


LEXINGTON
Council District 2

News for You

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF JOSEPH SMITH

Council Updates

Dear 2nd District Neighbors,

Mayor Gray presented his proposed FY 19 \$370.7 million General Fund Budget on Tuesday, April 10th to the full Council. Since then, the Council has begun the step-by-step process of comprehensively reviewing the proposed budget. The overall review process takes several weeks and enables the Council to conduct comprehensive questioning of the proposed budget before the Council makes a final budget approval in June.

The City's budget comes from taxes, fees, and grants. Fees and property taxes must be used for specific purposes such as waste management, road paving, maintaining city parks and street lights.

There are multiple programs, complex needs, and essential services that we must provide for and adequately fund. Public safety is 55.5% of the proposed General Fund budget that includes new positions in our Fire Department, with 24 to staff a new station in Masterson Station—the largest firefighter force our City has ever had. Also in fire, there is an investment of \$2.7 million in new fire trucks and other vehicles; and \$1.3 million in station maintenance and \$12,000 for the smoke detector program.

Infrastructure improvements included funding for paving, facilities improvements, trail maintenance, new traffic signals, and a Man-O-War traffic study.

Community and economic development funding included funds for the Affordable Housing Fund, homelessness initiatives, jobs fund, workforce development grants, corridor enhancements, convention center improvements and renovations for the city parks projects.

I along with my fellow colleagues continue the work of reviewing the various aspects of the budget in order to create the eventually adopted budget for FY19.

You can read Mayor Gray's Proposed Budget speech in its entirety and also watch a video of the speech by [clicking here](#).

Thanks for your support!

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TOWN BRANCH COMMONS PROJECT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 15th, 5pm

Central Library, 140 E. Main Street

Presentation focused on the Downtown Section of the Town Branch Commons

Thursday, May 24th, 5pm

**Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Newtown Campus, Classroom Building**

Presentation focused on the Town Branch Connector along Newtown Pike

Learn About Town Branch Commons

- Town Branch Commons is an urban park and trail system that will connect new and existing downtown parks and two city-wide trails, Town Branch Trail and the Legacy Trail.
- The City is overseeing the first phase of construction, including the Town Branch Trail through downtown and the Town Branch Connector along Newtown Pike. When these trails are completed that will be the final link to a 22-mile uninterrupted trail system.
- Step one, beginning spring 2018, is utility construction throughout the corridor including the Midland Avenue sanitary sewer upgrades.
- Join project representatives May 15th at the Central Library downtown starting at 5:00pm to learn more about the project plans and upcoming construction.
- Anyone within the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods are encouraged to attend.



Stay Up-To-Date by visiting the project website: www.lexingtonky.gov/townbranchcommons

Questions and comments may be sent to townbranch@lexingtonky.gov

YARD WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE

Please be aware, due to a shortage of drivers there may be a delay in your yard waste collection. EQPW has communicated with citizens through a press release, Next Door and social media. They are in the process of printing postcards that will be mailed to all residents with city collection to inform them about the problem and let them know what to do. They are also mailing letters with similar information to homeowner and neighborhood associations. They anticipate that the associations will get their letters later this week, and residents will get their postcards late next week. And, they will send out another press release by this Friday. Appreciate your patience while EQPW hire and train new drivers. Refer to flyer for instructions.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE

Due to a driver shortage, yard waste trucks are currently unable to service everyone on their regular collection day. Please leave yard waste carts and brown paper yard waste bags at the curb until they are collected.

We are working to correct the issue, but the situation may continue throughout the summer months. Thank you for your patience while we hire and train new drivers.

- + If your cart has not been serviced, leave it at the curb until it is empty. Carts that are left out for service will not be ticketed by the city.
- + Generally, residents with Monday or Tuesday collection will have missed carts picked up on Wednesday. Residents with Thursday or Friday collection will have missed carts picked up on Saturday.
- + If your yard waste cart was missed, please wait until after your makeup day (Wednesday or Saturday) to report the missed collection.
- + Homeowner associations have been notified about the delayed pickup for yard waste.

