

February 2018

6th District News

Councilmember Angela Evans

Evans EDITORIAL

Greetings residents of the 6th District!

While it's hard to believe we are already a full month into 2018, February is here and Council is back into full swing. This month, the Mayor will begin his budget hearings with LFUCG divisions and partner agencies, and the Administration will begin to craft the Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019. I will be following the budget closely this session, with special attention to any potential changes as a result of the state pension discussions which are currently ongoing in Frankfort. The Council continues to receive updates from LFUCG's state lobbyists who are monitoring legislation that might impact Lexington. I will share budget updates with you as they become available this spring.

My office is currently planning our next District-wide meeting! ***Please save the date for Tuesday, April 24th, 6:30 pm.*** The meeting will be held at the East Side Branch of the Lexington Public Library. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas for the district. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect and listen to each other. I look forward to seeing you there!

In the following edition you will find more information about this year's On the Table event coming up on March 28th, some upcoming grant opportunities, an upcoming zoning workshop, and more!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter, and as always,

Thanks for your support!

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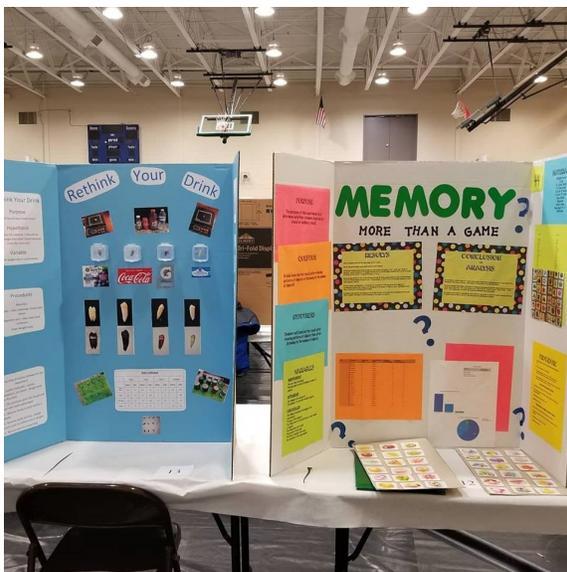
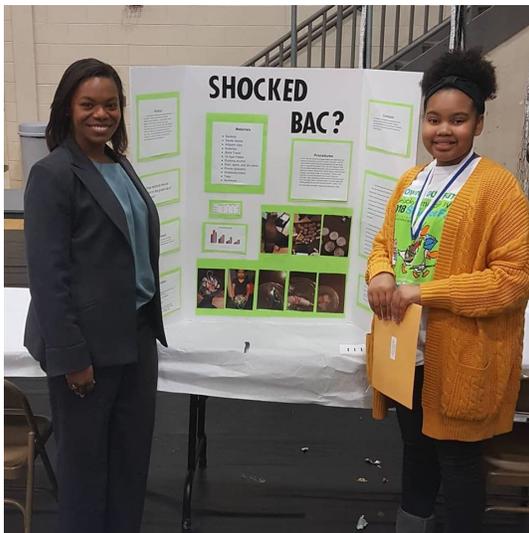
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American Water Science Fair Awards Ceremony

I had a great time at the American Water Science Fair on Saturday, February 3rd celebrating the achievements and creativity of Lexington's students at Bryan Station High School Academy of Information Technology, presenting awards to science fair winners!



Corridors Neighborhood Enhancement Match Grant

The Corridors Neighborhood Enhancement Match Grant'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 March 30, 2018. Grant recipients will announced in late spring of 2018. There is \$6,797 to be awarded.

To learn more or apply, visit: <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/boards/corridors-commission>.



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Bluegrass Area Development District

In January I had a wonderful time sharing information about The Brighton Rail Trail with the THRAC Bluegrass Area Development District! Our regional partners were excited to learn more about our fabulous trail amenities in the 6th District.



Left: Councilmember Evans and Bill Marshall.



Right: Leann Lacy, Community Development Specialist, Bluegrass Area Development District

Cal Ripken Baseball League Sign-up Begins in February

It may be cold outside, but it is a great time to start thinking about baseball! Sign-ups for the Cal Ripken Baseball League are happening soon. Be sure to mark the date! Sign-up will be held Saturday, February 18th and Saturday, the 24th from 10 am – 2 pm at the Fieldhouse at Kenawood Park.

