



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:

- The Kenwick Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwick Community Center. Staff from the Department of Emergency Management will be giving a presentation on how to be prepared in case disaster strikes.
- The city is inviting local businesses, and participants, to become a part of the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program. Last summer the LFUCG placed over 150 youth at businesses and organizations across the city. This year, the goal is to give 225 youth a job for the summer. Click [here](#) to view a letter to potential business leaders who could like to participate. More detailed information can be found on the [fact sheet](#). Click [here](#) to download an application for your business.

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Dear Neighbor,
Right now the 1,500 or so at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast on Monday seem both long ago and far away. Even the Mayor's Merged Government (now State of the City) Address on Tuesday seems like a warm but distant memory. The art of staying warm has become a matter of continued existence.

Let's break it down a bit. This 20th Unity breakfast was the biggest to-date, as was the march I believe. I was pleased to join Chris Ford at his table along with fellow Council Member George Myers and Richard Maloney. We were also joined by James Brown, President of the Radcliffe/Marlboro Neighborhood Association and Rasheedah El-Amin, the new Executive Director of the Lyric Theater complex. The program focused Lexington's future by giving over the program duties to present day high school leaders. It was refreshing.

The Mayor delivered at his best before the Lexington Forum for the charter-required update of all things Lexington-Fayette County. Some of his comments may have been met with a wry smile or raised eyebrow at each of the Council tables but no surprises or "gotchas" as can occasionally be the case. He's a builder at heart and Lexington is lucky have him dreaming on its behalf just now.

Remember that if you are at home over this winter blast, it's a perfect time to clean up or out. By reorganizing any closet your warm clothes from years past are now perfect to give someone much needed layering today. The quest for warmth is the most basic in the hierarchy under shelter. Or of the wisest sayings I know is before you take a step forward, take a step back. As we each do that, survey the horizon of human need here in Lexington. If each of us does something small and maybe even a little repetitive it makes a huge difference. Just as the cold smacks you in the face and that first breath startles you, use that is a moment of decision to act. We are warm. Our families are warm. Our city has a warm heart. Extending those benefits to all who find need in this time is what sets us apart. Do your best to cozy up this weekend.

My best,
Bill

Snow, Ice Impacting Waste and Recycling Collections

Snow, ice and below zero temperatures have been impacting residential waste and recycling collections this week in some isolated Lexington neighborhoods. Residents whose Herbie and Rosie containers have not been serviced are requested to leave the containers on the curb until collection trucks can reach them.

The city's Division of Waste Management is assessing the missed routes and determining how best to safely service the remaining streets. Collection trucks can be difficult to maneuver under the best of conditions and represent an even tougher challenge under the wintry weather Lexington has experienced this week. An empty truck can weigh between 35,000 to 40,000 pounds and can take on an additional 20,000 pounds, making it difficult to turn and stop on icy residential streets. All missed routes will be worked by crews until they are completed. Residents are asked for their patience as the city continues to work through the wintry weather.

Neighborhood Sustainability Grants Are Now Available

Lexington residents seeking an opportunity to help improve the city's environment are invited to apply for a 2014 Neighborhood Sustainability Grant. Lexington's Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works is providing the grants, which are to be used by residents to work collaboratively and creatively to improve the environmental health of Lexington.



Community gardens are great candidates for grant funds.

Grants are available for a wide range of projects including rain gardens, green roofs, community gardens, streamside restoration, recycling programs, beautification projects (outside only), rain barrel projects, the cleanup and restoration of illegal dumpsites, litter cleanups, street tree plantings and other projects that are determined to improve the environmental health of the community and meet the principles of sustainability. Public and private schools, all neighborhood and homeowner associations that are incorporated and have a complete slate of elected officers, churches and other nonprofits are eligible to apply for these grants.

Eligible applicants may apply for a maximum amount of \$2,500. These grants require a 100% match. A match can be materials, in-kind services or a combination of both. Documentation must be provided on the value of all in-kind supplies, materials and services. In-kind matches may include items such as documented use of vehicles or machinery, meals served to volunteers or volunteer hours worked.

More information and application materials about this grant opportunity are available at the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works website at www.lexingtonky.gov/greengrants. Applications must be postmarked or submitted to the department's office by 4:30 p.m. on March 3rd. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please contact Louise Caldwell-Edmonds at (859) 425-2800 or via e-mail at louiseec@lexingtonky.gov if you have questions or would like a copy of the grant application by mail.

