

One Lexington Bi-Weekly

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April 22nd, 2024



ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.

Total Shootings Statistics (through April 21st, 2024)

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics

2024 (to date)	3 homicides by gun (3 total homicides)
2023 (at this point last year)	4 homicides by gun (5 total homicides)
2022 (at this point last year)	7 homicides (10 total homicides)

-1 (one less gun-related homicide from the previous year)

Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics (Victims ages 10-29)

2024 (to date)	2 homicides
2023 (at this point last year)	1 homicides
2022 (at this point last year)	4 homicides

+1 (more gun-related homicides from the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

2024 (to date)	16 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	25 shootings
2022 (at this point last year)	34 shootings

-9 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot) (Victims ages 10-29)

2024 (to date)	8 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	15 shootings
2022 (at this point last year)	25 shootings

-7 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

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Youth Bill Passes Into Law: One Lexington Works Senate Bill Focused On Youth Employment:

The ONE Lexington team has quietly been working with Frankfort on Senate Bill 128 which will allow youth ages 12 & 13 to work limited hours and duties for vetted local nonprofits to earn income. Last week we were informed that the bill has officially been passed into law! We worked with Senator Givens (who is sponsoring this bill) and his team & nonpartisan Kentucky policy organizations, to make sure that there are safeguards in place (no more than 3 hours a day or 18 hours a week, cannot be performed during school hours, jobs cannot involve interstate commerce or production of goods, and much more) to provide opportunities but more importantly protect children. We want local organizations in our nonprofit ecosystem to be able to provide compensation for youth to perform duties within their mission. We believe this bill will not only incentivize leadership but will provide an opportunity for our most vulnerable young people to earn some income the right way, without it counting against the family's home income. This will also help them to develop workforce skills at a younger age. In the coming weeks, we will begin to communicate the importance of this bill to the community and how our community partners can utilize it to create more opportunities for our young people.

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Be The Change Scholarship Winners Announced In Upcoming Press Conference

On April 23rd, at noon in the lobby of the Government Building, One Lexington, in partnership with Galls and with support from the Central Bank of Lexington, will announce the 2 winners of our Be the Change Scholarship Program, **Michelle Moore and Aline Sandovalcano**. This college scholarship competition awards 2 rising seniors of color at Bryan Station High School who will be attending in-state schools while pursuing Criminal Justice degrees!

Here is a little background on the scholarship program: ONE Lexington is dedicated to reducing violence in all neighborhoods of our city. Investing in our youth and providing more equitable opportunities will make our communities safer! Galls, headquartered in Lexington, is Proud to Serve America's First Responder professionals, each year over one million First Responders trust us to provide their essential gear and supplies. Galls believes that **Real Inclusion Starts with Empowerment** and is Proud to partner with ONE Lexington to bring this scholarship opportunity to Bryan Station High School and believes in the potential of this program to spark continued growth between our customers and the communities they serve and live.

The scholarship will provide a maximum of \$10,000 for a single academic year. The award will be based on academic merit and achievements, such as leadership, excellence in arts or sports, and volunteer activities benefiting the community. This is a one-time scholarship designed to offset financial barriers for students looking to further their education.

2020 was a very challenging year for our country and our local community as we suffered a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic and endured social unrest in response to racism. One of the silver linings of those challenges was the racial disparities in many of our systems being highlighted, creating an opportunity for our country to make much-needed change. African Americans and other persons of color disproportionately populate the prison system while having very little representation working in the criminal justice system. The life-changing opportunity will help a Bryan Station student **BE THE CHANGE** by making a difference from within.

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FAMU & One Lexington Partner For Winburn Family Engagement Night

We have some exciting news! One Lexington is partnering with FAMU University to facilitate a one-night event for students of Winburn Middle School and their families! We will host a session for parents talking about community support for those who have endured loss or been affected by gun violence. At the same time, we will be hosting a youth open mic, where students come in and learn about the foundations of hip-hop culture and poetry, and then have a chance to win prizes by creating and reciting their rhymes! Writing can be a powerful tool for young people to cultivate their voices.

MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER!

This event will take place Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Andrew Center, 1625 Russell Cave Rd. FREE DINNER will be served in attendance! We will be giving away tablets, gift cards, and other

TO ATTEND YOU MUST REGISTER - Family University (fcps.net)



Family University Presents:

Let's chat!



Family conversations about youth support and loss.

Youth Open Mic & Spoken Word: We Are Resilient
(Building community & emotional support)



Dinner will be served for all in attendance.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
The Andrew Center, 1625 Russell Cave Rd.

Register to attend: fcps.net/famu



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Community Conversation On Gun Violence In Tates Creek Area

Last week, several neighbors welcomed our ONE Lexington team and an advocate from The Nest into their homes to discuss the recent spike in gun violence in the Tates Creek area. College students preparing for finals, an elderly couple dealing with health issues, and a young married couple with 4 small children, all talked about the traumatic experiences of bullets NOT MEANT FOR THEM, entering their homes. While dropping off some food shares from the local Lexington organization, Black Soil, we were able to connect folks to resources for property damage, mental health, faith communities, but most importantly just seeing how folks were doing. We also got some tips on when and where we can engage some young people in the area so that we can support and pour LIGHT into them. These neighborhood engagement efforts led by our Crisis Response Coordinator, Kenneth Payne, led us to create 2 upcoming opportunities for residents in the area to come out and speak about the concerns they have for their neighborhoods. We will be hosting community conversations for Gainesville area residents on May 1st and for Kirklevington area residents on May 8th. Information can be found on the fliers below! Please share with those in your network who may want to be a part of this conversation.



