

# 8th District Update

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Lexington- Fayette Urban County Council



As I enter my 4<sup>th</sup> year on City Council, I will continue to sponsor improvements in the 8<sup>th</sup> district, especially in the areas of Public Safety, Parks, and Infrastructure.

### **Public Safety**

I have long been a supporter of public safety and work closely with the East Sector of the Lexington Police Department, located in the heart of our community. Supporting the budget to add a 4<sup>th</sup> sector and to fund neighborhood resource officers has already impacted our district in positive ways. Neighborhood Resource Officers have the opportunity to make personal connections in neighborhoods; and when the 4<sup>th</sup> sector is up and running, officers will be able to respond even quicker to emergency calls.

### **Parks**

The 8<sup>th</sup> District is home to five public parks: Gainesway, River Hill, Berry Hill, and Hartland Parks, as well as, the Tates Creek Golf Course and Aquatic Center. The golf course and aquatic center serves the whole region of southeast Lexington while Berry Hill Park attracts skaters from different parts of the state. Gainesway Park hosts the PAL football league and has a new shared use trail that stretches from Centre Parkway to Armstrong Mill Road. The tennis courts at Gainesway Park will be renovated this year and I've proposed a new project- constructing a parking area near the football field. Neighborhood parks and open greenspaces strengthen communities and make them better places to live. I will continue to push for adequate funding for their upkeep.

### **Infrastructure**

Paving, sidewalk construction, and traffic management are essential services the City should provide. I work closely with the budget to maximize funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> District. In June 2016, I chaired the sub-committee to implement the first pavement management plan in City history. As a result, more paving was done on residential streets. Since 2015, approximately 68 streets and cul-de-sacs have been paved in our district, along with rebuilt sidewalk ramps to ensure ADA compliance.

Through my work on the Transportation Policy Committee, I was able to secure funding for sidewalks on Armstrong Mill Road, from Greentree Road to Tates Creek Road. This is a \$1.2M project that will improve safety for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Having lived in the 8<sup>th</sup> district for 40 years, I am vested in its upkeep and future. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if I can be of assistance to you!

Thanks for your continued support!

*Fred*



## Lexington Welcomes New Police Chief

Mayor Jim Gray appointed Lawrence Weathers as the City's next police chief. Weathers, 54, previously served as Director of Law Enforcement for Fayette County Public Schools. A Lexington native, he retired from the Lexington Police Department in 2016, after 27 years of service. Weathers officially started as Chief on March 5.



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### 8th District Neighborhood Associations

- Centre Parkway Neighborhood Association
- Dove Creek Townhome Owner’s Association
- Gainesway Neighborhood Association
- Meadowcreek Neighborhood Association
- Pinnacle Homeowner’s Association
- River Park Neighborhood Association
- Southeastern Hills Neighborhood Association
- Tanbark Association of Neighbors
- Tatesbrook Neighborhood Association
- Vineyard Neighborhood Corporation

#### Attention Neighborhood Leaders

Registering your neighborhood association with the Office of the Kentucky Secretary of State opens the door to various funding opportunities.

Let me help you get started!

For more information, email me at [fbrown@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:fbrown@lexingtonky.gov).

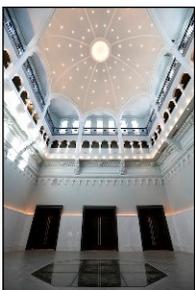
### In the District...

Congratulations to Tates Creek High School for receiving a Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant! Grant funding will allow for the design and installation of a rain garden to educate science students and the general public through workshops, presentations, and an environmental fair.

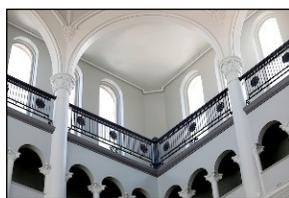
I’d also like to congratulate Vivienne Lucier for receiving the Mayor’s Urban Environmental Award at this year’s science fair and the Tates Creek Middle School Math Team for advancing to the State MathCounts Competition!

### What’s Under the Courthouse Dome?

Closed to the public for 60 years, the dome of Lexington’s Historic Courthouse is now restored, and reopened!



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In 2017, the Blue Grass Community Foundation and the City of Lexington, along with several community partners, brought On the Table to Lexington. Over 11,000 participants from every residential zip code in the City came together to discuss what’s great about our community and ways to make it better. This year, On the Table gatherings will once again be held all over the City on **March 28**. Host or join a table to talk about those issues in our community that are most important to you. Visit the [Blue Grass Community Foundation’s website](#) to learn more!



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 application, go to the [CEA webpage](#), where applications for the 2018 - 2019 class will be accepted through March 30.



### LexCall 311

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