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# 5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



144th Edition

Details for the District

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- This week, the 5th District Office has received multiple e-mails about litter left behind after sports activities in Idle Hour, Ecton and Lansdowne-Merrick Parks. As a friendly reminder, if you or your children participate in games at these facilities, please encourage your groups to place trash in the provided trash cans or bag it and take it home to dispose of there. While we do find humorous that crows have been observed in certain locations pillaging from the trash cans, trash left behind sets a bad example for all. In addition, we have received requests that in any park, please do not use the neighbors yards as cut-through access. Especially in yards surrounding Ecton Park where back yards are being restored after the Ecton Park Sewer Restoration Project, grass and plantings are in a fragile state and are, after all, on private property.

## Paving Dollars Found, Budget Well Structured

Dear Neighbor,

I'm so glad to have had a way to contact you yesterday about the bat with rabies. As I saw folks yesterday afternoon I had many mentions. Thank you for being loyal readers. This week was all budget related. We met on Tuesday for one of the longest days I can remember. We met from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to finalize all the budget details we could focus on. Our Work Session usually starts at 3:00 p.m. This meeting ran from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. followed by a closed session that lasted until 6:30 p.m. It was a day well spent on behalf of Lexington.

The Council did make changes to the Mayor's Proposed Budget but in the end did deliver to him one that is structurally balanced. Among the highlights I'd like to share with you include the changes we made to the paving budget. We now have \$5 million for neighborhood paving. The proposed budget was for \$3 million and included \$1.2 million for Man O' War Boulevard. As a group we decided that winter's toll on local roads required more funding now! As some of last year's paving is ending now please look around and suggest streets in need and I'll do my best to get them done. We will hold off on the Man O' War Boulevard part until later into the budget year; that project will pave from Rabbit Run around to Tate's Creek Road. I will update you on funding and a list for action.

I was also pleased to play a role in securing funding to complete the Kentucky Theatre renovation. While a great fundraising effort was very successful it came up short of the needed \$95,600 to renovate and expand the concession stand. This change alone will enhance the theatre experience for each of us. An office behind the current concession stand will be utilized and included to provide space for new equipment. Since the city owns the building—literally—the more profit from the business there means the more return generated. What a great win-win!

The budget will have a formal first reading next Tuesday with a second reading and final vote at next Thursday night. If you have questions please let me know.

I understand from conversation that Kroger construction in Chevy Chase is about three weeks behind schedule, which would have them opening mid January. There's activity aplenty on that site. I haven't confirmed if they have encountered water or a spring while digging but I'd say there's a better than even chance that they found more water there than in the Center-Pointe block excavation! Special indeed.

I'd like to close out by wishing all a Happy Father's Day. While it's great to celebrate, it's even better to be a good Dad. Wise words when needed; a wallet when unexpected. Conversations that teach forever. Enjoy yours if you have the chance.

My best,  
Bill

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# PlayThink

## Movement & Flow Arts Festival

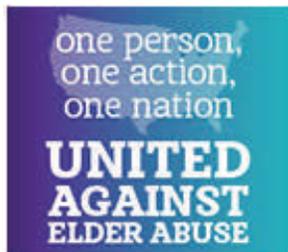
expression, connection, realization, co-creation, celebration, transformation

## Elder Abuse Awareness is Key

Recognized on June 15th since 2006, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.

In addition, WEAAD is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

NCEA joins ACL in inviting you to take a stand against elder abuse and protect seniors. Visit the [WEAAD microsite](#) to find resources, events, and ideas to take action!



## Rain Barrels and Big Maracas Take the Stage

Bluegrass Greensource will host its 11th Annual Roll Out the Rain Barrels Reception from 5:00

until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20th. The event will take place at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion in Lexington's Cheapside Park and, for the third year, will be a part of Gallery Hop.

The barrels are painted by local artists and serve as a reminder of the importance of proper stormwater management. They are seen by thousands of people throughout Central Kentucky, both in person and online. Visitors can cast an online vote for their favorite rain barrel and the artist who receives the most votes will win the coveted "Earth Artist Award."

Join Bluegrass Greensource for this year's Roll Out the Rain Barrels Reception to see all of this year's artistic rain barrels, meet the artists, buy a painted rain barrel and enjoy live music from the Big Maracas. Click [here](#) to view this year's artistic rain barrels and to vote for your favorite.



