



February 2018

City Happenings

Paving Completed at Rec Complex Parking Lots

The City of Lexington has completed the second and final phase of paving both parking lots at the Optimist Recreation Complex, 13th & Airport Road. The project was divided into two phases over two years.

Visitors who drive to the complex will enjoy gravel-free parking and painted lines to ensure maximum parking efficiency. Islands in each lot will be landscaped with trees to provide areas of shade from the summer sun.



Lexington Fieldhouse Parking Lot



South Recreation Complex Parking Lot



Walk With The Mayor



While the wintry wind blew outside, more than two dozen people came together for a warm lunchtime walk with Mayor John Fagot at the Lexington Fieldhouse January 26.

The event was planned by the community-based Walkable City Steering Committee, and promoted by the City of Lexington, Lexington Regional Health Center, and Two Rivers Public Health Department.

The Committee will be planning more group walking and biking activities throughout the year. While you're watching for those, stay active and keep moving!

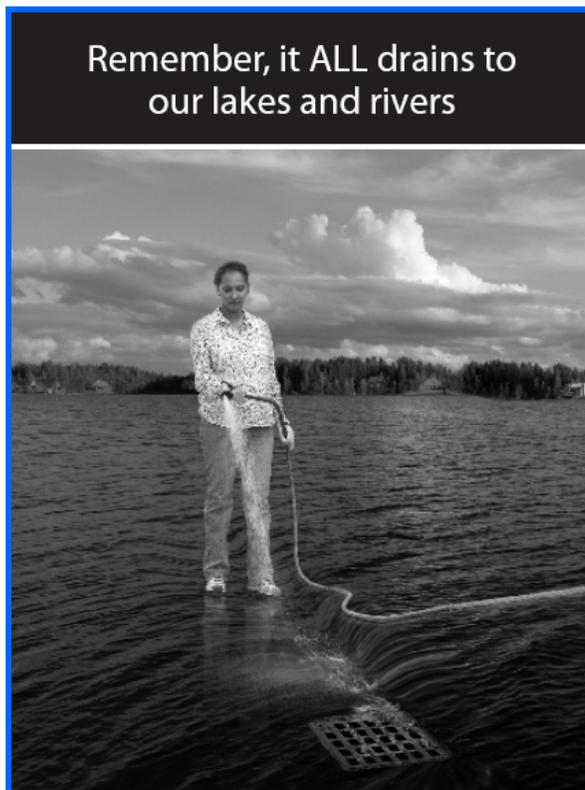


STUDENTS!

NOW is the time to apply for summer City jobs: concessions, lifeguards, & lawn mowing.

Go to www.cityoflex.com/departments/city/human-resources for more information and to download a blank application form. Send completed application to address below or email to pbaruth@cityoflex.com.

Don't delay — do it today!



Remember, it ALL drains to our lakes and rivers

Help keep pollution out of storm drains

Only rain in the drain!

That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers. With thousands of people living in and around Lexington, we all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

So what can you do? Simple:

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Do not dump motor oil, anti-freeze, chemicals, pet waste, dirty soapy water, or anything else down the storm drains.
- Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform your neighbors that storm drains flow directly to our lakes and rivers (contact Keep Lexington Beautiful, (308) 324-7986, or keeplexbeautiful@yahoo.com).

KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN!



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Library News

by Kathy Thomsen
Library Director



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Four Free Job Search Workshops, hosted by the Nebraska Department of Labor, will

be offered at the Lexington Public Library. On Friday, February 9, the workshop will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, February 22, the workshop will be offered at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. The workshops will cover navigating the NEworks.nebraska.gov jobsite, resume construction, and marketing yourself to employers. If you'd like to attend any of these sessions, please call the Library at 308-324-2151 or Mike from the Nebraska Department of Labor at 308-535-8341.

The Library has scheduled three Library Initiative Grant programs. The **Friends of the Library** will serve refreshments following these programs. All these programs are funded by the **Lexington Library Memorial Fund**, the **Lexington Community Foundation**, the **Emerson Fund** and the **Friends of the Library**.

On Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m., **R.P. Smith** will entertain us with **Cowboy Poetry**. R.P. is the fourth generation to raise cattle on the Pine Crest Ranch near Broken Bow. His first poem was



inspired by selling a cow too cheap. He has gone on to share his poetry in 16 states and Canada and has participated in some of the greatest cowboy gatherings in the country.



On Sunday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m., **Jerry Barlow** returns to perform **For the Love of Celtic Guitar**.

Jerry offers cultural enrichment through music, story and laughter.

On Sunday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m., **Pippa White** will be offering her solo show, **Voices from Ellis Island**. Ellis Island: The Gateway to America, the Front Door to Freedom, the Island of Tears. From 1890 to 1930, Ellis Island was the first experience of America for millions of immigrants. Their stories are amusing, frightening, inspiring and true.



The first session of **Prime Time Family Reading Time** will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. The remaining sessions will be held on the next five Saturday mornings. A light brunch will be served at 10:30 followed



by the bilingual reading program at 11:00 a.m. The Prime Time Reading program targets children from Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their families. Please stop by or call the Library to register your family. Prime Time is sponsored by Humanities Nebraska and the Lexington Public Library.

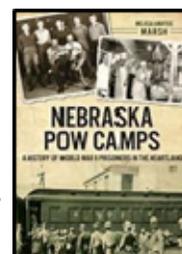


The **Legos Club** will meet on Thursday, February 8 and Thursday, March 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The club is open to children ages 4 and up. Any child 8 years old and younger should be accompanied by an adult.

On Thursday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m., the Library is hosting a **Family Movie Night**. A family movie will be shown and refreshments provided. Thursday March 22 is designated Science Night. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. The project in March will center on plants.

The next **"Booked for Lunch"** will be held on Tuesday, March 6. **Melissa Amateis**, author of the book **Nebraska POW Camps** will be talking about her book and the POW camps in Nebraska. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to noon, and the program begins at noon. Please stop by or call the Library to Register for this program.





GGC Happenings



407 East 6th Street

Annual Cake Decorating & Auction February 8-9, 2018



Join us for our annual cake decorating day, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. We'll have cakes baked and ready for you to frost. You have your choice of white or chocolate cake and round, square or heart shaped as well as 1 or 2 layers. White, red, green and yellow frosting will be available for you to use. You will need to bring anything else you think you might need for your cake.

Teams can be one or two people. Your theme may be Valentines Day, or use your own ideas.

Decorated cakes will be displayed and up for auction through Friday, Feb. 9, ending at 1:00 p.m. All proceeds go to the GGC Support Fund.

Contact Susan or Deb at 324-2498 for more information or to reserve your cake at no cost.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND



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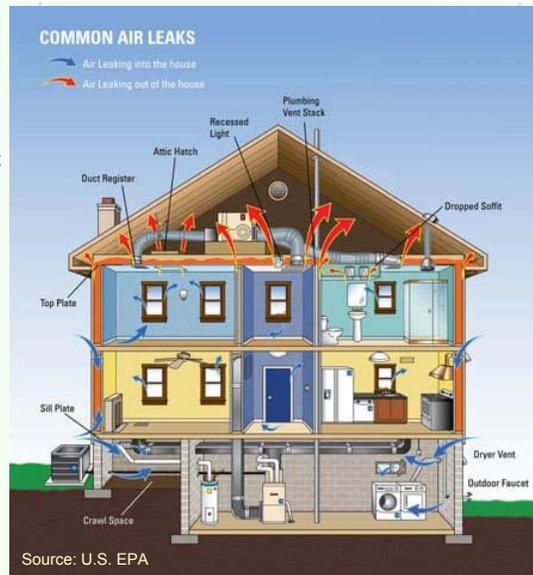
EnergyWise Tip: **Infiltration**

When the thermometer dips below 20°F and there is a breeze outside, you can find out a lot about how well your home seals out the cold. You might notice your curtains lightly swaying with each pulse of wind. You might go downstairs into your basement and wonder why it feels 10 degrees colder than the main floor. Perhaps you wonder why the snow has already melted off your roof while your neighbor's is still white. Worse, you might have opened your utility bill to find you used two or three times more energy than the prior month. All of these situations are often the result of one common problem: infiltration.

