



9th District News & Notes Newsletter

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Commission Votes No Zone Change



Dear 9th District Neighbor,

After two-hours of discussion, the City's Planning Commission denied a proposed development of 32 apartments at **1580 Higbee Mill Road** off Clays Mill Road, at the February 25th [Planning Commission's Public Hearing for Zoning Items](#). The vote was 6-2. The 7-acre lot is presently zoned for townhouses however

Turwell LLC had sought a zone change from the current R-1T zone to R-3 (planned neighborhood residential).

I join the Planning Commission in commending the Stonewall residents who came together and worked tirelessly to present their carefully-considered comprehensive concerns. They are a shining example of the power and capability of a well-organized neighborhood association working together for a common interest. The Council Chambers here at City Hall, where the hearing occurred, was overflowing with Stonewall residents in the strongest show of support from any group in such a proceeding that I can recall since the Reynolds Road Zone Change. Overflow seating had to be set up outside of the Council Chambers. It was indeed an impressive sight. My hat is off to everyone involved for a job well done.

In other news, **Sustainable Environment Grant** applications are now being accepted. The program is designed to improve and protect Lexington's environmental health. Nonprofit organizations, including schools, churches, and neighborhood associations, can apply for up to \$5,000 in support of creative, collaborative projects that have a positive environmental impact. Donated materials and volunteer hours can be used to meet the 50% match requirement.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Litter cleanup
- Invasive species removal
- Illegal dumpsite cleanup and restoration
- Placement of community trash receptacles



Standing room only at the February 25th Planning Commission public hearing. [Watch the meeting here](#).

- Tree planting
- Streamside restoration
- Storm drain art
- Rain barrel workshop
- Rain garden installation
- Wildlife habitat development

Recipients will be selected by a review committee through a competitive process. The environmental and social benefits of the project will be considered, along with other criteria as described in the grant application packet. This is a reimbursement grant. Funds will not be distributed to the grant recipient until the project is complete, and the final report is submitted and approved. Final reports are due no later than May 31st, 2017. Applications must be postmarked or submitted to the department's office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18th. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

More information and the application materials are available at www.livegreenlexington.com or visit the Grants and Special Programs page: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=167>.

All 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>



NOTE: The 2016 Kentucky Republican Caucus will be held on Saturday, March 5th, 2016. The 2016 Kentucky Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2016. See page 11.

Investigators: Stockyards Fire Ruled Accidental

Lexington's Division of Fire and Emergency Services investigators have determined the January 30th fire at the Bluegrass Stockyards was accidental and not the result of any criminal intent or conduct.

The preliminary investigation indicates the fire was started accidentally by construction workers who were working on the Stockyards' roof, according to investigators. A construction worker was using a circular saw to cut metal roofing, which generated sparks that ignited combustible materials.

The two-week preliminary investigation was a joint effort of the Fire Department and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Interim Fire Chief Harold Hoskins said the fire was the largest he has handled in his 33-year career. Approximately 120 firefighters fought the three-alarm blaze. There were no injuries. In addition to the Bluegrass Stockyards, the fire affected or destroyed buildings. The fire destroyed 184 vehicles and killed 49 head of cattle. Damage reports are expected to be updated prior to the issuance of the finalized report in early spring.



Source: Lexington Fire Department

Highlighting Lexington's Educated Workforce

According to a recent report in Commerce Lexington's *Business Focus* magazine, Lexington's educated workforce is one of the city's greatest assets. The report notes that according to the most recent Census data, 40.6% of Lexington's population over the age of 25 have at least Bachelor's degree and 17% have a graduate, doctorate, or professional degree.

The report also points out that compared to other cities with over 300,000 people, Lexington ranks 13th national for both Bachelor's degree attainment and advanced degree attainment.

In addition, the report cites that there are ten colleges and universities within 40 miles of Lexington, enrolling nearly 70,000 students every year and graduating over 15,000 in 2014. The report concludes that, "with so many educational opportunities in the region, Lexington's highly educated workforce provides the human capital that companies need to grow and thrive." That is indeed good news! Learn more about Commerce Lexington here: www.CommerceLexington.com.

