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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,

The City is now accepting applications from eligible neighborhood and homeowner associations and other groups for the **Neighborhood Action Match Grant Program**. The deadline to submit an application is 4 p.m., October 30.

Since 1986, LFUCG has funded this program to support neighborhood associations in carrying out development activities and improvements using the cooperative efforts and voluntary contributions of neighborhood individuals, businesses, schools and other organizations.

To learn more about this great opportunity, visit <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=167>. I urge all eligible neighborhood associations, HOAs, businesses and other organizations to explore this annual opportunity.

If you have questions about the program, contact Suzie Loveday with the City's Division of Grants and Special Programs at (859) 258-3073 or sloveday@lexingtonky.gov.

The proposed **Copper Creek Subdivision** preliminary plan for developing a portion of the property at 1850 Old Higbee Mill Road has been revised. The revised plat can be viewed [here](#). The plan was postponed for one month at the August Planning Commission meeting.

Construction continues on the new Lexington **Senior Center**, which will be located at 195 Life Lane in the Idle Hour neighborhood. See page 6 for more information.

On August 18, a public hearing was held here at City Hall regarding a proposed new subdivision development at **3900 Boston Road**. After hearing the objectors in attendance, and the developer, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Division of Planning's recommendation to approve the development. The City's Planning Commission had recently also voted unanimously to approve the development.

City Internships. Did you know the City of Lexington offers a variety of enlightening internships throughout local government to current students and recent graduates? Interns are exposed to career fields of interest in a local government setting. For more information on specific internships that are available, visit the City's online [Internship Directory](#).

There is lots more information on the following pages. I welcome your feedback at any time.

My best always,



Councilmember Ed Lane Passes

Edwin "Ed" Green Lane III, publisher and founder of *The Lane Report* magazine, and 12th District Urban County Council Member and long-time commercial real estate broker, passed away earlier this month. He is survived by daughters Susan Brett Lane and Katherine Meredith Lane.

I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the Lane family and all of his many friends and associates.

Mayor Gray noted: "Not only was Ed highly successful in his own business, he was an outstanding public servant who brought his business experience and expertise to City Hall to fight for Lexington's business men and women. Our city will miss his leadership and experience."

Calendar:

August 22: Bluegrass Crime Stoppers' [Fundraiser](#), 8:00 am.

Sept. 3: [Aquatics Master Plan](#) Meeting at Clays Mill Elementary; 6 pm. (Page 5)

Sept. 10: [Minimum Wage Discussion](#); City Hall, 4 pm.

Oct. 30: Deadline to submit [Neighborhood Action Match Grant Program Application](#).

View the [City Calendar](#).



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

breederscupfestival.cornettims.com

Follow on Social Media:



Development Plan Update



Plans submitted for review by the City can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

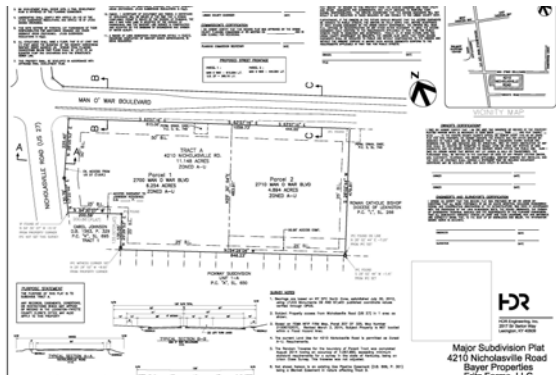
Here is the latest update on several proposed developments for properties here in the 9th District:

Copper Creek Subdivision has been postponed by the applicant until the September 10, 1:30 pm [meeting of the Planning Commission](#).

Grasmere Subdivision has been approved and once the preliminary subdivision plan is certified the applicant can proceed with construction of the infrastructure. No houses will be built until a final record plat(s) are filed, approved by the Planning Commission and recorded.

Winding Creek at Monticello is scheduled to be heard at the next [Planning Commission Zoning Hearing](#) on Thursday, August 27 at 1:30 pm. The Planning staff has not received any additional information or a revised plan as of this newsletter.

