

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER MOSSOTTI



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IN THE NEWS AND IN THE DISTRICT...

Dear 9th District Neighbors,

First, let me begin this edition by wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season.

Reynolds Road Roundabout Update. A photo of the solar-powered Advance Warning Flashing Beacons that will be installed by Traffic Engineering next spring is shown at right. The signs should aid in alerting motorists to reduce their speed as they approach the Roundabout and will hopefully help to reduce the number of accidents occurring there. I will let you know when I have an actual installation date.

The four new **Reynolds Road Sports Fields at Shillito Park** were seeded and strawed earlier this fall and a second round of seeding and strawing will occur next spring. Once the fields settle and are well grown, irrigation will be added. The fields should be ready for use by next summer and will surely be popular for soccer and other sports activities.

The LFUCG will conduct **public hearings on Time Warner Cable's** franchise in Lexington. The city is currently operating under the existing franchise which dates back more than two decades. See page 3 for further details.

The city is currently reviewing eight separate proposals for the new Senior Citizens Center. Ground breaking is anticipated to occur in late 2014. Stay tuned for future updates.

Criminal activity of varying degrees is an ongoing issue in the district and throughout Lexington. Be sure to lock your car doors at all times and don't leave valuables visible to entice a would-be thief. Report *anything* suspicious to the Police at **258-3600**, no matter how insignificant it may seem. Please contact my office if you would like further information on crime prevention tips or about starting or participating in a neighborhood



Flashing warning beacon signs to be installed at the Reynolds Road Roundabout next Spring.

watch program.

For pedestrian and vehicular safety considerations, street parking will be restricted along Cornwall Drive between Wellington and Cumberland in front of Stonewall Elementary School during the hours of 7-8am and 2-3:30pm on school days, effective Dec. 6. Police are also stepping up their monitoring of traffic activity during these times in an effort to ensure parents and children have a safe environment during the arrival and dismissal times at Stonewall. Please drive slowly and cautiously in our school zones.

Feel free to e-mail me your feedback on these or other issues at jmossotti@lexingtonky.gov or call my office at (859) 258-3215.

As always, please forward this newsletter to anyone who may have an interest in receiving it. Thank you.

CALENDAR:

Nov. 29: Luminate Lexington Festival: Begins at 2:30 p.m. at Triangle Park. Santa Claus lights the tree at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 3: Annual Lexington Christmas Parade, 6 p.m., Midland to Mill Streets, downtown.

Dec. 9: Time Warner Cable Public Hearing, 6 p.m., 2nd Floor, Government Center.

Dec. 12: Time Warner Cable Public Hearing, 6 p.m., at the Beaumont Centre YMCA.

View the [City Calendar](#)

To have your upcoming event noted in a future newsletter, e-mail rbolson@lexingtonky.gov

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Recognizing Eliza Waller from Lexington Catholic High School along with Mayor Gray and my fellow Councilmembers at the November 21 Council meeting for her exemplary community service efforts.

Eliza founded the Lexington Catholic Service Club which now has 500 members. These dedicated and remarkable students have contributed more than 11,000 collective hours of community service in Lexington. Thank you to Eliza and her parents for attending the meeting.

What a terrific young lady!



Speaking with members of the Fraternal Order of Police, Town Branch Lodge #83 earlier this month with my fellow Councilmembers Stinnett, Henson, and Scutchfield.

I appreciated the opportunity to attend the FOP meeting so that I could say thank you to this dedicated and essential group of hard-working criminal justice professionals. They work day after day with dangerous incarcerated offenders, with little fanfare, to keep our community safe and deserve to know that Lexington's citizens appreciate their service and all that they do.



Presenting the "National Philanthropy Day" proclamation from the Mayor's Office to the Bluegrass Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the Marriott Resort. The contributions of time and resources that these honorees have made collectively in Central and Eastern Kentucky is inspiring and amazing and has served to enhance the quality of life of so many people.

TIME WARNER CABLE PUBLIC HEARINGS

There will be two public hearings regarding the cable television franchise of Time Warner Cable in Lexington.

The purpose is to identify future cable-related community needs and interests and review the performance of Time Warner Cable under its current franchise. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to speak at the hearings.

Public meeting dates are as follows: **Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers at 200 E. Main Street.**

A second public hearing will occur on **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Beaumont YMCA at 3251 Beaumont Centre Circle.**

If you live in Fayette County and have a cable

related complaint that is not resolved by dealing directly with Time Warner Cable, (859) 514-1400, or wish to comment on the future cable-related community needs and interests and/or the performance of Time Warner Cable under its franchise, you may also call LexCall (3-1-1) or send an e-mail to commentoncablelexington@lexingtonky.gov.

If you are unable to attend the public hearings, written comments can be sent to the attention of the Telecommunications Officer, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, 200 E. Main Street – 4th Floor, Lexington, Ky. 40507. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and a description of the complaint and/or comment.

Source: LFUCG Public Information Office



HOME SUMP PUMPS & SEWER SYSTEM

As noted recently in the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, the city is making a new push to alleviate sanitary sewer overflow problems by focusing on residential sump pumps.

For many years, many homes in Lexington were built so that their sump pumps drained into the sanitary sewer system, when the water should have been going into the storm sewer. Under the Private Infiltration & Inflow Elimination Program, the city is reimbursing property owners up to \$3,000 to have a licensed plumber redirect sump pumps that are currently connected to the sanitary sewer.

Under city ordinance, homeowners are required to

allow the city to inspect their property to determine if sump pumps are tied into the sanitary sewer system. The city is making it a priority to go home to home in neighborhoods where there are sanitary sewer problems.

