

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY: AMERICA'S 250TH CELEBRATION

Presented to the Kentucky Committee on Tourism,
Small Business, and Information Technology



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Parks & Recreation



“The Fourth of July is one of our city’s favorite celebrations. And I cannot think of a better way to honor our nation’s 250th birthday than by bringing our entire community together to celebrate the freedoms, traditions, and spirit that unite us. Everyone’s favorite Fourth of July traditions will return once again, along with special additions to celebrate America’s 250th birthday. We are certain to have something for the entire family.”

Mayor, Linda Gorton

Parks & Recreation: Mission and Values

Build Community and enrich life through parks, programs and play.

- Community
- Stewardship
- Inclusion
- Collaboration
- Innovation



Cultural Arts & Events

Lexington Cultural Arts & Special Events enriches the city through vibrant festivals, engaging programs and exciting events. With a commitment to inclusivity and creativity, they strive to make arts and culture accessible to everyone.



Lexington's Fourth of July Tradition

- Ice Cream Social
- Concerts
- Bluegrass 10,000
- Reading of Declaration of Independence
- Parade
- Festival
- Fireworks
- Kickoff to National Parks and Recreation Month

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Red, White, Blue and 250 Years of America: Lexington's Star-spangled Fourth of July Celebration



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Friday, June 26

Friday Flicks: Hamilton Broadway Movie

Jacobson Park

7 p.m. and movie at dark

Wednesday, July 1

America 250 Birthday Party & Ice Cream Social

Boogie G and the Titanics

Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Tandy Park

5:30 p.m.



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2026 BLUEGRASS 10,000 WELLNESS EXPO

JUNE 27, 2026 | PAM MILLER DOWNTOWN ARTS CENTER & PHOENIX PARK

Saturday, June 27

Bluegrass 10,000 Wellness Expo

Phoenix Park and Pam
Miller Downtown Arts
Center, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Live music, free activities and
workshops.



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Tuesday, June 30

Big Band and Jazz: Patriotic Night

*Lexington Summer Concert
Band*

Moondance Amphitheater

Thursday, July 2

Southland Jamboree: Patriotic Edition

*Six String Soldiers U.S. Army
Band*

Moondance Amphitheater

Friday, July 3

Patriotic Concert

Transylvania University and Gratz
Park

Young at Heart

Lexington Philharmonic

Sunday, July 5

Red, White & Blues

Tee Dee Young

Moondance Amphitheater



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Saturday, July 4

50th Annual Bluegrass 10,000, 5K and Fun Run

Corner of Main St. and N. Limestone St.

10K Wheelchair Race

10K Foot Race

5K Race

Fun Run



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Saturday, July 4

Fourth of July Festival & Market

Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza
Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Tandy Park

Public Reading of the United States Declaration of Independence

Historic Lexington Courthouse

Fourth of July Parade

Main St. (Downtown), from Midland Ave. to N.
Mill St.

Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular

Launched from the R. J. Corman rail yard

Deck the Town

CONTEST

Prizes will be given to 'Best in town!'
Submit photos and enter to win.

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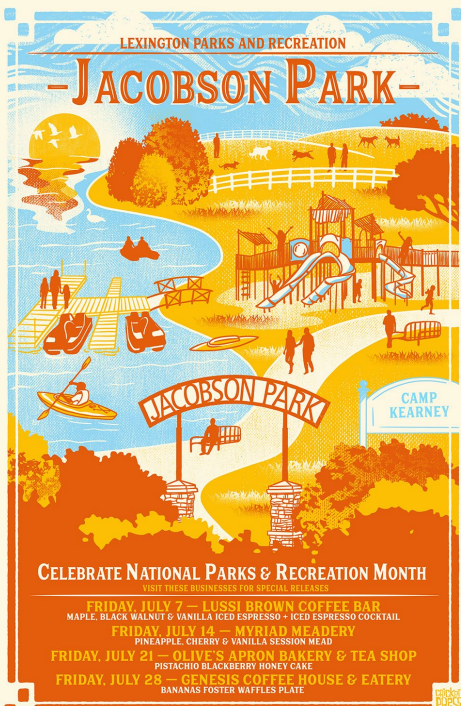
Decorate your home and business
along the 50th Annual Bluegrass
10,000 race route in celebration
of America's 250th Birthday.



