



5th District Newsletter

News and announcements from
around our community



140th Edition

Details for the District

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Bullet Points of Interest:

- Are you looking for a summer activity that will hold the interest of your teen-ager, middle-schooler or elementary school student? Pick one of 62 summer programs, many of them free, found on the Partners for Youth 2014 I DO Summer Program List. The I DO initiative brings together community partners in different parts of Lexington to develop relationships and create partnerships to better serve the youth of the city.

The programs include a wide variety of sports, music, field trips, cooking, arts and crafts, computer classes, exercise, character development and leadership programs aimed at giving youth positive summer experiences. The programs are led by a variety of local organizations which include LFUCG's Parks & Recreation, the faith community, youth-serving non-profits and several grassroots organizations.

You can view the summer program list at by going www.partners4youth.org and clicking the I DO tab. For more information, email or call Laura Hatfield at (859) 258-3119 or lhathfield@lexingtonky.gov.

Painting Poles and Paving for Parking

Dear Neighbor,
Lots of good things to catch up on this week, so let's dive in!

First, I want to thank Sheriff Kathy Witt and her graffiti removal crew for their fine work—again—in our area. As I have identified some of the old street markers around our part of town, the Sheriff's team has taken time to come in and rescue these markers from their decrepitude. As the pictures here indicate, the

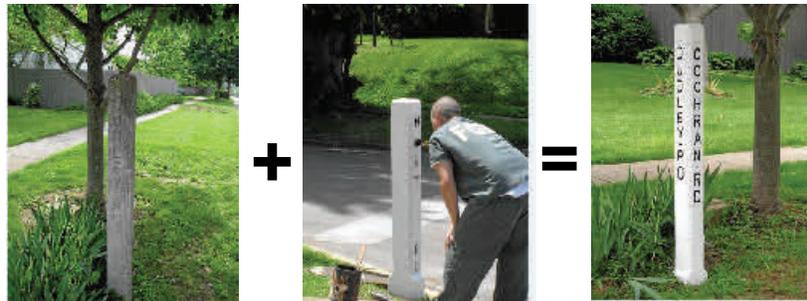
process includes a rigorous cleaning followed by repainting and refinishing. I think the old markers add to the

neighborhood a feel that we all enjoy. The work of Ron Watson, who that runs the crew, and of Sheriff Witt are much appreciated. If you know of a marker that needs to be updated please let me know. Also, if there is graffiti of any sort that needs removing please contact the Council Office or LexCall at 311. We are all glad to help.

As noted of late the Kentucky legislature did repeal the law covering liquor sales on election days. The ability now exists for municipalities or other governing bodies to allow such sales. I'm sure I remember that happening but considered it an action taken. As it turns out even though the state changed its ways, we here in Lexington didn't. This was brought to the attention of Council too close to primary election day (BE SURE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY!) for us to have time to

make necessary changes to our local ordinance, thus allowing these sales. So this Tuesday, enjoy what will most likely be the last time that the flow of alcohol will be interrupted to allow for well-thought out votes to be cast by one and all. The Vice Mayor has placed this item in committee for appropriate research and action.

The final chapter of the sewer replacement project in Ecton Park is upon us in the form of upgrading the parking lot there.



The Sheriff's Office restored our historic street markers to their former glory.

I knew the project was intricate as a whole. I also knew that in the final analysis the work on the parking lot is being funded in

part by the 5th District Council Office, the Division of Parks and Recreation and the Division of Water Quality. I mention them last as some of their input about the shape and use of the lot had to do with water quality and Consent Decree issues more than just the lot usage. Consequently while the lot is bigger right now in its almost refinished form, it's still not as big as it can or soon will be. As illustrated on page 5, more width will be added to the footprint making way for larger and longer vehicles to park. This represents a great ending to a real infrastructure upgrade. My thanks to all the neighbors who have graciously endured the sometimes invasive nature of this work.

Enjoy the fine weekend ahead and take time to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday.

My best, Bill

Mosquitoes Beware. We're Coming for You.

To help control mosquitoes, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department will conduct mosquito-spraying activities throughout the summer. To view the scheduled spray routes by zip code, please



click [here](#). For spraying to be held, the wind speed must be less than 10 mph, the temperature must be greater than 55o F and there can be no rain or dense fog.

