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Serving the People of Lexington's 9th District*



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Dear 9th District Neighbors,

Earlier this year, the City retained Applied Research Associates (ARA) to conduct a comprehensive and scientific review of the condition of our city's streets and roads—the first such study of its kind for Lexington. ARA is a scientific research and engineering company that specializes in producing innovative solutions to tackle critical infrastructure problems, including pavement management.

Similar to other communities that have utilized ARA's expertise, the goal was to make the best use of our limited funding to keep our city streets in good condition. The FY16 City budget included \$10 million for street paving—which sounds like a lot of money, and it is—however, when you factor in that assuming that a street has a width of 31 feet (the average width of streets in the 9th District), the cost per linear mile is approx. \$211,368.85, it becomes clear that even \$10 million is merely a good first step towards effectively and efficiently maintaining our city streets.

That is why I fought earlier this year to add an additional \$2.4 million for paving to the FY16 budget to bring the total allocation for residential paving up to \$10 million.

Confirming my contention that the need is far greater than the current funding, more recently, Bill Valvick of ARA recommended that the City increase the amount of money allotted for paving each year to an eye-opening \$28 million for the next 3 years—nearly triple the current amount—and add in \$16 million more per year for proper maintenance of roads. Clearly, that recommendation requires a far more thoughtful and in-depth discussion. But the data definitely tells us that we must allot significantly more money to maintain our roads going forward.



Adequate funding for the basic services such as public safety and maintaining our city streets remains my priority.

I use a three-pronged approach in establishing an annual list for street paving here in the 9th District: Constituent input, pavement condition rankings received each year from the City's Division of Streets & Roads, and physically driving the district to see first-hand the current road conditions.

Based upon this year's review, condition rankings, and the available budget of \$971,193 for the district, I have submitted a request to have twenty streets and courts paved, including portions of Boston, Brunswick, Cornwall, Monticello, Retrac, Winnepeg Way, and West Reynolds. And I intend to strongly advocate to have the Mayor include far more than \$10 million for road work and paving in next spring's proposed FY17 budget.

I will keep you posted on further details as they develop and update you soon with regard to the specific timeframe for paving to occur here in the 9th District.

My best always,

Calendar:

Oct. 1st: Free Composting Workshop. (See page 6.)

Oct. 1st: Tire Collection Event. (See page 7.)

Oct. 4th: Lexington Fire Prevention Festival and Parade, downtown. (See page 9).

Oct. 30th: 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

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Development Plan Update



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

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

Copper Creek Subdivision has been postponed by the applicant until the October 8th, 1:30 pm [meeting of the Planning Commission](#) here at City Hall.

The proposal to develop **Winding Creek at Monticello** has been withdrawn. At the September 22nd Council Work Session, Dick Murphy, the attorney for the developer of 3455 Saybrook Road, formally requested to withdraw the Zone Change Request for 3455 Saybrook Road.

Subsequently, at the September 24th Council meeting, the full Council voted to approve my motion to withdraw the item from further Council consideration. Accordingly, the matter is now closed unless the developer chooses to file a new and different development plan going forward.

Requests for Funding Applications Deadline is Dec. 4th

Applications for funding for Fayette County projects from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program are due by 5 pm, Friday, December 4th, 2015, in the office of the Division of Grants and Special Programs on the sixth floor of the Government Center at 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507.

Applications will be reviewed for consideration of funding from the 2016 Consolidated Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Application forms and further information on these programs are available on the City's website at www.LexingtonKy.gov.

You may also obtain a copy of this information from the Division of Grants and Special Programs on the sixth floor of the Government Center at 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507.

If you have questions, contact Suzie Loveday at (859) 258-3073 or e-mail Suzie at sloveday@LexingtonKY.gov.



9th District Neighbor of the Month: Johnathan Sales



Congratulations to 9th District resident Johnathan Sales on recently achieving the rank of Eagle Scout by Troop 41 of Lexington of the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 41 is chartered by the Immanuel Baptist Church.

In addition to exceeding all of the requirements of the rank of Eagle Scout for which he's been devoted the last eleven years since the age of 6 as a Cub Scout, Johnathan has held numerous troop and patrol-level leadership positions while a scout in Troop 41.

Scouting participants experience a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster to achieve the Boy Scouts of America's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

For achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Johnathan is hereby recognized as the October 9th District Neighbor of the Month! His accomplishment serves as an example of excellence and is certainly a source of pride for the 9th District and our community. Way to go, Johnathan!

Copperfield Neighborhood Meeting



Thank you to the Copperfield Neighborhood Association for the opportunity and invitation to speak with you at your recent annual meeting.

There is always a terrific turnout and I applaud your willingness to participate in your association.

Our neighborhoods are truly the strength of our community.

