

June 2017

6th District News

Councilmember Angela Evans

Evans EDITORIAL

Greetings residents of the 6th District!

May was a fast-paced month here at City Hall, as Council delves into the Mayor's Proposed Budget and we prepare to adopt approved recommendations and late items.

I want to mention that the 6th District has a new Facebook page! Please "Like" and "Share" the new page to continue receiving updates from the district. The old Facebook page has been deactivated. Now, I am set up as a "Page" which allows me to better assess your feedback and engagement with each post. This will allow me to better tailor content to suit your needs and to advertise upcoming meetings. [Visit the new page at https://www.facebook.com/AngelaEvans6DistrictLex/](https://www.facebook.com/AngelaEvans6DistrictLex/).

Thank you for your time with this resource! I appreciate those of you who have reached out to my office and am thankful for your engagement and interest in the 6th District!

Have a wonderful June!

As always...

Thank you for your Support!

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Upcoming Meetings

Budget, Finance & Economic Development	Tuesday, May 23	10 AM
Council Work Session	Tuesday, May 23	3 PM
Budget COW— Revenue Update, Late Items		
CM & Link Recommendations	Thursday, May 25	2 PM
Council Meeting	Thursday, May 25	6 PM
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday, June 6	9 AM
General Government & Social Services	Tuesday, June 6	1 PM
Council Work Session *	Tuesday, June 6	3 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ratify & Place Budget on the Docket</i> 		
Planning & Public Safety	Tuesday, June 13	1 PM
Council Work Session	Tuesday, June 13	3 PM
Council Meeting *	Thursday, June 15	6 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1st Reading of FY18 Budget</i> 		
Environmental Quality & Public Works	Tuesday, June 20	1 PM
Council Work Session	Tuesday, June 20	3 PM
Council Meeting *	Thursday, June 22	6 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>2nd Reading of FY18 Budget</i> 		
Budget, Finance & Economic Development	Tuesday, June 27	1 PM
Council Work Session	Tuesday, June 27	3 PM
Council Meeting	Thursday, July 6	6 PM



Items in Committee

Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee

Long-time resident property tax assistance	June 27, 2017
Appropriate types of Economic Development (from E.D. ZOTA)	June 27, 2017

Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee

LED Franchise Agreement for Kentucky Utilities, LED Street Light Tariff, Identify LFUCG Street Light Ownership Opportunities	May/June 2017
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General Government & Social Services Committee

Review of Ethics Ordinance (Evans)	July 2017
Public Art Master Plan	Summer 2017
Gun Resolution and HB 463	June/ July 2017
Minority Recruitment & Retention	Aug./Sept. 2017
Minority Buisness Resolution Review	June 2017
Creation of a transitional/training process for personnel changes	June 2017
LFUCG Hiring Practices Re: Criminal Background (Evans)	TBA

Planning & Public Safety Committee

Officer Turnover in Community Corrections (Evans)	June 2017
Fayette County Public Schools Development Plans	June 2017
Code Enforcement : Policy Update , Yard Signs	June 2017
Street Access for Fire Safety	June 2017
Map Amendment Pre Meeting with Affected Neighborhoods	June 2017





New Pedestrian Safety Ordinance

On May 25th the Urban County Council gave second reading to amendments to the current pedestrian safety ordinance. The changes will take effect 60 days after passage. The changes will prohibit pedestrians from being in roadways and medians and will ban pedestrians from approaching cars on 75 major streets in the city. Pedestrians will only be in violation of remaining in a median if they remain in the median through two consecutive opportunities to cross the road in a legal manner. The changes also prohibit individuals from approaching a vehicle in an arterial roadway, unless the car is legally parked at the curb or shoulder.

Another provision of the amended ordinance will strengthen the city’s jaywalking ordinance, stating that people can only cross the street at crosswalks and signaled intersections. These provisions will only affect the 75 streets identified in the ordinance.

A list of the arterial roadways outlined in the ordinance is listed below, for your information. (Roads in or partially within the 6th District are in red.)



