a voice for those that are often underrepresented. Members of the Street Voice Council work to bring awareness to issues of homelessness and promote collaborative approaches to addressing needs.



Click [here](#) to go to the event's Facebook page.

The First Annual Festival of the Streets will offer our community the opportunity to get to know the people that call the streets of Lexington home. The festival will highlight their unique gifts and talents and celebrate the humanity that we all share.

Pottery, artwork and other crafts will be for sale; all handmade by members of the Street Voice Council. Food, live music and other entertainment will also be offered. Patrons can join in corn hole, chess and domino tournaments, or play BINGO. Story and poetry walls will display depictions of homelessness from the unique perspectives of men and women that have experience living on the streets of Lexington.

The event is free, will offer fun for all ages and will take place on Saturday, October 19th at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza, 120 North Limestone, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information about the Street Voice Council or to learn of ways to get involved, contact caclexky@twc.com or call (859) 514-7210.

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combination of local government resources and community matching grants and donations from a number of foundations, companies and individuals. Lexington's fellowship includes \$180,000 in private funding; click [here](#) for more information. The 10 governments for the 2014 program were selected from a pool of 50 applicants. In addition to Lexington the governments are: Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, N.C.; Chattanooga, TN.; Denver, CO; Long Beach, CA.; Mesa, AZ.; State of Rhode Island in partnership with the City of Warwick, R.I.; San Antonio, TX; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Details on each government project are available by clicking [here](#). Code for America is a non-profit organization. For more information, watch Founder Jennifer Pahlka's TED talk: <http://codeforamerica.org/TED>.

Central Bank Thursday Night Live Spooktacular Costume Contest Marks the End of the TNL Season

Thursday, October 31st is the final week of the 2013 Central Bank Thursday Night Live Season. The 2013 season kicked off on April 4th and provided a record 31 weeks of free public concerts to tens of thousands of residents and guests visiting downtown Lexington.



Downtown Lexington Corporation staff plans to close out the season in style with a spooktacular night of fun at the Fifth Third Pavilion at Cheapside Park. This Halloween themed Central Bank Thursday Night Live will be even more exciting with a costume contest, trick or treating stations and other fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Be sure to arrive on time to begin the trick or treating stations that will take place from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m. Local nonprofits will be on hand to help the children celebrate this special night. The night's festivities will continue with costume contests for all ages (pets included!). Get creative and you will have the chance to win great gift basket prizes. The winners will be announced at 6:15 p.m.

As always, there will be beverages, food and live music from the band Radio 80. There will be no admission charge to come and enjoy the Halloween night. Just whip out your best costume and be ready to have a spooktacular time. Remember to keep all costumes family-friendly!

The bus stops here.



Many dreamed it, many donated to it.
We built it.
Now it's time to come see it.



It's Time to Break Out the Rake

Leaf collection is set to begin across the county on November 4th and continue until late December. This program is only for residents who receive trash collection through the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, not those who have private trash collection. There are several options available to you. You can utilize your Lenny yard waste container or the 30-gallon paper yard waste bags, which are available at a variety of local retail stores. The bags are free for those who live in the Urban Services Area.

Qualifying residents should have recently received coupons in the mail. Those who did not receive them or who need more can call LexCall at 311. The Lenny cart and the yard waste bags will be picked up on your regularly scheduled pick-up day. (You can also take leaves to the Haley Pike composting facility free of charge. There is a limit of two pick-up truck loads per month.) After determining when the Leaf Collection Crew will be in your neighborhood, all you need to do is rake your leaves to the area in between your sidewalk and the street. (Do not rake your leaves into the street. You can receive a citation or fine.) You will need to have this done the Sunday before your collection week. Remember that there will be only one collection-truck pass through each district this year.



Bella Rose Brings Style to the Kentucky Theatre

On Thursday, November 14th, Bella Rose will join with the Friends of the Kentucky Theatre to present a fashion show at the theatre, to be followed by a screening of the film *Amelie*, by French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet and starring Audrey Tautou. The film has been described as “an illuminating mix of magic and pragmatism.”

Sponsored by Bella Rose and Friends of the Kentucky Theatre, the evening begins at 6:00 p.m., with a fashion show featuring the best holiday and party fashion of the season worn by local models. Food and drinks will be generously provided by local downtown restaurants a la Lucie, Le Deauville, and Portofino. Attendees may enter a raffle to win a \$330 Bella Rose gift certificate.

The much-loved independent film will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance at Bella Rose, 126 West Maxwell Street or at the Kentucky Theatre, 214 East Main Street. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Kentucky Theatre, a fund established with the Bluegrass Community Foundation, for theatre upgrades. For more information click [here](#).

Friends of the Kentucky Theatre, a group of civic-minded members of the community, recently united to raise \$1.5 million to pay for urgently needed upgrades for Lexington's most famous and beloved movie house. A charitable fund has been established with Blue Grass Community Foundation, a 501 (c)3.

Tates Creek Road Sidewalk Project Weekly Update

Week ending October 18th

- Contractors continue to move at a rapid pace—34% of the sidewalk has been installed.
- The sidewalk has been installed in front of Tates Creek Christian Church.
- Excavation is complete for the sidewalk inbound on the 3200 block of Tates Creek Road.
- Excavation started on the outbound side between Albany Road and Lansdowne Drive.
- Crews continued to excavate between Rebecca Drive and Albany Road.
- Crews continued working on the pedestrian signals at Alumni Drive.
- The brick wall has been removed.

Plans for next week

- Crews will complete the gaps between Alumni Drive and Albany Road.
- Contractors will work on Saturday, October 26th.
- Crews will start pouring the retaining wall between Old Dobbin Road and Rebecca Drive.
- Excavation for signal poles will begin at Albany Road.
- Crews will continue working on the Alumni Drive intersection.

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HEROES DAY at Keeneland

Sunday, October 20

Keeneland recognizes the men and women who serve our community.

All military (active duty and veterans), first responders - police officers, firefighters, EMTs - and their families will receive free general admission and access to reserved grandstand seating.

Gates open at 11 - First race at 1:05 p.m.



Click here to learn more about Halloween events around the city

LEXINGTON FORUM

The Lexington Forum Presents:
2014 State of The City Address & Luncheon

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.

LEXINGTON HEARING & SPEECH CENTER
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

Frankel

COCKTAILS & CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 7:30PM
Lexington Hearing & Speech Center
350 Henry Clay Boulevard, Lexington

TICKETS - \$75

Featuring Petite Bites and Hors d'Oeuvres from Lundy's
Casino-style games, including Blackjack and Craps
Silent & Live Auctions
Black Tie Optional

Special Guest Host Marvin Bartlett from the

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