



5th District Newsletter

*News and announcements from
around our community*



One Hundred Twenty-third Edition
Details for the District

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All the Leaves Are Brown, And I've Called Mayor Gray

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- From the Division of Police for those of us who live in the 5th but work in the 3rd: “We are tracking an increase in commercial burglaries to businesses in the Chevy Chase and surrounding area. Rest assure that Patrol, Special Operations, and the Bureau of Investigations are actively working together to identify the suspect(s) involved in these thefts. We recognize the impact these crimes has on our community and have active mark patrol presence within the area and are engaged in other investigative means to solve these crimes. We welcome any information from you and your constituents about these incidents as our continued community partnership will assist us in stopping these crimes.

Contact the Division of Police for any suspicious activity that is observed as every tip is critical in solving such crimes. Sometimes it is a tip that seems insignificant that aids us in solving these crimes.

Thanks for your assistance and cooperation.”

Dear Neighbor,
It seems to me that no amount of holiday cheer will distract from the recent spate of local business breaking and entering. From the Cup of Commonwealth shop to the Speedway on Old Mt. Tabor the extended Chevy Chase business area has seen too many incidents. While some businesses on Harrodsburg Road have also suffered, my focus is closer.

The merchants have closed ranks and are in better communication with one another and those around us. The Division of Police has already added an extra patrol in the area over the last couple of days and among other things the canine unit—when not on call—will be on station hereabouts. For local merchants this all underscores safe business practices during this the biggest season of the year for many. Don't leave unsecured cash on the premises. Try not to open or close alone or while it's still dark and if you encounter a questionable character or someone with odd requests don't hesitate to call the police.

One or more individuals are preying on all of us and with the police and the locals working in tandem it will be stopped. Remember if you see something that looks peculiar it probably is. I called the (859) 258-3600 number a couple of Fridays ago myself. After dark, in the cold a gent on a bicycle with a shipping box almost too big for his handlebars seemed out of place to me. As traffic would approach he would steer into a driveway pretending to be at his destination when I knew he wasn't. Just an example but given so that you too will pick up the phone rather than doubt yourself. The city has not lived up to its part of the bargain this year on leaf collection.

Besides having a crime focus today I've has a leaf collection focus. This afternoon and evening as much of the Chinoe, Fontaine, High Street and Richmond Road area will be collected as possible, with a follow up on Monday.

Last year we picked up 900 tons of “harvest” this year 1,400 tons and counting! In part of the most recent rearranging of government the leaf collection function has been housed in the Division of Streets and Roads. That works as long as there's not an early snow as we have had this fall. When the weather turns those folks have to shift over to first pretreat and later either shovel or scrape. It's the shifting that has caused many a neighbor to rake their leaves to the curb only to watch them lay there and begin to kill the grass while waiting for collection. My goal for next year is to reorient our local government to the need for leaf collection especially in many of the signature neighborhoods that provide the green canopy for so much of the year.

Moving the leaf collection duty to a better place in government is my priority. If your leaves have still not been collected please let me know. We have said we will pick them up and we will. Thank you for your patience.

The most important meeting I was a part of this week was with the group making the final decision about the architect for the new senior citizens center. The new center will be built in the Idle Hour Park pretty much as soon as possible. The original eight firms that made submission for the project had already been narrowed to three local firms. Each made presentations and took questions from the representative group

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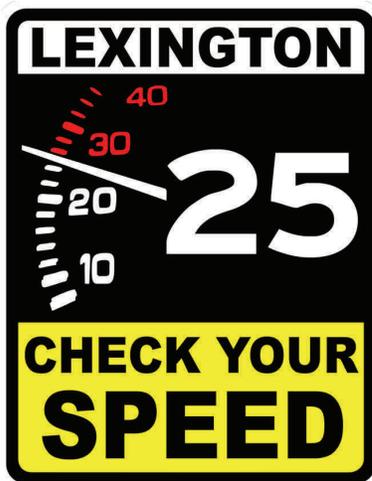
Not Idle About Speeding!

Recently, questions have been raised about speeding in the Idle Hour Neighborhood. We asked the Division of Traffic Engineering to chime in on the subject and this is the response we received. We would like to hear your thoughts if you are a resident there. This could also apply to other neighborhoods.

