


LEXINGTON
Council District 2

News for You

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF JOSEPH SMITH

Council Updates

Dear 2nd District Neighbors,

The Urban County Council ratified the Mayor's proposed \$370.3 million budget on Tuesday, June 5th. The budget received second reading on Tuesday, June 12th.

Changes made by council included:

- \$25,000 for a new school zone and flashing beacons at North Limestone between Barr and Pleasant Stone;
- \$20,000 for a quiet zone study for a noisy Norfolk-Southern railroad crossings at Kearney, Spurr and Greendale roads;
- \$30,000 for workforce development grants that had been discontinued in Gray's proposed budget;
- \$60,000 for a new deputy coroner due to an increase in overdose deaths;
- \$74,000 for an associate traffic engineer for neighborhood streets;
- \$116,000 for bike lanes on Alexandria, Malibu, Pasadena and Redding roads;
- \$560,000 for the design and construction of a sidewalk on Old Todds Road from Woodhill Drive to Palumbo Drive;
- \$593,000 for a new dog kennel for the police K-9 unit.

The city's budget for fiscal year 2019 includes 25 new fire fighters, 24 of which will be needed to staff the new fire station #24 in Masterson Station; a 2% pay increase for most city employees; and up to \$44.4 million in borrowing, including up to \$20 million in additional borrowing for an expansion of the Lexington Convention Center.

To view current and past fiscal year budgets visit the city's website at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/budgeting>.

Thanks for your support!

Joe Smith

2nd District Councilmember



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TOWN BRANCH COMMONS PROJECT UPDATE

The month of May was a busy month for the Town Branch Commons (TBC) project and as the project gears up we expect a busy summer! Below is an summary of the work and an overview of upcoming activities to expect.

Construction Alert: TBC Phase 1, utility construction, is planned to begin this summer.

TBC Ground breaking has been set for July 2nd. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information-coming soon!

Midland Avenue Sanitary Sewer construction is slated to begin first. This work will replace sanitary sewer lines along Main Street, Eastern Ave., Short Street, and Midland Ave- see attached diagram indicating the construction route. *Coming before council:* A request to execute a contract with Tribute Contracting for this scope of work. Following review and approval, construction is anticipated to begin.

Kentucky Utilities: Our team has been coordinating with KU for some time to develop a plan for relocating above ground facilities along Midland Ave. Together an approach has been developed and KU is ready to execute following review and approval. *Coming before council:* a request to execute a utility relocation agreement with Kentucky Utilities regarding the facility relocation required to accommodate the TBC along Midland Avenue.

Right-of-Way Acquisition: The TBC project has now received all authorizations from state and federal agencies to move into the right-of-way acquisition phase. *Coming before council:* a request for authorization to acquire right-of-way, easements, and related costs for all zones receiving grant funding. Following review and approval we will move ahead with this next phase.

Design Development: The design team has completed the 60% design submittal for the Trail. Internal reviews are occurring to ensure the design is in line with SCAPE's masterplan and to ensure the design remains within our planned construction budget. We are on track to finalize the TBC trail design by this Fall.

Program Management Contract: AECOM has been providing professional services and program management for the TBC project since 2016 and their contract is to be extended for a continuation of services with added construction management services. *Coming before council:* A request to extend their contract through the end of 2019, this extension was anticipated and budgeted for.

Outreach:

Neighborhood meetings: Three were held through the month of May to inform neighborhoods of the upcoming Town Branch Commons construction and continued design efforts. Meetings were held at Charles Young Center, Central Library, and BCTC's Newtown Campus. Outreach to property owners and various stakeholders will continue. If any neighborhood associations/etc. would like to request a TBC update please have them contact Brandi Preacher, Director of Project Management in the Office of the Mayor at 859.258-3150 or email her at bpreacher@lexingtonky.gov.

Website: www.lexingtonky.gov/townbranchcommons Visit this site for construction information and details about the trail project. This will be updated periodically, with next updates anticipated near construction start.

