



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



155th Edition

Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- **Editor's Note:** The 5th District Office will be closed until Monday, September 15th. I will have limited access to e-mail, but as always, Councilmember Farmer will be available should the need arise.
- The revocation hearing for Art Bar will be held by the Board of Adjustment on Friday, September 26th at 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 200 East Main Street.
- Mark your calendars for the screening of *Raising Ms. President*, hosted by the Friends of the Kentucky Theatre to raise funds for further renovations. This 60-minute documentary explores some of the reasons women don't run for office, and uncovers where political ambition begins. The film was written and directed by Lexington native Kiley Lane Parker. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Held this weekend, Crave Lexington's second annual food and music festival presented by Smiley Pete Publishing will feature two days of live music, local food and beverage vendors, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. Free and family-friendly, click [here](#) for more information.

Short and Sweet Until Next Week

Dear Neighbor,

As you can see here, this is an abbreviated version of the *5th District e-newsletter*. Committees and Council had several productive meetings yesterday and briefly here are some highlights. Discussion was held in the Planning and Public Works Committee, which I chair, about new fiber optic infrastructure for Lexington that could potentially lead to greater diversity of product for those want cheaper, faster internet capability. Even as that meeting was being held, Mayor Jim Gray released his intent to move toward becoming a gigabit city, and within the next six months will issue "a Request for Information (RFI) to gather interest in a potential public-private partnership or commercial-only solution." Like many others, I share the desire to have options here. More to

come on that soon.

I am still anxiously awaiting the progress we've been moving toward in Chevy Chase as construction seems poised to begin at any moment. As of today, word from project manager George Milligan is that we should see life this week. Other movement in the district will be the rollout of paving equipment as the 5th District paving list is tweaked and finalized. We were fortunate to learn that we had some bond funds left over and we are spreading those dollars accordingly, based on both your input and what is visible as I drive through our neighborhoods.

Look forward to a full edition of this e-newsletter with updates on all things district-related next week.

Until then, my best,
Bill

Planning Underway for Richmond Road/Idle Hour Neighborhood Entrances

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is currently in the planning stages for left-turn lane improvements to the intersections of Richmond Road (US-421/US-25) and St. Ann/St. Margaret. The primary reason for the identified project is to provide offset left turn lanes. This will provide better visibility for left turners so that permitted left turns can be accommodated against the Richmond Road through traffic.

The Cabinet indicated that pedestrian accommodations will be considered in conjunction with the left-turn lane improvement project. We will try to keep you updated on the status of this project as it proceeds, but please note that funding has not yet been dedicated for construction.

Regarding streetscape improvements to the small concrete islands that are located on both St. Ann and St. Margaret; the En-

gineering Division developed cost estimates for basic demolition and reconstruction with grass and drainage for each traffic island. Please keep in mind that the costs listed below are likely the minimum for such improvements. Underground utility conflicts and/or encroachment permit conditions from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet could increase the cost. Required engineering fees associated with obtaining the encroachment permits are included in the costs below.

- St. Ann: \$35,000
- St. Margaret: \$32,000

As more information becomes available, we will update you here. According to the Division of Traffic Engineering, funds, if awarded, would be dedicated no earlier than January of 2015.