Infiltration is the unintentional or accidental introduction of outside air into a home, typically through cracks in the building envelope and through use of entryways. Some people refer to this as air leakage. Infiltration can be caused by wind, negative pressurization of the home, and air buoyancy forces commonly known as the "stack effect."

The "stack effect" is when warm air moves upward in a building. This happens in summer and winter, but is most pronounced in winter when indoor-outdoor temperature differences are greatest. Warm air rises because it is lighter than cold air. So when indoor air is warmer than outdoor air, it escapes from upper levels of a home and through open windows, ventilation openings or penetrations and cracks in the building envelope. Rising warm

air reduces pressure in the base of the home, forcing cold air to infiltrate through open doors, windows or where the house sets on its foundation. In winter, this can result in warm, moist indoor air moving into cold envelope cavities. As that air cools, it condenses, creating unexpected water problems in unforeseen locations.



In most homes, about a third of the energy used for space conditioning is due to infiltration. So, reducing infiltration can yield significant energy savings, with rapid payback.

To gain an accurate estimation of how much infiltration your home is subject to, a blower door test can be conducted. What is a blower door? It is a powerful fan that attaches to an external doorway (typically the entrance to the home) and blows air into or out of the house to pressurize or depressurize the home. The house is depressurized to a pressure of 50 pascals less than outside, which is the equivalent of a steady

20 mile-per-hour wind blowing at all sides of the building. Once this pressure is achieved, the device measures airflow needed to produce this pressure, which of course is the same as the airflow leaking into the house through various cracks. The resulting value is measured in Air Changes per Hour, or ACH.

This indicates how many times per hour the total volume of air inside a home is replaced by outside air due to infiltration.

The State of Nebraska currently requires new homes be built to meet the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, which states air changes must be less than 7 ACH at 50 pascals. As Nebraska adopts newer versions of the code, that number will drop below 5 ACH.

If you live in an existing home, there are numerous things you can do to reduce infiltration.

Here are a few:

- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls. Inspect dirty spots in your insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose, and install house flashing if needed.

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Your City Progress: Before & After

Before



After



EnergyWise Tip: Infiltration

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- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.
- Cover single-pane windows with storm windows or replace them with more efficient double-pane, low-emissivity windows.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out. The sill plate or perimeter where a house sets on a foundation is often a major source of infiltration in existing homes.
- Ensure kitchen & clothes dryer exhaust ports on the outside of your home have flaps that seal when not in use.
- Replace door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.



- Keep the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use.
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces, and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials such as sheet metal, sheetrock and furnace cement caulk.

For additional ideas on how you can reduce the effects of infiltration and save energy while heating and cooling your home, contact [Lexington Utilities System](http://LexingtonUtilitiesSystem.com) or visit www.nppd.com. You may even find you are eligible for incentives for helping with the cost of other energy-saving home improvements.





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WE ASK OUR CUSTOMERS

DO NOT DEPOSIT IN TRASH DUMPSTERS:

- yard waste • tree branches • wood • cement • iron • batteries and tires . . .

. . . as the landfill will not accept these items.

YOUR DUMPSTER IS FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY

If you have a curbside trash container, DO NOT place trash in large alley dumpsters. These are for alley customers only.

If your curbside trash container fills before the weekly pickup, please call for additional containers.

DO NOT under any circumstances put hot BBQ coals or fireplace ashes in your dumpster. If you are caught doing this you will have to pay to replace the dumpster if fire occurs.

If you see someone using alley containers for construction materials, yard waste, or other unaccepted items, please call us right away and we will take care of it.

Dan's Sanitation

324-6693 • Lexington



Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes



Leave Water Running - Just a small, slow stream/trickle is usually enough to keep the pipes from freezing.

Leave cabinet doors open so house heat can warm the pipes better.



Do not set your thermostat lower than 55F, even if you plan to be away for an extended time.

Unhook Garden Hoses. You can also install frost-free faucets and insulate outdoor faucets.