Town Branch Park: Our private partners at the Town Branch Fund have released a survey to gather community input to inform the Park's design. Visit www.townbranchpark.org to take the survey by June 15th!



Town Branch Commons Overview

\$10 MILLION RENOVATION PLANNED FOR BALLARD APARTMENTS

CITY TOPS \$100 MILLION INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SINCE 2014



Mayor Jim Gray and the Lexington Housing Authority announced on June 7th a \$10.3 million renovation project for Ballard Apartments, 134 units of downtown affordable apartments designed for senior citizens.

With this project, Lexington passes an important milestone in its work to increase the supply of affordable housing, Gray said. "Lexington is over the \$100 million mark. Since we founded our Affordable Housing Trust Fund just four years ago, we have leveraged \$101 million in private investment in affordable housing in our community. And that's with an investment of just \$11.9 million in city funds." The public-private partnerships the City has created through the Affordable Housing Fund have created and preserved affordable housing units for 1,358 families.

As the City works to increase the supply of affordable housing, it also must preserve the affordable housing it has, and that is what the Ballard Apartments project is about, Gray said.

The eight-story apartment building located in the west end of downtown has 134 one-bedroom units for people age 62 and over who meet income requirements.

The building, which opened in 1978, was last renovated in 1999, when the interior of the building was updated. The new project will feature improvements that save energy, including efficient windows and bath fixtures, LED lighting, plus a new roof. In addition, there will be interior upgrades to every apartment.

Funding for the project comes from several public and private partners, including tax credits from Kentucky Housing Corp., \$300,000 from the Lexington Affordable Housing Trust fund and \$100,000 from the Housing Authority. The City has also dedicated \$300,000 in federal HOME funds to the project.

"The construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing anywhere mandates partnering with other entities, allowing creative financing to accomplish our goals," said Austin Simms, Executive Director, Lexington Housing Authority, which owns Ballard Apartments.

Ballard residents enjoy many supportive services including senior aerobics; food from God's Pantry and the Farmer's Market; lunches provided daily in the cafeteria by Bluegrass Community Action and dinners provided in the cafeteria once each week by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture; dental hygiene presentations by Bluegrass Community and Technical College; services from the health department; access to transportation; and more. New in the fall, UK's College of Nursing will provide support services with RN students pursuing an advanced degree.



CHANGES COMING TO KENTUCKY'S Call-Before-You-Dig Law



Published from Kentucky Public Service Commission on May 22, 2018 the following article:
Changes Coming to Kentucky's call-before-you-dig law on July 14; financial penalties loom for violations

Beginning July 14, the Kentucky Public Service Commission will investigate excavation damage to natural gas or hazardous liquid lines to determine whether it was caused by violations of Kentucky's call-before-you-dig law.

Under a change to the law that takes effect July 14, the PSC will be able to impose financial penalties if violations are uncovered.

PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said that the stepped-up enforcement of the call-before-you-dig statutes and regulations reflects a greater emphasis nationally and at the state level on pipeline safety.

"This new law brings Kentucky into line with federal standards, which the PSC enforces under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation," he said. "More importantly, it is an effort to significantly improve public safety by reducing the unacceptably high number of dangerous dig-in incidents involving natural gas pipelines."

Like every other state, Kentucky has a statewide 811 service that, by law, must be called at least two working days prior to beginning excavation. This advance notification is intended to allow ample time for utility lines to be located and marked so that excavation can proceed safely. Natural gas providers and hazardous liquid pipeline operators are required to provide the location of their lines to the 811 center.

The new law (Senate Bill 104), enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly and signed by Gov. Matt Bevin, gives the PSC the authority to enforce existing provisions in Kentucky statutes that are intended to protect natural gas and hazardous liquids pipelines. The PSC will investigate incidents of damage to pipelines to determine whether a location request to 811 was made in a timely manner, whether the pipeline was located accurately and properly, and whether the excavation was conducted safely.



Excavators, including homeowners, could be penalized for not calling 811, ignoring location markers or using improper excavation methods. Operators could be penalized for not responding to requests to locate lines or for improperly or inaccurately locating or marking underground facilities.

