



# 9th District News & Notes Newsletter

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## Redesigned City Website to Launch



Dear 9th District Neighbor,

A new city website is scheduled to launch on Monday, August 1st. The goal for the new website is to:

- Be more user friendly – clear, concise and more easy to navigate.
- Be more action oriented so people can get things done quickly.

- Contain up-to-date relevant content.
- Include an improved search function.
- Be more mobile/smartphone responsive.

Your feedback would be appreciated. Please take a few moments to [check it out](#). If you have suggestions, there is a link near the bottom of the page to an online form where you can submit your comments. It is a work in progress.

The city's website contains a wealth of information on city services, available grants, contact information, news, calendars, laws and ordinances, public meeting notices and much more. Be sure to bookmark [www.LexingtonKy.gov](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov) for future reference and also follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest news and information.



Southern Heights Baptist Church on Clays Mill Road is seeking projects to do this fall for friends and neighbors in Robinwood and Monticello neighborhoods. Projects such as repairing porches or decks, building handicap ramps, gutter cleanouts, yard cleanups, window repairs, painting projects and any other reasonably small task that you may need help with.

They have a crew ready to come and help in any way they can to be a good neighbor to all. If you have some type of project like this or know of someone in your neighborhood who does, you can email [bill.southernheights@gmail.com](mailto:bill.southernheights@gmail.com) with a description of the project and an address, and they will be glad to



The City has been awarded a \$14.1 million federal grant that will pay for the [Town Branch Trail](#) in downtown Lexington.

come and check it out and if possible put it on their schedule. They will be doing these projects in September. For more information, call (859) 223-5223.



**Stonewall Ice Cream Social.** Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 6th from 6-8 pm for the Stonewall Community Association's Ice Cream Social at Stonewall Elementary School. The rain date is Sunday at the same time.

**TIGER Grant.** Federal officials announced earlier this week that Lexington will receive a \$14.1 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The grant will be used to finish a section of the [Town Branch Trail](#) between South Forbes Road and Midland Avenue/Third Street, which will ultimately connect the Town Branch and Legacy Trails. Additional funding necessary to complete the overall project includes approximately \$7 million in state and federal transportation grants and \$10 million in City bond money. [Read more here](#). The trail is a significant component of Lexington's [Bike and Pedestrian Plan](#). You can [view a map](#) of the trail and [learn the background on the project here](#).

As always, I welcome your feedback and input at any time on any matter of concern. Enjoy the rest of the summer! My best,

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>



**Fayette Co. Public Schools' first day of class is Wed., Aug. 10th. Please drive safely and slow down in our neighborhoods. Children may be present!**

## Police To Begin Wearing Body Cameras in mid-August

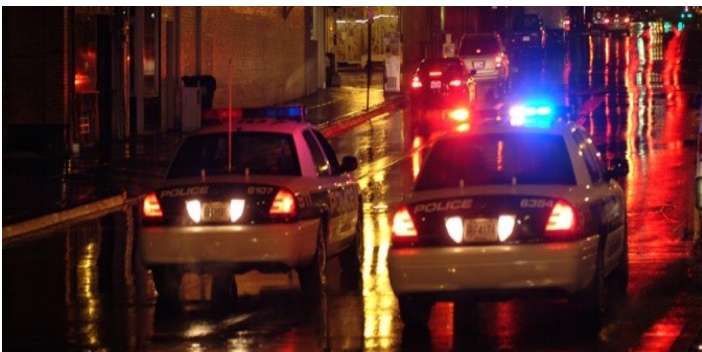
Press Release: The first shipment of Taser Axon body-worn cameras was delivered to the Lexington Police Department this week, and officers will start using them in mid-August. Mayor Jim Gray and Police Chief Mark Barnard today unveiled the new policy that will guide officers' use of the cameras.

"We've taken our time and done our homework, thoroughly researching camera equipment and policies," Mayor Jim Gray said. "We've learned from other police departments and organizations about best practices and mistakes to avoid. Now we're ready to move ahead with a solid plan that will improve the safety of our city and its citizens."

"The body-worn cameras are another piece of technology intended to assist citizens, officers and investigations," Chief Barnard said. "This new equipment will enhance the level of public trust the police department has built with the community we serve."



As part of the initial rollout, 75 officers will each be issued two cameras following a brief training seminar. The officers will represent all patrol sectors and some special operations units, covering all shifts. Future shipments will eventually equip 400 officers with cameras.



The department's policy for body-worn cameras requires officers to activate their camera for all law enforcement contact with citizens, investigative or otherwise, that occur within the performance of an officer's official duties. These interactions include pedestrian and vehicle stops, calls for service at businesses and homes, and motorist assists.

