



## LEXINGTON'S 2ND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The 2nd District is one of the largest and most diverse Council districts. Geographically, it extends from West High Street to Jefferson Street, including Manchester Street, Leestown, Georgetown, Citation, Newtown & West Short, 2nd, 3rd and 4th streets.

Some of the neighborhoods located in the 2nd District include the Historic Western Suburb, Irish Town, Griffin Gate, Meadowthorpe, Masterson Station, Coventry and Belmont Farms, to name just a few.

The 2nd District is home to some great tourism and recreational opportunities including Lexington's birthplace - Historic McConnell Springs; Town Branch Trail; Masterson Station Park; Legacy Trail; Coldstream Park; part of the Bourbon Trail; and the Distillery District.

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To the residents of the 2nd District -

I want to thank each and every one of you who got out and made your voice heard on November 8th. I met the election night results with great appreciation and even greater humility. Regardless of the divisions of the past, it is time to come together and move forward. This is my first newsletter, which will be followed by many more. Contained within are the happenings of our gorgeous city. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or my office. We will always be completely accessible to you. We work for you! Thank you again!

*Sasha Love Higgins*



Swearing in ceremony on Decemeber 11, 2016.

Councilmember Higgins was joined by her husband, Joseph and his family, and her family, who was able to come from Florida to see her sworn in as 2nd District Councilmember.



**LexCall 311 can assist you with services to include garbage collection, potholes, trash and debris, street signs and other city services. They can also connect you to any city employee or division.**

**If you have a life or property threatening emergency, dial 911.**

**LexCall has moved!**

LexCall has moved to the new Public Safety Operation Center. We will no longer provide walk-in service, but we will still provide the same level of excellent customer service via phone and through the website.

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/lexcall>

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
311 or (859) 425-2255 | TTY  
(859) 425-2255

Download the LexCall app for your iPhone or Android device as well.



The city has a comprehensive snow and ice plan designed to keep winter road and walk ways safe.

For the most up-to-date information on snow and ice removal during a winter weather event, watch the local news, visit the snow updates page, or follow the city on Facebook and Twitter.

During peak travel hours, the Traffic Management Center will provide current information on road conditions and traffic flow through the Real-Time Traffic Ticker and the LexWreck Twitter feed. A live video feed of key intersections is available 24/7.

Questions and comments about snow and ice removal should be directed to LexCall at 311 or (859) 425-2255. LexCall hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. LexCall will open 24-hours when there is a full mobilization of the snow removal team. You can submit a service request online or using the mobile app anytime.

**TEXT-A-TIP**

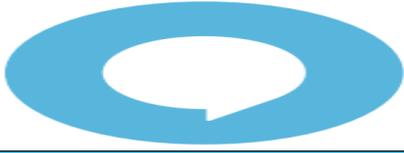
**lexpd**

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**your tip**

**to crimes**  
(274637)

ADDITIONAL ANONYMOUS TIP LINE AT:  
[bluegrasscrimestoppers.com](http://bluegrasscrimestoppers.com)



**on the table**  
your voice matters.

#### WHAT IS ON THE TABLE?

Wouldn't it be great to take the time to gather around a table with friends, neighbors, colleagues and maybe even a few people we're meeting for the first time to have a real conversation about what's important to us? Wouldn't it be even better if those conversations fueled real change? On the Table is a one-day opportunity to do just that – all across Lexington – and talk about the issues, big and small, that impact our quality of life and that of the city. How did you get to Lexington, why do you stay and what do you want for the future? How do we build and maintain the neighborhoods and city we desire? When we have a chance to talk about our experiences in this town and hear others, we connect and learn about what matters to all of us.

#### IMAGINE LEXINGTON

On the Table is a first-of-its-kind community engagement event in Lexington where your conversations will not only further the Community Foundation's work, but also inform Imagine Lexington, the city's Comprehensive Plan. The organic conversations and genuine community engagement from diverse voices throughout the city will enhance Lexington's vision for the future.

#### WHY ON THE TABLE?

We know that big ideas can spring from small conversations and that people invest in what they help create. At Blue Grass Community Foundation, we are committed to bringing people together to create a stronger, better, more generous community. In 2017, the Community Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary. There is no better way to celebrate this milestone than by partnering with community-minded organizations to bring citizens to the table to help inform our work and the future direction of our community. The Community Foundation, Leadership Lexington and the city's Division of Planning are collaborating on this exciting initiative to invite the community to join us at the table for meaningful conversation. On the Table conversations are all about encouraging Lexingtonians to think about the issues they care about, while adding a diversity of voices to the discussion about who we are, where we're going and what we can do to get there. It's about discovering how each of us can join the thousands of people and organizations making Lexington a better place to live for everyone.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017

