

Lexington

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City Happenings



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

Lexington Lions Donate Park Bench at Plum Creek Park Lake



The Lexington Lions Club has donated an eight-foot park bench that now sets on the peninsula at Plum Creek Park Lake. The bench, which is made from recycled automobile tires, is dedicated to the memory of former Lion **Jess Bliven**, who died in 2015. Many Bliven family members attended a September 26 ceremony where the bench was unveiled.

The donation adds to the growing list of improvements implemented following a lake restoration project started in 2016.

Funding for the lake project includes grants from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, and the Central Platte Natural Resources District.



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308-324-2341

What's Going On At . . . ?

South Plum Creek Parkway

The City is expanding Commerce Drive just north of the Holiday Inn Express. The road work, which had not started at publication time, will be done at the same time a new Burger King restaurant is under construction just north of the new West Commerce Drive (see photo). (This is a new building for the existing BK franchise further north, which will relocate once the new building is complete.) Adding



the new road now will accommodate future westward commercial expansion.



Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn



Fertilize sparingly and caringly

Green your lawn, not the river

Storm drains found in our streets and yards lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, fertilizer from your lawn can easily end up in our water. This fertilizer can form large algae blooms and use up oxygen that fish and other aquatic insects need to survive.

What can you do? Simple:

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks and back onto your lawn.
- Recycle grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn.
- Use fertilizer with low phosphorus.
- Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).

Keep the green on the lawn and in your pocket!



Support provided by NDEQ





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- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items
- recycle paper, plastic, cardboard and pallets
- pick up free wood chips or compost



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





Library News

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Library Director



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The **Friends of the Library** are planning upcoming events for 2018 **Give Big Lexington**.

This theme for the Friends of the Library's Give Big campaign is "Dig It!" Funds raised at GBL will be designated to improve the landscaping on the east side of the Library. The Friends of the Library hope the area can be replanted with hardy perennials that are adaptable to the Nebraska weather. Also, some of the funds generated by the Friends of the Library from Give Big Lexington will go toward funding the Friends of the Library's contribution to the **Library Initiative Grant**. This grant provides funding for the majority of library programs, including an array of summer reading programs, the Sunday afternoon family presentations, and "Booked for Lunch."

Events that are being planned at the Library for Give Big Lexington include:



Treasure Trove at the Library – In a flea market style, the Library will have lots of treasures for

purchase in October and November (or until all the treasures are gone.)



Gently Used Cookbook Sale – It doesn't matter if you're looking for new ways to prepare veggies, casseroles, steak or chocolate, the Library has a Gently Used Cookbook for you!



The Friends of the Library will be selling **brownies and other treats** during the week of October 8 and the week of November 6. Stop by the Library anytime during these two weeks to purchase a sweet treat for only 50 cents.

A special **bake sale** will be held during the election on Tuesday, November 6.



The Friends of the Library sponsor **Java Junction**, the Library's coffee, tea and hot chocolate station.



The Friends of the Library also provide the delivery of books and other materials to shut-ins in Lexington.

Currently more than 100 items are delivered to approximately 20 shut-ins on a monthly basis.



The **LEGO Club** has resumed meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

The theme for October 11 is **Halloween or Playground Equipment**. The theme for November 8 is **Houses or Family**. The LEGO Club is open to any elementary age youth. The LEGO Club provides the opportunity to create a variety of items from the Library's extensive LEGO collection.



The program **Dust Covered Dreams** by **Barbara Mohrman** will be presented at the October **Booked for Lunch** on Thursday, October 11. Based on her book, *The Dust Covered Days of Dorie Archer*, Mohrman's program will address how her family survived the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression living in northeastern Nebraska.



Don Hickey, a professor of history at Wayne State College will present the November "Booked for Lunch" program.

The program, which will be offered on Friday, November 2, is entitled **Uncle Sam: The Origins and Evolution of an American Icon**. Serving for the "Booked for Lunch" programs will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the programs begin at noon. If you plan to attend either program, please register in advance.