However, cameras will generally not be used to record while the officer is on break, communicating with another police department employee, or in a location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as a locker room or restroom.

The Lexington Police Department consulted with several law enforcement agencies and community organizations—including the NAACP, Lexington Human Rights Commission, American Civil Liberties Union, Commonwealth's Attorney and County Attorney—to develop the body-worn camera policy. Citizens can view the policy, a list of frequently asked questions, and an example of body camera video footage on the City's website.

"We took a careful, methodical approach to selecting these cameras and writing the policy," Chief Barnard said. "With an investment this big, it was important to get input from community stakeholders, city leaders, and officers. As officers begin using the cameras in real-world situations, we will learn and make adjustments to our operations and policy as needed."

Earlier this year the Urban County Council approved a \$2.6 million, five-year contract with Taser International. The contract covers the cost of cameras and cloud-based video storage.

The police department's Public Integrity Unit will conduct a random monthly audit of body-worn camera videos. The original version of the video cannot be edited by anyone, including system administrators. Recordings will be retained for a minimum of 30 days for non-evidentiary videos, and all evidential videos will be retained until the criminal case is adjudicated in a court of law or the statute of limitations has passed.

Release of body-worn camera recordings to the news media or any person will be made in accordance with current department policy and procedures, pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act.

For an informative video from Lexington Police, [click here](#).

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## 9th District Neighbor of the Month: Pastor Bill Boldt

Robin Young, president of Robinwood Neighborhood Association has nominated Pastor Bill Boldt of Southern Heights Baptist Church on Clays Mill Road as 9th District Neighbor of the Month.

“Last winter Pastor Bill discreetly shoveled snow from sidewalks and driveways for his neighbors. Pastor Bill is full of energy with a heart to match. His mind never stops thinking how he can serve his neighbors.

“He calls me up and asks what can we do to help our neighbors get better acquainted. He volunteered to be a director on the Robinwood Neighborhood association so we would qualify to stay incorporated. Pastor Bill wants us to have an active neighborhood watch and will do his part (and more) to help keep the neighborhood safe.

“He hosts a “Trick or Trunk” in the parking lot of the church and invites the whole neighborhood. He says the children are safe and the candy is safe. Last year over 500 kids showed up. The neighborhood block party was his brain child. It was a lot of work on all of us but Pastor Bill helped us stay focused and organized. In the early spring he hosts a “wild game” dinner for the neighborhood. The food was delicious. I enjoy the activities he offers and at the church for the neighborhood. It is a great way to see your neighbors and visit. The functions are open to everyone. If anyone needed help or food to eat, Pastor Bill will find a way to help you or get some help. And let’s not leave out Diane, his wife. She is his anchor.”

Congratulations, Pastor Boldt on being the August Neighbor of the Month!



*Pastor Bill Boldt. Photo provided.*



## Lexington Named One of the Top 10 Best Run Cities



**WalletHub**

Lexington has been named one of the top 10 best run cities in the country by [WalletHub](https://wallethub.com), a personal finance website that works to help consumers make smarter financial decisions, including the best city to live in and start a career.

WalletHub’s analysts compared 150 of the largest cities according to how well they are managed by their leaders. In order to make such a comparison, they examined each city’s performance on six key indicators, including financial stability, education, health, safety, economy as well as infrastructure and pollution. They then combined those categories to construct an “Overall City Services” ranking against which we measured the cities’ total per-capita budgets in order to reveal their budgeting efficiency.

Of the 150 largest cities in the U.S, Lexington’s city management was ranked sixth based on a comparison of six key categories: financial stability, education, health, safety, economy, and infrastructure and pollution. Budgeting efficiency was measured by comparing performance in those categories against each city’s per capita budget. For more information: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-run-cities/22869/>.

## Become a Boards or Commission Member



If you are interested in volunteering for one of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government’s boards or commissions, follow these simple steps:

**Step 1:** Download and complete the [application](#).

**Step 2:** Download and complete the [record check authorization form](#).

**Step 3:** Attach a resume or bio to the completed application and authorization form. Mail, fax or email all three items to:

Office of the Mayor  
Attn: Boards and Commissions  
200 E. Main St.  
Lexington, KY 40507  
Fax: (859) 258-3194  
E-mail: [boards@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:boards@lexingtonky.gov)

It is citizens like you that make Lexington a great place to live!

There are more than 80 boards and commissions with many areas of interest from which to choose; land use and planning, parks, the environment, public safety and public health are all areas of importance to our community.



**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>.**



## Save Lives. Stop Red-Light Running.

## Parent Education Program Now Enrolling

Are you a young mother or mother-to-be (aged 13–20) who resides in Lexington and would like to pursue your high school diploma?

