



Fayette County Neighborhood Council

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE: GENERAL MEETING MARCH 10!

Dear Neighbors:

The Fayette County Neighborhood Council will hold a General Meeting in March because of the effects of the snow storm during our scheduled general meeting in February. The meeting will be on Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church on Audubon Avenue between Nicholasville Road, Elizabeth Street, and Waller Avenue. Please note that because another large group has started using the church at the same time, arriving early will help assure finding a parking place.

The FCNC meeting will present facts on a topic of great importance in Lexington: the just-announced U.S. EPA decision (called a consent decree) and its impact on neighborhoods and individuals. Lexington has been mandated to improve water quality in Fayette County.

Most of us have heard that the EPA decision will cost us money in the form of an almost immediate sanitary sewer fee increase. But you may not have considered that if you have a retention/detention basin in your neighborhood, sump pumps, overflowing manholes, flooding, polluted streams, sewage in basements, or tear offs and big houses going in uphill from you, the decree is also likely to speak to you in other ways. If you have a detention basin in your neighborhood that is your responsibility or is on private property, the government could fine you heavily if you do not maintain it. If you have sump pumps or gutters that send storm water directly to the sanitary sewer system, they will have to be disconnected and the water redirected. If redirected, will storm water flow onto your neighbors' property? If your neighbor redirects his storm water, will it flow onto yours? Also, is the mandated connection of Blue Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant to Lexington's sanitary sewer system likely have and effect on the Urban Services Boundary and development along the Richmond Road corridor?

We are very fortunate that our two knowledgeable guests who agreed to speak to us in February will return on March 10. They are 10th District Council Member Don Blevins and LFUCG Director of the Division of Air and Water Quality Charlie Martin. Mr. Blevins is widely respected for his efforts to improve Lexington's sanitary and storm sewer problems and has assumed a leadership role on the council. Mr. Martin is widely known as an expert on sanitary sewer systems and is in a critical position if Lexington is to succeed in implementing the Consent Decree. They will make a presentation and answer questions on the consent decree.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone next Monday!

Sincerely,

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