



### **Mayor's Message by Randy Halfacre**

As you read this message, I hope all is well. I can hardly believe we have reached another holiday season. It only seems like yesterday we rang in 2010. Where does the time go!

As we take time over the next two months to celebrate with friends and family, Council is also working hard to prepare for 2011 and beyond. We are excited to introduce the Town of Lexington Vision Plan, which will map out our potential future for the next 20 years.

The Vision Plan will address many issues important to enhancing the quality of life in Lexington including public safety, transportation, economic development, land use, recreation, infrastructure, historic preservation and sustainability.

During Phase I, residents will have an opportunity to voice their views on these important issues at a series of Town meetings (TBA), which are a vital key to how the Town will ensure responsible growth.

Remember, everyone is a "stakeholder" in the Town of Lexington and we encourage you to help us create our "Vision of Tomorrow."

### **Business & Development Services Center**

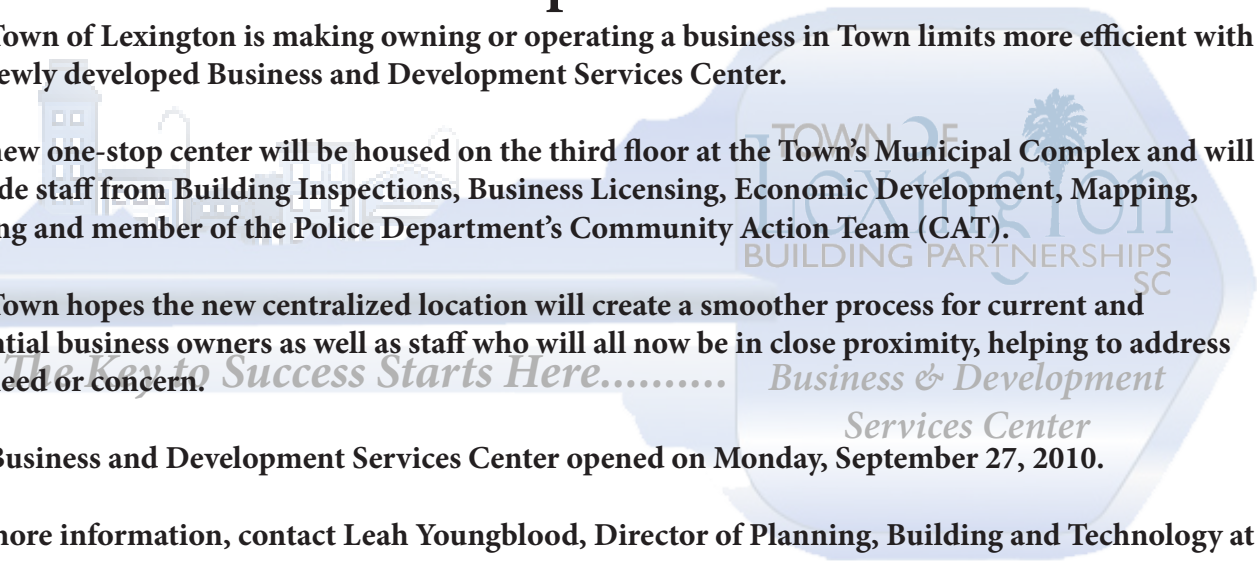
The Town of Lexington is making owning or operating a business in Town limits more efficient with the newly developed Business and Development Services Center.

The new one-stop center will be housed on the third floor at the Town's Municipal Complex and will include staff from Building Inspections, Business Licensing, Economic Development, Mapping, Zoning and member of the Police Department's Community Action Team (CAT).

The Town hopes the new centralized location will create a smoother process for current and potential business owners as well as staff who will all now be in close proximity, helping to address any need or concern.

The Business and Development Services Center opened on Monday, September 27, 2010.

For more information, contact Leah Youngblood, Director of Planning, Building and Technology at (803) 951-4655.



# Lexington Police Department Introduces New Interactive Crime Map for Public

The Lexington Police Department recently partnered with Bair Software to provide a new public crime mapping website called RAIDS Online ([www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com)) to make it easier for citizens to keep track of crime in their area.

RAIDS Online Maps allows you to analyze crime data; alerts citizens about crimes and allows the Lexington Police Department to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur. Citizens can easily move between the map, data grid and analytics to learn about the crime that concerns them the most.

Chief Terrence Green states that this added feature on our website will improve communication between the public and law enforcement. The free web site provides crime data which users can search, filter and analyze via an interactive dashboard. Residents also can sign up for alerts about criminal activity occurring in their neighborhood, which include both persons and property crimes. The locations are rounded to the hundred block address level to protect victim confidentiality.

For more information, please contact Chief Terrence Green of the Lexington Police Department at (803) 359-6260.



## “Go Green” with Town Pride



The Green Team ordered a LIMITED quantity of large, insulated, grocery style totes.

The reusable totes retain heat/cold air, helping keep food fresh.

Totes are only \$5 and can be purchased at Town Hall.

## “Green Corner”

### Go Green with Houseplants

Keep air pure with houseplants.

Research from NASA and the Associated Landscape Contractors of America suggests that palms, English ivy, ferns, mums and similar plants remove up to 87% of indoor pollutants.

Read more about it here:

[http://www.ssc.nasa.gov/environmental/docforms/water\\_research/water\\_research.html](http://www.ssc.nasa.gov/environmental/docforms/water_research/water_research.html)