



# 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:

- The next Kenwick Neighborhood Association general meeting will be this coming Tuesday, March 24th from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwick Community Center (313 Owsley Avenue). This should be a very informative meeting as there will be two guest speakers: representatives from Code Enforcement and representatives from Animal Care and Control.
- Parks & Recreation is looking for hard working, enthusiastic and energetic staff to work at the city's aquatic facilities. Besides earning a paycheck and meeting new people, individuals will learn job skills such as customer service, responsibility and leadership. Job positions include lifeguards, water safety instructors and cashier/concession workers. All candidates must apply online. If you have questions, call (859) 288-2970. Click [here](#) to apply.

## Proven Process Paves the Way Into Recess

**D**ear Neighbor,  
For the next couple of weeks the Council will take a Spring Recess that I am still unaccustomed to. This week offered a full schedule with plenty to talk about.

On Monday, Keep Lexington Beautiful hosted a breakfast to highlight "Green Up for Breeders' Cup." This is an aggressive public-private initiative to enhance corridors for the big event this October. There is more to read about that on page two. Corridors maintenance is now ongoing for the first time in a very long while and these investments will continue to be worthwhile and beautiful.

The so called "Minimum Wage" discussion made its way first to the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee on Tuesday, and in an odd twist, again to the full Council meeting last evening. You can reference the packet for the first meeting [here](#), and if you scroll to page 19, the proposed ordinance as well. I encourage you to read it

over and give it some thought. The business community has had little notice on the tracking of this issue and hasn't been given the requisite time to respond. Proponents, while not respectful of the Council and its processes, have been and still are pressing expediency to "help those in most need." Wait a minute...



Connie Jo Miller is a Commissioner with Keep Lexington Beautiful and helped host the Green Up for Breeder's Cup event Monday morning.

This and previous Councils have properly worked on complicated and controversial issues before—all within the confines of the proven Council structure. Some have been vetted and enacted. The Purchase of Development Rights Program. The Fairness Ordinance. The Smoking Ban. Some have failed. The Noise Ordinance being the most notable recent failure. The commonality, however, is discussion and decision within the established legislative work of the Council.

This issue will have a full hearing and discussion in committee and then before the full Council, but let me underscore here that none of the legislation mentioned above—enacted or not—*ever appeared in*

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## Regular Yard Waste Collection Schedule Resumes

**L**exington's Division of Waste Management will resume its normal yard waste collection schedule on Monday, March 23rd. This means Lenny containers, yard waste bundles and yard waste bags will be serviced by city crews along with Herbies and Rosies on your regular collection day. The city launched a new winter yard waste collection schedule in February as part of reduced seasonal demand.

During the six-week period, the Division of Waste Management continued yard waste service for residents on an as-needed basis. Early calculations indicate the city saved upwards of \$8,000 in fuel costs by using the modified schedule. The city is currently analyzing personnel cost-savings achieved during the six-week period as well.

## Lexington Prepares to “Green Up for Breeders’ Cup”

Mayor Jim Gray, city officials and the Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission announced on Monday the start of a citywide public-private beautification initiative called, “Green Up for Breeders’ Cup.” The initiative, supported by public and private partners, is designed to enhance long stretches of four major transportation corridors leading into town. A local landscape architecture firm will professionally design planting beds along those corridors. Once completed, the city’s Division of Environmental Services will maintain the beds.

“The 2015 Breeders’ Cup will put the global spotlight on Lexington” Gray said. “This is a great opportunity for us to make Lexington look its best, both now and in the future.”

Jim Pendergest, chair of the Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission, said, “The Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission is pleased to play a major role in this initiative. It is in keeping with our mission to engage individuals, businesses and organizations within Lexington-Fayette County to take personal responsibility for improving our environment.”

To help fund the initiative, local citizens and businesses are being asked to sponsor high-visibility large beautification areas. Sponsorships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Sponsorships range

between \$2,500 for a partial sponsorship and \$12,500 for a full one.

“Green Up for Breeders’ Cup is about more than aesthetics,” said Susan

L. Plueger, director of the city’s Division of Environmental Services. “It is an opportunity for local residents and businesses to play a leadership role in making Lexington a more vibrant and attractive place to live, work and visit.”

The Green Up for Breeders’ Cup project will provide trees, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, annuals and seed mixes. The first priority areas are:

- Versailles Road/West High Street from the intersection with West Maxwell to the Fayette county line
- Newtown Pike from Main Street to the I-75 interchange
- Iron Works Pike/Georgetown Road from the entrance of the Kentucky Horse Park to the interchange of Georgetown Road and New Circle
- Man O’ War Boulevard from Versailles Road to Harrodsburg Road

The 2015 Breeders’ Cup will take place at Keeneland on October 30th and 31st, and it is expected to attract tens of thousands of visitors to Lexington.



*Click the play button to hear more about Green Up for Breeders’ Cup.*

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*its final form first.* Quite simply, that’s the role of the Council. I encourage your thoughts and discussion.