The Parent Education Program at the Family Care Center is now enrolling. They provide school buses with car seats, onsite childcare, parenting classes, community referrals, life skill classes and much more.

Fayette County Public School teachers are on staff to provide the academics you need to obtain your diploma.

For more information, call (859) 288-4015.



## Police Chief Barnard Issues Statement



After the recent horrific and tragic events that have occurred across the country, Chief Mark Barnard of Lexington's Division of Police issued the following statement:

"[Recent] events have shocked and hurt our law enforcement community and the entire nation. We are shocked by events in Charleston, in Orlando, in Baton Rouge, in Falcon Heights, and now in Dallas. The issues we are confronting are larger than just police issues – they affect everyone.

In Lexington, we've learned the best way to protect our community is to communicate. We have to take an honest look at where we are as a country and be willing to talk openly about problems and solutions. The Lexington Police Department has forged partnerships with community organizations, faith-based groups and our schools. There is still work to be done in making some of those relationships stronger, but we're making progress.

We put our officers through a 32-week training academy. It's one of the longest police academies in the country. We want our officers to be trained for this city, to develop a bond with Lexington and its citizens. That training includes courses in bias training, de-escalation and crisis intervention.

Training and education doesn't mean that our officers are perfect. We're constantly evaluating how an officer could better respond to different situations. If a citizen has a concern about police operations, we want to be part of that dialogue.

We're here to protect and help Lexington, regardless of what's happening in other cities. Our officers are grateful for the support they receive from citizens. Now more than ever, we have to stand together as a united community."

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## Lexington Area MPO Seeks Public Input

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is seeking public input on the FY 2017 – FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program.

The MPO is the transportation planning agency for Fayette and Jessamine County and a small portion of Scott County. The TIP is a list of transportation programs and projects that transportation funds will be allocated to during the next four years. Projects that seek the use of federal transportation funds are required to be in the TIP.

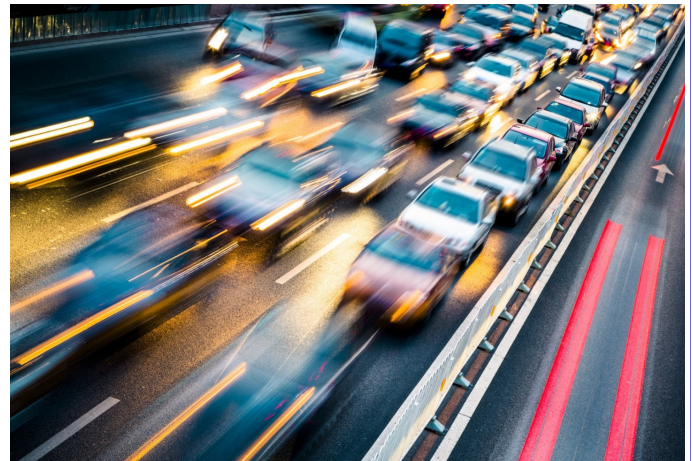
Public review and comment on the Transportation Improvement Program will be accepted until August 14, 2016.

The TIP can be reviewed at <http://lexareampo.org/>. Printed copies are also available at all public libraries in Fayette and Jessamine County.

Questions and comments on the TIP may be directed to Charles Schaub with the Lexington Area MPO at [cschaub@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:cschaub@lexingtonky.gov) or (859) 258-3180.

Written comments may be mailed to the MPO at:

Lexington Area MPO  
101 E. Vine St., Suite 700  
Lexington, Ky. 40507



## New Director of Community Corrections



Meet Steve Haney, the new director of Community Corrections. After retiring from a 26-year career with the State Department of Corrections, Steve wasn't ready to stop working. So when he saw that the position of director of Community Corrections was open, he decided to apply.

He brings a wealth of knowledge to the position. His previous experience includes serving as warden at both the Blackburn Correctional Complex and Northpoint Training Center in Danville. Other positions he has held include deputy warden, public information officer, policy and procedures specialist and accreditation manager.

Steve grew up in Winchester, Kentucky. He is a graduate of George Rogers Clark High School (1979) and Eastern Kentucky University (1983). He came to Lexington in 1996 to take the deputy warden position at Blackburn Correctional Complex.

## Citizen Participation Plan Needs Public Comment

From the City's Division of Grants and Special Programs:

Citizen Participation Plan requests comments on the amended Citizen Participation Plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan is a pathway for all residents to exercise their voices and to influence decisions that affect their communities, neighborhoods and way of life. First adopted on February 23, 1995 (Ordinance # 40-95), the plan was amended on April 17, 1997, November 4, 1999, March 22, 2007 and most recently on July 5, 2007. LFUCG is in the process of amending the plan and would like to receive feedback.

Grants and Special Programs plans and manages all Urban County Government grants and works with the public and private sectors in preparing grant applications for submission to state and federal agencies.

