



# 9th District News & Notes Newsletter

From the Office of Councilmember Jennifer Mossotti - Serving the People of Lexington's 9th District

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## New Zone Change Request Filed



Dear 9th District Neighbor,

The City's Division of Planning has notified me that a [zone change request](#) has been submitted by Wynndale Development, LLC, 101 Stable Way, Nicholasville, Kentucky, for property located at [1850 Old Higbee Mill Road](#) (a portion of). Dimensional variances were also requested with the application.

- Existing zoning: B-6P (Planned Shopping Center). Requested use: R-3 (Residential) - 9.02 gross acreage.
- Existing zoning: A-U (Agricultural-Urban). Requested use: R-3 (Residential) - 3.26 gross acreage.

The applicant desires to construct one apartment building within the developable area.

A copy of the Division of Planning's staff report will be available two weeks prior to the Planning Commission public hearing on this item, which has been scheduled for **Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street.**

For further information regarding this zone change request, contact the Commission's "Zoning Section" staff at 101 East Vine Street, 7th Floor; or by e-mail at [planningmailbox@LexingtonKy.gov](mailto:planningmailbox@LexingtonKy.gov); or call (859) 258-3160.



The grant application period is now open for the FY 2017 **Stormwater Incentive Grant Program.**

All neighborhood associations, businesses, schools, non-profits and other organizations are encouraged to apply for funds to implement projects that reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and educate citizens about water issues



Councilmembers joined Mayor Gray and Fire Chief Hoskins to break ground for the new Fire Station #2. See page 5.

in Lexington.

Class A Neighborhood Grants are due on May 13, 2016. The anticipated budget allocation for FY 2017 is \$225,000 with a maximum grant request of \$100,000. There is a cost share requirement of 20% for these grants.

Class B Education Grants are due on May 13, 2016. The anticipated budget allocation for FY 2017 is \$85,000 with a maximum grant request of \$35,000. There is a cost share requirement of 1 to 1 for any amount over \$2,500 for these grants. There is no cost share requirement for these grants if they are less than \$2,500.

Class B Infrastructure Grants are due on July 29, 2016. Anticipated budget allocation for FY 2017 is \$1,040,000 with a maximum grant request of \$350,000. There is a cost share requirement of 20% for these grants.

Visit the Incentive Grant Program website at [www.lexingtonky.gov/incentives](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/incentives) for application documents, contact information, examples of previously awarded projects and more information.

My best always,

Councilmember Jennifer Mossotti represents the 9th Council District of Lexington, which is comprised of a portion of Clemons Heights/Clemons Grove, and Copper Run, Copperfield, Higbee Mill, Magnolia Run, Monticello, Pickway Corner, Plantation, Robinwood, Southpoint, Stonewall Community, Stonewall Equestrian, Wellington, Willow Bend, Willow Oak, Wyndham Downs, Wyndham Meadows, and Wyndham Ridge neighborhoods. She and her husband Ron have lived in the 9th District for the past 35 years. For more information, visit: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=364>



**Help keep our streets and roads in good condition, report potholes to LexCall at 3-1-1 (or 425-2255) or report it online at <http://lexcall.lexingtonky.gov>.**

## Mayor Names Kristin Chilton New Fire Chief

Mayor Gray recently announced that Kristin Chilton will be Lexington's next fire chief—the City's first female fire chief. Chilton, previously an Assistant Chief, is a 23-year veteran of the force who has worked her way up in the Division through numerous assignments, giving her a broad range of experience.

Chilton officially started work as Chief immediately, taking over from Interim Chief Harold Hoskins. Hoskins, who was not interested in the permanent position, became interim chief in January after the retirement of Keith Jackson.

The search committee for the chief position, on which I served as the chair of the Council's Planning & Public Safety Committee, was a diverse group of citizens from throughout the community, including representatives of the criminal justice community, businesspeople, the faith community and community advocates.

The committee opened up the process to all applicants, both internal and external. Thirty-two applications were received.

The mayor met with members of the Committee to discuss their recommendation. He also talked to three finalists, Chilton, Assistant Chief Christopher Sweat and former state Fire Marshal William Swepe.

Chilton holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Transylvania University and a master's degree in public health from Eastern Kentucky University. She is certified as an emergency medical technician and a hazardous materials specialist.

She is a long-time member of the Kentucky Fire Commission and volunteers with several animal welfare agencies and the Girl Scouts.

Chilton and her husband, Richard Jordan, a retired assistant chief with the Lexington Fire Department, live on a small farm with their daughter.



Photos by Amy Wallot

## Updates on Projects in the 9th District



City workers are working to clear brush and make room for a new pedestrian bridge which is to be installed soon at Wellington Park. The bridge will make a great addition to the current walking trail.



The final touches are being implemented along Clays Mill Road near Wellington Way and resurfacing will soon occur from New Circle to Keithshire Way. All work in the area should conclude by late May.



