


LEXINGTON
Council District 2

News for You

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF JOSEPH SMITH

Council Updates

Dear 2nd District Neighbors,

On Wednesday, March 28th, it was that time again where approximately 13,000 people across Lexington participated in “On the Table” discussions on topics and issues that are important to them. Coordinated by the Bluegrass Community Foundation, it was a one-day opportunity to gather around the table with friends, neighbors, colleagues, and/or complete strangers. I for one spent the entire day visiting as many “On the Table” discussion I could throughout 2nd District that I would possibly fit in my schedule. Listening to constituent input and ideas was very enlightening.

The discussions gathered during this year’s meeting will now be compiled and analyzed to gain a deeper understanding of how Lexington can become safer, stronger, more sustainable, better and more vibrant community as a whole.

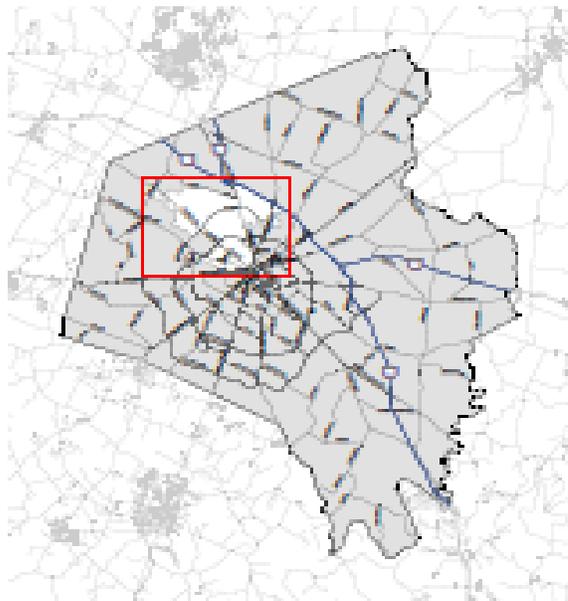
Thanks to everyone who participated in the “On the Table” discussions from the 2nd Council District: Your Voice Matters. When the 2018 report becomes available, I will let you know.

I hope you find the information published in this newsletter useful, and as always,

Thanks for your support!

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Downtown Lexington Open House Opportunity - Register Now!

WE INVITE YOU

DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON



**PUBLIC
OPEN
HOUSE**



On Monday, April 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Bluegrass Community (BTCT) located at 500 Newtown We want your input from property owners, business operators, residents and customers to assist in charting Downtown's future. Help us rank priorities and offer input on what projects you would like to see put in motion. Information collected from 1st and 2nd District during the open house will be used to create a three year Strategic Plan for Downtown. Register Now! Join members of your community as we work together with Downtown Lexington Partnership to plan Downtown's future:

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Free and Open to the Public

Join members of your community as we work together with Downtown Lexington Partnership to plan Downtown's future:

- Provide your feedback and suggestions.
- Rank priorities.
- Enjoy light snacks and refreshments.

Together we can chart the future of downtown Lexington.



Designs for Improving the Meadowthorpe Commercial Shopping Center - May 8th Public Presentation

On, Wednesday April 11th, the UK Landscape Architecture Program Grad-Students as a part of their class assignment provided their required 10 minute presentations to students and faculty in the Department of Landscape Architecture on designs for improving the Meadowthorpe Commercial Shopping Mall on Leestown Rd.

Back on February 9th, I have the opportunity along with a few Meadowthorpe neighbors and business owners to meet with these outstanding UK students at the McDonalds on Leestown Rd. They expressed an interest working on the Meadowthorpe Commercial Shopping Mall as a part of a semester long class project with the purpose of:

- (1) inventory and analyze the current use and physical composition of the Meadowthorpe commercial strip mall,
- (2) learn and compare to at least two successful commercial areas in Lexington, and
- (3) provide recommendations and a vision for a more vibrant commercial area that could also promote a healthier, more active, and sustainable environment for its nearby population...