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| Albany Road | East and West New Circle Ramps | Man O War Boulevard | South Upper Street |
| Alexandria Drive | East and West Short Street | Manchester Street | Southland Drive |
| Alumni Drive | East and West Third Street | Mason Headley Road | Tates Creek Road |
| Armstrong Mill Road | East and West Vine Street | Midland Avenue | Todds Road |
| Athens Boonesboro Road | Elm Tree Lane | North and South Broadway | Versailles Road |
| Avenue of Champions | Euclid Avenue | North and South Limestone | Virginia Avenue |
| Bolivar Street | Fairway Drive | Newtown Poke | West Reynolds Road |
| Briar Hill Road | Fonataine Road | Nicholasville Road | Waller Avenue |
| Bryan Avenue | Georgetown Road | Old Frankfort Poke | Walton Avenue |
| Bryan Station Road | Georgetown Street | Old Richmond Road | Wellington Way |
| Chinoe Road | Harrodsburg Road | Oliver Lewis Way | Wilson Downing Road |
| Citation Boulevard | Henry Clay Boulevard | Paris Pike | Winchester Road |
| Clays Mill Road | Holiday Road | Race Street | Winslow Street |
| Cooper Drive | Huguelet Drive | Red Mile Road | |
| Crestwood Drive | Jefferson Street | Richmond Road | |
| East and West Fourth Street | Jesselin Drive | Rose Street | |
| East and West High Street | Keithshire Way | Rosemont Garden | |
| East and West Loudon Street | Lane Allen Road | Russell Cave Road | |
| East and West Main Street | Leestown Road | South Ashland Avenue | |
| East and West Maxwell Street | Liberty Road | South Forbes Road | |
| East and West New Circle Road | | Sir Barton Way | |



Budget Season Money Fact:

Did you Know...

As we find ourselves moving steadily through budget season I would like to share a budget related fact that you may not know. Did you know the budgeted cost of a single, entry-level Police Officer? See the chart below.

The Lexington Police Department is always recruiting and seeking dedicated men & women to serve and protect our citizens. If you know someone who is looking for a rewarding career in public safety, or who would be interested in learning more, visit <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/joinlexpolice>, or send an email to joinlexpd@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov or call (859) 425-2325.

		YearTotal
P311	Salary Amount	38,688.00
BP - P and F	Benefit Amount	6,368.88
Pension - Police/Fire	Benefit Amount	13,869.65
Medicare	Tax Amount	560.98
FICA	Tax Amount	2,398.66
Unemployment	Tax Amount	54.16
Total Compensation Expenses	Total Compensation	61,940.32





Using an Ambulance vs. an Uber

I have recently come across national articles about growing numbers of people who choose to call for an Uber during an emergency rather than to call for an ambulance. Several reasons were cited for this choice, including a short wait time, lower costs, and hospital preference. Some Uber drivers in other cities have reported picking up people with broken bones, people who were experiencing severe allergic reactions, and even women in active labor. The consequences of not receiving swift attention from trained medical professionals could have lasting and severe consequences, even death. During an emergency, seconds matter.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the price of an ambulance ride to the hospital can range from \$600 – \$1,000 dollars. The price of any ambulance is hard to determine, due to factors such as mileage, but an ambulance trip in Lexington to a hospital is approximately \$750, but that amount can change due to a number of variables. It is important to mention that a patient must be transported to the hospital to be billed. It is free of charge for emergency responders to come to you and access your need. Their presence can be a lifesaving factor and no citizen should decide against calling 911 if there is any question of their safety.

Lexington's Fire Department recently received a Class 1 ranking from the Insurance Services Organization, which measures the effectiveness of fire protection services in cities nationwide. Lexington's Fire Department houses the city's E-911 Department and ambulance crews serve dual roles as EMS and firefighting crews. This distinguished ranking is the result of many improvements across the board, but also includes improvements to their emergency services, including response times that exceed national standards. You can read more about the Fire Department's new ranking here: <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/news/03-07-2017/lexington-fire-safety-ranking-joins-best-nation> .

Photos: (Right) Fire Chief Kristen Chilton addressing the crowd during a press conference in March about the department's new ranking.





Updated Lex Tran Route Schedules

Lex Tran Routes servicing the 6th District, including Eastland Parkway, received updated route schedules on May 7th. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new route schedule to avoid inconvenient delays. To report any concerns for the new route, you can contact the Lex Tran customer service line at (859) 253-4636.

For a full listing of route changes, visit: <http://www.lextran.com/blog/2017/04/may-7-2017-updated-schedules>

Changes to note:

- Please pay extra attention to Routes 1, 7, 21, & 24. These routes will depart the Transit Center at alternate times. This will give you a few extra minutes to make your transfer and to ease congestion at the Transit Center.
- Route 2 will include new service to Innovation Drive. Service to Oakwood and Oakwood Estates will be provided at stops along Georgetown Road
- Route 12 will provide all day service to Masterson Station & McConnell's Trace
- Route 6 will serve Hollow Creek on inbound trips only before 12pm and outbound trips only after 12pm
- Brand new routes include Route 22- Mercer Road & Route 24- Old Frankfort Pike
- Route 25 will run service to Jacobson Park from May 25th-August 27th
- The Summit on Nicholasville Road will be served on all inbound Route 5 trips
- Walmart stop will move slightly from current location so that the bus can serve The Summit after.



