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# **9TH DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES NEWSLETTER**

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Dear 9th District Neighbors,

May is always a busy month as the Council's vetting process is in full swing for the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the new fiscal year. Council must review and approve the budget by June 30 annually.

This past week, Vice Mayor Steve Kay, Councilmember Fred Brown and myself addressed Public Safety needs including the individual budgets submitted by Police, Fire, E-911, Disaster and Emergency Services, and Community Corrections. Each division is given the opportunity to explain and justify their respective requests.

This annual process takes several weeks and allows the Council to conduct in-depth questioning of the overall City budget before we make our final budget approval in June.

decay tests. The tests were completed after a com- <u>www.LexingtonKy.gov</u>. plaint was received after a limb on the tree fell to the ground.

sometimes requires that we do."

The tree will be removed in the near future and My best always, pieces of the trunk will be taken to McConnell Springs and the Arboretum for educational display.



Public Safety budget meeting earlier this month.

A Snow & Ice Control Plan update will be presented to the Council's Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee, of which I am a committee member, on Tuesday, May 19. The agenda includes an overview of the current plan, a review of the snow events of 2015, and discussion of the Southpoint. A 300-year-old Bur Oak tree in areas of opportunity for improvement. I welcome South Point Park will soon be removed for safety your input at jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov. You reasons. The decision to take the tree down was can watch the meeting live on Time-Warner Cable made after a professional arborist inspected and did channel 3 (GTV-3) in Lexington or online at

Social Media. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, be sure to "Like" my Facebook page at Council-As Tim Queary, the City's Urban Forester noted, memberJenniferMosotti and/or follow me on "You never want to lose a tree this old, but safety Twitter at <u>@Mossotti9th</u> to get the timely news and the well-being of those who use our parks and other information in-between the monthly editions of the newsletter.

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### **PROPOSED GARDEN CENTER UPDATE: DATE CORRECTION**

DATE CORRECTION: The hearing date listed as July 21 in the April newsletter was incorrect. The hearing will actually occur on July 31, 2015. Central KY Garden Shop, LLC has requested a postponement regarding their application for a conditional use permit to construct and operate a garden center, with mulch sales at 1400 Higbee Mill Road. The property is currently designated as a "single family residence." The matter will now be heard by the City's Board of Adjustment at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 31, 2015. That meeting will be open to the public and occur here at City Hall at 200 East Main Street.

To view a copy of the applicant's Conditional Use Permit Application and Conceptual Site Layout, click here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0aBvWAKyfxaNzNuX2hFZ1FsVE0/view.



#### **CALENDAR:**

May 16: Wyndham Downs Neighborhood Yard Sale

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May 23: GreenFest. bgGreenFest.org

May 30: Anchor Baptist Rummage Sale; 3601 Winthrop Dr., 9-2.

May 30: Shillito Park Pool opens.

June 6: Stonewall Community Association Neighborhood Yard Sale.

June 8: Minimum Wage Public Discussion; City Hall, 5 p.m.

View the City Calendar.



One lane of Clays Mill Road will be blocked at a time 24 hours a day between Keithshire Way and Waco Road through Friday, July 31, for the widening project.

Councilmember Mossotti on social media:

## **CLAYS MILL AND WELLINGTON WAY INTERSECTION UPDATE**

Due to the traffic congestion at Clays Mill and Wellington, I have been notified that the following steps are going to be taken by the contractor, City Engineering and Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering has modified the signal timing for inbound and outbound directions on Clays Mill. The time that the left turners would normally get has been added into the thru movements for inbound and outbound Clays Mill.

Traffic Engineering will also be temporarily restricting all left turns on the Clays Mill approaches of the Wellington intersection. The appropriate "No Left Turn" signage shall be installed along the corridor and the variable message board will be revised to send the message that no left turn will be allowed for the time being at the Wellington intersection. Additional "No Left Turn" signs with be added next to the overhead traffic signals.

The signs will be in place by May 15th to notify motorists of this change in traffic flow patterns.

Windstream Communications is also doing work at this intersection and has temporarily blocked the outbound right turn lane on Clays Mill. Windstream will complete their work by May 20th and that lane will be opened back up.

City Engineering and Traffic Engineering will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as deemed appropriate to try to ease the heavy volume of traffic that is impacted by the widening project. Thank you for your patience and understanding in the short-term while the widening work continues. Please use caution when driving in that area.

