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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CERTIFIED COMMUNITY



First Look at the Lexington Racquet Center

Workers are putting the finishing touches on the new 28,000-square-foot Lexington Racquet Center, at the southwest corner of Plum Creek Park, near West 11th and Park Streets.





The Center will be open soon and was 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.











by Jennifer Norton Library Director

Library News



907 N Washington (308) 324-2151 Library Hours
Mon-Thur: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

"To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life." W. Somerset Maugham



Early Elementary Adventures —Mondays in June for K-2 grade students, 2-3 p.m. Registration is required.



Preschool Adventure Story Times - Wednesdays in June at 10:30 a.m. Guest readers will share adventures from their career fields.

Middle School Adventure Book Club - Read a book from the Adventure Book Cart at the library and enjoy a pizza party on June 28 at noon to share your comments on the book you read. Open to 30 middle school students. Register at the library.



Saturday Art Adventures -Saturdays in June from 9-11 a.m. for 3-7 grade students. Cozad Art Club will teach their art forms for adventurous fun. Space is limited and registration is required.

Gardening Adventures -



Fridays in June for students grade 5-8, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Learn from master gardeners from **Natural**

Escapes, plant porch pots and much more. Registration is required.

SPECIAL EVENTS/ PRESENTATIONS



Crane River
Theater presents
"Beauty and the
Beast" Thursday,
June 6, at 10:30
a.m. - Lexington

Middle School Auditorium



Nebraska Public Media presents "**Alma's Way**" Friday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. Light meal at 5:30 with activities to follow. Free and open to the public.

Young Enough Women's Book Club. Both groups meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

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Library News

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Family Fun Magic Show will be presented by Adam White Thursday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m. – Lexington

Middle School auditorium.

Carlos R. Serván — author of "Running Dreams: An Immigrant's Hurdles and Triumphs, After Blindness and Amputation," will be at the Library Saturday, June 29, at 3:30 p.m.









Electric Yard Tool Incentive

Electric lawnmower technology has improved. Now if you buy a new electric lawnmower, get a rebate of about 20% the purchase cost. Also electric chainsaws, tillers and snowblowers.

Maybe it's time to go electric



Gasless, but not gutless. Quiet, but not shy. This is not your grandfather's battery-powered mower. Advances in battery technology have come a long way in recent years. More power is now being packed into batteries so your mower can speedily deliver a knock-out punch to your lawn.

Maybe it is time to consider upgrading your conventional, gas-burning mower with a new electric or battery-powered option. Consider the following advantages:

- Lower energy costs depending on how often you mow, electricpowered mowers will cost about \$15 per year in electricity. Gas mowers use approximately \$30 of gasoline.
- Less maintenance no sparkplugs, air filters, fuel filters, or oil change.
- Quieter operation electric mowers create up to 75 decibels of sound, which is similar to a washing machine. Gasoline mowers can exceed 95 decibels, which is comparable to a motorcycle on the highway.
- Eco-friendly no toxic gas emissions from nitrogen oxides, airborne particulates, carbon monoxide, or carbon dioxide.

Follow these easy steps

- Obtain an EnergyWiseSM Lawn and Garden Program application form from Lexington Utilities System (also at www.cityoflex.com under "Utilities" tab, scroll to bottom of page).
- Purchase your choice of a new (not used, previously owned or factory reconditioned) battery-powered or corded electric riding, walkbehind, or robotic mower on or after January 1, 2023. Chargers and additional battery purchases are available for the incentive at time of initial mower purchase. However, taxes, delivery/shipping and set-up costs are not
- Complete the application and return it to Lexington Utilities System with a copy of proof of purchase identifying the selected mower, batteries, etc.
- · Rebate also applies to electric chainsaws, tillers and snowblowers.









Lexington Named a Tree City USA for 27th Consecutive Year



The Arbor Dav Foundation has named Lexington a Tree City USA City community for the 27th year in a row. The designation recognizes

Lexington's commitment to nurturing a diverse urban forest in 2022. Lexington was also honored with a "Growth Award," for the Lexington Tree Board's 2023 tree planting projects, Arbor Day events, and continuing education.

