

Lexington Racquet Center Building Takes Shape



On the southwest corner of Plum Creek Park a 28,000-square-foot steel structure is going up. This soon-to-be indoor court sports facility is the Lexington Racquet Center, and is the culmination of many years of planning, community engagement and fund-raising. The project is being funded by a \$600,000 grant from the Civic Center & Community Financing fund administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, donations to the Lexington Community Foundation., and from the City of Lexington.



Top: view from W 11th and Park Streets.

Middle: view from Park Street looking southeast.

Bottom: Artist's rendering of a completed Racquet Center, minus the roof. It will accommodate four tennis courts and eight pickleball courts.



Phil Lauby Named Lexington's New Police Captain



The City of Lexington, Nebraska along with the Lexington Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of long-time Police Sergeant Phil Lauby to the position of Police Captain. Captain Lauby has been with the Lexington Police Department his entire career beginning in 1992. Captain Lauby and his wife

Lorinda are both Lexington natives. City Manager Joe Peplitsch appointed Captain Lauby to his new position on October 27, 2023.



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Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes

- ▶ **Leave cabinet doors open** so house heat can warm the pipes better.
- ▶ **Leave Water Running** - Just a small, slow stream/trickle is usually enough to keep the pipes from freezing.
- ▶ **Unhook Garden Hoses**. You can also install frost-free faucets and insulate outdoor faucets.
- ▶ **Do not set your thermostat lower than 55°F**, even if you plan to be away for an extended time.
- ▶ **Learn where your main water shutoff valve is.** If pipes burst, it could prevent a lot of damage.

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**.

Wait For The Gate.

Isn't your life
worth the wait?

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EnergyWise Tip: The Squanderer Who Stole Energy

ENERGYWISE™
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

*by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager
Cory Fuehrer*

Every Fru in Frugalville liked saving Christmas kilowatts...
But the Squanderer, who lived up north, truly DID NOT!

The Squanderer hated saving energy the whole Christmas season!
Please don't ask why because no one knows the reason.
It could be that he hated energy efficient LED lamps,
That the Frus had used to decorate their camps.
But I think that the most likely reason was based,
On his hate of efficiency, so he'd fritter and waste!

He winced as he thought of all Fru girls and Fru boys,
As they would rush to unwrap their energy-saving toys!
He grimaced when reflecting of Frus
sitting down to their feast.
And they'd feast and they'd feast, only leaving the least!
Starting on Fru-pudding, Fru crinkles,
and rare Fru-roast-beast,
Which must be roasted in a crockpot,
since it consumes energy the least!

But, whatever the reason, the holiday LEDS or his energy lust,
He was driven to ensure the Frus an efficiency bust!
"Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!"
"I'll make them waste energy!" He said without shedding a tear.
For, tomorrow, he knew, come early next morning,
He'd have their meters spinning without even a warning.

And the more the Squanderer thought of the Frus' Christmas-Songs
The more the Squanderer thought,
"I must cause the Frus more energy wrongs!"
"I know just what to do!" the Squanderer laughed, feeling smug,
So he made a quick Santa hat, coat, and whitened his unshaven mug.
Then he chuckled and ducked, "What a energy wasting trick!"
"With this coat, hat and beard, I'll look just like Saint Nick!"

So late that night, he jumped into his gas-guzzling Hummer,
While all the Frus laid in bed, most deep in a slumber.



He sped down Mount Waste, half-air bound, with reckless abandon,
Applying the brakes when only focused on landing.
"This is my first stop!", the old Squanderer Claus hissed.
And he scaled up the roof with empty bags in his fist.

All the windows were dark.

(Since Frus don't waste energy) Quiet snow filled the air.
The Frus were all dreaming of energy savings without even a care.
"I'll steal their setback thermostats, their LEDs, their insulation,
I'll take their ENERGY STAR® television,
so they can't watch 'Face the Nation'!

He opened every door and every window to cold, mountain air,
He turned on every light in every empty room,
though no one was there!

He slid up and down every chimney, through shadows he'd lurk.
Hey! If Santa could do it, then so could this jerk.
Then he snook and snatched, with a smirk most unpleasant,
Taking all efficiency items before his assent.
He snatched water heater blankets, new furnace filters too!
He even stole the Frus' new insulated shoes!