SCORE Offers Free Expert Business Mentors



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SCORE connects entrepreneurs with mentors to help build business. If you're just starting a business, SCORE mentors can provide the practical action plan, education and tools you need to open your doors and establish a customer base.

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For more information: <https://lexington.score.org/chapters/lexington-score>.

Source: SCORE

City Launches New Pilot Website

The City of Lexington recently announced the redesign of its official website with the launch of a new pilot site: next.lexingtonky.gov.

The goal of the pilot site is to offer a preview of the new website's overall design and seek citizen input during its development process.

The new website is designed to help users navigate the city's many services in a way that is simple and intuitive. It will also feature new digital services that will improve users' access and efficiency.

The pilot site is a way for citizens to preview the new way content is organized and interact with the site's latest features. Some highlights include:

- Mobile-friendly – the new site is optimized to fit all screen sizes, including smartphones, so users can easily access lexingtonky.gov from any location
- Trending Links – an up-to-the-minute list of the most frequently visited website pages
- User Feedback – every page on the pilot site features a user feedback button

Other features coming soon to the site include the ability to search parks by amenities and a comprehensive events calendar that will list all city-sponsored events, Council meetings and more.

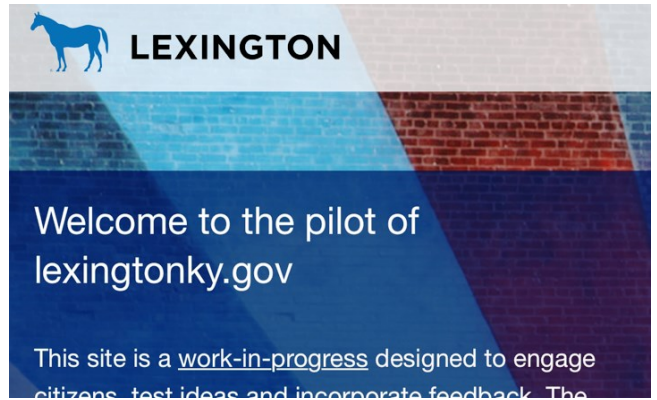
The pilot site is a work-in-progress and not a full website. Users should expect to see a range of new features, but not an all-inclusive, final product.

New content and features will be continually added throughout the upcoming months with an expected full launch date later in 2016. In the meantime, the current website (lexingtonky.gov) will operate as usual.

Citizen engagement has been an ongoing part of the new website project. Citizens have shared valuable insight about how to improve the current website and are encouraged to continue to share opinions on the redesign through feedback navigation tools.

Stay up-to-date with new site features by signing up at next.lexingtonky.gov/about-the-site.

Source: Public Information Office



Community Supports Fire Fighter Appreciation Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in Firefighter Appreciation Day across Lexington on February 5th. From wearing red to dropping off thank you cards and food at area fire stations, it was terrific to see so many people expressing their appreciation. The event was held six days after the massive fire at the Bluegrass Stockyards. More than 120 firefighters battled the three-alarm fire.

I dropped off some goodies for the great guys at Fire Station 15 at Shillito Park, the primary station for calls in the 9th District. Thank you for all that you do!



Consolidated Plan Action Plan Now Available

The 2016 Consolidated Plan one-year Action Plan is now available for review by citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to serve as a planning document for LFUCG's participation in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's community planning and development programs. The overall goal of these programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons.

The 2016 Action Plan is a one-year plan that provides for the allocation of federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the amount of \$2,073,408, program income from the CDBG program in the amount of \$150,000; federal funding in the amount of \$960,119 from the HOME Investment Partnerships program, \$206,027 in local cash match for the HOME program, \$180,000 program income from the HOME Program; and \$184,355 in federal funding from the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.

