

8TH DISTRICT Update

June 2020



Dear 8th District,

This is Summer 2020 and COVID-19 is still with us and in the news, daily. I want to continue to encourage everyone to work together to ensure the health and safety of our families and neighbors. The community is slowly returning to some form of normalcy; however, we must continue to follow health and safety guidelines.

In the midst of the worldwide pandemic, we now have civil unrest in the United States. I am deeply saddened by the brutal death of George Floyd in Minnesota. This is uncalled for in our society today. I have been impressed by the way Lexington residents and public officials have worked together, and pray that we continue to handle our efforts in a peaceful way. I support full accountability from our police department and am committed to look at specific requests caused by systemic injustice. We need to be reminded that one of the great commandments that God handed down to mankind is that we love our neighbors.

We must continue to support our local police officers and have law and order in our City. They live in the community and should be respected, and encouraged. I think some of the police departments across the land could model our own, thanks to training received by Chief Weathers and the Lexington Police Department.

The 6/30/21 budget has been approved and trimmed down; however, we had to use \$20 million out of the Economic Contingency Fund (Rainy Day Fund). Thank goodness we have budgeted savings for the last 20 years. Please be patient with our government as we continue to address the city's economic condition. We were able to add to the Mayor's budget more money for affordable housing, new profits and economic development.

My priorities continue to be public safety, parks improvements and support of our pavement management plan. I will also continue support of our Tates Creek Golf Course and Aquatic Center, a recreational property in the heart of the 8th district. *- Fred*

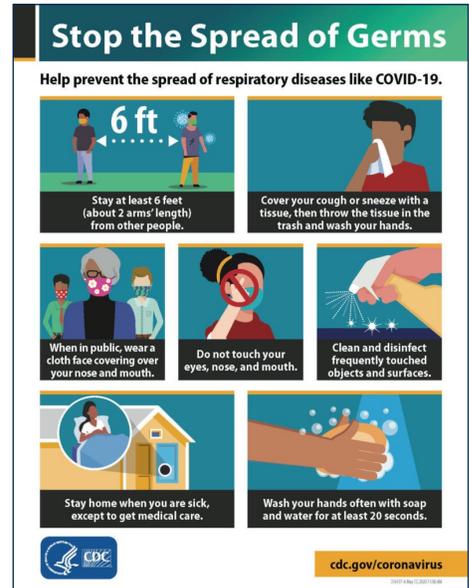
As of Tuesday, June 16, 9:05 a.m., there have been **1,146** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lexington. For the most up to date statistics, visit the [Lexington-Fayette County Health Department online](#). The COVID-19 case count is updated every morning except Sunday. Each update reflects the total through the previous day (Monday will be the total for Saturday and Sunday).

Update: Tates Creek High School Construction Project

The Lexington Planning Commission held the Public Facility Review (PFR) for the [Tates Creek High School Construction Project](#) on Thursday, June 11. The PFR is a process used by the Planning Commission to determine if a project is in compliance with Lexington's comprehensive plan.

By a vote of 9-2, the project was deemed in compliance; however, it was highly recommended that the Fayette County Board of Education and the project team continue to establish open lines of communication with neighborhoods, especially those closest to the construction project.

The school board has voted to award the construction bid to D.W. Wilburn. Preliminary site work is expected to start soon. If you have questions about the TCHS Construction Project, email newtchsinfo@fayette.kyschools.us.



Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- When in public, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](#)

[City's Response Page](#) [COVID-19, Lexington](#)

City Budget at a Glance

The [FY21 Budget](#) received final approval by the Urban County Council on June 11. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council voted to add \$6.4 million from the Economic Contingency Fund, bringing the total spending plan to \$378 million. Visit the [City's website](#) or civiclex.org for a comprehensive review of the City's adopted budget.

Detail (\$6.4M)

- * \$1.8M restored to the Affordable Housing Fund.
- * \$2.1M to the Extended Social Resource Grant Program.
- * \$2.5M for a local, small business stimulus package, of which 50% will be allocated to women and minority owned business.

○	<p>Other items of note in the FY21 budget include:</p> <p>~ \$5M for paving.</p> <p>~ \$50K to the Neighborhood Action Match Program.</p> <p>~ Public Safety: 56% of the General Fund budget.</p>	
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Parks & Recreation Update: June 2020

The city is making changes to Parks programming and facilities on a monthly basis based on Governor Andy Beshear's executive orders and state and federal guidance.

Here's what's open:

Disc golf | Dog parks | Equestrian – self-led riding at Masterson Station | Golf courses (city), including driving ranges and curbside pro-shop services | Jacobson Boat Dock, including paddleboat and kayak rentals | McConnell Springs (free on-line reservation required / Nature Center closed/no programming) | Mountain Bike Trail at Veterans Park | Parks | Pickleball courts | Raven Run Nature Sanctuary (free on-line reservation required / Nature Center closed/no programming) | Tennis courts | Trails



Not open yet:

Baseball fields | Basketball courts | Arts / Dance classes | Community centers | Facility rentals | Football fields | Lacrosse fields | Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center (including City Gallery and Community Gallery) | Playgrounds | Pools – closed for the season | Shelters | Skateparks | Soccer fields | Spray grounds | [CANCELED June Events/ Programs](#)

Visit the [City's COVID-19 response page](#) for the latest updates on LFUCG activities, closings and cancellations.

Fourth of July



Lexington is partnering again with RJ Corman to bring an exciting fireworks display on the [Fourth of July](#)! Although the parade and festival are canceled, there's still opportunities to celebrate as a community. The [Bluegrass 10K](#) has gone virtual and the City will be posting fun ideas online for the entire week. Have a great July 4th!

Recycling/ Yard Waste

Weekly recycling and yard waste collection has resumed. Call LexCall at 311 or visit online to report missed pick-ups.



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