

*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 9th district [here](#).

Dear 9th District Neighbors,

Several new development plans and [zone change applications](#) have recently been filed with the City's [Division of Planning](#) pertaining to various properties here in the 9th District.

A zone change request will be heard at the August 27 Planning Commission Public Hearing for the property at [3455 Saybrook Road](#). View the application and plat by [clicking here](#). See article on page 2 for more information.

Most recently, plans have been filed to develop the property at [945 Bravington Way](#), proposed as "[Grasmere Subdivision](#)," and to develop a portion of the property as [1850 Old Higbee Mill Road](#), proposed as "[Copper Creek Subdivision](#)." See page 3 for more information.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled review meetings for any of these proposed development plans, you may also express your feedback to the Division of Planning if you would prefer, by e-mailing the planningmail-box@LexingtonKY.gov. The Planning staff will then print out your e-mail and place it in the respective development's file for reference.

In addition, a public hearing has been set for Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 200 East Main St., in the Council Chambers, regarding the property at [3900 Boston Road](#). The Planning Commission voted unanimously earlier this year to approve the developer's request for a zone change and future development. The Council will consider the matter as a final step in the process and I urge you to attend if you would like express your input.

The Urban County Council sits in a "quasi-judicial" capacity in respect to Planning Commission decisions and thus all recommendations of the Planning Commission regarding



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zoning come to the Council for a final decision. Accordingly, the Council is supposed to make its decision based solely on information presented at the zone change hearing.

It could potentially be a breach of ethics if Council members were to have contact with those for or against a development outside of the official city public hearings and therefore could be cause for recusal on any vote regarding the matter. The Council must remain impartial until they are presented both sides during a zone change hearing.

For more information related to development plans, subdivision plans, zone changes, zoning ordinance text amendments, or Board of Adjustment filings, visit the Division of Planning's web page on the City's website at www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=328.

Social Media. If you use Facebook or Twitter, "Like" my Facebook page at [CouncilmemberJenniferMosotti](#) and/or follow on Twitter at [@Mossotti9th](#) for updates between newsletters.

My best always,

Calendar:

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

August 18: Zone Change Public Hearing for 3900 Boston Road.; City Hall, Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

View the [City Calendar](#).



Keep up with Breeders' Cup Festival Week events in Lexington here:

breederscupfestival.cornettims.com

Councilmember Mossotti on social media:



Instagram



Clays Mill Road Widening Project update



Photo by Rob Bolson

One lane at a time of Clays Mill Road will continue to be blocked 24-hours a day through the end of the year between Keithshire Way and Waco Road for the widening project.

The temporary “No Left Turn” restriction that is presently in place on Clays Mill Road at Wellington Way in both directions end as soon as October. Demolition work continues on the box culvert at that location and the contractor will soon install a new one. Once that work is complete, the “No Left Turn” restriction will be lifted.

The project’s overall completion date is anticipated to be January 1, 2016. That date could change depending upon weather conditions that impact the ongoing construction work.

Winding Creek at Monticello Zone Change Request



Lex Properties, LLC has filed a plan with the City’s Division of Planning to develop a 27-home residential subdivision at the property at 3455 Saybrook Road. The development is named “[Winding Creek at Monticello](#).”

The City’s Planning Commission was scheduled to hear a zone change request by Lex Properties, LLC on July 23 to change the zoning from agricultural urban (AU) to residential. However, the developer was granted a delay and the request is now tentatively scheduled for the August 27 meeting of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission’s monthly meeting is held here at City Hall, at 200 East Main St., on the 2nd floor in the Council Chambers. The public is welcome to attend and address the commission. Feedback on the proposed development may also be e-mailed to planningmailbox@LexingtonKy.gov.

To view a plat of the plan filed with the City, [click here](#).

A recent article on the proposed development was published in the [Lexington Herald-Leader](#) earlier this month and is available [here](#).

July Neighbor-of-the-Month: Sandra Shropshire



Sandra Shropshire, July 2015 9th District Neighbor-of-the-Month.

9th District resident Angie Poole has nominated Sandra Shropshire as the 9th District Neighbor-of-the-Month for July. Originally from Pittsburgh, Sandra moved into the district 28 years ago after attending college in Ohio, and later teaching school in a suburb outside of Detroit. She previously worked for WKYT-TV and as marketing director for Lexington’s United Way, and has served on the board of Lexington’s Salvation Army for the past 14 years.

