



Council District 2

News for You

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF JOSEPH SMITH

Council Updates



Dear Residents of the 2nd Council District,

Now that the holiday's have come and gone and the New Year has begun, the time has come to move forward with great anticipation and excitement for the work still to be done in the 2nd District.

The last few months in 2017 were very busy for the Council dealing with complex issues in October and November, with the passage of the 2018 Goals and Objectives of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, the removal of Confederate statues, the Road Swap between the city and the State, and the decision not to expand the Urban Service Boundaries.

My task has not deviated. I continue to be an ear for the residents of the 2nd District, advocating for their concerns, building stronger relationships with my constituents as we move forward together in 2018. There is still work to be done with neighborhood park improvements, and street paving and repair needs in the coming months, Council will address the city budget for the next fiscal year that will be impacted by the decisions made by state leaders in Frankfort.

There will be many opportunities for you to be involved, and to ensure that Lexington and the 2nd District receive funds for state projects.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, and as always,

Thanks for your support!

Joe Smith



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2nd District Council Member



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Division of Emergency Management - BeReadyLexington App

The Lexington-Fayette County Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is a division of Lexington-Fayette County's Department of Public Safety. DEM works before, during, and after emergencies to minimize impacts on the community. Their work depends upon coordination with others in government, the private sector, and the wider community to promote risk reduction, readiness, response, and recovery. Our goal is a resilient community that can endure all hazards, adapt quickly to disruptions, and return to normal activities as soon as possible.

To learn more about DEM, visit their web pages that describe [what they do](#) and Lexington's [emergency operations center](#). To learn how you can help them make Lexington a stronger, safer community, [see their page on getting involved](#). You also can [get to know their staff](#) or [contact them](#) for more information about any of their programs.

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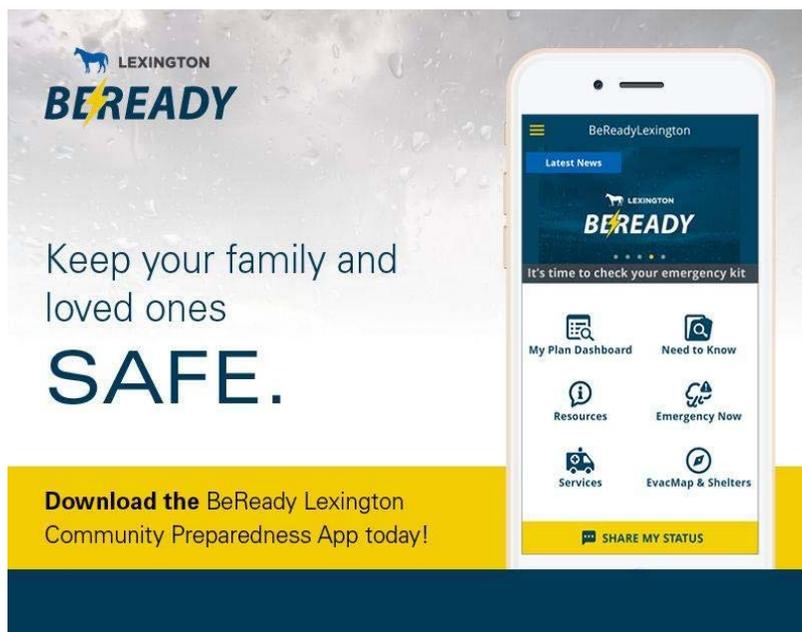
Those are just a few of the reasons people make for not being prepared for an emergency. Emergencies don't have to be on a large scale to have an enormous impact on your life. Most likely, you or someone you know has been without power for more than three days. Many times, these events aren't due to severe weather but an accident like downed power lines, faulty equipment, broken water main or frozen pipes. Emergencies are unpredictable but that doesn't mean you can't be prepared for a disaster.

DEM has worked to develop a new mobile phone and tablet app that will help you better prepare and plan for how to respond to a disaster in your area. By downloading and using this free app, you will be able to:

- Share your status with your selected contacts with the push of a button.
- Receive critical emergency alerts.
- Get the latest emergency preparedness news and weather alerts for the Fayette County area.
- Create a personalized emergency preparedness plan.
- Locate Fayette County's emergency shelters.
- View up-to-date evacuation route maps.

The **BeReadyLexington** app, which is FREE, is available for both Android and iPhone users. Visit the Google Play Store or iPhone App Store and search for the **BeReadyLexington** app. Download and install it.

You'll be better prepared to handle what happens. Remember disasters don't plan ahead. You can.



