



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:

- Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate needs volunteer tour docents and store attendants. The two-day training session is Saturday, February 28th and March 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cottage at Ashland, 120 Sycamore Road. For information and registration information, contact Kate Heil at (859) 266-8581, extension 205 or via e-mail at kheil@henryclay.org.
- The Division of Waste Management will adjust its collection schedule for the upcoming Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 16th. Residents who normally receive Monday pick-up from the division will receive their collection service on Wednesday, February 18th. No collection will be made on the holiday. Residents who normally receive residential pick-up on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be serviced as usual. Please note that the new winter collection schedule for yard waste is currently in effect and that Lenny collection will resume March 23rd.

Coming Together As Neighbors Accomplishes Much

Dear Neighbor,
There is plenty of the week to choose from for today's e-newsletter.

I enjoyed the Idle Hour Neighbor's Association meeting on Monday evening. They always have a fine gathering and had even decorated the tables in a Valentine's Day theme. Pat Duggar from the Division of Emergency Management gave a great presentation. Being ready for all types of emergencies is about planning ahead. She gave examples some of us might not think of and had valuable materials for folks of all ages. From signing up for weather event notifications to training for [Community Emergency Response Teams](#) (CERT) to including your pets in your family disaster plans, the Emergency Management staff can help. Click [here](#) for a closer look at plans available.

By far the meetings of the week were far less important than events in the greater Lakeshore area. The normally quiet neighborhood off of Lakeshore Drive and beyond Henry Clay High School has been rocked these past two weeks with a series of break-ins and burglaries that are only more scary because of their boldness. You'll be able to read the *Lexington Herald-Leader* article from today's paper but after the last incidents on Tuesday night, my day Wednesday was all about both hearing from folks and moving into action. After last week's first set of crimes, we through the Council Office had asked police for increased patrols. That did not deter the actions of this week. We had a hastily-called meeting graciously hosted by the Lakeshore Village neighborhood last evening.

The standing-room-only event included neighbors recounting of thieves entering homes in the middle of the night. In two

instances making their way to the bedrooms of the homeowners. The details were chilling. [RAIDSOnline.com](#) shows just how close together the events came.

As the press release on page 3 does here and the police personnel stated last evening, several juveniles have been apprehended. That having been done, the basis for neighborhood security—in any neighborhood—is communication among good neighbors. Events such as these galvanize individuals into groups. As I told the assembly from the Lakeshore area, the best thing that could come of last night's meeting was another meeting—that being to organize a neighborhood association. Communicate with each other via social media and e-mail.

To note for all who attended last night, the Lakeview Estates Neighborhood Association Facebook page is now visible on that platform. As with other neighborhood associations within the 5th District, it's a closed group, but all who live in and around should send a request invite.

We all deserve to sleep securely in our beds, and our sworn officers see to that in their best professional ability. As I like to say, no call too small. If you see something untoward or out of place do not hesitate to call 911 or (859) 258-3600. Make a report and let the police handle it. We will have a safety and security meeting in that area again soon and when it's warmer, a district-wide meeting.

For now, get to know a neighbor better. Use [RAIDSOnline.com](#) to see what is happening around your neighborhood. It's great to say crime stats are down but better to say my neighborhood is stronger because we have a great association.

My best,
Bill

Cold Weather Sparks Changes to Homeless Shelter Plans

The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention has activated the Emergency Weather Plan. This activation is due to anticipated cold temperatures beginning tonight and lasting through the weekend. This activation is through Monday, February 16th and may be extended pending review of weather forecasts.

The Emergency Weather Plan provides a coordinated response for times when extreme cold or other weather related circumstances create additional, immediate need for expanded capacity to assist people experiencing homelessness in Lexington. Extreme temperatures or unusual amounts of snow or ice often force people to seek shelter who may not otherwise seek assistance. In some cases, people struggling with mental illness may not seek shelter and require additional intervention for their own safety. This plan ensures Lexington is prepared for these situations.

