



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



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Bullet Points of Interest:

- We are currently seeking recommendations for upcoming Gems of the District. If you know of anyone who deserves recognition, please click [here](#).
- While the 5th District e-mail list is already lengthy (and growing), it still only represents a fraction of the households in the district. If you are involved with a neighborhood, church group or other organization that could help us spread the word about signing up for the e-mail list, please e-mail Jessica Gies at jgies@lexingtonky.gov or call (859) 425-2283.
- **Tates Creek Sidewalks Next Week:**
 - Finish pedestrian signals at Alumni Drive, Old Mt. Tabor Road and Dove Run Road
 - Pour piers for signal poles at Albany Road
 - Work on new entrance at Tates Creek Christian Church
 - Excavate outbound lane from Lansdowne Drive to the Fire Station
 - Start on the segmental wall at Rebecca Drive
 - Pour the sidewalk outbound from Lansdowne drive to Robin Road
 - Pour sidewalk inbound from Albany Lane to Lansdowne Drive

Trick or Treats of the Trade

Dear Neighbors,

This weekend starts off with a “Boo” as there’s still tricking and treating to be done tonight from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Enjoy!

Idle Hour Park/Senior Center

The background meetings and those that set the stage for the design and build of the new Senior Citizen Senior continue and are fruitful. The building of the new sports field and working out the options for practice and play are taking center stage. Of particular interest right now is the expression of commitment by the Council and Administration for the park itself. In view of the changes that will take place in the planning and building of all parts involved, I want to reassure neighbors and those that use the park that your concerns are of definite note.

To that end the Administration brought a budget amendment to use \$300,000 of the currently-budgeted funds for the building for park upgrades. That has been approved. During the “fund balance” discussions, Councilmember George Myers played a central role in helping persuade the full Council that \$150,000 for field improvements in Idle Hour Park was needed. That too has now been approved. Summing up: That’s \$450,000 set aside to uniquely improve this historic and well-loved park as it is updated to include the new Senior Center. Thanks again to Councilmember Myers, the Council as a whole and Mayor Gray’s Administration.

Sidewalking

The Tates Creek Road Sidewalk Project is well ahead of schedule and already is being embraced and enjoyed by the community. I know you can see the progress for yourself but with some intri-

cate exceptions the new sidewalk is pretty much either in or taking shape all the way to Lansdowne Drive. Notable this week is the beginning of the whole new traffic signal system at Albany Road. That means that both Lansdowne and Albany will have whole new signalization including pedestrian crossing and the most efficient system to move both people and vehicles. Nice additions, both.

Turkeyfoot/Galaxie

The dig and replace sanitary sewer replacement near Ecton Park is underway. I don’t have pictures this week but there’s some big equipment out there! The back yards of several homes are affected and the pipe is stacked in the Ecton Park parking lot. Here’s hoping for as speedy and as nice a job as we have all enjoyed so far on the sidewalk project.

Reynolds Road Fields

Our Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Jerry Hancock, has decided to retire at the end of this month. I called to congratulate him for his “time served” and a job well done. As we spoke he updated me that the four fields we have been carving out of park land in Shillito Park are now level and have been seeded and strawed for the first time. A gravel parking lot will follow and in the spring a second seed and straw will take place. Once the fields settle and are well grown irrigation will be added. Jerry has done a great job. Folks enjoying these fields will only be part of his great legacy. If you would like to e-mail him your thanks, click [here](#).

Enjoy this crisp afternoon!

My best,
Bill

Hold Onto Your Rakes! Leaf Collection Across the County Has Been Delayed

The city's 2013 Leaf Collection program has been delayed and is now scheduled to begin on Monday, November 14th and continue through December. There will be no leaf collection on Thurs-

day, November 28th or Friday, November 29th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The leaf collection program is for Fayette County residents who receive city waste collection services. Those residents get a single vacuum pickup.

To find out when the leaf collection crews will be working in various neighborhoods, you can visit the LFUCG website www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves for a complete listing of streets and when those areas will be serviced. You may also call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

Once you have determined when crews will be in your neighborhood, you need to rake your leaves into piles in the service area between the sidewalk and the street. You should not rake leaves into the street, since it can cause traffic hazards, is unsightly and can result in a citation and/or fine.

The leaves need to be raked into the service area the Sunday before the scheduled collection week. Piles should contain only leaves; other objects such as tree limbs and rocks can result in injuries to crew members or can damage the equipment.

