

City Happenings

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February 2025



Lexington Racquet Center Hosts First Big Tournament



Nearly 100 tennis competitors participated in Lexington's annual Wimbledon Tennis Tournament January 25. Although the event has been held in Lexington in past years, this is Wimbledon's first time at the Racquet Center, which opened in the fall of last year. A grand opening ceremony was held October 7, 2024

The tournament drew contestants from grade school through adult, and from as far away as McCook and Hastings, and even some returning participants from out-of-state.

The photo above shows only half of the Racquet Center; another two courts are mirrored in the other half.



Free Clinic at the Lexington Racquet Center!

Come watch Hastings College Mens and Womens tennis teams take on Metro State (Colorado) beginning at 9 am. The Broncos have 2 Lexington alum playing on their team (Kayleigh Cetak and Ethan Mins)!

Following the match, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Hastings College Tennis Players will put on a free clinic with games and drills for our Pre-K -to 8th grade tennis enthusiasts!



JOIN THE HASTINGS COLLEGE TENNIS PROGRAMS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, FOR A FULL DAY OF FUN

HASTINGS COLLEGE

HASTINGS COLLEGE TENNIS VS METRO STATE UNIVERSITY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 9:00 AM

FREE YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC
LEXINGTON RACQUET CENTER
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
PRE-K - 8TH GRADE
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY



YOUTH TENNIS SCHEDULE March 2025

Instruction Dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31

- 4:15 - 4:45 pm Pre-K
- 4:45 - 5:30 pm Kindergarten - 1st grade
- 5:30 - 6:15 pm 2nd - 3rd grade
- 6:15 - 7:15 pm 4th - 5th grade
- 7:15 - 8:15 pm 6th grade

Register Online Here:



Deadline:
Thursday, March 6

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



Lexington Community Foundation

Key '25

Saturday Night Fever

Save the Date

SATURDAY | 5 | 5:00PM
APRIL

Preview Night Open House
Friday, April 4th
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Prepaid Reservations Accepted Beginning
Monday, October 7, 2024

Reserved, Limited Seating Only
Individual Seats \$150
Tables Seat Eight
Credit Cards Accepted
Semiformal Attire





Library News

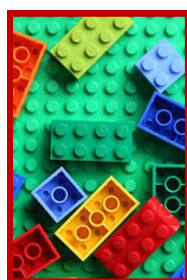


907 N Washington
(308) 324-2151



by Jennifer Norton
Library Director

"All you had to do was pull a book from the shelf and open it suddenly the darkness was not so dark anymore." - Ray Bradbury, American Author



LEGO Club is held on the second Thursday of every month for kids K-6 grade. Join us on February 13 for a **Very Valentine Lego** challenge.

Snacks are provided along with plenty of LEGO blocks to get your creativity flowing. Don't miss out on the fun.

Mark your calendars for **Family Fun Night** on Feb. 20.



Hosted by the **Mommies Club**, the focus will be **"I Love My Family."** Supper is at 5:30 pm followed by games and activities at 6-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a free meal and fun with their family at the Lexington Public Library.



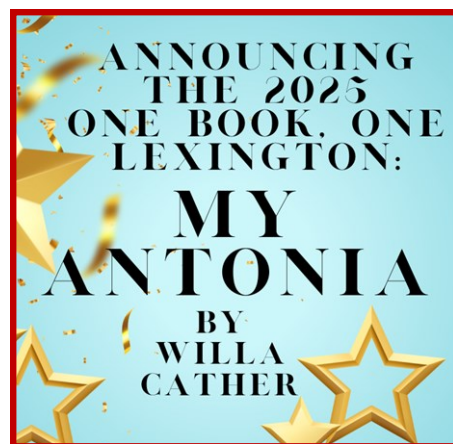
Adult board Game Night is February 27 from 6-8 p.m. Come enjoy some

refreshments, conversation and games at the library. Bring a game from home or play one of the library's games.

A committee of readers chose **Willa Cather's My Antonia** as 2025's **One Book, One Lexington** selection for 2025. Everyone is encouraged to read the novel and participate in one or more book discussions and events geared around the Nebraska author's seminal work. A travelling exhibit for the **National Willa Cather Center** in Red Cloud, Neb., will be at the Lexington Public Library March 24- April 21. A second exhibit will be arriving June 9-July 7. Various speakers from the Willa Cather Center are planned for this spring. Stay tuned for dates and times. Free copies of the book are available at the library. Spanish editions will be available soon.



