



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:

- Many have asked for information regarding who has responsibility for snow removal on sidewalks and who enforces areas left untreated. According to ordinance, it is the responsibility of the "owner or occupant or any person having the care of any building or lot abutting in any sidewalk." Click [here](#) to read the full ordinance. This ordinance is one enforced by the Division of Police. Call (859) 258-3600 to make a report.
- On Saturday, February 28th, GleanKY will be hosting their 7th Annual Heirloom Seed Sale, presented by Smucker's. Stop by Woodland Christian Church any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to purchase heirloom seeds for your garden, consult with their experts and support GleanKY's mission to gather and redistribute excess fresh fruits and vegetables to nourish Kentucky's hungry.

Safety First on Henry Clay Boulevard

Dear Neighbor,
We all returned to a snow-covered normal this week. For that I am grateful.

As the Council and Administration consider updates to our "snow plan" I will keep you posted. Thank you all who have provided both positive feedback and constructive criticism. All is appreciated.

Herein you will find a picture of my Mom and myself that we took yesterday with her Henry Clay Ambassadorship that the Mayor bestowed upon her last year. While not as old as the Chevy Chase Inn, Mom has been in Chevy Chase since starting to work with my Dad in 1956. Recently Bill Farmer, the former State Representative, has seen the passing of both his Dad Phil and his Mom Carlisle. They were both great people and for a time constituents in the Lansdowne-Merrick neighborhood. While my condolences have been passed to him, some have been conveyed to me. While I appreciate the kind comments and prayers—let's save them for another time. Mom is here and fine, and my appreciation for my constituents is only enhanced.



Mom was pleased to receive the Henry Clay Ambassadorship from the Mayor last year.

Safety first! As some neighbors will recall the Council was kind enough to put aside some funds for traffic calming in our area. The first focus for those funds is Henry Clay Boulevard, which lies entirely within the district. I recently met with the new Director of Traffic Engineering, Dowell Hoskins-Squier and Roger Mulvaney, who is a member of her staff. As we

are using a gradual approach, this was a meeting about first steps.

Pedestrian safety comes first. With that in mind, as the conditions permit the three intersections at Meniffee, Delaware and Liberty Road will all be upgraded and striped. Each intersection will be completely updated in this respect with additional signage as warranted. Next we will partner with the Division of Streets and Roads in the area of the 90 degree turn closest to Fairwood Lane. The city will be experimenting with a new high friction surface treatment. It is designed to provide a better gripping surface in areas where there have been accident histories related to sliding or skidding. Ours will be one of only four initial applications. While it is a better non-skid surface, it is also different in texture. Drivers should both notice and react to it while reducing speed.

I believe these are both judicious first steps and will provide both calming and context for us to evaluate, discuss and follow up both in the neighborhood and among the divisions of government involved.

While the Fairway neighborhood has been proactive in the Fayette County Public Schools redistricting discussion—which has been great—I have been glad to be working on neighborhood safety. We will have plenty to catch up on next week. For now. Stay warm and Go Cats!!

My best,
Bill

It Isn't Too Late to Enter the St. Patrick's Day Parade

It's not too late to grab your green and join the fun for the Alltech Lexington St. Patrick's Parade and Festival on Saturday, March 14th. The deadline has been extended until March 7th due to recent weather. The parade will begin on Main Street at 1:00 p.m. in downtown Lexington, so get a group together and enter!



There is no charge for community or non-profit groups. Entry fees for commercial organizations are \$150 and are \$175 for political groups. Entry forms are available on the parade website by clicking [here](#). For more information visit LexingtonStPatsParade.org or if you have questions, submit them to LexingtonStPatsParade@twc.com.



What's Hidden Under the Thaw Isn't Always Fun

It's that time of year when potholes start baring their teeth, gnashing at even the most seasoned off-road vehicles. Potholes are often created by the freeze-then-thaw cycle in winter and by damage caused by snow removal plowing. To report a pothole on a city maintained street, please call Lexcall 311 or (859) 425-2255. You can click [here](#) to report a pothole online. Please make sure that when making your report, you include the closest—if not the actual—street address where the pothole is located.



According to AAA, potholes cost drivers an estimated \$6.4 billion per year.

To report a pothole on a state maintained road, please call (859) 246-2059 or (859) 246-2355. During normal times, Streets and Roads makes every effort to repair a pothole that has been reported to Lex-Call within 48 hours of the call.

Sign Up Now for the Citizen Police Academy

Ride in high speed in a police cruiser, execute an “armed” building search, get a true look at CSI and learn secrets about the Lexington Police. You can do all of this as a member of the Citizen Police Academy. The spring 2015 class starts on March 4th. Click [here](#) for a registration form. The form can be mailed to Lexington Division of Police; Attn: Officer Debbie Wagoner; 150 East Main Street; Lexington, KY; 40507 via e-mail [here](#).



The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. Instruction consists of one 3-hour class held each week for duration of twelve weeks. This instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the Division of Police each week. Certified police officers, supervisors and civilian instructors with particular expertise will teach each topic. All classes are free.

Course Curriculum includes:

- Narcotics/VICE Investigations
- Criminal Law
- Patrol Procedures
- K-9/Bike Patrol/Mounted Patrol
- Emergency Response
- Media/Public Relations
- Accident Reconstruction
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Family Abuse/Juvenile Procedures
- Community Services
- Crime Stoppers
- Defensive Tactics
- Tactical Traffic Stops

A vital part of the Academy is participation in role playing and scenarios. These simulations will provide an opportunity for a unique “hands-on” learning experience. Students will also have the option, on a voluntary basis, to tour with a patrol officer, a CPR course and take a tour of the Fayette County Detention Center.

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Feral Cats Get Care Through Spay'sTheWay

Most neighborhoods have feral cats, whether they make themselves known or skulk in the shadows waiting for their chance at food. Many try to help these little guys out, especially in this kind of weather, but what really is the right way to do so? First, a look at the facts. Feral cats are originally descended from unaltered domesticated cats who were allowed to reproduce and whose kittens were not socialized with human contact. Feral cats are wild animals, are afraid of humans and cannot be handled. While feral cats are truly wild, many other "community" cats tend to fall into the feral category, including unowned strays and barn cats. These cats often group together in a colony around a common food source.

The number of feral cats in an area can grow very quickly without human input. The most effective and compassionate method for curbing population growth is sterilization to prevent reproduction, also known as trap-neuter-return (TNR). TNR involves the humane trapping of cats, spay or neuter surgery by a licensed veterinarian, and return of the altered cats back to the location where they

were trapped. You should note that simply trapping and permanently removing cats from an area does not reduce population size as new cats will move into the area, drawn in by the existing food source.

TNR cats are vaccinated for rabies/FVRCP and ear-tipped, which means a small tip of an ear is surgically removed so cats can be identified as incapable of reproduction and not retrapped.

If you have a feral cat on your property in need of surgery, contact Spay'sTheWay at (859) 233-0044 Ext. 228 for advice and assistance. For feral colonies, the Lexington Humane Society partners with a local organization called Spay Our Strays for TNR. If you would like to contact Spay Our Strays directly regarding TNR, call (859) 420-4076 or e-mail SOScatsKY@gmail.com.



Trap-neuter-return feral cats most often have been "ear tipped" so that they are not retrapped.

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.

Central Kentucky Concert Band

Winter

Ben Hawkins
Music director and conductor


Les Anderson
Assistant Conductor



SUNDAY, 3 PM
MARCH 1ST


Be Gone

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MITCHELL FINE ARTS CENTER
TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY



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