



# TOWN TOPICS

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TOWN OF LEXINGTON  
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## “Be Counted” In US Census 2010



Town of Lexington Mayor Randy Halfacre presented a certificate of recognition to the staff of the Lexington County Census Office at their recent grand opening. *Pictured from left to right: Earl Sasser, Local Census Office Manager; Jeanie Presto, Assistant Regional Census Manager; Randy Halfacre, Town of Lexington Mayor; Bobby Bowers, Governor's Office; Earl Brown, Deputy District Director for Congressman Joe Wilson; and Bobby Horton, West Columbia Mayor.* Please see the reverse side of Town Topics to see how the 2010 Census will benefit you.

### Attention: Town of Lexington Businesses

The Town of Lexington's Business License Ordinance requires all businesses operating in the Town to have a Business License. **2010 Business License Renewals are due no later than April 15.** If you have misplaced or did not receive your renewal application, contact Sonya Lee at 803-951-4631.

## Input Requested on Possible Amendment to Smoke-Free Ordinance

The Mayor and Town Council are requesting citizens' input on a possible amendment to the Town's Smoke-Free Ordinance. Your feedback is important.

**To achieve consistency and uniformity within the Town and surrounding communities, should the Town of Lexington amend its smoking ban to allow smoking on outdoor decks and patios of restaurants and bars in a manner similar to the ban in place in Lexington County?**

Please email your response to this question by March 1 to [smokingban@lexsc.com](mailto:smokingban@lexsc.com). Thank you for your input.

## K.E.Y.S. Program Accepting Applications

Keeping Every Youth Safe (K.E.Y.S.) Afterschool Program is designed to provide latch-key and at-risk youth between the ages of 5 to 13 with a safe haven after school. This free of charge program's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is located at 209 South Lake Drive. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), a limited number of applications will be accepted. For more information please contact the Lexington Police Department at 359-6260 or Ebony Bowers, K.E.Y.S. Site Coordinator at 358-1561.

The Town of Lexington is a Lexington  
County Green Business Member



# Two Big Reasons Why the 2010 Census Matters to You

**1. The Census Means Money.** The federal government gives more than \$400 billion to local communities every year based on Census population data. Since the 2000 Census, the Town of Lexington's share of this allocation has been more than \$3 million, and the Town expects to receive more than \$5 million based on its 2010 Census population over the next 10 years.

The Town uses this money to help fund programs and projects of importance in the community. Census data are also used for grant writing proposals, and can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction projects, such as highways and hospitals.

**2. The Census Means Power.** Federal Congressional seats are based on population, and this year South Carolina stands to gain another seat in Congress based on its expected population gain since the 2000 Census. If the state receives another seat in Congress, its representatives would have more power in the federal legislature to make sure that federal legislation is in the best interests of South Carolinians.

## What You Can Do To Help

**1. Return your questionnaire.** When you receive your Census questionnaire in the mail in mid-March, mail it back in before April 1. If for some reason you do not receive a questionnaire in the mail, find a form at any "Be Counted" location around Town and complete it there, or answer the questions in person when a Census enumerator comes knocking at your door later this spring.

**2. Help spread the word.** If you know of any group who would benefit from learning about the importance of the Census, contact Leah Youngblood at the number below—she would be happy to speak to the group or to provide you with written information to distribute.

For more information,  
visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov) or contact Leah Youngblood  
at [lyoungblood@lexsc.com](mailto:lyoungblood@lexsc.com) or (803) 951-4655.