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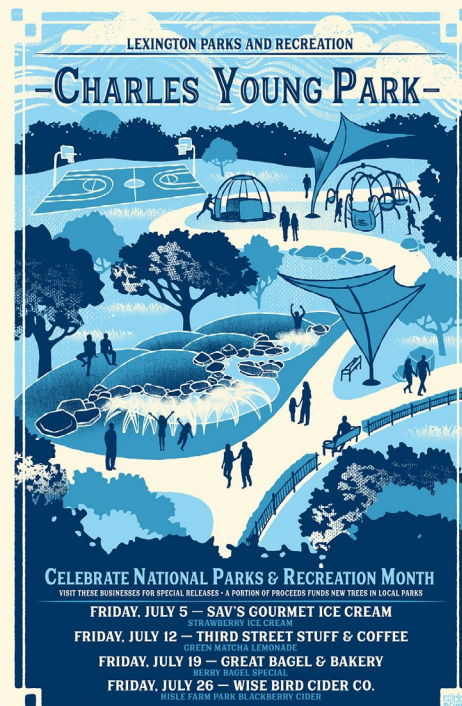


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- JACOBSON PARK -

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH
VISIT THESE BUSINESSES FOR SPECIAL RELEASES

- FRIDAY, JULY 7 — LUSSI BROWN COFFEE BAR
MAPLE, BLACK WALNUT & VANILLA ICED ESPRESSO • ICED ESPRESSO COCKTAIL
- FRIDAY, JULY 14 — NYRIAD MEADERY
PINE APPLE, CHERRY & VANILLA SESSION MEAD
- FRIDAY, JULY 21 — OLIVE'S APRON BAKERY & TEA SHOP
PISTACHIO BLACKBERRY HONEY CAKE
- FRIDAY, JULY 28 — GENESIS COFFEE HOUSE & EATERY
BANANAS FOSTER WAFFLES PLATE

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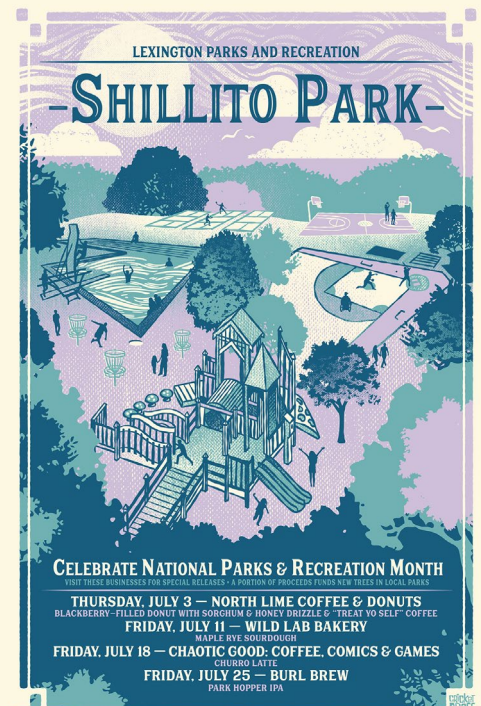


LEXINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION
- CHARLES YOUNG PARK -

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH
VISIT THESE BUSINESSES FOR SPECIAL RELEASES - A PORTION OF PROCEEDS FUNDS NEW TREES IN LOCAL PARKS

- FRIDAY, JULY 5 — SAV'S GOURMET ICE CREAM
SIP AND ENJOY ICE CREAM
- FRIDAY, JULY 12 — THIRD STREET STUFF & COFFEE
GREEN MATCHA LEMONADE
- FRIDAY, JULY 19 — GREAT BAGEL & BAKERY
HONEY BANANA SMOOTHIE
- FRIDAY, JULY 26 — WISE BIRD CIDER CO.
HISLE FARM PARK BLACKBERRY CIDER

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- SHILLITO PARK -

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VISIT THESE BUSINESSES FOR SPECIAL RELEASES - A PORTION OF PROCEEDS FUNDS NEW TREES IN LOCAL PARKS

- THURSDAY, JULY 3 — NORTH LIME COFFEE & DONUTS
BLACKBERRY-FILLED DONUT WITH SORGHUM & HONEY DRIZZLE & "TREAT YO SELF" COFFEE
- FRIDAY, JULY 11 — WILD LAB BAKERY
MAPLE RYE SOURDOUGH
- FRIDAY, JULY 18 — CHAOTIC GOOD: COFFEE, COMICS & GAMES
CHURRO LATTE
- FRIDAY, JULY 25 — BURL BREW
PARK HOPPER IPA

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Discover

Great Places + Green Spaces

Lexington Parks & Recreation Master Plan

A comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan that will guide improvements to the city's parks, programs, facilities, services, and operations over the next decade and beyond.

lexingtonky.gov/parkplan





Get Out and Play!

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