With the understanding that by Spring the students will present their final proposals publicly and have an opportunity to share ideas, renderings and budget proposals with the neighboring residents and businesses.



YOU'RE INVITED

To
A Public Presentation
by

The UK Landscape Architecture Program Grad Students
On design for improving the
Meadowthorpe Commercial Shopping Center
scheduled on

May 8th at the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood (MNA) Park Shelter
located at 333 Larch Lane, Lexington, KY 40511
Time: 8:00 p.m.

This vision will be a great starting point for the surrounding neighborhoods and the businesses to apply for grants for future projects in the area.

LexTran Route Adjustments in 2nd District—Effective May 2018

MAY 2018 SERVICE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSALS

Objectives

- Describe proposed service adjustments that would go into effect in May
- Railroad crossing safety hazard on W 3rd Street affecting Route 2 - Georgetown Road and Route 4 - Newtown Pike
- Improved service to Frederick Douglass High School and Polo Club via Route 10 - Hamburg
- Now serving Pleasant Ridge and Bryant Road via Route 18 - Centre Parkway Connector
- Collect feedback pertaining to May 2018 service adjustments

Route 2 - Georgetown Adjustments

- Inbound route will utilize 4th Street instead of 3rd Street to avoid railroad crossing.
- Stops currently served on 3rd Street will be moved to Jefferson Street.
- Route 2 end of the line layover location will move from Citation Blvd. to Innovation Drive.

Route 4 - Newtown Pike Adjustments

- Inbound route will utilize 4th Street instead of 3rd Street to avoid railroad crossing.
- Stops currently served on 3rd Street will be moved to Jefferson Street.

Route 10 - Hamburg Adjustments

- Frederick Douglas High school will be served on Meeting Street
- Pleasant Ridge Drive and Bryant Road will be moved to Route 18
- Pavilion Way and Vendor Way stops are moved to Sir Barton Way
- Improved Service to Polo Club