In this section, you will find the following:

- Legal Notices: Documents posted notifying the public of public hearings and other important information.
- Neighborhood Action Match Program: Information about a grant program for Neighborhood Associations
- Consolidated Plan: Information about Lexington's Consolidated Plan, which is our framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities.
- Housing Programs: Information about the three types of housing programs that are grant funded through Grants and Special Programs
- Contractors: Information that is specific for contractors and the housing programs operated by Grants and Special Programs

For more information and contact information, visit:

<https://next.lexingtonky.gov/departments/grants-and-special-programs>



## Citizen Involvement Welcome During Police Review

The Lexington Police Department is inviting residents of Lexington to speak their minds. Citizens will have opportunities to share their opinions about the Lexington Police Department on August 7 – 8.

These opportunities are for the public to speak out about their experiences, thoughts and suggestions for the department as a part of their national accreditation process.

On Sunday, August 7th, assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will participate in a phone-in session, inviting residents of Lexington to call their hotline at (859) 258-3664, anytime between the hours of 4 – 6 p.m.

On Monday, August 8th, the assessors will be in attendance at a special meeting at 6 p.m. in the Urban County Council Chambers located at 200 East Main Street. The assessors will speak with citizens to gauge their perception of the Police Department. Citizens are invited to speak out during this event.

These one-on-one chats are just some of the dozens of ways the Lexington Police Department is being reviewed and analyzed.

A copy of the CALEA standards is available for review at Police Headquarters at 150 East Main Street. Persons wishing to submit written comments about the Lexington Police Department regarding its ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to send correspondence to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320; Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

In order to comply with accreditation, the department must comply with over 450 standards in order to gain accredited status. The accreditation process assists the Department in maintaining a professionally managed police department. Police departments accredited through CALEA serve as the benchmark for police departments nationwide.

The Accreditation Program Manager for the Department is Sergeant Ann Welch. Sergeant Welch reports that this year's assessment team is composed of state law enforcement practitioners with a wealth of police experience. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and additional places where compliance can be observed.

Accreditation is for three (3) years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), contact Sgt. Ann Welch at (859) 258-3714, or send correspondence to the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320; Gainesville, Virginia, 20155 or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225, or visit the web site at [www.Calea.org](http://www.Calea.org).



### Know a Good Neighbor?

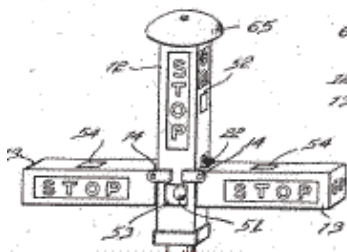


Do you have a neighbor who deserves recognition for their contributions to the community? It only takes a few minutes to email me a nomination so that I can recognize them here in the 9th District newsletter to let them know they are appreciated! Maybe they shovel leaves for others? Or volunteer in the community? Or go out of their way to help others in some other fashion?

Let's recognize them!

Email me at [jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov](mailto:jmossotti@LexingtonKy.gov).

## The Invention of the Three-Position Traffic Light



Did you know a Kentucky-native patented the three-position traffic light?

Garrett Morgan (right) blazed a trail for African-American inventors with his patents, including those for a hair-straightening product, a breathing device, a revamped sewing machine and an improved traffic signal.



Kentucky-native Garrett Morgan.

Born in Paris, Kentucky, on March 4, 1877, Garrett Morgan was the seventh of 11 children. When Morgan was in his mid teens, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to look for work, and found it as a handyman to a wealthy landowner. Although he only completed an elementary school education, Morgan was able to pay for more lessons from a private tutor.

Morgan was a voracious inventor and observer who focused on fixing problems, and soon turned his attention to all kinds of things, from hats to belt fasteners to car parts.

The first black man in Cleveland to own a car, Morgan worked on his mechanical skills and developed a friction drive clutch. Then, in 1923, he created a new kind of traffic signal, one with a warning light to alert drivers that they would need to stop, after witnessing a carriage accident at a particularly problematic intersection in the city. Morgan quickly acquired patents for his traffic signal, a rudimentary version of the modern three-way traffic light in the United States, Britain and Canada, but eventually sold the rights to General Electric for \$40,000. A noteworthy Kentuckian indeed!

Source: Biography.com

## Annual Lexington Bluegrass Minority Business Expo



The 14th Annual Lexington Bluegrass Area Minority Business Expo is set for August 4th at the Lexington Convention Center.

This year's EXPO will continue its tradition of providing business owners from across Kentucky and neighboring states, the opportunity to network with one another, meet one-on-one with procurement agents, and take part in workshops designed to address the business needs of companies of every size.