We are fortunate to have so many active neighborhood associations here in the 9th District and across the city.



Snow and Ice Removal Plan Review

Earlier this month I sat down with David Holmes, the City's Commissioner of Environmental Quality and Public Works, to review the City's Snow and Ice Removal Plan as it pertains to the 9th District.

Snow and ice removal in Fayette County is a combined effort of the City's Department of Environmental Quality & Public Works and the Kentucky Department of Highways. Public Works is responsible for snow and ice removal from more than 1,246 lane miles of city and county roads. The state is responsible for plowing more than 500 miles of roadways in Fayette County.

Snow removal is based on a priority plan developed to identify a basic system of roads essential to keep traffic moving while taking into consideration the equipment and personnel available. Factors used include identifying the city's busiest routes, access to public transportation, access to emergency services, and access to Fayette County Public Schools.

All totaled, Lexington has 4,245 streets and in most cases, only Priority 1-4 streets and roads will be plowed.

Using notes compiled from your feedback during and after last winter's historic snow falls, and utilizing service request data collected by LexCall for the 9th District, Commissioner Holmes and I were able to make a "big picture" examination of which areas of the district need to have their priority ranking elevated to provide for a better response by City crews and the private contractors retained by the City to handle snow and ice accumulations.

Our City crews work extremely hard to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible during winter storms and with your ongoing feedback and regular reviews of the snow plan, we will all benefit.



Reviewing the City's Snow and Ice Removal Plan with Commissioner Holmes.



City crews average 22 mobilizations per year for snow and ice removal across Lexington.

The City hires private contractors to assist as needed for major winter storms.

Route Ware is presently being deployed on all City snow removal vehicles, which will allow for eventual GPS capabilities similar to those used for leaf collection this past year. The goal is to enable enhanced communication with both constituents and City staff.

Watching Out for One Another



Recently there have been several reports of a man on a bicycle traveling around various neighborhoods in the 9th District (and across Lexington) asking to perform odd jobs for money.

He is described as an African-American man who may go by the name of "Charlie." The reports note he shares a story of experiencing unfortunate circumstances and of being in great need of money.



Unfortunately, several reports posted on NextDoor.com indicate that his handyman skills are either poor, or he takes the money and never performs the work he was hired to complete.

If you have been a victim of a "con job" of any type, please report it to Police at (859) 258-3600. Police need your help in reporting and identifying such activity.

There have also been reports of an older model "noisy" van possibly casing neighborhoods in the area, and a report of a suspicious older model green Dodge Caravan with the license tag, 726 ANM in the area.

Should you observe vehicles fitting these descriptions in your neighborhood, please report them to Police immediately at (859) 258-3600.



New Stop Signs for Rojay Road near Fayette Mall

The City's Division of Traffic Engineering recently installed multiway stop signs on Rojay Drive at the Fayette Mall access road. Traffic Engineering had identified the intersection as a "hot spot" for safety improvements.

The placement of stop signs on Rojay Drive should serve to allow better circulation of the side streets through the intersection as well as possibly helping to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic traveling from Nicholasville Road.

Motorists are advised to exercise caution while traffic adapts to the new traffic control measures.

Traffic Engineering will also be reviewing the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Rojay Drive to determine if any timing or operational improvements made there may help alleviate the frequent congestion.



Voter Registration Deadline is October 5th

According to the Fayette County Clerks Office, in order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election for statewide offices, citizens will need to register no later than October 5th, 2015.

Voter registration forms are available online at www.fayettecountyclerk.com/web/forms/voterreg.pdf and must be delivered to your County Clerk office or postmarked on or before October 5th.

If you would like to confirm your registration status, contact the County Clerk's office. In Fayette County, citizens can access their status online at www.fayettecountyclerk.com/web/elections/verifyvoter.htm.

Students who will be 18 years old on or before November 3rd may also register and vote in the upcoming election. They also must be registered by the same October 5th deadline.

According to the Clerks Office, there are various organizations that are sending voter registration information via the mail that may mislead some citizens to think that they are no longer registered. If you have previously registered and still live in the same location, then there is nothing that you need to do.

The November 3rd, 2015 general election includes races for Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, and Commissioner of Agriculture. In Fayette County, the ballot will also include the race for the unexpired term in the 1st District of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Council.



Windstream May Enter Lexington Cable TV Market

Time Warner Cable may soon have competition in Lexington to provide cable TV service. Late last year the City finalized a 10-year franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable, however, under federal communication law, a second cable TV provider can request that the City reopen the franchise process—and Windstream Communications has requested the City do so.

An attorney who handles the City's utility franchise agreements, recently informed the Council that Windstream or perhaps another cable operator must demonstrate that they are capable of providing the same services that Time Warner Cable presently provides to Lexington.

