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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

# City Happenings



June 2020



## City Hall and GGC Getting Power From the Sun

If you've recently been in the City Hall / Grand Generation Center area (about 6th & Jefferson), you may have noticed a large metal structure going up just south of City Hall.

This 143-foot-long structure supports raised solar panels that will be providing much of the electricity for both City Hall (including the Lexington Police Department), and the Grand Generation Center. The solar array will also serve as a carport.



(top) - before (bottom) - after  
(left) solar panels waiting to be installed

City Offices:



406 E 7th Street



Lexington, NE 68850



308-324-2341

# LEXINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER



**OPENS JUNE 1, 2020**

**NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS THIS WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY (MAY 27-29)  
BETWEEN 1 - 4 PM FOR SWIM SESSIONS AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - 14**

**LFAC# 308-324-6288**

**Questions, Concerns, or Reservations:  
Ann Luther, [aluther@cityoflex.com](mailto:aluther@cityoflex.com),  
308-325-5277**

## 2-HOUR SWIM SESSIONS:

**MONDAY'S -  
THURSDAY'S:  
12:00-2:00 PM,  
2:30-4:30 PM,  
5:00-7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY'S:  
12:00-2:00 PM,  
2:30-4:30 PM**

**SATURDAY'S &  
SUNDAY'S:  
1:00-3:00 PM,  
3:30-5:30 PM**

**WALK-INS  
ALLOWED,  
RESERVATIONS  
ENCOURAGED**

**LAP SWIM AVAILABLE**

**SEASON & DAY  
PASSES AVAILABLE**

## LFAC COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

**\*MASK MUST BE WORN IN BATHHOUSE  
AND OUTSIDE OF SWIMMING POOL**

**\*EACH PATRON MUST SIGN COVID-19:  
PUBLIC FACILITY USER AGREEMENT**

**\*6 FT DISTANCE BETWEEN  
YOU AND OTHER PEOPLE NOT  
A PART OF HOUSEHOLD**

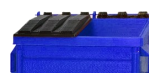
**\*PATRON RULE: 5 SWIM ZONES  
ZONES 1-3 (MAX. 15 PATRONS)  
ZONES 4-5 (MAX. 25 PATRONS)**



**SUMMER SATURDAYS:**  
The Service Building is open  
the third Saturday of the month  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND  
OTHER HEALTH MEASURES  
ARE NOW BEING OBSERVED.

**801 West Vine Street - 308-324-5995 - Mon. - Fri. - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



**Before**



YOUR **2017** CITY  
**Concord Clubhouse (20th & Erie)**

**After**



## **YARD WASTE ONLY!**

**At the yard waste site on East Walnut**



**Violators subject to fines.  
Other large items may be disposed of at  
the City Service Building, 801 W Vine.**



**Like us on  
Facebook!**

Get the latest scoops about what's going on in Lexington!

FaceBook users: be sure to search for "City of Lexington, Nebraska" (not to be confused with the generic page the Facebook folks created). Only our official page gives you the latest news and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Lexington-Nebraska/157277430966096>





## Library News

by Kathy Thomsen  
Library Director



907  
North  
Washington  
Street  
(308) 324-2151



The theme for **Summer Reading 2020** is **Imagine Your Story**. Because of the Covid-19 virus the children's summer reading program for those who are age preschool through grade 5 will have a different look this year. The library will not have any live programming this summer. However, **Miss Libby** will be reading stories online Tuesday and Thursday mornings in June at 10:30 a.m. The stories can be accessed virtually on the library's [Facebook page](#).



Children can also watch a professional theater company

present a *Page to Stage* production that incorporates theater, music, and dance. **Crane River Theater's** production is a special adaptation of their summer program. This year's theme is "**School House Rock!**" Crane River's live performances at the library in the past have been amazing! They are high energy, interactive, an outlet for artistic

expression. These programs are one of the most popular programs for both children and adults. You can

access the "School House Rock" program starting on June 10 on either the library's [Facebook page](#) or on the [library's website](#). Call the library for the access code.

Each week the library will be highlighting different types of children's fictional stories that have to do with fantasy. Through these stories, children will be visiting different cultures and peoples and having a lot of fun with each story. Children who are registered can pick up a Grab and Go Craft Bag. Each Grab and Go Craft Bag contains crafts and activities related to that particular week's stories. The bags can be picked up by calling the library for curbside delivery.



