

DISTRICT 2 - NEWS FOR YOU

2nd District News and Events from the Office of Council Member Sasha Love Higgins

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Neighbors,

Spring is here! As we start to see warmer weather, we will also see more construction and progress made on projects throughout the city. To start, Coldstream Dog Park is currently closed due to construction. A temporary dog park has been created, with signs from Coldstream Dog Park directing the community to the temporary dog park. A new sewer line is being installed through the dog park paddocks, causing the closure. An exact date for reopening is not available at this time. Masterson Station neighborhood and park will be seeing a lot of activity this year with construction starting on the Masterson Hills Trail and basketball court this spring. Masterson Station park is getting a sprayground as well as a connector trail from the neighborhood to the spray and playgrounds by mid to late summer. Hopefully the weather will stay warm and the kids will be able to enjoy that this year! Thompson Road Park, located in the Melrose Oak Park subdivision, is having a park cleanup event on April 15 from 2-4PM. Neighbors and members of the community are making this their first step at revitalizing the park.

Last week, the new renderings for the [Town Branch Commons](#) were unveiled. The linear park will connect the Town Branch Trail and Legacy Trail, allowing bicyclists and pedestrians the ability to travel from downtown to the outskirts of the city. The Commons project is expected to be completed in 2020. Phases 3-5 of the [Town Branch Trail](#) will begin construction this year with Phase 3 beginning on Alexandria Drive and finishing up at McConnell's Springs (Phase 5).

In March, Lextran announced their proposed service adjustments, which affect some of the routes in our district. The information given at the public meeting shows the routes to be more efficient, as well as adding new service on Main Street and Leestown between Forbes Road. To view all of the changes set to go into effect next month, go to <http://www.lextran.com/blog/2017/02/may-2017-proposed-service-changes>.

After Council's spring recess, we will be greeted with the Mayor's Proposed Budget on April 11 and begin to work diligently on reviewing it in our various budget links. I will be serving on the Finance and Social Service budget links. The FY18 budget will be given its first and second readings in front of Council in June.

I hope everyone enjoys their Spring Break!

My best,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Sasha Love Higgins".

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Rj Corman Railroad Company



Lane Blockage Permits have been issued to RJ Corman for complete closure at a total of 4 railroad crossings. Variable message signs will be placed to notify commuters of the upcoming closures.

Newtown (state owned) – March 31-April 3

S Forbes Rd (state owned) – April 4-7

Walton Ave – April 10-14

4th Street – April 17-21





PARTNERS FOR YOUTH

2017 Spring Break "I DO" Program List

Partners for Youth has once again distributed their "I DO" program list for Lexington youth during the Fayette County Public Schools spring break. These programs, which take place April 3 – 7, offer a wide-variety of activities at no or low cost. A complete list of opportunities can be found on the Partners for Youth website at partners4youth.org/i-do/.

The I DO initiative is a partnership comprised of leaders from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Fayette County Public Schools, the faith community, universities and neighborhood associations. Their goal is to identify opportunities, develop relationships and organize partnerships in the community. Other programs offered through the I DO initiative include Spotlight on Youth, Neighborhood Youth Council, Adopt a Park, and bi-monthly community partners meetings in the Cardinal Valley, Gainesway and West End neighborhoods.

Spring Break Fun in Douglass Park



MONDAY - FRIDAY

April 3rd - 7th

from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**For Elementary and Middle School Students
(High School Students are welcome to volunteer)**

Waivers for participants are mandatory and can be picked up March 27-31 at Community Action Council

913 Georgetown Street
Or you may fill them out on-site during the week of Spring Break



**FREE
Outdoor Games, Arts and Crafts, Special Guests and more!**



Partners Include:

- Community Action Council
- Community Inspired Solutions
- Georgetown Neighborhood Association
- Lexington Police
- Our Park
- Lexington Parks and Recreation
- Partners for Youth
- 1st & 2nd District Council Offices

*If it is raining, activities will be held in the O'Rear Center of Douglass Park

For more information contact:
Angie Green Hampton at
(859) 258-3108

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THE LYRIC THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
PRESENTS



2017 ARTIST'S EYE

SPRING BREAK ARTS INTENSIVE

APRIL 3 – APRIL 7 | 8:30 AM – 1 PM

OCCURRING DURING FCPS SPRING BREAK, THE LYRIC'S 'ARTIST'S EYE' WEEK LONG COURSE FOCUSES ON **DEFINING 'AMERICAN'** AND HOW OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY UNIFIES, ENRICHES, AND EXPANDS OUR LIVES.

FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6 - 12

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 24
TO APPLY, GO TO WWW.LEXINGTONLYRIC.COM
EMAIL AT APPLY@LEXINGTONLYRIC.COM
CALL (859) 280-2201 | 300 EAST THIRD STREET, LEXINGTON, KY 40508

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Principal's Reading Lab!

OPEN HOUSE

**Black and Williams
Neighborhood Center**

498 Georgetown St.

Wednesday, April 5

1 - 4 p.m.

Come for free fun, food and books

Sponsors

- LFUCG Youth Development Center
- LFUCG Adult and Tenant Services
- Lexington Police Athletic League (PAL)
- BCTC and other partnering agencies

PARTNERS FOR YOUTH
PRESENTS:
**SPOTLIGHT ON
YOUTH**

"Shine On"

WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 20TH, 2017

WHERE: THE LYRIC THEATRE
(300 EAST 3RD ST)

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN RESOURCE FAIR:
5:30-7 P.M.

SPOTLIGHT EVENT: 7 -8:30 P.M.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



PARTNERS FOR YOUTH

ACTIVITIES

- Monthly themed exhibits / activities
- Reading time
- Check out a book
- Donate a book
- Structured activities
- Limited homework assistance
- Special events (puppet shows, movies, guest speakers, crafts...)
- Summer reading programs with community partners
- Multi-cultural activities days

Black and Williams Neighborhood Center

498 Georgetown St.
Room 104
Lexington, KY 40508

(859) 300-5330

Hours:

Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Monday – Thursday
3 – 7 p.m.

Principal's
Reading
Lab!

Read. Lead. Succeed.

GET INVOLVED

- Visit the Principal's Reading Lab
- Volunteer in the Principal's Reading Lab

DONATE

- News Books
- Bookshelves
- Children's Magazines



LEXINGTON
Social Services





Sign up for Courageous Conversations!

Together Lexington, through COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS, will sponsor, fund, and facilitate community forums that address courageous and bold community-wide topics which will encourage meaningful discussion and awareness among all members of our community to get residents talking, thinking and listening to each other. Space is limited, so sign up today. Meeting locations are as follows and all are held from **5:30 - 7:30PM**:

April 24: Affordable housing/homelessness (Lexmark Training Center)

April 25: LGBT inclusion (Plantory)

April 27: LGBT inclusion (Plantory)

For more information, to register for an event, or to view the reports of previously held conversations, go to: <http://togetherlexington.com/#>

The **LFUCG Environmental Commission** is in need of representatives from the 2nd District. The commission's goal is to enhance every aspect of the environment for the betterment of the urban county and meets the first Monday of every month at 4:30 at various public locations. You can apply at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/boards/environmental-commission-0>.

The **Lexington Police Department** would like to invite rental property owners, managers, and even maintenance personnel to their **2017 Spring Crime Free Multi-Housing Seminar**. It's a **FREE** one day seminar with great speakers. Steven Marshall who is a well-known local attorney will be there along with personnel from Code Enforcement, a Narcotics Detective, and Gang and Crime Prevention Officers. Officers will also speak about Patrol Officer's duties, dispatch priorities, Nuisance Letters, etc. It will be held **April 19th at the Lexington Police Departments West Sector building, 1795 Old Frankfort Pike from 8:00am - 4:00pm**. It includes a **FREE** lunch, as well as coffee and donuts in the morning. All participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of Thursday.

This seminar is the first of three parts of the **Crime Free Multi-Housing Program**. The second is a CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) survey of the rental property. There are a few minimal standards to be met first and then the property receives a certificate that can be hung in the office noting its Crime Free Multi-Housing Program status. The third part is a "safety social" in which an officer comes out to the property to talk to the residents about different crime prevention tips. The best thing about the program is it is all **FREE!**

If you are interested in this event, please email Neighborhood Resource Officer Shannon Gahafer at sgahafer@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov.