Send inquiries and questions to northernproudpres@gmail.com.

Northern Cap Ripken League receives award from Lexington Legends

In February, the Lexington Legends will present “The Legendary Leagues Program,” a \$7,500 sponsorship to its neighboring youth baseball league in the Bryan Station Road area. Northern Cal Ripken Baseball League, nestled in the back of the Rookwood subdivision is one of Lexington’s oldest baseball leagues. It originated approximately forty five years ago in Woodland Park and has more recently called Kenawood Park home. “The generous sponsorship, in part, will be used to curb the cost of baseball registration fees,” says Andria Holtz Jackson, league president. “It is our greatest goal, at Northern, to ensure that every kid has a place to play baseball close to home. In light of this sponsorship, our league voted to drop our registration fees by as much as \$50 – this will benefit so many families,” Andria said.

The league is currently in a rebuilding/re-branding phase. With the changing baseball trends locally and nationally, Northern’s leadership is passionate about keeping baseball affordable and close to home. “Travel ball seems to be, the latest and the greatest – yet comes at a great cost to many families. We are remaining very intentional about keeping baseball available to all,” Andria added.

Spring registration is open for all age groups; city wide and coaching applications are also being accepted.

“We are so incredibly proud of our Legendary Leagues program and the good it is doing for baseball in our area. The first youth baseball league to jump on, and partner with us on this initiative was our neighbor, Northern Cal Ripken. We are absolutely thrilled that this partnership will allow Northern, not only to lower their registration fees, but also, to help attract more youths from the North side of Lexington to America’s Pastime!” –Andy Shea, President & CEO of the Lexington Legends





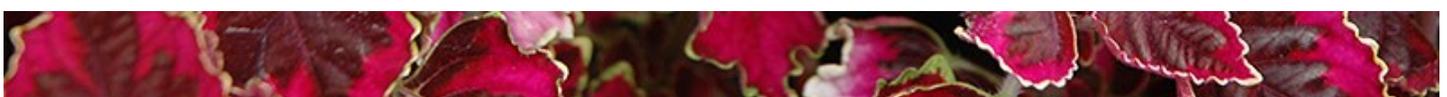
Lexington Conducts Point-in-Time Count

As a board member of Lexington’s Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention, I like to share the work they are putting into to serving our community’s most vulnerable citizens. Important data was connected during last night’s Point-in-Time count and, most importantly, face-to-face contact was made with Lexington’s citizens who are experiencing homelessness.

“It is the only time of the year that we can talk to every single homeless person in this city in one night,” said Polly Ruddick, Director of Lexington's Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention.

"It really shows the federal government how we're ending and reducing homelessness, said Ruddick. "The more we end and reduce homelessness, they find it a good thing, and the more likely they are to fund our program."

<http://www.lex18.com/story/37345164/lexington-counts-and-surveys-local-homeless-population>



Mayor Names New Police Chief

I was absolutely thrilled when Mayor Gray announced former Assistant Chief Police Lawrence Weathers will be Lexington's next police chief. It was a packed house for the announcement, not just because of the position but because of the man being appointed. Lawrence Weathers is truly respected by his peers and those in the community, including many criminal defense attorneys, of which I am. I was able to witness first-hand Weathers' professionalism and commitment to justice and protecting the community when I served as a Public Defender. Although on opposite sides of cases, Weathers was always respectful of me and my clients, their rights and allowed the system to decide what justice looked like in each case.

Lawrence is a native of Lexington and uses his success in the police department as a message to young people that you can be successful regardless of what neighborhood you live in. His wife, Melinda, is just as kind as Lawrence and they have three lovely children, Jordan, Benjamin and Emery. Weathers will officially start as Chief on March 5th and I hope we all support him in this new role!



Save the Date: Free Zoning Workshop

The Fayette County Neighborhood Council will be holding a workshop for Lexington residents to learn about the zoning process, including how to be involved in the process. This is valuable information. Don't miss out on this event that is free to the public!



Fayette County Neighborhood Council, Inc.