Several book discussion groups meet regularly at the Lexington Public Library. If you are



interested in joining any of them, their schedules are as follows:

Monday Afternoon Book Club: Second Monday of the month at 3 p.m.

Young Enough Book Club: Fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Spanish Book Club: Fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Literary Guild Book Club: Fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Classics Book Club: Second Monday of the month in January, March, May, July, September, and November.



Like us on Facebook



GAME Night

@ the
Lexington
Public Library

Thursday,
February 27
6-8 pm



Bring a game from home or
play games provided by the library.
Refreshments provided.



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What Not To Flush
(or put down the drain)
Could clog your drains or sewers!



- ▶ paper, plastic or cardboard
- ▶ feminine hygiene products
- ▶ wipes (baby or personal)
- ▶ prophylactic items
- ▶ cloth or string
- ▶ grease, oil, wax or fats
- ▶ diapers
- ▶ wrappers
- ▶ bottles
- ▶ cat litter
- ▶ medicines

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

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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.

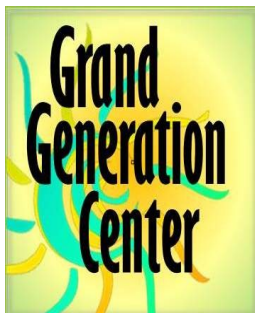
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GGC Happenings

407 East 6th Street



Storyteller Geraldine Buckley



**Friday,
February 7
12:00 p.m.**

Join us for Storyteller **Geraldine Buckley** on Friday, February 7, at noon. Geraldine hails from Frederick, Maryland, and travels extensively, sharing folk tales and Greek myths (mainly in schools). She conducts storytelling and creative/meditative workshops; performs true stories based on her own globe-trotting adventures at festivals, schools, theatres, house concerts, prisons and conferences; and performs her educational, storytelling show "Tea In The Slammer" in the criminal justice departments of universities and in other settings.

Annual Cake Decorating & Auction

Thursday & Friday, February 13 & 14



Join us for the return of our cake decorating day on Thursday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. We will provide the cakes and different-colored frosting and invite you to bring any decorative items you might want to use. Due to space limitations, we ask that you refrain from using anything that may need refrigeration. Teams can be made up of 1-2 people from any group, business, or organization. Cakes will be displayed & up for silent auction bid from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on Friday, February 14. Pick-up is from 2 to 5 p.m., following the silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the GGC Support Group fund. Please call 308-324-2498 to reserve your cake at no cost.



International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. International Women's Day has been held every March 8 since 1911.

March 8





LEXINGTON LEXUS UTILITIES SYSTEM

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 55°F, 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.

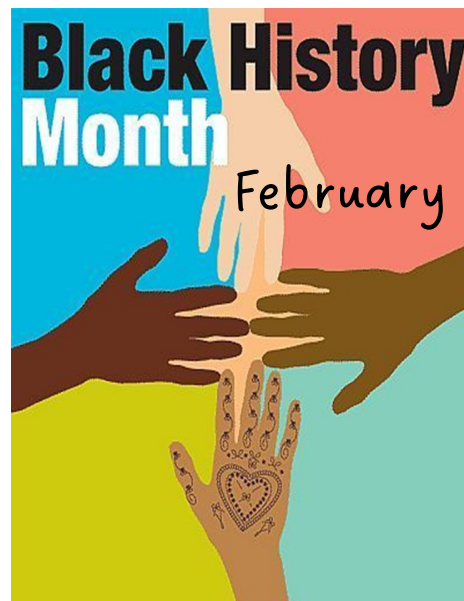
Mobile Homes Need Special Pipe Care

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

Make sure the **trailer is skirted.**

Black History Month

February



"THE BIG 6" STORMWATER POLLUTANTS



- LITTER**
- HOUSEHOLD WASTE**
- AUTO WASTE**
- PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES**
- YARD WASTE**
- PET WASTE**

Lexington is a Proud Nebraska H₂O Community

Our goal is to help everyone learn to help keep our streams and rivers clean.

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

Stormwater Golden Rule:
Send downstream what you want upstream to send to you.



Support provided by Nebr. Dept. of Environment & Energy





EnergyWise Tip: Mitigating Radon



by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

As a Cornhusker, we love being top-ranked in the nation. However, there's top ranking we need to be very concerned about: As per the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 2023 report, Nebraska ranks third in the country for radon prevalence, with about 59% of the more than 8,500 radon tests in the state exceeding the EPA's action level of 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Nebraska's average radon level was 6.0 pCi/L. After smoking, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and is responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths annually.

