

5th District e-Newsletter

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around our community



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Bullet Points of Interest:

- On Tuesday at the Council Work Session, Council Member Henson made a motion to place into the Planning and Public Safety Committee the issue of the distribution of unsolicited advertisement supplements. The motion was seconded by Council Member Scutchfield. Weekly advertisement supplements thrown from delivery employees of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* still dot the 5th District landscape as litter and our district isn't the only one complaining. Complaints have been lodged in other offices and with LexCall. These supplements come every Wednesday and are delivered in pink bags, more often not to one's doorstep, but rather to the sidewalk or end of the driveway. If you do not want these delivered to your home, you can contact Aaron Kotarek at (859) 231-3352 or akotarek@herald-leader.com.

Better Pavement Management Means a Smoother Ride

Dear Neighbor,
Now that the snow has melted from our city streets, it's time to take a look at where our pavement dollars will be best spent. The Mayor's Proposed Budget includes \$10 million for paving, and the 5th District will likely receive a hefty chunk of that funding. Dowell Hoskins Squier, Director of Traffic Engineering, recently presented the proposed pavement management approach to the Environmental Services and Public Works Committee, which I chair. She explained the goals and benefits of pavement management, and presented the benefits of engaging a consultant for this effort. Squier discussed next steps, which include the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP), definition of roles and responsibilities of LFUCG staff, developing a strategy for performance goals and developing policy for use of Portland cement concrete.

As for the means of data collection and its frequency, Traffic Engineering wants to collect data for all 1,200 centerline miles in the first year of implementation. Squier stated the fees for the collection will decrease after the initial consulting services. Data collection is 60-75% of the cost. When asked if the city is utilizing the best quality pavement available, Albert Miller from the Division of Streets and Roads stated that they are. Miller also confirmed crack seal's effectiveness.

When asked if there would be a public interface for the information that is collected so that individuals could know how their streets are rated, Squier replied that in the current year some public information

has been prepared and this information would be available in the new database. This would include a plan for priority roads and their completion dates. The software will show different scenarios that could influence those decisions, but future funding will be the deciding factor.

Squier again said that the largest portion is data collection; the remaining funding will address the consulting fee to determine how to implement the process, including treatment options and priority criteria, and implementation of the software package. It will take six to eight weeks to complete the data collection process. David Holmes, Commissioner of Environmental Quality and Public Works, stated the goal is to report back to Council by June 1st, so the data could be considered during the budgetary process. Holmes stated this method will provide Council with objective data in a timely manner.

This new system will provide more efficient treatments that lengthen the life of the pavement, hopefully for the same amount of money. The goal is to manage more roads with the same funding, and ensure that pavement lasts longer. Holmes stated they have identified a source for the funds and will bring this information before Council when the RFP language is finalized. Holmes said this would be a subjective, educated decision as opposed to an objective, scientific decision.

Your input is still important to this process. If you have suggestions for streets that need to be paved, please click [here](#) to share them with me. Have a great weekend.

My best,
Bill



Vehicles like this one will soon hit city streets to assess pavement.

Sustainability Grant Program Expanded to Include Art Projects

Lexington's Sustainability Grant program, designed to collaboratively and creatively improve Lexington's environmental health, is being expanded to include art projects. The grants underwrite creative projects that get people thinking about stormwater, energy conservation, recycling and other environmental issues.

Lexington residents wanting to improve the city's environment are invited to apply for a 2015 Sustainability Grant. The grant amount has been increased to \$5,000 and eligibility requirements have been expanded to include all 501c3 nonprofit organizations. Public and private schools, neighborhood and homeowner associations, and churches can also apply.

Grants are available for a wide range of projects including:

- Rain gardens
- Art related projects
- Green roofs
- Community gardens
- Streamside restoration
- Recycling programs
- Beautification projects (outside only)
- Rain barrel projects
- Cleanup and restoration of illegal dumpsites
- Litter projects
- Planting of street trees
- Other projects that are determined to improve the environmental health of the community and meet the principles of sustainability.

Eligible applicants may apply for a maximum grant of \$5,000. Each grant requires a 50% match, which can be materials, in-kind services or a combination of both. In-kind matches may include items such as documented use of vehicles or machinery or meals served to volunteers. Documentation must be provided on the value of all in-kind supplies, materials and services.

More information and application materials about this grant opportunity are available at www.lexingtonky.gov/greengrants. Applications must be postmarked or submitted to the department's office by 4:30 p.m. on May 8th. No exceptions will be made. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. Please contact Louise Caldwell-Edmonds at (859) 425-2800 or via e-mail at louisec@lexingtonky.gov if you have questions.

Spring Cleaning Tips on Proper Paint Disposal

Whether you are cleaning out your garage or performing home-improvement projects, the Division of Waste Management would like to issue a friendly reminder on the proper disposal methods for paint material. The Division of Waste Management does not accept liquid paint. Here are a few tips for proper paint disposal:

- Mix liquid paint with kitty litter, sawdust or paint hardening crystals.
- Once hardened, place the lid back on the paint can.
- Put the can inside a bag and place in your Herbie for disposal.
- Consider donating unwanted latex paint to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 451 Southland Drive. Donated paint is recycled into new colors available for sale at the store. The paint recycling program was initially funded in 2009 by a grant through a partnership with the City of Lexington and has recycled over 15,000 gallons of paint since its inception. Residents are asked to contact the ReStore at (859) 252-2224 prior to dropping off paint.

The Division of Waste Management would like to thank you for your cooperation in the effort to ensure our city remains clean and safe. For more information on proper disposal techniques, please call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255. For more information on services provided by the Division of Waste Management, please visit www.lexingtonky.gov/wastemanagement.

Snow Removal Plan Soon to Come Up for Review

A formal review of the City's Snow & Ice Control Plan will take place at the June 16th meeting of the Council's Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee. Snow and ice removal in Fayette County is a combined effort of the city's Department of Environmental Quality and 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. If you have feedback, recommendations or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail me at by clicking [here](#).

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Lighthouse Ministries to Facilitate Dining with Dignity

Lighthouse Ministries plans to expand its regular daytime free lunch program for people with low incomes and those who are homeless into a larger facility at 190 Spruce Street (adjacent to their current location at 185 Elm Tree Lane). This expansion results in a dining facility with seating for 190 people and includes a full commercial kitchen on site. The space would otherwise be vacant and unused most evenings.

In exchange for a one-time LFUCG investment of \$67,657 toward renovation expenses, Lighthouse Ministries has agreed to operate the Dining with Dignity program in this space for at least three years. Lighthouse will make the space available 365 nights each year to groups and organizations wishing to serve meals to people who are homeless and low income. Lighthouse staff members will administer scheduling, building access, administering donated funds and food, health code compliance and program promotions. The Office of Homelessness will assist with program promotion and recruiting organizations to serve meals.

The goal of this project is to consolidate as many scattered nightly meal service programs as possible, including meals served in parks and other public spaces, into this one facility. The result should be a more pleasant and consistent dining experience for those in need and a better coordinated effort to serve among churches, organizations, and individuals wishing to help.

Lighthouse will submit monthly reports to the Office of Homelessness for tracking utilization of the facility. Funds are budgeted in the Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Homelessness Fund and the project has been recommended for funding by the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board.

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.

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THURSDAY MAY 7, 2015 6-9 PM



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*All rabies shots. All pets must be in to carrier and all dogs must be on a leash. Annual rabies shot available. \$9 for second annual booster. (Priority for SKY/NETTIE/BOB/RODOLFO): \$60 for unvaccinated animals receive. Clinic dates subject to change in the event of unforeseen weather.

