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# Pensacola Park Post

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## NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK by Barbara Szubinska

Come down to Kentucky Utilities parking Lot, Northwest corner of Vine and Quality Streets, on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 to see and compare a wide range of electric vehicles. Chat with EV owners about their experiences. Owners and auto dealers will have numerous vehicles for show and ride and drives. Expected vehicles include Tesla (S, 3, X, Y), Rivian R1T, Lucid Air, Ford Mustang Mach-E, Kia EV6, Nissan Leaf, Chevy Bolt/Volt, VW ID4, and many more, all in one place! This event is free.

## HISTORY CORNER: Architectural Influences by Rebecca C. Glasscock

Architectural influences during this time period included the Arts and Crafts Movement (that gave us the bungalow), Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie School (that gave us the ranch), Catalog homes (such as those manufactured by Sears Roebuck), and Colonial styles (that gave us the Cape Cod and Tudor Revival, among others). One example of a new architectural style came to Lexington in 1950: the International style.

In the late 1800s, Dolph Wile and Simon Wolf bought out the Lexington branch of the Kaufman-Straus department store and renamed it Wolf Wile. From 1912 until 1920, the store was located on Main between Mill and Broadway. In 1920, the building burned. After being in a temporary location, the department store reopened adjacent to Union Station. By 1948, Wolf Wile had outgrown its location. A location was selected at the corner of East Main and Quality. A New York architectural firm, Amos Parrish & Co., collaborated with a Lexington firm, Frankel & Curtis, on the design. Construction began in 1949 and was completed in 1950. The building was seen as futuristic and was, in fact, the only one of its type in the area. One of the new ideas behind the International style was to design from the inside out, rather than creating the exterior and making the interior fit. In other words, the International style, with its sleek lines, exemplified the idea of form following function. Jean Pival, with her husband Joseph, moved to 138 Lackawanna in 1953. The service at Wile Wolf was a key to the department store's success, and Jean was one of the salesladies. Even excellent quality and service were unable to compete against easy parking and low prices at suburban malls. The downtown department stores closed, one by one: Purcell's in 1970, Stewart's in 1979, Ben Snyder in 1980, Embry's in 1981, Hymson's in 1981, and Woolworth's in 1990. Wolf Wile was the last remaining family-owned department store in town, but it succumbed too. In 1992, it closed its doors. The building was renovated in 1996 and 1997 and now houses Gray Construction.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mayor Gorton and District 1 (running for at large) councilmen James Brown will be at our next neighborhood meeting on Thursday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Hunter Presbyterian church in the undercroft room. We will reiterate the questions the neighborhood has asked, and open up the forum to any additional questions the neighborhood has had. This will be the first time the Mayor has met with our neighborhood. Please join if you can. Dave

## GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 10 CANDIDATE DAVE SEVIGNY

"Greetings Pensacola Park! I was delighted to walk through each street in your neighborhood in a very warm July. So sorry if I missed any of you. I really enjoyed the walk and approaching each home as I took in its own uniqueness and sense of history. I met many of the neighbors there and listened to some of the issues you all experience. While the move from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> district wasn't ideal for many of you, I really look forward to serving Pensacola Park and its diverse needs and appreciate the opportunity to do it. I would be honored to have your vote this November.

Regards, Dave Sevigney"

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## CANDIDATE Q&A:

Every election Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association reaches out to the candidates to ask them a series of questions generated from the neighborhood. This year is no different. We will post in the upcoming newsletters responses from the candidates who sought to engage with our neighborhood efforts. If you do not see a candidate below, they have not responded to our request to meet our neighborhood nor answered our questionnaire. If you see a “no response” followed by a date, they did not respond to the questionnaire but have scheduled a time to meet with our neighborhood. The full Q&A can be found on our website ([www.pensacolapark.org](http://www.pensacolapark.org)) under the 2022 LFUCG Candidate Q&A tab along with the scheduled date and time for the candidates who are coming to meet the neighborhood in person.

**6th Question Asked:** *Do you think Lexington is a successful city when it comes to urban planning? If so, why? If not, why not, and what are things it can do to improve upon itself?*



**Response by At-Large Candidate, Bill Farmer Jr.:** As mentioned above Lexington has a rich planning history. Having chaired two comprehensive plan updates I believe both our processes and outcomes continue to hinge on known concepts of infill, our opportunity is now in creating a more diverse structure usage. The Urban County Council can lead on this issue but expertise must be assured and the public must be central to the process. I will be the At-Large member that can guide the Council and keep Lexington and your neighborhood special.



