



9th District News & Notes

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Bright Future. Big Challenges.

I am excited to once again have the opportunity to serve the families and neighborhoods of the 9th District and be your strong voice at City Hall.

Even in a changing and challenging time such as we are living in, I am confident that we can rise to the occasion to seize

the opportunities before us.

In today's economy we must strive to become expert at accomplishing more with fewer resources.

Our district is fortunate to be home to so many terrific neighborhood associations and small businesses that pos-

sess the know-how and determination to succeed.

I am dedicated to prioritizing basic services, protecting our citizens, fighting for small business, and creating opportunity to grow Lexington—ensuring that our community continues to be a great place to live, work, and play.



LexCall 3-1-1

LexCall 3-1-1 is City Hall's centralized service and information center. It was initiated in 1997 to make it easier for citizens to access local government.

To call LexCall, dial 3-1-1 or dial (859) 425-2255 or 425-CALL from outside Lexington.

Normal office hours are Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

LexCall's website can also be used to retrieve useful information from the city's service knowledgebase, or track a request, or report a problem.

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Lexington's Traffic Management Center helps keep traffic flowing efficiently during rush hour.

Keep Up With Traffic Conditions in Lexington

Did you know that there are 250 traffic incidents daily in Lexington?

Navigating around town can be much easier when you are aware of current conditions.

Get the latest info, visit www.lexingtonky.gov to access the Traffic Man-

agement Center's "Real-Time" Traffic Ticker. (Click on "**Traffic Updates**.") Or call the TMC Hotline at (859) 258-3611. You can check rush hour traffic conditions Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have Insight Cable or web access, tune in to

Crosstown Traffic weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and see what is happening on local roads. The program includes real-time images from traffic-monitoring cameras; information on traffic conditions, collision reports, lane closures and weather-related problems.



Grants are available for a wide range of projects including community gardens, recycling, and beautification programs.

2013 Sustainability Grants Now Available

Residents interested in helping improve the city's environment are invited to apply for a Sustainability Grant—available for projects including rain gardens, community gardens, streamside restoration, recycling programs, beautification projects, cleanup and restoration of illegal dump sites, litter projects, planting street trees and other projects.

Public and private schools, neighborhood and homeowner associations, as well as churches are eligible to apply for a grant.

Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$2,500. These are 100% matching grants which can be materials, in-kind services or a combination of both.

In-kind matches may also include items such as documented use of vehicles or machinery or meals served to volunteers.

For more information and application materials, visit the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Public Works web site at www.lexingtonky.gov/greengrants

Applications must be postmarked or submitted by 4:30 p.m. March 22. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the grant application by mail, contact Louise Caldwell-Edmonds at (859) 425-2800 or via e-mail at louisec@lexingtonky.gov.

Kentucky-American Water Co. is also offering an environmental grant program. Visit www.amwater.com for details.

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Spotlight: Lexington Women's Recognition Garden

The Lexington Women's Recognition Garden was dedicated in Wellington Park in May 2010 as a place to promote healthy activities and to honor the women who have contributed so much to our community.

In addition to memorials, the garden provides a place for healthy outdoor

activity, horticulture and environmental education and community interaction.

It is an ideal place for the therapeutic enjoyment of nature and a great place to meet friends and serves as inspiration for future generations.

To support the garden

with a tax-deductible donation, visit www.seedleaf.org.

To volunteer to help water the garden, or to receive garden news, contact:

Victoria Meyer
(859) 260-6413

E-mail:

vmeyer@bhsi.com



The Lexington Women's Recognition Garden at Wellington Park is a terrific place to enjoy nature's beauty.

New Club to Help Central Kentucky Job Seekers

Fayette County Cooperative Extension Services and the U.K. Alumni Association have formed a job club to provide a positive environment for job seekers to connect, share, and learn.

The free group is open to

the public and meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1140 Red Mile Place.

