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6th District News Councilmember Angela Evans

Evans EDITORIAL

Greetings residents of the 6th District!

The past two months have been a busy time for the 6th District and for Lexington. I am pleased to provide you with several updates, including an exciting pilot, partnership between the 6th District and Frederick Douglass High School, the Youth Citizens Academy. You can read more about this educational program on pages 3-5. The council also tackled some very complex issues in October and November, most notably, the passage of the 2018 Goals and Objects of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, which you can find on page 2 of the newsletter.

The Urban County Council will enter our Winter Recess on December 8th, 2017 and meetings will resume on January 16th, 2018. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter, and as always,

Thanks for your support!



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2018 Comprehensive Plan: Goals and Objectives

On November 16th the Urban County Council voted unanimously on the Goals and Objectives of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. The final vote came after a series of Special Ad Hoc Committee Meetings to discuss the contents of the Goals and Objectives.

The final vote honored the Planning Department's recommendation to maintain the current Urban Service Boundary. (The plan includes a requirement for a study to be conducted to determine triggers for opening land for development in the future.) In an effort to clarify Council's intentions on the utilization and implementation of the study, I made a motion that the results of the study will supersede the current recommendation to maintain the Urban Service Boundary, if the study recommends doing so.

Although it originally appeared the recommendation to maintain the Urban Service Boundary would be a very close vote in either direction, the amendments my fellow Councilmembers and I presented were passed and allowed Council to present a more united front on how we will approach our future growth needs.

You can read more in the Herald Leader article here: <http://www.kentucky.com/news/local/counties/fayette-county/article185115983.html>

You can find educational information about the 2018 Goals and Objectives here: <https://civiclex.org/comprehensive-plan-1/2017/10/13/what-does-the-2018-comprehensive-plan-recommend>.

Lexington Sues Drug Wholesalers and Manufacturers

Lexington has filed a lawsuit to hold wholesale drug distributors and manufacturers accountable for its role in the city's opioid crisis. Lexington-Fayette is the 35th Kentucky county to file the lawsuit against 10-15 distributors and manufacturers of prescription opioids. ([Watch video](#) from news conference.)

In addition to recovering its costs, the City hopes to establish a trust fund for prevention and treatment programs.





Youth Citizens Academy

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The Youth Citizens Academy is a pilot partnership between the 6th District Council office and Frederick Douglass High School's Freshman Citizenship classes. As a public servant most of my career, I wanted to bring government to life for students. The Youth Citizens Academy will provide hands-on opportunities and interaction with local-government. My hope is that students will gain a better appreciation for how local government operated and directly impacts them.

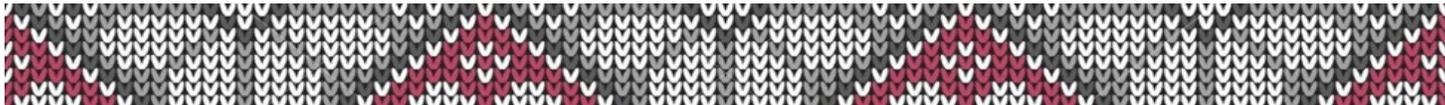
The Academy's first event: Fire and Emergency Services Field Day, was held on November 20th and 21st. Over the course of 2 days, 364 students participated in 5 hands-on stations, as described below:

- Tour of the medevac helicopter, where students had the opportunity to look inside the aircraft.
- Demonstration of the jaws of life, where firefighters showed students how they break open windows, remove the car doors and roof to extract victims of auto accidents.
- Tour of the Fire Truck, firefighter equipment and worn gear, including a demonstration of the fire hose.
- Wound Packing simulation where students practiced on a prosthetic knife and a gunshot wound. At the end of the day, each student received Certification from the Fire Department in wound packing, and they are now ready to intervene should they encounter a bleeding victim.
- Hands-only CPR, on infants and adults.
- Fire extinguisher demonstration. Students put out an electric simulated fire.

I would like to express my thanks to Principal Diaz for his enthusiasm for the Youth Citizens Academy and for hosting this partnership at Frederick Douglass High School. A special thanks to Shawn Hinds, Academy Coach, for his assistance in planning and coordination with the Fire Department and to each of the Freshman Citizenship teachers. Also, a hearty thanks to Captain Jordan Saas from the Fire Department for his assistance in planning this event.



Above Left: A packed auditorium at the start of the Youth Citizens Academy. Right: CM Evans welcoming students to the Fire & Emergency Services Field Day.



