

Lexington City Happenings

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Community improvements

The City is working on a long list of projects that will enhance our quality of life. Here are just a few:

Optimist Hitting Complex (1601 West 13th Street)



After a well-attended dedication in March, the new indoor Hitting Facility at the Optimist Complex has enjoyed

a healthy breaking-in season!

Very much a community effort, the project was spear-headed by the Optimist Club with assistance from the Lexington Community Foundation. The project was funded entirely by private donations.

Lexington hosted numerous softball tournaments this summer, where athletes from all over the state took advantage of the facility for their practice and warm-ups.

The Hitting Complex is open most evenings and weekend mid-days by appointment, closed Fridays. For more information or to schedule please contact City Recreation Director Ann Luther, 325-5277.

Skateboard Park

Construction has begun on a new concrete surface at the southeast corner of Arbor Park (near Maple & Plum Creek Pkwy). Skateboard equipment will be moved from its current location in Oak Park. The Oak Park location will be returned to its former use as basketball courts. The new skateboard park is scheduled to be open by the end of August 2006. The Lexington Commu-



nity Foundation contributed funds toward the hardware fixtures. Local skateboard enthusiasts helped design the layout of the park.



Downtown Historic Street Lights Phase 2

Plans are well under way to add 22 more historic street lights downtown on 5th, 6th & 7th Streets. The new lights would continue the theme started with the historic street lights that were installed on Washington Street last year.

This Transportation Enhancement project is approved for funding by the Nebraska Department of Roads, with 80% of the funds provided by the Federal Highway Administration.

Watch for construction this fall.

Ramping up



Working with the Nebraska Department of Roads, the City has identified a number of locations where curbs will be reconstructed with ramps at sidewalk intersections. The project will improve safety and access for pedestrians. This is the first phase of the project. Initial improvement will target priority areas around schools and parks, approximately 39 intersections.

Federal funds will pay for 80% of this project. Watch for construction to begin this fall.

Youth Soccer leagues forming

Lexington's Youth Soccer Leagues are now forming. A \$20 fee covers registration, instruction, league play and a T-shirt. Instruction will take place the evenings of August 28, 29 and 31. There will be three league age groups: grades 1 & 2, grades 3, 4 & 5, and grades 6, 7 & 8.

League play starts September 10 and continues Sundays through October 8. All instruction and games will be held at the Optimist Recreation Complex, 1601 West 13th Street.

For more information contact City Recreation Director Ann Luther, 325-5277. Registration forms with more detail are available at the Grand Generation Center, 407 East 6th Street, or email aluther@cityoflex.com.



Dates to Remember:

- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. - City Council Meetings, City Office
- August 15 - 20, Dawson County Fair
- Aug. 20 - last day Aquatic Center open this season.
- August 21 - School starts
- August 28 - Soccer starts
- Sept. 4 - Labor Day

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