

*FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER MOSSOTTI
SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LEXINGTON'S 9TH DISTRICT*



9TH DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES NEWSLETTER

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View a [map](#) of the district [here](#).

Dear 9th District Neighbors,

Summer has arrived and there are several "hot" issues going on. First up, several people have recently expressed interest in attending the July 31 Board of Adjustment hearing in order to object to the Central Ky. Mulch application for a garden center at **1400 Higbee Mill Road**.

I have been advised by the City's Division of Planning that **this application has been withdrawn by the applicant** and it will *not* be on the agenda.

The withdrawal ends this application process, and if there is ever a new application filed on this property, it would need to go through the normal notification process that all new filings are required to do. Please pass this news along to your neighbors.

Clays Mill Road Widening Project. Please take a moment to check out my latest "Council Comment" video: https://youtu.be/Xw4ScJScp_g. The current topic is the traffic impact at Clays Mill Road and Wellington Way. The latest update is that additional "NO LEFT TURN" signs will soon be installed along the corridor while the temporary measure is in effect. More information on the project is available on page 2.

FY 2016 City Budget Approved. On June 18, the Council approved the City's \$323 million FY16 budget by a vote of 11-1. I was the lone "no" vote. I felt compelled to vote no as the budget contained two multi-million dollar projects: renovating the Old Courthouse (\$22 million) and a new park for downtown, Town Branch Commons (\$10 million). I continue to have concerns about the viability of these two major projects and feel strongly that the City needs to properly maintain the more than one-hundred parks we already have before building additional parks. [You can download/read the adopted budget here.](#)

Thank you to Sandy Morgan who recently inquired about the possibility of placing an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) device at the concession stand at the Babe Ruth fields at Shil-



Police officers are continuing to issue citations to motorists making illegal left turns at Clays Mill and Wellington. See page 2.



lito Park. AEDs are portable medical devices that automatically analyze and detect cardiac arrhythmias of Sudden Cardiac Arrest patients through electrodes, and are able to produce a shock which stops the heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a process called defibrillation. Thanks to Sandy's suggestion, Parks & Recreation has now installed an A.E.D. which may just help save a life some day.

Independence Day. The July 4th Holiday is just around the corner and the Lexington Fire Department recommends that you leave fireworks to the professionals and attend a licensed fireworks show. If you wish to shoot them off yourself, please [read](#) the City's ordinance regarding fireworks. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Social Media. If you are on Facebook or Twitter, be sure to "Like" my Facebook page at [CouncilmemberJenniferMosotti](#) and/or follow me on Twitter at [@Mossotti9th](#).

My best always,

CALENDAR:

July 2 - July 4: Lexington Fourth of July Festival. Details and applications: <http://www.downtownlex.com/lexingtons-4th-of-july-festival/>

July 8 - Aug. 9: Council Summer Recess.

July 9 - 19: [Lions Bluegrass Fair](#).

July 31: **CANCELLED.** Board of Adjustment Hearing at City Hall re: Garden Shop Proposal for 1400 Higbee Mill Road.

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



To help alleviate the traffic congestion at Clays Mill and Wellington and provided maximum safety for construction workers working at the intersection, Traffic Engineering has modified the signal timing for inbound and outbound directions on Clays Mill and **temporarily** restricted all left turns on the Clays Mill approaches of the Wellington intersection.

“No Left Turn” signs are visible along the corridor and the variable message board displays a message that no left turn will be allowed for the time being at the Wellington intersection. Thank you for your patience and understanding in the short-term while the widening work continues. Police have issued more than 250 citations as warranted over the past month. Please use caution when driving in that area and obey the traffic signage.

Doing this...



Vehicle making an illegal left turn.

Can result in this...



RALLY TO SUPPORT RAISING MINIMUM WAGE IN LEXINGTON



Photo provided by Steve Pavey. <http://www.stevepavey.com>

Earlier this month I joined supporters of the proposal to raise the minimum wage in Lexington over a period of 3 years at a rally which occurred at Phoenix Park in downtown Lexington.

As sponsor of the proposal I appreciated the opportunity to speak at the well-attended rally and wish to thank everyone who attended and also thank everyone who has weighed in on both sides of this issue. Public input is crucial to our legislative process.

