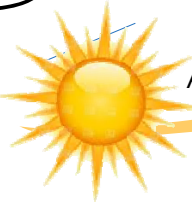


City Happenings



August 2016

An eNewsletter from the City of Lexington, Nebraska



Upcoming Road Projects

In addition to the already-underway North Adams Street reconstruction, which is a State of Nebraska project, the City will be improving some roads this summer. All projects will be built in phases to accommodate limited traffic. Be prepared for these upcoming projects:

On **6th, 7th & 8th Streets** between **Lincoln and Harrison Streets** (see map upper right). There are several infrastructure improvements including water, sewer, street and sidewalk sections, curbs, and handicap ramps. The improvements will greatly improve drainage and safety in the area. Motorists may appreciate this project enables the removal of the deep gutters previously required to allow stormwater to flow through some intersections. The project is funded by a Comprehensive Investment Stabilization grant, part of a Community Development Block Grant program administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.



Three other projects are expected to start in September. These are simple asphalt overlays with no underground utilities or subgrade preparation, so the project should be relatively short.

Adams St., Walnut to Cattlemen Drive (see map left)

Airport Road from Highway 30 north to the Airport entry. (see map lower right)

East Walnut Street from the east side of the Sale Barn to the railroad crossing (see map below). Access to the Yard Waste Site can be made from the east: take Hwy. 30 east to Road 435 and go south to Walnut. 🍇



The City Says Good-bye to Glenn Hawks

In Memory of **Glenn E. Hawks**

(Dec. 11, 1934 to Aug. 8, 2016)

Community Services Director

Glenn worked for the City for 66 years. A generous and tireless supporter of Lexington, Glenn was beloved by all who knew him. His contributions to Lexington is unparalleled in recent memory. He is greatly missed!

Glenn started working for the City of Lexington on May 25, 1950, at the age of 15. His first job was mowing grass at the cemetery and parks. From there, he worked at the water department, and moved on to the electric department. Over the course of his career, he has served as foreman of most city utility and maintenance departments. More than six and half decades is enough time to wear a lot of different hats, and throughout his service with the city, Hawks has had a hand in so many departments, improvements, and people he's helped, it's impossible to enumerate. He's worked in the water department, climbed poles and done electrical work, and overseen street improvements. The Glenn Hawks Community Service Building, his work headquarters at 801 West Vine, was named in his honor.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 12. Glenn was laid to rest next to his childhood sweetheart and late wife JoAnne at Lexington's Greenwood Cemetery.



801 West Vine Street
308-324-5995
Mon. - Fri.
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items
- pick up free wood chips or compost
- dispose of tree limbs.





Library News

by Kathy Thomsen
Library Director



at
907
North
Washington
Street



In August adults will be able to enjoy a movie at the Library every Wednesday afternoon. The

movies begin at 2:00 p.m. In September the **Movies for Adults** will begin their fall schedule and one movie a month will be shown on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The movies will be BYOP (bring your own popcorn.) Drinks will be provided.

The **Family Movie Night at the Library** will begin again on Monday, August 15 with a



Back to School movie night. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be served prior to the movie beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call the Library for information and for movie titles.



The first **Storytime** of the fall season will be held on Wednesday, September 7, at

10:30 a.m. Preschoolers Birth to age 5 are invited to join us for Storytime every Wednesday. Stories will be read, songs will be sung and activities will be learned.



All adults need to be sure to turn in their reading logs prior to September 5,

which is the last day of the **Adult Summer Reading Program**. Prizes will be awarded that week.

If you enjoy reading or stitching, the Library has a group for you! The Library has two programs that meet on a continuing basis.



They are the **Monday Afternoon Book Club** and the **Novel Stitches**. The Monday Afternoon Book Club meets the first Monday afternoon of the month at 3:00 p.m. Members have lively discussions about a variety of books. The Novel Stitches gather at 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon. So bring a current stitching project, enjoy the snacks and peruse the newest books. You are invited to join us anytime.



The Lexington Library is a **Poke Stop**. Watch for **Pokemon Go Reading** in September!

THE LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

SPEAKERS & STORIES SERIES

AUGUST TOPIC:

“INNOVATION IN EDUCATION”



As we begin the school year, we take a look at what innovation looks like in education. Join the conversation with educators to learn how they are promoting new and creative ways to prepare our students for the 21st Century.

“Conversations that inspire!”