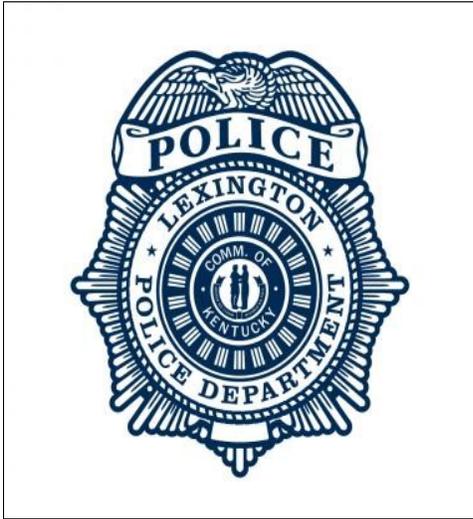
**WHO:** Do you live, work or attend school in Lexington? You are invited to participate by hosting or attending an On the Table conversation. Sign up for more information, including a comprehensive guide for hosts, at [bgcf.org/onthetable](http://bgcf.org/onthetable).

**WHERE:** Mealtime conversations – breakfast, lunch, dinner and everything in between – can be hosted in homes, restaurants, places of worship, libraries, offices, parks and other community locations. They can be sit-down, catered, picnic, brown bag or potluck – it is entirely up to the host.

**AFTER MARCH 15:** All On the Table participants will be invited to complete a short email/text survey about their event, covering important issues and themes, big ideas and what matters most to you. We really want to hear every voice. From these responses, the Community Foundation will issue a report highlighting the ideas, conversations, themes and outcomes that emerge from On the Table, and input will inform Imagine Lexington, the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Join thousands of Lexingtonians on March 15, 2017 – over breakfast, lunch, dinner, a coffee break, or any time in between – to lend your voice to discussions that will help shape the future of our community. for **MORE INFORMATION** or to

**GET INVOLVED:** [bgcf.org/onthetable](http://bgcf.org/onthetable) #onthetablelex [onthetable@bgcf.org](mailto:onthetable@bgcf.org) 859.225.3343 your voice matters.

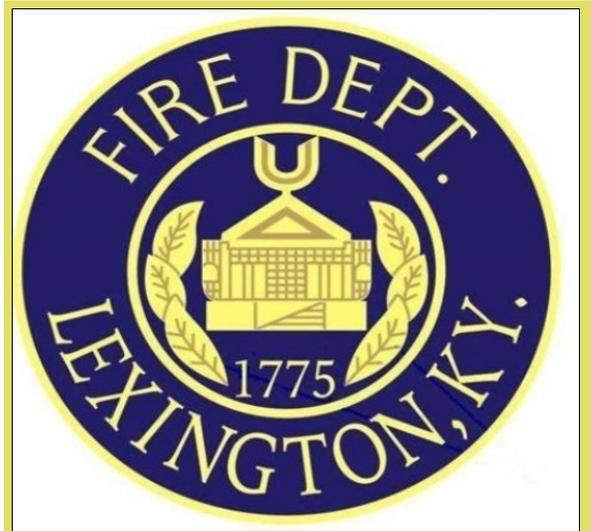


Interested in working in law enforcement? ***The Lexington Police Department is NOW HIRING!***

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/joinlexpolice>



As temperatures continue to drop across the Bluegrass, make sure you know about this resource! United Way of the Bluegrass's 2-1-1 Contact Center can help get you connected with local agencies and programs offering assistance in various areas including housing, food, health care, senior services, child care, legal aid, volunteer opportunities, and more! Simply dial 2-1-1 or text your 5-digit zip code to 898211 for information on vital local ser-



Become a firefighter! The Lexington Fire Department is hiring.

- \* Written Exam: February
- \* Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT):
  - Orientation - March 6
  - 1st Practice - March 27-29
  - 2nd Practice - April 17-19
  - Final Test - May 1-3
- \* Oral Interviews: May/June

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/hiring-process-information>



Presents: The Little Mermaid

Friday 3/31 @ 7pm  
Saturday 4/1 @ 2pm  
at the Lexington Opera House

<https://www.lexingtonoperahouse.com/events/all>



## Citizen Police Academy

The Lexington Police Department has found that education has been most effective in gaining understanding and support from the community. The Citizen Police Academy offers citizens insights into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community.

### What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is a dynamic 12-week program designed to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. This program is comprehensive, covering a different area of the department each week.

### Who may attend the Academy?

The academy is open to anyone 18-years-of-age or older who either lives or works in Fayette County and has no felony convictions.

Classes are limited to 24 citizen attendees. All classes are free.

### What will participants learn?

Certified police officers, supervisors, and civilian instructors with particular expertise will conduct each topic. Topics include:

**criminal law, patrol procedures, narcotics/vice investigations, k-9/bike patrol/mounted patrol, emergency response, communications, internal affairs, media/public relations, accident reconstruction, criminal investigations, crime scene processing, family abuse/juvenile procedures, community services, crime stoppers, defensive tactics, firearms automated training system tactical traffic stops**

A vital part of the Academy is participation in role-playing and scenarios. These simulations will provide an opportunity for a unique "hands-on" learning experience. Students will also have the option, on a voluntary basis, to tour with a patrol officer, a CPR course, and take a tour of the Fayette County Detention Center.