If you have questions, please contact LexCall at 311 or 859.425.2255.



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.

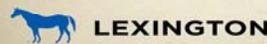
River Sweep:
June 16, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Clays Ferry Boat Dock off KY 25 under the I-75 overpass

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

FREE PAPER SHRED EVENT

Safely shred unwanted documents.

Saturday, May 19
9am to 2pm
1631 Old Frankfort Pike
Enter via Jimmie Campbell Dr.
LexingtonKY.gov/PaperShred



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

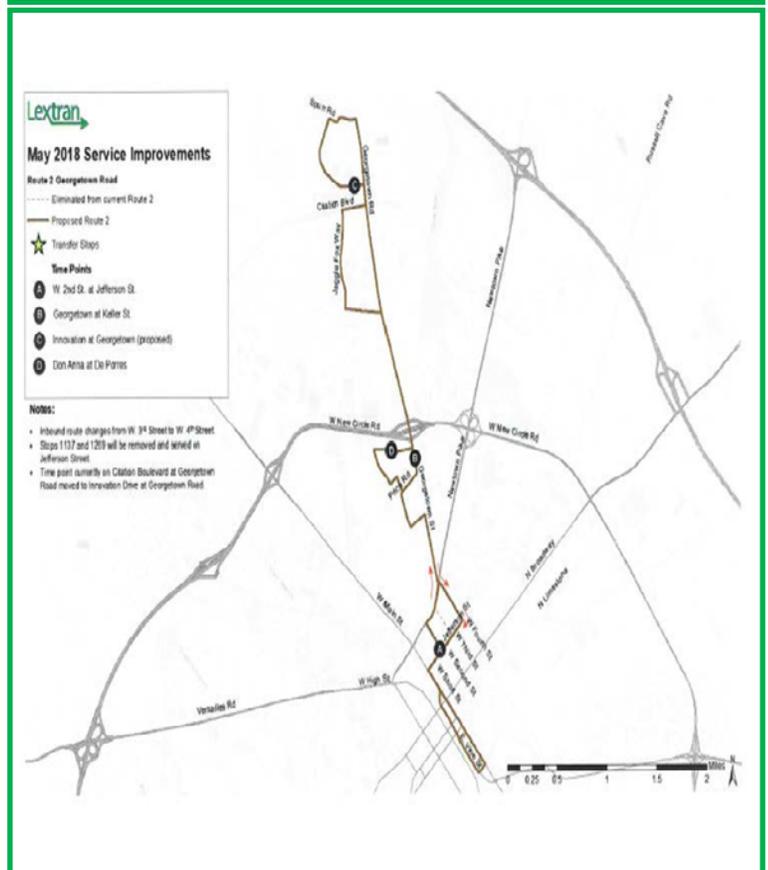
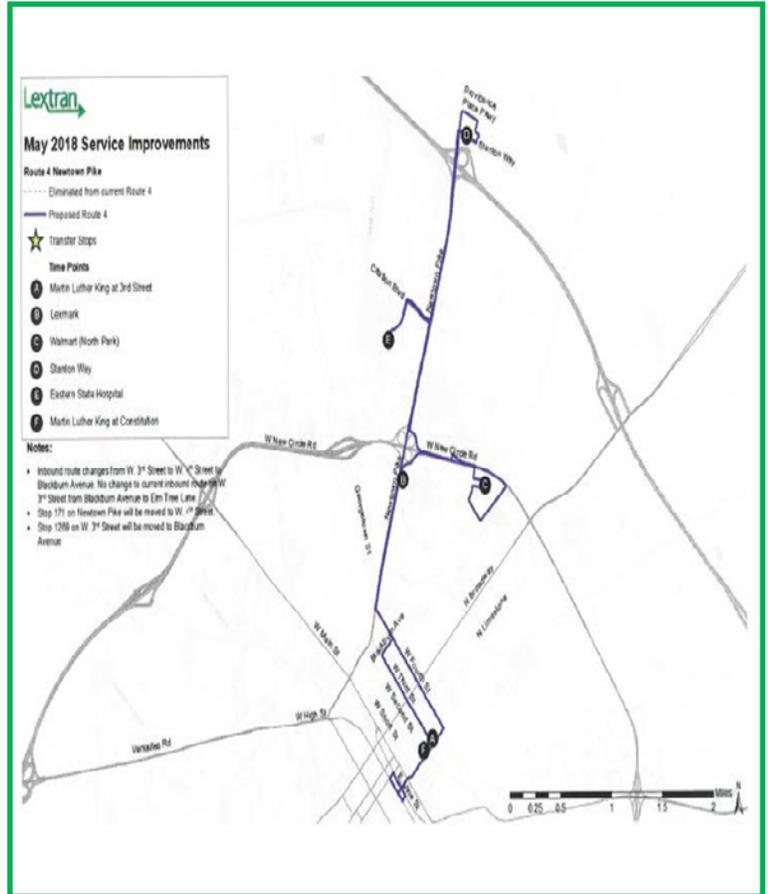
Route 18 - Centre Parkway Adjustments

