

# City Happenings

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An eNewsletter from the City of Lexington, Nebraska



## What's going on at . . . ?

### South of Downtown

The City of Lexington is cooperating with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to clean up some groundwater contamination near the south end of downtown Lexington. Citizens should expect slight driving inconveniences over the first two weeks of February as crews close parts of Lincoln and Washington Streets north of Highway 30 to complete remedial activities. The contamination was first



reported in 1981, the result of leaks from gasoline tanks at various locations. The clean-up activities will target an area extending from Lincoln Street to Grant Street along the north side of Highway 30.

NDEQ will pay the costs of the clean-up, and will supervise the installation of two stripping units and underground piping designed to remove the contaminants from the ground. Portions of the piping will go under Lincoln and Washington Streets, which will necessitate temporary lane closures for piping installation and concrete replacement. Once the system is in place, it will gradually eliminate the groundwater contamination, over a minimum of a two year period.

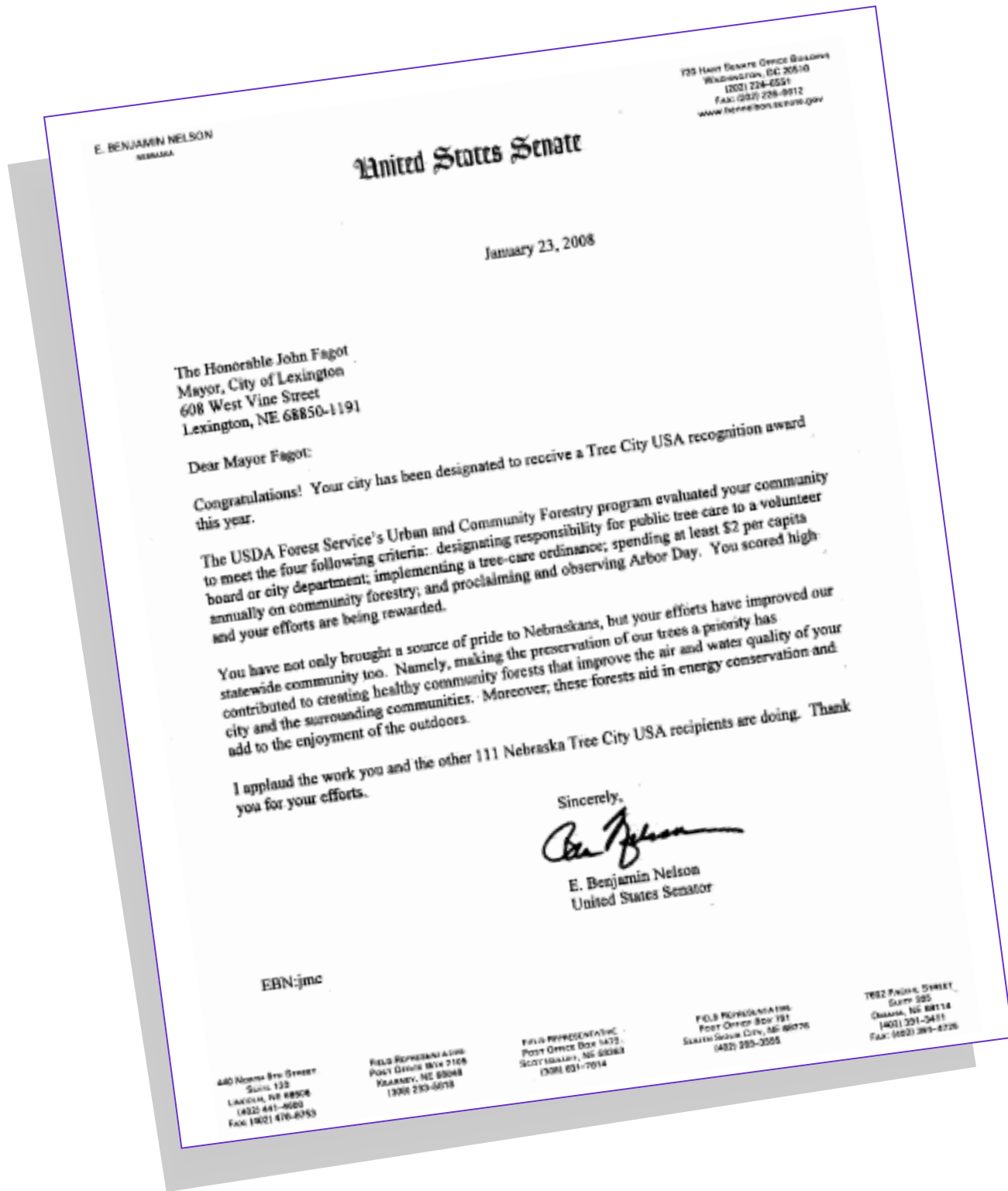


### Downtown

Lexington Main Street funds have helped pay for façade improvements at the historic Carr & Fleming Building, 6th & Washington. And, in case you haven't noticed, the City recently found street signs that complement our new downtown historic street lights. The new signs have been installed on the northeast corners of major intersections in the downtown district.