Lexington fire safety ranking joins best in nation! The Insurance Services Organization, which measures the effectiveness of fire protection services in cities nationwide, has dramatically improved Lexington's ranking, moving it up to a Class 1 ranking, and giving it one of the highest scores in the country. Lexington is one of only 241 fire departments in the country, and one of only eight in Kentucky, to attain the Class 1 status from the organization, scoring 99.34 points out of a possible 105.5. The organization ranks 46,200 fire departments in the U.S. including 813 in Kentucky. Only one half of one percent of departments nationwide are rated as Class 1 Fire Departments. Lexington was previously ranked as a Class 2.

In other fire news, a plan for the much anticipated **Station 24** coming to the Masterson Station area on Magnolia Springs Drive was presented to the Planning and Public Safety Committee last month. The anticipated schedule as of now is:

Bid Date - August 2017

Construction Start Date - October 2017

Construction Period - October 2017- January 2016 (13 months)

Move-In Date - Late February of 2019



LEXINGTON

[Toyota Bluegrass Adult Miracle League](#)

Tuesdays, April – May | Shillito Park
Cost: \$10
Information: 288-2928

[Beginners Digital Photography](#)

Saturday, April 1 | 1 p.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

[Therapeutic Recreation Bowling](#)

Saturdays, April 1 – 22 | 2 – 4 p.m. | Southland Bowling Lanes
Cost: \$6 per week for two games
Information: 288-2908

[Spring Break with Parks & Recreation Natural Areas](#)

Monday, April 3 | “Wonderful Wildlife” | 10 a.m. – noon | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
Tuesday, April 4 | “Animal Adaptations” | 10 a.m. – noon or 1 – 3 p.m. | McConnell Springs
Wednesday, April 5 | “Birds, Birds, Birds” | 10 a.m. – noon | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
Thursday, April 6 | “Living History” | 10 a.m. – noon or 1 – 3 p.m. | McConnell Springs
Friday, April 7 | “Creek Creatures” | 10 a.m. – noon | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073 (McConnell Springs) | 272-6105 (Raven Run Nature Sanctuary)

[Community Centers Spring Break](#)

Monday, April 3 – 7
Castlewood, Dunbar & Kenwick Community Centers, noon – 8 p.m. | William Wells Brown, 5 – 9 p.m.
Cost: Free
Information: 288-2900

[Outdoor Skills](#)

Saturday, April 8 | 9 a.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

[Sunday Sessions](#)

Sunday, April 9 | 6 p.m. | Black Box Theatre at the Downtown Arts Center
Cost: \$10
Information: 425-2562

[Author Speaker Series](#)

Tuesday, April 11 | 6 p.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

[Story Walk](#)

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m. | Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

[Junior Naturalist – “Spring Wildflowers”](#)

Saturday, April 15 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

[Kite Fest](#)

Saturday, April 15 | noon – 4 p.m. | Jacobson Park
Cost: Free
Information: 288-2927

[Weekend Workout](#)

Saturday, April 22 | 10 a.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

[Therapeutic Recreation Day Trip – Keeneland Spring Meet](#)

Thursday, April 27 | 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Keeneland
Cost: Free entrance, please bring money for food, drinks, etc.
Information: 288-2908

[Kiddie Kapers Spring Recital](#)

Friday, April 28, 7 p.m. | Saturday, April 29, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. | Lexington Opera House
Cost: \$7
Information: 288-2935

[Irish Homecoming: Sharing our Uncommon Culture, Music & Heritage](#)

Saturday, April 29 | 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. | McConnell Springs
Cost: Free
Information: 225-4073

To view all of the activities and events in the city that you can participate in, please visit the LFUCG Parks and Recreation [website](#). Enjoy the outdoors, have fun this summer and get paid in the process! Lexington Parks & Recreation is currently hiring for the summer, including camp counselors, lifeguards, special events staff, athletic officials and more. If you're interested in any of these positions, please fill out an [application form](#) and return it to the Dunbar Community Center, 545 N. Upper Street, Lexington, KY 40508.

Get in on the fun with the Fourth of July Parade

Concession and general vendors, entertainment and pie entries also sought

Lexington's Fourth of July parade is one of the city's largest parades and is a great way to highlight your group, organization or business.

Event organizers are seeking floats, bands and/or musical groups, equestrian entries, youth groups, clubs and more to participate in this year's parade which will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, in downtown Lexington.

Participants have until Wednesday, June 28, to submit a completed entry form along with the entry fee to the Downtown Lexington Corporation. Applications are available on the DLC's website at www.downtownlex.com/lexingtons-4th-of-july-festival/.

