



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



One Hundred Twenty-sixth Edition
Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- The 5th District Office as well as most government offices will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Division of Waste Management will adjust its collection schedule. Residents and businesses whose regular collection day is on Monday will receive their collection service on Wednesday, January 22nd.

Residents and businesses who normally receive Monday pick-ups should place their Herbies, Rosies and Lenny carts out after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21st to assure collection the next day.

Businesses that have city waste management services for their dumpsters (landfill-bound and recycling) and normally have pickups on Mondays will have their units picked up on Tuesday, January 21st. Businesses normally having pickups on Tuesdays will have their units picked up on Wednesday, January 22nd.

There's No Place Like Home!

Dear New Year Neighbor,
The Council officially began its new year with Committee, Work Session and a Council meeting this week. It was great to rejoin Council colleagues and the ranks of full time professionals that make Lexington work.

Excellence By Design et al

During the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, the work of the Design Excellence Task Force received a beginning endorsement so that the zoning parts of their recommendation can begin working through system. Specific guidelines and the incentives needed to make it all work will return to the Committee for further discussion and decision.

The Work Session featured contracts for action on both the new fire station number 2 and the new senior citizen center. The architects for both as selected are now ready to get to work. Special emphasis is being placed on getting field work done so the senior center has a place to sit in Idle Hour Park. Traffic and signalization studies will be the focus of follow-up meetings.

The Council Meeting on Thursday did allow for first and second readings of the bid for the Shillito Sports Field Irrigation project. This \$49,000 project is another step in the right direction on getting those four fields ready for all the children and the sports that they play.

Moving On Down the Line

I was also able to spend time with the Ecton Park sewer contractor on their progress. Despite a couple of water line breaks on Turkey Foot Road, the enlarged pipe is going in and they plan to "cross the creek" this week with the new sewer. The project is supposed to be

complete by mid February and when asphalt is available the park's parking lot will be updated and repaved. The patience of neighbors in the construction zone is to be commended. Some of the dig-and-replace has been rather invasive involving huge machinery that seems well out of place in these neighbors' yards. Again, the understanding and patience of the neighborhood is to be commended. As we enter into work on the Woodhill Trunk Sewer Project, I anticipate lessons learned in Ecton Park will be of great value.

Beefing Up Patrol

Fairway and the surrounding areas will receive some extra patrols after some house and car break-in activity. This is always sad to report but is helpful by way of reminding folks to lock up and be vigilant on behalf of your home and your neighborhood.

Time Warner Questions

As discussed before, many residents across Lexington have voiced their concerns about the Time Warner Cable franchise agreement. As of now, there are more questions that must be answered before that agreement can become solid. Rumors abound that other cable outlets are bidding to buy Time Warner Cable out, and in the meantime I have requested that questions you have submitted to me be addressed by our Department of Law. As those answers roll in, I will make them known here.

All that said it's great to be back at work for you. Next week will bring more opportunity and I'll be glad to recap it all right here again. Stay warm this weekend!

My best,
Bill

Fire Grant Pays for Free Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

In the United States, two thirds of all residential fire deaths occur in homes without a working smoke detector. Your first line of defense in a residential fire is early detection. A working detector could help you and your family get out safely.

The Lexington Fire Department is committed to Fire Prevention and the safety of Lexingtonians. Through a federal grant and the work of the Fire Prevention Bureau, the department has purchased smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and 9-volt batteries. The Fire Department will be installing new detectors and detector batteries free of charge to Fayette County citizens who are over the age of 50 or disabled. For more information on the smoke detector program you can contact the Lexington Fire Department Community Services at (859) 231-5668.

First of Four Yearly Household Waste Days Is Tomorrow

Fayette County residents can dispose of household waste for free this Saturday. This is for non-hazardous household waste and does not include hazardous materials such as paint, pesticides and motor oil. Residents can drop off a pickup truck load of bagged household waste and up to four, off-the-rim, tires for free between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the transfer station located at 1505 Old Frankfort Pike. No tire rims will be accepted.