The annual action plan provides for these funds to be expended on public improvements, housing rehabilitation, public services, first time homebuyer program, construction of new rental units, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities, operational support for emergency and transitional housing, services for homeless persons and youth, and planning and administration activities. The one-year period is from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

The Action Plan is available for public examination in the Reference Room at the Lexington Public Library located at 140 East Main Street and at the Library's branch locations. The Action Plan may also be examined in the office of the Division of Grants and Special Programs, at 200 East Main Street, 6th floor, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Citizen comments will be accepted for a period of 30 days, Tuesday, March 1, 2016, through 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2016.



Construction Business Connection Event

The city's Division of Central Purchasing is hosting a Construction Business Connection Event on March 7, 2016, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. This event will take place in the 3rd floor conference room of the Phoenix Building, 101 E. Vine Street, Lexington, Ky. The event is free but pre-registration is required by visiting <http://kyptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/8065>.

This event, for construction trades only, is an opportunity for construction companies to get a sneak peek of upcoming LFUCG construction related projects from divisions including Water Quality, Waste Management, General Services, Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and Grants and Special Projects. Project managers from each division will be in attendance giving information on upcoming projects as well as answering questions.

In accordance with the American Disabilities Act and state law, you may request accommodations due to a disability by contacting Sherita Miller at (859) 258-3323 or smiller@lexingtonky.gov. Advance notice may be necessary for some accommodations.



“History to Chew On” at McConnell Springs

“History to Chew On” is a free educational brown bag series held at [McConnell Springs Park](#) on the second Tuesday of the month beginning in June. Programs start at 6:15 p.m., and McConnell Springs’ supplies the tables and drinks, you bring the food or snack. All programs are held in the Education Center of McConnell Springs Park.

Of particular interest to 9th District residents will be the October 11th topic: [Waveland](#) and [the history of the Bryant’s](#).

McConnell Springs Park is located off Old Frankfort Pike inside New Circle Road near downtown Lexington. Call 859-225-4073 to save a seat. Learn more: <http://www.mcconnellsprings.org/>.



Lexington: A “Best Mid-Sized City” to Make a Living



The website [MoneyGeek.com](#), a resource for those interested in making smarter financial decisions, recently ranked the top 40 mid-sized cities for making a living.

They identified those cities with populations between 100,000 and 500,000 that have relatively low costs of living and high salaries.

[MonkeyGeek.com](#) noted that living where the local economy is strong and where salaries go further can largely determine quality of life.

Lexington made the list at #31. Cincinnati was #8.

This makes Lexington especially appealing to those individuals considering a move or searching for a new job in the region.

Durham, North Carolina topped the list at number one.

Scholarship Program for High School Seniors

Kentucky American Water has announced that applications are now being accepted for the company’s 2016 Ripple Effect Scholarship Program.

The program, now in its 14th year, offers one-time, \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate strong academic performance and a commitment to environmental stewardship.

Students in the company’s 11-county service area (Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Jessamine, Nicholas, Owen, Scott and Woodford counties) are eligible to apply. Information about the scholarship program has been distributed to area high schools and can also be found at www.kentuckyamwater.com. The deadline for entry is April 8, 2016.

The company established the Ripple Effect Scholarship Program in 2002. Since that time, a total of \$54,000 in scholarship funds has been awarded to 86 Kentucky students. Source: Kentucky American Water.



St. Patrick's Day Performers Announced

Seven local and regional performance groups will be taking the Irish festival stage on Saturday, March 12, as part of the city's 37th Annual Alltech St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. The lineup features musicians, singers and dancers from across Kentucky.

The festival is part of an all-day celebration that begins at 8:00 a.m. with the 10th annual Shamrock Shuffle to benefit Lexington Habitat for Humanity. At 11:00 a.m., the annual "Blessing of the Keg" at the Alltech tents in Cheapside Park kicks off the free Irish festival.