Upcoming meeting topics include Resume Tips, How to Network, Money Smart, Acing the Interview, Getting "LinkedIn,"

Managing Benefits, Plan to Succeed, and more.

Contact UK Alumni at (859) 257-8905 or Fayette Co. Cooperative Extension at 859-257-5582 or visit www.ukalumni.net/jobclub

The free group is open to the public and will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Report All Criminal and Suspicious Activity

Criminal activity touches virtually every neighborhood across Lexington at one time or another. Be sure to report any suspicious activity or crime to Lexington's Division of Police. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1. Non-emergency calls should

go to (859) 258-3600.

Using the [Lexington Division of Police - Citizen Online Reporting System](#), you can submit a report for the following incidents: Harassing communications, fraudulent use of a credit/debit card,

theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, property lost or mislaid, and larceny from auto (less than \$500).

NOTICE: IF YOUR INCIDENT INVOLVES A FIREARM OF ANY KIND, PLEASE CALL (859) 258-3600 AND A POLICE OFFICER WILL BE SENT TO INVESTIGATE.



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Calendar of Deadlines & Upcoming Events

February 28: Deadline for 2013 St. Patrick's Day parade entries. Entry forms available at LexingtonStPatsParade.org or contact Bill Enright at 857-396-8270 or e-mail bcenright@aol.com.

March 16: St. Patrick's Day Parade, downtown.

March 18: Robinwood Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting, Southern Heights Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m.

March 25: Stonewall Neighborhood Association Meeting, Stonewall Elementary at 7 p.m.

April 11: Wellington

Homeowners' Association Quarterly Meeting, Ashland Ave. Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

May 18: Robinwood Yard Sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

E-mail calendar items to:

rbolson@lexingtonky.gov

Do you have a new computer, iPad, or smart phone that you aren't sure how to use? Sign up for free technology tutoring.

Lexington Senior Center Free Technology Tutoring

There's always something new and interesting happening at the Lexington Senior Center.

Activities are open to all independent Fayette County residents age 60

and over. New participants are always welcome.

Do you have a new computer, iPad, or smart phone that you aren't sure how to use?

Sign up at the Senior Center's front desk at 1530 Nicholasville Road for free technology tutoring.

For more information, call 278-6072.



Share Your News and Help Spread the Word!

Does your group have an upcoming meeting or other news? Submit your news for consideration for inclusion in a future edition of the 9th District Newsletter.

