

# CITY Happenings

#101



June 2023

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

With the construction just starting, these so far look like dirt being moved around, but by the end of the year these will be fantastic improvements in all parts of Lexington!

### 11th & Lake Streets

This is the footprint of the Lexington Racquet Center, a 32,295-square-foot indoor racquet sport building. It will have four courts, spectator seating, and a new parking lot. This should be done by the end of 2023, and funded in large part by the Lexington Community Foundation and a Civic & Community Center Financing Fund grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.



### South Side of Cattlemen Drive

A new residential neighborhood is starting here, developed by the R. Perry Construction of Sioux City, Iowa. This will be a many phase/many year project, starting with three 30-unit apartment buildings and, later, duplexes and single family residences. Phase one should be completed in spring 2024.



### 20th & Patriot Drive, looking north

A new park! Patriot Park, a nature park, will most notably include a small lake, encircled by a 10-foot wide hike-bike trail that will soon connect to the City's master trail plan. This park will be done by the end of 2023. Funding sources include the Nebraska Environmental Trust, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Central Platte Natural Resources District, and the Lexington Community Foundation.



## The Latest Veterans Pavilion Progress



Fixed seating benches have been installed, as well as the five corner nodes that will bear tributes to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. There is still much landscaping to complete. The veterans committee is working on plans for a dedication ceremony, date and details to be announced. The Pavilion/ Amphitheater is located northwest of 7th & Taft Streets.



### Like us on Facebook!

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what's going on in  
Lexington!



Facebook users: be sure to search for "City of Lexington, Nebraska" (not to be confused with the generic page the Facebook folks created). Only our official page gives you the latest news and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Lexington-Nebraska/157277430966096>



## Lexington Family Aquatic Center

10th & Monroe  
Lexington, Nebraska



Adult Daily \$3.25  
Youth/Senior Daily \$2.25  
Family Daily \$11.00  
Individual Summer Pass \$50.00  
Family Summer Pass \$110.00  
10-visit punch \$25.00

12:30 - 7:00 pm M-Th  
12:30 - 5:30 pm Fri-Sun

## Summer Swimming Lessons Four Sessions June & July



**Lexington Family Aquatic Center  
(LFAC) 10th & Monroe**

**Session 1 - June 13 - 16**  
**Session 2 - June 19 - 23**  
**Session 3 - June 26 - 30**  
**Session 4 - July 10 - 14**

### **TIMES (all sessions)**

**9:30 - 10:15 AM - Levels 3 - 5**  
**10:30 - 11:00 AM - Levels Pre, 1 & 2**

**For more information and to register contact LFAC, 308-324-2688.  
Registration forms are available at the LFAC.**





## Library News



907 N Washington  
(308) 324-2151



by Jennifer Norton  
Library Director

"Books may well be the only true magic."  
- Alice Hoffman (novelist)



It's **Summer Reading** time, with the theme "All Together Now!" Join in the summer fun at the Lexington Public Library June 1 through July 31. Summer Reading is for everyone ages 1-101. Read throughout the summer, keep track of minutes read, titles, or complete a reading BINGO to win prizes and to just have fun. Stop by YOUR Lexington Public Library for more information and to pick up a reading log and other goodies.

**STEM programs** for preschoolers, bilingual story times and "All Together Now" activities are all in store. Other special events include:

**Crane River Theater** with **"The Spongebob Musical"** on June 8, 10:30 a.m. at the Middle School auditorium.



Magician **Keith West & Miss Kitty the Library Lady** return on June 27, 10:30 a.m., also at the Middle School Auditorium.



**Humanities Nebraska** music programs are slated in July:

On July 13, 7:00 p.m., experience **Andean Folk Music** with musician and storyteller **Oscar Rios Pohirieth**.



Multi-instrumentalist **David Marsh** entertains with **"Music From Around The World"** on July 17 at 5:30 p.m.



Join multi-instrumentalist **Chris Sayre** for a **"Musical Journey Across America: Songs that Helped Shape a Nation"** on July 20, 7:00 p.m.



Longtime favorite Celtic finger-style guitarist **Jerry Barlow** will return July 27 at 7:00 p.m.