Poole nominated Sandra for her ongoing community service with the Salvation Army, and for her personal efforts in helping her neighbors maintain their flower gardens when she’s not busy with her own garden. Sandra has a “green thumb” by nature—a talent she attributes to the influences of her late father, who was also an avid gardener and who inspired Sandra to follow suit. She terms spending time in the garden “a labor of love.” Sandra loves tending to her sun and shade gardens that combine to fill her backyard and she spends time there contemplating “life’s blessings and life’s heartbreaks.” She enjoys living in Lexington, especially the thriving arts scene, and Lexingtonian’s appreciation for growing vegetables for themselves and for others.

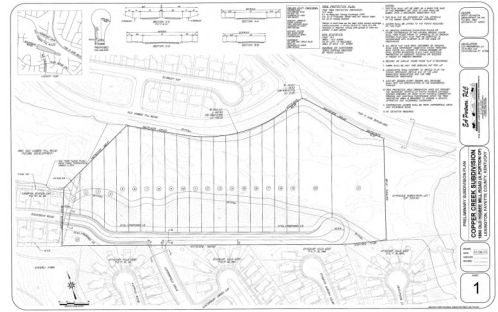
Sandra finds her work with the Salvation Army to be very personally rewarding. “They put people’s lives back together so that people can move forward.” Congratulations, Sandra on being the 9th Neighbor-of-the-month for July!

Copper Creek Subdivision Plan filed with the City

Lex Properties, LLC has filed a plan with the City's Division of Planning to develop a portion of the property at 1850 Old Higbee Mill Road at Man o' War Blvd. The development is named "[Copper Creek Subdivision](#)."

The area is 14.12 acres and is presently zoned R-3 (Neighborhood Residential), which is primarily for multi-family dwellings and other residential uses.

The plan will be reviewed by the Division of Planning's Technical Committee on Wednesday, July 29 at the Planning office at 101 East Vine St., Suite 700, at 8:30 a.m. It will then proceed on to the Subdivision Committee on August 6 at 8:30 a.m. and finally to the Planning Commission's monthly meeting on August 13, here at City Hall. These meetings are open to public and public input is encouraged. You can also submit feedback via e-mail to the Division of Planning at planningmailbox@LexingtonKy.gov. All e-mails will then be printed and added to the case file in the Division of Planning and become a part of the public record.



Click on image to enlarge.

City to hire Project Management Director



City Hall is taking management to a new level with the hiring of a project management director, whose responsibility is to create an efficient system for the City's capital projects, notes Mayor Gray.

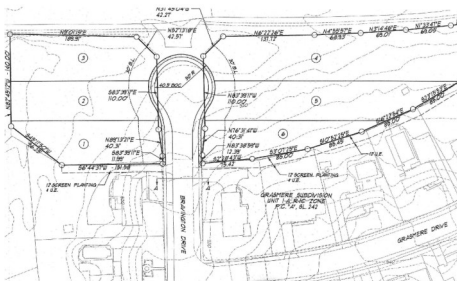
Gray states that the position was approved by Council through the new budget and that the goal for the new position is to increase efficiency and quality.

The director will manage specific capital projects, as assigned.

The government has already recognized significant savings from Gray's appointment of a project manager specifically to oversee sanitary sewer projects, according to the Mayor's Office.

To apply, submit an electronic application at the City's website at www.lexingtonky.gov. The deadline to apply is August 6.

Grasmere Subdivision Plan filed with the City



Click on image to enlarge.

The proposed development plan for "[Grasmere Subdivision](#)" at [945 Bravington Way](#), will be reviewed by the Division of Planning's Technical Committee on July 29 and at the Division of Planning's Subdivision Committee on August 6.

Both meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held in the Division of Planning's conference room on the 7th floor of 101 East Vine Street. The plan will also be heard at the regular monthly Planning Commission meeting on August 13 at 1:30 in the Council Chambers.

Each of these meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity at each meeting for the public to speak. I encourage you to attend if you would like to express your feedback on the proposal.

You can also express your feedback via e-mail to the Planning Division if you would prefer, by e-mailing planningmailbox@LexingtonKY.gov. They will print out your e-mail and keep it in the Planning file for future reference for this proposed development.

Opera Under the Stars coming to MoonDance

Opera Under the Stars is coming to MoonDance at Midnight Pass Amphitheater on Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will feature some of the best young opera artists Central Kentucky has to offer.

