



# 5th District e-Newsletter

News and announcements from  
around our community



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Details for the District

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- High school-aged youth across the Commonwealth, along with the general public, are invited to view and vote for their favorite student-made commercials during the 10th annual Keep It Real: REMIX Video Contest from January 12th through the 23rd at [www.keep-it-real.us](http://www.keep-it-real.us). Teen filmmakers have created 30-second PSAs focusing on one of three expanded categories: 1) Alcohol: Don't Drink Underage 2) Prescription Drug Abuse Kills 3) Don't Get Hooked on Nicotine. Winners will be recognized at an "Oscar Night" awards ceremony at Lexington's historic Kentucky Theater on February 24th. The 30-second video selected as Best Picture will be aired on television stations throughout the region and will be shown as pre-show ads in local cinemas. DVDs of the winners will be distributed for use in the schools and communities. Video submissions in this year's Keep It Real: REMIX Video Contest include schools and organizations from several counties across the region, including: Bracken, Bullitt, Clark, Fayette, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer and Scott.

## We're Back! And Backing In...

Happy 2015, Neighbor! The *5th District e-newsletter* has been on hiatus during the Council Winter Recess. Our meetings actually don't start until next Tuesday but with so much to catch up on, welcome back with the New Year edition!

Along with Mayor Jim Gray and Council colleagues, I was sworn in last Sunday during a fine ceremony in the Bluegrass Ballroom at the Lexington Center. Thank you to all who joined us. In next week's e-news, we'll highlight the new Council Members joining us in office this term.

With so many new Council Members the Council offices have been a mass of change this week. With some Council Members also changing offices, it's been quite interesting. Also part of the new year are new committees. When Tuesday arrives we will begin by caucusing in each committee to elect a chair and vice chair for each. Recently I have chaired the Planning and Public Works Committee. During this term I will ask Council Members for the opportunity to chair the new Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee. This committee will focus in part on the EPA Consent Decree and all the projects needed to stop sanitary sewer overflows. I hope to lead the committee and help the implementation. I am looking forward to the new Council and the difference we can make.

After our last publishing, the Chevy Chase Pedestrian Improvement Plan project was completed. Digging through old family photos, one of which is shown here, I was recently reminded just how far the area has come. With Kroger also about to reopen, the shopping area is looking pretty good of late. As for the project, response overall has been pretty positive. Everyone seems happy with the addition of bike lanes on Euclid Avenue and High Street. The paving—while late in the season—pleased most. Some merchants were not happy with milling and paving the week before Christmas and I understand that. The new State-installed traffic signals are also welcome as turn lane arrows have been added to all sides—



*The intersection at the heart of Chevy Chase has come a long way since the 1950s. To share your thoughts, click [here](#).*

a relief for Fontaine Road left turners!

The striping plan has caused the most conversation, especially the new parking scheme on High Street in front of Rite Aid and Liquor Barn Express. Not everyone is happy to back in and I understand that too. Prior to striping being laid in December, in 2014 there were 32 reported accidents from South Hanover through the intersection and up to Cochran Road. Of those incidents, 9 were left turn-related and 4 were on-street parking mishaps. Since the change, only 2 accidents have been reported. We can all hope to see the numbers drop over time as we become accustomed to the new traffic pattern. Both State and City eyes are watching; if you would like to add your

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observations to the mix, click [here](#) to do so. More amenities can be added as we move forward and my hope is that when sewers are replaced on Euclid Avenue in the future, we can bury the utilities then too. That's all more money and construction to be saved for later. For now let's enjoy a slower and safer drive through the neighborhood.

I hope to see you all at the Euclid Avenue Kroger ribbon cutting on the 22nd at 8:00 a.m. The grand opening will feature Coach Calipari doing the honors himself! Stay warm for now and don't hesitate to contact me or the 5th District Office if you have a new need in this new year.

I am honored to serve as your Council Member.

My best,  
Bill

## Gallery Hop Is Back and Bigger!

For over 25 years, thousands of locals and visitors alike have converged on downtown Lexington to celebrate art during the LexArts HOP, with new gallery exhibitions, special events and food and drinks. With dozens of galleries and non-traditional exhibit spaces, the LexArts HOP is arguably Lexington's most anticipated visual arts celebration, and this year, with the addition of an extra occurrence, it will happen on the third Friday of every other month.

