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Dear 9th District Neighbors,

This past week, at my request, the Administration provided an in-depth presentation for the full Council on Tax Increment Financing (TIF). As you may have heard in the news, the Council may be asked to decide in the near future whether or not to issue \$28 million in bonds for the construction of the CentrePointe parking garage. I sought the special Council meeting as TIF can be a complicated and sometimes confusing issue—and I, along with my Council colleagues, wanted to ensure that we are giving the matter its full due diligence and that we are up to speed on all aspects and potential risks.

CentrePointe's developers sent the City an application to issue the bonds this past Monday. They are proposing using new tax revenue generated from the development to pay off the debt on the \$28 million in bonds from the parking garage.

The good news is, according to Jim Parsons, an attorney who has overseen the City's previous TIF districts and who spoke on the matter during the meeting, the current proposal would NOT obligate the City to make those debt payments should the new taxes not eventually generate enough money to cover the debt payments.

The City previously agreed to pledge new tax revenues for projects in the CentrePointe TIF district. Parsons advised the Council that if the \$28 million is paid off, any additional taxes collected in that TIF district could conceivably be used for various other projects—such as restoring the old Fayette County Courthouse, which is in deplorable shape currently.

According to Parsons, unlike surrounding states, tax increment financing has not been commonly used as a tool to promote development in Kentucky until recently. Establishing a TIF district does not change the way property or business are taxed, or how taxes are collected. TIF does not create any tax exemptions nor does it create any



Council TIF Discussion on August 26

restrictions on property within the TIF district. TIF is simply a way to capture the incremental increase in taxes created by a new development after the taxes are paid, and to use a portion of those taxes to promote development within the TIF district.

TIF districts created to date include the Courthouse/Phoenix Park (CentrePointe); Red Mile, 21C Hotel, Summit, and Turfland. Similarly, TIF has been used in Louisville to finance projects such as the Downtown Louisville Marriott, the KFC-YUM! Arena, and the Churchill Downs expansion.

As a *Lexington Herald-Leader* newspaper editorial recently asserted, "It's important to take the time to get this right."

I couldn't agree more. That is why I asked for the in-depth review and I appreciate Mr. Parsons and the Administration providing just that.

I will continue to update you as we move forward on the issue.

As always, please forward this newsletter to anyone who may have an interest in receiving and reading it. Thank you. Happy Labor Day!

My best,

CALENDAR:

Sept. 6: Annual Stonewall Ice Cream Social; Stonewall Elementary, 3-5 pm.

Sept. 6: Annual Dog Paddle at Woodland Park.

Sept. 13: Fraternal Order of Firefighters Memorial Challenge, downtown Lexington; Fifth-Third Bank.

Oct. 11 and 18: LFUCG Free Mulch Giveaway

Oct. 18: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-Off Event. (See page 3.)

View the [City Calendar](#).

All Council committees, Work Sessions and Council Meetings are cablecast live on GTV-3 on Time-Warner Cable and available at www.LexingtonKy.gov.



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RESURFACING WORK TO BEGIN SOON IN 9TH DISTRICT

Lexington has a network of approximately 1,100 lane miles of streets and roads.

In making the decision on which streets to resurface each year, the City relies in part on a Pavement Management System to generate an Overall Condition Index (OCI).

Pavement condition data such as distress (cracking), rutting, and roughness are collected on all streets and documented to generate the OCI.

The OCI is then used in conjunction with other variables such as traffic volume, type of road, maintenance history and allocated funding levels to prioritize a list of streets to resurface. Each Council District is then given an individual list of recommended streets and roads for resurfacing.

Upon receiving the list for the 9th District, I, along with my aide then drive those streets to review their current condition and we also review the streets from a compiled list within the office of any ongoing requests received from constituents for resurfacing.

The goal is to determine the streets within the district that have the most severe need for attention and also to ultimately resurface as many streets as possible with the available funds. It is not an exact science but it tends to work. Each subsequent year the process begins again.

This year, the 9th District was allotted just over \$368,000 for resurfacing. In the final analysis, we determined that the following streets (in part or whole) will be resurfaced this year: Chatham, Chelsea, Cindy Blair, Cornwall, Dylan, Foxe Basin, Havelock, Higbee Mill, Kenil, Monticello, Pindell, and Saginaw. Some of these streets will be completely resurfaced while others will be repaired in specific spots.

My office will continue to keep an ongoing list for review for next year of any streets that we were unable to designate for resurfacing this year.