Several of opera's greatest hits will be performed, including songs from La Traviata, The Magic Flute, The Marriage of Figaro and more. Opera Under the Stars is modeled after the popular event Ballet Under the Stars, which is celebrating its 26th anniversary at Woodland Park.

MoonDance Amphitheater is located in the Beaumont neighborhood at 1152 Monarch St. The venue has also hosted Summer Nights in Suburbia, Big Band & Jazz, Southland Jamboree, and SummerFest.

Lawn chairs and/or blankets should be brought for seating at the amphitheater, and patrons may pack a picnic dinner or purchase food from local food trucks.

Admission is \$5. Children age 3 & under are free. A rain date is planned for 7 p.m., Sunday, August 9 if needed.



Health Dept. offering back-to-school immunizations



To beat the back-to-school rush, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department will be offering low-cost immunizations by appointment 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday through Aug. 20 at the Public Health Clinic at 650 Newtown Pike.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (859) 288-2483. Participants must live in Fayette County, be 18 years or younger, and be uninsured or underinsured. Medicaid is accepted. Immunization records must be brought to the appointment.

Fayette County students who are new to the school district or are entering kindergarten are required to bring a Kentucky immunization certificate in order to enroll. Sixth-grade students are also required to have certain boosters and must bring an up-to-date immunization certificate.

Call the health department's school health division at (859) 288-2314 for more information.

LexCall celebrates 3,110,000th call

Have you ever had a time when the phone seemed to ring all day long? The City employees at LexCall—the City's centralized call center—know that feeling well. They live with constantly ringing phones five days a week. So much so that on the afternoon of June 30, the LexCall staff answered and handled its 3,110,000th call.

Today's LexCall is far different than when it was started as pilot program in 1997. Before then, each City division was responsible for handling and completing its own service requests. Wanting to improve how the city served citizens, LexCall was created to document and make sure all service requests were handled and completed.

LexCall handled 214,785 calls in 2014. Those calls generated 84,073 service requests. The remaining ones dealt with answering questions or connecting callers with the City's various divisions.

For more information on how LexCall can help you connect with local government, visit:

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=3441>.



Mosquito-spraying schedule for August

To help control mosquitoes, the [Lexington-Fayette County Health Department](#) will continue to conduct mosquito-spraying activities throughout the summer. Spraying will start in the evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.

The schedule for August 2015 is shown at right.

The 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.

Time	Tuesday August 4	Wednesday August 5	Thursday August 6
3-6 a.m.	40502, 40509	40505	40502, 40515, 40517

Time	Tuesday August 11	Wednesday August 12	Thursday August 13
3-6 a.m.	40503, 40508, 40513, 40514	40504, 40510, 40511	40503, 40515

Time	Tuesday August 18	Wednesday August 19	Thursday August 20
3-6 a.m.	40505, 40511	40502, 40509	40505

Time	Tuesday August 25	Wednesday August 26	Thursday August 27
3-6 a.m.	40502, 40515, 40517	40503, 40508, 40513, 40514	40504, 40510, 40511

Honoring 9th District Resident Betty Gabehart



Earlier this month it was my honor to present 9th District resident Betty Gabehart a special proclamation commemorating her 80th birthday on behalf of Mayor Gray.

Betty was born on July 7, 1935, in Campbellsville, Kentucky, and later moved to Lexington with her family, and is a graduate of Henry Clay High School, the University of Kentucky and Yale Divinity School.

She worked at the University of Kentucky as director of the UK Women's Writers Conference and her contributions to the program are still recognized through a literary achievement award named in her honor.

Betty's infectious energy and enthusiasm has been channeled into politics in recent years and she is also a world traveler and a member of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church and the Women's Network, and formerly served on the Board of the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

She notes that she is thankful for a perspective that enables her to love her friends, family, and country—even when people have profoundly different views.

Betty is a true inspiration and I am delighted to have her as a friend.

Fayette Co. PVA Website offers wealth of information

Whether you're looking for a new house, selling the one you have, or you just enjoy looking at houses and researching Fayette County's 110,000 properties, the Fayette County PVA web site is a great free source of information.

The PVA office determines the fair cash value of your property, which, in part, determines the amount of property tax you owe based on the condition of the property on January 1 of each year. Eligibility for the Homestead and other exemptions is also based on ownership, residency and use as of January 1.

If you are 65 years of age or older, or if you are receiving disability payments, you may qualify for Kentucky's Homestead Exemption. Find more information about the Homestead Exemption including a downloadable application by visiting the Homestead Exemption page of the PVA web site.

