


LEXINGTON
Council District 2

News for You

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF JOSEPH SMITH

Council Updates

Dear 2nd District Neighbors,

The fight again opioid abuse

Lexington received \$2 million in grant funds to fight opioid abuse. The city and community partners have made remarkable efforts to prevent opioid overdoses through a variety of programs, including needle exchange operated by the Health Department, establishment of a Substance Abuse Intervention Program, treatment programs at the Detention Center, equipping police and firefighters with naloxone, workshops at area churches, an on-line service directory for treatment programs, joining a class action lawsuit to hold pharmaceutical companies accountable, and hiring the University of Kentucky College of Medicine to conduct a needs assessment concerning the opioid epidemic in Lexington.

"Coupled with the findings of the recent needs assessment" study results presented to Urban County Council members on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, Chris Ford, the city's commissioner of social services mentioned, "this grant award will strengthen Lexington overdose prevention networks, by expanding local infrastructure and availability to resources."

Thanks to the efforts made by Mayor Jim Gray and Commissioner Chris Ford for their efforts working with the state and federal governments on the city's grant application.

The grant funds, which stretches over four years, will largely be used for naloxone kits to be distributed through the Health Department, and to supply deputies at the Sheriff's Office.

The city will also hire an overdose prevention coordinator to help get people who have overdosed into treatment, and fund outreach efforts to help people under the "Good Samaritan Law", which provides legal protections for individuals who call for emergency assistance in the event of a drug overdose.

This is a major step forward in helping residents impacted by substance use disorder find recovery and regain health.

Thank you for your support,

Joe Smith

2nd District Councilmember


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TASK FORCE ON NEIGHBORHOODS IN TRANSITION FORUM

The Task Force on Neighborhoods in Transition are hosting a Community Forum on Oct. 2nd at LTMS Cafeteria from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For residents whom can't attend, but still want to give feedback, go to the link at the bottom of the flyer and complete an online survey.

The purpose of this group is to identify ways to protect vulnerable residents from the impact of neighborhood redevelopment and transformation, with an emphasis on preserving history and the culture of communities.

On May 24, 2018, Vice Mayor Steve Kay and Councilmember James Brown announced the creation of the Task Force on Neighborhoods in Transition. ([Watch video](#))

The group, comprised of Urban County Councilmembers, city developers, planners, historians, residents and other community members, will meet monthly to discuss the complicated topics of infill and redevelopment, preservation and gentrification. The Task Force will also attempt to identify ways to protect vulnerable residents from the impact of neighborhood redevelopment and transformation.

"The Task Force will serve as a complement to the work of the Infill and Redevelopment Committee and the Affordable Housing Office as we address the challenges of growth within our finite boundaries," Kay said. "We do not want to become a community where the people who provide our basic services are unable to afford to live here."

Over the course of their work, Kay said the Task Force will work to identify existing resources, educate residents about homeownership and renting, foster relationships with residents and developers, identify ways to protect the history of communities, and develop policies or programs that support residents and neighborhoods.

"As a community focused on infill, local government has a responsibility to protect vulnerable residents and promote equity in our neighborhoods as they experience growth and redevelopment," Brown said.

The members asked to serve on the Task Force were selected based on their historical knowledge of Lexington's neighborhoods, planning and development experience, as well as their commitment to the residents within these neighborhoods. Some of the Task Force members include Ed Holmes of EHI Consultants, University of Kentucky history professor Dr. Gerald Smith, Fayette County Property Valuation Administrator David O'Neill and urban planner Stan Harvey.

"People generally measure the quality of life in our city by the quality of life in their neighborhood," Mayor Jim Gray said. "Each Lexington neighborhood is unique, with unique concerns. This Task Force will focus on addressing many of those concerns."

The Task Force began meeting in July, and will continue its work until it is ready to give a full report and make recommendations to the Urban County Council and other entities such as the Planning Commission.



NEIGHBORHOODS IN TRANSITION COMMUNITY FORUM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 5:30 - 7 PM
LTMS CAFETERIA

Participate in a community discussion about how neighborhoods are changing & how it impacts us all.

Can't make it? Help us by filling out this survey:
bit.ly/neighborhood-survey

TOWN BRANCH COMMONS PROJECT UPDATE

Below is a brief summary on the Town Branch Commons project. This information will give you an overview of upcoming activities. Specific updates are below:

Utility Construction began in late July

o **Sanitary Sewer Upgrade:** The sanitary sewer project, is well underway and I am happy to report they are on schedule. Contractors are replacing old and/or installing new higher capacity sanitary sewer pipe. AREA of IMPACT: along Main (from Elm Tree to Eastern), Eastern (from Main to Short), Short (from Eastern to Midland), and Midland (from Short to Third).