The Emergency Weather Plan will be activated on any day when temperatures are expected to be consistently below 32 degrees and/or when weather conditions otherwise dictate as determined by the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. Any time the plan has been activated the Office of Homelessness will notify local media, provide updates on social media, and notify all organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness. It's important to note that, unless otherwise stated, these shelters and services are always available to people in Lexington who experience homelessness. The Emergency Weather Plan activates some changes such as transportation or extended hours but Lexington is fortunate to have a strong network of shelters and service providers that is able to

meet most needs even during weather emergencies. Click [here](#) for a list of 24-hour emergency shelters, day shelters and warming centers and available transportation services.

Community To Again Join for Keep Lexington Beautiful

In 2014, more than 2,300 Lexington neighbors participated in over 50 Keep Lexington Beautiful (KLB) cleanup events, contributing more than 4,700 volunteer hours. We again want to focus on mobilizing volunteers to participate in making Lexington beautiful. We are encouraging neighborhood organizations, churches, schools, businesses and individuals to adopt nearby parks, roads or greenways for cleanups, as well as any streams that are in their areas. The KLB can provide cleanup supplies such as bags and gloves free of charge. We also have available for check-out a leaf blower and trimmer donated by Troy -Bilt, as well as shovels, rakes and buckets.

KLB looks forward to working with you and all neighborhood groups as we work together to make this Great American Cleanup the best. If you are interested in participating in this year's event, mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 25th for the next planning meeting, which will be held in the 3rd floor conference room of the Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street. Free parking is available in the Phoenix parking lot at that time. Call Louise Caldwell -Edmonds at (859) 425-2800 or e-mail info@KeepLexingtonBeautiful.com if you have any questions.

Snow and Ice Control: How to Keep From Being Towed

With cold weather reaching its unpredictable tentacles into Lexington over the next several days, it's probably time for a refresher on Lexington's Snow and Ice Control Plan. Snow and ice removal in Fayette County is a combined effort of the City's Department of Environmental Quality & Public Works and the Kentucky Department of Highways. Public Works is responsible for snow and ice removal from more than 1,110 lane miles of city and county roads. The state is responsible for plowing more than 500 miles of roadways in Fayette County. Snow emergency routes are marked with signage and if you live on a street marked as such, you should move your car to avoid towing. For a video report about the Snow and Ice Control Plan via the city's website, click [here](#); to watch it via YouTube, click the Play button at right.



Click the Play button for a brief report about Lexington's Snow and Ice Control Plan.

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**LEXINGTON
DIVISION OF POLICE
NEWS RELEASE**

SECTION/UNIT: Public Information Office

DATE OF RELEASE: February 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Burglary Suspects Arrested

RELEASED BY: Sherelle Roberts (859) 425-2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lexington Division of Police investigators have charged three juvenile suspects in connection to burglaries in the Lakeshore area of Lexington.

February 11, 2015, officers were called to two separate addresses, 2072 Bridgeport Drive and 496 Seeley Drive, in response to theft cases. In both situations the suspects forced their way into the homes, after kicking the doors in.

At approximately 3:43am, officers responded to 496 Seeley Drive in reference to a burglary in progress. The homeowner told investigators he awoke when he heard the backdoor of his residence being kicked open. He went downstairs to check on the situation while another person in the home called the police. When officers arrived on scene they saw a white-colored, Acura fleeing the scene with the headlights off. Officers were unable to stop the fleeing vehicle.

Two minutes later at 3:45 a.m., another call for a burglary was received at 2072 Bridgeport. Residents of the Bridgeport address told officers they awoke when they heard their back door being kicked open, and heard voices in the residence. Suspects left the residence taking the keys to their white Acura. The vehicle stolen from this home was utilized to flee the scene in the Seeley Drive burglary.

The following charges have been placed against the three juvenile suspects in relation to these investigations.

Juvenile 1

- (2) Counts of Burglary 2nd Degree
- (1) Count of Theft By Unlawful Taking Felony (Auto) over \$10,000

Juvenile 2

- (1) Count of Receiving stolen property Felony (Auto) over \$10,000

Juvenile 3

- (1) Count of Receiving stolen property (Misdemeanor)

Anyone with additional information about this case should call police. Tips can be phoned into: the Division of Police at (859)258-3600 or the Residential Burglary Unit at (859)258-3700 or Bluegrass Crime Stoppers at (859)253-2020. You can also submit tips by cell phone. Simply text: "tips2020" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Finally, information can be submitted by logging onto www.bluegrasscrimestoppers.com

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