Penalties are up to \$1,250 for a first violation, \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$4,000 for subsequent violations.

"Not every incident in which a gas line is hit will result in a violation being issued and a penalty assessed, especially if 811 has been called," said John Lyons, director of the PSC division of inspections, which will investigate incidents. "However, a failure to call 811 will trigger an enforcement action."

About 240 entities operate natural gas or hazardous liquid pipelines in Kentucky. They include local gas distribution companies fully regulated by the PSC and municipal natural gas providers and other entities such as housing authorities that are regulated by the PSC for safety only.



In 2017, there were more than 1,200 incidents in Kentucky in which a gas line was damaged during an excavation. A PSC review of a sampling of the damage reports indicates that:

- Contractors and other professional excavators were responsible for 85 percent of the incidents, with water and sewer line repairs, building construction, swimming pool installation, and irrigation system installation among the most common causes.

CHANGES COMING TO KENTUCKY'S Call-Before-You-Dig Law (cont'd)

- ⇒ Homeowners accounted for the remaining 15 percent of incidents. The most common causes were the installation of mailboxes or fencing, landscaping work, and water or sewer line repairs.
- ⇒ • Causes of damage included a failure to call 811, improper location by the operator of the pipeline, or careless excavation.

PSC Executive Director Gwen R. Pinson said the PSC has begun making organizational changes in order to fulfill its new responsibilities to investigate and enforce the requirement to call 811 prior to beginning an excavation. The PSC also has launched an extensive public outreach effort, she said.

"We will be meeting with key stakeholder groups, including natural gas providers and the construction industry, to make sure that everyone understands the changes to the law," Pinson said. "The PSC also will require natural gas distribution companies to communicate with their customers about these changes."

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,100 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky.

From Kentucky Public Service Commission

<http://call811.com/map-page/kentucky>

JUNE GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH:

Recycling is local. Only some items are recyclable in Lexington.

View the full list of acceptable items and download a printable flyer at LexingtonKY.gov/Recycling.



Paperboard cups and paperboard boxes for refrigerated or frozen goods are not recyclable in Lexington.

Other similar non-recyclable items include:

- X soda/beer boxes
- X frozen pizza boxes
- X milk/juice cartons
- X frozen dinner boxes



Plastic lids are not recyclable in Lexington.

The only plastics that are recyclable in Lexington are bottles and jugs with a screwtop.



Cardboard and paperboard for dry goods is recyclable in Lexington. Other similar recyclable items include:

- ✓ Empty pizza boxes
- ✓ Shipping boxes
- ✓ Gift boxes
- ✓ Cereal boxes



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ADDITIONAL DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Coldstream Dog Park will reopen to the public June 15, 2018. The contractor for the Lower Griffin Gate Trunk Sewer will begin removal of the temporary dog park June 18, 2018 weather permitting. Please contact Kevin Levesque or Vernon Azevedo with Division of Water Quality at 959.425-2438 should you have questions.

Milling & Paving Updates on Resurfacing Projects in District 2:

6/12 WEDNESDAY PAVING LIST:

WILLARD STREET
SPEIGLE STREET

6/12 WEDNESDAY, MILLING LIST:

MICHIGAN STREET

6/12 TUESDAY MILLING LIST:

SPEIGLE STREET
ANDERSON
BRUCE STREET

6/12 PAVING LIST:

TEXACO ROAD
WILLARD STEET

6/7 THURSDAY MORNING PAVING:

MASTER VIEW ROAD

6/6 WEDNESDAY, STREETS COMPLETED:

BETTY HOPE LANE
GATEWAY PARK CIR
GATEWAY PARK LANE

6/6 WEDNESDAY, PAVING LIST:

MASTER VIEW ROAD

6/5 TUESDAY PAVING LIST:

BETTY HOPE LANE
GATEWAY PARK CIR.
GATEWAY PARK LANE

6/4 COMPLETED ASPHALT REJUVENATION LIST:

