

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:

- Victory Christian Church will host its first Yoga and Meditation Group gathering on Wednesday, February 15th at 5:15 p.m. This will be a weekly event. Bring your mat, wear comfy clothes and come ready to just *be*. Go in the doors by the parking lot, through the fellowship hall and to Pastor Rachele Snellgrove's office. If anyone has a space heater, please let Rachele know.
- Lakeshore Village has established a community Facebook page for its residents. To request to join, click [here](#).
- On February 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Southland Christian Church, there will be a presentation on the "History of Idle Hour Neighborhood" put on by Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance. Come see the history of how streets were named, old pictures and the history of Breckinridge School. All are invited.

Thinking Toward the Thaw

Dear Neighbor,
Congratulations on having one more week of Winter 2014 here in Lexington behind you! With more snow in the forecast for the overnight and the temperature not getting above freezing for any sustained period for days, it's kind of tough to stay positive. So here's to another week that we can now start counting toward Spring 2014!

I believe that all of our Streets and Roads crews have performed admirably during this season of challenge. The salt barn has been replenished and we are ready for the next event. I've got to tell you that on Tuesday night after hours of icy rain, sounds scared me more than I ever recall. Using my ice storm experience I stepped out to lower my garage door by hand. I did this to avoid a problem opening it in the morning if the electricity went out. On Wednesday morning our power was out so score one for me!

As I turned for the house two sounds stopped me in my tracks. The first, that singular snap in the dark as aging ice-heavy wood gave way. That break followed by falling ice crashing like fine china to the ground poked deep into my subconscious memory. Now creeping more quietly toward the house, the sound of an unseen transformer arcing in the distance seemed like a grenade blast. I paused, gave thanks my lights were still on and began to ask the fine folks at Kentucky Utilities for help. I received reports and requests via e-mail, text and phone calls. All were dispatched as quickly as possible and most were repaired by time for work. How great to not have worse or more widespread problems.

The Council held its budget retreat today and while this was only the first of many deciding times I was most taken aback by my colleagues lack of understanding of how important and essential the leaf collection service is to our community. The service has most recently been both downgraded and not efficiently produced for the public to use effectively. I know the Administration is now looking at the issue for focus but even with that going on, an astounding 10 Council Members preliminary indicated a true lack of support for what at the very least is an Environmental Quality issue as leaves clog storm drains. I will keep you well informed here as this service is provided for real load-bearing reasons that all need to understand and hopefully appreciate.

A Time Warner Cable Workshop has been set for February 13th for the entire City Council to meet with the City's Legal Department to ask any remaining questions and to discuss the specific federal and state laws pertaining to the current cable franchise agreement. If you are experiencing problems, [e-mail me](#) as soon as possible.

This e-newsletter contains several gems to ponder as we remember what beauty will sprout forth when this season thaws out into the next. What may take a bit more diligence, however, are a number of scams targeting both our elders and our cell phones. Take a moment to click the links below and educate yourself as to how you can avoid being targeted.

Enjoy your weekend!

My best, Bill



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PHONE SCAM

Tree Limb Takedown

With the weather taking a somewhat positive turn, Lexington's regular yard waste collection resumed today in those areas scheduled for Friday pick-up. Downed tree limbs and other woody debris should be placed in the gray Lenny cart for collection.

Tree limbs and branches that will not fit inside the Lenny cart with the lid closed should be cut down to six inches in diameter or less and cut into lengths of four feet or less. Limbs should be tied in bundles with twine and placed on the curb for collection. Limbs must be tied with twine; no tape, wire or plastic ties.

Fayette County residents who have tree limbs, branches and stumps greater than six inches in diameter and four feet in length may take branches to the Haley Pike Landfill at 4216 Hedger Lane. The Haley Pike Landfill will be operating under its normal hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Branches and tree limbs will also be accepted at the former landfill site at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike through Friday, February 14th. Tree limbs, branches and stumps must be no greater than 12 inches in diameter to be accepted at both the Haley Pike Landfill and the Old Frankfort Pike site. If you have questions, call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255.

Monarchs Get Their Moment

The declining monarch population will be the subject of a lecture next week in Lexington by Chip Taylor, a University of Kansas professor who specializes in insect ecology and is the founder and director of the advocacy organization Monarch Watch. "Monarch Conservation: Challenges and Opportunities," will take place on February 12th as part of the Friends of The Arboretum lecture series. Admission is \$5 (cash or check at the door), or free for students with ID and members of sponsoring groups: Friends of The Arboretum, the Lexington Wild Ones Chapter and Garden Club of Kentucky.