Youth Citizens Academy: Fire and Emergency Services Field Day



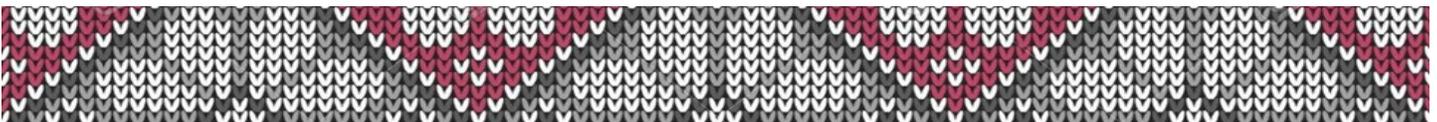
Top Row: Students tour the medevac helicopter. Middle rows: Students witness jaws of life demonstration. Bottom Row: Students take turns with the fire hose and ask the firefighters questions.



Youth Citizens Academy: Fire and Emergency Services Field Day



Top Row: Students participate in a hands-on wound-packing training. Middle row: Students look inside the fire truck and handle the firefighters' gear. Bottom Row: Students practice using a fire extinguisher with a simulated fire.





Brighton Rail Trail Ribbon Cutting

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On November 11th, 2017 the 6th District celebrated the newest extension to the Brighton Rail Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Although it was a chilly morning there was a great turnout of neighbors and trail enthusiasts!

The new extension is 0.5 miles in length and connects to the Liberty Park Trail. The Brighton Rail trail is a 3.5 shared-use path and is the first rail trail in Fayette County. The trail was constructed within the right-of-way of the CSX rail line, which was abandoned in 1986. The property was graciously donated to LFUCG for the trail's construction by Kentucky Utilities. The trail is a part of the proposed Lexington Big Sandy Rail Trail, planned to stretch from Lexington to Ashland, KY and cover a distance of 104 miles.

The newest expansion of the Brighton Rail Trail is the 3rd section to be completed. A pedestrian bridge that will extend over Man O' War Blvd and connect the new extension to previous trail segments is anticipated to begin construction in the summer of 2018. Be on the lookout next summer for updates regarding the bridge construction.



Top Row from Left: Keith Logan, Senior Engineer for the Brighton Rail Trail Project speaking. Top Right: CM Evans giving an Introduction. Bottom Left: Josh Karrick from Bell Engineering, Keith Lovan, CM Moloney, CM Scutchfield, CM Evans, CM Smith, CM Plomin cutting the ribbon. Right: Councilmembers and visitor listening to opening introductions





Lexington is Ready for Snow

With the first snow prediction of the season circulating it's a good time to review Lexington's Snow and Ice Plan. The following information comes from the Division of Streets and Roads.

The city responds to an average of 22 snow events between November and April. "The past three years have been unusual," says Rob Allen, the deputy director of Streets and Roads. "Three years ago we had a polar vortex and sub-freezing temps. Two years ago we had two 12" snows followed by a 4" snow three days later. While the volume of snow was great, the number of events, 11, was small. Last year, we had a mild winter – only six responses and two real snows."

Lexington is responsible for plowing more than 1,200 lane miles in Fayette County. The city is responsible for state roads inside New Circle, while the state contracts out most of the rest. The city expects to have 40 trucks dedicated to snow removal, and more than 100 drivers, each working 12-hour shifts. Salt boxes and salt spreaders have already been added to the trucks. Plow blades will be added right before the first snow.

Lexington uses 7,000-12,000 tons of salt during a typical winter. The city has 6,000 tons of salt on hand and has authorized the purchase of another 3,000 tons with a guaranteed price for more, if needed. The city also uses salt brine to treat roadways. "We are able to start treating the roads up to three days before a weather event as long as it doesn't look like it will start with rain," Allen said.

The city has updated its Snow and Ice Plan. "After careful examination of both the needs of our citizens and the resources available, the city has developed a plan of snow and ice removal operations," says Chester Hicks, an administrative officer in the Division of Environmental Quality and Public Works. "This plan serves as a guide for our snow removal crews, administration officials and the general public on how we will conduct operations during hazardous winter weather." The plan is available on the city's website at www.Lexingtonky.gov/snow.