He stopped at the ENERGY STAR® icebox. He took the Frus' feast!
He took the Fru-pudding! Fru crinkles! He took the Fru roast beast!
To waste more energy, he'd leave the fridge door open.
That surely would have the little Fru faces a moping!
To finally leave their stomachs in knots,
The Squanderer took the fiber optic tree that used only 10 watts!

As he snuck back up the chimney, he left open the damper,
Once outside, he disabled the heat pumps by tamper.
He raced out of Frugalville without even a warning.
For dawn was coming, it was a bright Christmas morning.
Four thousand feet up! Up the side of Mount Waste,
In his gas-guzzling Hummer, he sped in great haste!

But as morning arrove, Frugalville's sounds weren't so sad!
Rather it sounded quite happy and joyous; quite grateful and glad!

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The Squanderer

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It couldn't be so! He left the Frus in deficiency!
He had taken all the items associated with Christmas and efficiency!
He stared down at Frugalville. The Squanderer strained his eyes.
Then he shuttered! What he saw was a shocking surprise!

Every Fru down in Frugalville, wrapped in blankets and coats,
Without any energy efficient items, the Frus were singing out notes!
He hadn't stopped Christmas, nor efficiency, nor happiness. They came!
Somehow or other, they came just the same!
"Maybe Christmas and energy efficiency," he thought,
"don't come only from a store."
"Maybe Christmas and efficiency...mean a little bit more!"

And at that minute his meanness lifted; he didn't feel quite so tight,
He whizzed back downhill with his load through the bright morning light.

And he brought back the presents and the ENERGY STAR® stuff!
And the food for the feast, for which there was more than enough!
He closed all the windows and doors, he sealed up each crack.
He fixed all the heat pumps and sweated each Fru's back.

And he... ..HE HIMSELF, to say not the least!
Used a crockpot to cook the Fru roast beast!

Lexington Utilities System, in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, wish you and your family a joyous and energy efficient holiday season! For energy-saving ideas for your home, business, or farming operation, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit www.nppd.com.



HONOR A VETERAN WITH THIS LASTING TRIBUTE

Thanks to the Lexington Veterans Memorial Committee, you now have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick which can be inscribed in honor or in memory of a veteran. The bricks will be installed on the Veterans Pavilion Memorial Wall at the south end of Kirkpatrick Memorial Park.



The process is simple:
fill out the form at
<https://donate.brickmarkers.com/lex>,
(or use the QR code above) and
remit your payment. All the helpful
details are at the website.

Thank you for supporting our local heroes!

JOHN Q. VETERAN
Staff Sergeant
USMC 11/1942-12/1945





Visit Lexington's TRAIL OF LIGHTS
Walking in a Lighted Holiday Wonderland!

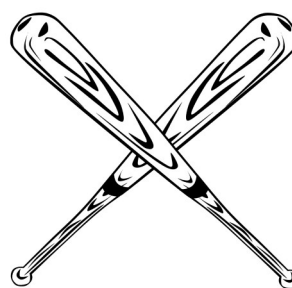
- 🌈 Nightly starting December 1, dusk to 9:30 PM
- 📍 Kirkpatrick Memorial Park
- 📍 Park in the swimming pool parking lot, 10th & Monroe

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



← **Look for this button at**
www.cityoflex.com/departments/utilities

OPEN HIT NIGHT



TUESDAYS:
December 5, 12, 19
6:30 - 8:30 pm
1601 W. 13th St.
Lexington Optimist
Hitting Complex



BASEBALL GOLF SOFTBALL

Open Hit Night at the Lexington Optimist Hitting Complex.
Available for all ages for use of the batting cages, pitching
machines, and golf range nets. Middle School students and
younger need to be accompanied by an adult. High School and
Adult participants are welcomed without supervision.

Contact Jake Saulsbury, 308-746-3543
jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com with questions





Library News



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by Jennifer Norton
Library Director

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet." - *Jhumpa Lahiri (American author)*



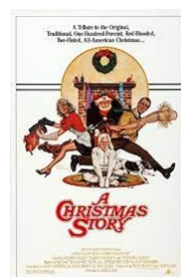
Adult Game Night at the Lexington Public Library is now a monthly event. Held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8 pm, adults are invited to come to play board games and enjoy snacks and refreshments. Enjoy games provided by the Library like Scrabble, UNO, Clue, and other card games, or bring along a favorite to share. The next Board Game Nights are Tuesday, December 12, 2023, and January 9, 2024.