Mobile Homes Need Special Pipe Care



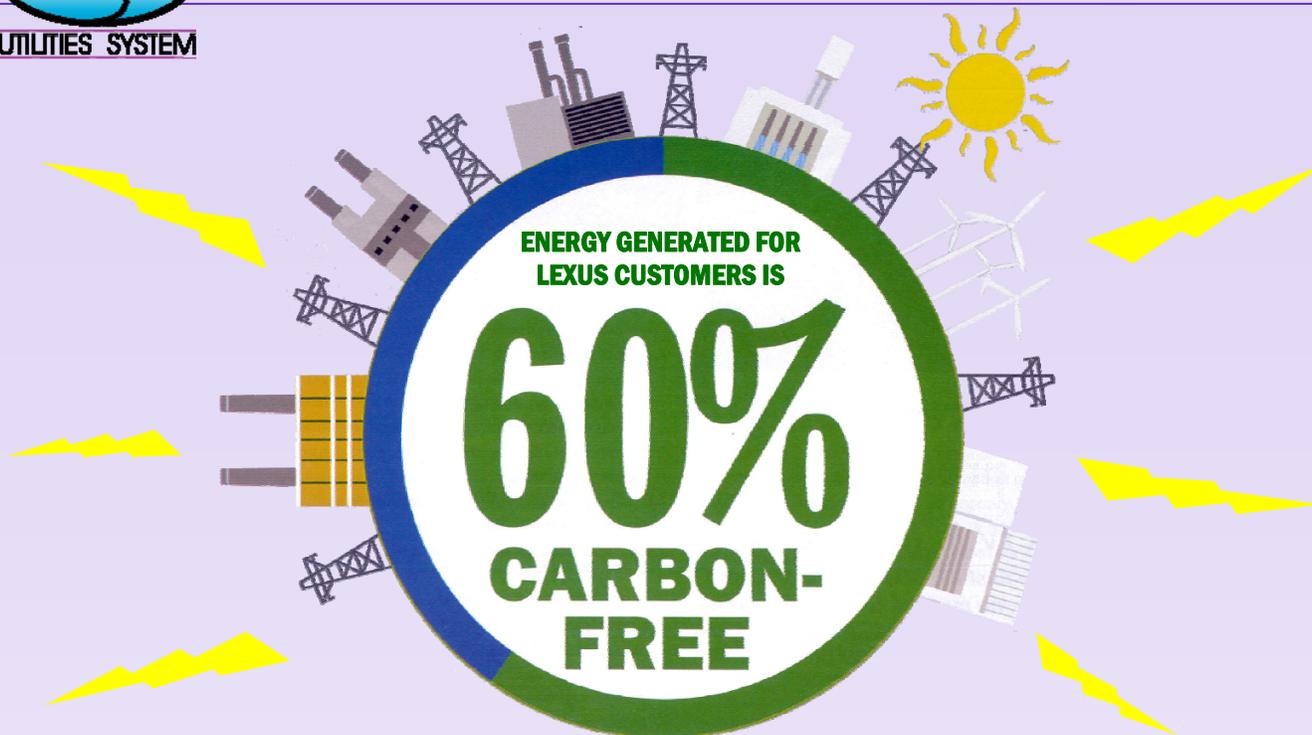
Install **Insulated Tape Wrap** or even better **Electric Heat Tape** on pipes under the trailer.

Make sure the **trailer is skirted.**





How Green is the Electricity You're Using?



Natural Gas/Oil
1.9%



Power Purchases
5.8%



Hydropower
8.8%



Wind
9.0%



Coal
32.5%



Nuclear
42.0%

DID YOU KNOW

- ⚡ LEXUS electricity is generated by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD).
- ⚡ NPPD uses low-sulfur coal from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming.
- ⚡ NPPD is working to reduce CO₂ emissions by approximately 1 million tons per year.
- ⚡ Coal plants use watering and chemical dust suppressants to reduce the blowing of coal dust.
- ⚡ Coal plants sell fly ash and bottom ash for beneficial use.