- 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."

LEXINGTON CELEBRATES NATIONAL BIKE MONTH!

May is National Bike Month and Lexington is geared up to celebrate! The city is offering several events for bike riders of all ages and skill levels to promote bicycling and the many health, environmental, economic and social benefits that result from riding bikes.

“Lexington is a city filled with bike lovers, and we only want that number to keep growing,” said Scott Thompson, bike and pedestrian coordinator for the Lexington Division of Planning. “Whether you ride your bike every day, haven’t been on a bike in decades or are somewhere in between—Bike Month is great reason to get out and ride.”



The below list includes city-related bike events, some of which will also help city planners better understand the needs of Lexington bike riders. Also be on the lookout throughout May for other Bike Month happenings sponsored through local schools, universities, bike shops and cycling organizations.

Love to Ride: National Bike Challenge 2018

When: Month of May

Website (and registration): lovetoride.net/usa

Cost: free

The Love to Ride Challenge is a fun, free competition to encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to experience first-hand the joys and benefits of riding a bike. There are lots of fantastic prizes to tempt each team, which will be awarded throughout the month.

Signing up and participating in the Challenge is easy. The list below includes some helpful Challenge facts:

Register anytime – the Challenge lasts the entire month of May and participants are not disadvantaged by signing up after May 1

There’s an App for that! Participants can easily log their rides and keep up-to-date with other Challenge riders using the free Love to Ride app. The app also syncs with any mileage tracking app that you already use to log rides, such as Map My Ride or Strava

Not just teams – both individuals and groups can sign up

Not just distance riders – participants only have to ride a minimum of 10 minutes in order to log their time and earn a chance to win

Prizes – prizes will be awarded and added throughout the month, check out the [prizes page](#) for a complete list

Life is a Cycle ride

When: Monday, May 14 at 6 p.m.

Where: Broomwagon Bikes + Coffee, 800 N. Limestone

Website (and registration): lifeisacycle.bike

Cost: registration is \$10, *with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association*

Life is a Cycle is a national group bike ride for everybody. Every day of National Bike Month, a group bike ride will be held in a different city across the country and May 14 is Lexington’s day! The event is intended to educate citizens on the health and commuting benefits of biking. It will give local residents the opportunity to bike on area streets, paths and trails in the safety of a group.

The Lexington ride is an [8.24 mile route](#) throughout downtown and is intended for cyclists of all ages and skills. However, please be aware that the route will not be closed to vehicular traffic.

Bike Lexington’s Family Fun Ride

When: Saturday, June 2

-8 a.m. – Registration opens, Kids Rodeo courses begin

-9 a.m. – SlowCycle begins

-10 a.m. – Family Fun Ride begins

Where: Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza at Short St. and Limestone

Website: downtownlex.com/bike-lexington

Cost: free

Bike Lexington’s Family Fun Ride is an eight-mile car-free bike ride in the heart of downtown Lexington. The event is not a race and the route is designed for riders of all skill sets and ages to celebrate the joy of biking. The event is free and also features giveaways, a bike polo demonstration, a Kids Rodeo bike course and a Slow Cycle for ages 18+. Complete details are on the event’s [website](#).

