

THE GARDENSIDER

A publication of the Gardenside Neighborhood Association

Did You Know?

The median garden at the entryway to Gardenside neighborhood on Beacon Hill, near Lane Allen Road was created in the Spring of 2017 with grant funds from the Lexington Council Garden Clubs and a labor of love from the neighbors of Gardenside. The garden was planted with low maintenance, primarily native plants to attract pollinators and provide color and visual interest.

Over the past three years the garden has matured and changed. While most of the original plants remain, aster plants have volunteered and taken over. There is no longer a variance in height and the visual interest that was once in the garden has diminished.

Planning is currently underway to remove the asters and some of the dead, woody shrubs. The Gardenside Neighborhood Association (GNA) has recruited the services of a retired landscape architect and Gardenside resident to help redesign the garden using the existing plants and adding new plantings in the garden. GNA approved a small amount of funding to purchase plant material for garden maintenance. Be on the lookout for a call for plant donations from Gardenside residents once a wish list of specific drought, heat and full sun tolerant plants is developed for planting next spring. This plant donation wish list will be published on the GNA website and Facebook page.



More Options for Election Day: November 3, 2020

Election Day is Tuesday November 3, 2020. The normal polling places in Gardenside will be NOT be open. The reasons to qualify for an absentee ballot have been expanded to include concern about contracting or spreading COVID-19.

A request for an absentee ballot can be completed at govoteKY.com. The last day to request an absentee ballot is October 9. Return absentee ballots must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 6. In Fayette County, absentee ballots may also be requested by phone at 859 253-3344. If you choose to vote by absentee ballot be sure to follow all the directions carefully.

In addition to voting by absentee ballot, registered voters may vote in advance from October 13 through November 2. There will be six voting locations for Fayette County. The locations are: BCTC Leestown campus, The Lexington Senior Center, Dunbar Center, and Northside, Tates Creek and Beaumont Public Libraries. Beginning October 13, these locations will be open Monday-Fridays 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

On Election Day, November 3rd, these same locations will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. There will also be 6 drop boxes in Fayette County for mail-in ballots. The locations are Northside, Tates Creek and Beaumont Public Libraries, The Lexington Senior Center and the County Clerk’s Office. The sixth location has not been determined.

If you are not registered to vote or need to update your information you can do so at govoteKY.com. The deadline to register for the November 3, 2020 election is October 5, 2020.



Buy a Shirt and Show Support!

We’ll be offering a “print on demand” option soon for t-shirts, so take advantage of our current stock deals! T-shirts are \$15 each, 2 for \$25 or you can get one free with a membership of \$30! Contact Karen Avery at 859.277.3810 for more information.



- Youth Medium Light Grey
- Youth Medium Royal Blue
- Youth Large.....Royal Blue
- Youth Large..... Purple
- Youth Large..... Light Grey
- Small Grey
- Medium Green
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- Large Yellow
- XL Navy Blue
- 2X..... Navy Blue Long-sleeved
- 2X..... Turquoise
- 2X..... Royal Blue
- 2X..... Dark Grey
- 3X..... Royal Blue
- 3X..... Dark Grey



GNA membership is based on the calendar year, with dues paid October through December being applied in full to the next year. If you haven’t paid your dues since Oct. 1, 2019, please support GNA by paying your dues now, and be a 2020 member in good standing.

To pay dues, complete the form below and mail it in the attached envelop with a check payable to Gardenside Neighborhood Association to:

Gardenside Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 4065
Lexington KY 40504-4065

OR

You can also join or renew online by clicking [here](#).

Holly Springs Sewer Project Update

Sewer improvement work in Gardenside Park is expected to begin by summer 2021. In the near future GNA will host a zoom meeting with Division of Water Quality staff to ask questions about details of stormwater pollution plans, easements, staging areas for equipment and materials, tree and buffer protection plans, stream crossing protection, plans for soil conditioning after construction, and plans for dealing with traffic disruptions on Appomattox, Beacon Hill, Normandy, and other streets. To receive an invitation to this meeting, email gardensidelex@gmail.com.

This work will improve sewer efficiency, and improve water quality by reducing pollution. This is part of a city-wide project to improve all sewers. This winter, work is expected to take place in Wolf Run Park and behind James Lane Allen Elementary.

The sewer improvement work in the GNA area will approximately parallel the existing sewer that runs through Gardenside Park. Coming from Normandy, it will pass the playground on the Yorktown side and approximately follow the line that connects the manhole covers near the entrance, near the horseshoe court, and on through the tennis courts. The park on the Yorktown-Gettysburg side of the creek will be completely closed for several months for purposes of safety. Besides being the site of major excavation, that area will likely be the staging area for heavy equipment and materials. The Holly Springs side of the park, with the pavilion, will remain open.

Nature Hop



Gardenside Park participated in Nature Hop 2020 from Saturday September 12-Sunday September 20 with a self-guided tour of trees in the park. Signage guided visitors to the park kiosk where a sign with a tree map was located. Each featured tree had a tag tied to or near the tree. The tag included the tree name, an image of the leaf and a QR code that linked to a web page about the tree. <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/NatureHop>

The Gardenside Park's Nature Hop experience was a collaboration between the Gardenside Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Wolf Run and was sponsored by www.lexingtonky.gov.

New Businesses Galore!

There are at least three new businesses in the Gardenside Plaza.

Bombay Palace by Lex is a new Indian restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a break between the two. They do eat in and take out. A few people in the neighborhood mentioned eating there and they say it is very good. Contact the restaurant at 859 447-8001, and their website: bombaypalace-restaurant.business.site.

Shape Up Protein Bar serves protein shakes, energy drinks and teas. There are coupons at the store for a discount on the first 2 visits. Contact them at 859-338-2456 or their social media pages @kyshape.

Jessica's Body Boutique offers women's fashions at a reasonable price. Contact them at 859-963-5867 or their social media pages @jessicasbodyboutique859.

All of these businesses are in the 1801 Alexandria Drive Building. Jessica's is on the lower level.

The Great Room offering fine home consignment options recently moved into the Gardenside Shopping Center. Contact them at 859-373-8004 or their social media pages @thegreatroomlex.

Let's support these businesses and maybe more will come!



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Halloween & Fall Decoration Contest: Let's have some "skele-fun!"

Please join us during the month of October to bring out your best fall themed and Halloween decorations!

Here are a few ideas:

Use sidewalk chalk to decorate the sidewalks with your favorite spooky characters or scenes.

Dress up your trees and yard posts with lights and costumes.

Decorate your windows.

Put up a fun fall wreath.

Carve pumpkins and light them up.

We can't wait to see what you and your families come up with. Throughout the month, upload pictures of your favorite decorations to the GNA Facebook page! We will post a vote at the end of October to see who has the most "Spook-tastic" decorations!