**Thursday, August 25
7:00 p.m.**

(last Thursday of each month)

Library Classroom
907 N. Washington St.,
Lexington, NE





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

LEXINGTON

FARMERS MARKET

South Downtown Parking Lot
(near Washington & Hwy 30)
Saturdays 8-11 a.m.
Tuesdays 4-7 p.m.
June 25 - October 8

Remember, it's not just toxic to you



Find out more at www.cityoflex.com

Remember, it's not just toxic to you

Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil

Did you know that many household products are dangerous to our kids, pets, and the environment? These materials pollute our waterways if washed or dumped into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead directly to our lakes and rivers. Household cleaners, pesticides, gasoline, antifreeze, used motor oil, and other hazardous products need to be labeled, stored, and disposed of properly.

What can you do? Simple:

- Be aware of household products that can harm children, pets and the environment. Pay attention to words such as "warning" or "caution" on product labels.
- Reduce waste & save money by purchasing only materials you need.
- Keep unused products in their original containers with labels.
- Never dump hazardous products down storm drains, roadside ditches, sinks, or on the ground - take them to your local community's hazardous waste collection day.

Help keep our homes and the environment safe!



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EnergyWise Tip: **Exterior Area Lighting**

When the sun sets and you need to go outside, the last thing you typically consider is how efficient your yard or area lights are. If you are concerned about what you pay for electricity; however, maybe you should. In fact, if you still are using one of those 175-watt mercury vapor yard lights from dusk until dawn, it is costing you around \$ 100 a year.

luminaires usually have significantly longer life (50,000 hours or more, compared to 15,000 to 35,000 hours) and maintain their lighting level output better over the course of their life. Another LED advantage is that they contain no mercury, lead, or other known disposal hazards. And unlike mercury vapor, metal halide, and high-pressure sodium lights, LEDs come on instantly without a warm up time or relighting delay.

Color

The most efficient white LEDs at this time emit a cool white light, which makes them appear white to bluish-white. This also corresponds to the type of light human eye sees more visually acute with. Also, LEDs are better than high pressure sodium and standard metal halide lights in making the color of things appear as they would in natural daylight.



Although many incandescent, fluorescent, and mercury vapor outdoor lighting systems have been replaced with metal halide or high-pressure sodium systems, new light-emitting diode (LED) technology is providing even greater savings. A comparable 65-watt LED fixture provides superior quality to that old mercury vapor light and uses less than a third of the energy.

LED lighting provides several potential advantages over metal halide and high-pressure sodium sources. Well-designed LED outdoor luminaires provide the required surface illuminance using less energy and with improved uniformity. LED

When shopping for a new LED light, note that product quality can vary significantly among manufacturers, so due diligence is required in their selection and use. Here are a few things to consider:

Durability

Outdoor lights often become perches for birds and the debris that comes with them. The luminaire should not collect and retain dirt or water on its top side, and the optical chamber should remain clean. Ask about the long-term reliability of gaskets and seals relative to the expected useful life of the LED. Many manufacturers will warrant their fixtures if it fails in less than five years.

Life and lumen maintenance

Most manufacturers define useful life based on the estimated time LED light output will depreciate to 80 percent of its initial rating and often target 50,000 hours of useful life. However, some outdoor luminaires are designed for much longer useful lives of 100,000 to 150,000 hours.

Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the most of the energy they provide you. For assistance on making your home EnergyWiseSM, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit www.nppd.com.



**30th
Annual
Labor Day
Weekend
Fall Fest**
(formerly
Extravaganza)



Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and
Sept. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dawson County Fairgrounds.
\$3 admission. Kids under 10 are free.

Crafts, antiques, collectibles, junk, flea
market. Also a Gun Show, \$2
admission. Antique Classic Car show
will be Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
"Sun Downers" from Cozad will be
performing from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Come check it out and see what
bargains you can find. Over 100
vendors.

[Click here for more information from
the Chamber of Commerce.](#)

WE ASK OUR CUSTOMERS

DO NOT DEPOSIT IN TRASH DUMPSTERS:

yard waste • tree branches • wood
cement • iron • batteries and tires . . .
. . . as the landfill will not accept these items.

**YOUR DUMPSTER IS FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH
ONLY**

If you have a curbside trash container, DO NOT place trash
in large alley dumpsters. These are for alley customers only.

If your curbside trash container fills before the weekly pickup,
please call for additional containers.

DO NOT under any circumstances put hot BBQ coals or fireplace ashes
in your dumpster. If you are caught doing this you will have to pay
to replace the dumpster if fire occurs.

If you see someone using alley containers for construction materials, yard waste,
or other unaccepted items please call us right away and we will take care of it.



Dan's Sanitation
324-6693 • Lexington



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residents of Lexington.**



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and open to everyone.**



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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 the local radio or TV station for information on 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 area are urged to notify the Dawson County Emergency Center at 911.

ALL-CLEAR

An 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 the Local Radio or TV Stations 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 safer 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.

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