While the effort to raise the minimum wage in Lexington to \$10.10 an hour by 2018 is now disappointingly stalled after the Council's Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee voted this past week to temporarily table the issue until Louisville's lawsuit has been resolved, I welcome your feedback at anytime. I urge you to also share your thoughts with the full Council by e-mailing Councilmembers@LexingtonKy.gov, or by calling 859-258-3200. Let your voice be heard.

NEIGHBOR-OF-THE-MONTH FOR JUNE: TRACY LAWSON



Tracy Lawson, June 2015 9th District Neighbor-of-the-Month.

Thank you to 9th District resident Lori Smith for nominating her neighbor **Tracy Lawson** as the June 2015 9th District Neighbor-of-the-Month. Lori shared the following about Tracy: “I can't think of a more deserving person in our neighborhood than Tracy. For the past eight years now she hosts three annual events for our street and other neighboring streets to gather and celebrate Easter, Back to School and Halloween together.

“In today's world it is hard to find a person so selfless and giving to their street of neighbors. She is the sunshine of our street and heaven sent. Our family moved into our home two doors down from Tracy about three years ago from Texas and we are so thankful every day that we have such an amazing neighbor and neighborhood. We feel proud to be a part of this neighborhood.

“I fully believe our street is what it is because Tracy planted a seed of community eight years ago and it continues to flourish into a beautiful, strong and trusting tree of kinship.

If we had more folks like Tracy imagine how Lexington could grow to be even better.”

Congratulations, Tracy! Thank you for making our district and community a better place to live, work, play.

Nominations for the July 9th District Neighbor-of-the-Month are now being accepted. E-mail to: jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov.

LEXINGTON SHOWS OFF FOR NATIONAL JUDGES

Lexington is once again putting its best flowers and landscaping on display as the city hosts representatives from America in Bloom, a national community awards program.

Judges Alex Pearl and Barbara Vincentsen have been touring downtown, Lexington's rural countryside, the Kentucky Horse Park, Keeneland, the Arboretum, historic sites and several local businesses and neighborhoods.

The judges' evaluation will be sent to local program organizers this fall.

Last summer, in Lexington's first year participating in America in Bloom, the city received a "four bloom rating" and won the award for best commercial streetscape.

Lexington's community profile for America in Bloom is available on the [City's website](#).

The City plans to add more landscaping installations in the fall in celebration of Keeneland hosting the Breeders' Cup, a global horse racing event that will attract tens of thousands of visitors to Lexington. Through a public-private partnership called "Green Up for Breeders' Cup," several beautification projects are planned at major entry points to the community.



REPLICA VIETNAM VETS MEMORIAL DISPLAY AT HORSE PARK



The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall will be in Lexington from July 9-12. The replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington will be on display at the Kentucky Horse Park. There is no admission or parking fee for those visiting the Wall. The Wall will be open 24 hours a day beginning at noon, Thursday, July 9, and continuing through 3 p.m., Sunday, July 12.

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is sponsoring the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall. The replica is about 300 feet long. Like the Washington memorial, it displays the names of veterans who died during the war. Those who want to make a pencil rubbing of the name of a loved one can do so on the traveling wall.

For more information visit:

<http://www.americanveteranstravelingtribute.com>

RECOGNIZING LFUCG EMPLOYEE WHO SAVED CITY \$50,000+



The Council recently recognized Wanda Kean, Administrative Officer for the Division of Fleet Services for her several-months investigation wherein she literally reviewed thousands of City fuel purchase transactions and discovered a computer billing error by a City fuel vendor.

Her diligence and persistence in pursuing the error resulted in the City receiving a refund check for \$50,812.72 from the vendor.

Wanda has been with the Urban County Government for 30 years and has worked in Fleet Services for 18 years.

Thank you, Wanda, for your attentiveness and job well done!