Road Crews Plan for Round-the-Clock Shifts This Weekend

With a winter weather advisory in effect for Saturday, the city's Division of Streets and Roads and Division of Water Quality will move toward round-the-clock operations this weekend. The advisory is in effect from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, with the forecast calling for accumulations of snow from 1 to 4 inches.

"Road crews are preparing to apply salt and plow if necessary," said Rob Allen, acting Deputy Director of Streets and Roads. "On-call crews will report at midnight Saturday and may be required to report back at 8:00 p.m. Saturday through Sunday morning, depending on the amount of precipitation and road conditions," Allen said.

Please park your vehicles in your driveways and off the road. If you must park on the street, try to park on one side of the street only. Parked cars hinder the speed and efficiency of our snow removal operation. Motorists who need to travel this weekend should be extra careful as there could be ice under the snow in some places, particularly on neighborhood streets. For a map of streets salted and plowed by priority, click [here](#). For information about how streets are prioritized, click [here](#).

Chinese New Year Celebrates the Year of the Horse

The 2014 Chinese New Year Celebration by hosted by the Kentucky Chinese American Association (KYCAA) will be held tomorrow from 4:00



until 9:00 p.m. at the Lexington Opera House. The celebration will include a holiday market until 6:45 p.m. and a performance celebrating the Year of the Horse starting at 7:00 p.m. KYCAA is a non-profit and non-political organization and is committed to serving the communities in Kentucky by promoting the appreciation of Chinese culture and heritages and enhancing cross-cultural understanding through educational programs. KYCAA provides opportunities for interaction, networking, and collaborations among its members and between members and their communities.

The Chinese New Year Celebration is by far the largest and most popular Chinese cultural event in Kentucky. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Kentucky Theatre to Present *Pleased to Meet Me*

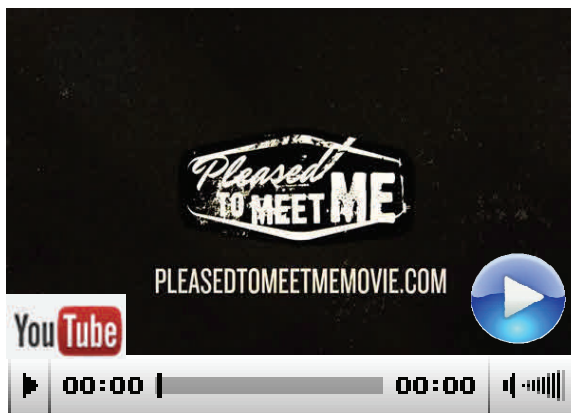
On Sunday, February 16th, the Friends of the Kentucky will present the Lexington premiere screening of the new film Pleased to Meet Me, shot in Louisville and surrounding areas in Kentucky. This is the third feature film written and directed by Kentucky native and filmmaker Archie Borders and co-producer Michael Fitzer. The film was produced by their newly-created production company, 180 Degrees.

The evening event will begin with a VIP reception from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Natasha's Bistro and Bar, where guests can meet and mingle with filmmakers and stars in an intimate setting. Tickets are \$40 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, libations and premium reserved seats to the film screening.

The event will also offer a chance to win a Theremin—an early electronic musical instrument featured in the film and signed by Loudon Wainwright, III. The instrument

will be on display at the VIP reception and raffle tickets will be available at the theatre pre-show and at the reception. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Kentucky. Prepaid reservations are required for the reception. Tickets may be purchased online at www.kentuckytheatre.com. The screening will immediately follow at 7:00 p.m.

After the film, there will be a 30-minute Q & A session moderated by Lexington Area Music Alliance President Tom Martin with film director Archie Borders, producer Michael Fitzer and stars John Doe and Karen Bergquist participating. Movie lovers who would like to attend the premiere only can purchase tickets for \$10. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.kentuckytheatre.com or at the theatre box office. Tickets may also be purchased the evening of the premiere on a first-come, first-served basis.



Pleased to Meet Me is a comical look into the unfulfilled dreams of making it in the music industry.

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.

Advertisement for '50 SHADES! THE MUSICAL' at Lexington Opera House on January 26. Includes a 'Click Me!' button and showtimes of 2 P.M. and 5 P.M.

Now open Sundays!

11:00am -- 7:00pm



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Advertisement for Bourbon Classic at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts from January 31 to February 1, 2014. Features images of a glass of bourbon, a plate of food, and a Facebook icon.