

FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER MOSSOTTI



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IN THE NEWS AND IN THE DISTRICT...

The Planning Commission voted unanimously on Thursday to approve the redevelopment plan for Fayette Mall that includes new retail and restaurant space. Construction is tentatively slated to begin in early 2014. Fayette Mall's owners have not announced what tenants would go into new retail and restaurant spaces at the current Sears site.

As I noted in last month's newsletter, there will be a public hearing at City Hall next Tuesday, September 17, at 5 p.m. for the recently approved zoning change for "The Summit" development planned at Nicholasville Road and Man o' War. The hearing is open to the public.

In other news, the Council recently approved a slight increase in Lexington's franchise fee on utility bills and property taxes by a vote of 9-6. The franchise fee increase was part of Mayor Gray's proposed 2014 budget. In light of recent and pending local utility fee rate increases on consumers I voted against the amendment.

The franchise fee will go up by about \$1 to \$2 for households currently paying \$100 to \$200 per month in utility charges. The money will go into the city's general fund which will in turn help to pay for more streetlights. The city has a back log of approximately 500 streetlights to be installed.

A small increase in current property taxes will go toward street cleaning for citizens already receiving street cleaning services. Property owners will see that rate go up by 2.8% which translates to an additional 44-cents annually for a homeowner with a house valued at \$165,000—from \$15.51 to \$15.95 a year.

The Council also voted unanimously late last month to terminate a lease for a proposed temporary salt barn which would have been built at the site of the former Continental Inn site, reversing an earlier decision to place such a facility at that location. Neighbors in the area strongly opposed the initial plan. The city presently has one salt storage location off of Old Frankfort Pike. A second salt storage facility location has been sought due to the time it takes city trucks to reach the outskirts of Lexington when traveling from the Old Frankfort Pike location during severe weather. A search for a new location is presently underway.

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.

CALENDAR:

Sept. 14: Annual Firefighter Memorial Challenge

Sept. 14: UK vs. Louisville

Sept. 17: "The Summit" Public Hearing – City Hall, 5 p.m.

Sept. 19: Division of Police Golf Scramble at Kearney Hills

Sept. 20-21: Festival Latino de Lexington

Sept. 21: CASA SuperHero Run at Coldstream Park

Oct. 6: Lexington Fire Prevention Festival & Parade

Oct. 13: 2nd Sunday Event

View the [City Calendar](#)

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

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A VOICE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Lexington has a strong network of more than 250 neighborhood and homeowners' associations.

All Lexington residents have a common interest in the quality of life of their neighborhoods and a common concern with traffic, sewers, parks, schools, public safety, and similar issues.

Neighborhood associations offer an excellent opportunity for citizen participation in these issues. They encourage responsive and responsible local government and provide the opportunity for residents to work together to create projects specifically tailored to their individual neighborhood.

A neighborhood organization establishes a unified voice. While one person can act, the voice of an entire neighborhood can do much more - not only to

enhance services, but also to help others better understand that neighborhood's unique needs and celebrate its strengths.

How to Find Which Neighborhood Association You Live In

[Click here to use our MapIt! application](#) where you can type in your address and find out all sorts of information about your home, including if there is a neighborhood association in your area.

If your neighborhood is interested in organizing a neighborhood association, read the [Neighborhood Association Handbook](#). It is a good starting point, or you can email neighborhood@lfucg.com or contact my office for more information.



SMART911: CREATE YOUR SAFETY PROFILE

Did you know the Urban County Government offers a free service to help you when you call 9-1-1? No one plans to call 9-1-1, but now you can plan ahead. Once you've signed up, first responders will be provided important information that will help them address your emergency. This information - including photos, medical issues and current location - can help Police, Fire, and EMS locate and help you.

Smart911 is a free service that allows citizens to create a Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency. Then, when anyone in that household dials 9-1-1 from a phone associated with their Safety Profile, their profile is immediately displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker providing additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location.

At a time when seconds count, being able to provide 9-1-1 with all details that could impact response the second an emergency call is placed could be the difference between life and death.