The Family Fun Ride is presented by the Downtown Lexington Partnership, the city of Lexington, Republic Bank, LM Communications, WKYT and Share the Road.

Giveaways/prizes: Free helmets will be given away, while they last. If riders already have a helmet, they can stop by the free helmet fitting station to ensure a safe and proper fit.

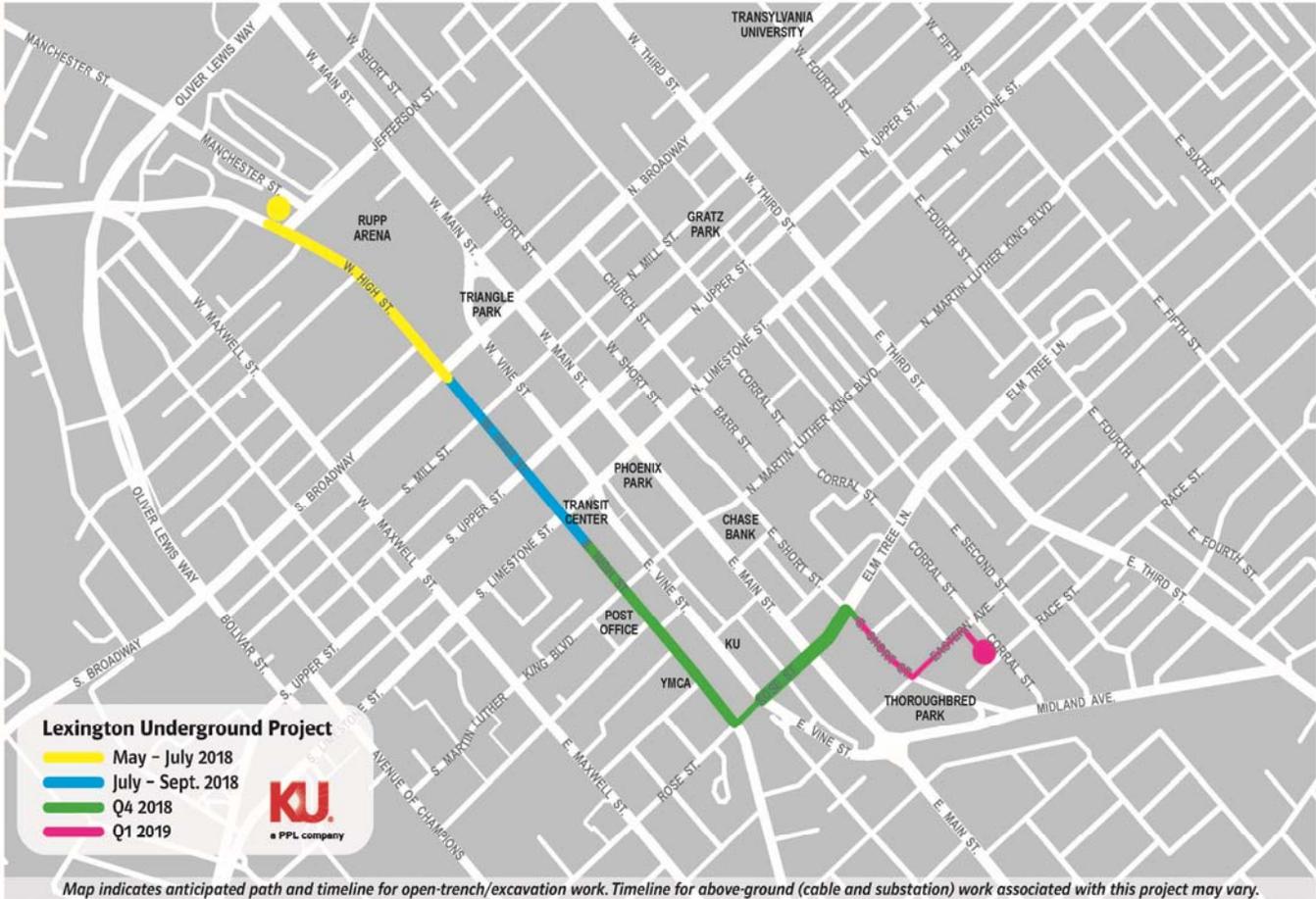
Every registered Family Fun Ride participant will automatically be entered into a bike giveaway and the winner will be announced after the ride. One bike will be awarded to an adult, and one to a child. Participants must be present to win.