Proposed Development at 4210 Nicholasville Road



Triology Health Services, a Louisville-based provider of senior healthcare and hospitality services, is planning to build a new senior living health campus for Lexington area seniors at the former Fritz Farm property located at 4210 Nicholasville Road at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man o' War Blvd., [The Willows at Fritz Farm](#).

The development location is within Lexington's 4th Council District boundaries but adjacent to Pickway neighborhood here in the 9th District.

Triology operates more than 90 facilities in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky, including two in Lexington, [The Willows at Citation](#) and [The Willows at Hamburg](#).

To view the plat filed with the City's Division of Planning, click here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/OB0aBvWAKyfxaNSIFTfSb2xETfk/view>

Neighbors-of-the-Month: Don & Betty Thompson



Mac Ferguson has nominated Don and Betty Thompson as the 9th District Neighbors-of-the-Month for August. The Thompsons, who live in the Monticello neighborhood, met at age 14 and were high school sweethearts. They have been married now for 62 years and moved from Ashland, Ky., to Lexington in 1984. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Don served in the United States Air Force and is a retired engineer from Lexington's Brock McVey Company. Betty is retired from the University of Kentucky where she worked in the Office of the Treasurer. The Thompsons have both been active in the [Lexington Lions Club](#) for many years. Don has been a member for more than 50 years, and Betty joined the Club in 1990. Betty has also been a member of the Lexington Lioness Club since 1964. They are definitely familiar faces at all Lions Club events.

From volunteering with the local Scouts organization when their children were young, to serving in the [Lions Club](#), the Thompsons have always enjoyed their community service. They found it particularly rewarding to volunteer with the [Lions Camp Crescendo](#). From providing transportation for youths from across the Commonwealth, to working in the camp kitchen and camp laundry and even providing security at the camp, the Thompsons were always willing to roll up their sleeves and pitch in wherever needed!

Congratulations Don and Betty on being Neighbor-of-the-Month and thanks for your community service!

Back to School: Focus on Student Safety

As the new school year is now underway, here are some excellent School Zone Driving Safety Tips from the Lexington Fire Department:

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the posted speed limit.
- When entering a school zone, slow down and always stop for school busses that are loading/unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone and never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone. Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.
- Do not park in NO PARKING ZONE.



1400 Higbee Mill Road Update

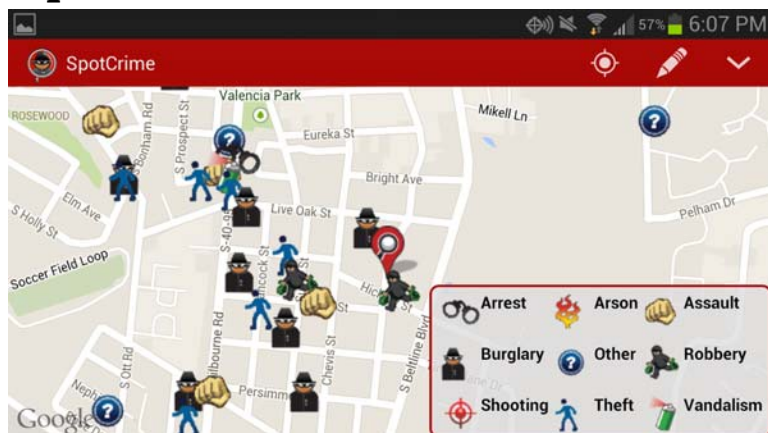


As was listed in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* recently, Central Ky. Mulch has purchased the property at 1400 Higbee Mill Road. As of this newsletter however, they have not filed a new conditional use permit, but they are apparently pursuing FEMA's approval of changing the floodplain, essentially filling the floodplain to make it a developable area.

Getting FEMA approval does not allow any use to occur, but it does mean that there could be a feasible plan filed to modify the floodplain that covers 90+% of this property. If FEMA says no, then the options to develop this property with any use would be extremely limited. The original application was officially withdrawn on June 19, and therefore, procedurally, they cannot file a new application before December 19 of this year.

Should they file a new conditional use application, public notice will be given per the regular notification requirements, as they were the first time.

SpotCrime.com offers Free Crime Tracking Data



SpotCrime.com is a free online crime data aggregator that maps crime incidents, plots them on Google Maps, and delivers alerts via email, Facebook, Twitter, SMS, RSS and a multitude of other platforms.