At any time, you may call LexCall at 3-1-1 to report potholes or other hazardous street conditions which need to be repaired.



Higbee Mill Road near Cornwall. The worst winter in 30 years and normal wear and tear have taken a toll on many Lexington streets including several here in the 9th District.

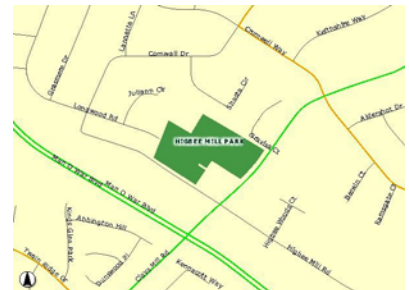
HIGBEE MILL PARK PARKING LOT REPAIRS TO OCCUR



Several years ago, the Division of Parks & Recreation installed parking lot pavers at Higbee Mill Park in an attempt to mitigate storm water.

The pavers were intended to be anchored with vegetation, but obviously the effort has failed. (See photo at left.) As a result, a work order has now been created to remove the pavers.

Ultimately, this particular area of the park's parking lot will be paved, but for the time being, it will be maintained as a gravel lot to enable visitors to still park there.



NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

The City is now accepting applications from eligible neighborhood associations for the 2014 Neighborhood Action Match Program (NAMP), which supports neighborhood associations in carrying out development activities and improvements using the cooperative efforts and voluntary contributions of neighborhood individuals, businesses, schools and other organizations.

The neighborhood association must match all funds it receives with an equal amount through cash contributions or donated materials, service or labor. To review/download all of the details you need, including the application and instructions, visit the website below. Note: Completed applications, with the required supportive materials, must be submitted to the LFUCG Grants and Special Programs division by 4 pm, Wednesday, **October 15, 2014.**

For more information, visit here:

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=167>



FALL HAUL 2014

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, October 18 8:30 a.m.—4 p.m.
1631 Old Frankfort Pike

www.lexingtonky.gov/FallHaul



Most-commonly received items

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| Acids | Cylinders (propane, helium) | Kerosene | Polyurethane coatings |
| Adhesives (floor, tile, etc) | Degreasers | Lead paint | Rodenticides |
| Aerosol cans | Diesel fuel | Linseed oil | Roofing Tar |
| Alcohols | Disinfectants | Mercury | Rust removers |
| Algaecides/fungicides | Dyes | Metal primer | Solvents |
| Ammonia | Fertilizers | Mineral spirits | Spackling (drywall compound) |
| Antifreeze | Finishes | Moth balls/flakes | Swimming pool chemicals |
| Ballast pcb | Fire extinguishers | Motor oil and filters | Transmission fluid |
| Batteries (auto, boat, etc) | Floor waxes | Oil & transmission additives | Turpentine |
| Carburetor cleaner | Fuel oil | Oil-based paints | Varnishes |
| Caulking | Furniture strippers | Paint removers and thinners | Windshield cleaner fluid |
| Chlorine | Gas & diesel additives | Pet flea & tick products | Wood preservatives |
| Cleaners (engine, carpet, etc) | Gasoline (old) | Polish (furniture, metal, shoe, etc) | Wood sealers |
| Correction fluid | Herbicides/weed killers | | |
| | Insecticides | | |

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Funded in part by a Kentucky Pride Grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management

After I received requests from several 9th District residents for the City to once again conduct a “Fall Haul,” I am pleased to report that Lexington's Division of Waste Management has worked to secure a grant to make it happen and will be conducting a household hazardous waste collection event (also known as a Fall Haul) on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 am-4 pm at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike.

Detailed information on the event can be found here: www.lexingtonky.gov/fallhaul. The web page details which items will and will not be accepted at the event. For those items that will not be accepted the web page has information on the proper disposal of those items.

Note that entrance to the event will be via Jimmie Campbell Drive off Old Frankfort Pike and there will be signs and staff directing residents to the correct entrance. So get ready to clean out that basement or garage and take advantage! Questions about the Fall Haul? Contact LexCall at 3-1-1 or 425-2255.

CLAYS MILL ROAD WIDENING PROJECT UPDATE



As the final touches are applied to Clays Mill Road between Old Higbee Mill and Twain Ridge as part of the Clays Mill Road Widening Project, Phase 2B, I want to update you on the plan for the next phase. Clays Mill Road "Phase 2C" will be the next section constructed. This portion of the project which will be from Keithshire Way to Waco Drive.