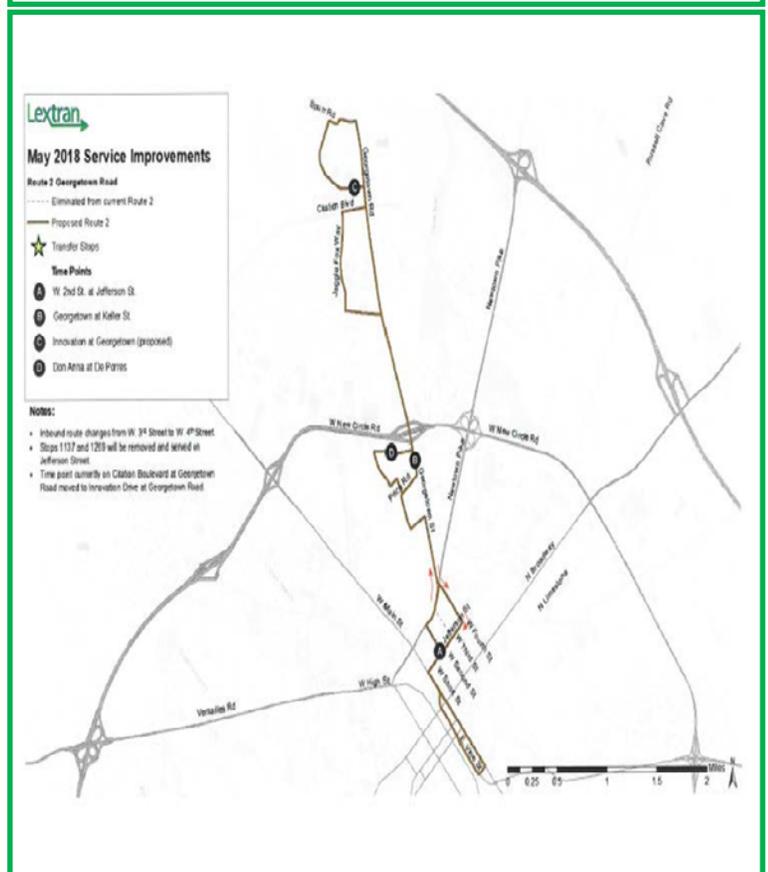
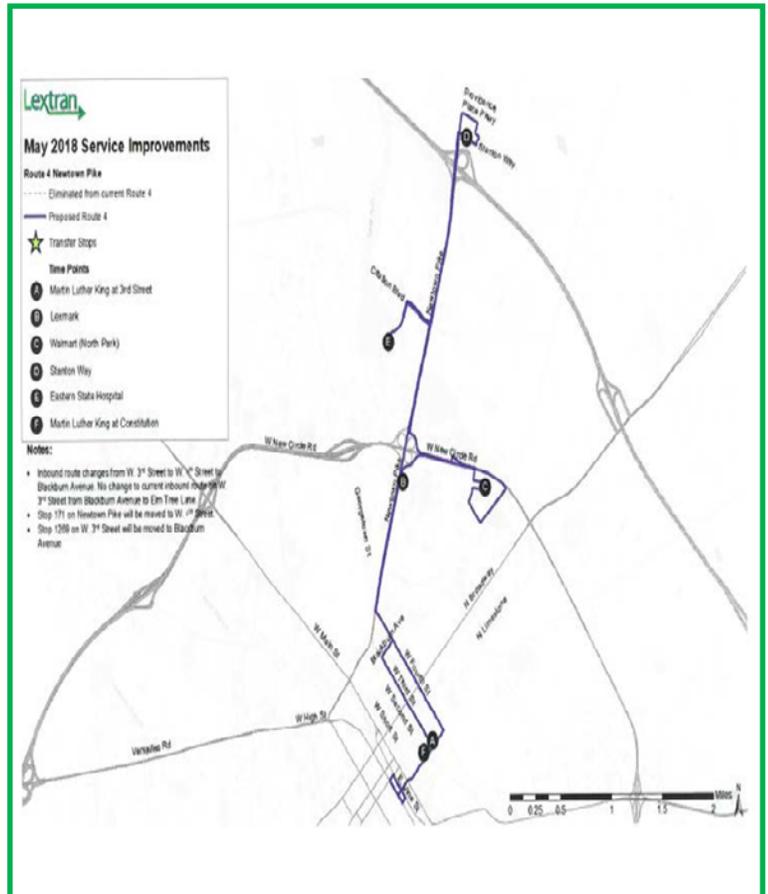
Route 18 - Centre Parkway Adjustments

- Liberty Road stops are removed
- Start Shoot Parkway are removed
- Route 18 now serves Pleasant Ridge Drive and Bryant Road

Service adjustments aim to provide safer, more efficient service to our community. Each adjustment is intentionally designed to improve the service Lextran provides.



email info@lextran.com for more information
<https://bit.ly/May2018Adjustments>



Who are those MetroNet People in my Neighborhood?

Mayor Jim Gray's office released a short video to help Lexington residents learn what to expect from MetroNet's citywide fiber-optic network construction project, now underway in Lexington.

The video, along with frequently asked questions and answers, is available on the city's website, at www.lexingtonky.gov/gig.

"We are very pleased to have MetroNet building its fiber-optic network here in Lexington, giving residents and businesses a new option for gigabit-level internet service, television channels, and telephone service," said Scott Shapiro, who worked on the project for the Mayor's Office along with CIO Aldona Valicenti. "But there will be construction in neighborhoods – a lot of it. This video will give folks a heads up to minimize surprises."



The construction of MetroNet's fiber-optic network, which has already begun in neighborhoods north of Richmond Road, will touch nearly every street in the city over the next three years.

