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Report

May 20th, 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 May 19th, 2024)

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics

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

2024 (to date)	5 homicides by gun (5 total homicides)
2023 (at this point last year)	7 homicides (8 total homicides)
2022 (at this point in the year)	12 homicides (12 total homicides)

2024 (to date)	2 homicides
2023 (at this point last year)	4 homicides
2022 (at this point in the year)	5 homicides

-2 (less gun-related homicides than the previous year)

-2 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

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

2024 (to date)	25 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	31 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	41 shootings

2024 (to date)	11 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	20 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	30 shootings

-6 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

-9 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

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One Lexington Gives \$500 Scholarship at Tates Creek High School

Award Night:

Demari Curry Lewis was the winner of ONE Lexington's #ItTakesAVillage Male Mentoring Award in the form of \$500 in gift cards. He always showed up and engaged in our sessions last year. The young man has endured challenges and has exceeded expectations in and out of the classroom. A young leader in the making!



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One Lexington Supports Landon Hayes Scholarship Program:

Last week, at Bryan Station High School, ONE Lexington acknowledged the 2 winners of our #BeTheChange scholarship program which awarded Aline and Michelle with \$10,000 college scholarships! We were also blessed to support the Lexington Ravens Travel Football “Landon Hayes Scholarship” in memory of 10 year old Landon Hayes, who lost his life to gun violence in 2022. ! Thank you Terry Hicks for allowing us the honor of supporting your vision and thank you to Galls and Central Bank for your partnership!



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One Lexington Mentoring Collective Increases Girls Groups:

The coverage for ONE Lexington's It Takes a Village In-School Mentoring Program has expanded this year to 21 groups in 17 different schools. Special shoutout to Evanyhoney Romero of Rhema Word Foundation (and volunteer Zina Merkin) for facilitating a girls group at Winburn Middle School called, PEARL Girls. This group met weekly this semester and talked about conflict resolution, bystander awareness, financial literacy, gun violence, and much more! These are the types of partnerships on the community level that it takes to truly address the root causes of gun violence in our community. Incredible work young queens!



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Black Men Of Lexington United Event In June:

For the 4th time in 3 years, One Lexington is calling all Black Men of Lexington to come together as the city continues its efforts to address community violence. The cycle of violence disproportionately affects young men of color; therefore, we want to get more men of color involved in the prevention process. On June 29th, from 10 am to 12 pm, we will be convening at a location at the Farish Theater and listening to a panel of single mothers and grandparents talk about the need for more accessible mentors in the community for their children. Also, present will be FCPS registering men who want to volunteer in the school system, community partners looking for male volunteers/mentors, and other resources for those wanting to get involved with our youth. There will be a limited amount of FREE food available, coffee, and gift card giveaways!

Follow our Facebook event link HERE - [Black Men of Lexington United: Importance of Mentors | Facebook](#)



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One Lexington FRYSC Grant Supports Mary Tood Elementary School:

Back in February of 2022, One Lexington, in collaboration with Cities United and the University of Kentucky CLD, brought together individuals from the public and private sectors to build our One Lexington Strategic Plan. A citywide plan to combat gun violence in Lexington over the next 4 years. That strategic plan is based on a national model called, P.I.E.R., which stands for Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement, & Re-Entry. Our FRYSC Violence Prevention Donations goal is to fund events, services, and programs that focus on the Intervention and prevention pillars of the P.I.E.R. model. ONE Lexington's mission is to leverage government resources and community partnerships to reduce gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29). We hope that this donation is the first step in living up to that mandate and empowering schools to stand up against gun violence in our community. Below is a report from the staff at Mary Tood Elementary School on how they used the funding this school year!

The Day of the Child, celebrated on April 30, is a nationally known program that promotes the value and healthy habit of reading among all children, regardless of their socioeconomic status and cultural background. It connects kids and their families and introduces them to the world of books, languages, and cultures. It is also known as 'El Dia de los Niños' or 'El Dia de los Libros' (Children's Day or Book Day). The holiday stresses the importance of literacy among children no matter where they come from. Since 1925, Mexico has commemorated Children's Day every year. Because children are seen as valuable members of society, the day emphasizes the necessity of loving, accepting, and respecting them. Teachers plan a day for their students on this day (or the nearest weekday if it occurs on a weekend), which includes games, music, and food sharing

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One Lexington FRYSC Grant Supports Mary Todd Elementary

School:



“THE DAY OF THE CHILD EVENT WAS COORDINATED BY MARISOL VALLES WHO RUNS THE LATIN DANCE TEAM AT BRYAN STATION AND MARY TODD. THE EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY 30 VENDORS AND 750+ FAMILIES. STUDENT VOLUNTEERS IN BSHS HISPANIC GROUP, STATION ARTS, IT, LEADERSHIP, MEDICAL, LATIN DANCE TEAM, AND DLI PROGRAM, ASSISTED WITH ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, 22+ PARENTS FROM THE MARY TODD LATINX DANCE TEAM SHARED THEIR HERITAGE AND PROVIDED FOOD FROM THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.” - Mary Todd staff