- Construction started at Main & Elm Tree, and have been moving along Main toward Eastern Avenue. They have approximately 100 feet of pipe left to install on Main Street. They expect to be finished on Main Street the week of September 17. Lane closures on Main will still be needed as work turns the corner to Eastern Ave.
- Construction will begin on Eastern Avenue early next week. Eastern Ave will be closed to place the remaining sewer located on Main Street. Pipe installation will then begin moving up Eastern Avenue toward Short St. The Eastern Avenue construction will be in two phases so traffic can be maintained on the upper portion of Eastern Avenue while work is being completed on the lower end at Main Street.
- Short Street from Eastern to Midland Avenue has been closed to accommodate the digging of a large pit to fit equipment for tunneling under Midland Ave. They are currently tunneling under Midland Ave to place the large pipe that will connect to the other side. Lane closures on Midland are expected in the upcoming months. An exact date has not been determined yet for these closures.
- Lexington Center Corp (LCC) Both TBC & LCC design teams have coordinated plans. TBC team is now working with Messer Construction (LCC's contractor) to develop a coordinated construction plan as both projects have overlapping schedules and project boundaries.



Town Branch Commons Overview

Below are a few images of the work going on inside the trenches in case you have been curious about what's going on down there:



Above ground: bypass pumps keep the system fully operational



Inside the Pit at Short St: Tunneling Under Midland Ave



Under Main St: Placing the new sewer pipe.

- **Outreach:**

- o Website: Please visit www.lexingtonky.gov/sewerconstruction for construction information, and to www.lexingtonky.gov/townbranchcommons for details about the trail project.
- o Town Branch Park: Our private partners at the Town Branch Fund have launched their revamped website- Check it out: www.townbranchpark.org

TREE WEEK SERIES OF EVENTS: OCT. 6-14th

Tree Week occurs Oct 6th – Oct 14th. It will include an array of tree-centric events from plantings to poetry, talks, tours and hikes, and competitive climbing, running, and racing of bikes.

Hosted by the Urban Forest Initiative (UFI), the upcoming series of events is geared to educate and engage the public about the importance of the urban tree canopy. Events will be held all over Lexington and there is something for all ages.

Included below is a link to the facebook event to share, the event webpage for event schedule and further details, as well as a recent article in the Chevy Chaser.

Tree Week Kickoff at Blue Stallion Brewing. Oct. 6 (4-6 p.m.). The Tree Week kickoff party will feature activities for kids and adults alike. Tree Week posters and T-shirts will be available for purchase, as will several Kentucky tree saplings.

Yoga Among the Trees at Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate. Oct. 7 and Oct. 14 (11 a.m.-12 p.m.). Slow down and breathe deeply during this free, all-level practice under the trees on the Ashland lawn. Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or a large towel. Donations are appreciated.

Tree Tour of Lexington Cemetery. Oct. 7 (1 p.m.). Founded in 1849, the Lexington Cemetery took advantage of an existing stand of ancient trees and has since added thousands more. This tour will take visitors through the cemetery to have a look at what organizers feel are "some of the coolest trees in the state." A wheelchair-friendly tour will take place immediately following the 1 p.m. walk, from 2:30-4 p.m.

The Makings of Kentucky Native Cafe. Oct. 8 (5:30-7 p.m.). John Michler, owner of Michler's Florist, Greenhouses and Garden Design, will speak about how he and his son Robin utilized native tree species to create Kentucky Native Cafe, the forested outdoor beer garden adjacent to the longstanding family garden business.

Magic Hour Hike. Oct. 11 (5-6:30 p.m.). This hike, led by Beverly James, at Floracliff Nature Sanctuary will feature Elk Lick Falls and the oldest documented Chinquapin Oak in Kentucky. Participation is limited; pre-registration available.

Kentucky Tree Climbing Competition. Oct. 13. (All day). The annual Kentucky Tree Climbing Championships tests the skill, speed, safety and innovation of Kentucky's top professional tree climbers in various challenges throughout the tree canopy at Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate. This family-friendly and spectator-friendly event will include a "Kid's Climb," food trucks and the Gingko Cafè and more.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/725116834487608/>

Website: <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/treeweek2018>

Chevy Chaser Magazine Article

<https://smileypete.com/community/arboreal-assemblage-tree-week-2018/>



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES: BOXWOOD BLIGHT

Boxwood blight has been detected in Kentucky again this year, and disease has been severe in some locations. Green industry professionals, owners of valuable boxwood collections, and many homeowners are worried about potential spread. During the past months, growers and gardeners have heard misinformation and witnessed improper fungicide applications as a result of the disease reports. To help clear up these misunderstandings, the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service is hosting an educational event on October 23, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington. Dr. Nicole Gauthier, UK Plant Pathologist will be the featured speaker.



