

Patriotic selfie not as easy as you might think! Thank you Idle Hour for the backdrop! Happy Fourth of July!

5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



Fourth of July Weekend Edition
Details for the District

July 3, 2014

An Explosive Topic Before We Celebrate

Dear Neighbor,
While the 5th District e-newsletter was supposed to be on hiatus this week, I felt that I'd share an interesting e-mail exchange between a local resident and our Chief of Police, Ronnie Bastin. The concern shared by many of us at this time of year is fireworks and how they impact our neighborhoods. The neighbor writes:

"Dear Chief Bastin, Each year the fireworks in our neighborhood (Park Hills) start earlier than July 4th, end later than July 4th and are generally set off between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Each year I contact my council person to no avail.

I have thought of calling the police department but have a couple of thoughts about doing that: 1) the police are busy with more important matters and are probably overwhelmed on July 4th particularly and 2) I wouldn't know which house to tell the police to go to, since there are many residences setting off fireworks.

I would like to know how this issue is ever going to be resolved. There are citizens in Lexington like my family who do not appreciate being awakened at all hours to huge explosions. We also have to give our dog medication to get her through nights like this.

Thank you for taking the time to consider a citizen who has issues with these

outlandish fireworks."

Here is Chief Bastin's response: "We actually field several fireworks complaints during this time of year and respond accordingly to each one that we receive. We do this in an effort to educate the community about the ordinance and hazards while also resolving any violations. We will again be designating personnel to

handle such nuisance/noise complaints or illegal fireworks this year in addition to our normal working patrol personnel.

These additional personnel/units will be assigned specifically to these calls for service. I would encourage you to report any concerns to our administrative dispatch number (258-3600) and we will have an officer respond to assist with any issue."

If you aren't familiar with our current ordinance pertaining to fireworks, you can click [here](#). But the bigger picture will involve courtesy for your neighbors and safety at all

times. Please do keep in mind that many neighborhoods in the 5th District are compact; be mindful of possible fire hazards, and above all else, personal safety if you decide to set off fireworks.

This is a packed weekend in Lexington, and as a Fourth of July Parade Marshall, I hope to see you out enjoying it. Happy Independence Day to all.

My best,
Bill



Thank you to Rob T. from the Kenwick neighborhood for finding this photo and pointing out that consideration goes well beyond our pets.



For a List of
Holiday Events

