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6th District News

Councilmember Angela Evans

Evans EDITORIAL

Greetings residents of the 6th District!

Another year has come and gone so quickly! Time truly flies when you are invested in your work. In 2017, I enjoyed meeting new constituents and building stronger relationships with familiar faces throughout the district. The past year brought a number of accomplishments for the 6th District, as well. As we look ahead together at the work still to be done, it is important to remember our progress in the past year!

In 2017, the 6th District was the recipient of several park improvements, including much needed paving at Kenawood Park and other infrastructure upgrades for the many families who spend their summer playing ball in the park. Dixie Park in the Eastland Neighborhood received funds for playground equipment for their youngest park visitors- who are a growing presence in this cozy, neighborhood park.

Speaking of our youth- I enjoyed meeting many students across the district this year. I want to commend the teachers and students at Crawford Middle School who are bringing learning alive with dynamic programming. I was honored to spend Constitution Day with you! I am proud of my alma mater, Deep Spring Elementary, who is celebrating their student achievements in a big way. Thank you for the invitation to join your ceremonies this year. Certainly not least are the freshman Youth Citizens Academy students at the new Frederick Douglass High School. Thank you for embracing our new partnership and being eager to learn more about local government!

Although there are never enough funds for all of the improvements that need to be made, I was happy to see that a portion of Old Paris Pike received desperately needed paving, along with dozens of lane miles of local streets throughout the 6th District. In 2017, Hamburg residents finally received the long-awaited street tree replacements on Star Shoot Parkway.

Council faced tough decisions in 2017, from voting on the 2018 Goals & Objectives of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, to the removal of Confederate statues. I remain proud of my fellow Lexingtonians throughout these difficult conversations. Lexington's citizens remained civil and respectful, even as tenuous debate and even violence occurred in other areas of the United States. Thank you to everyone who participated in the democratic process and exercised their opinions on the issues we, as a Council, addressed this year. Whether we agree or disagree, our ability to respect one another is paramount.

I am looking forward to another year of continuing the work I've begun with the Youth Citizens Academy, assisting neighbors as they work to improve their neighborhoods, and the serious issues Council will address in the near future, including budget concerns and constraints in the coming fiscal year that will be impacted by the decisions made by state leaders in Frankfort. In the coming year there will be many opportunities for you to be involved, and to ensure that Lexington and the 6th District receive funds for state projects.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter, and as always,

Thanks for your support!

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Upcoming Meetings

Council Winter Recess Begins December 8th 2017. Meetings Resume January 16th, 2018

Tuesday, January 16th

- 11:30 AM State of the City Address
- 2:45 PM Special Meeting of the Planning & Public Safety Committee - *Election of Chair/ Appointment of Vice Chair*
- 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



Opportunity for Work & Learning (OWL)

In December I had the opportunity to visit OWL's (Opportunity for Work & Learning) facilities and learn more about their mission to help individuals overcome barriers through a diverse range of supports and individualized programming. I was impressed with the variety and breadth of specialized products they manufacture on site, here in Lexington.

Through individualized programming, OWL assists program participants in meeting their vocational and personal goals with three main divisions. First, the OWL Center offers vocational and employment services such as skills training and job placement. Second is an Advancing Capabilities & Enhancing Skills (ACES) division where they offer a variety of Medicaid waiver services that facilitate inclusion and personal development. Third, OWL owns and operates a manufacturing company, the Lexington Manufacturing Center (LMC), which by offering quality manufacturing services is able to assist the other divisions financially as well as serve as a training ground for participants when appropriate—allowing them to earn income, receive real-world skills training, and gain work experience.

To learn more about OWL visit www.owlinec.net.



Sister Cities Young Artist Competition

Sister Cities programs throughout the world each maintain the goal to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time.

This year's theme, "The Art of Diplomacy," highlights the importance of citizen diplomacy and the innovative ways citizen diplomats – people like students, community members and business leaders – achieve peace through people-to-people interactions.

This year's exhibit will be on display at the John G. Irvin Gallery at Central Bank located at 300 W Vine Street in Lexington. The exhibit will remain on display from January 5th – January 26th 2018.



Lexington Fire Department is Hiring

***Lexington Fire Department
is accepting applications now
through Jan 31st.***

Go to
LexingtonFireDepartment.com
& follow the steps pictured to
apply!

Winter Car Care Tips from Lexington's Fleet Services

The vehicle and equipment technicians at Fleet Services repair and service most all our city's vehicles -- from police cars to sewer maintenance trucks--so its safe to say that they know a thing a two about keeping your car in the best shape possible.

Things to do to prepare for winter weather:

- Check tires. Be sure there is enough tread depth to give you traction in adverse weather conditions. Fleet Services recommends 4/32 tread depth.
- Add windshield washer fluid with winter grade solution.
- Check your heater and defroster for proper operation.
- Spray your door locks and weather strips with silicone spray.
- Add fuel line anti-freeze to your gas tank.
- Get your battery, engine and transmission serviced. Make sure all your engine hoses and belts are checked (and replaced, if needed).
- Have your anti-freeze tested. In this region of the U.S., anti-freeze products should protect to -30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Have a good snow and ice remover handy.

After/during when cold or snowy weather arrives:

- Keep fuel tank level above 1/2 a tank.
- Clear all windows of frost, ice and snow before driving.
- NEVER pour hot water on your windshield to quickly defrost your window (this can cause your window to crack).
- Remove all snow from the vehicle.
- Attempt to park in a shelter location on rainy and snowy days.
- When driving, slow down and give extra room between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Lower your windows slightly if you have to idle your vehicle for any length of time.

Items to keep in your car trunk:

- jumper cables
- kitty litter (to put under your tires if you're stuck)
- flashlight
- batteries
- small shovel
- blanket
- extra winter weather clothes such as hats, gloves, boots





Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Weather Plan

The [Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Weather Plan](#) is activated anytime the temperature is expected to fall below 32 degrees so that people experiencing homelessness in Lexington have warm, secure shelter.

The plan includes expanded shelter services and free transportation to shelters. For a list of all available shelters and transportation services, visit uwbg211.org.

Anyone wishing to report someone who may need a ride to shelter can call or text the Catholic Action Center’s Compassionate Caravan at (859) 913-0038 from 5 – 11 p.m. Messages are received and followed up on, but not always returned.

For more information on the city’s Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention, visit lexingtonky.gov/homelessness.

For more information about the Snow Plan, please visit the city’s [snow update page](https://www.lexingtonky.gov/snowupdates), <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/snowupdates>.

Worried about someone out in the cold?

CALL THE COMPASSIONATE CARAVAN
859-913-0038

WE WILL CHECK ON THEM AND OFFER THEM HELP!

***** AVOID *****

When the weather is extremely cold, try to stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and know who is at **high risk** for **hypothermia** or **frostbite**.

When going outside be sure to wear:

- A SCARF OR KNIT MASK THAT COVERS FACE & MOUTH
- A HAT
- A WATER-RESISTANT COAT
- MITTENS OR GLOVES
- SEVERAL LAYERS OF LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHING
- WATER-RESISTANT BOOTS

When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.

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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 January!

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