Like Columbia Gas and Kentucky Utilities, MetroNet has a franchise agreement with the city of Lexington that allows the company to access telephone poles and utility easements, which can be in the front or back of people's yards. While MetroNet will not dig trenches, it will conduct some underground boring and dig holes to insert conduit and "planters" that contain equipment.

As this project gets underway, both MetroNet and the city are working to provide information to citizens. At the time construction begins in your neighborhood, you will receive four separate notifications from MetroNet: a letter, a postcard, neighborhood signs, and a smaller sign placed next to mailboxes, Shapiro said. Each contains information and the company's telephone number and web address: (877) 386-3876 and www.metronetinc.com/construction.



Citizens are encouraged to contact MetroNet to ask questions, learn about construction schedules, or to register any issues that construction crews should know. MetroNet has said that it will respond to inquiries within one business day, and repair any damage that occurs during their work.

MetroNet has put out a special call for people in neighborhoods with underground utilities. Individuals in those neighborhoods who also have irrigation systems, underground dog fences or sump pumps should contact MetroNet so that the company's crews can safely avoid those buried facilities.

"MetroNet is working hard to get through this construction phase and minimize disruption," Shapiro said. "But we are keeping our eyes on the prize. Beginning in some neighborhoods in late summer or early fall, Lexingtonians will have access to some of the fastest internet access in the world."

Upcoming Events

National Healthcare Decisions Day
 "It always seems too early, until it's too late."
 NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

The Gift of Knowing . . .

Panel discussion with a Physician, Social Worker, Chaplain and Donor Recipient. Information on advance directives and organ donation including Q&A.

WHERE: Lexington Senior Center
195 Life Lane, Lexington, KY

WHEN: Wednesday, April 18, 1-2 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Lite refreshments will be served.
Notary Public will be available to assist with completion of KY Living Will.



Waste Event Coming Up

Household Hazardous Waste Event:
April 21, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Old Landfill Pad (1631 Old Frankfort Pike)

Fayette County residents can dispose of their household hazardous wastes properly and for free! This event is funded in part by the Kentucky Pride Fund through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management

Paper Shred Event:
May 19, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Old Landfill Pad (1631 Old Frankfort Pike)

Fayette County residents may bring up to five boxes or bags of material to be shredded at no cost. No wet material will be accepted. This event allows Lexington residents to safely dispose of their sensitive materials in an environmentally-friendly way.

River Sweep:
June 16, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Clays Ferry Boat Dock off KY 25 under the I-75 overpass

Volunteers will travel in boats to collect trash from the 12 miles of the Kentucky River that borders Fayette County.

Plant with us at Reforest the Bluegrass

Hopefully, we've seen the last of the winter snow this season, so come celebrate spring at Reforest the Bluegrass this Saturday. For nearly two decades, volunteers have planted over 135,000 tree seedlings to improve streamside habitat and water quality throughout Lexington.

This year's event is being held at Veterans Park, 650 Southpoint Dr., on Saturday, April 14. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to plant seedlings. Volunteers should dress for the weather, including shoes or boots that can get muddy and wet.

Reforest the Bluegrass is a great opportunity for families, religious groups, scout troops, and social organizations to participate in a public service event. Participants will be trained how to properly plant seedlings. Lunch is provided, and volunteers will receive a t-shirt on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Private and public partners work together to make this event happen. Lead sponsors include Sekisui, Kentucky American Water, Kentucky Utilities, Lexmark and Fortune Collision. Other supporters include Baker Iron and Metal, Keep Lexington Beautiful, Lexington-Fayette County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Big Beaver Tree Service, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Environmental Commission, US Forest Service, Kentucky Division of Forestry and various departments within the City of Lexington.



#LEXGIVEBACK - April 22-28

Every day we are confronted with examples of hatred, greed, and conflict in our world. At times, it may feel overwhelming. But you CAN make a difference in helping Lexington become a more compassionate city. In late 2017, the Lexington City Council approved a resolution making Lexington the 401st Compassionate City on the planet! To celebrate and live out this accomplishment, you/your organization is invited to participation in LEXGIVEBACK, a week-long service event to be held April 22-28.

