



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Council Recess Edition Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- The 30th running of A Mid-summer Night's Run will take place tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m. and traffic will be impacted in the downtown and Richmond Road areas during the event. Road closings are as follows:
 - Closing at 4:00 p.m.—Limestone at Vine Street; Main Street at Martin Luther King Boulevard; Upper at 2nd Street; Short Street from Mill to Martin Luther King Boulevard
 - Closing from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.—The above plus Main Street from Midland to Mill; Midland Avenue
 - Closing from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.—Main Street and Richmond Road from Mill Street to Chinoe Road; Midland Avenue; Limestone from Vine Street to Barr; Upper from 2nd Street to Vine; Esplanade; Deweese Street from Short Street to Main Street. Rose from High Street to Short Street. Vine Street traffic will be turned onto Old Vine Street.

A Bar By Any Other Name...

Dear Neighbor,
Ashland Theatre. Chevy Chase Cinema. Bugatti's. Bachelor's. Streamers. The Blue Moon. The Moon. Forte. New Moon. Art Bar. You may remember more, less or others but that's the spot in Chevy Chase of most interest to many this week.

I have received e-mails and phone calls. Personal pleas and passing comments about the occurrence of violence related to the operation of Art Bar in Chevy Chase. Much time and plenty of attention has been paid to the subject this week. First I will quote Mayor Gray from one meeting earlier in the week: "We are acting with vigorous effort and doing all within the law to ensure these behaviors do not continue."

As a sidebar at right, you will see an e-mail response from the Mayor to a constituent who contacted me, and on page three, a very pointed letter sent to the club operator by the Director of Planning, Chris King. I've also spent time with Gerald Mack who currently runs the club. He seems to be a nice enough young entrepreneur but the harm here has already been done.

However the conversation has changed from whether Art Bar will stay open to when will they be gone. I'm not sure under what circumstances this business model will work but I don't see it possible adjacent to any neighborhood. As of now Mr. Mack has agreed to push back his opening time on August 23rd, the day of the Chevy Chase street fair. I appreciate that and all he can do to make his remaining time on Euclid peaceful for all.

For those who wonder why it seems to take so long for compliance, let me say it has to do with what we all value about our freedom and the Constitution—due process. Many professionals are working hard to make the operation of Art Bar safe for all. Folks at the club, in the neighborhood and

within the Police and Alcohol Beverage Control are all involved. Responsibility is the key element and to that point I wish to commend one liquor distributor who this week decided not to deliver product to the club citing recent problems. That's community thinking and action that I appreciate. I believe this story will conclude without further incident and we will better value the quality of our neighborhoods and sense of well-being therein.

My best,
Bill

Mayor Jim Gray Responds Regarding Art Bar: *"Just as an update. I have been in contact with several concerned residents and business owners about Art Bar and we are engaging all means within the law to discourage criminal activity and dangerous behavior.*

Yesterday afternoon I met with Councilmember Bill Farmer, Jr., Police Chief Ronnie Bastin, our Planning Director, state and local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) officials, representatives from the neighborhood association, and Chevy Chase businesses to discuss steps going forward.

As you may know, the Board of Adjustment issued a ruling on July 25th to restrict Art Bar's closing time from 2:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The bar's operator has until August 24th to appeal that decision. There is also a September 25th revocation hearing for the bar's conditional use permit. The state ABC is also involved and investigating the conditions.

In the meantime, I have asked Chief Bastin to increase police presence in the area, and I am getting regular updates from him. Many thanks for expressing your concern; and for agreeing that these behaviors cannot be tolerated in any part of Lexington.

—Jim"

FROM THE OFFICE
OF 5TH DISTRICT
COUNCILMEMBER
BILL FARMER, JR.

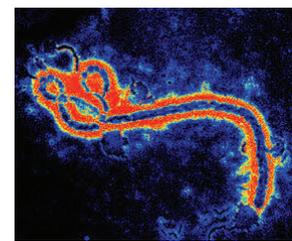
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Ebola: What Are the Risks?