New 45 mph speed limit signs were recently installed along Clays Mill from the county line to Spring Run. A new stop light is planned to be installed at Clays Mill and Wyndham Hills by year's end.



## Paving to Begin in the 9th District this Month

ATS, the City's Paving Contractor, is estimated to begin Spring paving in several Council Districts—including the 9th District—beginning the week of April 4th. About half of the Council districts were paved this past fall and the remainder—including the 9th District—will be completed this Spring.

The estimated cost for the 9th District streets/roads scheduled for paving this Spring is \$969,741 – nearly one-million dollars—which is just under the allotted \$971,193 that was budgeted for the 9th District.

My office will receive a final “bill” after the actual work is completed and if there is money left over, a few additional streets may also be paved this Spring.

This past Spring, 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 pavement management. ARA utilized a digital survey vehicle, complete with specialized lasers and cameras that measured the surface condition of road pavement across the City, including potholes, cracks, roughness and rutting. It was high-tech to say the least. The specialized van examined all 4,024 City-maintained streets across Lexington and the technology enables us to make much better decisions on the best way to fix each street—and it should save us money in the long run.

The FY '16 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 in 2015 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.

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.

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.

I will continue to strongly advocate to have the Mayor include far more than \$10 million for road work and paving going forward.

The entire City-wide paving process will begin again this Fall so there is a possibility additional paving will also be possible for the 9th District later this year.



## Lexington Police Launches Online Community Survey

Citizens are encouraged to provide feedback about the Lexington Police Department through its 2016 Community Survey.

The anonymous 25-question survey is now available online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RN39NS>

Questions ask for the public's opinion on a variety of topics, including confidence in police personnel, body cameras, and crime in Lexington.

Survey responses will be used to gauge the effectiveness of police programs and help identify opportunities for improvement.

The survey will be available online through May 1.

Please take a few moments now to provide your feedback.



## Touring the New Public Safety Operations Center

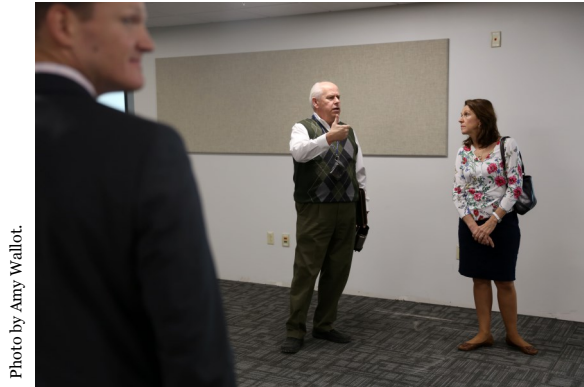


Photo by Amy Wallot.



Photo provided.

I recently toured the City's new Public Safety Operations Center at 115 Cisco Road. The renovation is on schedule and the Center is scheduled to open later this Summer. The state-of-the-art facility will bring three City divisions together that communicate directly with citizens daily and during emergencies—the divisions of Emergency Management, Enhanced 911 and LexCall—all under one roof.

## Join the Celebration: Enter the July 4th Parade



Photo by Rob Bolson

Lexington's Fourth of July Parade Event organizers are seeking floats, bands and/or musical groups, equestrian entries, youth groups, clubs and more to participate in this year's parade which will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 4, in downtown Lexington. Participants have until Friday, June 24, to submit a completed entry form along with the entry fee to the Downtown Lexington Corporation. Applications are available on the DLC's website at [www.downtownlex.com/lexingtons-4th-of-july-festival/](http://www.downtownlex.com/lexingtons-4th-of-july-festival/).

The annual parade is part of Lexington's Fourth of July Festival. The four-day festival also features many family-friendly events including a pie contest, the Bluegrass 10,000, live music, street festival, fireworks and plenty of patriotic fun.

For more information about other Festival activities, booth and vendor applications or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Downtown Lexington Corporation at (859) 335-8640 or visit their website at [downtownlex.com](http://downtownlex.com).



## Breaking Ground for New Fire Station #2

Late last month, I joined Mayor Jim Gray, interim Fire Chief Harold Hoskins, and several other Councilmembers to break ground on a new fire station to replace the aging Station 2, one of the busiest stations in the city.

Built in 1953, Station 2, now located at 415 New Circle Rd., housed the Fayette County fire and police station, including jail cells, before the merger of local government.

([Watch the news conference.](#))

The new station will be located at 1276 Eastland Drive, behind Eastland Shopping Center. Construction costs are estimated at \$5.5 million.

With 14,000 square feet of space, it will relieve the overcrowding at the current Station 2. It is designed to be energy efficient with geothermal heat and LED lighting.

The new station is expected to open in mid-summer 2017.