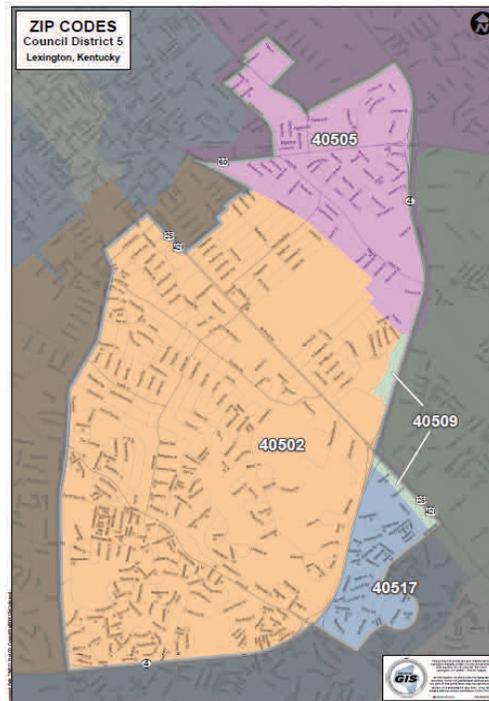
The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department uses Duet, a spray produced by Clarke Mosquito Control. Duet features a component that stimulates resting mosquitoes in trees and foliage, causing them to fly into the air and come into contact with the spray's mosquito-killing agent, sumithrin. Duet has been rigorously tested for human and animal safety and is registered for outdoor residential and recreational areas. Humans can go outside immediately after Duet is sprayed, and the product is not corrosive or staining, so there should be no damage to cars or houses.

The hours from dusk to dawn are peak mosquito active times. In addition, Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Cover or eliminate empty containers with standing water. Also, limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by getting rid

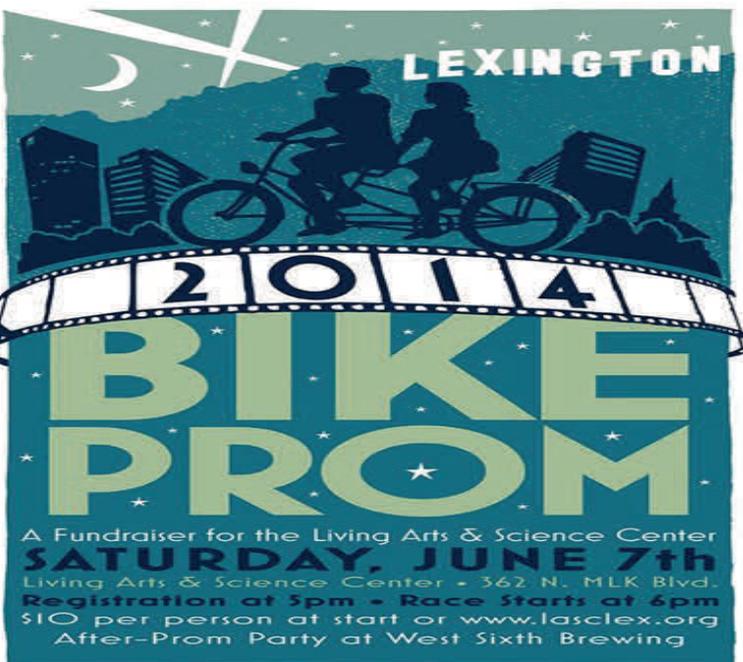
of items such as tires, buckets, barrels and cans. Refresh the water in your pet's water dishes and birdbaths at least every five to seven days.

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department also conducts surveys in neighborhoods around

Lexington to identify standing water problems that can serve as a location for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Elimination of standing water is the ultimate goal, but in areas where standing water cannot be eliminated, the water can be treated to kill mosquito larvae with a chemical called a larvicide. The mosquito spray used by the health department only affects adult mosquitoes that are in the air at the time of spraying. To report a standing water problem in your neighborhood, please call the Division of Environmental Health and Protection at (859) 231-9791.



The 5th District covers four zip codes. Click [here](#) to see when mosquitoes say goodbye in your area.



Time To Address the Problem

It's that time of year again when fly-by-night "businesses" cycle through our neighborhoods, including those who want you to pay them for marking your curbs with your house number. Please note that paying for this "service" does not mean that you are therefore in compliance with city addressing ordinances, nor is such endorsed by first responders. Your best bet is to decline the offer. Click [here](#) for a closer look at LFUCG's addressing ordinances.

Gem Wants You to Get Down Downtown

This week's Gem of the District actually lives within shouting distance of the 5th. Truth be told, she would like to shout from her rooftop to all who can hear her about the merits of downtown Lexington and once attempted to do so during Brave the Blue, an event for which she rappelled 410 feet from the top of the Big Blue Building to the sidewalks of the downtown she promotes. This week, we sat down with Renee Jackson and asked her how she keeps the crowds coming. This is what she had to say.

Q. First of all, tell us who you are and what you do.

A. I am Renee Jackson, the President of Downtown Lexington Corporation (DLC). I have been in this role for almost 8 years now and I love my job. I get to interact with all sorts of people and I wear many hats. There is always something different each day that keeps my job from being stale.