The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. The festival performances kick off with traditional Irish music from Lexington band Liam's Fancy with special guests John Skelton, Bobby O'Byrne and Jeremy Wade playing until 12:45 p.m. Attention then turns to the parade beginning at 1 p.m. as it makes its way down Main Street from Midland Avenue to Upper Street.

At 2:00 p.m., the William Sutherland Reid Pipes and Drums. Originally founded in 1975, the group has performed and competed locally and regionally at festivals, concerts and even opened for Rod Stewart at Rupp Arena.

Lexington's Kentucky McTeggart Irish Dancers bring the rhythm and grace of Irish dance to the stage at 2:30 p.m. Featured this year at 3:00 p.m. is "Bluegrass/Greengrass" band Cloigheann (pronounced by the band as "klog-in"). At 4:00 p.m., the Lexington Irish Dancers take the spotlight. The non-competitive performance group regularly performs at local fairs and festivals, including appearances with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra at Picnic with the Pops. Musician Paul Cullen performs for the crowd at 4:30 p.m. A native of Ireland, Cullen brings the traditions of Irish song to our festival stage.

Wrapping up the festival performances is the shanty-singing duo Drunk & Sailor. The band goes onstage at approximately 5:30 p.m. with their high-energy, interactive show.

Keep up with the parade and festival on social media – @LexStPatsParade on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Parade participants and attendees are encouraged to share their photos online, tag @LexStPatsParade and use #LexStPats2016.



Are You Interested in Digital Photography?

Keith Harding, a recreation specialist at McConnell Springs Nature Park, has been taking pictures for years. From nature photography, to weddings and commercial work, his hobby is sprinkled with variety in subject matter.

Recently, he decided to share his hobby. Harding started teaching the free Beginners Digital Photography class in January at McConnell Springs. The first class went so well, that Harding decided to repeat the class a few more times. The class lasts about an hour and a half. Participants are encouraged to bring their own camera, but it's not required. And after the class, McConnell Springs is a beautiful place to put your new photography skills to the test.

Classes are scheduled for:

- March 5, 10:00 a.m.
- April 3, 2:00 p.m.
- May 7, 10:00 a.m.
- June 4, 10:00 a.m.

Call McConnell Springs Park at (859) 225-4073 to register for the free class.



Therapeutic Recreation Cooking Class



Lexington's Parks & Recreation's Therapeutic Recreation, in partnership with the University of Kentucky Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, is offering a 6-week cooking class for individuals with disabilities.

A grant received from the Autism Society of the Bluegrass and healthy food donations from Whole Foods are helping to make the class possible.

Therapeutic Recreation (TR) programs provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to enjoy activities through recreation, leisure and play. The programs are designed to enhance the overall health and wellness of persons with special needs. Therapeutic Recreation programs allow participants to showcase their talents and abilities through a variety of recreational opportunities.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in all Parks programs. Inclusion services are offered for individuals who choose to participate in our traditional recreation programs. For accommodations or more information contact Anessa Snowden at (859) 288-2928 or visit: <http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=252>.

Beware of a Possible Scam in the Area



Recently received from the Stonewall Community Association:

"A Stonewall resident reports that on Saturday morning a man (who has shoveled snow twice for the resident and each time said that he is a plumber) rang his doorbell. The man said that he'd been called by another Stonewall resident because there was a leak at his water shut off valve/water meter, and he noticed there was a leak on this property too. The resident went outside to look and saw that there was indeed a leak. The man said that the cause was a leaky valve, and if the resident would give him \$65 to buy the part, he would repair the leak for a total of about \$125. The resident agreed, gave the man the \$65, and off he went to buy the part. The resident began to have second thoughts and called his own plumber, who came to evaluate the situation and said that the man had loosened the connection himself to cause the problem, a common scam. He tightened the connection and the water stopped leaking out. After a while the resident's wife heard the man's car (a noisy, white, older model sedan with black paint near the front of the car), and went outside to find him and another man about to do the "repair". She told them to stop and went to get her husband. They knew that they had been "made" and immediately jumped into their car and sped out of the neighborhood.