**Response by At-Large Candidate, Chuck Ellinger:** No written response given. Verbal response was given at the June 2nd 7pm meeting at Hunter Presby.



**Response by At-Large Candidate, James Brown:** I believe Lexington has a lot of opportunity to improve in regards to urban planning and our city planners are working hard to address our challenges. As a growing mid-major city we can do a better job at increasing density in our urban neighborhoods. We have to ensure that it's not just density at all cost but that the new developments integrate well and don't overburden existing infrastructures. We have a lot of opportunities to improve in regard to transportation whether public, pedestrian, bicycles or automobiles in regards to safety, accessibility and affordability. Planning for a variety of housing types could address some housing affordability issues we face in our community, as well.



**Response by At-Large Candidate, Richard Moloney:** I think that overall Lexington has been successful in planning, but there is always room for improvement.



**Response by At-Large Candidate, Dan Wu:** Urban planning is a challenge all over the country & here in Lexington we can definitely do better, starting w/ more & better input/collaboration between developers & communities, facilitated by the city.



**Response by District 10 Candidate, Dave Sevigny:** The Urban Service Boundary (USB) has probably had the most significant impact on our community as we strive to keep our unique value proposition of horse country at the forefront and I'm a supporter of using that as a guidepost to development. The wheel and spoke system in Lexington is a pretty tough design choice that was made many years ago-so it limits some of our options. Grid systems work better for movability, public transportation etc. I recently attended a webinar that had planners from Lexington, Charlotte, Greensboro and Louisville share their approaches to planning. I do think there is a huge value in sharing ideas and not operating in your own bubble because it breeds more innovation-I'm a peer group fan and would encourage our planning department to continually innovate and consider diverse opinions. I think that there are a small number of people who really care about details like our Comprehensive Plan, and the vast majority of our population isn't engaged-so the voices that speak need to speak very loudly and very clearly. The Comprehensive Plan is the document that is leaned on for almost all planning decisions and directions- so impacting it is all of our jobs. 2022 input via "On the Table" is critical and I'm attending or hosting about 5 myself, yet I think that the plans and direction will be put in place and hard to change before I take office on 1/1/2023.



**Response by Incumbent Mayor, Linda Gorton:** Lexington has a long history of innovative land use. In 1958, we were the first community in the nation to create an urban growth boundary. The Urban Services Boundary has led Lexington to be seen as a model for smart growth, as it has enabled us to avoid some of the negative consequences of urban sprawl we see in so many other cities and towns across the country. The Urban Services Boundary establishes a balance between urban and rural land uses that ensures the viability and success of both our city and our productive farms. While we have had many planning successes, there is always room for improvement. Like other cities, Lexington must tackle our housing issues, as I indicated in my response to the previous question. We must increase transparency and citizen involvement and create a growth plan to identify infill and redevelopment areas. We must enhance our roadways, mitigate congestion and create safe multi-modal transportation options, including pedestrian and bicycle. The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act recently passed by Congress provides a transformational opportunity to invest in transportation and other infrastructure projects. I have the experience and vision to leverage these dollars to provide the greatest impact for our community.



**Response by Mayoral Candidate, David Kloiber:** I do not believe Lexington has been successful in its urban planning as evidenced by our handling of the growth in our city. We have not created appropriate infrastructure to support enhanced infill and have little to no regional infrastructure to support those working in Lexington but living elsewhere. Unless we can address our issues with housing and infrastructure the bar of affluence being created to live in the city will only continue to move higher.

### ABOUT PENSACOLA PARK PRESERVATION SOCIETY AND PENSACOLA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

*Pensacola Park Preservation Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 formed by Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association in order to bring together residents and businesses located in the Pensacola Park Nationally Registered Historic Boundary, for the common good of (1) preserving the historic integrity and resources of the area; (2) creating an environment that promotes sustainable and appropriate growth for the neighborhood; (3) providing historic education and assistance to those in the Pensacola Park Neighborhood for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic homes, structures, and landscapes; and (4) Unifying and being representative of all the original streets in the Pensacola Park Historic boundary. Also check us out online at [www.pensacolapark.org](http://www.pensacolapark.org), and follow us on Facebook @ Pensacola Park Neighborhood Association.*

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