LEXINGTON ROADS ASSESSMENT PROCESS GOES HIGH-TECH

You may notice an odd-looking Ford Expedition vehicle driving through Lexington neighborhoods. It is a new tool the City is using to scientifically measure the condition of road pavement. This digital survey vehicle (DSV) uses lasers and cameras to measure the surface condition of road pavement, including potholes, cracks and roughness and rutting. As Mayor Gray recently noted, over the past five years, the City has committed nearly \$38 million to road paving, more than any other five year period. Data collected by the DSV will help Councilmembers determine paving priorities and identify roads where short-term repairs can be made. Lasers on the vehicle can measure the change in road surface within one-thousandth of an inch (the thickness of a piece of paper). The vehicle is also equipped with 4 cameras, which take photographs every 20 feet. A rear-mounted camera is pointed directly at the ground, and the other cameras provide a driver's perspective of the road and shoulder. A global positioning system is used to identify exactly where and when photos and measurements are taken.



The City is investing \$395,000 in the project, which will allow us to assess all 4,024 City-maintained streets and will help to determine the best way to fix each street – whether that's through crack sealant, microsurfacing, or traditional mill and overlay – saving taxpayer money in the long run. The DSV will be in Lexington for several weeks, covering about 40-50 miles each day. The lasers are located on the bumper of the vehicle and point downward, so the equipment will not affect other drivers. No private data will be collected.

LEX. FIRE DEPT. PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS



The Lexington Fire Department (LFD) has announced a new partnership with the American Red Cross to reduce fire related injuries and death's by installing ten-year smoke alarms in Fayette County homes. According to the National Fire & Protection Agency (NFPA) three out of five home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.

In the past the LFD has had to overcome several obstacles such as lack of funding and restrictions on who qualified for the free alarms. Likewise, the American Red Cross needs additional manpower to make their national campaign more successful.

In this partnership the Red Cross will train and supply Lexington firefighters with new ten year smoke alarms that they will in turn install free of charge in Lexington. The best part is everyone qualifies. There are no restrictions on who can benefit from this free fire protection.

You can call (859) 231-5668 to take advantage of this free and invaluable program.

GOV. BESHEAR SIGNS MINIMUM WAGE EXECUTIVE ORDER



I am honored to have had the opportunity to join Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and Lt. Governor Crit Luallen at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington earlier this month as Gov. Beshear signed an executive order to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour for Executive Branch state workers, tipped state workers, and state contractors effective July 1.

Governor Beshear noted, "When people work hard at a full-time job, they should have enough money to live on. Right now, at minimum wage, they don't. That's unacceptable. A raise of less than \$3 per hour may be enough for some employees to move off government assistance programs. That empowers workers and lowers costs for taxpayers. Kentucky businesses should follow the example we're setting as the state's largest employer and raise the minimum wage for their workers."

I applaud Governor Beshear for his leadership on this important issue.

LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING

The Lexington Police Department is an accredited and professional law enforcement agency dedicated to providing unparalleled service to the community they serve. They recently announced their spring 2016 training academy class hiring process.

The testing and selection process is very competitive and they encourage applicants to review their eligibility requirements and employment procedures. Visit here: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?recordid=4978&page=24> or www.lexingtonky.gov/recruit or www.facebook.com/joinlexpd for further information.

The application process for the Spring 2016 training academy opened June 1, 2015 and will close October 4, 2015.



Lexington Police Department NOW HIRING!



To contact the Recruiter call:
(859) 425-2325 or 1-800-755-6939
E-mail: JoinLexPD@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov
www.lexingtonky.gov/recruit



POLICE BARN CAT NAMED "CAT OF THE YEAR"



Photo by Rob Bolson

"Hobbes" the Lexington Mounted Police' barn cat has been chosen as "Cat of the Year" by the organizers of the Catapalooza charity event. Hobbes is a 14-year, non-sworn veteran of the department.

Her duties include greeting visitors and keeping the Mounted Police barn free of snakes and mice. The award committee chose Hobbes for this award saying, "Hobbes is an important cat within our community and performs a service. She is a great candidate for this prestigious award."

The "Cat of the Year" award was presented to Hobbes, and representatives of the department, at the Lexington Humane Society on June 20 during Catapalooza. Congratulations, Hobbes!

Catapalooza is a charity event that supports the Lexington Humane Society and is solely sponsored by Lexington Hospital for Cats. Catapalooza is held in June each year due to June being "National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month." Organizer Sean Baker says of the event, "this is our way of celebrating all things cat." For more information on Catapalooza visit www.facebook.com/lexcatdoc.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2015 BLUEGRASS 10,000 RACE



Calling all walkers, runners or anyone who wants to take part in the popular annual Bluegrass 10,000 race. It's time to sign-up for this year's Bluegrass 10,000 which will take place on Saturday, July 4. Online registration is available through active.com.

