



# 5th District e-Newsletter

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around our community



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Details for the District

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## Bullet Points of Interest:

- On February 6th at 5:00 p.m., Artworks at the Carver Center will host a new adventure archery program just for couples called Cupid Shoot. The archery competition will include a couples shoot and a his/hers heartbreaker shoot. Basic archery instruction will be provided beginning at 5:00 p.m. for beginners. The competition will begin at 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required and all equipment will be provided. To learn more and to register call (859) 225-4073.
- The inbound lanes of Winchester Road will be blocked one lane at a time between Delaware Avenue and Zesta Place through Friday, January 30th, for manhole and pavement repairs.
- The Downtown Lexington Corporation, which brings you events such as Thursday Night Live and Mayfest, is currently updating their Strategic Plan and would appreciate if you would take a moment and complete a brief survey. Click [here](#) if you wish to do so.

## A Whirlwind Week Ends At Kroger

Dear Neighbor,  
With the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday and the state of the merged government address on Tuesday it's been a busy week.

The Martin Luther King Day breakfast was excellent and well attended followed by the grand march. What a beautiful morning for a special day.

The Mayor was more than up to the task for the address Tuesday. In brief, Lexington and Fayette County are doing well and will continue to do so. In broad themes Mayor Gray is focusing on Town Branch and what uncovering it can mean to downtown. Continuing the work to reclaim the Old Courthouse is also in his vision. This is more

than a building and its meaning to Lexington's past and future can't be overstated or overlooked. Lastly from purely a good steward standpoint we need to begin in earnest to build a better City Hall. Our old Lafayette Hotel home is costing us all quite a bit to keep up. In fact if you come to City Hall now, you walk in through two-story-tall scaffolding in place to repair a sewer leak in the old lobby ceiling. The city needs a different type of space based on current security needs, and the building

could now become new residence space in the center of downtown. The Mayor delivered his speech in the best form I've seen and the Council seemed both receptive and positive; but this was only the first stanza of the budgeting ballad.

The world changed yesterday as the new Kroger on Euclid Avenue opened. I was there and found it hard to believe I was in Chevy Chase. The whole event was great

and Coach Cal did a great job getting the Kroger platoons ready to shop! The shopping area itself is beautiful and well appointed in every way. The cafe is inviting and where else in town are two Starbucks located so closely together? I walked the parking deck; it's an engineering masterpiece. A well-lit expanse with a slight tilt that channels all the rain

and snow to one side. The public art is special and local. I stepped through the "Wine and Spirit" shop too. If ever there was a business designed to attract a target market, this one time Shell station née video store is put together with purpose.

Take a chance and stop into one or both of these new businesses. You might be pleasantly surprised.

My best,  
Bill



Click the play button to watch Mayor Gray's State of the Merged Government Address.



## Workshops Available to Assist with Government Contracting

Billions of dollars are spent each year by federal, state and local governments. Significant economic impact can be realized when Kentucky businesses have the opportunity to bid and win these contracts. As such, the Kentucky Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) have teamed together to offer workshops to educate and train small businesses seeking to secure government contracts. All classes are free and open to the public.

“The KY PTAC is continuing to strengthen the economy by providing businesses with the services and resources necessary to become competitive in government contracting,” said PTAC Director Dee Dee Harbut. “These workshops are only a part of the services we offer to help them navigate their way to winning contracts with the government. PTAC’s goal is to support Kentucky businesses as they grow, offering relevant, current and effective consulting and training on topics pertinent to government contracting.”

“LFUCG is pleased to partner with PTAC to expand class offerings for minority and women owned businesses,” said Marilyn Clark, LFUCG Minority Business Enterprise Liaison. “Although some of the workshops are tailored to address minority and women-owned businesses, many will be of interest to any business interested in government contracting. We believe stronger businesses create a stronger economy and a better community.”

Click [here](#) for a list of upcoming workshops that will guide you through government contracting.

## Kentucky American Water Accepting Applications for 2015 Environmental Grant Program

Kentucky American Water is now accepting applications for the 2015 American Water Environmental Grant Program awards from area organizations. The program provides grants for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships. The maximum grant amount is \$10,000. Kentucky American Water has awarded \$165,000 in grant program funds since launching the program in Kentucky in 2006.

“As a water utility, we appreciate the efforts that others in the region are making to protect our precious water resources,” said Cheryl Norton, president of Kentucky American Water. “This program is one way we help communities continue to play an active role in this important effort.”

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community
- Be completed between May 1st and November 29th
- Be a new or innovative program for the community or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program
- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations
- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the Kentucky American Water grant monies are utilized)

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## Health Department Publishes 2014 Restaurant Inspection Scores

Foodservice establishments are inspected at least every six months and more often if needed. Restaurants are required to post their most recent inspection scores in a conspicuous spot near the business’ entrance. (Click [here](#) to search for your favorite establishments latest score, updated in December of 2014.) Scores of 85 or higher with no three-, four- or five-point violations will be posted with a numeric value in green, while scores of 84 or lower or those with three-, four- or five- point violations will be posted in red. Retail, mobile food units, pushcarts, restricted concession and temporary food service operations do not need to publicly post their most recent inspection scores.



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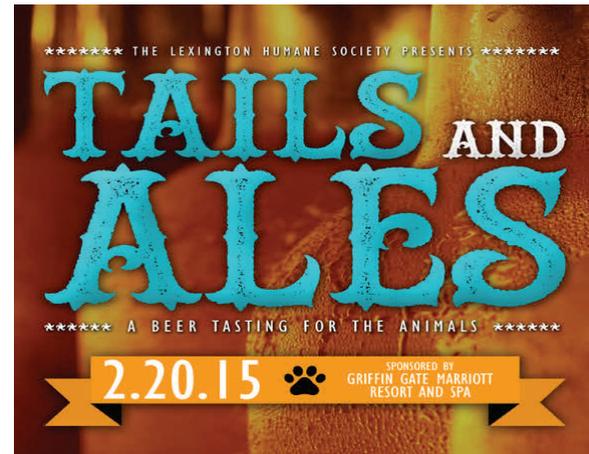
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## Details for the District

### Beer Tasting to Benefit Lexington Humane Society

The Lexington Humane Society's 8th annual Tails & Ales beer-tasting fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa. This fun beer-tasting also features snacks and live music by Kenny Owens. Dress is business casual. All guests must be at least 21 years of age. Personal pets are not permitted at this event. Want a place to rest your feet? Tables (tickets and seating for 8) are also available for reservation. Quantity is limited. To reserve your table click [here](#) to e-mail Development Coordinator, Emily Andrews.



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- Be located within Kentucky American Water's service area.

Information and application requirements can be obtained directly from Kentucky American Water's website at [www.kentuckyamwater.com](http://www.kentuckyamwater.com) via the Water Quality & Stewardship section. Applications should be forwarded by e-mail to [susan.lancho@amwater.com](mailto:susan.lancho@amwater.com) or mailed to Kentucky American Water, c/o External Affairs, 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502. Applications that are mailed must be post-marked by March 13th. Recipients will be notified in April.

Kentucky American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately half a million people.



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