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One Lexington Attended CivicLex's "Civic Day":

Civic Day held at Pam Miller Art Center last week involved 6 high schools. Students started at the beginning of the school year researching issues in their communities. Each school had an Expo where they met with several different community partners and businesses to see how they would collaborate with them. ONE Lex tabled each expo and followed up with Bryan Station and Henry Clay High Schools through a group meeting/chat to discuss further. These discussions included research and interview questions so that the students could have a better understanding of how to address their concerns/issues. During the Civic Day students had a designated booth and Community Advisors went to each table and listened to their presentations. Below is some more formal information on how this amazing program started: In 2021, CivicLex acquired a grant to work with Generation Citizen for a community-wide civic education initiative. By that fall, CivicLex had reached out to Fayette County Public Schools to develop a plan to merge all three of the partners' resources to achieve the goal of creating a more civically engaged community.



Throughout the 2022-23 school year, a cohort of six Fayette County government teachers across each traditional high school spent time collaborating with CivicLex and aligning the curriculum to the Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies. In Fall 2023, the first Civic Expos were held across the high schools, connecting students with local leaders and community organizations. The Civic Expos are in-house field trips held throughout the Fall 2023 semester across high schools in Lexington. At each Expo, anywhere from 20-40 community partners would be in attendance across various fields: public safety, city council, libraries, planning, animal rescue, advocacy groups, and more. During the Expo, students would engage firsthand with community partners, learning about the various organizations and civic roles across Lexington, as well as programs and ways they can be involved as students. From there, each school had a group of students select a topic of interest and importance to them, based on the interactions from the Civic Expos, to research and present their ideas at Civic Day.

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Lexington Student Wins Prestigious C-SPAN Award:

“I am delighted to take this opportunity to share a remarkable narrative concerning one of our esteemed summer youth workers, Zoey Washington. Since my tenure as the program administrator at PAGE commenced, Zoey has been an integral part of our seasonal summer youth cohort, consistently contributing to our shared mission with dedication and enthusiasm. It brings me great pleasure to announce that Zoey has received the prestigious C-SPAN award for her outstanding social justice documentary, an achievement that has garnered attention from various media outlets. This recognition is a testament to her unwavering commitment to effecting positive change within our society. I invite you to allocate six minutes of your day to immerse yourself in the compelling and informative documentary crafted by Zoey. Your engagement, in the form of liking and sharing the video, will play a pivotal role in amplifying the reach of her impactful work. As we witness Zoey's journey unfold, it is evident that she possesses the drive and potential to make substantial contributions to the field of law and beyond. Her trajectory foretells a future where she will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on the judicial system and beyond. On behalf of the entire PAGE team, I express our utmost pride in Zoey's accomplishments. We stand steadfast in our support of her endeavors and eagerly anticipate the remarkable achievements that lie ahead.” - **Kelly Justice - Clinical Program Administrator for the Division of Youth Services**

<https://youtu.be/neEzhzAcIcLA?si=rI3ke89TXI8GrvSc> Lexington teen earns C-SPAN award for social justice documentary.(lex18.com)

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Greater Gardenside Community Market:

Attached you will find information about the Greater Gardenside Community Market (formerly named the farmer's market). The change came about because the event offers more than produce. That is where you come in. The Greater Gardenside Association (GGA) is asking community organizations, such as yours, to set up a table to inform the participants about programs and resources. Community space is free. But you will need to provide your own table, chair, canopy, and weights. We suggest an activity to draw people to your table. GGA has some games that you may borrow.

- GGA Community Market operates starting
- June 5, 2024, to September 11, 2024, from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm every Wednesday
- at Gardenside Plaza at 1729 Alexandria Dr.
- Special events scheduled June 5 Summer Kick-Off event.
- August 7 Back to School Bash.

Your organization does not have to commit to all the markets. You may pick which date you would like to attend and let GGA know in advance to save a spot. If interested or have questions please contact Wendi Keene wkeene82088@gmail.com or 859-420-2751

- **PETTING ZOO!**
- Shop Fruits, vegetables, crafts, and more
- Explore Community resources

SNAP participants receive Double Dollars!

Sign up for the Greater Gardenside newsletter scan QR code

June 5-September 11, 2024
Every Wednesday 4-7pm
Gardenside Plaza 1729 Alexandria Dr.
[facebook.com/GreaterGardenside](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterGardenside)

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ONE Lexington Community Interactions - May 6th - May 20th

Community Events/Meetings

- Violence Intervention Team Meeting (2)
- CompStat Meeting
- Cities United Meeting (2)
- Meeting w/ Senator Rand Paul
- FCPS Arts collaboration Meeting
- One Lexington Van Maintenance
- Mental Health Court Graduation
- Community Conversation w/ William Wells

Brown Neighborhood

Youth & Young Adults

Engagements: (Not all groups accounted for)

- Civic Day - 40
- Tates Creek High School (Awards Night) - 100
- Bryan Station High School (Awards Night) - 50
- **Total: 190**

Youth & Young Adult Conflict

Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 1
- Community - 0
- **Total: 1**

Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 1
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 0
- **Total: 1**

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