The current plan is to start construction this winter. The Design and Right of Way Acquisition phases are completed. Utility Relocation is underway and is expected to be completed later this fall. Completion of Phase 2C will be in 2015.

Beyond that phase, work will occur on "Section 1" which is from Waco to Harrodsburg Road. The Final Design will be completed in 2015. Utility Relocation is to begin in 2016. Construction is slated to start and occur in 2017-2018. Funding is currently in place for all phases.

I will continue to update you as events unfold.

NEW SAFETY HANDRAILS

Thank you to Angie Kerrick with Stonewall Elementary PTA who recently alerted me to a potential pedestrian safety hazard on Cornwall at Beth Lane. When crossing the drainage ditch on the elevated sidewalk at that location, there were no handrails in place to provide safety for pedestrians crossing over the drainage ditch. Ms. Kerrick asked that I look into the situation.

In working with our terrific crew at the Division of Streets and Roads, an examination of the situation promptly occurred and we were able to ensure that safety handrails were installed within just days and a week prior to the opening of Stonewall Elementary for the new school year.

I appreciate Ms. Kerrick's concern and follow-up to contact me and want to also give special thanks to Streets and Roads for responding so quickly.



OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DIRECTOR NAMED

Mayor Gray has named Richard L. McQuady, developing a 5-year strategic plan and housing needs assessment. former chief executive officer of the Kentucky Housing Corporation, as director of the newly created Office of Affordable Housing.

McQuady will work in conjunction with an advisory board to study housing market conditions, propose affordable housing programs, and work with partner agencies to evaluate program effectiveness.

Earlier this year, Council approved \$3 million in initial funding for affordable housing and \$500,000 for a homelessness fund.

Charlie Lanter, Director of the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention, who started work in May, will collaborate with McQuady in

McQuady served more than 28 years with the Kentucky Housing Corporation before retiring last year. His responsibilities at KHC included oversight of both finance and homeownership programs. In addition to his position as CEO, McQuady also worked as chief financial officer, chief program officer and controller.

Pending the approval of Council, McQuady will start his new position in September.



Source: LFUCG Public Information Office

BARGAIN HUNT TO OPEN IN STONEWALL SHOPPING CENTER



Bargain Hunt, a Tennessee-based discount retail chain that enables consumers to buy quality brand name merchandise well below normal retail pricing, is slated to open a 22,000 sq. ft. "Superstore" in October in the Stonewall Shopping Center.

Bargain Hunt currently has 31 stores already open or soon to open, including a location in Richmond that opened earlier this year.

Stonewall Shopping Center, a popular mixed-use neighborhood shopping center, is located at the corner of Clays Mill Road and Wellington Way and is currently anchored by Rite-Aid, and Peoples Exchange Bank and other businesses.

A spokesman for Bargain Hunt estimates that the new store will bring 25 full and part-time jobs to Lexington. For more information, visit: <http://www.BargainHunt.com>.

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NEW YOGA FITNESS PROGRAM AT RAVEN RUN SANCTUARY

Lexington Parks & Recreation has announced a new fitness program to be offered at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary. **Yoga at Raven Run** will be offered on selected Saturdays beginning September 13 and ending November 29.

Schedule:

Morning Yoga: 10am—Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 15

Afternoon Yoga: 3pm—Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 22, 29

Yoga into the Stars: 7pm—Sept. 20 and Oct. 25

Yoga is considered to be very beneficial for improving flexibility and strength and for improving posture and blood circulation. For more information, call 272-6105. The classes are free and will be lead by a certified instructor.



POLICE K-9 UNIT WINS KUDOS AT OWENSBORO COMPETITION

Lexington's K-9 unit showed its skills at the recent United State Police Canine Association certification competition held in Owensboro in August.

Nine of the officers and their canine partners competed in the event which was held August 3-7. All of the canine teams received their certifications and several excelled in individual phases. The Lexington team competed against 45 dog teams from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

In the detector dog category, four Lexington officers were among the top 20 in the overall phase of the competition. Pat Murray Jr. and Ory placed eighth; Eric Bowling and Reno placed 15th; Tim Moore and Vic placed 16th; and Chad Karsner and Lux came in 20th. In the vehicle search event, Pat Murray Jr. and Ory came in 3rd.

In indoor search, Eric Bowling and Reno won first place and in bomb detection, Henry Hicks and Garik won first place.