It is uncertain as to whether the residents reported this scam to the police. It is important that if something like this happens to you, **YOU DEFINITELY SHOULD REPORT IT.** Call 911 during the problem, or (859) 258-3600 if the incident is complete."



Coming this Summer: Lexington in Bloom 2016

Sponsored by The Lexington Council Garden Clubs, "Lexington in Bloom" recognizes distinctive and outstanding gardens and plantings in Fayette County. The goal of this biennial contest is to instill a spirit of community, to increase civic pride, and to improve the visual appeal of the area through the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees.

Winners will be selected in five categories (all must be visible from the street):

- Residence, front yard, amateur gardener
- Residence, front yard, professionally landscaped
- Business, large garden or planting
- Business, small garden or planting
- Miscellaneous: a) community gardens; b) small displays: container gardens, window boxes, etc.; c) municipal plantings; d) neighborhood entrances; e) schools, churches, non-profits, etc.; f) butterfly/rain gardens/native plantings; g) vegetable gardens.



Entry forms will be available at <http://www.lexgardenclubs.org>. Deadline for entries is June 3, 2016. Judging will occur in two rounds in early June.

Reception for winners will be held at the Arboretum Visitor Center in June.

For more information, please contact Liz Pattengill at (859) 223-4362, or email lexingtoninbloom@gmail.com and visit www.lexgardenclubs.org.

Source: Lexington Council Garden Clubs



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Download Your Free Copy of 2016 "Get Out and Play!"

The City's Division of Parks & Recreation's 2016 "Get Out and Play!" Guide is now available.

This comprehensive guide profiles events and programs at the City's 105 parks, seven pools, and five golf courses.

New this spring, Parks & Recreation is offering Adventure Programming including overnight camping at Raven Run, canoeing on the Kentucky River, archery at Hisle Farm Park and more.

From aquatics to youth and adult sports to summer basketball leagues to camps, arts educations, golf, equestrian activities, disc golf and foot golf, to senior adult activities and therapeutic recreation, and entertaining events and trails information, there is something available for everyone.

Download your free digital copy of the guide here:

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=198>.



The Arboretum Marks Silver Anniversary



Source: The Arboretum and University of Kentucky

Happy 25th anniversary to The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky. 2016 marks the Silver Anniversary of The Arboretum. The Arboretum began in 1991 as a joint effort between the University of Kentucky and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

At age 25, located at 500 Alumni Drive, The Arboretum covers more than 100 acres, showcasing a variety of Kentucky landscapes and serves as a resource center for environmental and horticultural education, research, and conservation. With approximately four miles of combined paved and mulched walking trails, and a collection of more than 2,600 native plants and trees representing over 600 species, The Arboretum provides an open-air classroom for the community.

For more information, visit: <https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/>.

Annual Founders’ Day and Colonial Crafts Festival



Mark your calendar. Saturday, May 21, 2016 is the 22nd Annual Founders’ Day and Colonial Crafts Festival at McConnell Springs, the birthplace of Lexington.

Events will occur 10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Celebrate Lexington's official “birthday” with a full calendar of activities for the whole family to commemorate the city’s founding in 1775 at McConnell Springs.

The Colonial Crafts Festival features period reproductions for purchase from vendors who demonstrate their skills. Historic reenactments, singing, dancing, contests, fun, food, and more.

McConnell Springs is located off Old Frankfort Pike inside New Circle Road near downtown Lexington. The park is open daily year-round, dawn to dusk. For more information, visit:

<http://www.mcconnellsprings.org/>

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

St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Festival	March 12th	Swingin’ on Short	June 4th
Wine Tasting at McConnell Springs	March 26th	Bluegrass 10,000 Foot Race	July 4th
Kite Fest	April 16th	Ballet Under the Stars	August 4th-7th
Founders Day at McConnell Springs	May 21st	Opera Under the Stars	August 13th
Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trials	May 18th-22nd	Woodland Art Fair	August 20th-21st
Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival	May 21st-22nd	Doggie Paddle	September 10th
Summer Nights in Suburbia	May 27th-Sept. 9th	Festival Latino de Lexington	September 16th-17th
Free Friday Flicks	June 3rd-24th	Little Goblins Galore	October 15th

Neighbor-of-the-Month: Andrew Stramer

Debbie Snyder of the Harrods View Neighborhood has nominated Lexington Firefighter **Andrew Stramer** for this month's **Neighbor-of-the-Month**. Debbie notes that Andrew has not only helped her, but also many others in the neighborhood.