Photos by Rob Bolson



**Save Lives.  
Stop Red-Light  
Running.**

## Emerald Ash Borer Strikes Multiple Ash Trees

Seventy-eight dying ash trees, along two major roadways, will soon be removed. Thirty-four of the trees were planted along Harrodsburg Road between Cave Hill Lane and Man o' War Boulevard by the City's Corridors Commission 20 years ago. The other 44 trees are located along Man o' War Boulevard between Alumni Drive and Clays Mill Road. These trees were planted by the City when Man o' War was first built.

The trees are victims of emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle that feeds on and kills ash trees. They are being removed to prevent them from becoming a safety hazard. Citizens with questions about the tree removal projects can contact the City by calling LexCall at 3-1-1 or (859) 425-2255. Citizens concerned about ash on their property can visit the University of Kentucky's Emerald Ash Borer webpage at <http://pest.ca.uky.edu/EXT/EAB/welcomeeab.html>, or contact a certified arborist.



## Toyota Puts the 'Vroom' in Safety Education Program

Safety City, a free, safety education program for second and third graders, combines classroom instruction with student driving experiences that simulate the real world. Toyota is helping power the program with a \$49,000 donation toward the purchase of 10 kid-sized electric cars. The new cars will replace an aging fleet that dates back to Safety City's inception in 1990.

Safety City is a partnership between Eastern Kentucky University and the Lexington Police Department, serving more than 2,000 local students each school year. By offering classes on topics like Traffic and Pedestrian Safety and Seatbelt Use, students who complete the program are equipped with knowledge to help them be safer in their community, today and tomorrow.

Toyota's investment in Safety City reflects a broader commitment to advancing automotive safety in Kentucky and across North America. By supporting programs like Alive at 25, a partnership with Kentucky State Police and the National Safety Council, and working to develop and share life-saving technologies through Toyota's Collaborative Safety Research Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Toyota is working across the map to benefit everyone on the road. For more on Toyota's safety initiatives, visit <http://www.toyota.com/usa/safety>.

Safety City is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, by appointment only, and is located at 1160 Red Mile Place in Lexington, KY. To schedule a trip, visit <http://safetycity.eku.edu/scheduling-your-visit>.

Toyota partners with philanthropic organizations across the country, with a focus on education, safety and the environment. As part of this commitment, we share the company's extensive know-how garnered from building great cars and trucks to help community organizations and other nonprofits expand their ability to do good. For more information about Toyota, visit [www.toyotanewsroom.com](http://www.toyotanewsroom.com).

Source: Toyota Motor Manufacturing Communications



## Locate Public Art



LEXARTS

LexArts is greater Lexington's cultural development, advocacy and fund raising organization. LexArts provides a wide range of programs and services designed to integrate the arts into our daily lives including the LexArts Gallery Hop, Lexington Youth Arts Council and ArtScope...This Week in the Arts email calendar.

LexArt offers a free interactive map showing the location of various public art displays throughout the community, including murals and Horse Mania horses. [Click here to check it out.](#)

## Annual Stonewall Community Association Meeting

It was another terrific turnout for Stonewall Community Association's annual neighborhood meeting at Stonewall Elementary on March 21st. Thank you the Stonewall Community Association Board for the opportunity to attend and speak. As always, there was great discussion and a big turnout of neighbors.

The Stonewall Community Association comprises more than 1,200 homeowners who recognize and value their neighborhood's unique character.

Like many other active neighborhood associations across our community, the Stonewall Community Association remains committed to preserving quality of life and fostering a sense of pride in the neighborhood.

If you live in an area that offers the opportunity to participate in a neighborhood association, I strongly encourage you to become a member and enjoy all of the benefits such a memberships affords.





## Update: Development Plan for 1580 Higbee Mill Road

A new Development Plan for the parcel at 1580 Higbee Mill Road has been filed with the City's Division of Planning to build townhomes and will be reviewed by the Subdivision Committee of the Planning Commission at 8:30 a.m. at the Phoenix Building (behind City Hall) on the morning of April 7th, and then it will be heard by the entire Planning Commission at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14th, at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers. Each of these meetings are open to the public and there will be the opportunity for public comment.

It is the understanding of the Division of Planning that the current applicant has a contract with the property owner to purchase the property with a closing required by April 10th. The Division of Planning has advised that they are going to recommend postponement on the current townhouse plan due to the closing date. The estate has indicated to the Planning staff that they intend to sell the property and are not involved in developing the property nor the development plan process.

You can view the plat here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/oBoaBvWAKyfxaOXEyMnJHYoRfeWc/view>.

## Neighborhood Block Party Planned for May 14th



The neighborhoods of Robinwood, Stone Creek, and Monticello will host a block party for neighbors at Southern Heights Baptist Church on Clays Mill Road (between Merri-mac and Monticello) on Saturday, May 14th from 11:00 am-6:00 pm.

There will be music, food, square dancing, and games "for ages 2-92."

Neighbors of these three neighborhoods do not have to be a current member of their respective neighborhood association to attend.

Neighbors are invited to come for the fun and stay for the friendship!