“Game of Zones: How Citizens May Address Proposed Zone Changes in their Neighborhood”

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Presentations begin at 9:00 a.m.

Presentations are expected to end at Noon.

What happens when you hear there is a proposed zone change in your neighborhood? This workshop is intended to introduce Lexington residents to the current zone change process, including where to find information about the zone change and strategies for becoming involved in the process.



Potholes

Following our last snow event, my office has received an increase in the number of call about potholes. Did you know that you can report potholes directly by calling 311? LexCall 311 is truly “Your one call for City Hall”!

Help us keep our roads free of holes and report sections of pavement that are in need of repair. Please provide as much specific location information as possible when reporting; this saves our road crews valuable response time when responding to your call.

Narcan Kits

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department provided 144 naloxone kits Tuesday at its first class to train the community on the overdose-reversing medication. Due to overwhelming demand, the health department plans to hold additional community classes to be announced soon.

Naloxone, also known by the brand name Narcan, blocks opiate receptors in the brain, works in 1-3 minutes and lasts 30-90 minutes. It can cause withdrawal symptoms such as nausea and disorientation, but there is no risk for abuse or addiction. If given in a timely manner, the antidote can prevent deaths from overdoses due to opioid drugs, such as oxycodone or heroin.

“Ready access to naloxone at home or in the community can saves lives,” said Commissioner of Health Dr. Kraig Humbaugh. “Knowing when and how to use Narcan gives people a chance for recovery in the future.”

The free naloxone kits are available to the community through a partnership between the health department, Drug Free Lex and the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, part of the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, and a bona fide agent for the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

The purchase of Narcan was supported by a grant 2014-PM-BX-0010 (Data-Driven Multidisciplinary Approaches to Reducing Prescription Abuse in Kentucky) awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice. For additional information, like the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LFCHD, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/LFCHD and Instagram at



**NALOXONE
(NARCAN)
AVAILABLE
FRIDAYS
11 AM-1 PM**



Citizen's Environmental Academy

One Saturday a month, from May to September, members of the Citizens' Environmental Academy will participate in tours, talks and hands-on activities related to water quality, urban forestry, waste management, safe streets and more. After attending these sessions, participants have six-months to carry out projects related to the content of the academy.

For more details, the full schedule and the application, visit www.LexingtonKY.gov/CEA. Applications for the 2018-2019 class will be accepted through March 30.

CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL ACADEMY
2018
 APPLY BY MARCH 30.
 APPLICATION + INFO: LEXINGTONKY.GOV/CEA
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PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS

Salt sidewalks responsibly by following these simple steps:

1. Only sprinkle salt on the sidewalk.
2. Salt before snow and ice or after shoveling your sidewalk.
4. Use salt sparingly.
5. Sweep up extra salt to reuse for next time.

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On the Table Returns

Save the Date: Lexington is a planning partner for this year's On the Table on March 28!

In 2017, Blue Grass Community Foundation, the City and several community partners brought On the Table to Lexington. Over 11,000 participants from every residential zip code in Lexington came together around 1,100 tables to discuss what's great about our community, and ways to make it better. Those conversations helped inform Lexington's Comprehensive Plan.

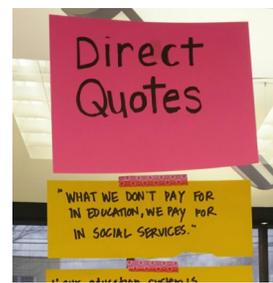
Once again, On The Table gatherings will be held on one day ... March 28 ... all around our city. Everyone is encouraged to gather for an hour over breakfast, lunch, dinner, a coffee break, or any time in-between to discuss how to have an impact on the future of Lexington and communities across the region through individual and collective civic action. Conversations will explore topics such as volunteering, voting, charitable giving, helping a neighbor, improving the environment and more.

To learn how you can be part of this important initiative, come to an information session (free popcorn and fountain drink) at the Kentucky Theatre, 214 E. Main St., Lexington:

- Wednesday, February 7, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Register here: <https://www.bgcf.org/events>

To see the results from last year's event, see the 2017 On the Table impact report (click here) and see Imagine Lexington 2018 Comprehensive Plan Public Input Report here <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vpYt5ZcALyEe569SUE3h5nNHKHNp07ko>.