The data comes from police departments, news reports and user-generated content.

To find out what crime is happening in your neighborhood, visit www.SpotCrime.com to create a free account, which will enable you to receive routine updates on recent activity within a five mile radius.

SpotCrime.com bills itself as "the most visited crime mapping website."

Understanding Lexington's Board of Adjustment



The Board of Adjustment is a body established under state law to perform a number of decision-making activities associated with land use regulation. Board members are local citizens, appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Urban County Council, and are not professional planners. The seven members of the BOA serve without compensation of any kind. They typically give four to eight hours per month of their time to attend hearings and review case reports.

Board members come from varied backgrounds and different neighborhoods in the community. Members serve staggered terms of four years in length, and may only serve three consecutive terms (twelve years) without leaving the board for at least one year.

The primary duties of the Board of Adjustment are:

- Hear property owner appeals regarding variances to requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. For example, most zoning categories have a “setback” requirement from the street and side and rear yard lines. If a property owner residing in a zone that required a six-foot side yard setback wanted to make a house addition that extended to four feet, they would need board approval to do so.
- Hear cases involving requests by property owners to have specified conditional uses permitted on their property. Every zoning category has a list of conditional uses that can only be allowed if approved by the board. An example of this type of case would be churches in areas zoned residential. Before a church can locate (or expand) in a residential zoning district, they would need to apply for a conditional use permit from the board.
- Hear administrative appeals of zoning enforcement or permitting decisions made by the Division of Planning or the Division of Building Inspection. This also includes decisions related to the interpretation of the zoning laws. Any applicant or other party who feels that an enforcement action, interpretation action or permitting decision was incorrect may appeal to the board for final determination.

Learn What You Should Do if Your Home Floods

During a major flooding emergency, city services will understandably be inundated with requests for help, and you may have to wait hours or perhaps days before receiving assistance. The best way to deal with flooding is *before* the fact, by developing a flood prevention plan for your home.

If you have the necessary information and equipment to deal with a flooding threat to your home, you will be able to better manage the situation while you are waiting for help to arrive.

Lexington's [Division of Water Quality](#) can make flood-proofing suggestions to homeowners with chronic storm water flooding. Contact Water Quality at (859) 425-2400 for more information.

During a flood, call LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255. If the Mayor has declared a state of emergency for a flooding event, the city can assist residents in eliminating sanitary sewer overflows into basements, crawlspaces or living quarters. Flooding assistance (pumping water) can be provided in instances where two or more inches of water are entering an area that contains a gas appliance or is a primary cooking or sleeping area. In addition, the city provides limited assistance cleaning for sanitary sewer overflows. For information on what to do pre-flood, during a flood, post-flood and for clean-up tips, visit: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=2666>.



Get Out and Swim Update

As part of the ongoing aquatics master plan process, Lexington Parks and Recreation has scheduled several town hall meetings at locations throughout the city in order to gather input regarding the future of aquatics. Light refreshments will be provided.

Lexington Parks and Recreation operates seven aquatic facilities located throughout Lexington.

Details for the events are as follows:

- August 25 at Central Branch Public Library at 6:00 pm—140 E Main Street
- September 1 at Imani Baptist Church at 6:00 pm—1555 Georgetown Road
- September 3 at Clays Mill Elementary School at 6:00 pm—2319 Clays Mill Road



The Lexington Aquatics Master Plan Survey is Still Open

If you have not yet done so, you can complete the Lexington aquatics master plan survey and share your input at the online engagement website (powered by mySidewalk).

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and Division of Parks and Recreation would like your input to help determine priorities for aquatic facilities.

[Click here to complete the survey](#) and also join the ongoing community discussion through mySidewalk.

Firefighter Hopes to Take Fitness Message Across USA

Working towards becoming a firefighter, Tim Boniface learned many things, among them, that the number one cause of death in firefighters is cardiac arrest.

“The first 15 to 20 minutes, when you come on a scene of a fire, is the most physically taxing thing a firefighter will ever do. The equipment is heavy, it is hot and you can’t see a thing. It is not like what you see in Hollywood,” notes Boniface.