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 3900 BOSTON ROAD UPDATE

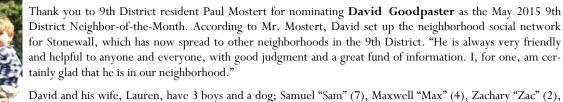
The applicant for the proposed development at <u>3900 Boston Road</u>, Boston Road, LLC, has asked that the application be postponed for consideration until the Thursday **May 28** Planning Commission public hearing for zoning items which will occur at City Hall at 200 East Main at 1:30 p.m. The application proposes building 25 townhomes and 2 single family detached homes.

#### View the Zone Change Application materials here.

If you would like to comment on the proposal, use the Planning mailbox at <u>planningmailbox@LexingtonKy.gov</u> to submit your comments. The Planning staff will then in turn print each e-mail received and distribute them all to the Commission members at the start of the hearing for their review. Comments may also be mailed to: The Division of Planning, 101 East Vine Ste 700, Lexington, Ky., 40507. I encourage you to submit your feedback to the Division of Planning so that it may be entered into the permanent record.

Public comment is very important to this process. If you would like to learn more about the process, contact Planning Services Manager Bill Sallee at 859-258-3171 or by e-mail at <u>bills@lexingtonky.gov</u>.

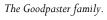
#### **NEIGHBOR-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MAY: DAVID GOODPASTER**



and Snoop. Sam is a first grader at Stonewall Elementary School and Max will be starting kindergarten there next year. They moved "out" into the 9th District in July of 2012. David works for the Transit Authority of Lexington, managing all outsourced or "purchased" transportation service contracts, the largest being para-transit service through the American Red Cross (Wheels). Lauren works for the University of Kentucky as the Director of New Student & Parent Programs overseeing K Week (the University's annual welcome week), UK 101/102 (academic orientation courses), and the University's Common Reading Experience Program.

David is very active through his church, Good Shepherd Episcopal, and also enjoys coaching soccer for the Lexington Youth Soccer Association (LYSA). He loves living in Lexington and more specifically Stonewall and is always keen on finding ways to connect with neighbors and build community. Congratulations, David!









### FREE PAPERSHRED EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 16

Tax season has come and gone, which means you may have old, unwanted tax or financial documents to dispose of in a secure and environmentally-friendly way. On Saturday, May 16th, Lexington residents are invited to take part in a free paper shred event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. located at the old city landfill site at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike.

- The event is for Fayette County residents only.
- There is a limit of five boxes or bags of material per vehicle.
- Please make sure no plastic binders or binder clips are included with materials.
- Staples, paper envelopes and paper clips are acceptable.
- Cardboard boxes will be collected at the event and sent to the Lexington Recycling Center.

Donations of non-perishable food items for God's Pantry will be collected at the event. Currently, the most-needed item is canned fruit.

Residents are asked to not bring items in glass packaging.

## DONATE DIAPER SUPPLIES, GET FREE "SHREK" MOVIE TICKET

Treat the kids to a free movie and help families in need at the same time. Bluegrass Families First will host the movie "Shrek" next month at the Kentucky Theatre in downtown Lexington.

There will be free admission with the donation of diapers, wipes or pull-ups to benefit families in need.

The movie will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, at the Kentucky at 214 East Main Street. Come early for pre-movie fun and prizes. Doors open at 9 a.m.

Bluegrass Families First is the non-profit organization created to support Lexington's Family Care Center programming and other family-oriented groups in Lexington. The donations received from this event will be distributed to the Family Care Center, The Nest and One Parent Scholar House.



Lexington's Traffic Management Center is the city's nerve center for making sure you have a safe and efficient journey to and from your destination. The center allows city traffic engineers to monitor traffic and to make real-time adjustments to traffic signals to improve traffic flow. Learn more here:

http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=1594



### LFUCG EMPLOYEE SAVES CITY \$50,000+ IN FUEL CHARGES



Wanda Kean

One of Wanda Kean's job duties is to review all of the Urban County Government's vehicle gasoline purchases to make sure the city is being charged the correct price. It's a daunting task but the Administrative Officer for the Division of Fleet Services is responsible for insuring the government is paying the correct daily contract price for millions of dollars worth of vehicle fuel purchased from three vendors.

Last year, Wanda noticed the price the government was being charged was slightly off on certain transactions. As a result of a several-month investigation by Wanda, the vendor found a glitch in its computer billing system that caused overcharges. She had to review literally thousands of transactions and compare the price the government was charged with the daily price listed by the Oil Pricing Index Service, which supplies data on the daily wholesale price. Then she had to add the markup agreed to in the contract between the government and the vendor.

