



# 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 Division of Waste Management will adjust its collection schedule for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25th. Residents who normally receive Monday pick-up from the division will receive their collection service on Wednesday, May 27th. 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. Residents who normally receive Monday pick-up should set their Herbies, Rosies and Lennies out after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26th to ensure collection the next day. Businesses that have city waste management services for their dumpsters (landfill-bound and recycling) normally receiving pick-up on Mondays will have their units serviced on Tuesday, May 26th. Businesses normally having pick-ups on Tuesdays will have their units serviced on Wednesday, May 27th. Thursday and Friday pick-ups will be made as usual.

## Memories Heading Into the Memorial Day Weekend

It was a morning early last week, following one of those two beautifully cool days. I was driving to work, sunroof and a couple of windows open. Pause on that.

No tingles of the on-the-record setting for 17" of snow. How cold can February be? Had to turn loose of that—thanks for indulging me.

In the winter, this past one included, I particularly enjoy a crisp morning not so much for its clean, snappish lack of smell but for the crystal clear air. Absolute quiet—at times. So beautiful but not necessarily unique to Lexington.

Spring mornings offer the scent of beauty, sweetness inhaled. Personally I haven't enjoyed enough forsythia in recent springs, but lilac and peony make early evenings at that time an inhaled delight. Again beautiful, but more about spring than Lexington.

The now-behind-us crusted winter and this spring have produced the greenest beginning that I recall. Every shade of vibrant organic growth on rich display perhaps is here as perhaps nowhere else.

Finally, we're back to the morning commute. It's sublime and even a subconscious ordering of the day ahead that's going on. By-close-of-business things.

Now suddenly in one whiff, Lexington engulfs me.

The Lexington moment that tips such a reverie... It's in that Jif whiff of morning air. As the car settles down, the sugary air snaps a bit and there it is: the rich decadent smell of roasting peanuts. A fruit of Mother Nature at her finest. In Lexington it's both an historical and a current event.

I can't believe there is anywhere more beautiful than our rich, green home ingratiated with horses, livestock, corn, soy beans and peanut butter—in the making.

Truly it may have taken longer to read this than my drive to work did but Lexington can affect so many senses—beautifully. Thanks to heaven above for such a wonderful place.

Thanks especially to all of our Veterans on Memorial Day. Their fully measured devotion gives us each the liberty to enjoy it all. My thanks to those who have and continue to serve, and to those who stand beside them.

Please keep safety in mind as you enjoy the bounty of Lexington, of Kentucky or wherever else you may travel this weekend.

My best,  
Bill

## Fairness Awards Fundraiser Supports Bullying Prevention Program

Each year in the month of June, Lexington Fairness presents the annual Fairness Awards fundraiser as a part of Lexington's pride month festivities. Proceeds from this fundraiser support Lexington Fairness' bullying prevention program, Project Speak Out. As our youth face bullying every day, Project Speak Out brings a program of support and resources for school and community leadership to stand and make a difference. By purchasing a ticket for the Fairness Awards, you help fund bullying prevention for our youth. Click [here](#) for more information.



## What the WH WWTP WH WWS?

The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is in design for the West Hickman Wastewater Treatment Plant (WH WWTP) Wet Weather Storage (WH WWS) Project. WH WWS includes the construction of a 20 million gallon (MG) wet weather storage tank and appurtenances, and various WH WWTP reliability improvements, including a 140 million gallon per day (MGD) pump station, as required by the EPA Consent Decree. This project is Phase 1 of WH WWS; Phase 2 being a second 20 MG WWS tank.



*The West Hickman Wastewater Treatment Plant is classified as a two-staged activated sludge nitrification system that treats billions of gallons of wastewater annually.*

This project will be the largest dollar project within the \$590,000,000 Remedial Measures Plan with the current opinion of construction cost at \$65,000,000. Design is to be complete in 2015 with advertisement for award in January 2016 and contract award in March 2016. The project is scheduled to be functionally operational in December 2017 to meet the EPA Consent Decree deadline. The entire project will be constructed within the WH WWTP plant site in Jessamine County.