Arbor Day 2024 was April 27. The Lexington Tree Board recommends the following trees to be good fits for Lexington's needs, climate, and soils: Mountain Ash, Coffeetree, Gingko (male only!), Hackberry, American Linden, Elm

406 E 7th Street

(Princeton, Discovery, Accolade, Frontier, Triumph, Japanese, Jefferson, New Horizons or Lacebark), Maple (Norway, Sugar or Miyabe), Orange Osage, Goldenraintree,

Honeylocust (Shademaster), Linden (American or Littleleaf), Oak (Bur or Chinkapin), Japanese Pagodatree, and Walnut.









Husband and Wife Retire Same Day

Two long-time City workers celebrated their retirement together the same way they marked many events in their lives - as husband and wife.

Denny Sund started in 1997 and has worked at Lexington's Wastewater Treatment Plant for almost 27 years. **Angela Sund** started in 2009 and has worked at Lexington's Grand Generation Center for about 15 years.

The City held a reception for the couple April 12 at the Grand Generation Center, prompting dozens of coworkers, friends and well-wishers to attend.

Please join us in wishing Denny and Angie Sund a Happy Retirement!



Left to Right: City Manager Joe Pepplitsch, Angie and Denny Sund, and City Parks and Rec Director Ann Luther (Angie's boss)

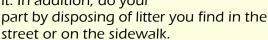
Nebraska H2O stormwater improvement tips

What you can do to help

Easy tips for keeping our waters clean.

Litter disposal

Dispose of litter by throwing it in a trashcan or recycling it. In addition, do your





Washing your car

You can either take your car to a self-service car wash, which is designed with special drains for proper disposal, or wash your car on your lawn. The dirt below will act as a filter for the soap.

Pet waste

It's best to dispose of pet waste in the trash or, better yet, flush it down the toilet. This water will be properly treated.

Household chemicals

Cleaning products and other household chemicals should never be dumped outside, down the sink – or down a storm drain. Visit www.NebraskaH2O.org and click on our Tips section to find out the location of a facility that will dispose of them properly.

Fertilizer and Pesticides

You'll need to take leftover substances to a designated waste control area.

Visit www.NebraskaH2O.org for more information about stormwater information and related topics!











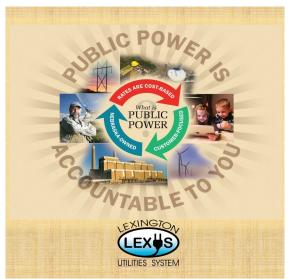


- We are accepting donations for the sale starting Monday, June 3rd.
- Sale starts Thursday, June 6th (9:00 am -8:00 pm) to Friday, June 7 (9:00 am-5:00 pm)
- Proceeds from the sale will go to a new ice cream machine for the center.

Fathers Day at the GGC

On June 17 at 10 a.m., we'll be hosting "Donuts for Dad" as part of our Father's Day Celebration. During the event, Don Batie will be presenting on farming and the use of drones in modern agriculture.



















EnergyWise Tip: Light Switches

by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

In June of 1752, Benjamin Franklin and his son, William, conducted the famous kite-in-a-thunderstorm experiment to demonstrate the relationship between lightning and electricity. By attaching the kite to a Leyden jar, which was an early type of battery invented seven years earlier, they attempted to collect "electric fire" to be discharged at a later time.

Fifteen years prior, while writing under the heading, "Necessary Hints to Those That Would Be Rich," in "Poor Richard's Almanack," Franklin wrote, "A penny saved is twopence dear," which as we know translates to, "A penny saved is a penny earned." Had the order of these two events been reversed, might he have written, "A kilowatt-hour saved is a kilowatt-hour earned?"

Though unlikely he would have, this modified phrase demonstrates one of the simplest energysaving strategies: When a light is no longer needed, switch it off. Unfortunately, it is one of the most overlooked efficiency opportunities in our daily lives. According to the U.S. Department of Energy's 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, the average single-family home has 85 lights. With so many, it is easy to see how one or more of these opportunities are often overlooked.

Fortunately there is an easy way to manage this problem: Change the switch! Rather than relying on yourself or your family members to remember to turn lights off by flipping the toggle switch on the wall, install a switch that automatically turns lights, fans, or other electrical loads off when they are no longer needed.



There are many designs for these devices, and the images here should not be taken as the only form one might find, or as endorsement of any style or brand.

In the bathrooms, change out the standard switch to the fan with a timer switch. While bathroom fans are useful for removing excess humidity, they often run long after bathing is complete. A timer switch



ensures enough run-time but stops the unnecessary removal of conditioned air that your furnace or air conditioner will need to make more of.