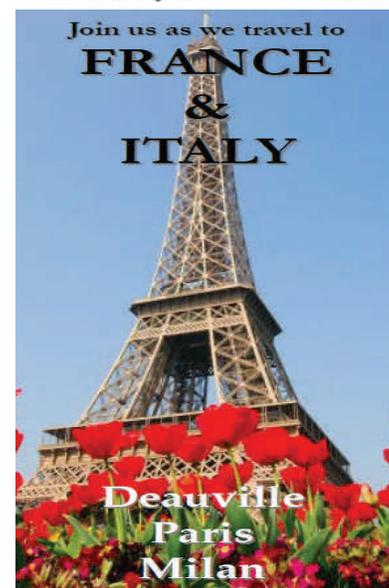
## Environmental Awards Shine Spotlight on You

Nominations are now being sought for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Environmental Commission's annual awards. Each year the Environmental Commission recognizes individuals, organizations, businesses and/or institutions which have significantly contributed to the improvement of the local environment in an effective or unique way during the past two years. Awards will be given based upon any one, or a combination of the following criteria:

- Improvements in air, water, and soil quality (i.e., elimination and/or reduction of pollution).
- Elimination and/or reduction of litter and waste.
- Aesthetics (i.e., visual improvement through landscaping and/or architectural design).
- Educational projects that enhance environmental awareness.

The Environmental Commission wishes to assure that no deserving candidate for recognition is overlooked. Therefore, the Environmental Commission seeks nominations from a broad perspective of the community. Any project started or substantially completed in 2012, to date in 2014 is available for recognition. If you know of any local individual, business, organization and/or institution that you think should be recognized for environmental improvement in Fayette County, please complete a form and return it postmarked on or before September 2nd, 2014. Click [here](#) to download a Word version of the nomination form; click [here](#) for a PDF version of the nomination form.

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## Details for the District

### Homeland Security Offers Tips for the Workplace

Too often in the news we hear of violent attacks in schools, offices and in public places where “active shooters” senselessly hurt or kill innocents in their midst, with or without motive. An active shooter is a person who appears to be actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area—typically employing the use of firearms. In some cases active shooters use other weapons and/or improvised explosive devices (IED) to cause additional victimization and act as an impediment to law enforcement and emergency services responders. There may be no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

These situations are dynamic and evolve rapidly, demanding immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to innocent victims.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed an independent study course entitled *Active Shooter: What You Can Do*. This course was developed to provide the public with guidance on how to prepare for and respond to active shooter crisis situations.

Upon completion of *Active Shooter: What You Can Do*, employees and managers will be able to:



In addition to courses created by the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation created the video above to highlight strategies for surviving violence in the workplace. Click the Play button to watch.

### SISTERS ROAD TO FREEDOM, INC. Molding of Generation Divas 2014 SUMMER PROGRAM

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Molding of Generation Divas utilizes medical, health, education and etiquette experts to motivate adolescents and their caring adults on developing healthy minds, bodies and souls.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28  
HEALTHY MINDS, BODIES AND SOULS  
Divas Healthy Development, Nutrition and Fitness

SATURDAY, JULY 19  
DIVAS ETIQUETTE TEA PARTY  
Grooming, Table and Dress Etiquette, Nutrition and Fitness

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9  
DIVAS BACK TO SCHOOL BASH  
“Power of Words”, Back-to-School Supplies Giveaway, Hair & Nail Care, Nutrition and Fitness

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
DIVAS MEET THE GREEKS  
Dating Violence, College 101, Greek Panel “Real Talk” With Divas, Nutrition and Fitness



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140 EAST MAIN STREET  
DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON

TIME: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Lunch and Check-In at 11:00 A.M.

COST: FREE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: For female youth ages 10 to 18 and their caring adults (women).

Registration Information: Sheena Banner, Registration Coordinator at [sheenabanner@yahoo.com](mailto:sheenabanner@yahoo.com) or 859-489-9424

SISTERS ROAD TO FREEDOM, INC. is a non-profit organization providing women of all ages with inspiration and encouragement; providing hands-on assistance to women in every aspect of their lives (spiritual, mental, physical, educational and medical).

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter is distributed via e-mail to any Lexington resident. I encourage leaders of the 31 active neighborhood associations in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to provide input for the newsletter and to distribute the newsletter to their members. Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter may contact the 5<sup>th</sup> District Council office via e-mail at [bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov). If you wish to unsubscribe to the newsletter, e-mail [jgies@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:jgies@lexingtonky.gov).

- Describe the actions to take when confronted with an active shooter and to assist responding law enforcement officials;
- Recognize potential workplace violence indicators;
- Describe actions to take to prevent and prepare for potential active shooter incidents; and
- Describe how to manage the consequences of an active shooter incident.

To take the study course, click [here](#). It will take approximately one hour, but is well worth the time. DHS has also created a [90-minute Webinar](#) can help the private and public sector understand the importance of developing an emergency response plan and the need to train employees on how to respond if confronted with an active shooter. The presentation describes the three types of active shooters--workplace/school, criminal, and ideological--and how their planning cycles and behaviors differ.