If you wish to register in-person, the Bluegrass 10,000 race headquarters has opened at the Dunbar Community Center. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., through July 1.

For more information visit: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=235> or call 859-288-2946.

HEALTH DEPT. NURSE RECEIVES “OUTSTANDING” AWARD

A Lexington nurse recently received the Outstanding Public Health Nurse Award given each year by the Kentucky Public Health Association. It is given annually to honor an outstanding nurse in Kentucky, and the nominations should reflect extraordinary work.

Carla Basanta, who has been with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department for 22 years, was singled out by her peers for her involvement with the public health clinic, immunizations, well child exams, family planning and direct nursing care. The nominations also highlighted her more recent work developing and maintaining a Quality Assurance program for the health department, as well as organizing annual community flu shot events at senior residential centers.

An LFCHD worker described Basanta as the kind of nurse Lexington needs.

“She believes in the mission of public health,” the co-worker wrote, “and has a passion for making the community a better place to live.” Congratulations, Carla!



From left: Lois Davis, Nursing Manager, Carla Basanta, Nurse Coordinator, and Roanya Rice, Public Health Officer.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: 3455 SAYBROOK ROAD

Development plans were filed in June with the City’s Division of Planning for the property at 3455 Saybrook Road, “[Winding Creek at Monticello](#).”

To view a PDF of the proposed development plan, click here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0aBvWAKyfxaTtlkcRld1U3ZjA/view>

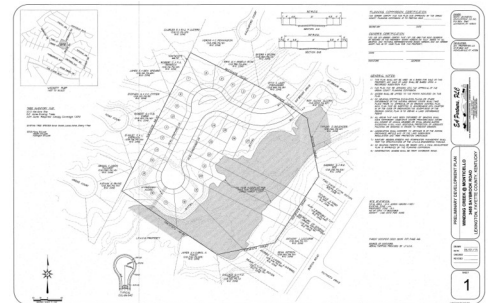
There are several sub-committee meetings of the Urban County Planning Commission scheduled in the next few weeks for reviewing the proposed zone change and the development plan applications. They are (in chronological order):

- Thursday, July 2nd. Subdivision Committee. 8:30 AM. 7th Floor, 101 East Vine (Phoenix Building).
- Thursday, July 2nd. Zoning Committee. 1:30 PM. 7th Floor, 101 East Vine (Phoenix Building).
- Thursday, July 23rd. Planning Commission. 1:30 PM, 2nd Floor, 200 East Main (LFUCG Government. Center).

The public is welcome to attend all of these meetings, and there will be opportunities to address each of these committees.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can submit your comments on the proposed development to the Division of Planning so that it may be entered in the permanent record.

You may do this by e-mailing the Division of Planning at planningmailbox@LexingtonKy.gov or by writing to: The Division of Planning, 101 East Vine Street, Suite 700, Lexington, KY 40507.



NEW WELLINGTON PARK SHELTER

Construction on the new multi-purpose shelter at Wellington Park has now been completed and the structure will offer welcome protection from the elements and shade from the sun.

I was able to secure the funding and Council approval for the shelter during last year’s fund balance discussions and wish to thank everyone involved with the concept, the design, and the construction.

I think you will agree, it looks great and is a terrific asset to Wellington Park, the 9th District, and the community at large.

LEXINGTON LIONS CLUB BLUEGRASS FAIR IS JULY 9-19



Presented by the Lexington Lions Club, the annual Bluegrass Fair at Masterson Station Park features rides, games, pageants, agriculture-related events, food and other entertainment.

From its beginnings, the funds derived from the Lexington Lions Club Bluegrass Fair have gone to support eye health, hearing and diabetes programs in Lexington.

I am a proud member of the Lexington Lions Club and hope to see you there. It is fun for

the entire family and proceeds support a great cause and the community.