HAGGARD LANE
COLEMAN COURT
JAGGIE FOX WAY

POSTPONED DO TO OTHER UTILITY CONSTRUCTION

OAK STREET—RESURFACING
HERLIHY STREET - RECONSTRUCTION/DEEP PAYMENT

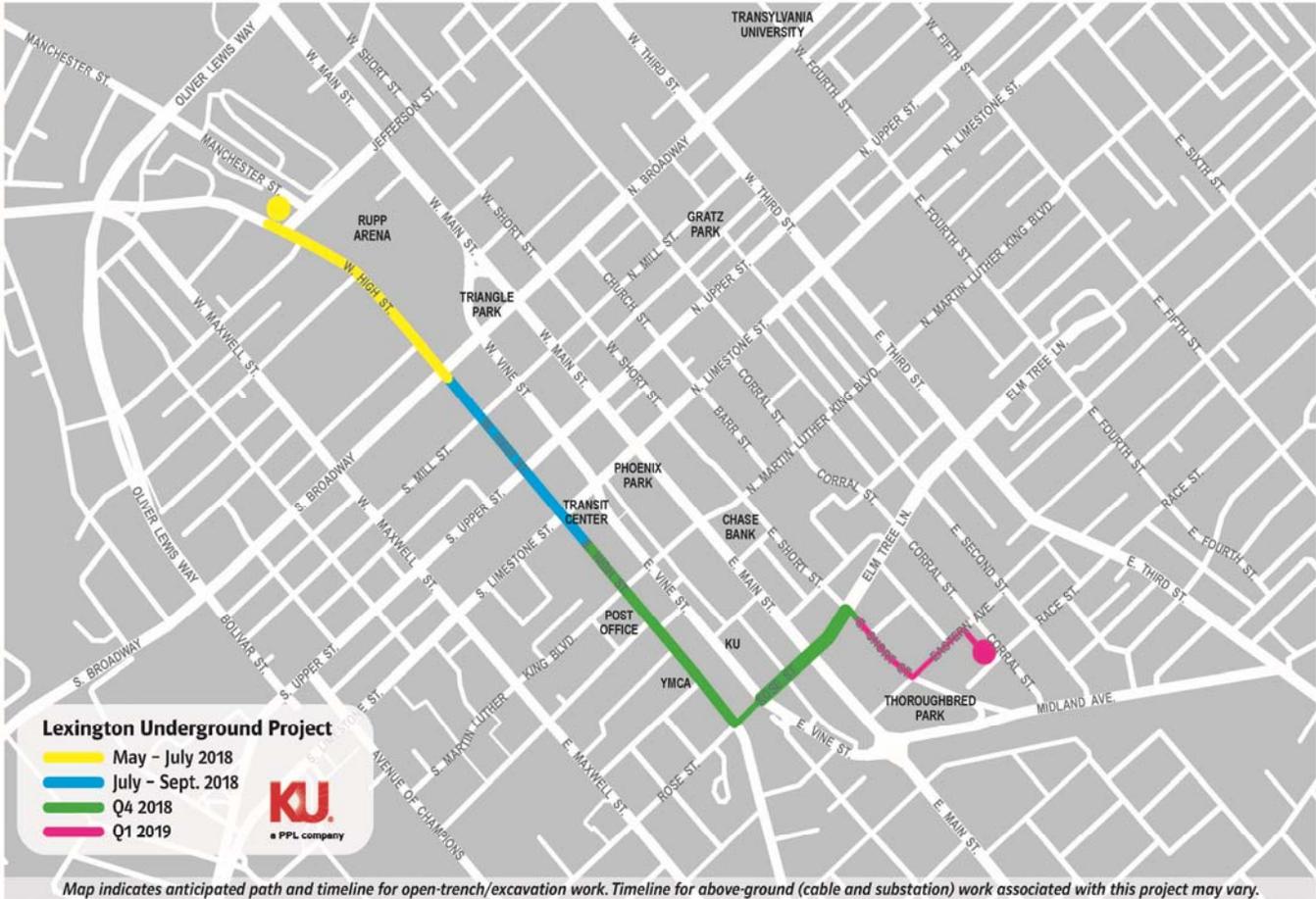


KU DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON PROJECT ALERT

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.