During several large snow storms in Lexington which virtually shut down the side streets in Lexington, Andrew utilized his four-wheeler to plow the streets of Harrods View during each snow event. Debbie says that as she is a nurse who is required to go to work each scheduled shift regardless of the weather, Andrew has been a life-saver. "By plowing the street, he has enabled me to get to work and help the patients who require round the clock care. I cannot express in words what this has meant to me and I am so thankful for him and his willingness to help our neighborhood. He is my Lexington hometown hero."

Way to go, Andrew! Thank you for your dedication and service to our community.



Photo source: Facebook

Quick Reference:

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Useful Telephone Numbers:

LexCall (City Hall)	311 (or 425-2255)
Police (Non-emergency)	258-3600
Fire (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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Fayette Co. Voter Guide



	Registered Democrats	Registered Republicans
Voting for President	In Kentucky, Democrat voters will vote for president in the state's regular May primary on Tuesday, May 17 th . There is no Democrat Caucus for Kentucky.	In Kentucky, Republican voters will not be able to vote for president in the state's May primary. Instead, Kentucky's first Republican Caucus is set for Saturday, March 5 th . Caucus hours on March 5 th are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only registered Republicans will be permitted to vote in this historic caucus.
Voting for local and state offices	In Kentucky, Democrat voters will vote for local and state offices in the state's regular May primary on Tuesday, May 17 th .	Kentucky Republicans can still vote for local and state offices in the Kentucky May primary on Tuesday, May 17 th .
Where to vote	For Fayette County voters, click here to view your registration information and sample ballot.	For Fayette County voting locations for the Kentucky Republican Caucus, visit here . For Fayette County voters voting in the May primary (state and local offices), click here to view your registration information and sample ballot.
If I vote in the Kentucky Caucus, can I still vote in the Kentucky May 17th Primary?	N/A	Yes. While the Kentucky Caucus is for the Republican presidential candidates ONLY , the rest of the candidates for other important races (state and local) will be determined during the Kentucky May 17 th Primary. Note that three days after the Kentucky Caucus, some districts will also have a Special election .
How the voting process will work for the Kentucky Caucus	N/A	The voting process will be similar to a typical Kentucky election. Voters will show identification, sign in, and vote by secret ballot. However, the voting locations are different .
Registration Deadline	Kentucky voters must have been registered as Democrat by December 31, 2015, to be eligible to vote for Democrat candidates in the Kentucky May Primary election.	Kentucky voters must have been registered as Republican by December 31, 2015, to be eligible to vote for Republican candidates in the March 5 th Kentucky Caucus.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fayettecountyclerk.com/web/elections> and <http://rpk.org/caucus>

PARKS & RECREATION LEXINGTON, KY

MARCH 2016 AT A GLANCE

Bell House Temporary Closure

Through Sunday, March 6
For more information: 233-0986

The Bell House will be closed for routine refurbishment. There will be no Senior adult or Therapeutic Recreation programs during this time.

Athletics Spring Registration Opens

Tuesday, March 1
For more information or to register: 288-2917

The athletics office will begin accepting registrations for Adult Tennis, Adult Pickleball, Girls Fast Pitch Softball, T-Ball, Baseball, Youth Kickball, and Youth Tennis. Register online, by mail or in person at 545 N. Upper Street.

Woodcock Watch

Thursday March 4, 7 p.m., Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
For more information: 272-6105

Join us as we search for the elusive woodcock. This program is weather dependent so call the park beforehand.