LEXGIVEBACK is the first EVER city-wide service opportunity for you, your family, coworkers, and friends to put your compassion into action. During the week of April 22-28, you will be encouraged to engage in acts of compassion toward your fellow citizens, either as part of a group or on your own. Volunteer at a service organization, help a neighbor, do something to improve the environment...the possibilities are endless!

LEXGIVEBACK is planned and organized by a team of classmates from this year's Leadership Lexington class, sponsored by Commerce Lexington. The LEXGIVEBACK team is proud to be partnering with Compassionate Lexington and StepForwardLex to offer this event.

To get some ideas or learn how you can be part of this inaugural initiative as a volunteer, or to enroll as an organization needing volunteers, visit us at www.lexgiveback.org Be sure to share your compassionate act on social media using #LEXGIVEBACK and #CompassionateLex. Put your compassion into action to help make Lexington a more compassionate city!



Putting compassion into action!

WHAT

#LEXGIVEBACK is a week-long community service project when individuals and organizations will transform Lexington by engaging in acts of compassion toward their fellow Lexingtonians. Mowing a lawn, serving at a soup kitchen, lending a hand ... no act of compassion is too small!

WHO

#LEXGIVEBACK is part of the Compassionate Lexington Campaign. It's organized as a project of Commerce Lexington's Leadership Lexington program, and is affiliated with the International Charter for Compassion movement.

WHY

On Oct. 12 2017, the LFUCG Council voted unanimously to designate Lexington as a Compassionate City, joining us with other cities around the globe who are part of the Charter for Compassion movement. #LEXGIVEBACK is one of the ways we are living out this new identity and putting compassion into action.

HOW

Visit lexgiveback.org to learn more, sign up and follow our social media accounts. And don't forget to tag your acts of compassion with #LEXGIVEBACK during the week of April 22-28.

Facebook.com/compassionatelexington
Instagram.com/compassionatelex



ListenUp! Festival supports survivors of interpersonal violence

Listen Up! is a new festival to support survivors of interpersonal violence (including dating violence, domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking). It will take place Saturday, April 28th, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at several venues along Main Street in downtown Lexington.

“From Black Lives Matter to the Women’s March to #MeToo, public space has been created for conversations regarding community responsibility for personal safety, and we don’t intend to let that slip away,” said Stephanie Theakston, Program Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Prevention Board. “To maintain this momentum and to create real social change, we have to continue to be visible and continue to let survivors know - We see you, we believe you, and we’re here to support you.”

Activities include speak outs, a poetry slam, panel discussions, a film screening, games, art activities, dance performances, a market and more.

Anyone interested in performing, hosting a workshop or volunteering should visit lexingtonky.gov/dvpb to sign up. Please keep in mind that all activities should amplify survivors’ voices, highlight the diversity of survivors and their experiences, provide an interactive opportunity for allies to support survivors, and/or focus on empowering all genders.

LEXINGTON, KY
April 28, 2018

art activities
film screening
panel discussion
speak out
games
storytime
and so much more!

inspired by
#metoo.

10am-3pm - Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center - 141 East Main Street
Free, Family Friendly Festival

CITY HAPPENINGS—APRIL 13 - 22, 2018

Friday, April 13

[Police hiring prep course](#).....6 p.m.

First African Baptist Church – 465 Price Road

[Jacobson Park sprayground opens](#).....9 a.m.

Jacobson Park – 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Road

[Masterson Station Park sprayground opens](#).....9 a.m.

Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

Saturday, April 14

[Free Trash Disposal Day](#).....6 a.m. – 1 p.m.

1631 Old Frankfort Pike

[Craft Sale and Flea Market](#).....8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Kenwick Community Center – 313 Owsley Ave.