Her diligence and persistence in pursuing the error recently resulted in the government receiving a check for \$50,812.72 from Speedway, LLC, as a refund.

Wanda has been with the Urban County Government for 30 years and has worked in Fleet Services for 18 years. She said the people she works with inspire her to try to do her best in her job. Way to go, Wanda!



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Source: Public Information Office

### NEW METHOD OF ASSESSING CITY STREETS FOR REPAVING

Mayor's Gray's proposed budget for FY16 includes \$10 million for citywide paving of which the 9th District will certainly receive a portion of that funding. Lexington's Director of Traffic Engineering, Dowell Hoskins-Squier, recently presented the proposed new pavement management approach to the Council's Environmental Services and Public Works Committee.

She explained the goals and benefits of a pavement management system, and presented the benefits of engaging a consultant for this effort. Hoskins-Squier discussed next steps, which include the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP), definition of roles and responsibilities of LFUCG staff, and developing a strategy for performance goals.

Traffic Engineering wants to collect comprehensive data for all 1,200 centerline miles in the city utilizing a specialized analysis system that would be a vast improvement over the way streets were simply assessed visually in the past—which was subjective and less than optimal analysis.

Hoskins-Squier noted that the fees for the data collection should decrease after the initial consulting services. Data collection is 60-75% of the cost. It will take approx. six to eight weeks to complete the data collection process.

David Holmes, Commissioner of Environmental Quality and Public Works, stated that the goal is to report back to Council by June 1, so the data could be considered during the Council's budgetary process. This new system will provide for more efficient treatments that lengthen the life of the pavement. The overall goal is to manage more roads with the same funding, and ensure that pavement lasts longer which will ultimately save taxpayers money. Holmes stated that a funding source has been indentified and the division will bring this information before Council when the RFP language is finalized.

With the severe winter weather we experienced this year, more streets are in need of repaving than is normally the case, so it is crucial that we maximize the impact of every dollar spent. The average estimated cost of repaving per linear mile is approx. \$211,368.85. Even with a funding level of \$10 million dollars, we will need to prioritize which streets are repaved based on the determined severity of need.



### WELLINGTON STUDENT'S NENGAJO TAKES 1ST PLACE



Alina Broughman's winning nengajo.

A fifth-grader who studies Japanese at Wellington Elementary was among the winners of the <u>2015 Nengajo "Year of the Sheep" contest</u>, which drew 683 entries from across the nation.

Alina Broughman took first place earlier this year in the Computer Graphics category in the elementary schools division.

Nengajo are postcards sent as New Year's greetings. The Japanese send many nengajo every year. It is similar to Christmas cards in the West, though there is no religious significance for nengajo. The New Year holidays (oshougatsu) are very important to the Japanese. Nengajo are used to express gratitude, or maintain friendships on this special occasion.

Each winner received an award certificate and an Amazon gift card after the competition, which is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Japanese.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time a Kentucky elementary school student has won," according to Vanessa Grossl, who teaches at Wellington.

Congratulations, Alina!

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## **RECENT FLOODING POSED CHALLENGES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

April 3, 2015 will go down in the lore of the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services as one of the busiest days ever, in which firefighters faced special challenges. It rained and rained and rained – seven inches in a 24-hour period. Streets were flooding, some were closing and wrecks were occurring throughout the city.

Major Maria Roberts was "riding the desk" as shift commander when a call came in from Lee County that a woman and baby had driven into a flooded creek and Lexington's Swift Water Team and possibly divers were needed.

Soon thereafter, four swift water technicians (two of which were divers) in two trucks—one towing one of the department's four boats—were dispatched on the 75-mile drive to Lee County.

Meanwhile, people in Lexington were driving into flooded streets, wrecks were increasing and a call came in to send a crew to Bourbon County where a swollen creek had isolated some residents and they also needed to be rescued.

Major Roberts notes that in a 24-hour period that day, the Lexington fire department made a total of 190 runs. Normally firefighters make an average of 120-130 runs a day. On that day alone, there were 11 requests to send the swift water rescue team out. Eight of those were in Fayette County.

A full complement of fire engines, EMS units and rescue equipment was dispatched to Bourbon County to help authorities there. Crews in boats had to rescue two adults and one dog at one home and two adults and two children at a second home. In all 15 people were rescued by Lexington firefighters that day and one body was recovered.

