

Community improvements

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

Skate Park moved

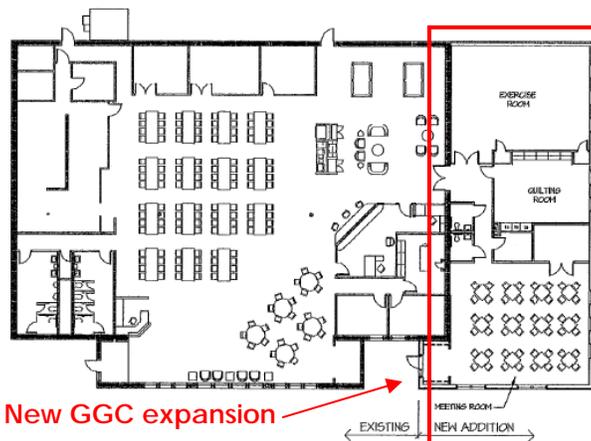
Creation of a new skateboard pad at the southeast corner of Arbor Park (near Maple & Plum Creek Pkwy) is complete. The concrete is in and skateboard equipment was moved from the old skate park at Oak Park. The City added a sidewalk and will soon plant grass seed around the new concrete. Future plans include upgraded lighting and possible addition of new hardware. The Lexington Community Foundation contributed funds toward the hardware fixtures. Local skateboard enthusiasts helped design the park layout.



Lexington's new Skate Park location in Arbor Park . There is now a sidewalk where the youth are gathered at the left of the skate pad. (photo by Paul Pack)

Grand Generation Center Expansion (407 E. 6th St.)

The City's senior center will get a new addition and other features soon. Construction will begin this fall on a 3,080 square-foot addition and remodeling of 1,400 existing square feet. The project will add a new meeting room, craft room, exercise room, storage, room, restrooms, walk-in freezer, beverage bar, new flooring in some areas, and more. No City funds will be used for this project - most came from a federal grant and the rest from private fund-raising efforts.



Handicap ramps



This fall the City will begin work on converting corners at 39 intersections with ramps. Often dubbed "handicap" ramps for brevity, the ramps are intended to improve accessibility and safety to all pedestrians and those using wheeled conveyances. This round of conversions will focus on intersections near schools and parks. More intersections are planned for future conversion .

City halts leaf pick-up



This fall City workers will no longer collect leaves citizens rake into the streets. The practice started in the 1980s when leaf-burning

was banned, but now has grown too unwieldy to continue. Residents should not burn leaves or put them in dumpsters. Instead mulch leaves or take them to the City's compost collection area near the 700 block of East Walnut. Residents who rake leaves into the gutter will be ticketed for nuisance violation.



The City is retiring its 37-year-old leaf collecting machine.

Dates to Remember:

- Sep 30, 10 AM - Police sale of unclaimed property - Family Center, 610 1st Ave., Overton
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM - City Council Meetings, City Office
- Oct 22 - Start of youth basketball (grades 3-8); watch for fliers or call Ann Luther (308-324-2498) for more information or to register.
- Nov 10 - Veteran's Day Observed - City offices closed
- Nov 23-24 - Thanksgiving Observed - City offices closed

Credit card payment option catching on



In January the City began accepting credit and debit cards for utility bill payments from residential consumers. Interest in this convenience is rising,

with usage increasing an average of 15% a month in recent months.

Credit card customers may also pay their electric, water, sewer and sanitation bills by phone (308-324-2343). In addition to accepting VISA and MasterCard, users may pay by mail, or at the walk-up window or drive-up window, Municipal Building, 406 E. 7th Street, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



City has wood chips available

According to Public Works Director Glenn Hawks, the City has "a ton of wood chips" and compost available. Lexington residents are welcome to take quantities for their household landscaping needs. There is no cost for the wood chips, however, citizens must provide their

own transportation. The wood chips and compost are on the grounds of the Community Service Building, 801 Vine St., Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please check in at the office before loading.



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Come and get your chips: the wood chips are made from branches collected over the summer.