# Lexington Named Tree City USA 11th Year in a Row





## February / March Library News

**907 North Washington Street**

by Kathy Thomsen  
Library Director



Our Adult Book Discussion Clubs will meet on Tuesday evening, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday afternoon, February 7, at 3:00 p.m.

In February both groups will be discussing

**The Year of Fog** by Michelle Richmond. In March the groups will meet on March 4 and March 6 and will be discussing **The Dive from Clausen's Pier** by Ann Packer. If you would like to participate in either of these groups, you can call the library at 324-2151 or stop by and pick up a book.

### Fun, Educational & Entertaining Programs!

The Lexington Public Library will be hosting a variety of programs during February and March. All of the programs are sponsored by the Lexington Community Foundation.



On Saturday, February 9, at 10:30 a.m., the library will host "A Visit from the Real D.W.!" Kim Brown, who is Marc Brown's sister and the real inspiration for his character D.W. in his "Arthur" book series. She will share family photos, show how an Arthur book

is made, and reveal the formula for drawing Arthur. Children attending will be eligible to win a free copy of an Arthur book stamped with Marc Brown's signature.



On Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m., **Chris Sayre** will be making a return visit to Lexington Public Library to present the program, **Nebraska's Musical Smorgasbord: Music from Various Ethnic Groups in Nebraska**. Chris performs on a variety of instruments including the button accordion, concertina, musical saw, and zithers.

His audience will have the opportunity to experience the music of the different ethnic groups that call Nebraska home. This program is sponsored in part by the Nebraska Humanities Council.



In March our programming turns to Children's and Family Storytelling as **JoHo** of Kansas City presents two programs. On Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m., she will present a Family Story Time for children ages 5 and up and their families entitled **Smirks, Giggles,**

**and Belly Laughs**. **Smirks, Giggles and Belly Laughs** is a hilarious storytelling program in which JoHo uses character voices and zany movements, as she spins funny tales from around the world and some from the USA, too. There are opportunities for audience participation and giggles for the entire family.





## City offers special waste service

In order to prevent accumulation of undesirable items around the community, the City of Lexington offers special waste collection services. Bring your large items (furniture, appliances, etc.) to the City Service Building, 801 W. Vine, from 8:00 - 4:00 weekdays, 8:00 - noon on the first Saturday of the month, or from 1:00 - 4:00 all other Saturdays.

The following items are accepted for a nominal fee:

Couch/sofa/hide-a-bed, \$5; any size carpet/pad, \$5; oversized chairs or recliners, \$3; mattresses/box springs, \$3; toilets/sinks, \$3; televisions, \$2; kitchen tables, \$2; kitchen chairs, \$1, end tables, \$1; large plastic toys, \$1; pallets, \$.85; car tires, \$2 each; truck tires, \$5 each; appliances, \$1.

Accepted at no charge: bicycles, tree limbs, lumber with no nails, scrap iron, old paint

Please check in at the service building before disposing any item. Call 324-5995 for more information.



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## 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.

NEBRASKA  
H<sub>2</sub>O

To find our more and discover ways you can help preserve our precious clean water, visit Nebraska H<sub>2</sub>O online at [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org).

## Dates to Remember:

- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 PM - City Council Meetings, City Office, 406 E. 7th Street
- Sat., Feb. 9, 10:30 AM, Lexington Public Library - the "Real DW" ; Kim Brown, sister of children's author Marc Brown ("Arthur" series).
- Thur, Feb. 21, 7:00 PM - Lexington public Library - Nebraska's Musical Smorgasbord: Music from Various Ethnic Groups in Nebraska, featuring musician Chris Sayre.
- Tue, Mar. 18, 7:00 PM - Lexington public Library - Smirks, Giggles & Belly Laughs, featuring children's storyteller Joho of Kansas City.