## Wild Game Dinner Draws Big Crowd



Southern Heights Baptist Church on Clays Mill Road held their annual Wild Game Dinner in March and the turnout was terrific. Guests packed the Fellowship Hall for the opportunity to sample a variety of wild game dishes and to hear the evening's guest speaker, Dr. Joe Bufford of Hopkinsville. Thank you to Pastor Bill Boldt for providing photos of the event.

## Office of Highway Safety: Share the Road

As the warmer spring weather draws motorcyclists onto Kentucky roadways, the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is launching its "Share the Road with Motorcycles" campaign to reduce crashes and save lives. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), on a per vehicle mile basis, motorcyclists are 26 times more likely to die in a crash than occupants of cars, and five times more likely to be injured.

The KOHS offers the following tips for drivers to help keep motorcyclists safe on our roadways:

- A motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle. The person under that helmet is someone's family member or friend;
- Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width – never try to share a lane;
- Frequently check mirrors and blind spots before entering or exiting a lane of traffic and at intersections;
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic;
- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle – motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed;
- Allow more following distance – three or four seconds – when behind a motorcycle to give the motorcyclist time to maneuver around obstacles in the roadway, or stop in an emergency;
- Pay attention.



Motorcyclists can increase their safety by:

- Wearing a U.S. Department of Transportation-compliant helmet;
- Using turn signals for every turn or lane change;
- Wearing brightly colored protective gear, and using reflective tape and stickers to increase visibility;
- Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers; and
- Never riding while impaired or distracted.

## Household Hazardous Waste Event: April 23rd

Lexington will host a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event offers residents of Lexington an opportunity to safely and responsibly dispose of household hazardous waste.

A complete list of the most common household hazardous wastes that will be accepted can be found at [www.lexingtonky.gov/hhwevent](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/hhwevent).

The event is limited to residents of Fayette County.

Participants are required to turn in a short survey, which can be found online at [www.LiveGreenLexington.com](http://www.LiveGreenLexington.com).

For more information, follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LiveGreenLex](http://www.facebook.com/LiveGreenLex) and on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/LiveGreenLex](http://www.twitter.com/LiveGreenLex) for updated waiting times on the collection day and other useful information from Lexington's Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works.





## Beware of Fake Money Scam



Lexington's Division of Police has received several reports of fake money being passed at local stores and during transactions made through the Craigslist website or other social media outlets.

At first glance, the bills look real. But they are actually props used in movies, with "For Motion Picture Use Only" on the front and back.

It is not illegal to possess prop money, but it is against the law to use it as legal tender.

Be sure to check any money you accept for goods or services. If this fake money is presented for payment, any information that can be obtained about the person passing the bills can e-mailed to [fraud@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov](mailto:fraud@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov) or submitted as an anonymous tip at [www.BluegrassCrimeStoppers.com](http://www.BluegrassCrimeStoppers.com).

## Southpoint Neighborhood Association Meeting



Thank you to Jeff and Candy Wolfe and Southpoint Neighborhood Association for the invitation and opportunity to speak at their recent neighborhood meeting. And thank you to Commander Rodney Sherrod from the Division of Police East Sector for also attending and speaking.

Neighborhood associations are the cornerstones of our community and if you are not a member of your neighborhood's association, I urge you to consider joining and serving.



## City Reducing Speed Limit Downtown for Safety

As part of Lexington's effort to make the city more pedestrian and cyclist friendly, the Division of Traffic Engineering is in the process of changing the speed limit on 21 downtown streets from 35 mph to 25 mph. There were 229 collisions between vehicles and pedestrians or cyclists in Lexington in 2014. Police say that 164 of those accidents occurred in the downtown area.

Council approved the speed limit change on February 4th and Traffic Engineering began installing the new signs in mid-March. It is anticipated that all 158 speed limit signs will be installed by the end of April.

View a map of the downtown streets affected by clicking [here](#).



**TEXTING TAKES YOUR  
EYES OFF THE ROAD  
FOR 4.6 SECONDS.**

At 55 MPH, that's like driving an entire  
football field blindfolded.

## Calling All Fishermen

Lexington's Jacobson Park Lake off Richmond Road was recently stocked with 4,000 rainbow trout.

Be sure to bring your fishing license. However, children under the age of 16 do not need one.

There is a 5-fish daily limit on the trout.

If you don't already have a license, you can purchase a fishing license at many outdoor sporting goods stores in Lexington or online through the [Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources](#).



Photo courtesy of Public Information Office.



## Identity Theft: What to Know. What to Do.



Unfortunately, it's not possible to prevent identity theft and credit fraud entirely. However, by managing your personal information carefully, and with a full understanding of its importance, you can substantially reduce the likelihood that it will happen to you.

You have a right to a free credit report every 12 months from Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Order all three reports at once here: [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228.

Shred all documents that show personal, financial, and medical information. Don't respond to email, text, or phone messages that ask for personal information. Legitimate companies don't ask for information this way. If you use public wireless networks, don't send information to any website that isn't fully encrypted.