Brighton Trail Extension Update

After a year of delays, The Brighton Rail Trail extension is set to begin construction in July. The project was held up in the process of acquiring the necessary right-of-ways for public utilities. I have spoken with the Engineering Department and they have informed me that the bid for this project is currently being advertised.

This extension will add to the enjoyment of both the Pleasant Ridge Park and the existing trail. Also coming in 2018 will be a pedestrian bridge which will extend over Man O' War and connect both pieces of the Brighton Trail. These projects will improve the walkability of the area and provide more opportunities for exercise and recreation in the 6th District. I hope you will take advantage of the existing trail and park amenities this summer!



Mental Health First Aide Course

I hope you will consider taking advantage of the upcoming Mental Health First Aid course- a groundbreaking public education program that helps the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.namilexington.org/signature-programs/mental-health-first-aid/>.



LexServ has a new payment office to make it more convenient for citizens who come downtown to pay LexServ bills or child support payments. The City estimates approximately the majority of the 100-150 people who come to City Hall each day are paying a bill in Revenue. Currently, that means going through Security, and traveling up to the Revenue offices on the second floor. According to LexServ customers, it is inconvenient to come through security to the second floor offices and the new change should address their concerns.

The new office is located near the Kentucky Theatre marquee and opens right onto Main Street. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Discounted parking is available in the Helix Garage on Main. It is important to note that tax payments and occupational license fees will continue to be collected inside City Hall.



LexCall 311 is the centralized service and information center for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, making access to your local government easier. They can help you with:

RECYCLING, TRASH & DEBRIS, POTHoles, STREET SIGNS, TALL GRASS & WEEDS, YARD WASTE, SEWERS, AND MUCH MORE...

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 8am-6pm

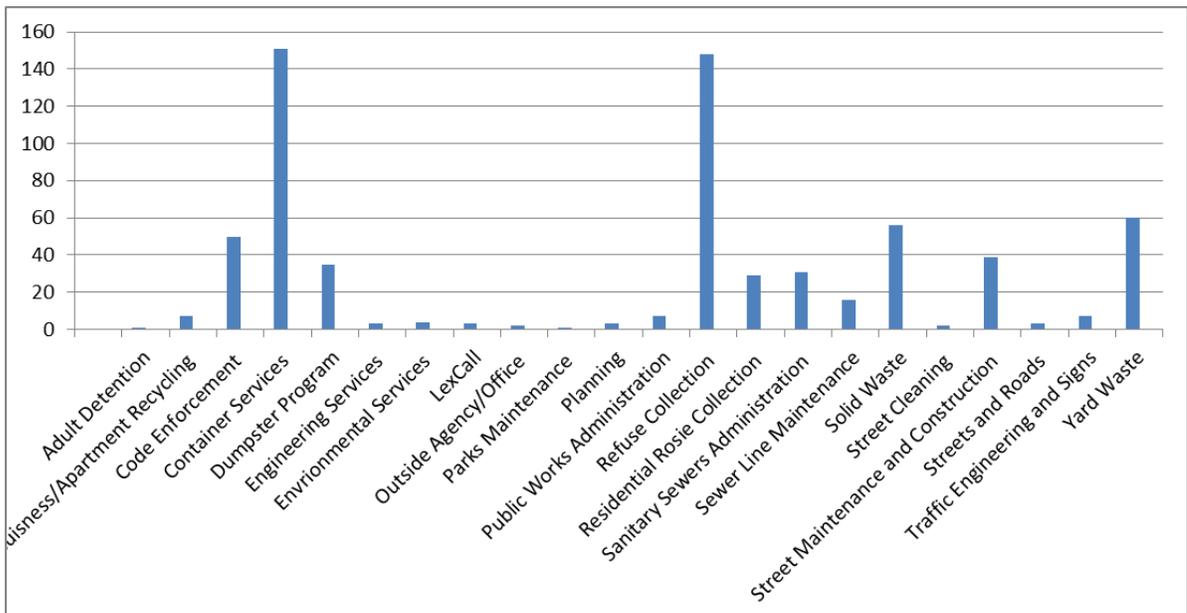
Contact Them:

By Phone: 311 or 425-2255

By Fax: (859) 425-2260



Lex Call Total Calls in April for 6th District :



Out & About



Photos: (Above) Photos from the Opening Day for Northern Cal Ripken Baseball League at Kenawood Park

I had the privilege of attending the Opening Day of the Northern Cal Ripken (NCR) Baseball League at Kenawood Park on April 15th. I was happy to present the team with a proclamation from Mayor Gray and to cheer them on their first game of the season. Go NCR!