In Lee County, firefighters were facing special challenges. The original report that a mother and infant were swept into the creek was wrong, but they finally recovered a car and body of a woman in her 60's. It took the remainder of the day.

LFD's swift water operations also received a call for help from Woodford County that day. Of the 190 runs made on April 3, one-hundred seventeen were EMS runs and the remainder was fire runs, including flooded basements, gas leaks, and other calls relating to flooding.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated and well-trained public safety professionals on the job. I cannot speak highly enough about the job they do in service to our city and other communities when needed.



 $Courtesy\ of\ Lexington\ Fire\ Department\ and\ LFUCG\ Public\ Information\ Office.$ 

## NEW CNG TRUCKS A HIT WITH DRIVERS AT WASTE MGMT.



Joseph Higgins stands beside his compressed natural gas garbage truck.

Joseph Higgins (shown at right), a Waste Management employee, likes his truck—one of 13 new compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks that are replacing diesel-powered trucks used by Waste Management for years—because it's new and because it's quieter and it's more efficient. But he also likes it because it's good for the environment. "It's leaving a smaller carbon footprint. The residents love it, especially the little kids."

The city's Division of Waste Management has a refuse fleet of 128 vehicles. Thirteen of those trucks are Python Multi-Pack trucks that run on compressed natural gas. Seven more CNG front-loader trucks are on order and expected to arrive this fall.

It is estimated that the city saves 1.50 to 2 over the cost of a gallon of diesel fuel. When you add in the maintenance costs, savings amount to about 6,500 per truck. A tune-up lasts about 50,000 miles and oil changes are good for an extra 25,000 miles.

The Multi-Pack trucks—which can empty Herbies, Rosies and Lennys from the side or from the rear—cost \$353,000 per unit. The new front-loader trucks cost \$272,000 per unit. Multi-Packs have a 75-GGE fuel capacity and the front loaders have a 90-GGE fuel capacity. Both can hold 12 tons of garbage, recyclables or yard waste.

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### PATROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND OTHERS HONORED

On Tuesday, May 5, Lexington's Division of Police honored police officers, non-sworn personnel and citizens at their annual Police Awards Banquet held in downtown Lexington. Officer Aaron Sharrard received the award for "Patrol Officer of the Year" from Police Chief Mark Barnard. (See photo at right.)

Officer Sharrard was one of more than fifty Lexington police officers, civilian employees and local citizens receiving awards at this year's banquet. An estimated 650 people attended the banquet which was held at the Lexington Convention Center. Detective Matthew Evans was named officer of the year. During 2014, Detective Evans uncovered a group of Lexington-based business owners that were involved in trafficking heroin, marijuana, and crystal meth between Lexington and various cities in Ohio.

Congratulations to each of this year's award recipients!



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### VINTAGE BASEBALL GAME ON SUNDAY



What: A vintage baseball game.

Where: Waveland State Historic Site 225 Waveland Museum Ln.

When: Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.

Waveland State Historic Site will host a vintage baseball game on Sunday, May 17, between the Losantiville Black Stockings and the Norwood Highlanders.

It is billed as a day of history, food, and of course, the good old American pastime - baseball - as it was in the 1860s!

The players will dress in accuratelyrecreated uniforms, with equipment made only to standards of the period.

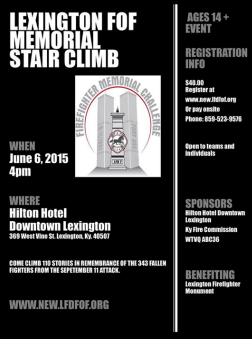
They will use the rules, customs and terminology of baseball's earliest days, creating an educational, historic and fun environment that anyone can enjoy.

The game starts at 2 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$5, children ages 7-12 are \$1 and children 6 and under are free.

Tickets include a walking tour of the historic home.

For more information, visit:

http://parks.ky.gov/parks/historicsites/ waveland/



Three-hundred and forty-three firefighters died in the attacks on America on 9/11/2011. You're invited to help honor those fallen firefighters along with the Lexington Fire Department on June 6 at the Lexington FOF Memorial Stair Climb. This is an opportunity to climb 120 flights of stairs to remember the fallen.



Councilmember Mossotti's 9th District Council Page: http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=364

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## CITIZEN INPUT SOUGHT FOR CITY'S WEBSITE REDESIGN

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is offering citizens the opportunity to help make the City's website better. As a part of the redesign, residents are being asked to take a short survey. Questions include how individuals currently use the site and what features are important to them.

The survey is available until Monday, June 8, at <u>http://lfucg.github.io/next/</u> in both English and Spanish.