You can also examine your property record and check the accuracy of the characteristics on file. If any of this information is incorrect, you should contact the office and speak with an assessor who will make any necessary changes, or you can e-mail them to correct the information.

For more information, visit the PVA web site at www.FayettePVA.com.



SCAM ALERT!

OFFICE OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF

BEWARE

The Office of the Fayette County Sheriff is warning Lexington residents of a telephone scam that has developed this week

- The caller **falsely identifies himself as a Fayette County Deputy Sheriff**
- The caller **asks victims to purchase a pre-paid or re-load-able money card** and then provide the "deputy" with the card number over the phone to settle the fine.

This is NOT the Office of the Fayette County Sheriff

We will never ask you for money or threaten you with arrest if you do not pay a fine. Be **cautious** of calls that request payment or access to personally identifiable information.



**If you are contacted,
DO NOT send money**
Immediately contact the Office of
the Fayette County Sheriff at
(859) 252-1771

Where do my recyclables go?

If you have lived in Lexington for a while, you are probably familiar with the Rosie, the blue cart that houses your recyclables before they are picked up by a Waste Management truck. For residents who receive City waste management service, do you know what happens to your soda bottles, soup cans, newspapers and boxes after that?

Lexington has a fleet of 128 trucks that collect recyclables, yard waste and landfill-bound trash, and the same truck might not be in your neighborhood every week. Your trash might be emptied into a truck with a yard waste message on the side, or your yard waste might be picked up by a truck with a recycling symbol. Your recyclables are not being mixed with trash; your neighborhood trucks are just being switched for better optimization.

Lexington has “single-stream recycling,” which means that all of your recyclables get collected together in one truck. This makes it easier for you to recycle because you do not have to sort your recyclables before you put them into your Rosie.

When the recycling truck is finished with its route, it goes to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) near downtown. Trash trucks go to the Transfer Station on Old Frankfort Pike, where the trash will be taken by semi trucks to various landfills throughout Kentucky, and yard waste trucks go to the Haley Pike Landfill, where our leaves and grass are composted into mulch.

At the MRF, Lexington's recyclables are sorted so they can be shipped to recycling companies to make our old goods into new ones. Last year, Lexington residents and businesses recycled over 36,500 tons of material – that is 36,500 tons we kept out of the landfill! Aluminum cans are sent to Berea to be made into aluminum ingots that will eventually become building materials and, of course, more aluminum cans. Cardboard is sent to Maysville to produce cardboard packaging, and our milk jugs are sent to Somerset to be made into playground equipment and park benches.

Recycling efforts in Lexington support nearly 3,000 jobs in Kentucky and surrounding states. When you recycle at home, you are contributing to the local economy, as well as improving the environment. For more information on Lexington's Recycling Programs, visit: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=696>.





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Other News of Note...



Additional "No Left Turn" signs have recently been added at the intersection of Clays Mill and Wellington Way.

Please use the designated detour and use caution when traveling in that area as construction continues.

The Division of Police is continuing to monitor the intersection and issue citations to motorists making illegal left turns in the construction zone.

Once the box culverts have been replaced at that intersection, the left turn lanes will be re-opened for normal use.

Don't make it easy for thieves

The majority of vehicle break-ins occur outside private homes, in driveways or on the street. Be sure to lock your car doors and not leave valuables inside the vehicle. Leaving doors unlocked and items on display is an open invitation to opportunist criminals. If you are the victim, report it to Police at (859) 258-3600.



Telephone Numbers:

LexCall (City Hall)	311
Police (Non-emergency)	258-3600
Fire (Non-emergency)	231-5600
City Garbage Collection	425-2255 or 311
Columbia Gas of KY	800-432-9345
Fayette County Clerk	253-3344
Fayette County Sheriff	252-1771
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

Aquatics Master Plan Survey



The City's Aquatics Master Plan Steering Committee has developed an online survey to solicit feedback on LFUCG aquatics offerings.

Please take a moment to complete the survey and submit your input. Help shape the future of Lexington's Aquatics.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/LexingtonPools

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 a neighbor or resident for 9th District "Neighbor of the Month," please e-mail your nomination details to me at jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov.



Do you know someone who might enjoy reading this monthly newsletter?

Please forward a copy to them. If you are not currently a subscriber, e-mail rbolson@lexingtonky.gov to be added to the list.

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