Should a second provider ultimately be granted a franchise agreement with the City, Time Warner would still keep its current 10-year franchise.

The full Council is expected to vote on the request for bids in the coming weeks.

If you have thoughts on the issue, please e-mail me at the e-mail address jmossotti@LexingtonKY.gov.



Learn How to Compost at Free Workshop

Are you interested in starting or improving a home composting operation? Lexington's Division of Waste Management and the Fayette County Extension Office are partnering to offer a free home composting workshop on Thursday, October 1st.

Residents of Fayette County are eligible for the class. The free session will be held from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office located at 1140 Red Mile Place.

Those interested are asked to call the Extension Office at (859) 257-5582 to pre-register. Participants will learn how to mix organic material—such as coffee grounds, fruits, bread, vegetables, grass clippings and leaves—and turn them into high quality compost.

In addition to information on composting, participants will also receive a small “Grubby” container to help kick start your home composting efforts. For more information on this fall's free composting workshop, please call LexCall at 3-1-1 or (859) 425-2255 or visit www.lexingtonky.gov/wastemanagement.



WUKY's “Know Your Council” Series



I recently sat down here at City Hall with Chase Cavanaugh, a reporter for WUKY, to participate in an episode of WUKY's “Know Your Council” series.

WUKY is the flagship National Public Radio (NPR) non-commercial radio station licensed to the University of Kentucky and can be found at the frequency 91.3 MHz on the FM band.

“Know Your Council” is an opportunity for listeners to learn more about the members of Lexington's Urban County Council.

My interview will air in a few weeks, according to Cavanaugh.

Tune in to catch it if you can.

Run the Raven at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

The inaugural 10 kilometer trail run through Raven Run Nature Sanctuary, The Raven 10K, will take place on October 4th, 2015. Start time is 10 a.m.

Participants will experience grassy meadows, hard-packed dirt, and natural trails consisting of mud, rocks, roots, ruts, walnuts, buckeyes, wet leaves and very narrow stretches; not to mention the unique experience of wildlife roaming within reach of the runners.

Proceeds from the race will go towards a grant system to be used by City schools to offset the costs of transporting kids to the park.

For more information or to register, visit:

<http://www.ravenrun.org/the-raven-10k-1.html>



Police Officers Build Relationships with Area Youths



From left: Officer Jerrell Strong, Jazmin (holding police car) and Officer Duane Baillio. Photo by Public Information Office.

"Police are not scary. They keep us safe and put the bad guys in jail," according to Yazmin, a 3-year old who attends pre-school at the Family Care Center.

That sentiment is exactly what officers from the Lexington Police Department want Jazmin and her classmates to think about them. Several officers routinely stop by the Family Care Center to talk to the children, read stories and even ride a tricycle with them.

"We as police officers normally have to respond to and handle a lot of unpleasant situations, so to have opportunities like this, to interact with these kids, really lightens up the day," notes Lt. Kevin Metcalf. "It is a positive interaction for everyone involved. It truly is impossible to spend time with these kids and leave without a smile on your face."

Lt. Metcalf knows that having officers interact with children in this type of environment, at a young age, allows them to see first-hand that police officers are real people. "Hopefully this interaction will foster a better relationship with law enforcement as they grow older."

And Jazmin hopes the police will continue to come and visit. "We like when they come. They tell really good stories."



Free Tire Roundup

7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 – Saturday, Oct. 3
1631 Old Frankfort Pike – Enter via Jimmie Campbell Drive



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All Kentucky residents, farmers and businesses that generate less than 5% of their revenues from tire sales can drop off their unwanted tires for free.

No tire retailers.

What you can bring:

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We can NOT accept: Tires with beads greater than 1 3/4 inches, calcium or otherwise filled tires, solid tires, large OTR tires, tracks, and sheet rubber.

For more information:

Call LexCall at 311 or 425-2255
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www.lexingtonky.gov/wastemanagement

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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	255-9033
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

Other News of Note...



For the fourth year in a row The Big Brown Truck Pull crown goes to the Fayette County Detention Center. The reigning champs successfully defended their title recently by pulling an 18-wheeler UPS truck to the finish line faster than any other co-ed team as part of a Special Olympics fundraiser. Congratulations!

Did you know...?



Did you know that there are 382 traffic signals presently in operation across Lexington? The goal is to provide for the safe and efficient flow of people, vehicles, goods, and services within Lexington.

Read more facts about Lexington's Division of Traffic Engineering [here](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=992).

Gavel to Gavel Coverage



All Council committees, Work Sessions and Council Meetings are aired live on Lexington Cable Channel 3, GTV-3, and are also re-played during the same week and later archived so that citizens have ample opportunities to view these meetings.

Learn more about GTV-3 here:

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=992>

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 e-mailing your nomination details to: jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov.



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