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City Happenings

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An eNewsletter from the City of Lexington, Nebraska

Community improvements

The City is working on a long list of projects that will enhance our quality of life. Here are just a few:

Grand Generation Center update (407 E. 6th St.)

The City's senior center new addition got underway October 2. By November the ground-

work and foundation were laid, and by December the wall framing was nearly complete.

Since the contractor's bid (Paulsen Inc.) was less than funds raised, options are being added back in that were previously thought unaffordable, including curb-cut parking on the east, and resurfacing the

parking lot.

The expected completion date is April 1, 2007.



Grand Generation Center expansion progress as of December 1, 2006

Handicap ramps update

Winter weather has curtailed work reconstructing 39 intersections to "handicap" ramps. About a third of the corners have been converted. The project will be completed in the spring when warmer weather permits.

Library marks one year

Lexington's beautiful new library turned one year old in November, and its first year has been impressive!

As if inspired by the movie "Field of Dreams" catch phrase, "Build it and they will come," patrons have been utilizing the

new building at double the rate they did in 2005. In

September 1,938 patrons visited, up from 875 the previous year, up 221%! Compared with October 2005, this October the library



recorded a 24% increase in books checked out, a 65% increase in computer users, and a ten-fold increase in meetings!.

City Offices:

406 E 7th Street

Lexington, NE 68850

308-324-2341

Lexington earns 2 NCIP awards



Lexington walked away with two plaques at the 43rd Annual Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP) Awards Ceremony November 3

NCIP awards praise good work in promoting and encouraging economic and community development through community projects.

Presented by Gov. Dave Heineman at a ceremony in Kearney, the City won two categories, including "Public Works, Facilities, Services and Planning" for the Lexington Public Library that was completed and opened late 2005. The second award was for "Youth Involvement and Leadership Development" for the Lexington Skate Park project that was recently relocated to Arbor Park.

Lexington has won numerous NCIP awards in the past.



Accepting NCIP awards (L to R): Dennis Burnside, Assistant City Manager; Susan Bennett, Lexington Chamber of Commerce; Nebr. Gov. Dave Heineman; Jackie Berke, Lexington Community Foundation.

City Manager earns accreditation



In September City Manager Joe Peplitsch received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/

County Management Association.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field, and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Pepplitsch is one of only 930 local government manage-

ment professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

Peplitsch joined the City as Assistant City Manager in 1997. He became City Manager in 2000 when former City Manager Vance Bricker retired.

ICMA and the City are dedicated to continuing education and professionalism.

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Dates to Remember:

- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM - City Council Meetings, City Office
- Dec 7, 6 PM - 3rd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade - downtown main street (Washington Street)
- Dec 9 & 16, 10 AM - Chamber of Commerce Children's Store & Baker's Market - downtown
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day holiday - City offices closed
- Dec 27 - Youth Baseball Fundamental Clinic / Dec 28 - Softball Fundamental - Optimist Hitting Facility, various ages & times, call Ann at 324-2498 for info and reservations.
- Jan 1 - New Year's Day holiday - City offices

Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter is upon the City of Lexington once again. Before the first winter storm of the season, the City would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also an Emergency Snow Route map on Page 4.

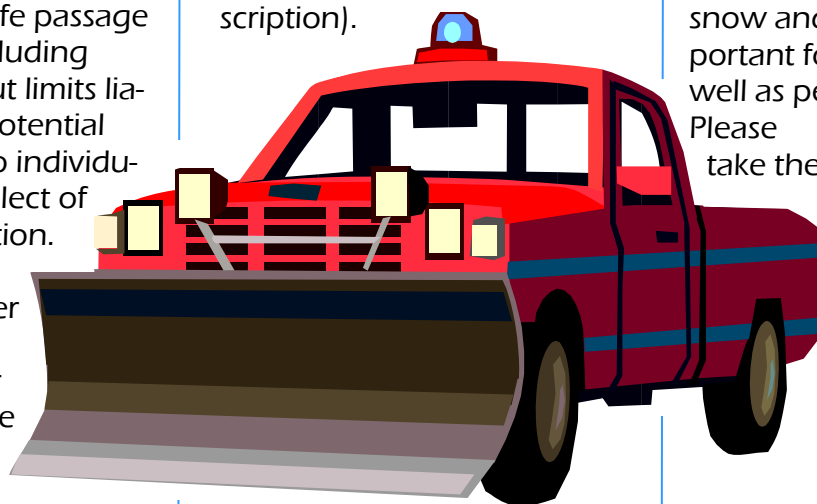
Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting your property is required within 48 hours after such has fallen. Remember that the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks not only ensures safe passage for pedestrians (including school children), but limits liability arising from potential injuries sustained to individuals due to your neglect of the sidewalk condition.

Please remember that snow and ice removed from your property is not to be placed into the street, rather place it in non-paved areas.