The parade is part of Lexington's Fourth of July Festival presented by Fifth Third Bank and brought to you by the Downtown Lexington Corporation and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The two-day festival features many family-friendly events including a pie contest, the Bluegrass 10,000, live music, street festival, fireworks and plenty of patriotic fun.

For more information about other Festival activities, booth and vendor applications or sponsorship opportunities, contact the Downtown Lexington Corporation at 859.335.8640 or visit their website at downtownlex.com.

FAMILY NURTURING GROUP



Family Nurturing is a family-based parenting education program that helps families establish a nurturing way of life. This is a 12-week program for parents and adolescents, with group meetings held in an open, friendly, and safe environment.

Topics include:

Nurturing parent and teen relationships; trusting relationships; personal power and power struggles; understanding stress and anger; teen development, discipline and consequences; communication; parenting styles; and lasting behavior changes.

Presenters:

Yolanda Pinilla
Tera Sullivan
Angela H. Williams

Referrals to:

Mattie Morton (859) 300-5331 or mmorton@lexingtonky.gov
Angela H. Williams (859) 300-5333 or awillia2@lexingtonky.gov

* Completed referrals are appreciated.

WHEN:

Tuesday, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
February 21, 2017 — May 9, 2017

WHERE:

The Black & Williams Center
498 Georgetown Street

COST: FREE

WHO: Parent (s) and Adolescents

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER



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Did your family earn less than \$54,000?

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Kentucky Public Service Commission



The Kentucky Public Service Commission is holding a public meeting to present information and receive public comments on the request for a rate increase by Kentucky Utilities (KU).

If you are interested in attending the meeting, it will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Northside Branch Library (1733 Russell Cave Road). This will give you an opportunity to learn more about how the process works in rate-making cases and provide feedback that will be utilized during the hearing of the case.

To learn more about the KU request for a rate increase and all parties involved, [click here](#).



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Lexington Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Dedication - April 4, 11AM Veterans Park

Downtown Lexington Corp: [Thursday Night Live](#) - Weekly starting April 6, 5PM-9PM

The Arboretum: [Spring has Sprung](#) - April 7, 10AM - 1PM

Bluegrass Black Pride & The Lyric Theatre: [Reflections: A Drag Show](#) - April 9, 6PM

The Nest - Center for Women, Children and Families: [Pony Up for The Nest](#) - April 13, Noon Keeneland

Easter Egg Hunt - April 15, 10AM-12PM Douglass Park

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky: [Commit to Prevent 5K](#) - April 15, 8AM Kentucky Horse Park

Bluegrass Pug Rescue: [The Great Pug Run 5K](#) - April 15, 9AM - 12PM Masterson Station Park

The Lyric Theatre: [Magic Moments ft. Leonard, Coleman and Blunt](#) - April 19, 7:30

Distillery Market - April 21, 6PM-10PM Manchester Music Hall

LFUCG [Hazardous Household Waste Collection](#) - April 22, time TBD 1631 Old Frankfort Pike

[Girls on the Run 5K](#) - April 22, 9-11AM KY Horse Park

[Color Me Rad](#) - April 22, 9AM - 12PM Masterson Station Park

Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center: [Take Back The Night Lexington 2017](#) - April 26, 4-7PM Memorial Hall

All God's Children: [Mom Prom](#) - April 28, 7PM RJ Corman Hanger

University of Kentucky: [Expanding Your Horizons Conference](#) - April 29, 9AM-3:30PM UK's Jacobs Science Building

[Arbor Day](#) at the Arboretum - April 29, 10AM-2PM

Academy for Creative Excellence: [The Little Mermaid](#) - April 28-30 Leeds Center for the Arts

Sweet Blessings: [Great Cake Race](#) - May 7, 4-7PM Keeneland Race Course

Sandersville Elementary School: [Sharks on the Run 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run](#) - May 13, 8:30AM

Lexington Humane Society: [Mutt Strut](#) - June 10, 9AM Keeneland

Fayette County Fatherhood Initiative: Annual Father's Day Celebration - June 17 Douglass Park

Crank & Boom: [Sprint For Scoops 3K](#) - June 17, 10AM-12PM

[MoonTower Music Festival 2017](#) - August 26, 11AM-11PM MS Park



The University of Kentucky (UK) Alumni Association, Fayette County Cooperative Extension Services, and UK Human Resources Staff Career Development are pleased to announce the winter/spring 2017 Central Kentucky Job Club schedule.