[Irish Homecom-](#)

[ing](#).....9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmman Lane

[Reforest the Bluegrass](#).....9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Veterans Park – 650 Southpoint Dr.

[Education, Advocacy and Communications Committee meeting](#).....11:30 a.m.

Global Lex – Suite 110, 1306 Versailles Rd.

[Kite Fest](#).....noon – 4 p.m.

Jacobson Park – 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Road

[Jacobson Park boat dock opens](#).....noon – 7 p.m.

Jacobson Park – 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Road

[Spring Wildflowers](#).....1 p.m.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

[Bluegrass Printmakers' Cooperative Open House](#).....6 – 8:30 p.m.

Artworks at Carver School – 522 Patterson St.

[Stargazing at Raven Run](#).....8:30 – 10 p.m.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

Sunday, April 15

[Ballet Under the stars preshow auditions](#).....12:30 p.m.

Artworks at Carver School – 522 Patterson St.

[Girls Fast Pitch Softball Clinic](#).....2 – 4 p.m.

Kirklevington Park – 296 Redding Road

Monday, April 16

[Link meeting, General Services and Planning](#).....1 p.m.

5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E.

Main St.

Tuesday, April 17

[Council budget workshop](#).....9 a.m.

Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Planning and Public Safety Committee](#).....1 p.m.

Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Council work session](#).....3 p.m.

Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Wednesday, April 18

[Vacant Property Review Commission](#).....10 a.m.

Phoenix Building – 101 E. Vine St.

[Link meeting, General Services and Planning](#).....1 p.m.

5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E.

Main St.

[Greenspace Commission](#).....3 p.m.

Phoenix Building – 101 E. Vine St.

Thursday, April 19

[Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission](#).....9 a.m.

5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E.

Main St.

[Corridors Commission](#).....10 a.m.

5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E.

Main St.

[Exaction Credit Advisory Committee](#).....10:30 a.m.

Phoenix Building – 101 E. Vine St.

[Council rules and procedures subcommittee](#).....1:30 p.m.

Caucus Room – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Planning Commission work session](#).....1:30 p.m.

Phoenix Building – 101 E. Vine St.

[Spring carnival/block party](#).....6 p.m.

Kenwick Community Center – 313 Owsley Ave.

Friday, April 20

[Step Into Spring dance](#).....1:30 p.m.

Lexington Senior Center – 195 Life Lane

Saturday, April 21

[Household hazardous waste event](#).....8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

1631 Old Frankfort Pike

[Junior Naturalist, spring into life](#).....10 a.m.

McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmman Lane

[Scout Skills, signs of wildlife and native plants](#).....10 a.m.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

Sunday, April 22

No meetings or events scheduled

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.

Thompson Road Park Renovation

Project Manager: Michelle Kosieniak
Budget: \$187,500 CDBG 17 Funds
Status: On-going

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
Budget: \$500,000
Status: Complete
Notes: Seasonal: Opens April 13th

Parks Master Plan

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



KY Sheep & Fiber Festival Returns to Masterson Station Park

Goat yoga classes, specialty workshops now open for registration

Lexington Parks & Recreation is proud to once again host the annual Kentucky Sheep & Fiber Festival, May 19 – 20 at Masterson Station Park. The Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival began in 2009 when some fiber enthusiasts and some agriculture enthusiasts got together and realized that Kentucky needed a festival that could represent their crafts and culture. Our festival exists to bring together the arts and crafts community with the producers of the fibers they utilize. At our festival, you can literally see sheep to shawl and everything in between! With over 100 vendors each year, live animals, sheep shearing demonstrations and an amazing array of workshops- our festival has something for everyone.

Each year, the Locust Trace Agriscience School/FFA program and the Fayette County 4-H program assist the KSFF Committee in conducting the festival. Because of the dedication and hard work of the youth, KSFF gives scholarships to each of the programs.