December's **Family Fun Night** is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14, at 5:30 pm. **Keep Lexington Beautiful** and **Nebraska Public Media** will be providing activities and games for a fun Christmas-themed evening. A free meal and beverage will be provided at 5:30, with activities to follow. All families with pre-school and/or elementary-age children are invited.



LEGO Club is held every second Thursday of the month from 3:30- 5 pm. No registration is required, and LEGO Club is open to all elementary and middle school students. Have fun with LEGOs doing free-builds or create following a themed prompt. The next LEGO Club is December 14, 2023, and January 11, 2024.



Classic Christmas Movie Mondays will be happening throughout the month of December at 2 p.m. Come enjoy a free movie and popcorn and get into the Christmas spirit. December 4: **It's a Wonderful Life**, December 11: **Miracle on 34th Street**, December 18: **A Christmas Story**.





FIELDHOUSE FITNESS

Monday - Thursday

Lexington Fieldhouse
1502 Airport Rd.

- + Free Class to Public
- + Doors Open At 11:30 am
- + Class begins At Noon-12:45 pm
- + All Fitness Levels Welcome
- + Exercises Modified If Needed
- + Classes Are Going On NOW!
- + No Registration Required
- + Class Runs Weekly Through May

Contact Ann Luther with Questions
308-325-5277

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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.

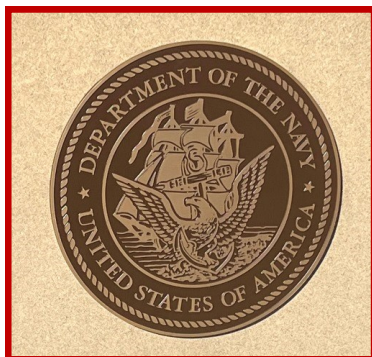
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Military Branch Medallions at Veterans Memorial Pavilion

The five corner kiosks at Lexington's Veterans Memorial Pavilion now bear emblems of U.S. Armed Forces.

The 18-inch-diameter solid bronze medallions are the first of many embellishments that will be added to the project over the next few years. The branches represented are U.S. Army, U.S. Navy (shown), U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard.



Remember, you can save water



Save Water

Did you know that each of us uses 77 gallons of water a day?

When we over-water our lawns, the excess water carries pollution into storm drains and ditches that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

So what can you do? Simple:

- Treat water as a valued resource. Water when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.
- Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants — not your driveway, sidewalk or street.
- Use mulch around trees and plants to help retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.
- Use rainwater to water your plants by directing downspouts toward your plants, or by collecting water with rain barrels.
- Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high — three inches is the rule. Longer grass has deeper roots and requires less water.

Save water and help keep our environment clean!



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CITY OF LEXINGTON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT



Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter is here 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.

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 listen to local radio stations or read the local newspaper (including online) 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).

Citizens living along these routes are encouraged to comply with the prohibition and move their vehicles from the street.

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 St.
308-324-5995
Mon. - Fri.
8 a.m. - 4 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

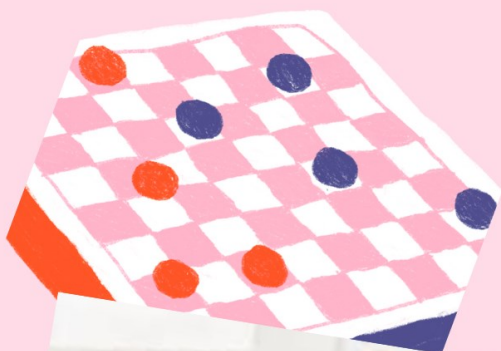




Adult Board Game Night

Lexington Public Library
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
6-8 pm

- **SCRABBLE**
- **CARD GAMES**
- **MONIKERS & MORE**
- **OR BRING YOUR OWN
FAVORITE GAME**



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DECEMBER 14, 2023

5:30pm

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