Lexington Emergency Management will monitor the National Weather Service. Should the forecast call for a Level 2 snowfall over a 24 hour period (5-7 inches of snow) the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will partially activate. Should the forecast or actual snowfall reach Level 3 designation (8 inches or greater), Emergency Management will fully activate the Emergency Operations Center to coordinate local and regional response activities. The EOC will remain activated 24 hours a day until the snow conditions have passed and travel/conditions return to normal.

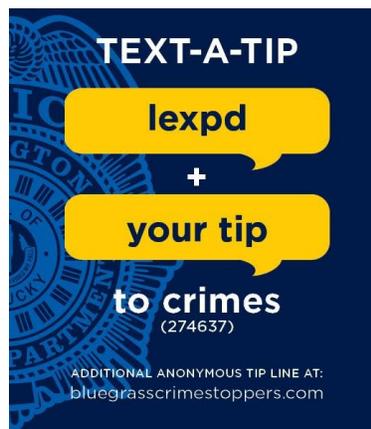
If the National Weather Service forecast calls for freezing rain or ice buildup in excess of one-quarter inch, the EOC will partially activate. Should the forecast or actual conditions indicate a buildup in excess of one-half inch, the EOC will fully activate in support of other local, regional and state response assets and agencies. Ice accumulations of one-half inch or greater usually cause moderate to severe power outages, as well as serious hazard to transportation. The EOC will assist in coordinating response efforts as well as coordinating shelters and alternative transportation efforts.

Once snow arrives, you can get information on accidents, lane blockages, snow-and-ice trouble spots and road closures through the city's Twitter accounts (@lexwrecks and @lexkypolice). Citizens can also view traffic at major intersection in real time through the city's traffic cameras at lexingtonky.gov/traffic. And we encourage individuals to participate in social media discussions by using #LexKySnow on Twitter and Facebook.

Holiday Safety Tips from the Lexington Police Department

During the holiday season it is important to remember to do your part in crime reduction. Below are some simple steps you can take throughout the year, but are especially important during the season of giving as our daily routines change and there are greater opportunities for personal theft.

- **ALWAYS lock your vehicle**, even for short lengths of time.
- **REMOVE valuables**, especially firearms from your vehicle and consider taking your garage door openers inside with you when you exit your vehicle, as they provide thieves with easy access into your home.
- As the holidays approach and you do more online ordering, **leave detailed instructions for deliveries and consider alternatives to leaving your packages unattended on your porch or stoop**. A safer option is picking them up at the post office or having them delivered to an alternative daytime location where you can receive the delivery directly.
- As always, **remember to report all suspicious activity** to the Police non-emergency line at (859) 258-



Text-a-Tip

Text-a-Tip, is a tool for citizens to anonymously submit crime-related information. Anyone with information about a suspect or an incident can text LEXPD in the body of the message followed by the tip and send it to CRIMES (274637).

Text-a-Tip can also accept video or picture files with the message.

Tipsters who text information that leads to an arrest could potentially receive a reward up to \$1,000.

The Text-a-Tip service is free and requires no purchase or download to participate, however standard messaging rates and other fees may apply.

A Message from the Property Value Administrator Office

Should your property come up for review, you will receive an assessment notice mid-April. Your assessment notice indicates what the Fayette County PVA determined your property is worth as of January 1, 2018. If you do not agree with the Fair Cash Value, please call (859) 246-2722 or visit the PVA Office located at 101 E. Vine Street, Suite 600, No Later than May 21, 2018.

For more information, please visit our website: www.fayettepva.com

PVA staff is always easily identifiable while inspecting properties. Our cars are clearly marked as state vehicles, and if our staff members are out of their cars and inspecting on foot they will be wearing an easily identifiable safety vest.



Panhandling Updates from the Office of Homelessness, Prevention & Intervention

Since early April, the City has been a vested partner with the New Life Day Center for the reduction and ultimate end of panhandling. The “End Panhandling Now” Van Program is one of those initiatives. The van successfully operated a total of 40 days in the last 5 months collecting 1,924 bags of trash from city streets and roads. As of October, 92 percent of panhandlers asked, accepted the offer to work; allowing 82 unique individuals the dignity of working. The van is full every day it is in operation. In addition to the dignity of working, 4 individuals have been able to access permanent housing using the van as an entry point. Lexington continues to see a reduction of panhandling, down an estimated 75-85 percent since April.

To make a donation in support the van program, or to learn more, visit <https://www.uwbg.org/lexgive>.