Boxwood Blight

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 6:00pm

Fayette County Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way

Please join us to learn more about the devastating fungal disease that is becoming more prevalent in the Lexington Area.

Dr. Nicole Gauthier, UK Extension Plant Pathologist, will be sharing important facts, management recommendations, and prevention tips for boxwood blight.

Open to RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL!

**Pesticide CEU's available –
1 General and 1 Specific Hr. (Cat. 3, 10, 12)**



This event is for ANYONE and EVERYONE who comes into contact with boxwoods.

Homeowners, landscapers, garden clubs, nursery and retail workers are encouraged to attend.

A free event, but must RSVP!

***Call (859) 257-5582
to reserve a seat.***

Cooperative Extension Service
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community and Economic Development

Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky Counties, Cooperating.
LEXINGTON, KY 40546



Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

FREE FLU SHOTS TO COMMUNITY on October 11th



Lexington-Fayette County Health Department

650 Newtown Pike
 Lexington, KY 40508-1197
 (859) 252-2371
 (859) 288-2359 Fax
 (859) 288-2455 Public Health Clinic Fax

Health department offering free flu shots to community Oct. 11

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department is once again giving you the chance to fight the flu for free. The department's annual free flu shot event will be held 12 - 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the health department's main location, 650 Newtown Pike.

"An annual flu shot is the best way to fight the flu each fall and winter," LFCHD spokesman Kevin Hall said. "The special clinic lets us test our emergency preparedness skills by giving a large amount of shots in a short amount of time. By holding it on our main health department building, we can better determine what works and what needs improvement on our home turf in the event of a true emergency."

The seasonal flu shot is recommended for all people ages 6 months and older. Last flu season, Lexington had 27 deaths from flu-related causes and 744 confirmed cases. The health department provided 2,275 flu shots throughout the season, including 1,015 at last year's free flu shot clinic.

"Lexington had 744 confirmed flu cases last year, but that represents a small fraction since most flu cases aren't lab-confirmed," Hall said. "The CDC estimates 5-20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu each year, costing an estimated \$10.4 billion in medical expenses and \$16.3 billion in lost earnings."

The health department stresses the importance of patience from patients at the free flu shot event Oct. 11. "It's important for the public to be mindful of the parking lot, which we expect will be busy throughout the afternoon," Hall said. "Keep an eye out for our staff members to help guide you where to park and how to enter and exit the building."

For community members not able to get their flu shots at the special free event, the health department will offer flu shots 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Public Health Clinic, 650 Newtown Pike, starting Oct. 1. No appointment is necessary, and the cost for a regular flu shot is \$30. A high-dose vaccine is available for \$49 for ages 65 and older. Medicaid/Medicare, cash, checks, credit cards and most insurance plans are accepted.

For additional information about the 2018-19 flu season, 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). For questions about the flu shot, call the Public Health Clinic at 859-288-2483 option 2.

Helping Lexington be well.

OCTOBER FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Lexington Fire Hosts Festival to Kick-off Fire Prevention Month

The Lexington Fire Department hosted its annual Fire Prevention and Wellness Festival on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Masterson Station Park. The event is held each year to kick-off Fire Prevention Month, which is held each October. All activities were free and open to the public.

"Today's home fires burn faster than ever," said Lexington Fire Chief Kristin Chilton. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice."

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

The Lexington Fire Department teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) --- the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ -- to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere™," which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

Chilton says this year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- **Look** for places fire could start.
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- **Learn** 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the Lexington Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Chilton. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

FY 2019 GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

Sidewalk Replacement Cost Share

Average Amount: 50% Cost share of removal

Code Enforcement

Due: Conducted on a first-come basis as long as funds are available

Contact: Must be cited to apply for funds

In most cases, the Sidewalk Replacement Grant Program can provide assistance to residential property owners. This grant may reimburse a reasonable amount (currently \$5.00 per square foot) of cost related to the replacement of any residential sidewalk which has been placed under notice by Code Enforcement. Up to 100% of the replacement cost may be available to home owners that are considered qualified property owners.

Neighborhood Development Grant

LFUCG Council

Average Amount: \$750

Contact: Councilmember

Due: On Going

Projects must be for a public good. Past projects have included neighborhood beautification projects, neighborhood parades and events, signage, and cost sharing projects. Neighborhoods or schools must be registered with the state and in good standing. To make a request, please submit a request via email detailing the project and the total cost.