The City needs the cooperation of all citizens in its efforts of snow and ice removal from the streets. Citizens are encouraged to listen to local radio stations or read the local

newspaper for announcements of possible Snow Emergency situations where substantial snowfall is experienced or anticipated.

In times of a declared Snow Emergency, parking along the street in the designated Snow Emergency Route is prohibited. Citizens living along this Route are encouraged to obey the prohibition and move their vehicles from the street. (See map on Page 4 for Route description).



In addition, during a Snow Emergency, prohibition of parking in the Downtown Commercial Area may also be included. (See attached map for Area description).

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 for the clearance of snow and ice by City crews. Information regarding the removal of snow in your area of the City can be obtained by contacting Glenn Hawks, Community Services Director, at 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.

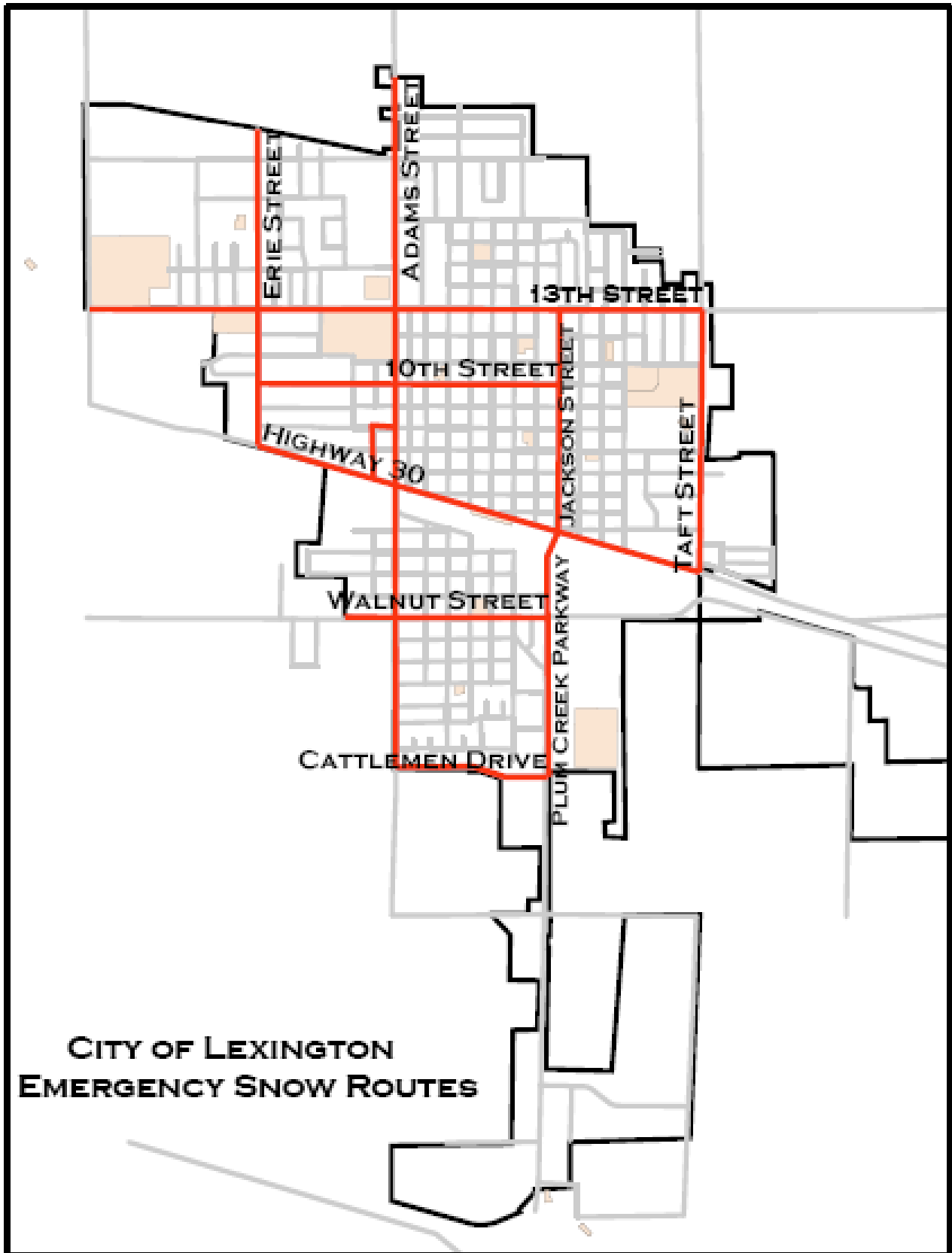
Please take the time to do your part to keep our streets and sidewalks safe.

The City of Lexington thanks everyone for their cooperation and prompt attention to this issue.



*Happy
Holidays!*





**CITY OF LEXINGTON
EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES**