What is radon? It is an element and naturally occurring radioactive gas that forms when uranium, thorium, or radium breaks down in soil, rocks and water. Since the air pressure inside is usually lower than pressure in the soil around our homes, offices, schools and other buildings, it enters through cracks in floors, walls and

construction joints, as well as through gaps around service pipes, electrical wires and sump pits. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up. Radon levels are usually highest in the basement or crawl space. Levels tend to be higher in the winter than in the summer. They can also spike during heavy wind, rain, or snowy weather.



It's easy to test your home's radon levels. You can hire a professional tester or do it yourself with a kit you buy at a hardware store or online. Start by contacting the Nebraska Radon Program at (402) 471-0594 or visit www.dhhs.ne.gov/radon. Radon testing kits are also available from Two

Rivers Public Health Department, <https://www.trphd.ne.gov/programs-services/services/environmental-health/radon.html>. There is a small cost, and some residents may qualify for a kit at no charge.

If radon levels in your home are high, you can take steps to lower them. The most common and effective method is to have an active vent pipe system installed, which pulls radon from beneath the house and vents it to the outside. A small but efficient fan operates continuously to reduce radon levels 50 to 99%. Fortunately, Nebraska ranks fifth in the nation for lowest residential electric rates (12.13¢ per kilowatt-hour). That means the small fan costs less than \$3 per month to operate. It's a small price for safety and well-being!

If you have an active system, you should check on a regular basis to make sure the system is working correctly. Most active systems have a manometer,

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Mitigating Radon

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which confirms proper operation. While fans may last for five years or more, manufacturer warranties tend not to exceed five years. At some point, they will require repair or replacement.

The EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month, a time to raise awareness about radon and promote testing and mitigation. If you'd like more information about radon and what can be done to mitigate it, check out this EPA guidance, "A consumer's guide to Radon Reduction."

In partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, Lexington Utilities System is dedicated to providing the electricity needed to maintain your home or business safely, effectively and efficiently. To identify additional ways you can become "EnergyWise," contact Lexington Utilities System or visit www.energywisenebraska.com.



Curfews Designed to Prevent Crime



While considering solutions to youth vandalism and crime, one may turn to the City's long-standing curfew regulations. This may be helpful for parents trying to keep their children out of trouble. It is also recommended that, since police cannot be everywhere at once, citizens who witness youth out after curfew should notify law enforcement by calling 911.

City Code Section 22.80(c) reads, "Curfew for Juveniles. It shall be unlawful for any person fifteen (15) or less years of age to be or remain in or upon a public place within the city during the period beginning at 10:30 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. on any day of the week, and it shall be unlawful for any person 16 or 17 years of age to be or remain in or upon a public place within the city during the period beginning at 12:00 midnight and ending at 5:00 a.m. on any day of the week.

There are exceptions to this, such as teens walking home following a school activity. To find out more, see the complete City Code at the [City website](#). Under the "Public Records" button, open the "Lexington City Code" link and search for the word "curfew."



- 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



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



Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter weather is upon us and the City would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also the 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.







CITY OF Lexington NEBRASKA

APPLY NOW!

Summer-Temporary Seasonal Positions Available: 2025

<u>Lex Family Aquatic Center</u>	<u>Parks & Rec / Street Dept.</u>
Pool Manager (age 18+)	Lawn Mower (age 18+)
Lifeguard (age 15+)	Park Maintenance (age 16+)
Concessions (age 14+)	Street Maintenance (age 16+)
	Concessions Manager (age 18+)
	Concessions Worker (Rec & LFAC) (age 14+)

Contact: Jake Saulsbury: jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com

Find an application here: 

**The City of Lexington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Download an application from the city website or stop
by the City Office to apply within.
<https://cityoflex.com/human-resources/>**





Join the Lexington Family Aquatic Center Team!

Now Hiring Lifeguards

Why Join Us?

- **Competitive Pay**
 - **Lifeguards: Starting at \$14/hour and up! (Wages increase with years of experience)**
- **Certification & Training Covered**
 - **The City of Lexington will pay for all certifications and training needed.**
- **Flexible work hours**
 - **Typical Work Schedule:**
 - **Monday - Friday 11 am - 6 pm and Weekends Noon - 6 pm**

Requirements

- **Must be 15 years or older; (Pool Concessions Staff 14 years & older)**
- **Passionate about safety and helping others**
- **Basic abilities to swim.**

How to Apply:

- **Download and submit an application from the City of Lexington webpage or stop by the Lexington Grand Generation Center.**



- **Contact Jake Saulsbury: jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com**