The library is offering two options for summer reading registration. Parents can call the library and **Miss Libby** will register the child for the program, or we are offering an online record keeping option called **Reader Zone**. It's a free app that can be downloaded from Google

Play, the App Store or Amazon. Parents can then follow the steps to register their children. The library's code is **16aa5**. Children who have registered for summer reading will receive a summer reading bag with a letter and information sheets, including information about how to set up Reader Zone, a reading log and stickers, the Fairytale Times newspaper and a ball chain necklace with the child's first Brag Tag. Other Brag Tags will be offered throughout summer reading. Everyone, who completes their summer reading goals, will receive a prize bag at the end of summer reading. Summer reading ends on July 2.

The library plans to **reopen** July 1. The new hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. The book drop is now open so materials can be returned at any time. Returned items are quarantined for at least 72 hours. If you would like to check out library materials, we encourage you to use our curbside service. Call the library to arrange it. The library is also offering printing services from your email account through curbside pick-up. Call the library to request printing services. Wi-Fi is available around the outside of the building.



## 866-279-3203



One more way to maintain Social Distancing: you can now pay Lexington Utilities Services bills by phone 24/7. Simply call 866-279-3203. You'll need your account number, street address and credit/debit card number to make a payment.



407 East 6th Street



## GRAB-N-GO & HOME DELIVERED MEALS

**AVAILABLE** FOR ALL AGES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Call Lexington Grand Generation Center to order (308-324-2498) by 10 a.m. each morning.

**Hot Lunches Available Mon-Fri 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

+\$6.50 for anyone under the age of 60

+\$4.00 suggested DONATION for 60 years and older



**WE DELIVER!**  
OR  
YOU PICK UP WITH OUR  
**GRAB-N-GO OPTION**

**PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING THOSE IN NEED:**

In this time of need, please consider for yourselves, family members, neighbors, or friends that would benefit from this service as we all strive to do our part in social distancing in fighting COVID-19 together. We are using every safety precaution possible to serve the community. You are able to purchase meal punch tickets for a loved one or yourself and set it up for home delivery as frequently as you prefer. You can call at any time to get meals delivered that same day.

**GRAB-N-GO MEAL PICKUP LOCATION:**  
LEXINGTON GRAND GENERATION CENTER  
407 E. 6TH ST.  
LEXINGTON, NE





## EnergyWise Tip: **Ultraviolet Disinfection**

*by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer*

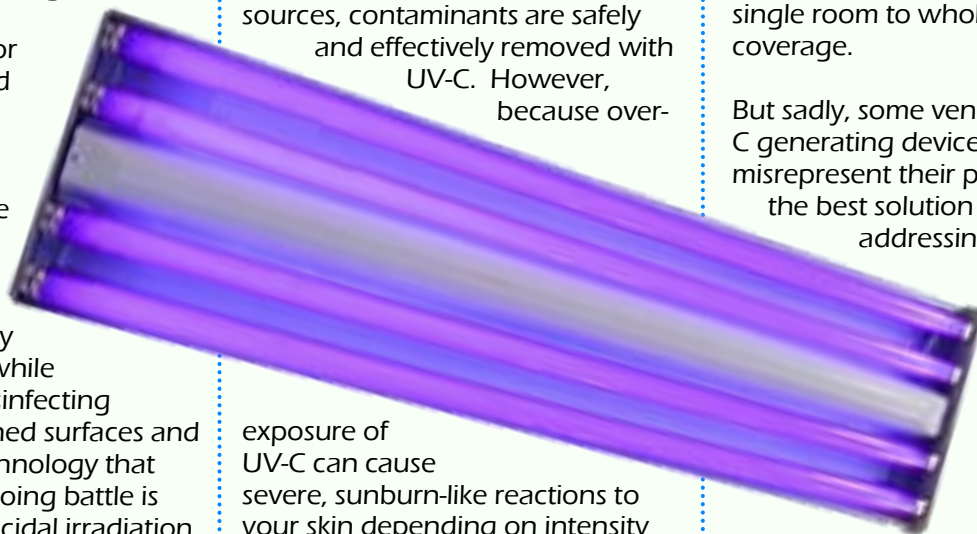
As we continue to adapt to life with COVID-19, I am reminded of a quote from Winston Churchill's address to the House of Commons six months before Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Indeed, a cure for COVID-19 would provide a beginning to an end. Until that time, we practice social distancing, wear facial coverings and try to stay healthy while cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and hands. One technology that helps in the ongoing battle is ultraviolet germicidal irradiation.