FREE MEALS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ALL SUMMER - TEXT "FOOD" TO 877-877

Fayette County Public Schools, God's Pantry Food Bank, and Employment Solutions participate in the "Kids Eat" Summer Food Service Program, which provides free meals for all children age 18 and younger. Breakfast, lunch, and supper are available on a first-come, first-served basis at designated locations, dates, and times.

For the most updated listings, text **"FOOD"** to **877-877** to find nearby sites, or call the **National Hunger Hotline 1-866-3-HUNGRY** or **1-877-8-HAMBRE**.

This program, which helps fill the nutrition gap when school is out, provides the same service regardless of a child's race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. For questions, contact Michelle Coker, director of Child Nutrition in FCPS, at (859) 381-3846.

Here are the locations and times they will be serving at locations in the 2nd Council District:

- Berry Hill Park (3489 Buckhorn): Lunch M-F 11:30-12:00 PM (6/11-7/27)
- Booker T. Washington Elementary (707 Howard): Breakfast 8:00-8:30 AM (6/11-7/13) and Lunch 11:30-12:00 PM M-F (6/11-7/27)
- Charles Avenue (733 Charles): Supper M-F 5:30-6:30 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Chiles Avenue (751 Chiles): Lunch M-F 12:00-1:00 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Coventry Oak (2441 Huntly): Breakfast Tu-Th 8:10-8:30 AM (6/19-7/27) and Lunch Tu-Th 11:35 AM-12:00 PM (6/19-7/27)
- Douglas Park (726 Georgetown St): Breakfast M-Th 7:30-8:30 AM and Lunch M-Th 12:00-1:00 PM (6/11-7/19)
- Downtown Farmers' Market (400 W. Maxwell): Lunch Sat. 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, (6/16-7/28)
- Glen Eagles Apartments (2920 Polo Club): Lunch M-F 12:00-1:00 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Green Acres Park (1560 Lasalle): Lunch M-F 12:00-12:30 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Highland Park (1991 Mark): Lunch M-F 12:00-1:00 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Nathaniel Mission (1109 Versailles): Breakfast M-Th 8:30-9:00 AM (6/18-7/12) and Supper M-Th 4:00-4:30 PM (6/25-7/19)
- Robertson Street (420 Robertson): Lunch M-F 12:00-1:00 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Shady Knoll (3057 Shady Knoll Rest): Lunch M-F 12:00-1:00 PM (6/1-8/14)
- Whitney Young Park (1033 St. Martins): Lunch M-F 11:00-11:45 AM (6/1-8/14)

SNAP-SHOT OF CITY HAPPENINGS: June 15 - 24, 2018

Friday, June 15

[Intro to Canoeing](#).....3 p.m.

Jacobson Park – 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Road

[Free Friday Flicks, showing Ferdinand](#).....7 p.m.

Jacobson Park – 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Road

[Summer Nights in Suburbia, featuring Trisko's Garage](#).....7 p.m.

Moondance Amphitheater – 1152 Monarch St.

Saturday, June 16

POSTPONED [River Sweep](#).....8:30 a.m.

Clay's Ferry Dock – 9079 Old Richmond Road

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

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

[Junior Naturalist, Birds of Prey](#).....10 a.m.

McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

[Scout Skills](#).....10 a.m.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

[Castlewood Block Party](#).....noon

Castlewood Pool – 320 Parkview Ave.

[Fairway Flicks, showing Raiders of the Lost Ark](#).....7 p.m.

Tates Creek Golf Course – 1400 Gainsway Dr.

[Creatures of the Night](#).....9 p.m.

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary – 3885 Raven Run Way

[Night Hike at the Springs](#).....9 a.m.

McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

Sunday, June 17

No meetings or events scheduled

Monday, June 18

No meetings or events scheduled

Tuesday, June 19

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

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

[Big Band & Jazz, Dave Shelton Jazz Quintet](#).....7 p.m.

Moondance Amphitheater – 1152 Monarch St.

Wednesday, June 20

Courthouse Area Design Review Board2 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 21

Keep Lexington Beautiful.....9 a.m.

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

Main St.

Planning Commission work session.....1:30 p.m.

Locust Trace AgriScience Center – 242 Locust Farm Road

Council rules and procedures subcommittee.....1:30 p.m.

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

Workshop for Council, UK Land and Street MOU..4:30 p.m.

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

Council meeting.....6 p.m.

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

[Thursday Night Live, featuring Girls, Guns and Glory](#) 5 p.m.

Cheapside Park – 251 W. Main St.

Friday, June 22

[Senior City Golf Championship](#) (through Sunday).....all day

Gay Brewer Jr. Golf Course at Picadome

[Free Friday Flicks, featuring Ferdinand](#).....7 p.m.

Jacobson Park – 4001 Athens-Boonesboro Road

[Summer Nights in Suburbia, featuring Honey Child](#)...7 p.m.

Moondance Amphitheater – 1152 Monarch St.

Saturday, June 23

[Little Explorers, wildlife](#).....10 a.m.

Raven Run – 3885 Raven Run Way

[How to attract pollinators to your garden](#).....10 a.m.

McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

[Shillito Family Fun Run](#).....11 a.m.

Shillito Pool – 300 Reynolds Road

Sunday, June 24

[Story walk](#).....2 p.m.

McConnell Springs – 416 Rebmann Lane

For more City Happenings visit:
www.lexingtonky.gov/calendar/events



COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET

Healthy food options will soon be a bit easier thanks to the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department and the city's two farmers' markets.

Starting June 13, the health department will bring farmers from the Bluegrass Farmers' Market and the Lexington Farmers' Market together to give the community a chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. The LFCHD Community Farmers' Market will begin with a grand-opening celebration 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 13 at the health department's two Lexington locations: 650 Newtown Pike (main location) and 2433 Regency Road (south location).

The remaining farmers' markets will alternate locations throughout the summer and into September:

- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 20, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 27, 2433 Regency Road
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 11, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 18, 2433 Regency Road
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 25, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 1, 2433 Regency Road
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 8, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 15, 2433 Regency Road
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 22, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 29, 2433 Regency Road
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 5, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 12, 2433 Regency Road
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 19, 650 Newtown Pike
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 26, 2433 Regency Road

"Public Health is about the prevention of diseases and the promotion of good health," LFCHD spokesman Kevin Hall said. "By bringing both farmers' markets together for our staff, clients and neighborhoods, we are able to give better access to fresh fruits and vegetables and help educate customers on how to use them to improve their diet. Our Community Farmers' Market will let us continue to help Lexington be well."

FARMERS' MARKET
WEDNESDAYS 8 AM-2 PM
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

650 NEWTOWN PIKE	2433 REGENCY RD.
JUNE 13 & 20	JUNE 13 & 27
JULY 11 & 25	JULY 18
AUGUST 8 & 22	AUGUST 1, 15, & 29
SEPTEMBER 5 & 19	SEPTEMBER 12 & 26

LEXINGTON FARMERS MARKET | LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | Bluegrass Farmers Market

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP LEXINGTON BE WELL.

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 [@lexpublichealth](https://www.instagram.com/lexpublichealth). Details are also available at www.lexingtonhealthdepartment.org.

The 650 Newtown Pike location will offer a variety of items from 4-6 farmers, and the 2433 Regency Road location will feature 2-4 farmers. "Both sites are open to everyone, and we encourage Lexington residents to take part," Hall said. "If you've never visited your health department, this is a good chance to see Public Health in action."

Helping Lexington be well.