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Gainesway Community Conversation

Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

Tates Creek Community Center

5 - 6:30pm

FREE Food

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Public Safety, and LexTran will be in
attendance to listen to concerns
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Kirklevington Community Conversation

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

Lexington Public Library
Tates Creek Branch

5 - 6:30pm

FREE Food

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Uptick In Juvenile Girls Involved In Conflict

When you look at gun violence stats, in-school behavior referrals, and other youth activity centered around the conflict in Lexington, KY, it has historically and predominantly affected boys and young men. Unfortunately, One Lexington and its community partners have noticed an uptick in violent conflict over the last few years involving young girls. Already, in 2024 we have had two, 14-year-old girls who have been shot, nonfatally. In the last 2 weeks, we have been made aware of 2 large incidents where multiple juvenile girls were fighting each other, with one of those incidents ending with shots being fired into the air. We are also seeing more incidents where girls and young women are the ones behind the trigger. Being a girl-dad myself, it especially breaks my heart to see so many girls involved in conflict, being victims of violence, and now many who are entering the cycle of gun violence themselves. I believe these latest trends highlight the importance of a continued holistic approach to looking at how we address gun violence in our communities. No neighborhood, no race, and no gender are exempt from this issue, therefore we must continue fighting these problems as a village. However, there also needs to be a more intentional focus on prevention when it comes to our young girls. So many of the programs and alternative opportunities over the years have been focused on boys. What does that intentional focus look like? Well, our team looks to begin looking at more data and talking with more community partners on how we can address this. In the short term, several schools are looking for women facilitators to come in and lead girls' mentoring groups.



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The Office of Equity & Implementation Host Expungement Clinic

Registration for the April 30th Expungement Clinic and Job Fair is open. YOU MUST BE A FAYETTE COUNTY RESIDENT and MEET INCOME REQUIREMENTS (because we're working to eliminate the financial barrier for low-income individuals).

https://lexingtonky.formstack.com/forms/expungement_clinic_registration?fbclid=IwZXh0bG9hZWOCMTAAAR0qtDhVXZDbOHVxEkWqDsT2ImKtV5HnEegNTx5rkqaOKAvQ8qgJNrNdRUM_aem_ASUEtXSx0OKauTkMvAqEP9nCl8_zqp_HT-sTnKB6vbf8RmxnKt6bEVHaAzxzu4OYVBcQr5wdQq00Vz3_TwKZPap

CLEAN SLATE LEXINGTON
EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC & JOB FAIR

UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES.
TRANSFORMING LIVES.

This clinic is a beacon of hope and transformation, designed to provide practical resources, opportunity and a sense of community for those looking to re-enter society after experiencing setbacks. Whether you're someone with a record, a supporter of second chance initiatives, or interested in inclusive fair chance employment, this event is tailored to meet your needs.

WE OFFER

- RESOURCES AND NETWORKING**
Discover a range of resources from exhibitors specializing in education, mental health, trade, housing opportunities, and employment. Engage with experts who can guide you on your journey to re-enter society with confidence and purpose.
- EDUCATION & EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC**
Get expert legal advice if you are needing to get your record expunged. Space is limited. No walk-ins accepted.

REGISTER NOW

Central Bank Center
April 30th
9AM - 3 PM
lexingtonky.gov/expungement

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ONE Lexington Community Interactions - March 26th-April 21st

Community Events/Meetings

- Violence Intervention Team Meeting (2)
- LPD CompStat Meeting
- One Lexington/UK Community Innovation Lab Meeting
- One Lexington & Everybody Counts Meeting
- One Lexington meeting w/ Fayette County Public Schools
- N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walk) in Green Areas
- N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walk) on Spangler Drive Meeting Safe Kids Kentucky
- Meeting Safe Kids Kentucky
- One Lexington Grant Press Conference
- Gun Violence Task Force Meeting (2)
- Berkley's Easter Egg Hunt
- Interview with University Public Health students.
- Presentation for Black Male Educators In Kansas City
- Meeting with/ Mayor on Kankakee to discuss One Lexington's violence prevention strategy.

Youth & Young Adult Conflict

Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 1

Total: 1

Youth & Young Adults Engagements:

(Not all groups accounted for)

- William Wells Brown Elementary School - 16
- Frederick Douglass High School - 19
- Southern Middle School - 27
- MLK Academy of Excellence - 28
- Edythe J. Hayes Middle School - 12
- Crawford Middle School - 20
- Lafayette High School - 5
- Winburn Middle School - 21
- Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School - 1
- Beaumont Middle School - 10
- The Learning Center - 29
- STEAM Academy - 35
- Success Academy - 71
- Tates Creek Elementary School - 15
- Southern Elementary School - 0

Total: 309

Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 6
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 4

Total: 10

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