



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Thanksgiving Edition Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- As we begin the holiday season, it isn't a far stretch to remember the days when we all weren't so "connected" to gadgets and technology. Social media, used by many of our neighborhoods in the 5th District, certainly does prescribe an immediate connection; but consider using it to see what your neighborhood is up to. Then get out and put a name with a face this season.
On that note, this is a good time to update any neighborhood association board changes. To do so, click [here](#).
- The 2014 Partners for Youth Grassroots Allocation Grant applications will be available on December 13th to programs serving at-risk youth. Applications are due January 31st, 2014 and can be found at www.partners4youth.org. There will be a Technical Assistance Training on January 8th, 2014. Call (859) 258-3119 by January 3rd to reserve a seat for the training.
- The 5th District Office will be closed until Monday, December 2nd. We are grateful for your support and wish you the happiest start to the holiday season.

A Few Words Before We Gobble

Dear Neighbor,
With Thanksgiving this week, there was no work session on Tuesday. As we enter December, the calendar compresses before the winter recess. We will have Council meetings on the 5th and 10th. I will be part of meetings on RFPs (Request for Proposal) to finalize the design firms for the new Fire Station Number 2 in Eastland on the 4th and for the new Senior Citizen Center in Idle Hour Park on the 11th. While day-to-day work will go on, that will end the official 2013 schedule.

The Mayor will be on hand for the tree lighting at Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate this Sunday. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. and include photo ops with Santa Claus and the Ashland mistletoe sale, either of which will create warm memories of the holiday season. My thanks to Christina Bell for her continued dedication to this yearly effort. I hope you will join us for this special neighborhood event.

For now I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday week. As I have said before, this truly American celebration has become my favorite. It is a time to unite with friends and family, spending some time—I hope—contemplating all that we in this country have to be thankful for. Closer to home, Lexington is special and also worthy of being thankful for. While we may have not solved every problem that exists, we are, I believe, uniquely poised to make great strides. While we value our one-of-a-kind landscape, we also need to value all who call Lexington home. As you take time to pray or worship, also give thanks for the opportunity to continue to help those in need around us.

If the 5th District Council Office can ever be of service, please call or e-mail as you like. It is a pleasure to serve on your behalf.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Bill

'Tis the Season to Set a World Record

What began as an idea to partner with local schools and come together for an event has now turned into the potential to break a world record. On Wednesday, December 4th at 9:30 a.m., Lexington Catholic students, faculty and staff, together with six area schools, will attempt to break a Guinness Book World Record for the Largest Secret Santa gift exchange. LCHS is joining with six area schools (Mary Queen, Seton, St. Agatha, St. John, St. Leo and Sts. Peter and Paul) to attempt this record. After a mass for the 1,500 participants, students and adults will exchange gifts (valued at \$3 or less) to their pre-designated gift recipient.

Justin Sealand, LCHS teacher and coordinator of the event says, "The gift isn't what's important. It's about being together, doing something together and sharing a mass." Charity bins will be available to immediately donate their gift following the mass.

Marty Brown, LCHS Senior, "We were thinking of a way where we could invite people to be involved in an event at LCHS and we thought of the Secret Santa idea. We thought this would be a really cool, unifying experience if we got together with many of our Catholic partner middle schools. Once we added up numbers, we realized that this was a large amount of people. So then we checked the Guinness Book of World Records and saw that we would have enough people to actually beat the Secret Santa record. For the past three months we have been talking to Guinness and the middle schools participating, and getting everything ready so this event is successful!" If you'd like to help set the record and have questions, contact jsealand@lexingtoncatholic.com