Speakers at this year's EXPO include Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton, Tameka Montgomery, associate administrator of the Office of Entrepreneurial Development U.S. Small Business Administration, and the luncheon keynote, Phil Wilkins, former owner of Lexington's McDonald's franchises.

The EXPO will also feature a Business Opportunity Exchange—which will allow businesses to connect with public and private organizations working to diversify their supply chain. Companies that sign up will have the opportunity to be matched with buyers based on their company profile and purchasing criteria.

Other workshops will cover such topics as Managing Resources for the Long Term, Cyber Security and Niche Marketing: How to Build Your Brand. The day will wrap up with a business networking reception.

Registration is \$75.

To register or for more information, visit [www.Lexingtonmbe.com](http://www.Lexingtonmbe.com) or contact Sheritta Miller at [smiller@LexingtonKy.gov](mailto:smiller@LexingtonKy.gov) or (859) 258-3323.

*See flashing lights?*

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**MOVE TO THE RIGHT**



## New Lexington Fire Department Recruitment Van



Checking out the new recruiting van at the recent Bluegrass Fair with Firefighter Todd Holman. Photo by Rob Bolson.

The Lexington Fire Department recently purchased a new high profile van to be used for recruiting purposes.

I had the opportunity to check it out at this past week's Lexington Lions Club Bluegrass Fair.

If you would like to be notified when the next hiring process begins, complete the [Position Interest Form found here](#). This form does not enroll you in the hiring process, rather it allows the LFD to contact you with information when the hiring process opens.

For more information about LFD, visit: [www.LexingtonKy.gov/LexFire](http://www.LexingtonKy.gov/LexFire).

# ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD

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## Home for Women Veterans Opens in Lexington

Kentucky's first home for women veterans opened its doors in Lexington on July 1st, in hopes of providing women veterans with the support they need in a safe and productive environment.

The Thurman-Abbott Home for Lady veterans will operate as part of a 12-month program designed to aid women veterans in need of support and independence. Four spaces will be available to homeless women Veterans in various combinations that may include the veterans and their children. The women veterans who are accepted to live in the home have access to mental health services, financial literacy classes, and internship and job placement programs.

The Lady Veterans home was founded out of collaboration between Reverend Jim Thurman, Phyllis Abbott, founder of [Sheppard's Hands](#) who also created Lady Vets Connect. Together, Abbott and Whitehouse combined those two groups and created Lady Veterans Hands for Hope following a chance meeting at a baseball game.

Thurman and Abbott hope that this home is the first of many to be built in their state.



Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

### Police Promotions



Two Lexington police officers recently received promotions.

Melissa Sedlaczek was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief, with command of the Bureau of Special Operations. She is the second woman in the history of the agency to earn the rank of assistant chief.

Chief Mark Barnard has also appointed Eric Lowe to the position of Commander, with command of the Bureau of Administration, Administrative Section.

Congratulations!



### Deadline Reminder!

Have an idea for improving your neighborhood?

Encourage your neighborhood association to apply for the [Neighborhood Action Match Program](#).

This grant match program (up to \$10,000) is designed as an incentive for eligible neighborhood associations to secure resources and funding for activities including planting trees, playground installation and neighborhood cleanup.

**The application deadline is August 26th.**

For more information, visit:

<https://next.lexingtonky.gov/neighborhood-action-match-program-namp>.

Chief Barnard and Assistant Chief Sedlaczek (top photo). Chief Barnard and Commander Lowe (above). Photos provided.

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



Ballet Under the Stars	August 4th-7th
Opera Under the Stars	August 13th
Woodland Art Fair	August 20th-21st
Doggie Paddle	September 10th
Festival Latino de Lexington	September 16th-17th
The Bourbon Chase	October 14th
Little Goblins Galore	October 15th
Thriller & Halloween Parade	October 29th
Downtown Christmas Parade	December 6th

## Reduce the Likelihood of Being a Victim of a LFA



Lexington Police receives more than 4,000 reports of car break-ins annually with the stolen property valued at over \$2,000,000 dollars.

Police refer to it as “LFA,” larceny from auto. With summer in full swing, an unfortunate related issue is a traditional uptick in vehicle break-ins. The majority of vehicle break-ins occur outside homes, in driveways or on the street in front of the victim’s home. Thefts from vehicles can be drastically reduced when people lock their car doors and stop leaving valuables inside their vehicles. Leaving items on display, whether in or on a dashboard or in a mounted cradle or sitting on the passenger seat is an open invitation to opportunist criminals.