Finally, two items on last night’s docket are of particular interest. First, per the request of the Shriners Neighborhood Association, the Council has sanctioned the renaming of Clinton Park to Clay’s Spring Park. This is more noteworthy as it was a fresh water source of historical significance to the Clay family. The neighborhood will now erect signage that will so note that value. More on that as other changes in the park begin.

Second, we passed two business items, one for \$24,890 for a new Mega Splash Bucket at Southland Pool and the other for \$27,000 to refurbish the Pirate Ship at Woodland Pool. Both made noteworthy by the long awaited arrival of Spring today. Hallelujah! What’s more to be said but...GO CATS!!!

My best,  
Bill

The Corridors Commission is currently accepting applications for the Corridors Neighborhood Match Grant program. The program’s objective is to partner with neighborhood and other community-based groups to enhance the corridors leading into and out of Lexington and to increase awareness of corridor enhancements. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Tour Walks Guests Through 19th Century Mourning

The Mary Todd Lincoln House will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's assassination with a special evening tour entitled Death, Mourning, and Mrs. Lincoln. The tour will be offered at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on both the date Lincoln was shot (April 14th) and the date of his death (April 15th).

Mrs. Lincoln suffered more loss than many women of her time. In this special tour, visitors will explore how the first lady's experiences reflected the ways in which 19th century Americans coped with death. This program will feature artifacts and other historical sources that illustrate evolving funerary and mourning customs and unorthodox practices such as spiritualism.

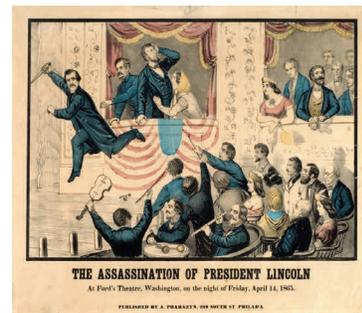
Death, Mourning, and Mrs. Lincoln is a part of the museum's evening tour series. While the standard tour covers Mary Lincoln's entire biography, evening tours take a closer look at special topics related to Mrs. Lincoln and her life. Other evening tours have included Mrs. Lincoln's Favorite Things, Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckley and Mrs. Lincoln's

Civil War.

Reservations required. Admission is \$15 for individuals, \$13 per person with a group of four or more, and \$10 per

person for members and their guests. Not recommended for children. The Mary Todd Lincoln House is located at 578 West Main Street in downtown Lexington. Free parking is directly behind the house. Call Gwen at (859) 233-9999 for reservations or visit [www.mtlhouse.org](http://www.mtlhouse.org) for further information.

The Mary Todd Lincoln House is the girlhood home of Mrs. Lincoln. She brought her husband and children to visit the Todd family here in 1847. The first historic site restored to honor a first lady, the museum is operated by Kentucky Mansions Preservation Foundation, a private non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting historic properties.



The 5<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter is distributed via e-mail to any Lexington resident. I encourage leaders of the 31 active neighborhood associations in the 5<sup>th</sup> District to provide input for the newsletter and to distribute the newsletter to their members. Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter may contact the 5<sup>th</sup> District Council office via e-mail at [bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:bfarmer@lexingtonky.gov). If you wish to unsubscribe to the newsletter, e-mail [jgies@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:jgies@lexingtonky.gov).

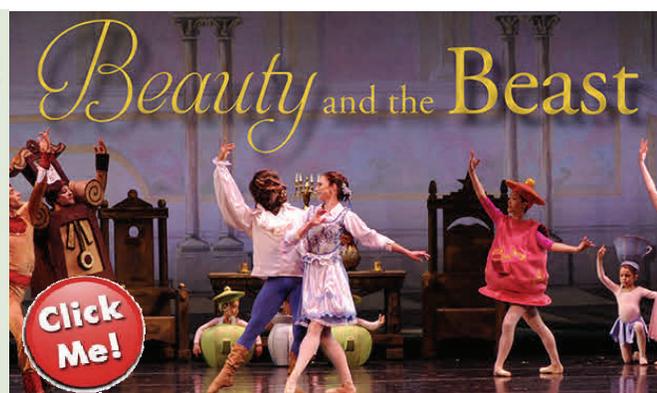


8th Annual  
**WINE BARREL TASTING**  
for the **Springs**  
March 28, 2015  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
\$20 per person  
*includes admission to all participating wineries.  
Cash or checks only.*  
All proceeds go to support development and improvements at McConnell Springs.  
*The Barrel Tasting is sponsored by The Friends of McConnell Springs.*

- Drive on your own. Pick your starting point:
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| Black Barn Winery                | Jean Farris Winery & Bistro    |
| Chrisman Mill Vineyards          | Lovers Leap Vineyards & Winery |
| Chuckleberry Farm & Winery       | McIntyre's Winery & Berries    |
| Equus Run Vineyards              | Prodigy Vineyards & Winery     |
| First Vineyard Winery            | Rising Sons Winery             |
| Grimes Mill Winery               | Springhill Winery & Plantation |
| Hamon Haven Winery               | Talon Winery & Vineyards       |
| Horseshoe Bend Vineyard & Winery | Wildside Winery & Vineyard     |



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