

City Happenings

#112

April 2025



Polk Street Lift Station Relocation Starting



A new sanitary sewer lift station has been installed 625' east of Polk Street.

Work will start on March 27, 2025, to rehab the existing lift station to a manhole and install a new gravity flow sewer line from Polk Street east to the new lift station. The first 200' of line will be directional bored to avoid damage to lawns. Dewatering will be required to aid underground construction.

Polk Street will be closed for 30 days between 20th Street and Apache Drive, with driveway access maintained to homes in proximity to the project area.

Residents on Apache Drive and 20th Street (between Polk Street and Hoover Street) will be provided rollout garbage totes during construction as the alley will be closed to garbage trucks.



April is Fair Housing Month

THE FAIR HOUSING ACT
IDENTIFIES NINE PROTECTED CLASSES:

RACE **RELIGION** **COLOR** **SOURCE OF INCOME**
NATIONAL ORIGIN **VETERAN/MILITARY STATUS** **DISABILITY**
FAMILIAL STATUS **SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

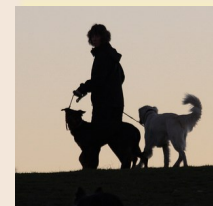
EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO: EQUAL TERMS & CONDITIONS
EQUAL HOUSING LOCATION OPTIONS
PREFERENCE-FREE ADVERTISING
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITY

FAIR HOUSING IS NOT AN OPTION. IT'S THE LAW.

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH!

It is the policy of the City of Lexington to support equal

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's Yard Waste Site on East Walnut Has Moved

Here's How to Get to the New and Improved Yard Waste Site at 1202 E. Industry Drive.





EnergyWise Tip: Smart Homes



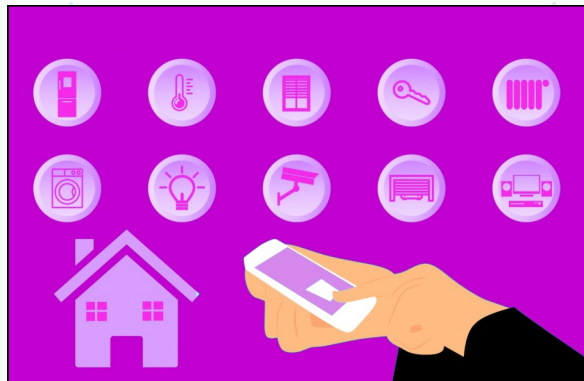
by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

Could your home have an Intelligence Quotient (IQ)? While IQ tests are designed to assess human intelligence and not inanimate objects, people are seeking ways for their home to make autonomous, logical decisions and take independent actions to improve security and efficiency. That's a "Smart Home!"

What makes it smart? By connecting appliances and devices that can be controlled automatically or remotely through an internet connection and using a mobile or other networked device, a smart home can save energy with little to no effort on your behalf. Through one home automation system, door locks, doorbells, cameras, thermostats, lights and appliances interconnect to improve your home's overall security and efficiency.

If optimizing energy efficiency is a primary goal, integrating a smart meter or home energy monitor is a

must. The energy you are consuming and where it's being used is nearly immediately available using a smart phone, note pad or computer. In doing so, you can start by targeting those items used the most to determine if there are improvements that can be made to reduce usage. To achieve energy savings, some connected items might include:



Smart Thermostats

Smart thermostats allow heating and cooling systems to operate more efficiently by automatically adjusting the temperature when you are out of the house or sleeping. According to the Center for Energy and Environment, smart thermostats are often the easiest way to achieve savings, often reducing your energy by 15% to 20%.

Lighting

Groups or individual light fixtures or bulbs can remotely be switched on and off, placed on a schedule, or set to change based on sunrise or sunset times. Smart lighting can often be set to change based on when motion is detected.

Smart Appliances

Smart appliances such as refrigerators, ovens, dishwashers, washing machines, coffee makers, automatic vacuums, microwaves and televisions including entertainment systems can be integrated and controlled through one system. As more-and more utilities offer time-of-use rate options, smart home systems can use smart appliance operations to optimize rate savings.

Outdoor Watering

Smart irrigation systems can detect climate and environmental conditions, factor in weather forecasts and incorporate the data into watering schedules. Smart irrigation systems enable homeowners to

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Smart Homes

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optimize water use while having the best-looking lawn in the neighborhood.

These are just a few ways a smart home helps you improve the efficient use of energy in your home. To find additional information about this and other energy-saving opportunities, contact your local utility or visit

www.energywisenebraska.com.

In partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, Lexington Utilities System wants to help you gain the most value from the energy they provide.



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, edgers, tillers leaf blowers, pruners 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, electric-powered 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, walk-behind, or robotic mower on or after January 1, 2025. 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, edgers, leaf blowers, pruners and snowblowers.**

APRIL 18



NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day. It's our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of Electrical Lineworkers. [#hankalineman](https://twitter.com/hankalineman)

“To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash.”






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

Public Transit Week April 6-12, 2025

PUBLIC TRANSIT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MODERN CITIES

- Provides affordable transportation
- Helps reduce air, noise, and light pollution
- Helps reduce stress-related diseases
- Promotes social equity and mobility



RYDE
Transit

Please call (308) 865-5677 to schedule your RYDE today!

You're Invited!

We are excited to invite you to the opening of our brand new Welcome Center! Join us as we celebrate this milestone and take a tour of our new space designed to better serve and connect our community.