You should lock your doors, remove all items of value, completely close all vehicle windows, park in a well-lit area when possible, use outdoor lighting if possible, record the serial numbers of all valuables, and be sure to report any suspicious activity or crimes to Lexington Police at (859) 258-3600. If you have a neighborhood association or safety watch program in your area, I encourage you to get involved. Take advantage! [Read more about car break-ins here.](#)

## Quick Reference:

### How to reach Councilmember Mossotti:



Instagram

#### By mail:

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Lexington, KY 40507  
<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=364>

**By telephone:**  
859-258-3215

**By e-mail:**  
[jmossotti@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:jmossotti@lexingtonky.gov)

**By Social Media:**  
Facebook: [CouncilmemberJenniferMossotti](#)  
Twitter: [@Mossotti9th](#)  
Instagram: [CouncilmemberMossotti](#)

**Legislative Aide:**  
Rob Bolson

E-mail: [rbolson@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:rbolson@lexingtonky.gov)  
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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## A Car Emergency Kit is a Good Idea for Summer

According to national auto club information, one in three motorists end up broken down on the side of the road during a trip.

Breakdowns are more likely to happen in extreme weather, especially extreme heat or cold. If a driver takes roads through remote or seldom traveled roads, help can be hours or days away—unless you're prepared.

If you're planning a car trip, make sure that your car or vehicle is ready for the road. Get it checked by a certified mechanic to make sure that the brakes, tires, cooling system, air conditioning and other systems are in top working condition.

Source:

<http://bereadylexington.com/summer-car-emergency-kits/>



Create Your Safety Profile

[www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)

**HIDE  
YOUR THINGS**

**LOCK  
YOUR CAR**

**TAKE  
YOUR KEYS**

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

**IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CALL 911**

WWW.BEREADYLEXINGTON.COM

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### Summer road safety: Build an emergency car kit

Don't get stranded on the side of the road in an emergency—get back up and running with these handy supplies.

- 1 gallon water + one bottle per person
- Spare cell phone charger
- Jumper cables or portable battery charger
- Energy-boosting snacks
- Tire pressure gauge and tire sealant
- Road flares or reflective hazard triangles
- Sunscreen and wide-brim hats
- Rag and gloves
- Tire jack and lug wrench
- Pocket knife or multi-tool
- Duct tape
- Head lamp or hand-crank flashlight
- Tow strap
- First aid kit

**Get out of a sticky situation**  
Developed during WWII as a waterproof sealant for ammunition cases, duct tape can temporarily repair glass chips, smashed taillights or burst hoses from an overheated engine.

**No spare? No problem!**  
If you don't have a spare, quickly patch a tire with canned tire sealant, a low-cost fix that will fill in any punctures. Remember that sealants have a very limited life, so it's important to get your tire replaced as soon as possible.

**Fire it up**  
Breaking down on interstates and highways can be very dangerous. Road flares can help save your life when you're stuck on the side of the road, alerting oncoming cars of your presence and helping emergency responders locate you quickly.

**Put your diet on hold**  
Snacks like nuts, jerky, dried fruit or energy bars are high in calories and will help hold you over if stranded for a long period of time. Plus, they're non-perishable and will last much longer in your car without going bad.

When hitting the road this summer, make sure your emergency car kit is stocked so you get to your destination safely. From jumper cables to road flares, NAPA has you covered. Stop by your local NAPA Auto Parts store or reserve online at [www.NAPAonline.com](http://www.NAPAonline.com).

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## PARKS & RECREATION AUGUST 2016 AT A GLANCE

### **Adult Fall Co-Ed Sand Volleyball**

Registration Period: Monday, August 1 – 19. Information: 288-2915. Tuesday evening games begin play at 6:30 p.m. 8-game season and post-season play tournament. All games played at Kirklevington Park.

### **Adult Fall Co-Ed Asphalt Volleyball**

Registration Period: Monday, August 1 – 19. Information: 288-2915. Wednesday evening games begin play at 6:30 p.m. 8-game season and post-season play tournament. All games played at Kirklevington Park.

### **Adult Kickball (Fall League)**

Registration Period: August 1 – 19, or until league is full. Information: 288-2915. First eight teams to [register](#) will have a spot in the league. All teams must have a manager complete the registration form and turn in the fee to the Athletics Department. Season begins Wednesday, September 7. Wednesday evening games begin at 6:30 p.m. 8-game season and post-season single play tournament. All games played at Kirklevington Park.

### **Adult Fall Softball**

Registration Period: continues until leagues are full. Registration Fee: \$255 per team, plus \$25 annual NSA sanction fee  
Information: 288-2915. Season begins September 6. Weekday evening and weekend leagues, no post-season tournament.

### **Youth Football**

Registration Period: continues until teams are full. Registration Fee: \$35 per flag participant, flag provided/\$55 per tackle participant, helmets and pads provided. Uniform cost not included. Some locations may have booster clubs that charge a fee. Payment of this fee is not required for participation in league games. Information: 288-2915. Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Online, mail-in, and drop-off registration.