"I checked out St. Ann Drive and St. Margaret Drive yesterday. Both streets already have speed limit signs posted for traffic coming from Richmond Road and if a driver enters that neighborhood from Young Drive, they will pass a 25 mph sign on St. George Drive.

"With that being said, I recommend installing some Check Your Speed (CYS) signs on St. Ann and St. Margaret and keep the existing speed limit signs in place. The CYS signs could be posted at strategic locations further into the neighborhood where they would make more of an impact. I have attached a figure to this message of a CYS sign. *(Shown below.)*

"The red bordered speed limit signs are something Traffic Engineering doesn't want to use too much or with they will lose their effectiveness. I would rather do a traffic speed study, which is the first step in this direction according to policy, to see if there is enough of a speeding problem before we posted red bordered speed limit signs. Related to this, I checked our files and traffic engineering does not have any recent traffic studies on either St. Ann or St. Margaret.



"While the CYS signs are also considered special signs, they are supplemental to existing speed limit signs and can be helpful in residential areas. Please let me know if this is something we can proceed with."

Opportunity to Support the Kentucky Theatre and Find Interesting Christmas Gifts

A special gallery of fine local art is now on display in the State Theatre lobby through December 29th, just in time for the holiday gift-giving season. The artwork has been assembled by a generous and charitable group of 19 local artists who will donate 20-50% of all proceeds from the sale to the Friends of the Kentucky Theatre renovation campaign. A total of 23 works of art are on display and available for purchase.

Artists participating in the fundraiser include Whitney Baker, Anne Nave Bass, Neil Bell, Marcia Cone, Blake Eames, Madelaine Enoch-Epley, Anne Kindl, David Kring, Christine Kuhn, Marco Logsdon, Marianna McDonald, Guy Mendes, Anne Rutherford Pass, Pondell, Helene Steene, Lawrence Tarpey, Mary Wathen, Deborah Westerfield and Baron Wolf.

This is a unique opportunity to support local art and help preserve a grand and historic community venue while celebrating the holiday season. For more information please contact the Kentucky Theatre at (859) 231-6997 or click [here](#).

Members of the Friends of the Kentucky Theatre, a group of civic-minded citizens, are working 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.

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of government including the Vice Mayor and myself. In the end the presentation and partnering aspects of the EOP architecture firm were deemed the best. They are the same firm that helped Southland Christian Church redesign Lexington Mall into a satellite campus. Our new building will take on a different form and look but will also give Lexington its first Active Adult Community Center! I left the meeting excited about the possibilities and looking forward to the next set of stakeholder and neighborhood meetings to determine how great a building and community we can create.

My Best, Bill

Holidays Around The
World



Gem Knows How to Save to Buy Them!

This week's Gem of the District advises how not to be pennywise and pound foolish. If you need advice as to how to follow that idiom, you'll contact Sherry LeMaster. This week, we sat down with Sherry and asked her how she lines her cookie jar. This is what she had to say.

Q. First of all, tell us who you are and what you do.

A. I am a native of Chevy Chase and graduate of Henry Clay High School. I completed both BS and MS degrees at the University of Kentucky. Following a rewarding career in higher education, I returned home to establish my career as an Edward Jones financial advisor. Soon following, I was joined by Ellen Rice, office administrator, also a Lexington native and Sayre School graduate, with a BA and two Masters of Education degrees. Together, we strive to provide the highest level of service possible, working 1:1 with you, to plan and manage for your financial future and those dearest to you.

Q. At what age should one start investing, and is it ever too late to do so?

A. The sooner one begins investing, the better. It is never too late. We serve individual investors and business owners. We follow a simple strategy that includes helping to "diagnose" your financial "health" today, determining where you would like to be at in the future, determining the most appropriate "path," and periodic reevaluation to "stay-on-track." Call us, or just stop by, anytime.

Q. What are some of the biggest fears you have encountered with people who are unsure of the stock market?

A. Our focus is helping you reach your long-term financial goals. We are in a business where everyone runs away when there is a sale. "Run" to us and let's



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Come to Our
Holiday Open House

We have a lot to be thankful for during this holiday season because of our friends, neighbors and clients. In that spirit, we invite you to join us for our holiday open house as we say "thank you" to our clients, friends and community.