Learn a new language by using **MANGO Languages** from YOUR



Lexington Public Library. It's **FREE** with your library card. With over 70 world languages and over 20 ESL languages, you're sure to find what you need; you can even learn to speak "Pirate!" Access it here: <https://connect.mangolanguages.com/lexington/start>





**801 West Vine St.  
308-324-5995  
Mon. - Fri.  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



## **SUMMER SATURDAYS (May - October):**

**The Service Building is open  
the **third Saturday** of the month  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m**



- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items (small fee may apply)
- recycle paper, plastic, and cardboard
- pick up free wood chips or compost



**The City's website has tools  
to help you save  
energy and money.**



**Interactive Energy Home**



**Look for  
this button at**

**[www.cityoflex.com/  
departments/utilities](http://www.cityoflex.com/departments/utilities)**

# FARMERS MARKET



**Starts June 17, 2023**

**Bob's True Value  
(1601 Plum Creek Parkway)  
Saturdays 8-11 a.m.  
Tuesdays 3-6 p.m.**

**(ends Oct. 7)**





## EnergyWise Tip: **Attic vs. Whole House Fans**

**ENERGYWISE™**  
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

*by NPPD Energy Efficiency  
Program Manager  
Cory Fuehrer*

With winter behind us, many start thinking about how to keep cool in the summer months ahead. Keeping homes cool and dehumidified, especially in eastern Nebraska, is important for comfort as well as the overall health of the house. But memories of higher electricity bills due to air-conditioning systems running continuously have some seeking ways to reduce cooling costs while maintaining a pleasant indoor climate. Installing an attic or whole house fan is a common consideration.

A whole house fan and an attic fan perform similar functions; both ventilate and cool the house. However, there is one major difference between the two: the areas they address. A whole house fan pulls air from the entire house, drawing it into the attic. An attic fan draws out air from the attic only, sending it outside. Both options deliver positive results as well as negative consequences worth mulling over.

A whole house fan is an electrically powered fan that pulls fresh air through all of the home's windows and sends it into the attic. One centrally located fan in the ceiling of the top-most floor can change out the air in the house three to six times per hour, depending on the size of the house and the fan's capacity. The ceiling vent's louvers open and close in response to the fan's operation.



However, if anyone in the household is susceptible to air pollutants or has respiratory concerns, outdoor air should be filtered before it is brought into the home. Since Attic vs. Whole House Fans require opening windows, filtration is not possible.

Next, note that many homes in Nebraska have basements that tend to be cooler than upper floors. If the outdoor air has a higher relative humidity than the basement, water vapor can

condense to create an environment for mold and mildew to grow. While this problem can be mitigated by running air conditioning or dehumidifiers, the opportunity to save energy is lost.

Finally, a whole house fan requires the user to open windows, then switch the fan on. If the process is not reversed before the heat of the next day returns, outside air will easily enter the home and negate any savings. Consider how easy it is to forget to close one window!

In turn, attic fans are usually activated by a thermostat located within the attic. If an attic is not adequately insulated, an attic fan can help cool down the living space by

reducing the heat transferred through the ceiling below. To cycle properly, unrestricted air intake must occur through venting in the soffit or under eaves or fascia areas. Inadequate intake air can cause cool, conditioned air to be drawn through ceiling penetrations for electric connections or recessed can lights and causing air conditioning to run longer.