In the patrol dog category, three officers were among the top 20 in the overall phase: Chad Karsner and Lux placed third; Tim Moore and Vic came in 16th and also received the Sportsmanship Award, and Henry Hicks and Garick came in 20th. In the apprehension phase, Brian Burnette and Brixi came in second.

Congratulations to all of the competitors! Thank you for your service to our community.



FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

The Lexington Fraternal Order of Firefighters will again be hosting their Firefighter Memorial Challenge on Saturday, September 13 at the Fifth-Third Bank Building in downtown Lexington. Space is limited to 350 spots.

The number 350 remembers those 343 firefighters that lost their lives on Sept, 11, 2001 and another 7 spots remembering those who served the Lexington Fire Department, and gave their all in the line of duty.

The event is open to firefighters and civilians. The climb will be covering 110 flights of stairs with each climber carrying an identifying tag representing one of the fallen.

For more information or to register, visit the Lexington FOF website. Click here:

<http://new.lfdfof.org/>

FOUR CITY PARKS ARE DEFINITELY “DOG FRIENDLY”

Did you know Lexington has four locations where puppies and adult dogs can exercise and not endanger themselves or others?

The dog parks are located at Wellington (right here in our 9th District), Jacobson, Masterson Station, and Coldstream parks.

Well-exercised dogs are less likely to engage in nuisance behaviors such as constant barking. In addition, dogs that have frequent contact with other dogs and humans are calmer and tend to have better social manners.

Wellington Dog Park offers two paddocks approximately 3 ½ acres each that include shaded areas, and a doggie water fountain is available as you approach the paddocks.

Masterson Station Dog Park

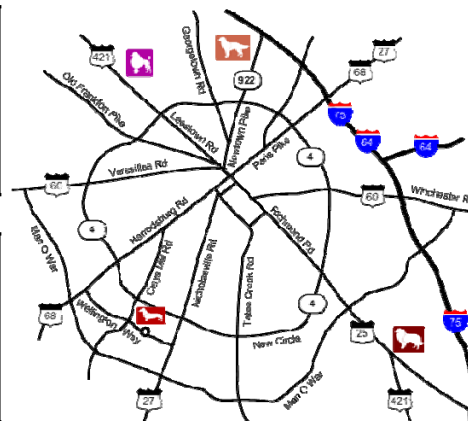
3051 Leestown Rd.

- 15 acres divided into 2 paddocks
- Water hydrant available

Wellington Dog Park

595 Wellington Way

- 7 acres divided into 2 paddocks
- Water hydrant available



Coldstream Dog Park

185C Pascano Dr.

- 12 acres divided into 2 paddocks
- Separate paddock for small dogs

Jacobson Dog Park

4001 Allieris-Bourgeois Rd.

- 3 acres
- A redesign is in the works to increase the size & upgrade the fencing.
- Water hydrant available

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SHILLITO PARK TRAFFIC CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS



Police are stepping up patrols and new traffic control signage and markings are being implemented at Shillito Park to help combat speeding within the park.

After recently receiving a complaint regarding people speeding in Shillito Park, I requested that Police monitor the situation and also asked for a review of the current signage and markings.

The City's Divisions of Traffic Engineering and Parks & Recreation have reviewed the park and improvements will soon be implemented, including:

- New Stop Signs on the main roads (Shillito Park Road and Brunswick Road)
- New 20 mph Speed Limit signs on main roads
- Near the Reynolds Road entrance, install “Speed Humps Ahead” before first speed hump
- At all trail crossings, install proper pedestrian/bike crossing warning signs
- Add pavement markings to the three speed humps on Brunswick Road so that they are marked like the other speed humps in the park
- Relocate “Speed Humps Ahead” signage so that all are at least 100 feet before each respective first speed hump

LEXINGTON HUMANE SOCIETY “SECOND CHANCES” FUND

Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control recently responded to a complaint regarding an abandoned canine. The officers soon discovered that the dog had been chemically branded by her owner with a profane word spelled out on her hind quarters. Accordingly, the Lexington Humane Society is presently seeking financial support to help provide for Felicity and other animals who need a “second chance.”

LHS is horrified to think of the torment inflicted on this animal by her abusers and the constant pain she surely endured during what had to be a lengthy healing process.

Their Second Chances Fund will help provide Felicity with the plastic surgery and special care she needs to better present herself to potential adopters.

