



City Happenings

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An eNewsletter from the City of Lexington, Nebraska



What's going on at . . . ?



7th & Tyler: concrete floor finishing for new Fire Department building.

7th & Tyler

Work has begun on a new Fire Department garage. The new structure will look similar to the existing garage just south (6th & Tyler), and more than double the Department's ability to house emergency vehicles and other equipment. The project planning and costs are being shared between the City and Lexington Rural Fire District.

South Adams Street

The first house in Lexington's new CED Addition is progressing nicely after the August 13 groundbreaking. Most of the first house will be built by high school students as practical experience for a construction curriculum. It is a collaborative project initiated by Dawson Area Development's ABLÉ program and Lexington Public Schools. Up to 21 more houses are planned for the first phase of building in this new residential neighborhood.



Above: August 13 groundbreaking ceremony for the ABLÉ student housing project

Right: ABLÉ house progress as of September 28.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for new Welcome to Lex sign

On the morning of September 27, 2007, City, Chamber of Commerce and other Lexington representatives gathered to dedicate the City's new Welcome to Lexington sign with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The project was spearheaded by six Lexington members of the 2006-2007 Dawson Area Development Leadership Class.

TOP RIGHT:
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

BELOW RIGHT:
The Welcome Sign at night.



Protect Our Environment

by participating in a **FREE**

Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency Household Hazardous Waste Collection

This is a free service brought to you by Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program and dedicated local volunteers. Please respect the times posted to facilitate our schedule.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Lexington - Fair Grounds	8:00-9:30 a.m.
Cozad - Recycling and Disposal Site	11:00-1:00 p.m.
Gothenburg - City Maintenance Facility	3:00-4:30 p.m.

Other nearby communities collection events:

North Platte, Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. contact 308-534-8100

Items accepted include yard and garden chemicals; pesticides, herbicides, flammables; paints and thinners, auto products, used oil, antifreeze, household products and cleaning chemicals, Mercury, batteries; auto, lead acid and/or rechargeable, titanium, cadmium and nickel halide. **No** infectious waste and needles, radioactive waste, asbestos, oil or paint containing PCB's high school labs, appliances, construction waste and tires. Materials should be delivered to collection sites in sturdy, disposable containers labeled according to contents and no larger than 5 gallon or 50 lbs. The HHW program reserves the right to reject materials.

If you have any questions on materials accepted contact Dave Sterner, LASWA Project Director at 308-324-3351 or Bill Elliot, Southwest Nebraska HHW Program Manager at 308-345-4333.



Our Water . . . Our Responsibility

Lexington has joined 9 other Nebraska Cities in a coalition of communities working to reduce water pollution caused by toxic chemical runoff into storm sewers. This runoff eventually ends up in our water supply.

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To find our more and discover ways you can help preserve our precious clean water, visit Nebraska H₂O online at www.NebraskaH2O.org.



October Library News

907 North Washington Street

October brings fall, football, and a full slate of programming at the Lexington Public Library. During the week of September 29 to October 6 the Library is celebrating the freedom to read the books we choose. Check out our "Banned Books" display and read a challenged book during October.

Several activities for teens begin in October. Teen book discussion groups for youth sixth grade and above will begin Tuesday, October 9, for girls, and October 16 for boys at 3:40 p.m. The girls will discuss All American Girl by Meg Cabot. The boys' discussion will center on the book Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs.

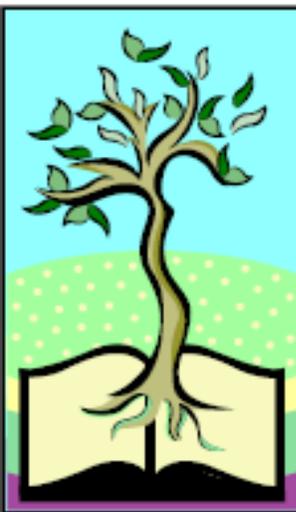
A teen group that meets weekly for crafts, activities, speakers, and fun will begin on Thursday, October 11, when they will select a name and plan future activities. This group will meet from 3:40 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. All youth are welcome to join any of these groups.