There will be a public meeting and stakeholder meeting June 3rd, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the Veterans Park Elementary School to discuss improvements to be

constructed at the West Hickman Wastewater Treatment Plant. The meeting is necessary to comply with regulatory and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) funding requirements associated with the referenced project. The project will be described with respect to purpose, location, environmental impacts, costs and source of funding. The current opinion of construction costs for this project is \$65,000,000+/- . Questions from the public will be addressed. If you have any questions regarding this or any other Remedial Measures Plan project.

## Make a Splash At Poolapalooza!

Just in time for summer, all of Lexington's public aquatic centers and pools now accept debit and credit cards. Pool patrons can pay admissions and concessions with any major credit card. Lexington's free annual Poolapalooza event will kick off the aquatic season on from noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd at the Southland Aquatic Center where you can try the new credit card system at the concession stand.

The city's four aquatic centers—Castlewood, Southland, Tates Creek and Woodland—will open Saturday, May 23rd. Neighborhood pools, which are Douglass, Shillito and Picadome, open for the season on Saturday, May 30th. Check the Parks & Recreation [aquatics webpage](#) for information on hours and admission prices.

## Artworks Hoping to Be Cultural Center for Entire Community

Fresh off a successful spring 2015 semester, Artworks at the Carver School is poised to become a destination for cultural arts instruction in Lexington. Amber Luallen, director of cultural arts for the Division of Parks and Recreation, and Mindy Stone, director of the Carver Center, believe the timing is right and the location is right to attract cultural arts lovers of all ages, from two-year-olds to seniors.

Artworks, under the cultural arts section of the Division of Parks and Recreation, opened in the old Carver Elementary School building on Patterson Street in the fall of 2014. While it will be home to many new programs, it is also now home to such Parks favorites as Kiddie Kapers and Ballet Under the Stars pre-show classes.

An Imax theatre and entertainment complex is proposed for nearby properties and UK has plans to relocate its fine arts building to the area. The two-story center is a gem with plenty of space for dance studios, pottery facilities, a gymnasium, classrooms, lots of storage for costumes and other equipment and a complete commercial kitchen for possible culinary arts classes.



*Parks and Recreation staff is working on a fall schedule of classes and workshops focused on arts instruction.*



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### Play Golf, Lexington!

Lexington Parks and Recreation wants to see what you're made of in their inaugural "We Got 90" golf challenge. What is the challenge? Just drive, chip and putt your way down every hole during the month of June to earn a free round of golf and a chance at the grand prize, a set of Titleist Vokey sm5 wedges (60 degree, 56 degree and 48 degree). This is a \$417 value!

To enter, pick up a card at one of the five Parks and Recreation Golf Courses and get it punched at the pro shop before your 18-hole round at each course. After your fifth course, fill out the back of your card and the pro shop will keep it to be entered to win a grand prize. Each person completing the challenge will also receive one free round of golf at the city course of their choice. Reserve your tee time now at [PlayGolf-Lex.com](http://PlayGolf-Lex.com).



### Call to Artists: *en plein air*

Formerly known as "Lexington Cityscapes," this year, Art Connects is pleased to reintroduce the popular en plein air event, "Paint the Town." Lexington's 4th outside painting extravaganza on Saturday June 27th. Artists of all range of talent are welcome.

Artists are strongly encouraged to pre-register. Registration fee prior to June 8th is \$30. Registration received after June 8th will be \$40. Registration is non-refundable. Maps with painting area and points of interest in downtown Lexington will be available at event check-in. Art work entered in "Paint the Town" will be exhibited at Arts Place, 161 North Mill, and available for sale that evening through Gallery Hop on July 17th. For more detailed information and to request a registration form please e-mail [info@artconnectslex.org](mailto:info@artconnectslex.org).

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