For those who have a physical disability or mobility restrictions, it is vital for responders to know about the person, their disability and what type of assistance or special equipment they may need to evacuate their home or receive transport.

For citizens who are affected by epilepsy, diabetes, Alzheimer's, allergies or other medical conditions Smart911 can inform responders of your condition as well as medications and emergency contacts.

For active seniors living alone a Safety Profile can provide peace of mind that in the event of an emergency 9-1-1 would have details on their home and their medical needs. For caretakers, they can be assured that if the person they care for needs to dial 9-1-1 when they are alone, their details are available and the caretaker can be listed as an emergency contact.

For citizens with pets or other animals your Safety Profile can alert police to their presence when entering your home and Fire crews can be aware of exactly how many people and pets need to be evacuated from your home. For owners of a service animal, you can alert responders that your animal needs to be transported with you.

To create your safety profile, visit: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>



FREE FLU SHOT FRIDAY: OCT. 11.

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department and its Lex Flu Crew will host Free Flu Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at Imani Family Life Center, 1555 Georgetown Road. This special one-day clinic is designed to give up to 2,000 free flu shots to residents and help the health department test its emergency preparedness.

The seasonal flu shot, which also provides protection against H1N1, is recommended to all people ages 6 months and older. Last year, Lexington had 343 confirmed cases of the flu. The health department provided more than 3,300 flu vaccinations throughout the season.

Last year, the health department provided almost 1,700 free shots at Free Flu Friday.

To help speed the time in line – generally no longer than 20-30 minutes – advance registration forms can be printed ahead of time. Just go to www.LexFluCrew.com, print the form, fill it out and bring it with you Oct. 11.

For those not able to get their flu shots on Oct. 11, the health department offers flu shots 1-4 p.m. every Monday-Thursday at its Public Health Clinic North at 805A Newtown Circle. No appointment is necessary, and the cost for a flu shot is \$25. Medicaid/Medicare, cash, checks, credit cards and some insurances are accepted.

Flu information can also be found at www.LexFluCrew.com and on the flu hotline, (859) 288-7529.



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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. Now in its ninth year, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide, month-long effort encouraging households, businesses and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies.

According to Lexington's Division of Emergency Management, being prepared in the event of an emergency means you can be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue.

Preparedness starts with four important steps:

1. Be aware about emergencies that could happen in your community and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency.
2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency.
3. Build an emergency supply kit.
4. Get involved.

More information can be found on the Lexington Emergency Management website at BeReadyLexington.com.



2ND SUNDAY 2013 EVENT

All Fayette County citizens are invited to come out and support 2nd Sunday 2013 on the Legacy Trail located along the Newtown Pike corridor – an afternoon to walk, run, bike, rollerblade, skateboard, push a stroller or walk a pet on Sunday, October 13, 2013 – from 2-5 p.m.

Kentucky is one of the least healthy states in the U.S. 2nd Sunday is an opportunity for local citizens to display their resolve in remedying this status. Be there. Be healthy.

For more information visit on this event, visit: www.2ndsundaylexington.com

2nd Sunday's goal is to increase physical activity in Kentucky.

Quick Facts:

- Kentucky ranks 6th in rate of obesity
- Only 12.4% of adults meet the recommended level of physical activity (30+ minutes, 5 days a week)
- More than 32.3% of Kentuckians are obese
- Obesity increases the risk of...
 - heart disease
 - stroke
 - diabetes
 - certain cancers
 - arthritis



NEW SHILLITO PARK FIELDS WORK CONTINUES



Detention Center trustees assisting a Parks & Recreation contractor prepare the final surface for four new athletic fields at Shillito Park. The fields should be ready for use in Spring 2014. Photo courtesy of Robert Allen.

REMEDIAL MEASURES PROGRAM

The LFUCG is required to achieve compliance with the Clean Water Act by the Consent Decree, which settled a lawsuit brought forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Commonwealth of Kentucky against the LFUCG.

Over the years, Lexington had failed to properly maintain both the sanitary and storm water sewer systems. Age, changing regulations and equipment failures related to deferred maintenance created an assortment of operational problems, but the end result of those problems has been that during significant rainfall, we have been discharging sewage into our streams in violation of the Clean Water Act. We have already begun the process of improving our sewer systems and have seen a reduction in sanitary sewer overflows.