Stay tuned for more information about the City's On The Table event to be held in the Phoenix Building on March 28 ... there will be a seat at the table waiting for you!



Winter Weather Information

Please see the important winter weather information from Public Works Commissioner Dowell Hoskins-Squier below.

- The most efficient way for citizens to report slick areas or roads that need to be plowed is to call 311.
- Not all streets will be plowed unless we receive more than 8 inches of accumulation. Lots of great information, including the snow plan, regular snow and ice updates, access to traffic cameras as well as sidewalk snow information can be accessed on the LFUCG website: <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/snow-and-ice-plan-updates>
- The interactive sidewalk snow removal map can be found here: <http://lfucg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d7e683ff1444750bc3af5c96efe716f>
- By clicking on a line it will tell the responsible division. Red means clearance scheduled within 24 hours of end of snow, blue means clearance within 48 hours of end of snow, and green is 96 hours from end of snow. (If there is no color it would be privately maintained)



Goodie Bags,
Reading Lists and
Tips for Parents!

Read Across America

Saturday
March 3, 2018
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Fayette Mall
In front of Dillard's

Celebrity Readers!!
Special Appearances by:
**THE CAT IN THE HAT, &
Thing 1 and Thing 2!!**

Parents...
Bring Your
Camera!!!

It's about kids
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Save the Date: Read Across America

Join me at the Fayette Mall on March 3rd, 2018—bring your favorite story enthusiasts and I'll be sharing my favorite children's books, in honor of Dr. Seuss and the importance of literacy!



Lexington Area MPO seeking input on Participation Plan

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is seeking public input on the Lexington Area Participation Plan, which outlines the MPO's community engagement process as part of the overall transportation planning process.

The Participation Plan is available for review and public comment beginning today, Feb. 1, through March 18.

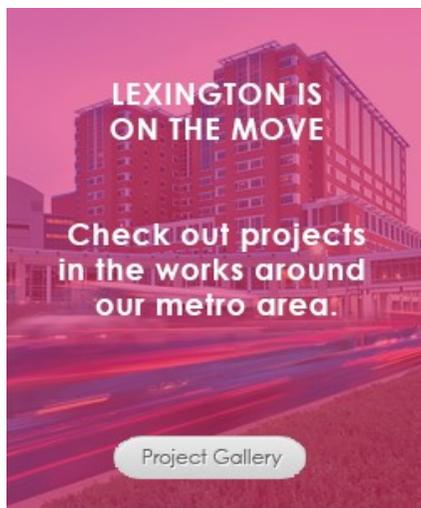
The Participation Plan is the official policy for how the MPO will disseminate information to the public and to stakeholders, to ensure there is adequate time for them to provide input, and to engage them in the transportation planning process. This plan also outlines the process for adopting and amending the major transportation planning documents produced by the MPO including the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (20+ years) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (four years).

The Participation Plan can be reviewed at <http://lexareampo.org/>. Printed copies are also available at the below locations:

- Lexington Area MPO, 101 E Vine St, Room 735, Lexington, KY 40507; (9 a.m. – 4 p.m., M – F)
- Lexington Public Library, Main Branch, 140 E Main St, Lexington, KY 40507 (during regular library hours)
- Jessamine County Public Library, 600 S Main St, Nicholasville KY 40356 (during regular library hours)

Questions and comments on the Participation Plan may be directed to Kenzie Gleason at kgleason@lexingtonky.gov or (859) 258-3605. Written comments may be submitted to the MPO at the address listed above. A large print document, an audio recording of the document or copies translated into another language can be made available upon request.

The MPO is the transportation planning agency for Fayette and Jessamine County.



To view all of Lexington's projects visit <https://lexareampo.org/projects-2/>.