FIFTH THIRD BANK PRESENTS LEXINGTON'S FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL



Get ready for two days packed with patriotic entertainment at this year's [Fifth Third Bank Presents Lexington's Fourth of July Festival!](#) The celebration kicks-off July 3 at noon with the Great American Pie Contest and will culminate with the return of fireworks to downtown July 4.

"We're thrilled to bring the fireworks back downtown for this year's Fourth of July festivities," said Terry Sweeny, president and CEO of the Downtown Lexington Partnership. "And we're excited to add a new twist to this year's show. Thanks to LM Communications, viewers can listen to a special broadcast timed to the fireworks display. So no matter where you're watching the fireworks— as long as you have a smart phone, computer or radio access— you can tune in."

Also returning to the event lineup this year is July Fourth Live!, a pre-fireworks concert at Fifth Third Bank Pavilion that will begin at 7 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public, except participation in the Bluegrass 10,000. Check out the full schedule of events and details below:

Tuesday, July 3

[Great American Pie Contest and Ice Cream Social](#) *Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Cheapside Park (251 W. Main St.)* noon – 1 p.m. This event kicks off the city's Independence Day celebration. The best bakers in town will be competing to see who has the best pie in Lexington. The [registration](#) deadline is July 1. The public is encouraged to stop by Fifth Third Pavilion for a free pie slice and scoop of ice cream.

[Patriotic Music Concert](#) *Transylvania University, Morrison Lawn (250 W. Third St.)* 8 p.m. This year's Patriotic Music Concert will feature the Lexington Philharmonic, performing an array of American classics. Patrons are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets for seating, and outside food and beverages are permitted. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at Transylvania University's Mitchell Fine Arts Center. Space will be limited to the first 1,000 guests and food and beverages will not be allowed within the theatre.

Wednesday, July 4

[Bluegrass 10,000 and Fun Run](#) *Downtown Lexington*

7:30 a.m.

The Bluegrass 10,000 is a certified 10,000 meter race through the main business and historic districts of downtown Lexington. New this year are early bird signup discounts, free race photo downloads, race pacers and a Bluegrass 10K training program.

[Online registration](#) is open through July 2 and the early bird registration ends June 15.

[Downtown Street Festival](#)

Downtown Lexington

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The street festival will feature arts and crafts, nonprofit organizations, concessions vendors and more. Entertainment begins at 11 a.m. and will feature various country, rock, R&B and Bluegrass bands on five stages.

The [general vendor application](#) deadline is June 15.

- [Reading of the Declaration of Independence](#) *Main St., in front of the old historic courthouse* 11 a.m.

FIFTH THIRD BANK PRESENTS LEXINGTON'S FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL

- [Parade](#) *Downtown Lexington (Midland Ave. to Mill St.)*
2 p.m.

The annual Fourth of July parade down Main Street will feature traditional parade fair and is great event for the entire family. The deadline for parade entries is Wednesday, June 30. The [parade entry application](#) provides complete registration details.

- [July Fourth Live!](#)

Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Cheapside Park (251 W. Main St.)

7 – 9:30 p.m.

This pre-fireworks concert will feature the Lauren Mink Band, and is a fantastic event to attend between the festival and the fireworks finale.

- [Fireworks](#) *Lexington Financial Center (aka "the big blue building")* 10 p.m. The Fourth of July fireworks display will for the first time ever be launched downtown from the roof of the Lexington Financial Center. Viewers will need to be at least 2-3 blocks away from the building to see the show, and anyone in the city with a view of the top of "the big blue building" will be able to experience the show.

LM Communications will be playing a special broadcast that will pair with the fireworks show. Listeners can tune in by downloading the free [Classic Rock 92 app](#), [streaming online](#) or turning into Classic Rock 92.1 FM on the radio.



Visit Downtown Lexington Partnership's official website at downtownlex.com for a list of festival events and follow DLP on social media for updates throughout the festival: [@DLexPartnership](https://twitter.com/DLexPartnership), [instagram.com/downtownlexpartnership](https://www.instagram.com/downtownlexpartnership), [facebook.com/DowntownLexPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownLexPartnership).



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