The purpose of the Job Club is to provide a positive environment for motivated job seekers to meet, connect, share and learn. The free group is open to the public and meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 9:00–10:15 a.m. at the Fayette County Cooperative Extension office, 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, KY. Business attire is encouraged. Convenient, free parking is available. Job Club is for you if you are motivated and currently out of work, underemployed or looking to make a career transition. In addition, recruiters and employers are always welcome and introduced to Job Club attendees.

For more information, call the UK Alumni Association at 859-257-8905, the Fayette Cooperative Extension office at 859-257-5582, or the UK Staff Career Development Office at 859-257-8920. Additional information including testimonials from former Job Club participants can be viewed at:

www.ukalumni.net/jobclub.

April 11: *Take It to The Next Level. Learn to Lead and Not Just Manage* – Presented by Grace Gorrell, Owner, Lead With Grace Training

FREE resume reviews immediately following Job Club

April 25: *Networking & Collaboration: The Cornerstones of Career Success* - Presented by Tanya Torp, Executive Director Step By Step and CEO of Torp Consulting

May 9: *The Business of Being Happy* - Presented by Maria G. Fischer-Boothe, Human Resource Specialist, Toyota Tsusho

May 23: *Panel of Job Club Success Stories*



Camp Midway is offered on the beautiful campus of Midway. Children will enjoy their time on their 200 acre campus and parents will enjoy knowing their kids are safe.

All camps include a field trip to locations around the area. Campers will receive lunch at their respective camp as well as a t-shirt and a certification of participation. For more information about Midway's camp, go to <http://www.midwaycamps.com/>



THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY ANNOUNCES NEW CHARITY AND COMMUNITY PROJECT: BUILDING A NEW HOME FOR A U.S. MILITARY VETERAN AND FAMILY

The Building Industry Association of Central Kentucky (BIA) is pleased to announce that **BIA Cares**, the charitable arm of the 64-year-old trade association, along with Association and Community volunteers, will broke ground on a new home for a US Military Veteran and their family on Walcot Way in the Coventry subdivision on March 30, 2017 at 10 a.m.

“It is our plan to identify a veteran who lives in – or who has need to relocate to – Lexington and provide a home for them and their family that they are able to afford”, Todd Johnson, BIA Executive Officer said. “The Home will not be free, but it will be made affordable for the selected family” said Jeremy Kelley of Kelley Building Company, 2017 Chair of BIA Cares. Please visit www.biacentralky.com to download an **application** form.

“Applications are being accepted from all in need of a home who meet criteria listed such as Active; Retired; Wounded Warrior; Disabled; Surviving family...I strongly encourage you to spread the word about this project to anyone who may qualify,” said Mike Hall of Andover Construction, 2017 Project Chair.

The mission of **BIA Cares** is to build a better future through active participation in community service projects that support and promote the physical, emotional, and social well-being of Kentucky families.

For additional information, contact Todd Johnson at BIA, 859-273-5117 or get complete details at www.BIAcentralky.com



**KENTUCKY
AMERICAN WATER**

2017 Ripple Effect Scholarships

The program, now in its 15th year, offers one-time, \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate strong academic performance and a commitment to environmental stewardship. Information about the scholarship program is being distributed to area high schools and can also be found at www.kentuckyamwater.com. The **deadline for entry is April 7, 2017.**

This year’s **water system flushing** activity will take place in Fayette County during the evening and overnight hours beginning April 23, and continue through May 7. Customers should watch for more details about the program inserted in their monthly water bills from mid-March to mid-April. The community can also use the following interactive map to determine when we will be flushing lines in their specific areas: <https://tinyurl.com/kb7t85v>.



Remember to be a good neighbor and pick up your pet waste. Cleaning up after your pet is the law. All pet waste on public or unowned-private land must be sanitarly and properly disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle. The “Pooper Scooper” ordinance is enforced by the Lexington Police Department at (859) 258-3600.

BRYAN STATION THEATRE PRESENTS

THE WIZARD OF OZ

BRYAN STATION THEATRE

THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017 AT 6:30PM
FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2017 AT 6:30PM
SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017 AT 2:00PM AND 6:00PM

TICKETS:
\$5 FOR STUDENTS & \$7 FOR ADULTS

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