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## Mayor's Message by Randy Halfacre

Welcome to the first edition of the "Mayor's Message". I am excited to bring you news and events about the Town of Lexington, using all the expanded media outlets available. The Town of Lexington prides itself on *Building Partnerships* that provide our citizens with the best quality of life possible. We recently showcased two signature events, Lexington OktoberFest and the unveiling of the new Scenic Overlook at Gibson Pond Park.

The Town helped kickoff the revamped Lexington OktoberFest as a diamond sponsor. It was a wonderful way for residents to take in new culture and enjoy the Town's wonderful amenities. This summer we opened the new Scenic Overlook at Gibson Pond Park in partnership with the Lexington Sertoma Club. Please take a moment to stop by the park to enjoy this new addition along with mother nature's beauty.

I encourage you to Link into Lexington and find your favorite way to stay informed with everything happening in the Town of Lexington. The Council Members and I look forward to providing public service information at no cost to our citizens. We are proud to serve as your elected officials and hope you will tune into Channel 2, Facebook, Twitter and online at [www.lexsc.com](http://www.lexsc.com).

## New Scenic Overlook at Gibson Pond Park

The Town of Lexington, The Greater Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center and the Lexington Sertoma Club hosted a Ribbon Cutting for the new Scenic Overlook at Gibson Pond Park on Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

The new Scenic Overlook was made possible through a partnership by the Town of Lexington and the Lexington Sertoma Club. The Club hosted the inaugural Carolina-Clemson Big Thursday Tailgate fundraiser last fall, which raised \$8,110. This generous donation help provide partial funding for the project.

The Overlook, which is ADA accessible, allows all residents the opportunity to get an up close and personal view of the cascading waterfall located at Gibson Pond Park.

The Sertoma Club will host the 2nd Annual Big Thursday event this fall to help raise funds to help expand Gibson Pond Park. The event will take place October 21 at 6pm in the Town of Lexington Municipal Complex Conference Center. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Lexington Sertoma Club.

# Keeping Every Youth Safe (K.E.Y.S.) Now 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. The children receive tutoring, nutritional snacks and are able to enjoy recreational activities at Virginia Hylton Park (located behind the building), improve their computer skills and socialize with friends.

This free of charge program's hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm 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.



K.E.Y.S. staff and students with Golden State Food officials: Tim Heskett, V.P. Eastern Distribution and Gregg Tarlton, General Manager, Lexington Operations



K.E.Y.S. students receiving backpacks from Golden State Food official Gregg Tarlton, General Manager, Lexington Operations

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## “Green Corner”

Take your own reusable coffee mug to work.

Polystyrene is not usually recycled because virgin polystyrene is so cheap, and recycling is also very toxic. It also does not biodegrade easily.

According to the paper industry, Americans will consume an estimated 23 billion paper coffee cups in 2010. This means 9.4 million trees will be cut down to produce them. If they are not composted, they will most likely sit in a plastic bag in a landfill.

Several coffee shops even offer discounts for customers who bring in their own cups.