



What's going on at . . . ?



Downtown Lexington

The Electric Department recently installed 22 new "Historic Street Lights" in the downtown area. These lights are consistent with lights already installed Washington Street. The project was 80% funded through a federal Transportation Enhancement grant to the City.

Courthouse Clock

This winter City workers discovered cracks in the base of the large Lexington clock that was erected in 2003 at the southwest corner of the Courthouse block, 7th & Washington. According to the manufacturer, damage like this has never been seen. The clock has been sent to the manufacturer for repair and should be coming back soon.



Plum Creek Parkway (Hwy 283)

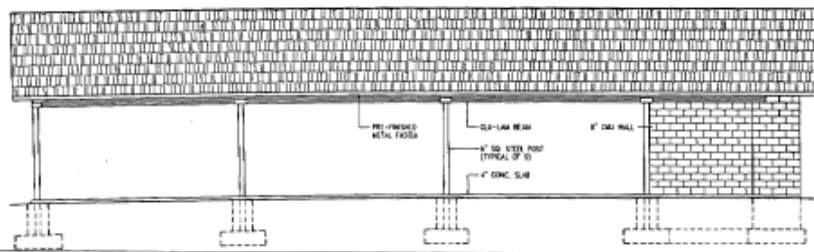


Work began May 16 on a new **Welcome to Lexington, Nebraska** sign on the east side of Plum Creek Parkway, just to the north of the I-80 interstate exchange. The brick structure will be about 20 x 6 feet, standing atop a three-foot retaining wall. The sign will have raised aluminum lettering, be lighted at night, and includes irrigation for the surrounding landscape. Built by local contractor T.L. Sund Constructors Inc., this City project was managed by six Lexington participants in the 2006-2007 Dawson Area Development Leadership program.

Memorial Park

You may have noticed the old, outdated and unsightly restroom structure has been removed from Memorial Park (East 10th Street between Tyler and Taft). Based on plans recommended by the Park Improvement Committee, the City is replacing it with a new picnic shelter / restroom facility.

The overall size of the structure will be 75 feet by 40 feet (2,500 square feet picnic area; about 300 square feet in the restrooms). The shelter is being built by Lexington contractor T.L. Sund Constructors Inc., with a timeline to have the facility ready for use by the Fourth of July holiday.



Lexington Multicultural Commission

Call for Recommendations!

To help Lexington grow, adapt to our changing demographics, and meet the needs of all residents, the Lexington City Council has authorized the formation of a "Multicultural Commission" to assist our residents in this challenging transformation. The Council sees this commission as a way to respond to the diverse needs of our community, help build civic pride and responsibility, and respond to the challenges of creating dialogue and understanding among and between the many cultures growing together in this city. Our democratic republic requires that we constantly reinvent democratic practices so that all voices in our community are heard and that their needs are included in the services we provide.

I have been asked to help identify individuals who could serve on this commission, but we need your help to ensure representation from all cultural groups.

Please thoughtfully consider recommending people for this commission. We anticipate that the commission will meet either monthly or bi-monthly. People serving on this commission need to have the following qualities: An open mind, an open heart, a commitment to listen carefully, and the ability to speak clearly, and with brevity.

I request that each individual recommended submit a short biography of no more than 50 words describing their cultural heritage and their reasons for wanting to serve on the commission. Once I have the recommendations and biographies I will submit them to the City Council. The council will make the final determination as to the membership of the commission. Please send your recommendations and biographies to me by June 15, at the following address:

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Thank you for helping establish what we hope will be a way forward in building an involved and supporting community!

Jerry Bergstrom



“Backyard Conservation” Booklet Available in English and Spanish

Just as they do on the farm, conservation practices on nonagricultural land can help increase food and shelter for birds and other wildlife, control soil erosion, reduce sediment in waterways, conserve water and improve water quality, inspire a stewardship ethic, and beautify the landscape.

“Backyard Conservation” shows you how conservation practices that are used on agricultural land across the country to conserve and improve natural resources can be adapted for use on the land around your home. These practices help the environment and can make your yard more attractive and enjoyable.

Whether you have acres in the country, an average-sized suburban yard, or a tiny plot in the city, you can help protect the environment and add beauty and interest to your surroundings. Ten conservation practices have been scaled down for homeowners and city residents to use in their yards.

NRCS, the National Association of Conservation Districts, and the Wildlife Habitat Council first published “Backyard Conservation” in 1998. The National Audubon Society joined the partnership in 2003. The Audubon Society in partnership with NRCS, helped revise the publication and reprinted the English version of the booklet. “Backyard Conservation” is now also available in Spanish. Copies of “Backyard Conservation” may be ordered electronically at landcare@usda.gov or by calling 1-888-526-3227. The booklets are also available on the NRCS Web site at: www.nrcs.usda.gov/backyard/.

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Plum Creek Park



Thank you very much community groups that have volunteered to help in park clean-up! In May Lexington High School’s Applied Science class students (see photo), led by teacher Mike Zarate, cleaned up the lagoon area of nearby Plum Creek Park (13th & Adams). In June Pastor Joe Masten, and members of Calvary Assembly of God Church, will help tidy up the same area. The Church has offered this gracious service for several springs. All help is greatly appreciated as we work together to keep Lexington beautiful!



Dates to Remember:

- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 PM - City Council Meetings, City Office
- June 8 & 9, 7:30 - 10:00 PM - Plum Creek Rodeo, Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek Pkwy.
- July 4, 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Fourth of July activities at Memorial Park (9th & Taft), followed at dusk by fireworks display across Taft Street (south of St. Ann’s Parish Center).
- July 13 & 14, Chamber of Commerce Hog Wild Days, various businesses around downtown area.

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