Occupancy sensor switches are a great way to illuminate a room without flicking the switch. Occupancy sensors use passive infrared (PIR) and/or ultrasonic sensors to detect the presence or absence of occupants in a space. PIR detects occupants' presence by sensing the difference between heat emitted by moving people and background heat. Ultrasonic sensors detect the presence of people by sending ultrasonic sound waves into a space and measuring the speed at which they return. They look for frequency changes caused by a moving person. If no one is detected in a room after a pre-set period of time, the switch automatically turns the lights off.

A relative of the occupancy sensor switch is the vacancy sensor switch. Unlike an occupancy sensor, a person must manually turn the lights on. But when no one in the room is detected, a vacancy sensor switches the lights off just like an occupancy sensor. These work especially well in teenagers' bedrooms, as I have found my daughters very capable of turning these lights "on" but seldom "off."

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Light Switches

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A third option you may consider is a smart switch. Most smart switch options use either Wi-Fi or ZigBee communications and pair directly with your home computer network or smartphone. Many smart switches offer built-in smart dimming capabilities and operation scheduling and can be paired with motion-, occupancyand photo-sensors. As home automation becomes evermore desired, smart switches are becoming popular in newly constructed homes.

Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the best choices to shine a light on these powerful subjects! This includes helping you make the most of the energy you use throughout the year. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit <u>www.energywisenebraska.com</u> for more information.

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

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















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.









Like us on Facebook!

Get the latest scoops about 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







Summer Swimming Lessons Four Sessions June & July



Lexington Family Aquatic Center (LFAC) 10th & Monroe

Session 1 - June 3 - 7 Session 2 - June 10 - 14

Session 4 July 8 - 12

Session 4 – July 8 - 12

Application Form on Page 16

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

Grand Generation Center and the LFAC.







Lexington Tree Board Annual 3rd Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest 2024 Winners



Above: Poster from Sandoz Elementary's Loida Vasquez <u>Below</u>: Loida with her framed poster along with Tree Board members Dave Stenberg, Ann Luther and Marty Smith



Above: Poster from Bryan Elementary's Aliah Mendoza-Andrade <u>Below</u>: Aliah with her framed poster along with Tree Board members Marty Smith and Dave Stenberg





For their annual 3rd grade Arbor Day poster contest, the Lexington Tree Board named two winners shown above. The Tree Board judged 211 poster entries from third grade pupils. 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 was April 26, and marks the 152nd year of Arbor Day, and the 52ndt anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation, headquartered in Nebraska City. Lexington Tree Board members are: Ann Luther, Tom Nelson, Marty Smith Kevin Zelaya and Dave Stenberg.







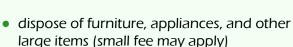




801 West Vine St. 308-324-5995 Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

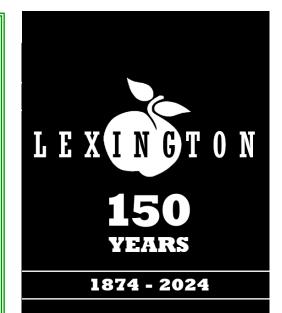


The Service Building is open the third Saturday of the month 8 a.m. - 12 p.m



- recycle paper, plastic, and cardboard
- pick up free wood chips or compost

















REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 16 CITYOFLEXPARKSANDREC LEXINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER "LFAC" CITY OF LEXINGTON Name: JUNE 16 - J Phone #: SWIM: 2.4 MILES DOB: BIKE: 112 MILES RUN/WALK: 26.2 MILES 28 DAYS TO COMPLETE! Guardian Signature if 17 yrs and younger T-shirt Size: >Swimming Completed at LFAC >Bike/Run/Walk on your own \$40.00 Registration Fee, Includes LFAC Lap Swim Admission Fee, Includes LFAC Lap Swim Admission Fee and 1/A 7 in Dri-Fit Pullover Checks Payable To: City of Lexington Mail Checks To: PO Box 70, Lexington, NE Contact: Ann Luther, 308-325-5277. aluther@cityoflex.com



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Looking back City of Lexington 5K Run/Walk



Event: 6 PM, June 28

Individual Entry: \$25.00 Family Registration: \$20.00 *(\$20.00 each family member)







Register by Thursday, June 20 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!



Free t-shirt Complimentary drink at Mac's Creek Winery & Brewery Free admission to the **Lexington Family Aquatic** Center on Saturday, June 29





Start and Finish at Lexington Racquet Center 1110 Park St.