If you do become a victim of identity theft, don't be embarrassed. It happens. Report it immediately to police and file a report at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) or 1-877-438-4338.

## Summer Employment Opportunity



Looking for a job this summer? Know someone who is?

LFUCG has positions available with Parks & Recreation as camp counselors, umpires, special event staff, lifeguards, cashiers, ground maintenance and more.

To view a complete list of available positions, or to apply, click here: <http://ow.ly/ZQvDi>.

## Mark Your [Calendar](#)! Find Event Details [Here](#).



### Community Calendar

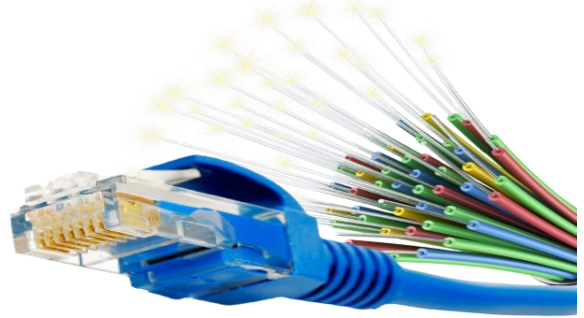
Kite Fest	April 16th	Swingin' on Short	June 4th
Founders Day at McConnell Springs	May 21st	Bluegrass 10,000 Foot Race	July 4th
Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trials	May 18th-22nd	Ballet Under the Stars	August 4th-7th
Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival	May 21st-22nd	Opera Under the Stars	August 13th
Summer Nights in Suburbia	May 27th-Sept. 9th	Woodland Art Fair	August 20th-21st
Free Friday Flicks	June 3rd-24th	Doggie Paddle	September 10th
		Festival Latino de Lexington	September 16th-17th
		Little Goblins Galore	October 15th

## Time Warner Cable Announces Upgrade for Lexington

My office has been notified that Time Warner Cable customers in Lexington will soon receive an upgrade to their current Internet speed. Time Warner Cable will soon be offering "ultrafast" Internet speeds...reportedly with no change to your current monthly plan price. This upgrade is the result of a significant infrastructure investment by Time Warner cable.

The Internet transformation began March 16th and will include speed increases on residential Internet plans, with customers experiencing increases up to six times faster, depending on your current level of Internet service.

Some customers will need to switch out their modems to receive the faster speeds and they will be communicated with via mail, email and phone messages with information on how to obtain a new modem.



## Quick Reference:

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Twitter: [@Mossotti9th](https://twitter.com/Mossotti9th)

Instagram: [CouncilmemberMossotti](https://www.instagram.com/CouncilmemberMossotti)

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Telephone: 859-425-2564

LFUCG Website: [www.LexingtonKy.gov](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov)

### Useful Telephone Numbers:

<b>LexCall</b> (City Hall)	311 (or 425-2255)
<b>Police</b> (Non-emergency)	258-3600
<b>Fire</b> (Non-emergency)	231-5600
Before You Dig	811
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
Report a Pothole	800-728-2448 or 311
Senior Citizen Center	278-6072
Time-Warner Cable	514-1400
Traffic Hotline	258-3830
Veterans Affairs Hotline	800-273-TALK (8255)
Voter Registration	255-8683
United Way	211



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## **APRIL 2016 AT A GLANCE**

### **An Irish Homecoming: Sharing Our Uncommon Culture, Music & Heritage**

Saturday, April 2 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | McConnell Springs

For more information: 225-4073

This free, all day event will have food trucks, traditional Celtic dance and music. The day will end with a Celtic sampler concert by several Kentucky musicians that specialize in British Isles songs and ballads.

### **ESP/REAL Summer Camp Mail-In Registrations Accepted**

Monday, April 4

For more information: 288-2929

### **Adult Spring Softball Season Begins**

Monday, April 4 | Various Locations

For more information: 288-2917

### **Adult Golf School**

Tuesday, April 5 – Wednesday, April 6 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Lakeside Golf Course

For more information: 288-2968

Lexington Parks & Recreation's golf school offers four hours of instruction designed to introduce golf fundamentals to beginners and review the basics for more experienced golfers. Under the direction of PGA Professionals, a curriculum has been developed to include set-up, swing, driving, chipping and putting fundamentals, as well as etiquette. The golf schools are open to adults 18 and over. Each session is limited to 25 students. Please bring golf clubs if possible. \$20 per person, includes range balls. Register at [www.PlayGolfLex.com](http://www.PlayGolfLex.com)

### **Therapeutic Recreation Horsemanship**

Wednesday, April 6 – May 27 | Masterson Station Park

For more information or to register: 288-2908

Experienced staff and volunteers work one-on-one with participants. Adaptive equipment and ramps are available. Note: participants may not weigh more than 220 pounds. A physician's exam may be required in some cases. Ages 10+ To register call 288-2908.