The Fair runs from July 9-19 at Masterson Station Park. For more information on Bluegrass Fair, visit: <http://lionsclubbluegrassfair.com/>



BALLET UNDER THE STARS TEA PARTIES FOR CHILDREN



In celebration of the Ballet Under the Stars pre-show (The Little Mermaid), Lexington Parks and Recreation is hosting a series of tea parties for children. Each night, Friday, July 31–Sunday, August 2, from 6–7 p.m., children can wear their favorite tiara, tutu or princesses dress and enjoy a fantastical, fun-filled evening. All attendees will meet Aerial and friends, learn a special dance, plus enjoy food, party favors and face-painting.

Online registration will begin at noon Monday, July 6, and will remain open until Friday, July 24, or until all teas are full. Registration is through the Parks and Recreation website at lexingtonky.gov/parks. There are 75 spots available per tea.

Participants may sign up to attend one event date only. The cost is \$15 per child which covers the tea activities, food for the child participant only and their admission to the Ballet Under the Stars show. A parent/guardian is required to accompany the child to the tea, but there is no charge for the adult.

Source: Public Information Office

DREAMERS & DOERS: VOICES OF KENTUCKY WOMEN FILM

A film inspired by women in the Commonwealth who boldly opened doors in politics, science, education, entertainment, literature, athletics, religion and the military, *Dreamers & Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women*, was recently shown at the Kentucky Theatre and is now airing on the Kentucky Educational Television Network (KET).

The one-hour documentary profiles more than 40 women and their achievements, based on the Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit displayed in the state Capitol.



Photo courtesy of KET.

Upcoming TV schedule:

KETKY: Wednesday, July 1 at 11:00 AM ET

KET: Saturday, July 11 at 4:00 AM ET

KETKY: Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 AM ET



SEE A POTHOLE? REPORT A POTHOLE.

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

PICADOME FOOTGOLF COURSE NOW AVAILABLE



FootGolf is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. It is played using the basic model of golf, with a tee box, a green, bunkers, hazards, a similar scorecard and 9 or 18 holes to play. The main differences are the size of the holes, which are 21 inches in diameter, the ball (a #5 soccer ball), the shorter holes, and the fact that the players kick the ball instead of using clubs. Players should wear indoor soccer shoes or tennis shoes and proper attire is required (shorts and shirts). Cleats are not permitted.

FootGolf tee times at the Gay Brewer Jr. Picadome Golf Course are available Mon. - Sun., 1 to 3 p.m. Parks encourages players to call or go online to schedule tee times at <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=3639>. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$9 for juniors (17 and under). Cart rental is \$7 for 9 holes and \$14 for 18 holes per person. Ball rental is \$4 if you do not have your own. Picadome's FootGolf course is a par 72 course. It is approximately 2,500 yards long and takes roughly 2 hours and 15 minutes to play 18 holes. Scoring and rules are the same a regular golf. It does have some unique rules, which are posted on the website.

MINORITY BUSINESS EXPO SET FOR JULY 29-30

The Lexington Bluegrass Area Minority Business Expo is one of the only conference's in Kentucky that offers women and minority business owners a chance to get connected to one another, while learning about new resources and real opportunities in one setting.

This year's EXPO opens on Thursday, July 29 with pioneering entrepreneur, and popular media personality André Taylor speaking on, "How to Win. Right Here Right Now; A Powerful Session on Sales, Marketing, and Deal Making."

On Friday, former UK basketball star and NBA great, Derek Anderson will be the keynote luncheon speaker. Derek will talk about his book, "Stamina" and how you never stop believing in yourself in order to make it to the top.

In addition, more than 50 vendors who will be part of the exhibition and trade show; government procurement officers and corporate buyers will be available to meet one-on-one with individual business owners to discuss real business opportunities, and breakout sessions will include topics such as Creative Financing for Your Business, Under Construction: How to Find Work on Local, State and Federal Projects, In the Interest of Women and Cyber Safety.

Advance individual registration for this event is \$65. On-site registration is \$75. Small business exhibitor booths are \$175 and corporate exhibit booths are \$425.

For information on reserving an exhibit space or registration for the conference, go to www.lexingtonmbe.com/Register.

**Minority
Business
Expo
2015**

KRUSER & KREW INTERVIEW ON NEWS TALK 590 WVLK



Thank you to Dave "Kruser" Krusenklous for the opportunity to recently appear live with on his popular afternoon radio show, "Kruser and Krew," on News Talk 590 WVLK to discuss my proposal to raise the minimum wage in Lexington.