You also have the option of using Lenny yard waste containers or the 30-gallon paper yard waste bags that are available at grocery stores and other retail locations. The bags are free to those who live in the Urban Services area, and you should have received coupons for them in the mail. If you didn't, call LexCall. The Lenny and the yard waste bags will be picked up on your regularly scheduled solid waste pickup day. You can also take up to two pick-up truck loads of leaves a month to the Haley Pike composting facility free of charge.



Development Conversations On the Rise for New Government Campus

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) will soon issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking a development team to find creative options for undertaking construction of a new municipal building for the LFUCG as well as redevelop the air rights above the Transit Center Garage, the Phoenix Building (101 East Vine), the current Government Center (200 East Main), and the Switow Building (216 East Main). An image of the area is shown below. At this stage, the request is for qualifications.

The details of the project will be further developed over the coming weeks. This is a process that began in 2008 when the city hired FM Solutions to come with a plan for the city's downtown buildings. Due to the financial downturn, the project was set aside; however the fiscal risk of the current campus continues to grow. LFUCG's downtown buildings, which are old and in need of major capital investment, are hemorrhaging money. The four year average operations and maintenance for the Government Center, Switow, and Phoenix is approximately \$1.6M. Consolidation may reduce that amount by half or more. Capital maintenance and utility costs are projected to rise aggressively in the coming years.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) believes that in addition to addressing the LFUCG's immediate and long-term fiscal and facilities interests, that redevelopment of the campus can also meet the goals set forth for new downtown residential, commercial and retail set forth in the *Downtown Master Plan* (2007), *LFUCG Housing Market Study*(2009), and *Commerce Lexington Strategic Vision* (2011). If you have questions about this project, contact Jeff Fugate, President of the DDA, at (859) 367-4972.



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GoodGiving Guide Challenge Seeks to Raise \$1 Million

Now in its third year, the 2013 GoodGiving Guide campaign officially kicks off today with a goal to raise \$1 million for 108 regional nonprofits in two short months. The campaign was initiated in 2011 by Smiley Pete Publishing and the Blue Grass Community Foundation, as a means to educate the community about the work of local nonprofits, and encourage and facilitate community giving. Utilizing a centralized, user-friendly website, where even the most tech-frustrated donor can learn about participating nonprofits and move quickly and easily to donate, the challenge makes a special effort to target first-time givers and other demographics that might not be the usual suspects when it comes to philanthropic giving.

“The thing we loved when we first heard of this model was how it utilized all the tools we already knew in our business — that is, making publications, building websites, e-mail marketing and social media. We do this work every day,”

said Smiley Pete Publishing co-owner (and 5th District resident!) Chuck Creacy. “With the fundraising expertise of the Blue Grass Community Foundation, we felt equipped to take on and succeed with such a project.”

Starting with a goal of \$100,000, the initiative brought in \$205,000 for 58 nonprofits in its first year. The campaign more than doubled that amount in 2012, raising \$586,000 from 4,106 donations, coupled with matching and challenge grants that were established with the help of local business to bolster individual gifts.

“The contributions of those challenge grant sponsors make the difference between lemonade-stand giving and real game-changing giving,” said Lisa Adkins, president and CEO of the Blue Grass Community Foundation, which has helped secure

more than \$450,000 in matching grants this year already from family charitable funds at the Foundation along with individual and corporate sponsors. The Knight Foundation, Clark County Community Foundation and Boyle County Community Fund have also offered significant nonprofit challenges and matching pools for this year’s campaign.

“With this kind of starting boost, we expect to not only meet but exceed our \$1 million goal on behalf of the 108 participating nonprofits,” Adkins said.

While most donors give because they believe in the work of the organization, re-

wards for donors, which range from theater passes, massages and free meals to pottery and cooking classes, private tours and dinners, serve to encourage first-time, additional and increased giving. New to the 2013 campaign, donors will “shop” for more individualized gifts rather than receiving a set package of rewards for each giving level, with a

diverse collection of prizes and rewards from local area restaurants, retailers and businesses at every level of giving.

New this year, a GoodGiving gala will take place December 6th at the Carrick House, with all proceeds from the event going to the Challenge. For details, tickets and information on contribution packages for the gala, call (859) 225-3343, or visit GoodGivingGala.org.

For more information and to donate to your favorite nonprofits as part of the GoodGiving Guide Challenge, visit www.goodgivingguide.net. Physical copies of the Guides are available for pick-up at Smiley Pete Publishing located at 434 Old Vine Street, or at the Blue Grass Community Foundation located at 499 East High Street, Suite 112.



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