## **Stargazing**

Saturday, April 9 | 8:30 p.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

For more information: 272-6105

View the night sky at Raven Run. The Bluegrass Amateur Astronomy Club sets-up several Dobson and Refractor telescopes for visitors to view binary stars, nebula and planets. Visitors are welcome to bring their own telescopes. This event usually lasts one to two hours. Bring a flashlight or headlamp. This program is weather dependent so call the park beforehand.

## **Outdoor Skills Class**

Saturday, April 9 | 9 - 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs

For more information or to register: 225-4073

Learn skills related to outdoor activities including camping, hiking, knots, orienteering, paddling and backpacking. Pre-registration is required.

## **Youth Co-Ed Kickball Season Begins**

Saturday, April 9 | Kirklevington Park

For more information: 288-2915

## **Therapeutic Recreation Spring Dance – Hollywood Red Carpet**

Saturday, April 9 | 6-9 p.m. | Artworks at Carver School

For more information or to register: 288-2908

Open to individuals with disabilities who are 13 and over, the TR Spring Dance will include music, dancing, snacks, door prizes and plenty of fun. \$8 payable at the door. Dress for the red carpet!

## **The Sunday Sessions presents Johnny Conqueroo**

Sunday, April 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Downtown Arts Center

More information: 425-2550

Sunday Sessions is a new concert series offered by Lexington Parks & Recreation at the Downtown Arts Center. Music lovers will enjoy a curated musical experience with some of the region's most talented performers. The event also features art, food and special surprises that make for a unique evening suited for the entire family. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at [www.lexingtonky.gov/DAC](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/DAC) or by calling 859.425.2550

## **Spring Equestrian Lessons Begin**

Monday, April 11 – Friday, June 3 | Masterson Station Park

For more information: 253-0328

The MSP Equestrian Program is a riding program offered through Lexington Parks & Recreation. Participants will learn the basics of riding in a safe and fun atmosphere. We have a herd of 25 horses and are happy to offer lessons year-round with the benefit of our indoor riding arena. Classes offered include beginner, intermediate and advanced hunt seat for ages 10 and above. Spring session dates: April 11-June 3.





## **Adult Golf School**

Tuesday, April 12 – Wednesday, April 13 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Lakeside Golf Course

For more information: 288-2968

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## **Author Series – Donald Curtis**

Tuesday, April 12 | 6-8 p.m. | McConnell Springs

For more information: 225-4073

Author Donald Curtis brings us "Uncommon Valor - Common Virtue: The Franklin R. Sousley Story". On February 19, 1945, after four days of heavy fighting for the tiny island of Iwo Jima, Marines erected an American flag which became one of the most famous photographs in U.S. history. One of those American heroes was Franklin Sousley, of Fleming County, Kentucky. This is his story.

## **Story Walk**

Wednesday, April 13 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs

Join the staff for story time and a stroller friendly walk through the park. Call 225-4073 to register.

## **Seniors' Day Trip to The Lexington Legends**

Wednesday, April 13 | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register: 233-0986

The Bell House invites seniors to Whitaker Ball Park for the Lexington Legends vs. Augusta. Departure is from Picadome (469 Parkway Drive) at 9 a.m., with the opening pitch at 10:05 a.m., and returning to Picadome at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 – check or money order payable to Bluegrass Senior Citizens - which includes van transportation, ticket and parking. Call 233-0986 to register.

## **Therapeutic Recreation Keeneland Spring Meet Trip**

Thursday, April 14 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information or to register: 288-2908

Open to individuals with disabilities who are 18 and over. Free admission. Bring money for food, drinks, etc. Limited space and transportation available. Call 288-2908 to register.



## **Kenwick Spring Flea Market**

Saturday, April 16 | 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Kenwick Community Center

For more information: 266-6405

Come to buy, sell or browse. There will be household items, children's toys, clothes, books and plenty of bargains. Refreshments and hotdogs will be available for purchase. Kenwick Community Center is located at 313 Owsley Ave.

## **Junior Naturalists “Spring Wildflowers”**

Saturday, April 16 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs

For more information or to register: 225-4073

Junior Naturalists programs are designed for elementary-aged visitors who want to explore the park and get a chance to complete an art project all in the same tour. Join us in April for “Spring Wildflowers” as we explore the beautiful displays. Parents or guardians are required to stay with your participants during the program. Please call 225-4073 to register for this program.

## **Kite Fest**

Saturday, April 16 | Noon – 4 p.m. | Jacobson Park

For more information: 288-2927

Look up in the skies of Jacobson Park to see hundreds of kites this spring! Join Lexington Parks & Recreation as we celebrate National Kite Month. Kite Fest is our first major outdoor event of the season. Free activities will include kite flying, children's games, special entertainment, kite making and more. Food vendors will be on site throughout the day or families may pack a lunch and picnic in the park.