Historic City Happenings Headlines



2012
A two-year Downtown Revitalization Grant was completed with installation of a new parking lot, aesthetic improvements at 5th & Washington, and some landscaping features.

2013
The N Jackson Street (8th to 13th) widening project was completed, including wider sidewalks, handicap ramps, and LED street lights.



2014
New stadium lights were installed at the ball fields at the Optimist Recreation Complex. The new lights boast improved energy efficiency.

2015



Construction began on the Lexington Fieldhouse, a new 27,000 square foot indoor sports activity building at the Optimist Recreation Complex.



2016
A new driving range opened for public use on the southeast corner of the Lexington Fieldhouse.



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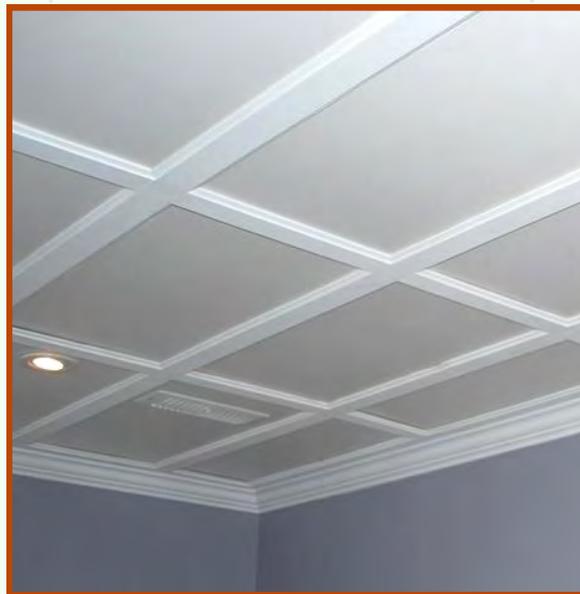


EnergyWise Tip: Over Your Head

If you're not there already, go to the top floor of your home and look up. What do you see? A drywall ceiling? HVAC ducts? Light fixtures? An attic access door? If your home is like most, an unconditioned attic is on the other side of that ceiling. Ask yourself this question: This January, what will the temperature be like up there? Without realizing it, you could be losing more than 30 percent of the heat in your home through your ceiling!

When looking for ways to make improvements, first consider light fixtures and, in particular, recessed "can" lights. Can lights, especially those manufactured before 2004, have plenty of holes and gaps to allow conditioned air from the living space to escape into the attic. Because these fixtures traditionally use hot, incandescent bulbs and protrude up, they should not be covered with insulation without first installing a cover with an airtight barrier. While you may choose to make covers yourself out of sheet metal or lumber, most home improvement stores offer air-tight can light covers made of a fire-retardant material that are designed specifically for this purpose. Once the cover is ready for installation, apply spray foam insulation to seal air leakages and secure it in place. Ceiling penetrations for other light fixtures or ceiling fans may also leak air from your conditioned space and should be sealed in a similar manner.

If you saw a register, grille or air diffuser when looking up, you have ductwork running through your attic. Is it insulated? Uninsulated ductwork running through unconditioned spaces can lose as much as 40 percent of a heating or cooling system's energy. Special insulation designed for ductwork with at least an R-6 insulative rating and a vapor barrier is also available at home improvement stores.



If you have air conditioning, properly insulated ducts are necessary for more than energy efficiency. During the summer, cool air passing through metal ducts in warm attics can cause condensation on ductwork, and dripping will occur. This can lead to mold growth and safety issues. Uninsulated ducts are also at risk of becoming rusted and leaking conditioned air.

How about an attic access door or panel? If you have stairs or a ladder mounted above, install a molded insulation cover above the access door. If you have a simple door or panel, you can easily insulate yourself with rigid-foam insulation panels and construction adhesive. Finally, install weather stripping to reduce air leakage around the perimeter of the door or hatch.