I appreciate everyone who tuned in and called in to weigh in on the issue.

Kruser has been a fixture on Lexington radio for more than three decades and is always polite, professional, and prepared, no matter the topic.

JULY MOSQUITO SPRAYING SCHEDULE FOR LEXINGTON



Time	Tuesday June 30	Wednesday July 1	Thursday July 2
3-6 a.m.	40504, 40510,40511	40503, 40508, 40513, 40514	40505, 40511

Time	Tuesday July 7	Wednesday July 8	Thursday July 9
3-6 a.m.	40502, 40509	40505	40502, 40515, 40517

Time	Tuesday July 14	Wednesday July 15	Thursday July 16
3-6 a.m.	40503, 40508, 40513, 40514	40504, 40510, 40511	40503, 40515

Time	Tuesday July 21	Wednesday July 22	Thursday July 23
3-6 a.m.	40505, 40511	40502, 40509	40505

Time	Tuesday July 28	Wednesday July 29	Thursday July 30
3-6 a.m.	40504, 40510, 40511	40503, 40515	40505, 40511

To help control mosquitoes, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department will conduct mosquito-spraying activities throughout the summer. Spraying will occur in the evening hours when mosquitoes are most active. The July schedule is show above.

Portions of the above-listed zip codes are treated during the scheduled spray route. To view the scheduled spray routes, please visit www.lexingtonhealthdepartment.org.

For spraying to be held, the wind speed must be less than 10 mph, the temperature must be greater than 55° F and there can be no rain or dense fog.

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department uses Duet, a spray produced by Clarke Mosquito Control. Duet features a component that stimulates resting mosquitoes in trees and foliage, causing them to fly into the air and come into contact with the spray's mosquito-killing agent, sumithrin. Duet has been rigorously tested for human and animal safety and is registered for outdoor residential and recreational areas. Humans can go outside immediately after Duet is sprayed, and the product is not corrosive or staining, so there should be no damage to cars or houses.

The following steps can also help you avoid being bitten by mosquitoes:

- **Be aware of peak mosquito activity times.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak mosquito active times. Use insect repellent when outdoors especially during peak activity times, including early morning hours. Look for EPA-labeled repellants containing active ingredients, such as DEET, Picaridin (KBR3023) or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane 3,8-diol). Apply repellent according to label instructions. When weather permits, wear long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes can bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with repellent containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent helps prevent bites.
- **Mosquito-proof your home and yard.** Fix or install window and door screens. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Cover or eliminate empty containers with standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by getting rid of items such as tires, buckets, barrels and cans. Refresh the water in your pet's water dishes and birdbaths at least every five to seven days.

The LFCHD also conducts surveys in neighborhoods around Lexington to identify standing water problems that can serve as a location for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Elimination of standing water is the ultimate goal, but in areas where standing water cannot be eliminated the water can be treated to kill mosquito larvae with a chemical called a larvicide. The mosquito spray used by the health department only affects adult mosquitoes that are in the air at the time of spraying. To report a standing water problem in your neighborhood, please call the Division of Environmental Health and Protection at (859) 231-9791.

See something suspicious? Be a good neighbor. Report it to the Division of Police at 258-3600 or 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

BREEDERS' CUP BEAUTIFICATION CALL FOR SCULPTURE

LexArts, in partnership with LFUCG's Corridors Commission, is seeking submissions for a group show of outdoor sculptures that will be placed in four regions along a designated pathway into Lexington. The artwork is part of a beautification project planned for October preceding the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Accepted artists will be given a \$1,000 honorarium for participating in the show, to cover costs of transportation and installation. The subject matter can include anything appropriate for the general public. The artwork should be structurally sound and safe for display in the public realm.

A committee of representatives from LFUCG and LexArts will review the entries and select work for exhibition.