## **Jacobson Park Marina Opens**

Saturday, April 16 | Jacobson Park

For more information: 288-2973

Jacobson Park Marina opens for the season, weekends only. The marina is open Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. The marina has a launch area for non-motorized boats. The fee to launch is \$3 a boat. Park goers may also rent pedal boats. The rental cost is \$4 for one-half hour for a two-person boat and \$6 for one-half hour for a four-person boat. The marina will open daily pending Fayette County Public Schools schedule.

## **Spring Wildflowers**

Saturday, April 16 | 1 p.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

For more information: 272-6105

Come see the breathtaking display of our spring wildflowers.





## **Nature Journaling**

Sunday, April 17 | 3 – 4:30 p.m. | McConnell Springs  
For more information or to register: 225-4073

Participants ages 14 and up are invited to join the staff to explore, journal and draw the trails, wildlife and plants of McConnell Springs.

## **Adult Tennis Clinic Session 1**

Monday, April 18 – Friday, May 13 | 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Various Locations  
For more information: 288-2914

## **Summer Camp Online Registration Opens**

Tuesday, April 19 | Noon  
For more information: 288-2900

Summer camp registration opens at noon and will be open until 8 a.m. Thursday, April 21. Registration will re-open at 5 p.m. on April 21. To register online, households must be registered in the Parks & Recreation system. Visit [www.lexingtonky.gov/newuser](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/newuser) to obtain a new user ID and password. Returning users are encouraged to update household information prior to April 19. Online registration is not available for ESP/REAL camps.

## **Adult Golf School**

Tuesday, April 19 – Wednesday, April 20 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Lakeside Golf Course  
For more information: 288-2968

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## **Nature Workshop: Rain Gardens**

Wednesday, April 20 | 6 p.m. | McConnell Springs  
For more information or to register: 225-4073

Learn about the importance of rain gardens and skills to build one in your own yard. Call the park to register for this free program, 225-4073.

## **Summer Camp Walk-in Registration**

Thursday, April 21 | Noon – 5 p.m. | Dunbar Community Center  
For more information: 288-2900

Walk-in summer camp registration opens on April 21 from noon – 5 p.m. at the Dunbar Community Center (545 North Upper Street). Registration will remain open until all slots are full.



## **Spring Carnival**

Thursday, April 21 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Kenwick Community Center

For more information: 266-6405

Join the Kenwick Community Center for a huge block party with inflatables, carnival games, food, music, prizes and fun for the whole family. This event is free.

## **Overnight Camping at Raven Run**

Saturday, April 22 – Sunday, April 23 | 5 p.m. – 11 a.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

For more information or to register: 225-4073

Lexington Parks & Recreation's Adventure Programming continues with overnight camping at Raven Run. Basic skills will be taught including what to look for in a camp site, and basic survival skills. Preregistration is required, call 225-4073. Cost is \$15 per person or \$35 per family.

## **Weekend Workout**

Saturday, April 23 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs

For more information or to register: 225-4073

Volunteers are needed to help assist with park maintenance activities such as cleanup of park grounds, trail upkeep and removal of weeds. Be sure to dress appropriately – clothes that can get dirty, layers for changing weather conditions, etc.

## **Spring Wildflowers**

Saturday, April 23 | 1 p.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

For more information: 272-6105

Come see the breathtaking display of our spring wildflowers.

## **ESP/REAL Summer Camp Walk-in Registration**

Monday, April 25 | 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Dunbar Community Center

For more information: 288-2929

Walk-in registration opens on April 25 from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Dunbar Community Center (545 North Upper Street). Registration will remain open until all slots are full.

## **Swim Lesson Online Registration Opens**

Tuesday, April 26 | Noon

For more information: 288-2973

Swim Lesson online registration opens at noon and will continue through May 15.





## **Swim Lesson Walk-in Registration**

Tuesday, April 26 | Noon – 7 p.m. | Picadome Administrative Offices  
For more information: 288-2973

Swim lesson registration opens at noon at the Picadome Administrative offices (469 Parkway Drive).

## **Adult Golf School**

Tuesday, April 26 – Wednesday, April 27 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Lakeside Golf Course  
For more information: 288-2968

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## **Seniors' Day Trip to Keeneland**

Thursday, April 28 | 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
For more information or to register: 233-0986

The Bell House invites seniors to Keeneland Race Track for a day at the spring meet. Departure is from Picadome (469 Parkway Drive) at 11:30 a.m., with the first race at 1 p.m., and returning to Picadome at 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 which includes van transportation, admission, reserved grandstand seating and a race day program. Call 233-0986 to register.

## **Therapeutic Recreation Bowling Banquet**

Saturday, April 30 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. | The Bell House  
For more information: 288-2908

Celebrate another season with the best bowlers in Lexington. Bowlers will be awarded trophies, medals and certificates based on their bowling scores and achievements. Food will be provided. Cost and caterer TBA. Call 288-2908 to RSVP or for more information.