KU DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON PROJECT ALERT

Within the next couple of weeks, KU will begin a transmission system upgrade project in downtown Lexington. The project will involve the construction and replacement of portions of underground and overhead electric transmission infrastructure across two miles of the downtown area.

When completed, the work is expected to reduce electric service interruptions to customers within the area and enhance electric reliability throughout the system.

Scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019, this work will require periodic lane closures on some downtown streets as well as the use of large vehicles and heavy equipment. To find out more about this project, [VISIT HERE](#), or call (859) 367-5305.



BLUEGRASSS CLASSIC STOCKDOG TRIAL EVENT

Nation's top handlers to compete at 57th annual Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trial

The 57th annual [Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trial](#) will once again return to Lexington's Masterson Station Park, showcasing the country's best dog handlers and herding dogs. The elite competition will take place May 16 – 20, from dawn to dusk each day.

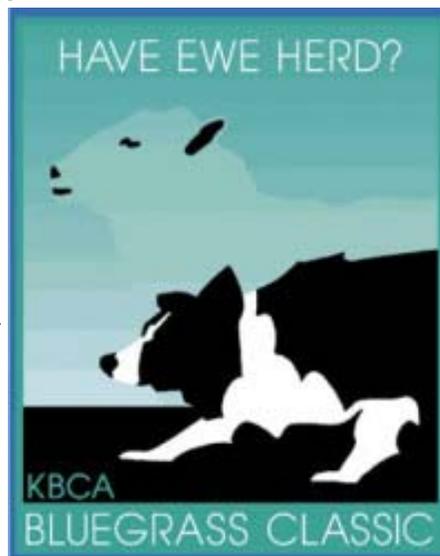
The five-day event will feature more than 600 dog-handler teams, culminating with a 'best-of-the-best' final competition on Sunday, May 20. More than 500 sheep are transported from Montana to Kentucky for this prestigious event, considered to be the best stockdog event east of the Rocky Mountains.

"The general public first became familiar with stockdog trials after the release of the popular movie 'Babe,' but you can't really appreciate the precise skill and training that goes into a competition like this without seeing it live and in-person," said Marianna Schreeder, president of the Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trial. "The bond between handlers and their dogs is truly unmatched, and it is a real treat to watch these world-class animals compete at the highest level."

The Bluegrass Classic is free and open to the public for all five days. There will be raffles each day, and food and drinks available for purchase. Spectators are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs for sitting. Attendees may also bring their own dogs, as long as they are leashed.

Some of the top handlers that will be appearing at this year's Bluegrass Classic include Scotsman Tom Wilson, the defending Bluegrass Champion and two-time David Letterman guest; Scotsman Alasdair MacRae, who has been featured in articles by the Wall Street Journal and Smithsonian magazines; and Canadian Scott Glen, the defending National Champion.

For more information on the Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trial, visit bluegrassclassic.wordpress.com.



Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival

The Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trial coincides with the [Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival](#) which runs May 19-20, at the Lions Club fairgrounds located in Masterson Station Park.

This festival is sponsored by the [KY Sheep and Wool Producers Association](#) in conjunction with [Lexington Parks and Recreation](#).

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. This year the Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival will host new workshops, such as goat yoga, and vendors and will offer craftsmanship for observation and for sale.