On April 8th I attended Sister Supporters Working Against Gun Violence (SWAG). Although their stories of losing their children are very sad, their message of hope and love is inspiring.



Photos: (Right) Photos from the Sister Supporters Working Against Gun Violence



Community Corrections Graduation

Congratulations to Recruit Class 1705 on their graduation! I was honored to speak at their commencement ceremony on Friday along with Director Steve Haney and Mayor Gray. I am grateful for each new officer who has chosen a career of service with Lexington's Public Safety family. We wish you all of the best!



Photos: (Above Left) Training Officers standing for recognition. (Above Right): Councilmember Angela Evans giving her keynote address. (Middle Left): Recruit Class 1705 taking their oath. (Middle Right): A member of the graduate class recalling their training. (Bottom): Presentation of Awards.



End Panhandling Now Program

I want to share answers to commonly asked questions about the new End Panhandling Now program. General questions regarding the van should be directed to New Life Day Center at (859) 721-2325.

- End Panhandling Now is not a jobs program for the general public. The program is specifically designed to locate active panhandlers on the streets. Anyone attempting to “meet” the van at New Life Day Center will not be able to ride.
- If someone would like to financially support to the program – please go to LexGive.com. This site is operated by United Way of the Bluegrass. Funds go directly to support the van and do not come back to the city or go into the city’s general fund. New Life Day Center receives the funds directly from the United Way. If you have any questions about LexGive.com, please contact Katie Williams at Katie.williams@uwbg.org.
- Participants are paid \$9.00 per hour, to be paid in cash at the end of the day.
- The van will be running on Tuesdays and Thursdays (depending on weather) – Make up days depending on budget will be Fridays.
- The van **DOES NOT** have a fixed route and changes daily based on reports of panhandling. If you spot a panhandler, please call New Life Day Center (859) 721-2325 and let them know the exact location.
- The van must vary the route in order to avoid picking up the same folks over and over. At the end of the day, workers are driven to New Life Day Center to be connected to other community resources such as: transportation, housing, permanent job placement, food and basic needs.
- Taxes are not withheld from payments to program participants. Payments to individuals are tracked by the Day Life Center. Once payments to an individual reach \$600 in a calendar year then the New Life Day Center requires the proper paperwork to be completed. It is the individual’s responsibility to file their taxes appropriately.
- The program is operated by New Life Day Center and is supported by a grant from LFUCG. These are not employees of LFUCG.
- New Life Day Center carries workers comp insurance and other liability requirements for the individuals and the van.



May 15th was the opening day for Blaze Pizza Hamburg at their new location at 2305 Sir Barton Way. Their opening day was a great (and delicious) way to spend a sunny spring day!



Senior Center Extended Hours

Due to increased popularity and demand, the Lexington Senior Center has announced new, extended hours for the summer. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Center is now open two extra hours, from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will keep regular hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To coincide with the extended hours, the Center has added two group fitness classes and a clay art class. The equipped fitness room will also remain open.

The Lexington Senior Center, its services and classes, are free to all independent Fayette County ages 60 and older.



Opportunities for Input



Did you know that the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan is currently underway? You can take the anonymous, online survey at www.connectlex.org.



Lexington's Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a survey for golfers, to be used for input in the upcoming Master Parks Plan. Please share with the golf lovers in your life!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZBZMXV>



Did you know there is still time to contribute your input for the Parks Master Plan? Visit the link below to take the survey and learn more!

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/about-parks-and-recreation-master-plan>



"Visit Lex is currently working to create a Destination Development Plan for the Lexington region. The plan will focus on developing a broader array of attractions, events, festivals and public art designed to enhance the quality of life for area residents and destination appeal to visitors."

Take and share the survey here: <http://surveys.customintercept.com/CSL/2017/TravelLexCommunitySurvey2017/>.





Friends,

Thank you for your time with this resource– I look forward to making sure these updates meet your needs and interests! Also a reminder to “Like” my newest Facebook page, as the old one has been disabled. Thank you for helping me get the word out!

If you have an event or meeting you would like to see included in the newsletter, please contact my Legislative Aide, Deborah Slone, by email at dslone@lexingtonky.gov or by phone at (859) 258-3210 and she will be happy to assist you.

Happy a wonderful June!

Angela



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