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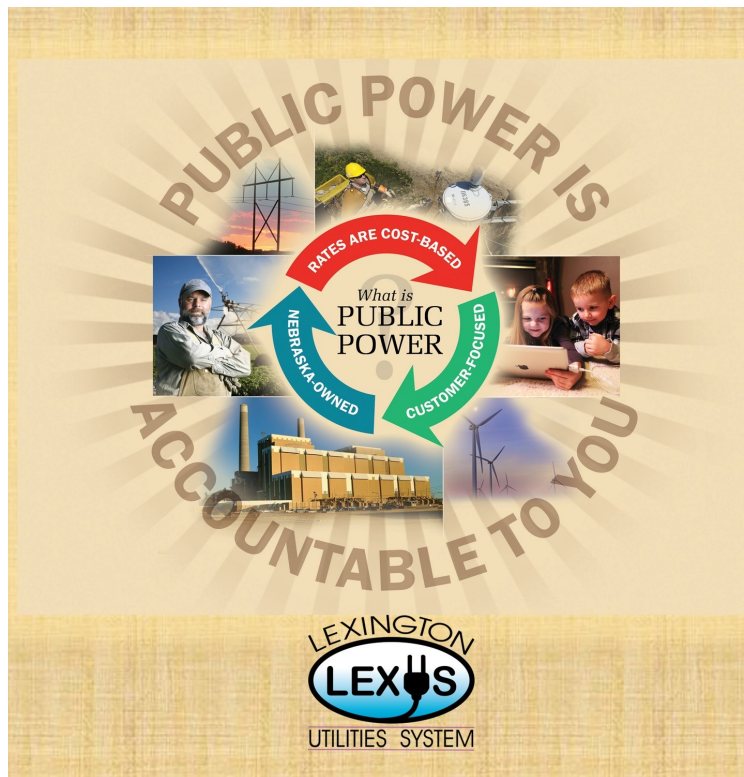


## Attic vs. Whole House Fans

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As you can see, while both types of fans use considerably less energy than traditional air conditioners to reduce cooling costs, both can potentially increase energy use.

In partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, Lexington Utilities System can help identify other ways to keep your home cool and comfortable this summer while providing reliable, low cost and sustainable energy. For more ideas or information about EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> energy efficiency incentives, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com).



## Buy a New Electric Lawn Mower, Get a Rebate



**20% incentive on any NEW battery powered or corded lawn mower, chain saw, or tiller**

**Must be new and purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2023**

**Costs NOT eligible: installation, taxes, shipping/delivery, and setup costs**

**Chargers and additional battery purchases are eligible for the incentive at the time of initial snow blower purchase.**

**Proof of purchase required.**



Nebraska Public Power District

Find the application form at [www.EnergyWiseNebraska.com](http://www.EnergyWiseNebraska.com)

Return paperwork to LEXUS, 406 E 7th, PO Box 70, Lexington, NE 68850



**"A FAIR TO REMEMBER"**  
**DAWSON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO**  
**July 12 - 16, 2023**  
at the Dawson County Fairgrounds  
Lexington, Nebraska

**Carnival on the Midway**  
**ALL 5 NIGHTS**

**Platte Valley Auto Rodeo,**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - 8 pm each night**  
Free BBQ with Rodeo ticket prior to each performance

**Mariachi Nuevo Guanchinango**  
**July 15<sup>th</sup> - Live Band, South Grandstands**

**Live Music, in the Beer Garden**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup> - Formerly Three**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup> - Nate Keim**  
**July 15<sup>th</sup> - BJ Jamison**

**Military Appreciation Day**  
**Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Show & Shine Car Show**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup> Noon - 5 pm**

**Outlaw Tractor Pull**  
**July 16<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm**

RockIT Events, Axe Throwing, Photo Booth,  
Face Painting, Bingo, & More

View our website for more information, [dawsoncountyfair.com](http://dawsoncountyfair.com)



**Remember, it's not just  
toxic to you**

Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil.

Did you know that many household products are dangerous to our kids, pets, and the environment?

These materials pollute our waterways if washed or dumped into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead directly to our lakes and rivers. Household cleaners, pesticides, gasoline, antifreeze, used motor oil, and other hazardous products need to be labeled, stored, and disposed of properly.

So what can you do? Simple.

- Be aware of household products that can harm children, pets, and the environment. Pay attention to words such as "warning" or "caution" on product labels.
- Reduce waste and save money by purchasing only the materials you need.
- Keep unused products in their original containers with labels.
- Never dump hazardous products down storm drains, roadside ditches, sinks, or on the ground—take them to your local community's hazardous waste collection day.

Help keep our homes and the environment safe!