CITY HAPPENINGS: MAY 11 - 20, 2018

Friday, May 11

No meetings or events scheduled

Saturday, May 12

[Birds of the Bluegrass](#).....8 a.m.
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

[Bluegrass Birding Festival](#).....9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

[Canoeing on the Kentucky River](#).....9 a.m.
Kentucky River

[Autism Safety Day](#).....11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fire Station 20 – 3001 Arrowhead

[Stargazing at Raven Run](#).....9 p.m.
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

Sunday, May 13

[Explore the Springs](#).....2 p.m.
McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

Monday, May 14

Board of Adjustment hearing.....1 p.m.
Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Vacant Property Review Commission.....5 p.m.
Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Life is a Cycle bike ride](#).....6 p.m.
Broomwagon Bikes + Coffee – 800 N. Limestone

Tuesday, May 15

Link meeting, Finance and Social Services.....11 a.m.
5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee...1 p.m.
Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Council work session, including public hearing on FY19 proposed budget](#).....3 p.m.
Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Town Branch Commons community outreach meeting.....5 p.m.
Lexington Public Library – 140 E. Main St.

Wednesday, May 16

[Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trail](#).....all day
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

Greenspace Commission.....3 p.m.
Phoenix Building – 101 E. Vine St.

Urban County Arts Review Board.....3 p.m.
Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Thursday, May 17

[Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trail](#).....all day
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission.....9 a.m.
5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Kentucky MWBE certification program](#).....10 a.m.
Room B109 – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Corridors Commission.....11 a.m.
5th floor conference room – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Planning Commission work session.....1:30 p.m.
Phoenix Building – 101 E. Vine St.

Quarterly Committee of the Whole.....4:30 p.m.
Caucus Room – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

[Thursday Night Live, featuring Honeychild](#).....5 p.m.
Cheapside Park – 251 W. Main St.

Council meeting.....6 p.m.
Council Chamber – Government Center, 200 E. Main St.

Friday, May 18

[Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trail](#).....all day
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

[LexArts HOP](#).....5 – 8 p.m.
Downtown Arts Center – 141 E. Main St.

Saturday, May 19

[Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trail](#).....all day
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

[Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival](#).....9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

[Free paper shred](#).....9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Old Landfill Pad – 1631 Old Frankfort Pike

[24th annual Founders' Day and Colonial Crafts Festival](#).....10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

[Scout Skills](#).....10 a.m.
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

Sunday, May 20

[Bluegrass Classic Stockdog Trail](#).....all day
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

[Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival](#).....10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Masterson Station Park – 3051 Leestown Road

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



UPCOMING MAY EVENT IN THE 2ND COUNCIL DISTRICT



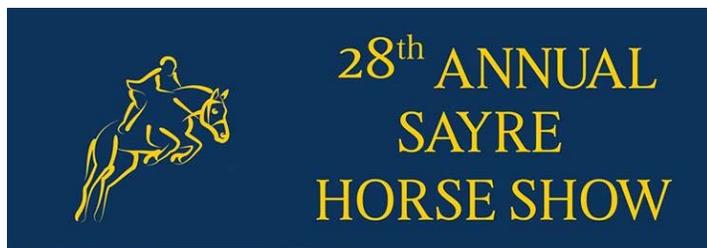
BUY! SELL! BROWSE!
Household Items, Toys, Clothes, Books
and Much More

MAY 26th
9am-2pm
DOUGLASS PARK

Reserve your space now for only **\$10.00**

Sale will take place rain or shine. Tables from GSNA are available upon request. Once the 15 tables are claimed, you will need to provide your own. Chairs can be provided for an additional \$5.00 each.

Call Angie Green Hampton (859) 489-9747 after 4pm for more information or to reserve your space.



Combined Test & Dressage Show

New this year:
Fun classes for kids 10 and under!

Saturday, May 12, 2018
Masterson Station Park

For more information visit
www.sayreschool.org/horsheshow
or contact Sally Lockhart at sallyire@aol.com.



McConnell Springs Park
Founders Day
a free event

Saturday, May 19, 2018 - 10 - 4



Mayo 12 Festival
4:00 pm - 7:00pm
Diã de las Madres 2018
En el Parque Masterson Station
3057 Leestown Rd. Lexington, Ky.40511

Presentado por:
PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN

Música, bailables, rifas, actividades para los niños y regalos para las primeras 200 mamás

Organizado por:
El Costo de la Cultura Ky

Patrocinado por:
La Cabañita, aetna, PULSO, LA VOZ

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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