



5th District e-Newsletter

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around our community



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Bullet Points of Interest:

- **Greater Blairmore Area, Lakeshore Village and the Island Neighborhood Meeting Reminder!**
Where: Southland Christian Church, Parkside Theater (Park in the rear of the church and go through the glass double doors and then go right to the Parkside Theater.)
When: Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.
• It is Kenwick Bungalow Tour time again and neighborhood volunteers are needed. The tour will be Sunday, June 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Sara at kenwick-neighbors@gmail.com or call (859) 221-8350.

Next Week Gives You Opportunity to Tune and Chime In

Dear Neighbor,
This morning I was honored to spend some time at Mayfair Manor for the Prayer Day for Peace program arranged by the Mayfair Chaplin Jesse Baldrige. Giving remarks and prayers for peace along with me were Reverend Dan Russell, the Senior Adult Pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church and Rabbi Daniel Roberts of Temple Adath Israel. What a nice gathering and great calling early in the day.

In this week's Environmental Quality and Public Works (EQ&PW) Committee, which I chair, Commissioner David Holmes will present findings and suggestions for a bigger better snow plan for Lexington. I have heard from many of you about this matter. I appreciate your input and will keep it in mind on Tuesday. Conversation needs to be had about what streets have experienced new growth and need to be added to snow plowing routes.

New areas of population growth need to be reflected in snow plan because of traffic connectivity issues as well as new areas of economic development. We will also look at locations that are currently underserved in snow plan. These areas might include:

- Sidewalks
- Lextran bus stops
- School bus routes
- Non-priority streets
- Courts and Cul-de-sacs

The packet for this meeting has been uploaded to the LFUCG website and you can view it by clicking [here](#).

Moving on to more immediate traffic

issues, neighbors who travel Henry Clay Boulevard may notice that timing changes have been implemented at the intersection of Henry Clay Boulevard and Menifee Avenue to better address the "calming" of traffic along this corridor. Staff from the Division of Traffic Engineering will monitor and adjust the timing over the next couple of weeks. Their reviews will be throughout the



Reverend Dan Russell and Rabbi Daniel Roberts joined me to Pray for Peace at Mayfair Manor this morning.

week, and they will conduct spot checks during the weekend both during the day and evening.

If you have feedback—whether it be positive or negative—please share your thoughts by clicking [here](#), as it will help us in modifying the changes to the signal timing to better address the needs and de-

sires of the neighborhood. If you are interested in the hows and whys of traffic control signs, signals and devices, click [here](#) for the Traffic Engineering FAQs page.

Also of interest in Tuesday's EQ&PW meeting, Dowell Hoskins-Squire, Director of Traffic Engineering, will present revisions to Lexington's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. This information is also available in the packet referenced earlier, and the guidelines used by Traffic Engineering are detailed in full by the manual included there. If you'd like, tune in to GTV3 at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon either via television broadcast (channel 3) or to watch these discussions online, click [here](#).

We've had a beautiful weather week here in Lexington, and while the weekend might bring a cloud or two, I hope you enjoy it all the same.

My best,
Bill

Public Input Sought on New City Website Redesign

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is offering citizens the opportunity to help make the city's website better. As a part of the redesign, residents are being asked to take a short survey. Questions include how individuals currently use the site and what features are important to them. The survey is available until Monday, June 8th, and you can reach it [here](#) in both English and Spanish.

"The city is looking at all the various ways technology can better serve our citizens and the website is one of those ways," said Aldona Valicenti, Chief Information Officer. "Our goal is to gather as much feedback from our citizens as we can and then redesign the site in a way to provide the best user experience possible."

Citizens will have other opportunities to comment throughout the redesign process. "This project is not just about trying to make the website look better. It is about designing a site that allows citizens to interact with government online."



New Parks Director to Begin Working in June

Monica Conrad, Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Parks, has been named the city's new Director of Parks and Recreation.



"We are working to improve parks all over town," Mayor Jim Gray said. "Monica has the kind of experience we need to make it happen."

Conrad has worked for Kentucky Parks since 2004, holding a variety of positions. She recently moved to Lexington from her native Morehead.

"I am excited and honored to start a new challenge with Lexington Parks and Recreation," Conrad said. "I look forward to getting to work and further developing the extensive park and recreational offerings to residents and regional visitors."

Conrad holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and she is a registered dietitian. She will start work with the city in June, pending Council approval.

Free Paper Shredding Event Benefits God's Pantry

Tax season has come and gone, which means you may have old, unwanted tax or financial documents to dispose of in a secure and environmentally-friendly way. On Saturday, May 16th, Lexington residents are invited to take part in a free paper shred event from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at the old city landfill site at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. This event is a joint collaboration between the city's Division of Waste Management, Shred-it, Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission (KLB), Division of Environmental Services, God's Pantry Food Bank, Frankfort/Lexington Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

Based on the total tonnage recycled after the last event, together we saved 425 trees, 75 cubic yards of landfill space and over 175,000 gallons of water.

Please note:

- The event is for Fayette County residents only.
- There is a limit of five boxes or bags of material per vehicle.
- Please make sure no plastic binders or binder clips are included with materials.
- Staples, paper envelopes and paper clips are acceptable.
- Entrance to the event will be through Jimmie Campbell Drive.
- Participants are asked not to arrive before 9:00 a.m. as event organizers will be unable to accommodate anyone before that time.
- Cardboard boxes will be collected at the event and sent to the Lexington Recycling Center.

Donations of non-perishable food items for God's Pantry will be collected at the event. Currently, the most-needed item is canned fruit. Residents are asked to not bring items in glass packaging. For more information on the event, please visit www.lexingtonky.gov/papershred.



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21C Impacts Main Street Traffic

Beginning today, the current right lane of West Main Street will be closed between Limestone Street and Upper Street for construction on the 21C Hotel. The right parking lane is already closed. Two lanes of Main Street and a left-turn lane will remain open. The closure will be 24 hours a day through June. City engineers will mitigate the impact on traffic by adjusting signal timing at the light at the West Main Street-Upper Street intersection to add more time to Main Street movement. The lane is scheduled to reopen before July 4th, when the city hosts the Fourth of July Festival in downtown Lexington.

300-Year-Old Tree Sadly Must Come Down

A 300-year-old Bur Oak tree in South Point Park will soon be removed for safety reasons. The decision to take the tree down was made after a professional arborist inspected and performed decay tests. The tests were done after a limb on the tree fell to the ground.

“You never want to lose a tree this old,” says Tim Queary, the city’s Urban Forester, “but safety and the well being of those who use our parks sometimes requires that we do.”

The tree will be removed in the near future. Pieces of the trunk will be taken to McConnell Springs and the Arboretum for educational display purposes.

400 Mile Sale Across Kentucky's Scenic Byway Historic Highway 68 June 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2015 Mark Your Calendars! Yard Sales Stuff Bargains Collectibles

PRESENTED BY PEDALPOWER Since 1973 BIKE LEXINGTON Saturday, May 30, 2015 Free and fun activities beginning at 8am at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza Family Fun Ride takes off at 10am

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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