Boniface has taken his love for nutrition and fitness—something that began when he was 13—and hopes to inspire other firefighters—here in Lexington and across the country—to do the same. His passion has even gotten the attention of the #1-rated men’s fitness magazine *Men’s Health*. He is currently one of the Top 10 semifinalists in the magazine’s 2015 Ultimate *Men’s Health* Guy Search.

The magazine will soon cut the list to three and those men will be flown to New York City. The winner will appear on the magazine’s cover. “It is truly an honor and a privilege to be chosen. *Men’s Health* is the top-rated men’s fitness magazine and to be recognized by them is special.”



Meetings Set to Review Civil War Statues, Marker

A public meeting has been set for 6 p.m. Monday, August 24, to give all citizens an opportunity to express their opinions about the location and presentation of two of Lexington's Civil War statues and an historic marker.

The meeting, with KET's Renee Shaw as moderator, is part of a review Mayor Gray asked the Urban County Arts Review Board to conduct concerning two statues—those of Civil War officers John Hunt Morgan and John C. Breckinridge—that have stood near the Main Street Courthouse for more than a century.

The panel has also been asked to study a historic marker in Cheapside Park, located next to the Courthouse, noting the history of slave trading near the courthouse. The marker has been in the park since 2003.

The Urban County Arts Review Board is a body of artists, engineers and historians. The board is charged with reviewing art projects on public lands to guarantee a sense of public good and to ensure they meet community standards.

In addition to the public meeting, the board plans to meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, when the board will interview a variety of experts.

These meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Government Center, at 200 E. Main St., and will be televised live on GTV-3 on Time Warner Cable and online at www.LexingtonKy.gov. Mayor Gray has asked the board to report its finding to the Administration and Council in October.



Photo: The Lane Report

From the Legal Notices Section as Posted on Kentucky.com:

Notice is hereby given that Steve Perry, 101 Stable Way, Nicholasville, KY 40356, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a public street and residential subdivision adjacent to South Elkhorn Creek. The property is located at **3757 Kings Glen Park** in Lexington, Kentucky. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks, 4th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

New Senior Center Construction Continues on Schedule

Construction on Lexington's new \$13 million seniors center to be located at 195 Life Lane in the Idle Hour Park near the intersection of New Circle and Richmond Road, continues on schedule.

The two-story, 33,000-square foot facility, which is expected to be open in May of 2016, will replace the existing center located on Nicholasville Road in front of Commonwealth Stadium. The new facility will be approximately twice as large as the current one.

Older adults represent a growing segment of Lexington's population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, when the current senior center opened in 1983, residents age 60 or older accounted for 12.6% of the population. Seniors now make up 16.5% of the city's population and are projected to pass 20% in coming years.



August 7, 2015

CentrePointe Changes Ownership



Photo: WUKY.org

As you may have read recently in the news, [Bridgeton Holdings](#), a private New Jersey-based real estate development firm, plans to invest millions in equity to jumpstart the [CentrePointe](#) project in downtown Lexington. The new plan calls for \$166 million to complete the project, in addition to what has already been spent.

Under the plan, [Bridgeton Holdings](#) would actively maintain all management and operations of the project. Centrepointe, LLC, would maintain a small passive ownership of the development, reflecting the contributions it has previously made to the site.

Mayor Gray noted that it is “a positive development” that he hope leads to good jobs and a project that will have an economic impact beyond its physical borders, for the entire city.

He also remarked that we shouldn’t be overly optimistic because “there’s a lot of work to be done to pull this together.”

Regarding the questions that have been raised about the possibility of building a new city hall on the site, Gray said, “While the developer may want the City to move city hall, there has been no commitment to do that and there will not be any commitment to do that or anything else on that property unless it’s in the best interest of the taxpayers. Taxpayers have options and this city has and will consider every possible alternative.”

It is reported that in the coming days the development team plans on working with City leaders—in both the private and public sectors—to gauge interest in the project.

A specific construction schedule is expected be announced in the future. As for the physical space that would occupy the city block, Bridgeton says they don’t expect the mixed use plan to change significantly. Parking, offices, retail, apartments, condos and hotel spaces are all needed in the downtown and they plan on providing those amenities.