LHS also reports that the fund has been severely depleted this year because of the sheer number of cruelty, hoarding, and neglect cases they have been called upon to remedy.

If you would like to make a donation to the fund, or for more information:

Visit: <http://lexingtonhumanesociety.org/>.



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THURMAN NAMED DIRECTOR OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

Tracey Thurman was recently named Director of Waste Management—the first woman to serve as director of the division. She has worked for the city for five years as an administrative officer in the Department of General Services and previously worked for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as deputy commissioner of the Department of Transportation Safety in the Transportation Cabinet. The division currently employs 186 people.

Since becoming director, her first priority has been to address issues raised in internal audits of the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). She has also been working to address safety issues at the MRF and elsewhere within the division. In addition, she is working to improve the division's drivers' training program and create a deeper bench for drivers to operate a large variety of equipment and is focusing on driver

recruitment and retention.

Her goals include addressing the high expectations Lexington citizens have for the Division of Waste Management, increasing response time and partnering with LexCall to reduce the call volume pertaining to waste management service requests.

She would also like to conduct a waste characterization study to learn what waste is presently being collected; whether it's being properly disposed of and whether there are more opportunities for recycling.

She and her husband, Garnett, have a 13-year-old son, Grayson. Any spare time she has is spent supporting him in his school activities.



Tracey Thurman was recently named Director of Lexington's Division of Waste Management.

Source: LFUCG Public Information Office

NEW QUIETER GARBAGE TRUCKS ALSO SAVE TAX DOLLARS

There's a lot to like about garbage trucks powered by compressed natural gas. They save on fuel costs and are quieter as they make their 6 a.m. trips through our neighborhoods and they're better for the environment—offering a 20%-30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to diesel and gasoline emissions.

The City recently added eleven of these new trucks to its fleet as part of its normal vehicle replacement schedule.

The cost was \$353,000 per truck, a cost similar to a diesel truck. Two more trucks are scheduled to arrive in December an additional \$2.9 million is budgeted to purchase 10-12

additional trucks over the next twelve months.

According to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Lexington is on the leading edge of Kentucky cities using a cleaner and more efficient fuel for their fleets and is the third Kentucky city to use the compressed natural gas trucks, behind Louisville and Princeton.

Waste Management currently services 96,000 homes and 3,000 businesses each week.

The average savings per year from each compressed natural gas truck is approximately \$6,500 in fuel cost and preventive maintenance.



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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE...



Smoke Alarms for the "Hard of Hearing": The Lexington Fire Department is giving away free "Hard of Hearing Smoke Alarms" to residents of Fayette County who own their own home. They can also have a licensed electrician install them in your home free of charge. If you or someone you know is deaf, uses a hearing aid, or simply has a difficult time hearing, please contact the Lexington Fire Department to take advantage of this great opportunity. Call the Fire Prevention office at 859-231-5668 to schedule your appointment.



Keep up on City Happenings. The City's Public Information Office offers a free weekly e-mail alert on "City Happenings." To receive this info email dottieb@lexingtonky.gov. You can also keep up with what is taking place at the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government by liking them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/lexingtonky.gov>.

What you do matters.

LEXINGTON POLICE NOW RECRUITING

(859) 425-2325 | (800) 755-6939
Email: joinlexpd@lexingtonky.gov



Deadline to submit an application is October 22, 2014.

Lexington's first Cheesecake Factory will open here in the 9th District at Fayette Mall on Tuesday, October 28. Fayette Mall notes that approximately 20 new stores, including H&M, and other new restaurants will go into the space formerly occupied by Sears.



Are you looking for dance instruction for your child or grandchild? Classes are available through Lexington's Parks & Recreation. Kiddie Kapers fall online registration is now open. This 22-week dance instruction program is for youth ages 3 to 18 years. [Visit](#) the Parks & Recreation website to view a class schedule or contact Mindy Stone at 859-288-2935 or [email](#) for more information.



The 2014 CASA Superhero Run is Saturday, September 20 at Coldstream Park. Kick-off is at 9 a.m. with a kid's 1K where all children will receive capes and medals; followed by a 5K run/walk. Afterwards there will be costume contests, awards, inflatables, face painting and games.

If you have a feral, barn, or stray cat on your property, contact Spay Our Strays for assistance at 859-420-4076 or e-mail SOscatsKY@gmail.com. For more information, visit: <http://lexingtonhumaneociety.org/get-involved/spay-and-neuter/>

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