Now, for the big one. Consider your attic insulation. Due to temperature, compression, aging and moisture accumulation, some insulations lose their R-value over time. The Department of Energy recommends Nebraska homes have an R38 insulation value or better. Insulation batts and blankets are made of fiberglass or mineral wool and are most commonly used in unconfined areas, like unfinished attics, roofs and under floors. Batts and blankets often have an R-value of 2.9 to 4.0 per inch of thickness. Blown-in loose-fill insulation is commonly made of cellulose, glass fiber, mineral wool, perlite or vermiculite. It can be easily blown or spread into areas needing more insulation. Loose-fill insulation usually has an R-value of 2.2 to 3.8 per inch of thickness. If you don't have at least one foot of either of these insulation types,

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you probably have an energy efficiency improvement opportunity.

Note that reflective insulation or radiant barriers are sometimes installed in attics to reduce summer heat gain and reduce cooling costs. Barriers consist of a highly-reflective material that redirects radiant heat away from the living space rather than absorbing it. Unfortunately, the same effect occurs in winter when radiant heat is beneficial. Since Nebraska has a heating-dominated versus cooling-dominated climate, the summertime benefit is often negated by increased energy use in colder months. Some representatives of radiant barrier material claim their product will provide an equivalent of thermal insulation with an R-value of 25 or higher. These claims are not substantiated because these products by themselves do very little to reduce heat conduction like thermal insulation materials.

If your attic has six inches or less of insulation and you use primarily electricity to heat it, there is an EnergyWiseSM program to help if you want to add an R-value of at least 19 or six inches of blown-in insulation. By participating in the Residential Attic Insulation Program, customers are eligible for an incentive of \$0.15 per square foot of insulation with a maximum incentive amount of \$300 per existing residential dwelling. New construction and/or additions do not qualify.

Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the most of your home energy use. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, along with possible energy efficiency financial incentives for a variety of improvements, contact your local utility or visit www.nppd.com.



LEXINGTON GGC Final Evening Meal of 2018 October 23, 2018



Years at
407 E 6th
Street



(308)
324-2498

MENU

- Roast Beef
- Mashed Potatoes
- Corn
- Dinner Roll
- Strawberry Shortcake

5:00-6:30 PM

COST: \$6.50
(under age 60)
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Join us for the eighth annual
Give BIG Lexington

GBL '18 is Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018. This one-day, online event showcases local causes that make this community a more vital place to live. You're encouraged to give to those that mean the most to you and your family.

Donations can be scheduled now! <http://www.lexfoundation.org/events/give-big>



**Lexington
Community
Foundation**

Cash and check donations delivered to the GBL

Headquarters (200 W. 7th Street) on the 15th between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. will qualify for the match funds, or you can fill out a donation sheet assigning a date to make your donation on the 15th.

Here's Your 2018 Lexington Police Department



Back Row: Jose Torres, Jay Mins, Matt Roberts, Joel Kinney, Chad Reutlinger, Kareem McDougal, Mike Dukes, Beau Baker, Iain McDiarmid, Luke Pinkelman, Luis Nunez, Joshua Smith, Edwin Perdoma-Aldana, Jesse Evans. **Front Row:** Dispatcher Jackie Zacarias, Sgt. Troy Reutlinger, Erik Rowan, Chief Tracy Wolf, Captain Paul Schwarz, Sgt. Phil Lauby, Sgt. Monte Grayek, Dispatcher Judy Dukes.



Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter will soon be 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, and is also found on the Maps link at the City's website.

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

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.



ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

As you and your dog are out walking in your neighborhoods, in the City's parks or on the trails, please remember to clean up after your dog. A simple plastic bag slipped over your hand like a glove makes an efficient and clean pick-up tool. Picking up is just part of having a dog. It may seem silly at first, but people who see you do it will know any mess left behind is NOT from your dog. Picking up shows pride in your community, in yourself, and in your dog. You'll set a great example for others, and will help create a positive image for dogs and their owners.





Lexington Fieldhouse October Schedule

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 High School Cheerleaders 3:45 - 6:00 PM	4	5	6	
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