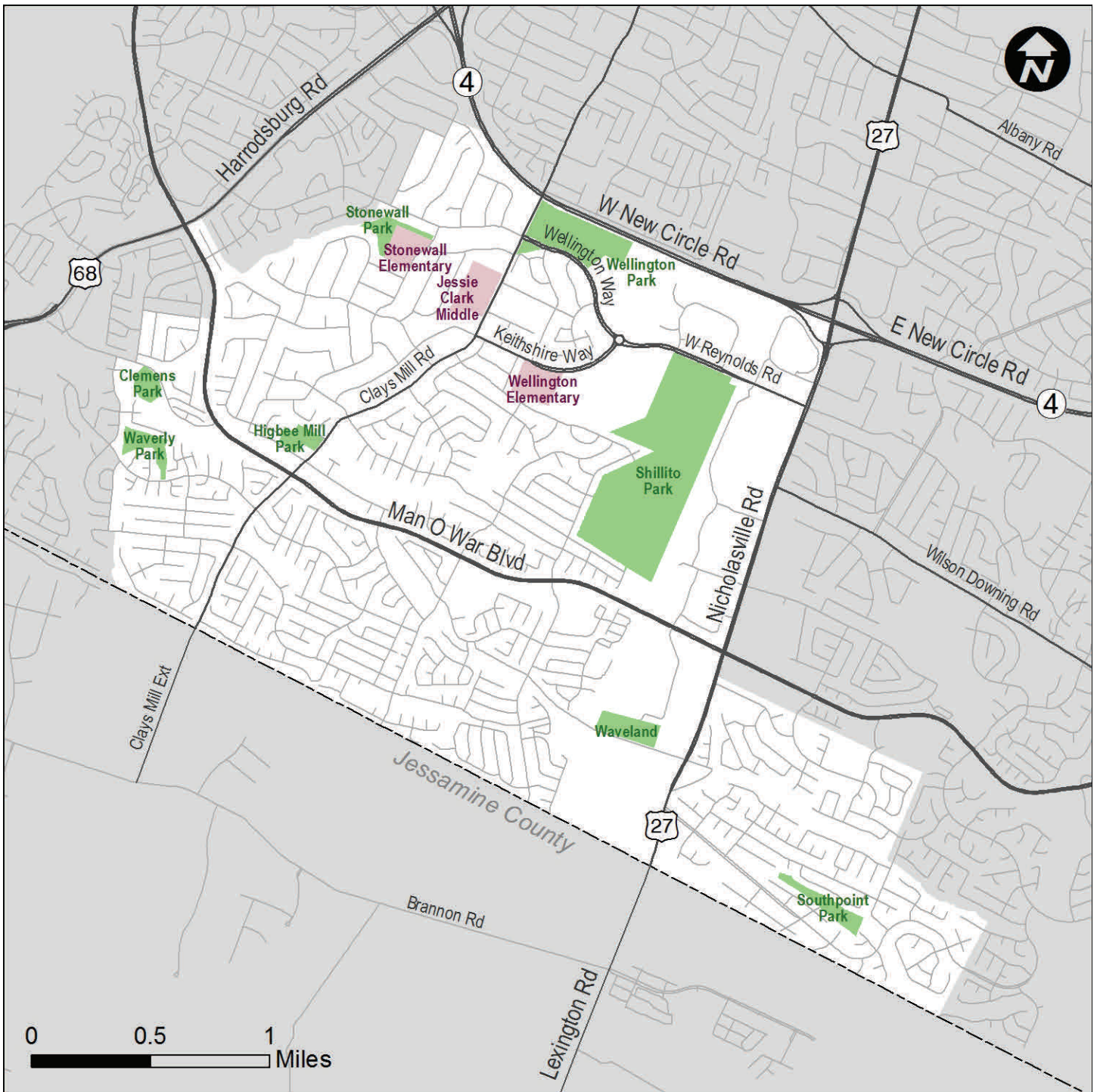
E-mail your news to:

rbolson@lexingtonky.gov. (Be sure to include your name and telephone number.)

Timely topics of local interest are given first preference. Submissions may be abridged for

space and items may be edited for grammar and accuracy. A submission is not a guarantee of publication.

Please share the 9th District Newsletter with friends and neighbors!



Lexington's 9th District.



Is your business located in the 9th District? Submit your business to be featured in an upcoming monthly edition of the 9th District News & Notes Newsletter. E-mail: rbolson@lexingtonky.gov.

Each month a business located in the 9th District will be featured. Put your business in the spotlight!

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Recently Reported Criminal Activity

Lexington Police are investigating a reported robbery at a 9th District business that occurred on February 12.

The incident happened around 1 p.m. at the Parent-Teacher Store in Keithshire Plaza. The robber fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of

money.

Police are also investigating whether or not the robbery is connected to another recent robbery at Southern Rays Tanning in the same plaza that occurred the previous week-end.

In January, a burglary

was reported to have occurred around 10 a.m. on Tisdale Drive. Larceny from automobiles have also been reported in recent weeks in the district. Be sure to lock your doors and keep valuables out of sight.

Report all criminal activity to Police.

If approved, the proposal could be placed on the ballot for voters to consider in November 2014.

Mayor Gray Calls For Local Sales-Tax Option

As reported in a recent *Herald-Leader* article, Mayor Gray went to Frankfort to tout legislative approval of public pension reforms and a local-option sales tax. 37 states have such a tax. A

proposed constitutional amendment would allow citizens of local governments to vote whether to increase the state's 6% sales tax by as much as 1 percentage point for specific projects. The money

would reportedly stay in a dedicated fund.

