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## **Mayor's Message by Steve MacDougall**

Please allow me to begin by saying that I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. It is hard to believe we are in 2014 and I must say the Town of Lexington was fortunate to have a very productive 2013. Credit is due to our wonderful town staff, who by the way, makes my and Council's job seamless. As I stated before, we have the best staff in government and they take pride in ensuring that you have the best quality of life possible.

Our Police Department leads the charge, as they work tirelessly to protect and serve. In 2013, Chief Green honored four officers for their actions during a fire that occurred at Chimney Ridge Apartments. Ptl. Earl Alewine received the Medal of Valor, the highest honor ever bestowed by the department, and Cpl. Earron Sturges, Ptl. Robert Besenyi and Ptl. Dustin Currier received the Chief's Letter of Commendation. The department also helped lead a three-year investigation (Operation Angel Bane), which resulted with 27 members of the Hells Angels being arrested. These arrests led to 109 Count of Federal Indictments resulting in conviction for a total of 140 years prison time and 77 months' probation. An AMAZING effort by our department to help bring justice to such a high profile case.

The Police Department spent 2013 increasing direct patrols. This project focused on theft in commercial areas and apartment complexes. Our stepped-up presence, resulted in a 58% decrease in theft from vehicles and a 37% decrease in stolen vehicles.

On top off all these projects, the department also coordinated and hosted FALL-FEST, an annual carnival event that attracts thousands of residents each year. The event featured 28 vendors, including games, rides, a Halloween costume contest and hot dogs cooked by our Police Chief. The 2013 festival raised \$5,891 to benefit a very worthy cause, the department's Adopt-A-Cop Program.

The Town of Lexington is honored to have such dedicated men and women serving in our Police Department. Next time you are out running errands and see an officer, if you have time, please take a moment to thank them for all that they do to help make our community safe.

My best wishes to everyone and I hope that you have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014!

**\*\*\*Happy New Year\*\*\***

# Lexington County Museum Fundraiser

The Friends of the Lexington County Museum will host its annual fundraiser on January 25, 2014 from 6pm - 10pm at the Lexington Municipal Complex Conference Center, located at 111 Maiden Lane.

This year's event will celebrate those living and deceased that have helped add to the culture of Lexington.

Tickets are \$50 (includes all you can eat and drink) and can be purchased at the museum and are available at the door. The fundraiser will feature The Great Society Band and a silent auction. All funds raised go toward the restoration of interior rooms in the Hazelius House at the museum and the enhancement of exhibits.

For more information, contact the museum at (803) 359-8369 or visit [www.lex-co.sc.gov/museum](http://www.lex-co.sc.gov/museum).

## Solid Waste and Recycling Reminders

The collection date for all materials (household, recycling and yard waste) is Tuesday. Roll carts, recycle bins and yard debris need to be placed on the curb by 7:00 am on the pickup day.

Yard debris (grass, leaves, pine straw, etc) should be bagged. Yard debris bags are provided for free and can be picked up from Town Hall Customer Service (five at a time). Limbs should be no longer than four feet in length and four inches in diameter. If they are not in compliance, the garbage collector will leave a red tag on one of the limbs.

For more efficient service, please make sure the handle of your roll cart faces towards your home and three feet away from mailboxes, as the new collection trucks have automatic handles.

For more information, please contact the Parks, Streets and Sanitation Department at (803) 359-1027.

## Town Council Schedule

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

New Year's Day- Holiday

**Monday, January 6, 2014**

Regular Session Meeting at 6:30pm  
Council Chambers

**Monday, January 20, 2014**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Holiday

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

Work Session Meeting at 6:00pm  
Eli Mack Room

## Historic Downtown Cell Phone Walking Tour

The Town of Lexington Historic Downtown Cell Phone Walking Tour is in conjunction with the Lexington County Museum and gives you a behind-the-scenes history of ten popular locations including the Old Courthouse, Palmetto Collegiate Institute, Carpet One and Home National Bank.

Learn more about the tour at [www.lexsc.com](http://www.lexsc.com) or call the tour number at (803) 358-7264.