### **Southland Jamboree**

Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 7 – 9 p.m. | Moondance Amphitheater. Information: 425-2349. Southland Jamboree is a free, weekly bluegrass concert series at the Moondance Amphitheater. Patrons can purchase concessions from local food trucks or pack their own picnic. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating, as well as your own instrument to join in the jam after the show.

### **Big Band & Jazz**

Tuesday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | Ecton Park. Information: 288-2927. One of Lexington's longest running and most beloved concert series. Picnics are encouraged and patrons should bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

### **Adult Kickball Championship (Summer League)**

Wednesday, August 3 & 10 | Information: 288-2915. Find out who will be the champion when the Adult Kickball (Summer League) concludes its season with a tournament on Wednesday August 3 and August 10.

### **Ballet Under the Stars**

Thursday, August 4 – 7 | 8 p.m. (pre-show), 9 p.m. (main curtain) | Woodland Park - Cost: \$5. Information: 288-2925

### **Perseids Meteor Shower Watch**

Friday, August 5, 12 | 9 – 11 p.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary. Information: 272-6105. Join us for dark skies on a high hill for great views of the heavens as we watch for large numbers of meteors as they appear from the constellation Perseus. Bring a blanket or chair and join us as we watch the skies. A short walk up a hill is required to reach the viewing area and this program is weather dependent, so call the park at 272-6105 before you head to the program.

### **Summer Nights in Suburbia**

Friday, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 | 7 – 9 p.m. | Moondance Amphitheater. Information: 425-2349. Summer Nights at Moondance Amphitheater is a free concert series on select Fridays throughout the summer featuring music of all varieties, including funk, soul, indie, rock, and more. In addition to the live music, concert-goers can enjoy food from local food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

### **Stargazing**

Saturday, August 6 | 9 p.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary. 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 1 – 2 hours. Bring a flashlight or headlamp. This program is weather dependent. Please call Raven Run at 272-6105 on the evening of the program in order to ensure the event is happening as scheduled.

### **Fall Equestrian Lessons**

Registration Period: Saturday, August 6. Youth, ages 10 – 15, 1 p.m. | Adults, ages 16+, 2:30 p.m. | McConnell Springs  
Cost: \$125 for all sessions, per rider. Information: 253-0328. Classes run August 15 – October 7. All sessions are eight meetings in total. Please have fees the day of registration. Riders must supply their own approved horseback riding helmets. You may NOT use any other type of helmet.

### **Women's City Championship**

Saturday, August 6 – 7 | Kearney Hill Golf Links and Tates Creek Golf Course. Cost: \$50 to walk, \$78 to ride

### **Summer League Basketball Championships**

Sunday, August 7 | Time TBD | Douglass Park. Information: 288-2955. Find out who will be deemed the champion of the 2016 Summer League Basketball season for the Sun Bowl, Junior Dirt Bowl, and Men's Dirt Bowl.

### **History to Chew On**

Tuesday, August 9 | 6 p.m. | McConnell Springs. Information: 225-4073. The History to Chew On series welcomes Bill Marshall as their August speaker. Marshall will discuss The Kentucky Gazette and the news they saw fit to print and how we can use it today. Refreshments are provided, but guests are encouraged to bring a bag dinner.

### **Story Walk**

Wednesday, August 10 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs. Information: 225-4073. Join the staff for story time and a stroller friendly walk through the park. Please call the park at 225-4073 to register.

### **Wood Bowl Carving**

Saturday, August 13 | McConnell Springs. Cost: \$30. Information: 225-4073. Learn how to make a wooden dough bowl at this woodcarving workshop at McConnell Springs. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Open to adults only.

### **Opera Under the Stars**

Saturday, August 13 | 8 p.m. (pre-show), 9 p.m. (main show) | Moondance Amphitheater. Cost: \$5. Information: 288-2925

### **Bell House Senior Adult Program: Water Fitness**

Monday, August 15 – September 2 | M – F | 1 – 2 p.m. | Tates Creek Pool. Information: 233-0986. Water Fitness moves from Picadome Pool to Tates Creek Pool.

### **Therapeutic Recreation Overnight Excursion**

Wednesday, August 17 – 19 | Barren River Kentucky State Park. Cost: Cash only; TBD per person. Information: 288-2908  
Stay overnight at Barren River State Park. Includes lodging, meals, transportation, and activities. Twenty (20) reservations available on a first-come, first served basis. Must RSVP and pay in full by August 10.

**Junior Naturalist – Butterflies & Dragonflies**

Saturday, August 20 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs. Information: 225-4073. “Junior Naturalists” programs are designed for elementary aged visitors (Youth K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) who want to explore the park and get a chance to complete an art project, all in the same tour! Please call 225-4073 to register.