Without getting too scientific, ultraviolet is electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths shorter than visible light. Often, three subsets are referred to: UV-A, which is responsible for skin tanning, UV-B, which is primarily responsible for some types of skin cancer and cataracts and UV-C, which is highly effective for decontamination. UV-C destroys the molecular bonds that hold together the RNA and DNA of viruses and other

biological material. However, limited exposure to humans and the spaces they occupy can be managed without adverse effects.

For more than 40 years, UV-C has been safely and effectively used in medical facilities, wastewater treatment plants and even residential heating and cooling systems. Along with other disinfection protocols that include air filtration and dilution from fresh sources, contaminants are safely and effectively removed with UV-C. However, because over-



exposure of UV-C can cause severe, sunburn-like reactions to your skin depending on intensity (and much faster than a regular sunburn, the International Commission on Illumination provides recommended amounts, wavelengths and exposures of UV-C needed to safely disinfect a multitude of different viruses and other organic contaminants. (Please beware that UV-C can also quickly damage the retinas of your eyes if direct exposure occurs.)

Inexpensive consumer products that produce UV-C have been available for many years. Some

have excellent and effective applications, especially in combination with other indoor air and water quality solutions. UV Lights for central HVAC systems are installed through the wall of existing ductwork and use 12 to 70 watts of electricity to provide disinfection for your entire home. Plug-in air purifiers that utilize UV-C technology use 80 to 215 watts of energy to offer single room to whole home coverage.

But sadly, some vendors of UV-C generating devices misrepresent their products as the best solution to addressing

decontamination concerns. With the recent surge of ultraviolet disinfection lights and products on the market, our current crisis is no exception.

Before spending money on any UV-C technology, consider these points:

- There are few accepted standards for equipment

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## Ultraviolet Disinfection

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designed to disinfect with UV-C. As a result, there are many ads and promotions that claim amazing performance with little or no scientific backup.

- Vendors should be able to cite independent scientific studies documenting the effectiveness of their device. The scientific report should illustrate the actual reduction of test microorganisms using their product over a given time and exposure distance.
- Legitimate manufacturers should be registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a pesticide and/or device-producing establishment. You can check their website at: <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/national-list-active-epa-registered-foreign-and-domestic-pesticide-and-or-device-producing>.
- Determine if the device has built-in UV safety sensors for automatic shutoff. If not, is safe operation totally reliant on the operator?
- Check to see if the device meets NIOSH, UL, IEEE or other related safety standards.
- Remember that UV disinfection is based on “line-of-sight” between the UV lamp and the target surface. If the UV-C beams are blocked by other objects or shadowed by texture on an uneven surface, satisfactory disinfection may not occur. Consider what and where you will disinfect with the device.
- Some devices also produce ozone as part of their operation. Be sure you understand the human safety concerns associated with this gas before operating.

Lexington Utilities System, in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, wants you safe, now, and in the future. That includes helping assess technologies that purify our air and water. For ways to help with the cost of efficiency improvements, visit with Lexington Utilities System or [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com).



### Remember, you're not just washing your car



Practice good car care \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know . . . 4 quarts of oil can form an 8 acre oil slick if dumped or spilled down a storm drain?

That's because storm drains found in our streets and yards lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, oil and dirty water from washing our car that goes into storm drains pollutes our water.

What can you do? Simple.

- Take your car to the carwash where the dirty water is treated before it gets to our water.
- Wash your car on your lawn or direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain.
- Keep your car properly tuned.
- Recycle used fluids and never dump them down the storm drain.

Help keep the oil where it belongs . . . in your car.



Support provided by  
Nebr. Dept. of  
Environment  
& Energy





## DRIVING RANGE NOW OPEN

Self-Service  
Observe Social  
Distancing



May be closed if cold or rainy . . .  
Notices posted on the City's Facebook Page  
Just southeast of the Lexington Fieldhouse  
Optimist Recreation Complex  
13th & Airport Road

Small Bucket  
about 40 balls  
**\$3**

Medium Bucket  
about 75 balls  
**\$5**

Large Bucket  
about 105 balls  
**\$7**

The City's website has tools  
to help you save  
energy and money.