Support provided by  
Nebr. Dept. of  
Environment  
& Energy

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**Lexington**  
NEBRASKA



## Third Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners

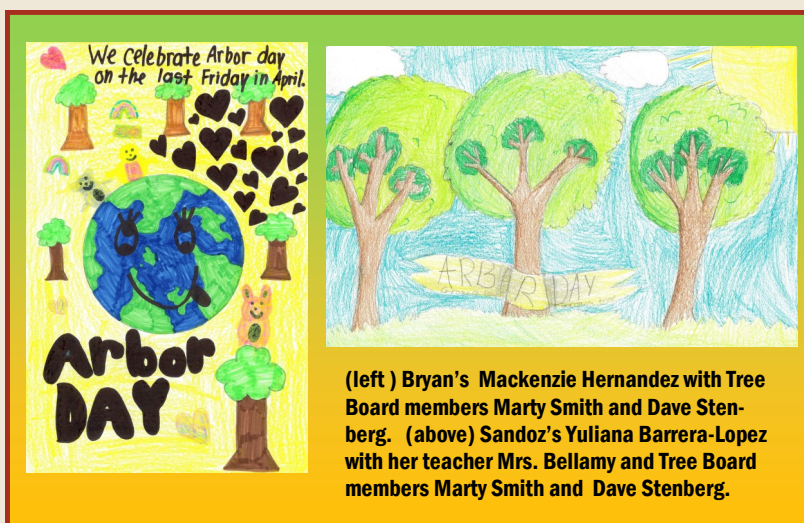
For their annual 3rd grade Arbor Day poster contest, the Lexington Tree Board named two winners. **Mackenzie Hernandez** from Bryan Elementary School and **Yuliana Barrera-Lopez** from Sandoz Elementary School.

Mackenzie and her School were honored on Arbor Day, April 28, at Bryan School. A tree was planted on the grounds of Bryan School, and members of the Tree Board presented Mackenzie with her poster framed for posterity. On May 1, a similar presentation was held for Yuliana at Sandoz School.

The Tree Board judged 205 poster entries from Lexington third grade pupils, but has no knowledge of the artist until the judging is over. Every year there are many talented artists and creative posters, which makes the judging challenging but rewarding. The purpose of the contest is to build appreciation at an early age for trees and the many benefits they give us.

Arbor Day is always the last Friday in April. This year it's April 28, and marks the 151st year of Arbor Day, and the 51st anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation, headquartered in Nebraska City.

Lexington Tree Board members are:  
**Dave Stenberg, Marty Smith, Ann Luther, and Tom Nelson.**



(left ) Bryan's Mackenzie Hernandez with Tree Board members Marty Smith and Dave Stenberg. (above) Sandoz's Yuliana Barrera-Lopez with her teacher Mrs. Bellamy and Tree Board members Marty Smith and Dave Stenberg.



**CHECK OUT THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN AMERICA!**



**MONDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS**  
(ADULTS ONLY 18+)

**STARTS Week of MONDAY, JUNE 5**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

*Free & Open to Public*



## SUMMER PICKLEBALL

**At the Tennis Courts**

**Mondays:**  
Kirkpatrick Memorial Park  
12th & Monroe

**Thursdays:**  
Plum Creek Park  
13th & Park

## DRIVING RANGE NOW OPEN

**Self-Service**



May be closed if cold or stormy . . .

**Just southeast of the Lexington Fieldhouse  
Optimist Recreation Complex  
13th & Airport Road**

**Small Bucket**

about 40 balls

**\$3**

**Medium Bucket**

about 75 balls

**\$5**

**Large Bucket**

about 105 balls

**\$7**





**JUNE 30, 2023** **6 PM**

**City of Lexington**

**Make Sparks! Run for the Parks!**

**★ 5K Run/Walk ★**

**w/ obstacles**

**Event: 6 PM, June 30**

**Individual Entry: \$25.00**

**Family Registration: \$20.00**

**\*( \$20.00 each family member )**

**Free t-shirt**

**1 complimentary drink at Mac's Creek Winery & Brewery**

**Free admission to the Lexington Family Aquatic Center on Saturday, July 1**

Post Race Celebration at: **MAC'S**  **CREEK**

Beer, Wine, & Non-alcoholic Root Beer

**WINERY & BREWERY**

**43315 Road 751**

**INCLUDES COVER CHARGE**

**COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS**

**LIVE MUSIC BY**

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: S.A.M. QUE BBQ & ADDITIONAL DRINKS**