Wild Ones is a nature landscaping group that encourages use of native plants. Lexington chapter president and Idle Hour Neighborhood resident Beate Popkin says a series of five pollinator workshops will be offered in Central Kentucky from April to November. See Lexington.wildones.org or contact Popkin at beatepopkin@gmail.com for more information.



Trees were downed across the 5th District, including this one on Richmond Avenue between Mentelle and Kenwick.

Let's Talk Coal

Kentucky has a complex—and sometimes contentious—relationship with its official state mineral. To facilitate a balanced dialog on the issue, Transylvania University will host a Conversation on Coal in Kentucky on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the William T. Young Campus Center.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will reflect the ambivalent views of coal in the state. Over the years, the mineral has had a major impact on Kentucky's economy—it provided jobs and ensured we had abundant energy at relatively low cost. But it also has raised environmental and health concerns.

The dialog will feature Bill Bissett, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, and Mary Varson Cromer, a staff attorney with the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center. Moderated by Tom Martin, a local journalist and writer for Transylvania's communications office, the event will include time for audience questions and a coffee house discussion sponsored by the Transy Environmental Action League.

The idea for the Conversation on Coal emerged while making arrangements for a February 15th [Ben Sollee Concert](#) at Transylvania. The Lexington native has drawn attention to the practice of mountaintop removal during coal mining. "The students were inspired to do this," Poe said. "They know Ben is interested in these issues."

The Conversation on Coal also is two days before the I Love Mountains rally in Frankfort, which is a protest of mountaintop removal. For more information about the discussion, contact Poe at (859) 233-8278 or apoe@transy.edu. The [Campus Center](#) is located on the southwest corner of North Broadway and West Fourth Street. Free parking is available in the university's [general parking lots](#) along Fourth Street.



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Grant Can Help Get Your Garden Ready to Bloom

Sponsored by The Lexington Council Garden Clubs, "Lexington in Bloom" recognizes distinctive and outstanding gardens and plantings in Fayette County. The goal of this biennial contest is to instill a spirit of community, to increase civic pride, and to improve the visual appeal of the area through the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees.



This garden on Courtney Avenue was a winner in the Residence, Front Yard, Amateur Gardener category in 2012.

Winners will be selected in five categories (all must be visible from the street):

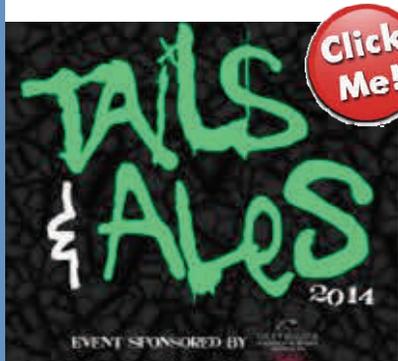
- Residence, front yard, amateur gardener
- Residence, front yard, professionally landscaped
- Business, large garden or planting
- Business, small garden or planting
- Miscellaneous: a) vegetable/community gardens; b) container gardens, mailboxes, windowboxes; c) schools, neighborhood association entrances, non-profit entities; d) "other."

Rain gardens, native plantings, monarch butterfly waystations can fit into any number of the above categories.

Entry forms will be available in March. Judging in two rounds will take place in early June. A reception for the winners will be held at the Arboretum Visitor Center on June 22nd. For more information, please contact Liz Pattengill at (859) 223-4362, e-mail her at lexingtoninbloom@gmail.com or visit the club's website at www.lexgardenclubs.org.

In addition, The Lexington Council Garden Clubs is pleased to announce that funds are available for grant applications for environmental and beautification projects in Fayette County for 2014. The funds are from the Open Gates to the Bluegrass Garden Tour, which took place in June 2013. Projects that aid in protection, conservation, and enhancement of natural resources and civic beauty are encouraged. Funds are not available for private use or for profit businesses. Proceeds of \$4,000 were distributed to 10 applicants in 2012. Applications can be accessed online at www.lexgardenclubs.org and must be submitted by February 15th. For more information, please contact Susan Craddock, project chair at (859) 252-8707.

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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