2017 Trailblazer Award

I was honored to accept Emerge Kentucky’s 2017 Trailblazer Award on November 4th. Part of the description for this award is that, “she is never afraid to lead on the issues that matter.” I am truly honored to be described in this way and will continue to serve you and strive for excellence for the 6th District and Lexington as a whole.



Paul Miller Ford Safety Day

On October 21st I had the privilege of presenting a proclamation from Mayor Gray to the Paul Miller Ford in recognition of their Family Safety Day.

The family event featured local vendors on-site at the Paul Miller Ford dealership with giveaways, information from child safety experts, activities for kids, and remarks from Public Safety Commissioner Chief Bastin. I spoke about the importance of creating a family safety plan with children.



Lady Veterans



It was an honor to celebrate Lady Veterans along with my fellow Councilmembers. Pictured above are KET’s Renee Shaw and Councilmembers Henson, Scutchfield, Bledsoe, Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton, CM Mossotti, Plomin, myself, and CM Lamb.



Deep Springs Elementary Golf Club

The 6th and 4th Districts converged for a wonderful golf outing with the Deep Springs Elementary Golf Club students! Many thanks to the teachers and coaches at Deep Springs, to the fabulous Parks and Recreation employees who welcomed students at the beautiful Meadowbrook Golf Course, and to my colleague, Councilmember Susan Lamb, for showing us all a thing or two on the green. You could say it was a Par-fect day for golf in Lexington!



Deep Springs Elementary Distinguished Students Award Dinner

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with students from Deep Springs Elementary this fall. As a 1987 graduate of Deep Springs I had plenty of nostalgic moments and it was fascinating to think that one of them could be a future Councilmember of the 6th District!



Honoring students who received a "Distinguished" score on their K-PREP scores.

Utility Work on New Circle Road

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I have received a number of questions about this project and would like to share an update with you. Please be aware that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways is continuing work on the relocation and installation of a new water main line along New Circle Road/KY 4 between Floyd Drive and Eastland Parkway. The Kentucky American Water Company is responsible for the project and the Transportation Cabinet will not be doing any repairs to the pavement in this section until all work is complete.

Work will be in effect in this location until Monday, January 1, 2018, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

To receive updates from KYTC, follow them on social media using these links.

<http://transportation.ky.gov/district-7/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict7>

<https://twitter.com/KYTCDistrict7>



Tree Planting on Star Shoot and Pink Pigeon Parkway

My office has received a number of calls inquiring about the status of the tree planting along Star Shoot and Pink Pigeon Parkway, where a number of diseased ash trees had been previously removed. We have received word from Hamburg Place that new trees are on their way! You can expect to see a variety of new tree species soon: Okame Cherry, Kwansan Cherry and White Oak will be planted along Pink Pigeon Parkway and will have lovely, pink blooms in the spring. On Star Shoot Parkway they will be planting Red and Shumard Oak, and plan to add some additional flowering trees next year.

(Pictured to the right: Okame Cherry tree blooms)



Flu Season in Lexington

It's officially flu season in Lexington: the Lexington Health Department has reported the first lab-reported cases of the flu. The Health Department offers flu shots 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at its Public Health Clinic at 650 Newtown Pike. No appointment is necessary, and the cost for a flu shot is \$30. Medicaid/Medicare, cash, checks, credit cards and some insurance plans are accepted.

Last year, Lexington had 503 confirmed cases of the flu and seven flu-related deaths.

www.lexingtonhealthdepartment.org

Draft of 2017 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Released, Seeks Feedback

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has released a draft of the 2017 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and is encouraging the public to review it and offer feedback. The plan outlines policies, actions and projects that are intended to improve walking and biking in Fayette and Jessamine counties.

“The plan envisions a network of high quality walkways and bikeways that connects regional communities, people and places,” said Scott Thompson, the MPO’s bicycle and pedestrian coordinator. “The goal is for people of all ages and abilities to have access to comfortable and convenient walking and biking routes resulting in true mobility choices, improved economic opportunity, and healthier lifestyles. It will also promote a culture of safety and respect for people traveling by foot or bike, whether for transportation or recreation.”

In addition to outlining where bicycle and pedestrian improvements are needed in both the short and long term, the draft plan describes six key goals – connectivity, economic growth, equity, health, safety and mobility – with corresponding strategies to make that vision a reality.

The public is encouraged to review the recommendations and provide feedback to ensure the plan reflects the needs of residents and visitors in Fayette and Jessamine Counties. Public comments will be accepted until Dec. 8 for this round of the review process. The final plan is anticipated to be complete by January 2018.