Resource Information

Lexington Housing Dashboard

Displays a variety of information about an address

<http://lfucg.github.io/housing-dashboard/>

Lexington City Gram

Sign up for text alerts for code complaints, building permits, and foreclosures in your neighborhood

<https://www.citygram.org/lexington>

LexCall311 App

Download the 311 App to drop a pin and send a picture of your complaint

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=3441>

Fayette PVA

Property Records

www.fayette-pva.com

Secretary of State

Search for business and nonprofit corporation information

<https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftsearch/>

Code of Ordinances

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11163>

Zoning Ordinance

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=339>

Subdivision Regulations

<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/land-subdivision-regulations>

SNAP-SHOT OF CITY HAPPENINGS & MEETINGS: October 1 - 31, 2018 Page 9

Wednesday, Oct. 3

[Paint Kentucky Native Flowers](#).....7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center—141 E. Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 4

[Central Bank Thursday Night Live](#)5:00 p.m.
Fifth Third Pavilion at Cheapside Park - 251 W. Main St.

Friday, Oct. 5

[Freaky Friday Flicks](#).....6:00 p.m.
Moondance Amphitheater - 1152 Monarch St.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

General Gov't & Social Services Committee...1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Council Work Session.....3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

[History to Chew on—Kentucky in the Great War](#)
.....6:00 p.m.
McConnell Springs - Kentucky American Water Education Center - 416 Rebmann Lane

Wednesday, Oct. 10

[Overview of SBA Program](#).....10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
LFUCG - Room B109, 200 E. Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 11

[Central Bank Thursday Night Live](#)5:00 p.m.
Fifth Third Pavilion at Cheapside Park - 251 W. Main St.

Council Meeting6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

[Health Benefits of the Outdoors](#).....6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center—141 E. Main St.

Friday, Oct. 12

[Freaky Friday Flicks](#).....6:00 p.m.
Moondance Amphitheater - 1152 Monarch St.

Saturday, Oct. 13

[Free Trash Disposal Day](#).....6:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bluegrass Regional Transfer Station - 1505 Old Frankfort Pike

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Planning & Public Safety Committee.....1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Council Work Session.....3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Greenspace Commission.....3:00 p.m.
Government Center—5th Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Keep Lexington Beautiful Commission.....8:30 a.m.

Bluegrass Greensource - 835 National Ave.

Corridors Commission.....11:00 a.m.
Government Center - 5th Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 20

[Household Hazardous Waste Event](#).....
.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Old Landfill Pad - 1631 Old Frankfort Pike

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee.....
.....1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Council Work Session3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 25

How to Maximize TSMSDC MBE Certification.....
.....10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
LFUCG - Room B109, 200 E. Main St.

Council Meeting.....6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Saturday, Oct. 27

[Prescription Take Back Day](#).....10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kentucky American Water - 2300 Richmond Rd.

Sunday, Oct. 28

[Wicked Wonders Art Market](#).....2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza - 120 - 150 N. Limestone

[Halloween Variety Show](#).....6:30 p.m.
Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza - 120 - 150 N. Limestone

[Thriller and Halloween Parade](#).....8:00 p.m.
Downtown Lexington - 200 Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee.....1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

Council Work Session.....3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber - 2nd Floor, 200 E. Main St.

For more City Happenings visit:

www.lexingtonky.gov/calendar/events



African-American Heritage Trail Signage

“[Together Lexington](#)” partners and citizens join Mayor Jim Gray for a news conference on September 6, 2018 to discuss interpretative signage installed to create an African-American Heritage Trail in Lexington. The news conference was held on DeWeese Street. The goal is to create a walking tour of local African-American history.



GREENWAY LOCATIONS

- 1 Deauville Greenway
2020 Deauville Dr
- 2 Shaker Run
2980 Polo Club Dr
- 3 Green Acres Park
1560 LaSalle Rd
- 4 Cross Keys Wetland
1240 Cross Keys Rd
- 5 Veterans Park Stream & Woods
650 Southpoint Dr
- 6 McConnell Trace
175 McConnell Trace
- 7 Colonial Subdivision Stream
1209 Colonial Dr
- 8 UK Stream Restoration
1600 Nicholasville Rd
- 9 Kentucky Horse Park Rain Gardens
4089 Iron Works Pkwy Lee Cholak Dr
- 10 Gardenside Park
1835 Yorktown Rd
- 11 Roland Greenway & Park
729 Roland Ave
- 12 Fort Sumter Greenway
1612 Fort Sumter Dr
- 13 Gainesway Park Pond
3460 Milano Dr

NOTE: Addresses are approximate to greenway locations.



Visit LexingtonKY.gov/PaintByNature for an interactive map and additional details.



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