You can begin at one of nearly 50 locations and visit as many or as few participating venues as you would like. Admission is always free. Though many shops, galleries and supporting venues are open earlier, the HOP officially starts at 5:00 p.m. and runs through 8:00 p.m., with many restaurants, bars and other non-traditional venues staying open considerably later.

Tour the HOP site and each site's individual page for information on current exhibits, special events, location and operating hours. Official HOP guides are available at Arts-Place, 161 North Mill Street, or can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

## Leaf Collection Results Are In

*As reported by David Holmes,  
Commissioner, Planning and Public Works*

As anyone in the 5th District can attest, the words *leaf* and *collection* are enough to send shivers down one's spine. In a recent report to Council, David Holmes, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works summed up the season on a high note. Below is Holmes' account of the season's process.



"The city's 2014 leaf vacuuming collection program has been completed on time and with a dramatic reduction in the number of complaints. This year's success is attributable to extending the hours of collections, better weather and changes in our communications plan.

Complaints from the public were way down from previous years, as much as tenfold. This is attributed to crews being on schedule and daily updates to the city's website through a joint effort between Streets and Roads, Environmental Services and GIS.

LexCall also played an important role. Kendra Carter, customer service supervisor, reported that LexCall handled 89 leaf service requests and an unknown number of calls where customer service representatives referred callers to the city's leaf collection webpage. They even handled calls from residents complimenting the city for various aspects of the program.

The online service map—created and updated daily by GIS Manager Chris Doerge—and the leaf collection page—created and updated daily by Malcolm Stallons in Environmental Services—proved to be useful for residents. A total of 1,685 different users came to the page and looked at the map 3,392 times.

Republic Services, a subcontractor, handled Area C on the city's north end. In the past, Area C has been problematic and has generated a lot of complaints. That wasn't the case this year.

While we do not yet know exactly how many tons of leaves were collected this year (some leaves are still being stored until they can be hauled to the city's composting facility) it is conservatively being estimated to be more than 1,000 tons. While that number is less than the past two years, we believe this year's number is much more accurate than in the past. And finally, I am pleased to report that the use of inmate workers saved the city \$7,920 in labor costs."



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## Details for the District

### Refuge Clinic to Expand, Move Into the 5th District

For over 6 years, the Refuge Clinic has served the East End of Lexington by providing medical and dental care to the uninsured. The Refuge Clinic is a nonprofit organization that operates with hundreds of volunteer medical and dental professionals to provide free quality relational health care for those who find themselves on the margins. As the landscape of healthcare continues to change, the clinic has seen the challenge for recently insured patients to obtain access to primary care.

In a continued commitment to fill in the gaps, Refuge Clinic has now opened its doors to the underinsured in the 1st, 5th, 6th and 7th Districts. Residents of these districts living at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, who are without insurance, or are encountering problems of being underinsured (including difficulties in finding access to a primary care provider and insurmountable deductibles) are welcome to contact the Refuge Clinic at 225-HEAL (4325).

The Refuge Clinic is currently located in downtown Lexington off of Second Street but due to needed development of space, will be moving to Richmond Road in September of 2015 to accommodate growth and expansion of services. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a patient of the Refuge Clinic, please call (859) 225-4325 or click [here](#).

### Summer Job Applications for Youth Available Soon

Young people between the ages of 14 and 17 years old who need summer jobs can apply to the city's Summer Youth Employment Program, beginning February 1st. That's when applications will be available online at [www.lexingtonky.gov](http://www.lexingtonky.gov) to fill 225 summer job openings. The deadline to apply and submit documentation is 4:00 p.m. February 27th.

The program is open to 14- to 17-year-old Fayette County residents who are eligible to work in the United States. Required documentation consists of copies of the applicant's Social Security card, a picture ID (issued by the state or a school) and a birth certificate.

The documentation must be mailed to the Division of Youth Services, 101 East Vine Street, Suite 150, Lexington, Ky. 40507. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The application and documentation must be received by February 27th. Space is limited, so apply early.

Applicants will be required to attend a mandatory orientation session and participate in the Youth Employment Enhancement Program before employment. The Youth Employment Enhancement Program will teach work-related skills, such as how to complete a job application, rules of work, team building skills, interviewing and how to write a résumé. For more information, contact Mattie Morton at (859) 246-4300.

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