The graphic features a smartphone displaying the BeReadyLexington app interface. The app screen shows a header with the Lexington BeReady logo, a 'Latest News' section, and a grid of six icons: 'My Plan Dashboard', 'Need to Know', 'Resources', 'Emergency Now', 'Services', and 'EvacMap & Shelters'. At the bottom of the screen is a 'SHARE MY STATUS' button. To the left of the phone, the text reads 'Keep your family and loved ones SAFE.' Below the phone, a yellow banner says 'Download the BeReady Lexington Community Preparedness App today!'.

Be Aware.
Make a Plan.
Build a Kit.
Get Involved.

It's all possible with help from the
BeReadyLexington app.

Lexington MPO seeks citizen feedback on Draft 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

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.

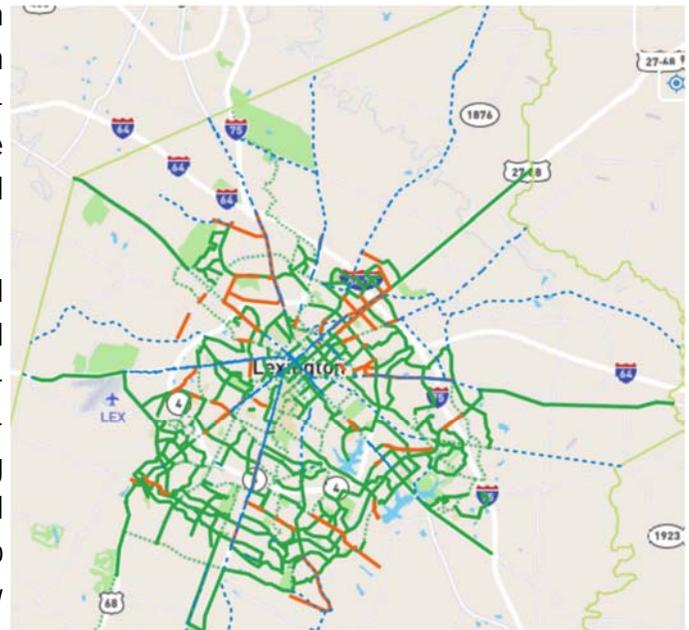
Comments can be submitted by going to www.connectlex.org. There, the public can:

- Read the *Executive Summary* for highlights of the plan
- Check out the online, *interactive map* for a details on project priorities in both Fayette and Jessamine Counties. Citizens are encouraged to "like" the projects they are the most excited about.

You can view the full Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan and submit additional comments from December 14, 2017 through January 12, 2018. Please submit to Scott Thompson at pthompson2@lexingtonky.gov (Subject: Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan). The final plan is anticipated to be complete by January 2018.

Lexington Area MPO

The Lexington Area MPO is the transportation planning agency for Fayette and Jessamine counties. That consists of representatives from local, state and federal governments, transit agencies, transportation providers and other stakeholders. Federal law requires all urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000 to designate an MPO to conduct transportation planning activities. Federal funding for transportation projects and programs are channeled through this planning process.



Map Features:

- Bikeway Priorities
- Pedestrian Priorities
- - - Opportunity Based Complete Streets or Trail Projects

NOTICE FROM KY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

During this prolonged period of extremely cold temperatures, our customer service centers continue to receive an unusually high volume of calls regarding frozen pipes in homes and other water service emergencies. To assist in managing our customers' needs during this unusual time, our customer advocate office in Lexington will temporarily be available for assisting with routine, non-emergency water service requests such as turning service on and off, billing questions, account information changes, etc. (This office is normally reserved for assisting with escalated customer concerns only.)

To reach the local office with non-emergency water service matters, send an email to kawc.fieldservices@amwater.com or call 269-2386, and then press 6. Current customers should include in any correspondence the name on their account, address, and account number.

Remember you can pay your bill, check account balances, turn service on/off, sign up for alerts and view water usage online at: <https://wss.amwater.com/selfservice-web> .

Thanks for your patience and understanding during this unusual time.

Central Kentucky Job Club Event - January 9, 2018



Central Kentucky Job Club Anniversary Keynote Address

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
9:00-10:15 a.m.

Presented by:
Kim Knopf
Sleep Outfitters
Founder & CEO

Fayette County Cooperative Extension
1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, KY

Start the New Year off with inspiration from University of Kentucky alumni and Sleep Outfitters founder and CEO, Kim Knopf. The motivating story of Knopf's success will provide insights on work-life balance and valuable career tips.



GRANTS AVAILABLE

Partners for Youth 2018 Grassroots Grant Program

Each year Partners for Youth raises and allocates local funds to grassroots programs that provide opportunities for young people. Our 2018 Grassroots Grant application is out, and our office is ready to help anyone who has an idea to bring positive programming to our youth. Here are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- PFY awards money to programs in Fayette County.
- We will only accept one proposal per organization.
- Applications can be downloaded at www.partners4youth.org and see attached PDF.
- **Applications are due no later than *January 25th at 5 p.m.***
- A Technical Assistance Session will be held Wednesday, January 10th from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Phoenix Building (101 East Vine Street, 3rd floor conference room).