The Ebola virus has been receiving national attention, and the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department would like Lexington residents to know the facts about this communicable disease. They have asked that we pass along the following information:



Ebola virus transmission electron micrograph image colorized, taken at 160,000x magnification

- Anytime a person travels internationally, there is a risk of exposure to various diseases, such as MERS, Ebola, chik-v and measles. One of the reasons these get such attention in the United States is because they aren't commonly present here, and in some cases (e.g. Ebola, MERS) little is known about how the disease spreads. Therefore, extra precaution is taken to protect the patient and the public.
- If you have travelled internationally, particularly to a place that has been highlighted as at-risk for communicable diseases, and have questions about your possible exposure or have been ill, please contact your medical provider.
- Before traveling out of the country, please be aware of potential disease risks by visiting the CDC website at cdc.gov.

Lucia's Massive World Friendly Moving Sale!

- ✿ August 1-7: 25-50% off EVERYTHING
- ✿ August 8-14: 30-50% off EVERYTHING
- ✿ August 15-21: 40-75% off EVERYTHING
- ✿ August 22-31: 50-75% off EVERYTHING

Stay tuned on Facebook & Instagram for flash sales & moving details!

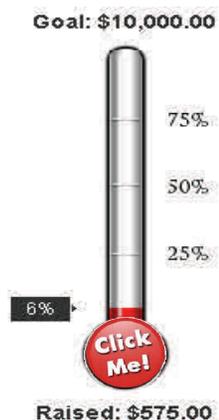
The 5th District Newsletter is distributed via e-mail to any Lexington resident. I encourage leaders of the 31 active neighborhood associations in the 5th District to provide input for the newsletter and to distribute the newsletter to their members. Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter may contact 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.

THE ARBORETUM 8TH ANNUAL TOMATO FESTIVAL
SUNDAY AUGUST 10, 2014 1-4 PM

TOMATO

Still Time to Lend LemonAid

The month of July has passed, and the Salvation Army's LemonAiD campaign is wrapping up. The LemonAiD Finale, held July 31st at The Fayette Mall was very successful and many families came by to put their donations in Salvation Army's kettle.



There is still an opportunity to support LemonAiD 2014. Our friends at Columbia Gas of Kentucky are matching all online donations up to \$5,000! You can help the Salvation Army receive this match by donating online. Simply click the lemon above to give online to support LemonAiD Days.

The Salvation Army uses LemonAiD funds to support the operational expenses associated with housing homeless children-food, lodging, diapers, clothing, childcare, professional case management, the replacement of worn furnishings and equipment.



LEXINGTON - FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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August 7, 2014

RE: Conditional Use Permit – Hours of Operation

Dear Sir:

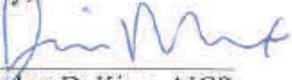
As you know, on July 25, 2014 the Lexington-Fayette County Board of Adjustment modified the conditional use permit for the operation of a bar/nightclub with entertainment and dancing at the Art Bar located at 815 Euclid Avenue by, among other conditions, restricting the hours of operation of the club. The Board's action requires that the club cease operations at 1:00 a.m. on any day it is otherwise permitted to operate. You were advised at the conclusion of the Board hearing that this requirement was effective immediately.

While you have the right to appeal the Board's decision in Circuit Court within 30 days of the Board's action, the filing of an appeal does not overturn or otherwise stay the requirement that the bar close at 1:00 a.m. Such a stay of the Board's order could only come through a specific directive of a competent court of jurisdiction.

It has been documented that the Art Bar has continued to stay open until 2:30 a.m. despite the Board's ruling. This action constitutes a violation of the Zoning Ordinances of Fayette County, with particular reference to Articles 8-16(d) and 7-6(a).

You are advised to immediately comply with the provisions of the conditional use permit and close operations at 1:00 a.m.

Sincerely,


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Zoning Administrator

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Derek Paulsen, Commissioner of Planning Preservation & Development
Mayor Jim Gray
Councilmember Diane Lawless
Councilmember Bill Farmer, Jr.
Barry Stumbo, Chair, Board of Adjustment

Mack re 815 Euclid Avenue

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