Bluegrass Crime Stoppers Fundraiser is Saturday

Bluegrass Crime Stoppers’ annual “Shootout Fundraiser” offers the opportunity for the public to compete against Central Kentucky’s best pistol shooters, including members of law enforcement.

The 2015 Crime Stoppers Shootout will be held Saturday, August 22 at the Police Shooting Range at Parker’s Mill and Airport Road.

All Shooters must be age 21 or older, and must sign a waiver of liability prior to participating. No personal weapons are allowed.

Participants may compete individually, as part of a team, or as part of a corporate team. Call (859) 258-3746 for more information.

To sign up and pre-pay, visit: www.BluegrassCrimeStoppers.com.



Photo: WKYT



Make a date with McConnell Springs Ice Cream Social

August 23, 2015

McConnell Springs, 416 Rebmann Lane
1 - 3 p.m. -- FREE

Scavenger hunt, fossil dig,
face tattoos and Baskin Robbins ICE CREAM!

Donations accepted.
Proceeds benefit McConnell Springs park.

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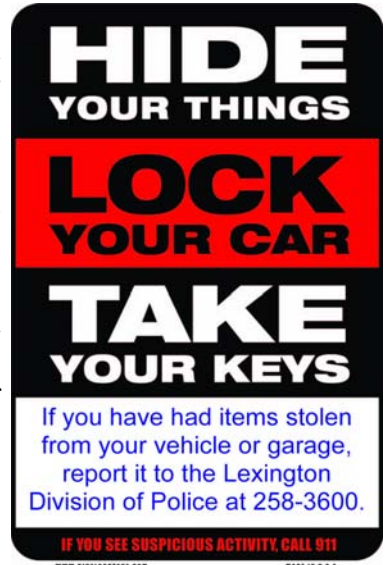


Other News of Note...

If you must 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.

The most effective way to prevent becoming a victim of burglary of a motor vehicle is to make sure anything that might tempt a criminal is secured in the trunk—and be sure to document the serial numbers on all your property and/or etch some type of identifying information on the property to help locate and identify it in case of theft.

Be sure to report **all** crimes and/or suspicious activity to Lexington Police at (859) 258-3600.



Minimum Wage Discussion 9/10/15



The Special Urban County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting originally scheduled for August 20 to discuss raising the minimum wage in Lexington has been postponed until Thursday, September 10 at 4 pm at City Hall, 200 East Main St., 2nd Floor. The meeting is open to the public and will be televised on GTV-3 and online at www.LexingtonKy.gov.

LEXINGTON FIREFIGHTERS

Run-Walk to Remember

AT COLDSTREAM PARK
September 11, 2015

REMEMBER KENTUCKY'S FALLEN FIRE & POLICE

REGISTER ONLINE AT RUNSIGNUP.COM

FREE RACE T-SHIRT
TILL SEPTEMBER 1st

4.03 MILES IS RUN FOR EACH OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEN & WOMEN THAT DIED IN 911. EACH STEP ALSO REMEMBERS OUR YEARLY FALLEN OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ACROSS THE SCENIC VIEWS OF COLDSTREAM PARK.

4.03 MILE RUN/WALK STARTS @ 7PM
TIMED RACE BY JOHNS RUN WALK SHOP. PROCEEDS GO TO THE KENTUCKY FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL & UK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SPONSORED BY: FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 526 & EMTPKY

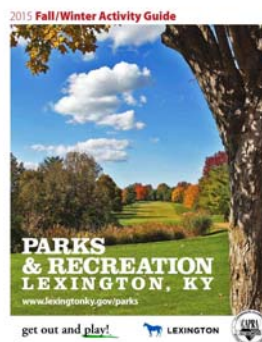
REGISTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1st
\$20 (EARLY BIRD)

REGISTER THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12th
\$25 (WITH PRINTED FORM)

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

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Free Fall/Winter Activity Guide



Download the free 2015 Fall/Winter Activities Guide from Lexington's Division of Parks & Recreation here:

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=7978>

It contains 12 pages jam-packed with great information you and your family can use to fill your free time this fall/winter.

Give a Deserving Neighbor a Nod!

Recognize that special neighbor whose efforts have made a positive impact on our district and community.

Nominate a neighbor or resident for 9th District "Neighbor of the Month," (see page 2) by emailing your nomination details to: jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov.



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