Mayor Gray noted that the tax option could benefit a variety of projects, ranging from Rupp Arena to new fire houses.

City of Lexington Annual Report - By the Numbers

by the numbers!

The 2013 City of Lexington Annual Report noted the following numbers:

Budget Deficit Reduction for 2012: \$27 million.
End of 2012: \$3M.

Additional Police Officers hired: 57.

Additional Firefighters hired: 37.

Additional Correctional Officers hired: 32.

Twice as many miles paved in 2012 than 2011: 27.

Recycling Revenue: \$2.3M (17% increase in recycling.)

Calls to LexCall 3-1-1 over past 5 years: 1,120,988.

Source: City of Lexington Annual Report.

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The Benefits of Recycling

Recycling reduces waste that goes to landfills and produces revenue for our city. Recycling also saves energy. (Recycling one aluminum can saves as much electricity as it takes to run a TV for 3 hours.)

Recycling also conserves natural resources, im-

proves the environment, and strengthens the economy.

The electronics recycling drop-off center at 1306 Versailles Road accepts residential electronics waste Monday through Saturday.

Learn how your business, school or apartment can

gain recognition through the [Live Green Lexington Partner Program](#) and [Bluegrass PRIDE](#).

Watch GTV3's *A Greener Bluegrass* at 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. for information on Waste Management programs and environmental projects.



Need a Rosie Cart? Call Lexington Call 3-1-1.

Summer Youth Employment Program

The city is inviting local businesses and youth participants to become a part of the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program. "Learn, Earn and Make New Friends." The goal is to give 225 youth a job for the summer. Par-

ticipants will work 20 hours per week for six weeks.

The deadline to submit an application is February 28 by 4 p.m.

All applications must be completed online at

www.lexingtonky.gov.

Businesses interested in participating should contact Mattie Morton or Stephanie Love at (859) 246-4300 or at mmorton@lexingtonky.gov or slove@lexingtonky.gov.

The deadline to submit an application is February 28 by 4 p.m.

Basic Horsemanship/Equestrian Classes Available

Did you know Lexington Parks & Recreation offers classes in basic horsemanship to teach individuals how to ride safely and work around horses?

In addition, youth and adult classes for individuals with mental or physi-

cal disabilities are also offered. Riding lessons are offered according to riding experience, Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced.

Various programs begin in March, April, and May. Registration will occur

Saturday, March 9. Spring classes run for 8 weeks.

For more info, visit Parks & Recreation's page at www.lexingtonky.gov or contact Georgia Ocker-man at (859) 253-0328, gockerman@lexingtonky.gov





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Special points of interest:

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- If you are a Twitter user, follow me on Twitter:

[@Mossotti9th](https://twitter.com/Mossotti9th)

- To subscribe to this newsletter, e-mail Rob Bolson at:

rbolson@lexingtonky.gov

PLEDGE TO PICK IT UP, LEXINGTON.



Mark Your Calendar!

GAC Planning Meeting, Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

2013 Great American Cleanup Announced

It's time to start planning for the 2013 Great American Cleanup (GAC) in Lexington.

The GAC includes beautification efforts such as plantings on main corridors and neighborhood entrances as well as cleanups in parks, playgrounds and streets.

Last year, 2,000+ volunteers collected more than 11,600 pounds of litter

and debris.

Neighborhood organizations, churches, schools, businesses, and individuals are invited to participate.

The Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission (KLB) can provide cleanup supplies such as bags and gloves free of charge. They also have available for check-out a leaf blower and trimmer,

as well as shovels, rakes and buckets.

The annual GAC planning meeting is Tues., March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant, 301 Lisle Industrial Ave.

Questions? Contact Mark York with the Div. of Environmental Policy, 258-3586 or e-mail:

myork@lexingtonky.gov