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The Neighborhood Chronicle #7

Water Week + Earth Hour

Lexington's Water week is March 20 – 29, 2026.

Water Week is an annual celebration dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of water, coinciding with World Water Day on March 22. Groups raise awareness and residents act by participating in some of the many events honoring the earth, our environment and clean water! Past events have included litter cleanups, tree plantings, tours of water quality projects, creek walks, trivia nights, lectures and workshops about green infrastructure.

Give an hour for the Earth

Take collective action on 28 March 2026 to celebrate 20 years of Earth Hour 2026! Earth Hour began 20 years ago with the symbolic "lights off" in support of our planet, which is observed March 28 at 8.30pm. Over the years, it has grown into individuals making an impact by doing something positive for our planet.

Learn more about both at https://bobolink-greenspace.com/blog/water-week-earth-hour

✌️ *Stay green, stay kind, stay connected - Jennifer Erena*

STEWARDSHIP STEPS



Explore & Learn about Caring for our Streams

Discover the hidden life of the Big Elm Tributary, one of Lexington's vital urban streams, and learn how neighbors like you are helping protect and restore this natural treasure.

Register and learn more at https://bobolink-greenspace.com/greenspace-event-march-2026

STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT



LFUCG Water Quality Grant > awarded & in progress, working on a plan to guide our activities over the next year and a half.

NRCS EQIP and CSP Funding >

NRCS representative will submit a plan for invasive removal and a pollinator garden, which may or may not get approved for this year. We will expect to hear outcome and options in Aprils.

FIELD NOTES



Invasive Species

The website has a new page to highlight invasive species that we find in Lexington / Kentucky. It has the common honeysuckle and tree of heaven but also two new species recently featured in the news and in a Beaumont yard! Read about these interesting finds on our website at Invasive Species.
There are many more invasive species in our greenspace that will be added to the page so we all can easily identify and help reduce their impact on more useful native plants.



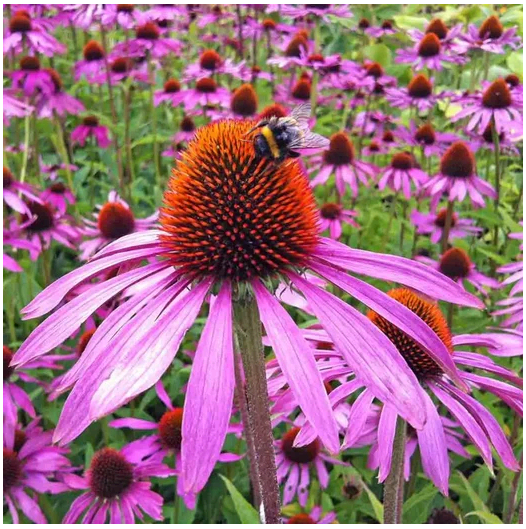


^ Spotted Lanternfly
< Hammerhead Worm

SEASONAL SNAPSHOT

WHO KNEW!?

The Purple Coneflower (Echinacea Purpura) is Lexington's official flower!



The Urban County Council adopted the Purple Coneflower as the city's official flower on Sept. 26, 2019. That vote came after Celebrate Lexington identified several local flowers and surveyed the public. The Purple Coneflower attracts bees and butterflies, ensuring that nearby plants have plenty of pollinators. The sturdy stalks rarely bend or require staking. Purple coneflower plants grow best in poor or lean soil. Rich or heavily amended soil may result in lush foliage and poor flowering.

Past Newsletters

- 2026 February: Predators in the Sky
- 2026 January: Big Picture & Large Woody Debris
- 2025 December: Stream Stewards & Pet Ownership
- 2025 November: Green Tomato Gazpacho and Feeder Watch
- 2025_October: Lessons from a Messy Yard
- 2025_September: Bird Migration



Neighbor Survey

Jodi, we'd love your input: online survey form

Whether your interests lean toward walking paths, native meadows, community gardens, educational events, or simply preserving a quiet natural space, your voice helps shape what comes next. Together, we can create something that reflects both our shared values and the natural beauty we're lucky to call home. 🌿 Check out the list, The Big Picture Goals, on our website. https://bobolink-greenspace.com/the-big-picture-goals

🎓 **Learn more** about our beautiful planet and greenspace from our talented neighbors at https://bobolink-greenspace.com/

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