**• Register by Thursday, June 22 to Guarantee Free Event T-shirt**

**Register Online by scanning QR Code:**

**IF Mailing or dropping off entry form, please fill out the next page!**



**Start and Finish at Lexington Hitting Complex**


**1601 W. 13th St.**

**@CITYOFLEXPARKSANDREC**


**Contact Information: Ann Luther, 308-325-5277, [aluther@cityoflex.com](mailto:aluther@cityoflex.com)**

**Jake Saulsbury, 308-746-3543, [jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com](mailto:jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com)**





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**JUNE 30, 2023**  
**6 PM**

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Mail Registration form to: Lexington City Office  
Attn: Ann H. Luther  
PO BOX 70, Lexington, NE 68850

**OR**

Drop off at one of these locations: Forms also available at locations

- Lexington Grand Generation Center, 407 E. 6th St.
- Lexington Family Aquatic Center, 1002 N. Monroe

**\*MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF LEXINGTON**

☐ \$25.00 1st Registration    ☐ \$20.00 for ea. additional immediate family member    ☐ Total Enclosed: \$[      ]

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_


T-Shirt Size: Youth M Youth L Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL  
(Circle One)

**• Register by Thursday, June 22 to Guarantee Free Event T-shirt**


Please fill out information below for immediate family members participating in event:  
\$20.00 each family member participating in the event (please indicate youth or adult t-shirt size)

Name	Gender (M/F)	Birth Date	Tshirt Size

Start and Finish at Lexington Hitting Complex 1601 W. 13th St.

 **@CITYOFFLEXPARKSANDREC**  
**Contact Information: Ann Luther, 308-325-5277, aluther@cityoflex.com**  
**Jake Saulsbury, 308-746-3543, jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com**

**Register Online by scanning QR Code:**





REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 18

 CITY OF LEXINGTON  
**TRIATHLON** 2023

**JUNE 18 - JULY 16**

SWIM: 2.4 MILES  
BIKE: 112 MILES  
RUN/WALK: 26.2 MILES  
28 DAYS TO COMPLETE!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature if 17 yrs and younger \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

- >Swimming Completed at LFAC
- >Bike/Run/Walk on your own
- >Track your progress at LFAC

**\$40.00 Registration Fee, Includes LFAC Lap Swim Admission  
Fee and 1/4 Zip Dri-Fit Pullover**

**Checks Payable To: City of Lexington  
Mail Checks To: PO Box 70, Lexington, NE  
or Drop Off At: LFAC**

Contact: Ann Luther, 308-325-5277,  
aluther@cityoflex.com



CLIP & SAVE

# TORNADO

Now that “tornado season” is here, Emergency Management Warning Sirens will sound to alert residents of an impending tornado in our area.

## TORNADO NATURAL DISASTER TECHNICAL HAZARD

### 3 MINUTE STEADY SIGNAL

This signal indicates that a tornado, natural disaster, or technical hazard is pending. Persons should take cover or move to a place of safety and listen to a local radio or television station for information and further instructions. This siren may sound more than once if deemed necessary by Emergency Management.

**Do not call the police or radio station to ask for information. People SIGHTING a tornado or funnel in this are urged to notify the Dawson County Emergency Center at 911.**

### ALL-CLEAR

The all-clear bulletin will be issued by the local radio and TV stations in cooperation with the National Weather Service.

**Local Emergency Management WILL NOT issue an all-clear statement.**

During unusual threatening weather or emergency conditions, listen to a local radio or TV station for further information.

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

The following are general safety guidelines for seeking shelter:

- Move to a lower level or basement
  - If no lower level is available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
  - Stay away from windows.
  - Flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries. Cover your head and make yourself the smallest target possible.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, get out of the vehicle and seek safe shelter in a nearby building.
- If you are outside and there is no shelter immediately available, avoid trees and vehicles. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safe in a low, flat location. Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.



Emergency warning system tests of one minute in duration are conducted the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. **Sirens are designed for outdoors warning only.** For optimal safety, citizens are encouraged to get weather radios using the **NOAA** (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and/or **SAME** (Specific Area Message Encoding) standards.