Deadline to apply is Sunday, July 5 by midnight. Click here to apply:

<http://form.jotformpro.com/form/51515634807961>



LEXARTS

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



Nominations are now being sought for the LFUCG's Environmental Commission's annual awards. Each year the Commission recognizes individuals, organizations, businesses and/or institutions that have significantly contributed to the improvement of the local environment in an effective or unique way during the past two years. Awards will be given based upon any one, or a combination of the following criteria:

- Improvements in air, water, and soil quality (i.e., elimination and/or reduction of pollution).
- Elimination and/or reduction of litter and waste.
- Aesthetics (i.e., visual improvement through landscaping and/or architectural design).
- Educational projects that enhance environmental awareness.

The Commission seeks nominations from a broad perspective of the community. Any project started or substantially completed in 2013, 2014 or to date in 2015 is available for recognition. If you know of any local individual, business, organization and/or institution that you think should be recognized for environmental improvement in Fayette County, please complete this form and return it postmarked on or before September 3, 2015.

Nominations should be sent to Demetria Kimball Mehlhorn, c/o Division of Environmental Services, 200 East Main Street, 9th Floor, Lexington, Ky., 40507, or e-mail it to LFCEC@lexingtonky.gov.

CHEMICAL STOCKPILE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TOUR



Touring the Blue Grass Army Depot Chemical Stockpile Disposal facility with Lexington Public Safety Commissioner Ronnie Bastin. Photo courtesy of Mark York, Bechtel Corp.

Late last month I participated in the "Elected Officials Tour of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Communities" in Richmond. The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program is a partnership between FEMA and the U.S. Department of the Army that provides emergency preparedness assistance and resources to communities surrounding the Army's chemical warfare agent stockpiles.

The two remaining stockpiles are secured at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, and at the Pueblo, CO., U.S. Army installations. The program was created in 1985 when Congress passed a law directing the Army to dispose of its aging chemical weapons inventory with maximum protection of the public and environment as its primary consideration.

There are 10 counties in Kentucky which are affected by the chemical stockpile, including Fayette County. Since 1944, the Army has stored approximately 2% of the nation's original chemical weapons stockpile at Bluegrass Army Depot.

For more information, visit: <http://www.prepareky.com/emergency/>.



Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that two out of five fires reported on that day are started by fireworks, more than for any other cause? The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- 1) Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- 2) The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- 3) After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees**

Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Each July Fourth, thousands of people, often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- ! The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5-19 and adults 25-44.
- ! Nearly 90% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education



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OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE...

Summer is here and that invariably means there will be an increase in criminal activity. Car break-ins can often be prevented with a few easy preventative steps. If you have to leave your belongings in your car, remember to always HIDE them. Always LOCK your car, even in your driveway and TAKE your keys. Never leave your car running unattended or your keys in the ignition.

If when parking in your own driveway or in front of your house, always lock your vehicle and close all windows and keep all valuables and packages out of sight. Leaving valuables in plain view provides a tempting target. Radar detectors, GPS devices, coins, and especially purses and wallets left in plain view invite criminal activity.

Please report all suspicious or criminal activity to Lexington Police at 258-3600.

**HIDE
YOUR THINGS**

**LOCK
YOUR CAR**

**TAKE
YOUR KEYS**

If you have had items stolen from your vehicle or garage, report it to the Lexington Division of Police at 258-3600.

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CALL 911

CALLING ALL PIE-MAKERS

Pie bakers of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in this year's Great American Pie contest to be held at noon Thursday, July 2, at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion in Cheapside Park.

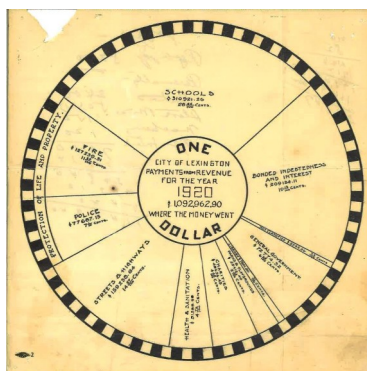
Visit: www.downtownlex.com for more details and to download an application. The deadline to apply for the contest is Wednesday, July 1.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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
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

CITY BUDGET, CIRCA 1920



This vintage pie-chart graphic depicts Lexington's City Budget in 1920. The budget totaled \$1,092,962.90 that year compared to the FY '16 Budget which totals well over \$324 million.

One item of particular interest is that in 1920, the largest expenditure, 28.45-cents from every dollar of revenue went to "Schools."

Clearly, much has changed since the year that the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified.

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 jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov.



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