The LCPA is held three times a year: Spring, Summer and Fall.

**Spring Session: March – May, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

**Summer Session: June – August, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

**Fall Session: September – November, Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.**

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/citizen-police-academy>



[Youth Basketball](#)

Saturdays, December - March | Dunbar Community Center Information: 288-2915 Ages 5-12

[Adult Indoor Co-Ed Volleyball](#)

Sundays, January – March | Castlewood Community Center Information: 288-2915 Ages 16 & up

[Outdoor Skills](#)

Saturday, January 14 | 9 a.m. | McConnell Springs Information: 225-4073

[Gallery Hop](#)

Friday, January 20 | 5 – 8 p.m. | Downtown Arts Center, City Gallery Information: 425-2349

[Junior Naturalist – Winter Tree ID](#)

Saturday, January 21 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs Information: 225-4073

[Scout Skills](#)

Saturday, January 21 | 10 a.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary Information: 272-6105

[Adult Fitness](#)

Tuesdays/Thursdays, January 24 – May 4 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Dunbar Community Center Cost: \$75 Ages 18 & up  
Information: 288-2908

[Archery \(Therapeutic Recreation\)](#)

Wednesdays, January 25 – March 15 | 10 – 11:30 a.m. | Artworks at the Carver School Cost: \$50 Ages 18 & up Information: 288-2908

[Weekend Workout](#)

Saturday, January 28 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs Information: 225-4073

[Owl Prowl](#)

Saturday, January 28 | 6 p.m. | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary Information: 272-6105

[Everybody Dance](#)

Tuesdays, January 30 – April 18 | 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. | Artworks at the Carver School Cost: \$50 Ages 13 & up Information: 288-2908

[Irish Dance](#)

Mondays, January 30 – April 17 | Ages 6 – 15, 6 – 7 p.m. | Ages 16 & up, 7 – 8 p.m. Artworks at the Carver School Cost: \$70 Information: 288-2935

[Shorin-Ken Karate \(Karatedo\)](#)

Mondays, January 30 – April 10 | Ages 6 – 13, 6 – 7 p.m. | Ages 16 & up, 7 – 8 p.m. Artworks at the Carver School  
Cost:\$60 Information: 288-2935

[Adult Tap and Jazz](#)

Tuesdays, January 31 – April 11 | 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. | Artworks at the Carver School Cost: \$60 Information: 288-2935

[Beginning Pottery](#)

Tuesdays, January 31 – April 11 | 6 – 8:30 p.m. | Artworks at the Carver School Cost: \$100 Information: 288-2935

[Children's Drumming](#)

Tuesdays, January 31 – March 21 | 6 – 7 p.m. | Artworks at the Carver School Cost: \$60 Ages 6-12 Information: 288-2935

[Zumba](#)

Tuesdays, January 31 – March 7 | 6 – 7 p.m. | Artworks at the Carver School Cost: FREE Ages 16 up Information: 288-2935

## ENTRIES, VENDORS SOUGHT FOR 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE AND FESTIVAL

The Alltech St. Patrick's Parade and Festival committee is now accepting entries for Lexington's 38th annual parade and vendors for the Irish festival. This year's event will be held Saturday, March 11, 2017, in downtown Lexington. The annual event is produced by Lexington Parks and Recreation and is sponsored by the Bluegrass Irish Society.

The St. Patrick's parade is the longest-running citywide civic event in Lexington. The parade and festival are part of an all-day celebration that begins at 8 a.m. with the 11th annual Shamrock Shuffle to benefit Lexington Habitat for Humanity. At 11 a.m., the annual "Blessing of the Keg" at the Alltech tents in Cheapside Park kicks off the free festival. The parade begins at 1 p.m.

Applications for parade participants and vendors can be found online at the newly redesigned website, <http://www.lexingtonstpatsparade.org/>.

Concession vendor applications are due by January 27. Applications for vendors for the Irish festival are due February 10. Parade entry forms are due by March 1.

Follow @LexStPatsParade on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for information, event updates and day of coverage. Parade participants and attendees are encouraged to share their photos online, tag @LexStPatsParade and use #LexStPats2017.

CONTACT:  
Megan Moloney ~ 859-523-4565



Don't forget that the Partners for Youth Grassroots Grant application is available online ([www.partners4youth.org](http://www.partners4youth.org)) until January 26th!



The 4th Annual Urban Mountain Challenge on Saturday, 1/28/17 will take place at 8:30am at the Big Blue Financial Building in Downtown Lexington. Climb Big Blue or take on the Downtown Double Challenge. Race benefits On The Move Art Studio.

I am humbled to be your new Councilmember and I look forward to serving each of you.