Once again, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is partnering with the Bluegrass Waste Alliance Transfer Station to offer the free disposal day. The city offers the free disposal day four times a year: January, April, July and October, always on the third Saturday of these months. It normally costs residents \$60.50/ton to dispose of household waste.

Paint will not be accepted. Please take latex paint to the ReStore Habitat for Humanity store, at 451 Southland Drive. You should contact ReStore at (859) 252-2224 prior to taking the paint there. Appliances will not be accepted at the transfer station. Appliances should be taken to Environmental Recycling, Inc., located at 3899 Winchester Road.

Electronic devices, such as computers, printers, cell phones, microwave ovens and televisions, should be taken to the E-waste recycling facility at 1306 Versailles Road. For more information on the free disposal day, call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

Red Oak Soon to Come Down in Neighboring Woodland Park

The remainder of a 250-year-old red oak tree at Woodland Park will be removed during the first week of February if weather permits, according to Cathy Mobley, public service supervisor for the Lexington Division of Parks and Recreation. The tree has suffered ice storm and lightning damage and is diseased. The top of the tree has already been removed.



Photo by Mark Cornelison

The 250-year-old red oak tree has been a part of Ballet Under the Stars and the Lexington Shakespeare Festival for years.

The tree is near the park's border with Kentucky Avenue and was part of the set of Shakespeare in the Park's first productions more than 30 years ago. The red oak and other trees in Woodland Park were damaged by the ice storm that hit Lexington in 2003. As a result of being struck by lightning, the tree's health finally deteriorated. An inspection by a city arborist determined it had heart rot and was structurally weak.

Monarch Waystations Are Taking Flight and Idle Hour Should Be Proud of Its Own

The Lexington Public Library is looking for people who might be interested in helping to create a Certified Monarch Waystation. As we have reported here before, Beate Popkin and the Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance were instrumental in establishing and gaining certification for such a station at the intersection of St. Ann Drive and Richmond Road. The Library is hoping to plant this spring. This is a work in progress, and we will keep you posted as things come together and the Library issues specific requests for feedback or help. Meanwhile, please contact Naomi Clewett at (859) 422-6842 or at nclewett@lexpublib.com.

If you have interest in providing native plants for the garden, Clewett stated that it would be helpful to know what plants you could contribute. "That will be useful as we anticipate what expenses we may incur," she said. In addition, mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 12th when the founder of Monarch Watch, Chip Taylor, will lecture at the University of Kentucky. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Teaching An Old Dog Park New Tricks

The dog park located at Jacobson Park will be closed temporarily starting the week of January 27th, as work begins on upgrading and expanding Lexington's oldest dog park. The current site is a single, three-acre chain-link enclosure with a water hydrant. The redesign will increase the size to almost eight acres, divide it into two paddocks and will upgrade the fencing to the style found in other city dog parks. Additional seating for dog owners will be added along with a new walkway and an expanded parking area. The project is scheduled to be completed by the first of April.



Neighbor to the district, dog Zena Baron doesn't mind the snow at the Masterson Station Dog Park.

Lexington's other dog parks are located at Coldstream, Masterson Station and Wellington Parks and are great alternatives during this redesign. For more information on dog parks in Lexington, click here or call Parks & Recreation at (859) 288-2900.

Remembering the Man on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration will take place on Monday, January 20th. Participants who wish to join the walk that day should line up beginning at 9:00 am. inside the corridor of downtown Lexington Center, Heritage Hall on West Main Street. The march will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the commemorative program following at 11:00 a.m.

The theme for this year's program is "These Songs are Free: Music and the Movement." The keynote presenter is the renowned singer, composer, scholar and social activist Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon. Dr. Reagon, who earned her doctorate from Howard University, was active in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s as a member of The Freedom Singers.

Following the program, there will be a free showing of Lee Daniels' The Butler at the Kentucky Theater at 2:30 p.m. courtesy of One World Films. The film showing is free and open to the public.

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.

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