Where: 1501 Plum Creek PKWY Suite 5
When: April 4th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Due to our partnership between Lexington Public Schools, Lexington Regional Health Center, and The City of Lexington, we are offering a special sneak peek for any employee of these organizations.
Please come on April 3rd between 3:00 and 5:30!

Come meet our team, and learn about the services and resources the Welcome Center offers. We can't wait to see you there!

Our Mission: Helping newcomers integrate seamlessly into our community and become active members of Lexington.

GLENN HAWKS COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING

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

SUMMER SATURDAYS
(May - October):
The Service Building is open
the third Saturday of the month
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- dispose of furniture, appliances, and other large items (small fee may apply)
- recycle paper, plastic, and cardboard
- pick up free wood chips or compost






Library News



907 N Washington
(308) 324-2151



Library Hours

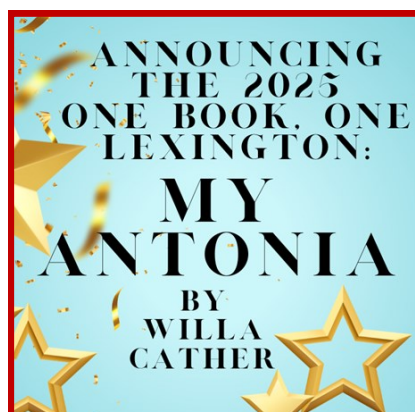
Mon-Thur: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

by Jennifer Norton
Library Director

"The reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest minds of past centuries." - Rene Descartes, French philosopher



Calling all puzzlers! Join in the fun on Saturday, April 5, for the Lexington Public Library's first **Jigsaw Puzzle Contest**. Pre-register your team of up to four people by April 1, to compete.



Learn more about the One Book, One Lexington title on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. **Ashley Olsen** from the **National Willa Cather Center** in Red Cloud, Neb., will be at the Lexington Public Library presenting 'My Antonia: The Story of an American Novel.' Also on display through April 29 is the travelling exhibit from the Center entitled "Here at Last is an American Novel: My Antonia."



April 24, at 6 p.m. Come enjoy

some games, company and refreshments. Game Night is open to anyone 18 years and over.

Conversation Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:30. Learn



a new language (Spanish or English) by being paired with a bilingual volunteer teacher. Learn vocabulary, converse, and get to know someone new. Call Kevin at the library if interested in joining. 308-324-2151.



April 6-12 is **National Library Week**. Stop by the Lexington Public Library Monday-Thursday for a special treat to celebrate YOUR library. Thursday, April 10, is a FREE film screening "Free for All: The Public Library."



April 17 will be the date of the last **Family Fun Night** of the school year. Come at 5:30 for pizza with fun activities & games to follow.



Like us on Facebook



Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

Saturday, April 5; 1-4 pm
Lexington Public Library


Teams of up to 4 compete to finish a 1000-piece puzzle. The first team to complete their puzzle or the team with the most completed at 4 pm WINS!

*Teams MUST pre-register @ the Lexington Public Library by **April 1, 2025**.
***\$40/team** -Make checks payable to Friends of the Library
*Space is limited so register TODAY!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



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Lexington, NE 68850
308.324.2151


Drawn to the Library

National Library Week

April 6-12, 2025

HAPPENING AT YOUR LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



- **April 7-** Right to Read Day
Get caught reading in our photo booth
- **April 8-** National Library Workers Day
Stop in for a sweet treat
- **April 9-** National Library Outreach Day
Pick a "Library" flower @ the front desk
- **April 10-** Take Action for Libraries Day
FREE movie screening 7 pm
"Free for All: The Story of Public Libraries".




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My Antonia: The Story of an American Novel



Lexington Public Library
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
7 pm
Presented by Ashely Olson
National Willa Cather Center


Free & Open to the Public.
This program is part of the
One Book. One Lexington initiative.



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FREE MOVIE SCREENING





LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025
7 PM

Free for All: Inside the Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.



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National Police Week May 11-17, 2025



President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 to be **National Peace Officers Memorial Day.**

Thursday, May 15, is "Turn Lex Blue Day," a day to wear blue in honor of all law enforcement officers.



Lexington Named a Tree City USA for 28th Consecutive Year



The Arbor Day Foundation has named Lexington a Tree City USA City community for the 28th year in a row. The designation recognizes

Lexington's commitment to nurturing a diverse urban forest in 2024. Lexington was also honored with a "Growth Award," for the Lexington Tree Board's 2024 tree planting projects, Arbor Day events, and continuing education.

Arbor Day 2025 is April 25. The Lexington Tree Board recommends the following trees to be good fits for Lexington's needs, climate, and soils: Mountain Ash, Coffeetree, Ginkgo (male only!), Hackberry, American Linden, Elm

(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.



2025 National Small Business Week

BUILDING ON AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS BOOM

May 4-10, 2025

SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

SHOP LOCAL – SHOP SMALL

sba.gov/nsbw

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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provided by
Nebr. Dept. of
Environment
& Energy



www.cityoflex.com





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/>**



KEEP LEXINGTON BEAUTIFUL

FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT!

DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS RECYCLING PROJECTS!



SHREDDING AVAILABLE TO ANYONE IN THE LEXINGTON AREA,
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL. NO CARDBOARD BOXES
ACCEPTED. DOCUMENT DROP OFF AVAILABLE 1 DAY IN ADVANCE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US @ MIRSA.KLBNE@GMAIL.COM

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

11:00AM – 1:00PM

617 N. GRANT LEXINGTON, NE 68850



CLIP & SAVE

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.