The festival, now in its 10th year, will showcase some the nation's best fiber artists and feature live demonstrations, workshops, vendors and other family-friendly activities.

"We are thrilled to welcome artisans, crafts people, fiber producers and more to Lexington for this festival to celebrate all things sheep!," said Amber Luallen, cultural arts program director for Lexington Parks & Recreation. "Whether you're a beginning knitter, a professional weaver or just an animal lover – this event has something for everyone, and we can't wait to showcase all this unique crafting and farming community has to offer."

The festival will feature more than 100 vendors with finished goods as well as supplies for knitting, weaving, dyeing, spinning and crocheting. Festival-goers will also be able to enjoy demonstrations throughout the day of sheep shearing and crafting. And, there will be live sheep, llamas, alpacas, bunnies and a variety of animal babies available for petting and photos.

Workshops (registration now open)

Each year, the festival offers an array of workshops for beginning, intermediate and advanced crafters. The workshops start a day before the official festival begins, running from May 18 – 20.

New in 2018 is the addition of "goat yoga" classes. That's right! This workshop combines the relaxation and meditation of yoga with animal therapy to offer a unique twist for traditional yoga practitioners. Licensed instructors from the Be Happy Yoga and Salt Cave Studio will be offering hour-long yoga classes with some of the most adorable animals around – baby goats. Cost is \$30 per class and space is limited. [Registration is available online.](#)

Other workshops offered during the festival include scarf making, intro to rug hooking, saori weaving, goats milk soap making, broom making, color theory for fiber artists and much, much more. For a complete list of workshops, pricing, registration and other details visit kentuckysheepandfiber.com/workshops.

For more information about the Kentucky Sheep & Fiber Festival, visit the official website at kentuckysheepandfiber.com and go to [Facebook](#).



Kentucky American Water and Columbia Gas Projects in 2nd District

Below is an update on Kentucky American Water and Columbia Gas projects that are in 2nd Council Districts. Both companies have already reached out to the those neighborhoods listed and construction is ramping up as the weather permits to be in full swing throughout the summer. Typically the two companies do not work in the same areas at the same time, but with these projects it is all about timing. The positive is that with both companies working at the same time, shortens the total duration of disturbance to nearly half the time.

KAWC will do work on:

- ⇒ 400 and 500 blocks of West 3rd street (N Broadway to Blackburn Ave)
- ⇒ Jefferson Street from W 4th Street to W 3rd Street.

Columbia Gas will do work on:

- ⇒ 400 Block of West 3rd street (N Broadway to Jefferson Ave)
- ⇒ Jefferson Street from W 4th Street to W 3rd Street.
- ⇒ West 4th street (Jefferson St to Bourbon Ave)

Unsolicited Materials

On March 2, 2017, the Urban County Council enacted Section 14-106 of the Code of Ordinances to regulate the placement of unsolicited written materials. By definition, unsolicited written materials are written materials delivered to a premises without express permission of the owner, occupant or lessee. Examples may include, but are not limited to, advertising circulars, coupons, pamphlets, newsletters, books or magazines left without permission.

Under the ordinance, the delivery of unsolicited written materials is restricted to the following areas:

- on a porch nearest the front door;
- securely attached to the front door;
- through a mail slot on the front door;
- between the exterior front door (if one exists and is unlocked) and interior front door;
- in a distribution box on or adjacent to the premises;
- or by personal delivery to the owner, occupant, or lessee.

If unsolicited written materials are delivered to any of these areas, no violation of the ordinance has occurred.

Effective June 1, 2018, the city of Lexington will begin enforcing the ordinance. If you believe that a violation of the ordinance has occurred *prior* to June 1, you may contact Lexcall at (859) 425-2255 and a warning will be issued to the potential violator. On or after this date, you may file a complaint with the city's Division of Code Enforcement.

For more information, visit the Division of Code Enforcement website (link to website – <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/code-enforcement>).



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