The Consent Decree requires that a **Remedial Measures Program** be established for the LFUCG sanitary sewer system. This program will evaluate the sanitary sewer system to identify a cost-effective, efficient improvement plan to address recurring sanitary sewer overflows. [See where the overflows are.](#)

The Remedial Measures Program will be the single largest public improvement project in our city's history.

The Remedial Measures Program is important because it is moving towards Consent Decree compliance. This also improves public safety, reduces the

number of sanitary sewer overflows and limits potential pollutants from entering our waterways.

The Sanitary Sewers Remedial Measures Plans will serve as a master plan to improve our sanitary sewer system at a cost of \$600 million dollars. If Lexington does not fix its sanitary sewer system, we can face fines every time there is a sanitary sewer overflow.

The LFUCG will continue towards Consent Decree compliance through the implementation of the Remedial Measures Program over the next 11-13 years.

Improvements will occur in areas within the LFUCG Urban Service Boundary. These improvements will occur where a recurring sanitary sewer overflow occurs.

The LFUCG is improving the sanitary sewer system and addressing sanitary sewer overflows through a combination of maintenance programs, monitoring and capital improvement projects. We live in a diverse town, with some areas having different capacity needs and varying ages of pipes. As a result, the plans for each neighborhood may look very different. A list and description of the capital improvement projects to be completed through the Remedial Measures Program can be found [here](#).

[Click here](#) to enter your address and find out if work is currently underway in your watershed.



A sanitary sewer overflowing next to a creek in Lexington.



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Project Lifesaver

Established in April of 1999, Project Lifesaver is a national program now operating in more than 40 states, including Kentucky. Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state-of-the-art technology in searching for and rescuing persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other related disorders who become lost.

It is estimated that there are approximately 3,000 Alzheimer's sufferers in Fayette County.

About 60% of them are prone to wander. According to public safety experts, a lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a critical emergency, since more than half of them will become injured, fall victim to predators, or die if not found within 24 hours.

Project Lifesaver utilizes state-of-the-art technology and specially trained search and rescue (SAR) teams from LFUCG Fire, Police, and Sheriff's personnel. Participants in the program wear a personalized bracelet that emits a tracking signal. When caregivers notify agencies that the person is missing, a SAR team responds to the area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system. The bracelet's signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles. According to National Project Lifesaver Headquarters, search times have been reduced from hours and days to a matter of minutes.

Patients or care givers pay an initial \$300 for the use of the bracelet and \$8 a month for maintenance and battery changing. Bracelets must be serviced and receive new batteries once per month.

For enrollment or general information, contact Officer Steven Gaunce at Lexington's Division of Police at (859) 258-3629 or e-mail: sgaunce@lfucg.com



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

OTHER NEWS OF NOTE...

October is Fire Prevention Month. Lexington's Fire Prevention Festival and Parade will occur downtown on Sunday, October 6. The festival will be from 3-6 p.m. The "Run to Remember" is at 5 p.m., followed by the annual parade at 5:45 p.m. Events will occur at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Division of Police Golf Scramble. Lexington's Division of Police Community Services Section will hold its 30th Lexington Police Memorial Golf Scramble September 19 at Kearney Hill Golf Course to support the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial in Richmond and the Lexington Division of Police Explorer Post 357. Registration for the Golf Scramble is \$48 per person and each person will be part of a 4-person team. Contact Officer Bige Towery for more information at (859) 258-3636.

Free Estate Planning Class. The Fayette County Extension Office will offer a free Estate Planning Class on October 23 at 6:30 p.m. Emphasis will be placed on the estate planning process, including steps to develop an estate plan, establishing goals for an estate plan, specific estate planning tools (Power of Attorney, Trusts, and Wills) the probate process, and gift and estate tax laws. To register, contact the Extension Office at (859) 257-5582.

Free Four Week Series "Living Well with Diabetes." October 3, 10, 17, 24 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Fayette County Extension Office at 1140 Red Mile Place. Call (859) 288-2352 to register.

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