Q. What exactly does the Downtown Lexington Corporation do that benefits the city as a whole?

A. DLC is a nonprofit that works to make downtown Lexington an attractive and inviting place for everyone. We produce over 70 free public events that bring thousands of people to our city center throughout the year. Drawing these people from Fayette County and beyond is a terrific way for people to see all that our downtown has to offer to families, singles and couples of all ages.

Q. Much of the 5th District is within walking or biking distance to downtown Lexington. Even if one would need to drive to make the trip, tell us what summer programming you have coming up that puts downtown Lexington on the fun map.

A. For 19 years now every Thursday we have produced Central Bank Thursday Night Live in the heart



One of the Downtown Lexington Corporation's most well-attended events is Central Bank Thursday Night Live. Click [here](#) for more information.



of downtown Lexington. This event is ongoing through October 16th. Everyone is invited to come down and

enjoy a free concert at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion in Cheapside Park. New this summer we have extended concert hours from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. until the end of August; in September and October our concert hours are 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. This event is family and pet friendly and draws thousands of patrons each week.

Each week people can visit DLC's Artist's Market a weekly art



Renee Jackson is President of the Downtown Lexington Corporation.

fair adjacent to the Lexington Farmers Market located on the front steps of the old courthouse. This event begins Saturday, June 7th and occurs each Saturday until August 23rd. Returning for its third season is Fountain Films on Fridays presented by Hilliard Lyons. This free outdoor movie series happens at Triangle Park on select Fridays beginning

May 30th with *American Flyers*, so grab your lawn chairs and come down at dusk for free entertainment. On May 31st we invite you to participate in a 10-mile family fun bicycle ride that is just one of many activities that make up Bike Lexington presented by Pedal Power (visit bikelexington.com for a full event schedule).

This summer there are two new events planned for select Fridays during June, July, August and September. First we have WUKY's Phoenix Fridays, a monthly concert series, located in Phoenix Park. Join us on four select Fridays for free live music from the best local acts and exciting up and coming nationally touring bands. Next we have Kentucky Cork & Tap presented by Thorntons, a premier wine and beer festival series featuring local products. Come to the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion for samples or full pours of Kentucky wine and beer products as well as great food and live entertainment.

Finally DLC along with the LFUCG is responsi-

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ble for all of Lexington's 4th of July Celebration. This year's theme is Celebrating Heroes and events begin on Wednesday, July 2nd with our Great American Pie Contest and Ice Cream Social. On Thursday, July 3rd the Patriotic Concert will happen at Transy's Old Morrison lawn and Gratz Park. The celebration concludes on Friday, July 4th with a day full of downtown possibilities including the Bluegrass 10,000, a day-long street festival featuring art and craft vendors, food and drinks, live entertainment and a slew of children's activities. The parade is at 2:00 p.m. and the fireworks presented by Thorntons begin at 10:00 p.m.

Q. Many of us who live in the 5th District work downtown, but others rarely frequent Main Street. What are some of the barriers you're tasked with overcoming for those who stick to the 'burbs?

A. DLC tries to attract the "burb" dwellers to downtown by showing them that downtown is everyone's backyard. There are many organizations in our downtown that provide wonderful opportunities for families such as the Explorium, the Lexington Children's Theatre, Living Arts & Science Center and many more. There are also wonderful outdoor spaces to enjoy, including Triangle Park, Thoroughbred Park, Cheapside Park, Gratz Park and the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza. There are over 60 restaurants, 25 bars, 30 festivals, 20 art galleries and 30 shops all located in downtown Lexington.

Often we hear that there is no parking and safety concerns from people who don't come to downtown Lexington regularly. The truth is there is a lot of parking but people just need to know where and when to park. Parking is FREE after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends on all metered spaces! There are also ample garage and surface lots available for a small fee. You can find more information on parking at <http://www.lexpark.org/find-parking>. We also want people to know that our downtown is very safe and our Lexington Division of Police take a lot of care in ensuring that there is a good police presence for downtown Lexington.

Q. Can the 5th District contact your office or share ideas and concerns?

A. Absolutely! We love to hear how we can improve on what we do and attract more people to our downtown. People are welcome to contact me directly at (859) 425-2591 or renee@downtownlex.com. You can get a full list of our staff members' contact info and more information about specific events or other downtown happenings at www.downtownlex.com.

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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Strut Your Mutt!

Grab your tennis shoes and four-legged friends and get ready for the 17th annual Lexington Humane Society Mutt Strut co-sponsored by Critter Sitters and IncrediPet. Make plans to walk with your pup at Coldstream Park to benefit the 4,500 animals LHS cares for each year. Festivities will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to stick around after the walk, as there will be a celebratory ice cream party with root beer floats from A&W. Fundraise for the animals and win great prizes. Every dollar makes a difference and LHS needs your help.



Ecton Park Parking Lot