Hosted by: Sherry R LeMaster and Ellen C Rice
When: December 20, 2013
4:00 PM until 6:30 PM
Where: 802 Euclid Avenue
in Chevy Chase

FREE PARKING

Refreshments will be served.

We hope you will join us. Please call 859-269-2203 by Wed, December 18.

Drawings for door prizes. Again this year, optional donation for the 82nd Lexington Firefighter Toy Program; must be received prior to December 12. Please note, Edward Jones cannot accept cash or checks as donations.

talk about taking advantage of an opportunity. Self discipline is more important to getting started than the amount of money you have. We work with any serious investor, regardless of age or stage in life, to help you navigate the financial world and achieve your goals. Our initial consultation is, and many following are, **FREE**. When the time is right, we do either, or both, fee based and commission based investing.

Q. You have a Holiday Open House coming up on December 20th. Tell us about that.

A. We want to share our success in Chevy Chase with our friends and neighbors, and express overwhelming gratitude to our clients. Stop by our Holiday Open House as you "wind down" the day, perhaps on your way home from work. Or, just pause for a minute to take time to stop by for fun, fellowship and refreshment. Submit your entry to win the guess of how high the Dow Jones Industrial Average will end the year!

Q. Do you have any questions or concerns for the 5th District?

A. I am grateful to be "home" and embraced, once again, by the warmth and hospitality of the Chevy Chase community. We are here to serve you. The quicker we begin to build our relationship together, the greater the potential we have to reap the financial rewards.

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Details for the District

Crime Takes a Front Seat in Chevy Chase

Contributed by Sally Lambert-Warfield

As you may have seen on the news or online, several small businesses in and around the 3rd District, which abuts the 5th, have been victims of burglaries. The 3rd District Office spoke with the Lexington Division of Police earlier this week and can confirm that they have stepped up patrols in the small business areas around High Street, including Chevy Chase. In addition, the police are stopping and speaking with people in the area late at night. The Lexington Division of Police will be holding a community meeting at the Morris Book Shop Monday 16th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss how to set up a business watch—similar to a neighborhood watch. They will also be including safety tips, and either Commander Douglas Pape or a lieutenant will be present to take questions about patrols and safety in the area itself.

The University of Kentucky Police Department is looking for help identifying a man who is a person of interest in burglaries happening on campus. The Lexington Division of Police do not consider the High Street burglaries and the UK burglaries to be connected. That said, [please review the image on UKPD’s Facebook page](#), and if you recognize him from the High Street area, please let the Lexington Division of Police know.

If you have any information about any of these crimes, but would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact [Bluegrass Crime Stoppers](#). You can call (877) 970-2020, use the [web tip form](#), or text “Tips2020” plus the content of your tip to 274637. (Standard messaging rates apply.)



Front and CentrePointe

Beginning Sunday, December 15th, construction activity on the CentrePointe block is expected to have a significant impact on traffic flow downtown. The Webb Companies, developer of the block bounded by Main, Vine, Upper and Limestone Streets, has received permits from the city for lane blockages near the site and for grading.

On Sunday, the block of Upper Street between Main and Vine Streets will be closed from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. while crews are setting up traffic controls and other construction measures. Traffic will be detoured to Mill Street.

The construction will shut down all sidewalks around the CentrePointe block and close the left turn lane of Limestone Street onto Main Street 24 hours a day. Motorists wishing to turn left from Limestone onto Main Street will have to use the center turn and through lane of Limestone. Pedestrians in the area will have to use the opposite sides of the streets while the sidewalks are blocked.

The project will also eliminate on-street metered parking near the construction. Concrete barriers and fencing will be placed around the site. The city grading permit allows some blasting, but the developers will have to obtain specific permission from the state before blasting can occur on the site.

“No blasting schedule has been set up yet,” said Derek Paulsen, commissioner of the city’s Department of Planning. “We will let everyone know in advance before that occurs.” Developers will also be required to comply with the city’s noise ordinance, which limits the hours blasting can occur.

Centrepointe developers have set aside \$4.4 million to restore the property to its current condition of a grassy field and horse farm style fence, or better, in the event that the development of the garage stalls without good cause. This conditional restoration agreement protects the citizens’ interest and may be an important component of other developments that use taxpayer money.

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.