



## What's going on at . . . ?



### Skate Park

A new ramp was installed on the southeast corner of Lexington's skate park July 28. The new unit is the first real "ramp" in the skate park – the existing units are quarter pipes (that have more curved slopes), plus a pyramid, bench and rails. Funds for the new ramp were provided by the Lexington Foundation. The skate park is at the southeast corner of Arbor Park, near the intersection of Maple Street and Plum Creek Parkway. In September the City plans to increase the size of the skate park's concrete surface, with additional features planned for 2009.

### Plum Creek Parkway

After a summer of digging, bulldozing, and pipe installation (and about three years of planning, engineering and endless paperwork), Lexington should soon see some concrete laid on a new 2.4-mile hike-bike trail. Most of the construction is on the west side of Plum Creek Parkway (Hwy 283). Frequent rains this construction season have slowed the project. The trail will go from near Sonic Drive-In in the south, cutting west a bit at Cattlemen Drive, then north across a drainage ditch to South Washington, eventually over to Madison Street where it will connect with the Pedestrian Overpass that crosses the Union Pacific Railroad.



As of mid-August, subgrade preparation on Phase 1 of Lexington's Hike-Bike Trail . . . Looking north from Prospect Road on the west side of Plum Creek Parkway (Highway 283).



## Lexington Welcome Center moves

The organization that helps ease the transition for new immigrants and refugees has moved about a half block west.

The Welcome Center is now at the south side of the Lexington Business Center. The Welcome Center has its own address, 205 West 6th Street, although the LBC has a 7th Street Address. The Welcome Center was previously at 114 West 6th Street.

The Welcome Center shares some space and services with Lutheran Family Services, a major LBC tenant, with whom the Welcome Center has had a working relationship for about a year.

The Welcome Center is staffed by Ana Castaneda, a Bureau of Immigration Affairs (BIA) accredited immigration specialist, and is currently trying to recruit an AmeriCorps worker to assist.



The Welcome Center evolved from several local ministries several years ago, including El Centro Luterano, and has been known as El Centro de la Comunidad. The name was changed to The Welcome Center in 2006.

## Meet Officer Danny Saldivar



Danny Saldivar started his law enforcement career April 14, 2008, with the Lexington Police Department. After spending three months in basic training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, Saldivar is currently undergoing a 14-week field

training and testing with the Lexington Police Department.

"I always wanted to have a career where I can help people," said Saldivar. "And I think this is the best job where you can do that."

Saldivar was born in Los Angeles 22 years ago, and grew up in Lexington. He is engaged to Jessica Rodas of Lexington.

## Swimming Pool Closed



The Lexington Family Aquatic Center is closed for the 2008 season. See you for more cool fun in 2009!

## Come and get your landscaping material!



This time of year the City has accumulated mountains of wood chips and compost. Citizens may take as much as they need for their home or small business landscaping needs. The material can be found on the grounds of the Glenn Hawks Community Service Building, 801 West Vine St. The City grinds discarded branches to make the wood chips, and creates the compost from yard waste citizens bring to the yard waste dumping area on East Walnut. More info: 324-5995.



## 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 19.28.B 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 of Lexington, Nebraska 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 Sixteen (16) or Seventeen (17) years of age to be or remain in or upon a public place within the City of Lexington, Nebraska during the period and beginning at 12:00 p.m. 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 ([www.cityoflex.com](http://www.cityoflex.com)).



## Sign up for youth fall sports!

Registrations are now being accepted for Youth Soccer and Girls Youth Volleyball. [Click here](#) or go to [www.cityoflex.com](http://www.cityoflex.com) to view and print an explanatory registration form (bottom of page). Time and space are limited, so don't delay!

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## Habitat for Humanity



Central Nebraska Habitat for Humanity, Rural Affiliate, has approached the Lexington City Council about supporting an outreach to the City. Since housing is a priority issue here, the Council is interested in

programs that can improve the housing situation in Lexington.

Expect to see public meetings to learn more and gauge community support in the near future, even though actual building may be a year away.

Meanwhile, the City Council has asked Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside to accumulate names of people interested in volunteering. Experience with tools is needed as well as fund-raising skills. To leave your name and contact information, contact Burnside at 308-324-2341.



### Dates to Remember:

- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 PM - City Council Meetings, City Office, 406 E. 7th Street
- August 30 & 31 (all day) - Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce annual Antique and Craft Extravaganza, Dawson County Fairgrounds, 1000 Plum Creek Parkway. Sneak Preview Friday, Aug. 29, 7-9 p.m.
- Sept 1 (Labor Day) - Legal holidays - City offices closed.

## August Energy Wise Tip: "Operate your appliances when energy demand is low."



How and when you use electric energy can make a difference.

Nebraska's electric system must be flexible to supply reliable power to homes, businesses and industries under a wide variety of conditions.

This takes a complex system of power plants, substations, transmission and distribution lines to get energy to where it needs to go. As an energy consumer, there are many things you can do to reduce energy usage, particularly during hot days in the summer months when demand for electricity is typically at its highest.

These energy-wise tips include:

- When temperatures top 90° F, find ways to reduce your energy usage from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. when energy usage is typically at its highest.
- Raise your thermostat to a higher setting and turn on fans
- Close drapes on windows that face the sun.
- Grill supper outdoors. Use your microwave instead of the stove top or oven.
- Delay dishwashing and laundry until after 8 p.m.
- Unplug appliances and shut off lights that are not in use.
- Do any baking early in the morning before it gets hot outside.
- Shower early in the morning or later in the evening.

Lexington Utility System wants you to get the most value for your money, each and every time you turn on a switch. It costs far less to save a kilowatt-hour than it does to build a new power plant to generate one.



**Scrap Tire Collection**  
**September 26, 2008**  
**8:00 - 5:00**  
**Dawson County Fairgrounds**  
**1000 Plum Creek Parkway**  
**(Hayfields north**  
**of fairgrounds)**

- ⓪ Tire disposal only
- ⓪ No rims allowed
- ⓪ No dumping before or after September 26, 2008
- ⓪ The City reserves the right to reject deliveries
- ⓪ May close early if tonnage limit is exceeded
- ⓪ Please arrive with a count of your tires



A brief sign-in form must be completed before tires can be left at the site (available at the site).

If you have questions or need more details, contact the City office, 324-2341, or City Service Building at 324-5995.

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