## **Ballet Under the Stars Preshow Auditions**

Saturday, April 30 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Artworks at Carver School (522 Patterson Street)  
For more information: 288-2935

The preshow is a wonderful chance for young dancers from all area dance schools to come together in Kentucky's premier outdoor ballet event. All interested male and female ballet students between the ages of 7 and 18 who have had at least two years of dance training that includes ballet instruction are encouraged to audition for the Ballet Under the Stars Preshow. Audition times are specific to age. Ages 7-9 registration begins at 10 a.m., audition 10:30-11:30. Ages 10-13 registration begins at 11 a.m., audition 11:30-1:30 a.m. Ages 14-18 registration begins at 1:30, audition 2-4 p.m.



# Summer Safety Tips for Children, Families

## Water Safety

- Do not leave children unattended for any length of time with access to standing water in or out of the home. The risk of drowning is present near any pool or standing water. It takes very little water for children to drown in and it can happen very quickly.

## Travel

- If you see an accident on the highway, do not stop near it. Get yourself and your car safely off the highway and clear of the wreck before attempting to help. The road shoulder is not a safe place for stopping and puts you and your passengers at risk from other drivers.
- The safest place for children to ride in a car is in the back seat. Make sure to have the right seat for your child's age and size and that it is installed properly. All passengers should buckle up for every ride.

## Heat and Sun

- Never leave a child unattended in a car. The sun can quickly and literally turn a car into an oven. In 80 degree weather, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise up to 110 degrees in just minutes. Heatstroke occurs at 104 degrees and death may occur at 107 degrees. There is no safe amount of time to leave a child alone in a car.

When traveling with an infant in the backseat of a car, put your purse or phone in the back with the child to help avoid inadvertently leaving the baby in the car.

## Outside Play

- If you have children or live in a neighborhood with children, pull your car into your driveway in reverse. This will increase your ability to see any child playing when you pull out of the driveway.
- Helmets save lives. Always wear a helmet and require that your children wear a helmet that fits properly any time he/she uses a bike, scooter, skates, or skateboards.

## Lawn Mowers

- Do not let your children ride on or play with or around lawn equipment. There is no way to keep them safe on this equipment, even when you are with them. The added risk of exposing them to how "fun" the ride can be allows them to relate to it as a toy and play with it when you are not around. The powerful blades of lawn equipment can cause severe injury or immediate death to a child.

## General Tips

- Get rid of old medications and keep current medications secure and away from children.
- Know how to perform CPR. Classes and CPR certification is available at your local Red Cross or community organization.

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## Travel tips to keep you and your valuables safe

The following are tips for you to follow during your vacation (or business trip):

### Before you leave travel safety tips:

- Stop mail and cancel all deliveries, or ask a friend or neighbor to make daily collections.
- Hide empty garbage cans.
- Have a neighbor maintain your yard.
- Put an automatic timer on lights, televisions or radios.
- Leave your blinds or shades in their normal position.
- Tell a trusted neighbor your departure and return dates. Supply that neighbor with phone numbers in case of an emergency and leave them a house key.
- Ask the police department to conduct a residence check.
- Lock all windows and doors, including the basement and garage.



### Protect your money

- Lighten up your wallet. Only carry the credit cards you'll be using and use them for major purchases. Leave your checkbook at home.
- Pack a backup credit card. That way, if a card gets lost or stolen, you'll have another card you can use for major purchases such as hotel rooms and rental cars.
- Watch out for bogus ATMs. Thieves place phony ATM machines at high-traffic tourist areas. So stick to ATMs that are near banks or in airports or in hotels.
- Make copies of important financial information. Make copies of the credit/bank cards you'll be carrying on your trip as well as your passport data page and your travel itinerary. Give a copy to a family member and secure a copy in the hotel safe.
- Tell bank and credit card companies about your travel plans.
- Use the hotel safe. Nothing in your hotel room is truly private. Lockup your laptop, camera, iPad, passports, etc.
- Watch out for crowds. Thieves don't take vacations and are on the lookout for easily distracted targets.
- Upon returning from your vacation, review your credit/debit card purchases and ATM withdrawals. Do not wait for your monthly statement.

### While on your trip:

- Keep a careful watch on your traveling tickets. Carry them in an inside pocket.
- If driving, plan your route. Have your car serviced, including your tires. Always lock your car when it is parked and keep valuables out of sight.
- Clean out your rental car. If you are heading out to see the sights, lock away your valuables.

- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Carry your cell phone. (And remember to bring your phone charger.)
- When you stop for the night, remove bags and other valuables from the car.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.

**Airport safety:**

- Before leaving for the airport, familiarize yourself with its layout on the airport website.
- Leave your valuables, jewelry, designer luggage, etc., at home.
- Walk with confidence, being sure to keep your head up and looking forward at all times.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity to airport security, including any abandoned bags.
- Only use taxis and transportation services with official markings.
- Never accept gifts or packages from unknown parties.
- Never leave your luggage unattended.
- Mark your luggage so you can easily identify it, and pick it up right away.