Teen Read Week "LOL@ Your Library" is being celebrated October 15 to October 19 with an activity each day at the library.

- Monday (10/15) 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Open house and Make and Take Goth puppets.

- Tuesday (10/16) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Comedy Movie Night with popcorn and drinks.
- Wednesday (10/17) 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Game Night – Open house, play video and board games and have a snack.
- Thursday (10/18) 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Duct Tape – Open house and Make and Take duct tape projects. Choose from three different projects.

*One of life's
greatest
pleasures is
the joy of
reading.*



The Lexington Public Library and the Lexington Foundation will be sponsoring the "Read for Joy – First Connections to Books" program on October 22 and October 29 at 5:30 p.m. This program helps parents and caregivers understand how children learn to read and shows ways to use literature effectively. "Read for Joy" stresses the importance of reading to

children early in life and offers strategies to promote children's reading success. The October 22 session will be in English, while the October 29 session will be in Spanish. You can register by calling the library at 324-2151.

Subscribe

To subscribe to Lexington City Happenings, fill out the form at www.ci.lexington.ne.us/aboutus.asp. If you have comments or suggestions, contact Dennis Burnside, dburnside@cityoflex.com, 308-324-2341. You are encouraged to forward this to others you think may be interested. Archives available online.

Dates to Remember:

- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 PM - City Council Meetings, City Office
- October 5 - Tire Recycling, Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek Pkwy.
- October 6 - Household Hazardous Waste collection - 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.—Dawson County Fairgrounds.
- November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving holiday, City offices closed.
- December 25 - Christmas day, City offices closed.



Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter will soon be here once again. Before the first winter storm of the season, the City would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also an Emergency Snow Route map on Page 5.

Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting your property is required within 48 hours after such has fallen. Remember that the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks not only ensures safe passage for pedestrians (including school children), but limits liability arising from potential injuries sustained to individuals due to your neglect of the sidewalk condition.

Please remember that snow and ice removed from your property is not to be placed into the street, rather place it in non-paved areas.

The City needs the cooperation of all citizens in its efforts of snow and ice removal from the streets. Citizens are encouraged to listen to local radio stations or read the local newspaper for announcements of possible Snow Emergency situations where substantial snowfall is experienced or anticipated.

In times of a declared Snow Emergency, parking along the street in the designated Snow Emergency Route is prohibited. Commercial Area may also be included. (See attached map for

Area description).

Citizens living along this Route are encouraged to obey the prohibition and move their vehicles from the street. (See map on Page 5 for Route description).



In addition, during a Snow Emergency, prohibition of parking in the Downtown In non-emergency times, citizens are still encouraged to move their parked vehicles off of the street in a reasonable period of time after snowfall to allow for the clearance of snow and ice by City crews. Information regarding the removal of snow in your area of the City can be obtained by contacting Glenn Hawks, Community Services Director, at 324-5995.

The City of Lexington would like to reiterate that snow and ice removal is important for vehicular traffic as well as pedestrian traffic.

Please take the time to do your part to keep our streets and sidewalks safe.

The City of Lexington thanks everyone for their cooperation and prompt attention to this issue.