Source: NPPD Energy Insight magazine



City of Lexington Youth Baseball (ages 9 & 10 and 11 & 12) Instruction & League Play

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Age on January 1, 2018 _____ DOB _____ School _____ Grade _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone # _____

Parents Name _____

Work Telephone # _____ Parent(s) will coach _____

Emergency Contact _____ Telephone # _____

Boys: Ages 9 & 10 _____ Ages 11 & 12 _____ Cost \$30.00
(Cost includes shirt and pants. If cost is a problem contact Ann.)

T- Shirt Size (circle one) Youth M L Adult S M L XL

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the City Youth Baseball Program. I release the City Of Lexington, Coaches, Sponsors, Etc. for any and all injuries which my son/daughter might suffer in connection with this program. I also understand that no medical insurance is provided by the City of Lexington.

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Sign-up Monday and Wednesday February 19, 21, 26 or 28.
At the Hitting Complex 1601 W 13th Street.
Instruction will be on Mondays (Hitting), Thursdays (Fielding),
Saturdays (Pitchers and Catchers)
starting Monday February 26—Saturday April 7, 2018. (6 weeks)

Monday Instruction is at the Lexington Hitting Complex.

If weather permitting it could be outside on the Baseball/Softball Fields

Ages 9&10 6:00-7:00pm Ages 11&12 7:00-8:30pm

Thursday Instruction is at the Lexington Field House.

All ages 9&10 and 11&12 6:00-7:30pm

Saturday Pitching & Catching Instruction
at Hitting Complex.

All ages 9-12 9:00-11:00pm

Games will start in May. The Boys will be playing in the
South Central Baseball League.

Any questions call Ann H. Luther 325-5277



Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter is not over yet and the City would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also an Emergency Snow Route map on the next page, and is also found on the Maps link at the City's website.

Property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property, within 48 hours of the snowfall. Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks not only ensures safe passage for pedestrians (including school children), but also limits liability. Someone who sustains injuries from slipping on ice might claim their injuries resulted from property owner neglect.

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

The City needs the cooperation of all citizens as we work to remove snow and ice from the streets. Citizens are encouraged to check

the City website or Facebook page, 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 streets in the designated Snow Emergency Route is prohibited. Commercial Areas may also be included (see Snow Route map).

In addition, during a Snow Emergency, parking in the Downtown area is prohibited. 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 City crews access to remove the snow and ice. Information regarding the removal of snow in your area of the City can be obtained by contacting Tom Nelson at 308-324-5995.

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.



801 West Vine Street - 308-324-5995
Mon. - Fri. - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items
- recycle paper, plastic, cardboard and pallets
- pick up free wood chips or compost







Public Transportation — Here to Serve YOU

New Twice a Month Service to North Platte is Available on Thursdays!

RYDE Transit provides service from Lexington to North Platte every **2nd and 4th Thursday** of the month. Stops are being offered in **Lexington, Cozad, Gothenburg, Brady, and Maxwell** to pick-up and drop-off residents wanting to travel to North Platte.



Schedule for Trips

Our buses run curb-to-curb. We'll pick you up, take you to your destination, and drop you off back at home. No rushing to the bus stop, no waiting in inclement weather, no wondering if you missed the bus.

Your satisfaction and comfort are our top priority!

| Arrive in | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Leave Lexington | Cozad | Gothenburg | Brady | Maxwell | North Platte |
| 7:45 a.m. | 8:10 a.m. | 8:35 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 9:20 a.m. | 9:50 a.m. |
| Leave North Platte | Maxwell | Brady | Gothenburg | Cozad | Lexington |
| 2:30 p.m. | 2:55 p.m. | 3:15 p.m. | 3:40 p.m. | 4:05 p.m. | 4:35 p.m. |

Fares

Round trip fare is \$8.00.

To Make a Reservation

Call **(308) 324-3670**, and we will help you schedule your trip. Please call at least 24 hours before the scheduled trip day. This helps us provide everyone the best possible service.

Mobility Management

The idea for this new service grew from the statewide public transit coordination initiative organized by the Department of Transportation with transit agencies, community leaders and human services agencies across the state, all focused on public service and improving cost transit effectiveness.

