



A message from your Councilmember, Debbie Summers:

Lexington County is very excited to launch its e-Newsletter. It is our desire as Council representatives to stay in touch with our constituents. We wanted to have a means of communicating current issues and concerns that we feel might have a direct impact on the citizens. I appreciate your interest in the e-Newsletter, and I anticipate that we will all benefit from this effort.

I am honored to serve as the current Chairman of County Council. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to meet many political and business leaders throughout the Midlands. We are blessed to have so many wonderful citizens who truly love this county and desire for it to have a quality of life that is second to none. It is also exciting to contribute, in a small way, to the growth and development of the county.

Sincerely, Debbie

Council Continues to Discuss Smoking Ban

One issue that has been talked about for over a year is the smoke-free ordinance. Council is clearly divided concerning this issue as some council members say we should leave it up to the business owner whether or not to allow smoking. Some say we should leave it to the Federal or State leaders to make such a law. I desire to seek the quality of life that the majority of our citizens are asking for. This ordinance isn't banning smoking; it is banning smoking inside businesses. It aims to safeguard all employees, protect non-smoking citizens from secondhand smoke and possibly discourage some of our younger citizens from ever starting the habit. I have heard from many of you concerning this ordinance. I will support it as you have asked me to do. Please come to the Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9 to voice your opinion. We will listen.



Newsletter Spotlight

- Smoke Free Ordinance
New Scenic Corridor
Keep in Contact
And More!

Ordinance 09-06

Lexington County Budget



We are nearing the end of our budget deliberations. It has been a most difficult year in many ways because we have had to say no to some fine organizations who do tremendous work in the Midlands. We tried to help our citizens by not having a tax increase. Our staff was instructed to keep the budget as frugal as possible. They did, and we as a council appreciate the sacrifices the entire staff of Lexington County has made to assist the taxpayer

New Scenic Corridors for Lexington County

I am excited about the scenic corridor revision to our landscape ordinance. We have recognized various roads in the County that we will try to protect, as far as beautification. Lexington County is a beautiful county. As it continues to grow, we desire to have certain corridors that will maintain the integrity of Lexington County. If you are interested in your road being considered a scenic corridor, please review the information below.

Landscape Ordinance

Scenic Corridor Details

Let's Recycle!



Recycling is a topic that you will continue to hear about. We are doing a lot and we must do more to encourage our citizens to be aware of the Carbon Footprint they are leaving. From our Tire Amnesty program to our upcoming electronic recycling day, Lexington County leads the way in recycling. We need all of our citizens to be aware of what you can and should recycle. You can find useful information to begin a recycling program on our Solid Waste Management web pages.

## Upcoming Events:

June 9 – Public Hearing on Smoking Ban  
July 4 – Lexington County Peach Festival

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## Recent Events I Have Attended:

- Farm Bureau Legislative Breakfast
  - Lexington County Delegation Meeting
  - S.C. Association of Counties Mid-Year Meeting
  - Ribbon Cutting at Sun Printing in West Columbia
  - Press Conference Concerning State Aid to Counties
  - Oak Grove Community Club Meeting
  - Shadblow Home Owners Association Meeting
  - Ribbon Cutting for Corley Mill Fire Station
  - Ribbon Cutting for Harvest Hope Food Bank
  - Annual Staff Training for Lexington County Library Employees
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In closing, I appreciate the confidence the citizens have placed in me and consider it a tremendous privilege to represent the citizens of District 4. Please know that I am always interested in hearing from my constituents about their needs and concerns.

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Questions or comments? E-mail us at [countycouncil@lex-co.com](mailto:countycouncil@lex-co.com) or call 803-785-8103.



Thank you for reading this edition of County Council Quarterly. If you would like to get in touch with me, I would love to hear your comments. I am proud to serve as your Lexington County Councilmember.

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