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, February 6th

- 1 PM General Government & Social Services Committee
- 3 PM Council Work Session

Thursday, February 8th

- 6 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th

- 1 PM Planning & Public Safety Committee
- 3 PM Work Session

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Thursday, February 22nd

- 6 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 27th

- 1 PM Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee
- 3 PM Council Work Session

Items in Committee

Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee

February 2018 Keep Lexington Beautiful Annual Report

General Government & Social Services Committee

February 2018 Voices for Hope

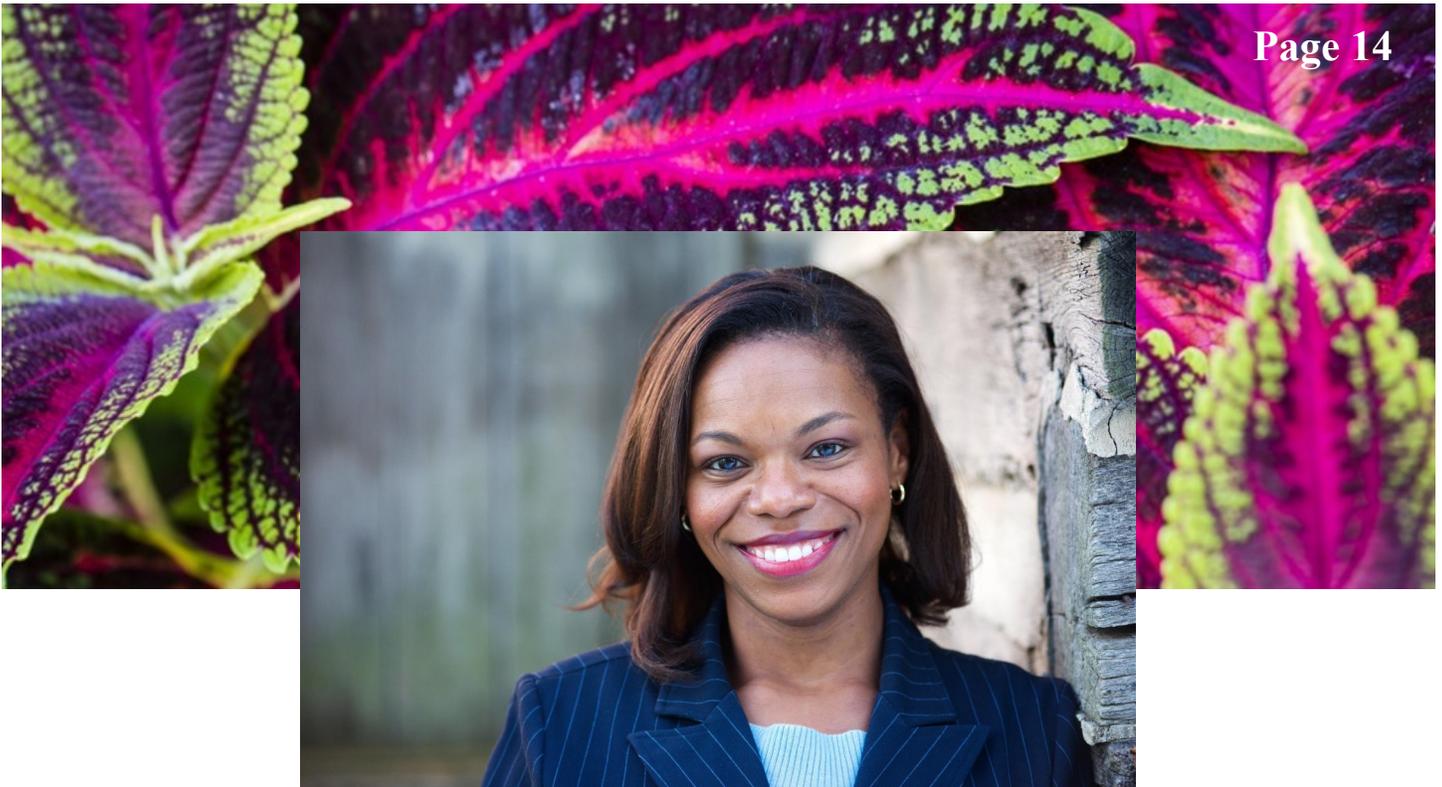
Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee

February 27, 2018 Creation of Energy Project Assessments Districts—continuation

February 27, 2018 Review of Resolution 156-94—27th Pay Period funding

Spring 2018 Long-time resident property tax assistance—continuation





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 February!

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