Therapeutic Recreation Bowling

Saturday, March 5 – April 23, 1-3 p.m., Southland Bowling Lanes
For more information or to register: 288-2908

Strikes, turkeys and spares are just part of the fun with the Therapeutic Recreation bowling league. Ramps are available. \$5 per week for two games. Ages six and over.

Stargazing

Saturday, March 5, 7:30 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.

Author Series

Tuesday, March 8, 6-8 p.m., McConnell Springs
For more information: 225-4073

In *Venerable Trees: History, Biology, and Conservation in the Bluegrass*, Tom Kimmerer describes how Kentuckians have been living in and amongst venerable trees since the region was settled and how ancient specimens have been integral to the region. In fact, an old bur oak was felled to build the first permanent structure in Lexington. Despite the many changes that the area has seen, including widespread development, trees up to five hundred years old still survive. Q&A to follow.

Bell House Senior Adult AARP Driver Safety

Wednesday, March 9 10 a.m.
For more information: 233-0986

Outdoor Skills Class

Saturday, March 12, 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.

37th Annual Alltech Lexington St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Downtown Lexington
For more information: 288-2927

Festival begins at 11 a.m. at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion and continues until 7 p.m. Parade down Main Street begins at 1 p.m. Live music throughout the day. Visit www.lexingtonstpatssparade.org for more information.

Spring Equestrian Lesson Sign-ups

Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. (Youth), 2:30 (Adults), McConnell Springs
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.

The Sunday Sessions presents Vandaveer

Sunday, March 13 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 or by calling 859.425.2550

Therapeutic Recreation Adapted Aquatics

Monday, March 14-May 9 Times vary by session Beaumont YMCA
For more information: 288-2929

Basic water skills/safety are introduced. One-on-one instruction is provided for most participants. Swim diapers/plastic pants (snug fitting) required if the participant does not possess bowel or bladder control. No online registration for this class. Ages four and older. Cost is \$50. Session 1: 2:50–3:20 p.m. Session 2: 3:25–3:55 p.m. Session 3: 4–4:30 p.m.

Gallery HOP Reception, Crosstown Colors

Friday, March 18, 5 – 8 p.m., Downtown Arts Center
More information: 425-2562

The latest exhibit in the City Gallery at the Downtown Arts Center features work by Lexington artists Blake Eames and Patricia Baldwin Seggebruch.

Primitive Camping

Friday, March 18-Saturday, March 19 1 p.m.-11 a.m., Hisle Farm Park
For more information or to register: 225-4073

Adventure Programming offers a primitive camping experience at Hisle Farm Park. Registration is \$20 per person.

Junior Naturalists “Birding”

Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., McConnell Springs
For more information or to register: 225-4073

Youth K–5th grade are invited to come out to McConnell Springs for their Junior Naturalist program. Participants will learn about birds in our areas. Call McConnell Springs to register for this free program.

Earth Hour Woodcock Watch

Saturday, March 19 7:30 p.m., Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
For more information: 272-6105

Join us as we search for the elusive woodcock. This program is weather dependent so call the park beforehand.

Story Walk

Monday, March 21 10 a.m., McConnell Springs
For more information or to register: 225-4073

Join the staff of McConnell Springs for a story and stroller friendly walk through the park.

Weekend Workout

Saturday, March 26, 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.

Community Centers Spring Break Hours

Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1
Castlewood, Dunbar and Kenwick Community Centers are open noon-5 p.m.
William Wells Brown Community Center 5-9 p.m.

Spring Break at Raven Run and McConnell Springs

Monday, March 28-Friday April 1 10 a.m.–noon
For more information or to register: 225-4073 or 272-6105

“Wonderful Wildlife” – March 28 at Raven Run
“Weather” – March 29 at McConnell Springs
“Birds, Birds, Birds” – March 30 at Raven Run
“Grossology” – March 31 at McConnell Springs
“Creek Creatures” – April 1 at Raven Run