**Interactive Energy Home**



Look for  
this button at

[www.cityoflex.com/  
departments/utilities](http://www.cityoflex.com/departments/utilities)

## LEXINGTON FARMERS MARKET

FACE MASK June 20 – October 3, 2020 FACE MASK  
REQUIRED 1601 Plum Creek Parkway REQUIRED  
(Bob's True Value Parking Lot)

Saturday 8:00 am-11:00  
am

Tuesday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm



IT HAPPENS MORE THAN YOU THINK.  
ABOUT EVERY 3 HOURS,  
A PERSON OR VEHICLE  
IS HIT BY A TRAIN.





# CITY OF LEXINGTON YOUTH GOLF PROGRAM



**LEXINGTON FIELDHOUSE DRIVING RANGE, 1502 AIRPORT RD**

**Instructional Camp At Driving Range: June 22, 29, July 6  
July 8 At Overton Golf Club**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Preferred Time (circle one): 9am 10am 11am Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$25 Registration Includes Rd. of Golf at  
Overton Golf Club At Conclusion of Youth Camp**

**Registration Closes June 17  
Class Sizes Limited to 10**

**\*\*\*\*We will contact participants with  
assigned time on June 18**

Checks Payable To: City of Lexington  
Mailed To: Lexington City Office,  
Attn: Jake Saulsbury  
PO Box 70, Lexington, NE 68850

**\$25 REGISTRATION**

**45-MINUTE SESSIONS: 9AM-NOON**

**9AM/10AM/11AM**

**Participants divided into 3 different  
sessions. Register for a preferred  
time and we will try to accomodate.  
10 Participant Limit.**



**BOYS' & GIRLS'**

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES WILL APPLY**

**5TH-8TH GRADE**

**9-holes of golf will be included in  
the registration at Overton Golf  
Club on Wednesday, July 8.**

BRINGING YOUR OWN CLUBS IS ENCOURAGED. CITY OF LEX WILL PROVIDE GOLF  
BALLS AND CLUBS (IF PARTICIPANT DOES NOT HAVE OWN CLUBS)

Contact: Jake Saulsbury, 308-746-3543, jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com



**Swim: 2.4 miles**  
**Bike: 112 miles**  
**Run/Walk: 26.2 miles**

CITY OF  
*Lexington*  
NEBRASKA  
**TRIATHLON**

Start Date: June 21 (Registration Deadline)  
End Date: July 11

**Event Details:**

All swimming to be completed at the Lexington Family Aquatic Center  
Biking/Running/Walking completed on our own indoors or outdoors  
Track your progress at the LFAC

**\$40.00 Registration Fee**  
\*Includes LFAC Lap Swim  
Admission Fee and 1/4 zip  
Dri-Fit Pullover

Checks Payable To:  
City of Lexington



Mail Checks To:  
PO BOX 70,  
Lexington, NE

OR

Drop off at:  
Lexington Family Aquatic Center  
1002 N. Monroe



Contact: Ann Luther,  
308-325-5277,  
aluther@cityoflex.com

**OR**

Jake Saulsbury,  
308-746-3543,  
jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (17 yrs & younger): \_\_\_\_\_



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

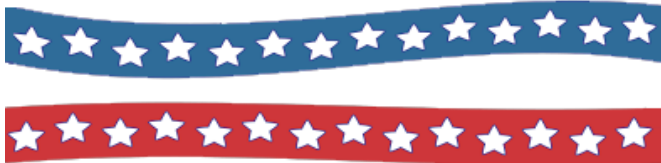
The following are general safety guidelines for seeking shelter:

- 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.





## Waiver

I know that running/walking road race is a hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of an official, relative to my ability to safely complete the race/walk. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, traffic, the effect of the weather, including high heat or humidity, and the conditions of the road. All such risks being know and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing those facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release all sponsors, their relatives, their representatives, race volunteers and race directors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature of Adults Participating:

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Parent/Guardian must sign for children under 18

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Date



## Support Us! Make a Donation!

Above all, the Plum Creek Race is about helping the City of Lexington Parks & Trails. Whether you are participating in the race, or if you just want to contribute, every dollar counts. We appreciate gifts of any amount.

**For more information, contact  
Ann Luther at (308) 325-5277 or  
Jake Saulsbury at (308) 746-3543.**



## MAKE SPARKS! RUN FOR THE PARKS

### PLUM CREEK 5K

**Friday, July 3 - Sunday, July 5**

**5K Run/Walk ★ With Obstacles**

The 5K run/obstacle course will start at the Lexington Hitting Complex, 1601 W. 13th. You have from Friday July 3 at 5:00pm-Sunday July 5 at 8:00pm to finish the race.

**A map of the race course will be provided before the event.**