"The city is looking at all the various ways technology can better serve our citizens and the website is one of those ways," Aldona Valicenti, the City's Chief Information Officer points out. "Our goal is to gather as much feedback from our citizens as we can and then redesign the site in a way to provide the best user experience possible."

Citizens will have other opportunities to comment throughout the redesign process. "This project is not just about trying to make the website look better. It is about designing a site that allows citizens to interact with government online."

## **2015 I DO SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**



Lexington's Partners for Youth I DO initiative is a partnership made up of leaders with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Fayette County Public Schools, the faith community, and universities and neighborhood associations to identify opportunities, develop relationships, and organize partnerships.

Partners for Youth works to empower the community to support our most vulnerable and valuable youth in Lexington. Their mission is "to promote positive youth development and to prevent juvenile delinquency through collaboration and capacity building."

Click here to see their comprehensive 2015 "I DO" Summer Youth Program list:

http://partners4youth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2015-I-DO-Summer-Program-List.pdf

For more information on Partners for Youth, visit: http://partners4youth.org/

### **CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON WELLINGTON PICNIC SHELTER**

The roof is going up on the new picnic shelter presently being constructed at the Lexington Women's Recognition Garden at Wellington Park.

The Lexington Women's Recognition Garden is a beautiful, peaceful and alive place which honors the women who make or have made Lexington such a wonderful place to live and work.

The new picnic shelter will be ideal for providing welcome shade and inclement weather protection for gatherings and social events.

Photo courtesy of Victoria Meyer.



## SEE A POTHOLE? REPORT A POTHOLE.

City crews are out daily working to make pothole repairs but need your help in indentifying the various locations where potholes presently exist. When you see a pothole, please report it to LexCall at 3-1-1 (or 425-2255).





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## **OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE...**

**A horse is a horse...** The city of Lexington can trace its ties to horseracing all the way back to its founding in 1785. One of the most famous racehorses of all time was actually named "Lexington" in honor of the city of Lexington.

Over the years, "Lexington"—noted in his New York Times' obituary as "The King of Sires"—has been painted by several artists.

In recent history, <u>VisitLex.com</u> has used a "blue horse" version of the famed Lexington, known as "<u>Big Lex</u>," to promote tourism to the community.

Should the city of Lexington also consider adopting the blue *nowned equine artist Edward Troye*. horse for local government-related branding? E-mail me *Source: <u>VisitLex.com</u>*. your thoughts at <u>imossotti@LexingtonKy.gov</u>.



The portrait shown above is an adaptation of the actual oil painting of the famous racehorse "Lexington" by renowned equine artist Edward Troye. Source: VisitLex.com.

## **VOLLEYBALL/KICKBALL SIGNUPS**

Registration is currently open for two Parks & Recreation leagues – adult co-ed volleyball (hard court & sand) and adult co-ed kickball.

Registration is by teams only and managers may contact the athletics office at 859-288-2915 for more information or to register.

Both leagues take place at Kirklevington Park.

For additional information, visit the Division of Parks & Recreation <u>website</u>.



#### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

| LexCall (City Hall)           | 311                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Police</b> (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            |
| Report a Pothole              | 800-728-2448 or 311 |
| Senior Citizen Center         | 278-6072            |
| Time-Warner Cable             | 514-1400            |
| Traffic Hotline               | 258-3830            |
| Voter Registration            | 255-8683            |
| United Way                    | 211                 |
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### CITY POOL PASSES ON SALE



Pool passes, good for any city pool, are currently <u>on sale online</u> and will be available online through May 15.

If you purchase online, you will get a \$5 discount (\$40) for an individual pass and a \$10 discount (\$200) for a family pass.

Passes can also be purchased at regular price at any aquatic center during normal operating hours beginning May 23. For more information, call 859-288-2973.

### GIVE A DESERVING NEIGHBOR A NOD

Do you know someone that stands out in the crowd? Take a moment to recognize that special neighbor whose efforts has made a positive impact on our district and community.



To nominate someone for 9th District "Neighbor of the Month," please e-mail your nomination details to me at <u>jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov</u>.

Share the news! Do you know someone who might also enjoy reading this monthly newsletter? Please forward a copy to them. If you are not currently a subscriber, please e-mail <u>rbolson@lexingtonky.gov</u> to be added to the e-mail list. Did you miss an edition? View previous editions of the 9th District Newsletter here: <u>http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=364</u> Miss an issue, miss a lot!