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













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REGISTRATION FORM

Mail Registration form to: **Lexington City Office**

Drop off at one of these locations: Forms also available at locations ● Lexington Grand Generation Center, 407 E. 6th St.

Attn: Ann H. Luther	Un Lexington F	amily Aquatic Ce	nter, 1002 N. Monroe
PO BOX 70, Lexington, N	IE 68850 *MAKE CHE	CKS PAYABLE TO: C	ITY OF LEXINGTON
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Name	Phone #		
Email Adress	Birth Date		
City	State		Zip
Emergency Contact Name		Emerge	ncy Contact Phone #
T-Shirt Size: Youth M You	ıth L AdultSizes: Small Medium	n Large XL 2XL	• Register by Thursday, June 20
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2024 Lexington Family Aquatic Center Swim Lessons

Registration Form

Cost \$10.00 Per Child Per Session (ONE FORM PER CHILD)

*Registration is allowed for only one week at a time

Chil	d's Name:					
Par	ent's Name:					
Cell	Phone Number:					
Emergency Contact:		Phone:				
Chi	ild's Age (4+):	Swim Level:	Week Attending:			
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Week 1:	June 3-7					
	Level 3 - 5	Level 3 – 5 9:30 – 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)				
	Level Pre, 1 8	k 2 10:30 – 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)			
Week 2: J	June 10-14					
	Level 3 - 5	Level 3 – 5 9:30 – 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)				
	Level Pre, 1 8	& 2 10:30 – 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)			
Week 3:	June 17-21					
	Level 3 - 5	9:30 – 10:15 am (Limit	15 students)			
	Level Pre, 1 8	& 2 10:30 – 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)			
Week 4:	July 8-12					
	Level 3 – 5	9:30 – 10:15 am (Limit	t 15 students)			
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Family Learning with Alma's Way

Friday, June 7 5:30 p.m.

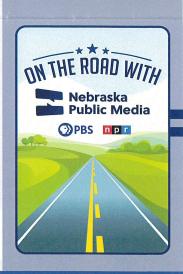
Lexington Public Library 907 N. Washington St.

Join us for a fun family workshop as we explore critical thinking through arts education with Alma from Alma's Way!

For more information and the complete On the Road calendar, visit NebraskaPublicMedia.org/ontheroad or call (800) 634-6788

SPECIAL THANKS TO:















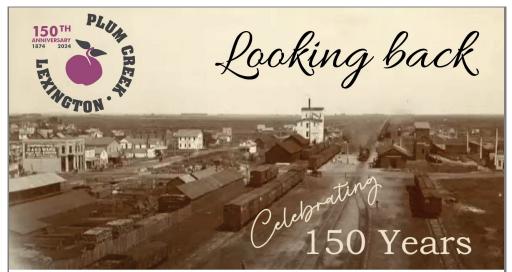












Friday, June 28

Plum Creek 5K 6:00 p.m.

Melodrama - 7:00 p.m. Veteran's Pavilion at Kirkpatrick Memorial Park

Saturday, June 29

Parade -10:00 a.m. Downtown Lexington

Family Fun Fest - Noon-3:00 p.m. Kirkpatrick Memorial Park

Veteran's Pavilion Dedication & Ceremony 1:00-2:00 p.m. Veteran's Pavilion at Kirkpatrick Memorial Park

Speaker Jim Reisdorff- 2:00 p.m. Dawson County History Museum

> Carlos R. Servan - Author One Book, One Lexington 3:30 p.m. Lexington Public library

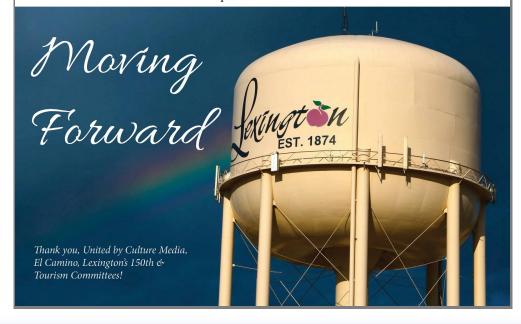
> Fireworks at Dusk Kirkpatrick Memorial Park

Sunday, June 30

Melodrama - 1:30 p.m. **Community Worship** Service - 4:00 p.m.

Veteran's Pavilion at Kirkpatrick Memorial Park

For more information call 308-324-5504























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.