**Woodland Art Fair**

Saturday, August 20 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Woodland Park. Sunday, August 21 | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Information: 288-2925  
Every August for almost forty years, Woodland Park transforms into a venue filled with over 200 artists and craftspeople selling unique, handcrafted items. Items for sale include ceramics, wood, jewelry, painting, metal, fiber, mixed media and photography.

**Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, August 21 | 1 – 3 p.m. | McConnell Springs. Cost: FREE. Information: 225 – 4073. Make a date with McConnell Springs for an ice cream social! Sponsored by the Friends of McConnell Springs, participants can enjoy a scavenger hunt, a fossil dig, face painting, a raffle, and of course, ice cream! Donations accepted. Proceeds benefit McConnell Springs.

**Bell House Annual Senior Day – Kentucky State Fair**

Tuesday, August 23 | Louisville, KY. Cost: \$40. Information: 233-0986  
Senior Adults will enjoy the day at the Kentucky State Fair, enjoying foods, crafts, exhibits, entertainment, and more. Cost is \$40 and includes transportation, admission, parking, and driver gratuity.

**Therapeutic Recreation Adult Fitness**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 23 – December 8 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Dunbar Community Center. Ages: 18+. Cost: \$50  
Information: 288-2908. Stay healthy and active through a variety of fitness activities, sports, weights, and cardio. Limited transportation home will be provided.

**Kiddie Kapers**

Tates Creek Recreation Center, Artworks at the Carver School. Online Registration: Wednesday, August 16 | Noon. Walk-in Registration: Thursday, August 18 | 10 a.m. Cost: \$175, includes costume. Information: 425-2057. The Kiddie Kapers Dance Company offers instruction in ballet, tap, jazz, pom, tumbling and prep team for youth ages 3 – 18. The 22-week session will begin in September and conclude with a recital in April.

**Therapeutic Recreation Riding Program – Basic Horsemanship Classes**

Wednesdays or Fridays, August 26 – October 14 | 2 – 4:15 p.m. | Masterson Station Park. Cost: \$75, ages 10 – 15; \$95, ages 16+  
Information: 288-2908. Experienced staff and volunteers work one-on-one with participants. Adaptive equipment and ramps are available. Participants are required to provide their own helmets.

**Bluegrass Archery Tournament**

Saturday, August 27 | 10 a.m. | Hisle Farm Park. Check-in and Registration: 9 a.m. Cost: \$5 per competition. Information: 225-4073  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bluegrass Archery Tournament includes competitions for multiple age ranges and skill levels: standard, long distance, single shot 3D, and speed shot.

**Little Explorers – Butterflies**

Saturday, August 27 | 10 a.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary. Information: 272-6105. “Little Explorers” 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! We supply all the equipment for our trail explorations, as well as all the art supplies needed to complete the project. Please call ahead to register for this program.

**Nature Journaling – Journaling at the Pond**

Sunday, August 28 | 3 – 4:30 p.m. | McConnell Springs. Information: 225-4073. Participants ages 14 and up are invited to join staff on a nature walk to the park pond to observe and discuss the humming, croaking, splashing, and life that fills our pond. Please call the park at 225-4073 to register.

## FCPS 2016-2017 instructional calendar

**Need more details?** Refer to <http://calendars.fcps.net> for the district's online listings, which also include report card dates, Board of Education meetings, arts performances and more.

(Also: Employees' [work calendars](#) are posted under Human Resources.)

August 2016	10	First day of school for students
	19	No classes for students
September	5	Labor Day; schools and offices closed
October	6	No classes for students
	7	No classes for students
November	8	Election Day; schools and offices closed
	23	Schools and offices closed
	24	Thanksgiving Day; schools and offices closed
	25	Schools and offices closed
Dec. 19-30		Winter break
January 2017	2	Classes resume
	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; schools and offices closed
February	20	Presidents Day; schools and offices closed
March	17	No school for students; possible weather make-up day
April 3-7		Spring break
May	19	Last day of school, pending weather make-up days
	NOTE:	<b>High school graduations</b> are not set until the threat of bad weather has passed and all make-up days have been announced. Calendars will be updated after the graduation schedule is released.
	22-26	Possible weather make-up days
	29	Memorial Day; schools and offices closed
	30-31	Possible weather make-up days
June	1-2, 5-9	Possible weather make-up days

### Notes:

\* The Fayette County Board of Education approved this calendar on March 23, 2015.

\* Weather make-up days are scheduled at the superintendent's discretion, and the FCPS calendars (PDFs and online listings) are updated only after an official announcement. Handy bookmark: [www.fcps.net/weather](http://www.fcps.net/weather)