As noted in the newspaper article, the city has already redirected 17 sump pumps in the Harrods Hill neighborhood. Also on the list for inspections are the Turfand Mall and Southland Drive areas, particularly Stratford and Sheridan drives.

More information about the program is available from LexCall by dialing 3-1-1 in Lexington.



HOME HEATING SAFETY TIPS

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly half of all home-heating fires occur during the winter months. However, nearly all of these fires are preventable. The NFPA and the Lexington Fire Department offers these simple home heating safety tips:

- Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary. Use a sturdy fireplace screen. Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Space heaters need space. Keep things that can burn such as paper, bedding or furniture at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord. Inspect for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Test smoke alarms at least once a month. Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have your HVAC units and systems inspected by a qualified professional.
- Change your furnace filters regularly.





Construction will continue to occur on the Clays Mill Road Widening Project throughout the winter and will continue until March 2014.

Improvements include wider sidewalks, bike lanes, new curbs and gutters, and additional turn lanes at Man o' War.

TURKEY FRYER SAFETY TIPS

The growing popularity of turkey fryers has created a potential for fire and injuries if the fryer is not used correctly. Here are a few simple safety tips:

- Use turkey fryers outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other combustible materials.
- Always follow manufacturers instructions on the set-up and use of the fryer.
- Inspect the propane tank and all associated tubes and connections to ensure there are no leaks of flammable gas.
- Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck.

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- Never leave the fryer unattended and never let children or pets near the fryer even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If the fire is manageable, use your all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call the fire department for help.

Source: Underwriters Laboratory



What's in your photo album?

Do you have vintage or historic photos of people, places, events or activities involving life in the past in the 9th District? Share them here.

Please feel free to e-mail a copy to me at jmossotti@LexingtonKY.gov for consideration for inclusion in a future 9th District newsletter. Let's share the history and happenings of our neighborhoods.

Don't forget to mention who is in the photo, when it was taken, what was happening, and who took the photo.

Photos should be personal photos that you own, no copyrighted or commercial images please.



Thank you to everyone who attended the 9th District Public Safety/Crime Prevention meeting earlier this month at Southern Heights Church. What a terrific turnout with great questions and discussion. Special thanks to Commander Jones, Lieutenant Young, and Officers Towery and McClain from the Division of Police for attending--and to Pastor Boldt for making the church available for the meeting.



Lexington's Mounted Patrol Unit has a rich history of serving our community. I recently spent some time at the Mounted Patrol facility speaking with Officer Johnson and Sergeant Eckhardt about the unit. Watch my latest "Council Comment" segment online by clicking this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zwnjxCNbw>



Thank you to Mary Seelbach for recently sending in photos of the colorful trees on Wellington Way. Nature's splendor at its finest.

If you have a photo of activities in the 9th District, please feel free to e-mail it to me at:

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OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS OF NOTE...

- Lexington officially kicks off the holiday season with the lighting of the city tree - a local tradition that dates to 1913. This year the tree lighting and other activities will take place during the annual **Luminate Lexington Festival** on November 29 at Triangle Park. Festivities begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue through the afternoon with food vendors, live music, arts and crafts vendors, and more. Santa Claus will light the tree at 6:30 p.m. Source: Lexington Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- **Lexington Christmas Parade.** Wave to Santa and other celebrants at the state's largest holiday parade on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. The parade begins at Main and Midland and proceeds along Main Street to Mill Street.
- City Crews recently removed Blue Spruce trees from the yards of three Lexington homes to place downtown and decorate for Christmas. A 40-foot tree was removed from Betty and Louis Fitzpatrick's yard at 807 Honeysuckle Lane. The tree was placed in Triangle Park. A 25-foot tree was removed from Cyndi Dodson's yard at 4017 Whitewater Drive and was placed in front of the KU Building on Quality Street and a 30-foot tree was removed from Michael Walsh's yard at 2153 Palomar Trace. This tree was placed in the Isaac Murphy Park on the corner of Third Street and Midland Avenue. The three trees will be part of the annual official tree-lighting ceremony in downtown Lexington on Friday, November 29.
- The Triangle Park Ice Rink will operate through January 5. Hours are Monday-Friday 4-9pm, Saturday 10am-10:00pm & Sunday 1:00pm-10pm. For information on admission and skate rental fee, visit www.triangeparklexington.org.
- *Money* magazine has included Lexington among the five cities they have rated as a best place to retire on their 2014 "America's Best Places to Retire" list. Great news for Lexington.
- TheAtlanticCities.com has also rated our city as a "Top 25 High-Tech Hotspot"—one of the 25 leading locations for high-tech information jobs.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF NOTE

LexCall (City Hall)	311
Police (Non-emergency)	258-3600
Fire (Non-emergency)	231-5600
Animal Humane Society	225-9033
Senior Citizen Center	278-6072
Traffic Hotline	258-3830
Waste Collection	425-2255 or 311
Health Dept.	252-2371
Kentucky Utilities	255-0394
Ky. American Water	800-678-6301
Columbia Gas	800-432-9345
County Clerk	253-3344
Fayette County Sheriff	252-1771
Time Warner Cable	514-1400
Public Library	231-5500
Voter Registration	255-8683
United Way	211



LexTran recently installed a new bus shelter at their Fayette Mall bus stop in the rear parking lot near Dick's Sporting Goods. Future plans call for a new bus stop to be located on the Nicholasville Road side of the Mall in 2014.

Photo courtesy of LexTran.

Leaves will be collected in district beginning Dec. 16 except for the general Southpoint area where it began Nov. 18. The leaf collection program is for Fayette County residents who receive city waste collection services. To find out more about leaf collection, visit the L F U C G website at www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves or call LexCall at 3-1-1.



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