If you would like to learn more about our grant, please feel free to reach out to Briana Persley, their Executive Director (bpersely@lexingtonky.gov).

Partners for Youth's Grassroots Grant Program awards money to programs in Fayette County that provide positive youth programming opportunities for young people. This program is designed to assist small, hands-on grassroots, the reviewers will look at the program (not the sponsoring agency) to see if it is an outreach effort, serving an underserved population. The Grassroots Grants are not meant to be for long-term support.

Corridors Match Grant Program - Accepting Applications February 1st

Corridors Neighborhood Enhancement Match Grant Program:

The program's objective is to partner with neighborhood and other community-based groups to enhance the corridors leading into and out of Lexington and to increase awareness of corridor enhancements.

Applications will be accepted from February 1, 2018 to April 1, 2018. Grant recipients will announced in late spring of 2018. There is \$6,797 to be awarded.

For more information, visit www.lexingtonky.gov/boards/corridors-commission for grant program guidelines and application.

PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS...UPDATE



Below are the funded, Parks & Recreation capital project updates for the 2nd Council District. We are excited about all the projects and wish to highlight a few on the road to completion this month.

Masterson Hills Trail

Project Manager: Justin Carey
 Budget: \$75,000
 Status: On going

Masterson Hills Basketball court

Project Manager: Justin Carey
 Budget: \$75,000
 Status: On going

Trailwood Trail Connector

Project Manager: Justin Carey
 Budget: \$83,500
 Status: On going

Kearney Retention Wall

Project Manager: Anthony Williams
 Budget: \$328,030.
 Status: On going
 Notes: Safety issue completed.

Douglass Pool Improvements

Project Manager: Justin Carey
 Status: Bid Recommendation made

Masterson Spray ground

Project Manager: Justin Carey
 Status: Complete
 Notes: Winterized

Parks Master Plan

Project Manager: Suzanne Leabee/ Michael Johnson / Michelle Kosieniak
 Budget: \$250,000

Status: The Master Plan Steering Committee and the Parks Advisory Board met on November 15. Pat Hoagland of BCI presented the Top 20 recommendations for Parks in general. Recommendations for regional, community and neighborhood parks were discussed and the draft action plan was distributed



McConnell Springs—Upcoming Activities

Meet Me at the Springs...

January

1st – New Year’s Hike, 2 p.m.

6th – Beginners Digital Photography, 1 p.m. - Program for beginners intro to digital photography covering shutter speed, ISO, aperture, and effects. Please call the park at 225-4073 to register.

13th - Outdoor skills, 9 a.m. - This month’s outdoor skills program will focus on backpacking. Participants will learn the basics to include how to pack the appropriate supplies, gear needed, safety tips and more. This is a one hour program. Registration is requested by calling 225-4073.

20th – Junior Naturalist, 10 a.m. – How Animals Survive the Winter. Kids K-5th learn how animals prepare for winter in order to survive freezing temperatures. Please call the park to register 225-4073.

27th – Weekend Workout, 10 a.m. – An opportunity for everyone to help clean the park and maintain the trails.

February

3rd – Beginners Digital Photography, 1 p.m. Please call the park at 225-4073 to register.

17th – Junior Naturalist, 10 a.m. – Animal Tracks – Learn ways to identify animal tracks and learn about the animals that leave their mark at McConnell Springs. This program includes a craft. For youth K-5th please call the park at 225-4073 to register.

24th – Weekend Workout, 10 a.m. – An opportunity for everyone to help clean the park and maintain the trails.

To learn more about McConnell Springs, call 859.225-4073 or

visit www.mcconnellsprings.org



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Community Action Council - Backpacks of Love

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

540 East Third St., Lexington, KY

10:00 A.M. - 12 noon

ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR DONATION

- Backpacks/Duffel Bags
- PJ's (newborn to 8/9 and sz 10-Adult XL)
- Small Blankets
- Toothbrushes (Youth/Adult)
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Lotion
- Soap/Body Wash
- Socks (adult & children)
- Hats/gloves (adult & children)
- Stuffed Animals
- Coloring Books/Crayons
- Journals/Pens/Pencils
- Financial Contributions

Community Action Council's Senior Corps volunteer programs operate an annual project that distributes backpacks filled with personal care items to veterans and others experiencing homelessness. This year, we are broadening our focus to include children in the local foster care system. Over 700 children in our area are currently in foster care. Some of these children arrive at their foster homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Please join us in showing kindness and support to some of our community's most vulnerable.

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