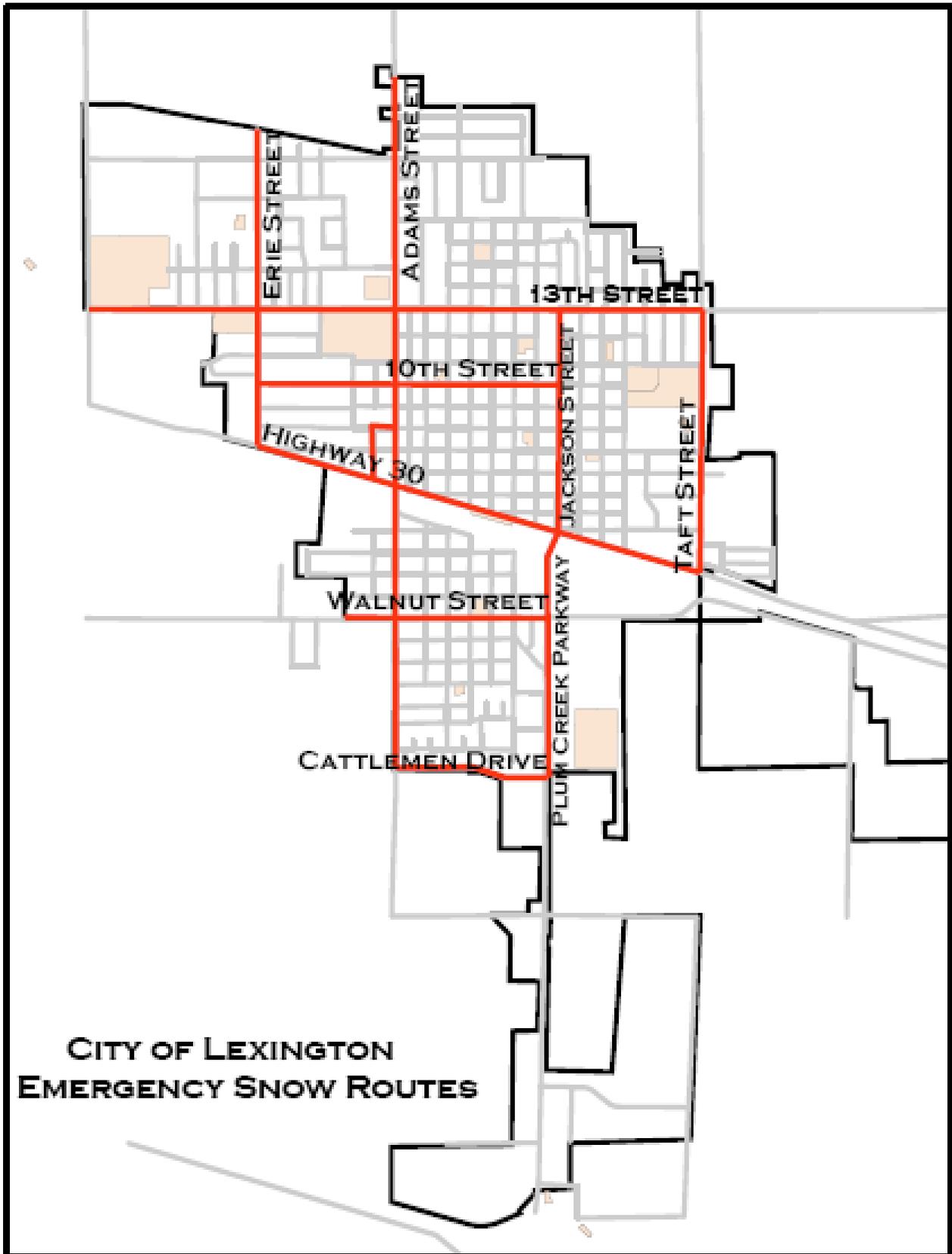
Glenn Hawks Community Services Building (801 West Vine Street) Fall/Winter Hours

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**FIRST Saturday of each month:
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**All OTHER Saturdays:
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**





**CITY OF LEXINGTON
EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES**

Scrap Tire Collection October 5, 2007 8:00—5:00

**Dawson County Fairgrounds
1000 Plum Creek Parkway**

**(Hayfields north
of fairgrounds)**

- ⓪ Tire disposal only
- ⓪ No rims allowed
- ⓪ No tire retailers
- ⓪ No dumping before
or after October 5, 2007
- ⓪ Maximum one pickup load of tires per person
- ⓪ The City reserves the right to reject deliveries
- ⓪ May close early if tonnage limit is exceeded
- ⓪ Please have tires counted



A sign-in form must be completed before tires can be left at the site (available at the site).

If you have questions or need more details, contact the City office, 324-2341, or City Service Building at 324-5995.

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