Read More about the Lexington MPO draft here:

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/news/11-21-2017/lexington-releases-draft-2017-bicycle-pedestrian-plan-seeks-citizen->

[mpo-feedback](#)

Read the draft and leave feedback here:

<https://lexareampo.org/studiesplans/connectlex/>



New Statues for the Next Generation

On November 16th I met with students at Frederick Douglass High School and sat in for their statues replacement project presentation. Students were tasked with researching and developing ideas for statues to replace the monuments that were recently removed in Lexington. I was impressed with their thorough consideration of this complex topic and their thoughtful recommendations. Great work, Broncos!



“Statues to great men are made of the stones thrown at them in their lifetime”. - Jean Cocteau

(Quote from a student presentation)



Gigabit Internet Service Coming to Lexington

Indiana-based MetroNet plans to start building its fiber-optic network in January at a cost to the business of at least \$70 million. The company hopes that in the summer of 2018 the first Lexington residents and businesses will be able to start receiving internet access, television packages, and phone service over fiber-optic cables, which carry data at gigabit speeds, or 1,000 megabits per second. ([Watch video](#) from news conference.) MetroNet has built and operated fiber-optic networks in more than 35 towns and cities in Indiana and Illinois including Evansville, its home base.

Internet data is currently delivered by companies over copper telephone wires, coaxial cable, and fiber-optic cable, which is made of glass. Over copper and coaxial cable used by telephone companies and cable-television companies, data is sent using electronic pulses, which limits the speed of transmission. Over a fiber-optic network with gigabit speeds, a 90-minute high definition movie will download in 30 seconds, rather than 30 minutes.

Gigabit cities are those with fiber-optic networks that cover the city, rather than just certain neighborhoods. Currently, Chattanooga is the nation's only gigabit city, and Huntsville is on track to be the second. MetroNet plans to build throughout Lexington's urban services boundary, and may move beyond that boundary.



Confederate Statues Update

Following the recent removal of the confederate statues from the Old Courthouse lawn The Lexington Cemetery has announced that they will finalize an agreement to permanently relocate the statues to the Leestown Road cemetery. You can read more about the decision in the Herald Leader article below.

<http://www.kentucky.com/news/local/counties/fayette-county/article185131113.html>



Food For Fines

The Lexington Parking Authority announced today that its LEXPARK program will run the “Food for Fines” canned food drive for a fourth straight year. This year the Food for Fines program runs from Monday, November 20 through Friday, December 15.

Customers who bring in 10 cans of food will receive \$15 off any LEXPARK or Lexington Police issued parking citation. Customers with multiple citations may bring in as many cans as they wish and receive \$15 credit for every set of 10 cans. Past due citations are eligible. The LEXPARK office is located at 122 North Broadway.

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Gobble Grease Toss

Did you participate in this year’s Gobble Grease Toss? If so, give yourself a pat on the back! Lexington collected a record breaking amount of oil this year with 403 participants, up from 83 participants last year!

The collected grease has not only been saved from entering household and city sewage pipes and causing damage, but the leftover oil will be recycled by the University of Kentucky’s Center for Applied Energy Research into biofuel.

For more information about environmental events in Lexington, visit LexingtonKY.gov/LiveGreen.



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, December 5th

- 1 PM General Government and Social Services Committee
- 3 PM Work Session
- 5 PM Council Meeting

Thursday, December 5th

- 6 PM Council Meeting

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Tuesday, January 16th

- 11:30 AM State of the City Address
- 1:30 PM Planning & Public Safety
- 3 PM Work Session

Thursday, January 18th

- 6 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 1 PM Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee
- 3 PM Work Session

Thursday, January 25th

- 6 PM Council Work Session

Items in Committee

Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee

January 2018 Update from Administration and LexTran re: CNG
Conversion and Use

General Government & Social Services Committee

December 2017 Parks Foundation Update
December 2017 Lexington Global Engagement Center
December 2017 Rebranding of Day Treatment Center

Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee

January 2018 Review of local tax incentives for economic development –
Continuation
January 2018 Partnering with Fayette County Public Schools—
Athletic Facilities
January 2018 Review of all LFUCG Funds

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Friends,

Thank you for your time with this resource– I look forward to making sure these updates meet your needs and interests! Be sure to “like” my Facebook page (link below) for timely updates and news.

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.

Have a wonderful December !

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