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# City Happenings



August 2020



## Wayfinding Signs Going Up Around Lexington

New directional "wayfinding" signs are starting to appear in Lexington.

The signs are being placed in high traffic routes to help motorists quickly find general public destinations. The signs are expected to be particularly helpful to visitors and newcomers.

With a unique curvy shape, colors and Lexington brand logos, the wayfinding signs quickly distinguish themselves from other signage, so motorists can instantly recognize the pattern and lock into the destination directions.

Each sign displays two or three (maximum) destinations, as recommended by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

City staff designed the signs with approval from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Lexington Sign Pro manufactured the signs.

Last but not least, most of the cost for the signs was funded by a grant from the Lexington Convention and Tourism Committee.



The first Wayfinding sign went up on eastbound Pacific Street (Highway 30), just west of Monroe Street.

City Offices:



406 E 7th Street



Lexington, NE 68850



308-324-2341



## Library News

by Kathy Thomsen  
Library Director



907  
North  
Washington  
Street  
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The Lexington Public Library is currently open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday; and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Check with the library for future updates on hours open.



Curbside delivery is available. Materials can either be reserved by

accessing your account on the library's website ([lexingtonlibrary.org](http://lexingtonlibrary.org)), or by calling the library to request items for curbside pick-up.

The book drop in the alley is open. Materials can be returned in the book drop at any time. Since all library materials will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before being checked in, there will be a lag between the time you return your items and the time they are removed from your account. No overdue fines are

being charged at this time. Book Club, Story Time and all other library programs are suspended at this time. Study Room and room rentals to outside groups have been suspended until further notice.



Computers are available on a limited basis for business purposes.

The library offers Wi-Fi access throughout the building and has extended service to include outside the building.



### Guidelines for library use:

- Face masks strongly recommended
- Social distancing required
- Hand sanitizer available
- Plexiglass protection provided
- Computer stations are six feet apart

Have questions? Call or stop by the library and library staff will be happy to help you.



### 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>



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

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

- dispose of furniture, appliances, pallets, and other large items
- recycle paper, plastic, cardboard and pallets
- pick up free wood chips or compost



SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER HEALTH MEASURES ARE NOW BEING OBSERVED.

## 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 <b>\$3</b>	Medium Bucket about 75 balls <b>\$5</b>	Large Bucket about 105 balls <b>\$7</b>
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### LEXINGTON FARMERS MARKET

June 20 – October 3, 2020

**FACE MASK REQUIRED**      **FACE MASK REQUIRED**

**1601 Plum Creek Parkway**  
(Bob's True Value Parking Lot)

**Saturday 8:00 am-11:00 am**  
**Tuesday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm**




*Save the date*

**The 10th Annual Give BIG Lexington will be  
November 12, 2020**

LEXINGTON  
community foundation





**WE ASK OUR CUSTOMERS**



**Dan's Sanitation**  
324-6693 • Lexington

**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.





**EnergyWise Tip: Attic Ventilation**

*by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer*

We insulate our attic to keep heat out of our home in summer and keep heat in during winter. So, why would we purposely allow outside air to enter the attic through vents? To some, this sounds counterintuitive.

However, this is exactly what must be done to ensure a durable and energy-efficient home!

In summer, the sun beats down on the roof and heats up our attic spaces. Natural air flow moves the super-heated air out, while insulation resists heat transfer into the rest of the home below. The inherent property of warm air to rise creates convection currents that move the heat buildup through vents at the top. This process reduces the work air-conditioners must do to keep our homes comfortable.

A well-designed attic ventilation system has a combination of intake vents at the lowest point in the attic, typically in the soffit or near the roof's edge, and exhaust vents at or near the ridge or peak of the attic. With proper

design, attic or whole house fans are not necessary. In fact, these fans can create a negative pressure in the attic that draws conditioned air through the ceiling below.

Natural circulation created by this thermal effect can have even greater value during the winter.



Obviously, heat does not travel from attics into the living quarters during the heating season. Rather, heated indoor air travels into the attic from the home below – along with moisture. The warmer air is, the greater its capacity to hold moisture.

Problems start when this warm, moist air hits cooler rafters,

trusses and roof sheathing. As this air cools, moisture condenses out of it and creates water droplets or frost. Eventually, this condensation drips on the insulation below. If the insulation gets too soaked, its volume compresses and its effectiveness is reduced. This leads to greater heat loss and colder rooms. Colder rooms lead to a greater need for heat, and greater use of the furnace leads to higher energy bills.

Condensation is not only problem for insulation, but other building materials as well. Absorbed into lumber, this moisture can cause wood rot and deteriorate roofing materials. As the moisture soaks into attic floors and eventually into ceiling materials, water stains and paint damage will begin to appear in the rooms below.

Perhaps the largest concern improperly ventilated attics can cause in the winter is ice damming. This occurs when attics become too warm and snow melts off the roof, only to re-freeze in the gutters. As they build up, ice dams can cause significant structural

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## Attic Ventilation

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damage. Proper insulation and ventilation keep attics cold in winter by reducing the entry of heat and moist air from below. These practices also expel moisture that does make it through the ceiling below.

Note that the most common mistake homeowners make when installing insulation is to block the flow of air at the eaves. Never cover soffit vents with insulation! Rather, check all attic vents periodically, and remove any obstructions to ensure proper airflow. It will keep you cooler this summer and warmer next winter!

Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the most of the energy they provide you. That includes keeping your home cool this summer. For more ideas on how you can make your home EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup>, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com).



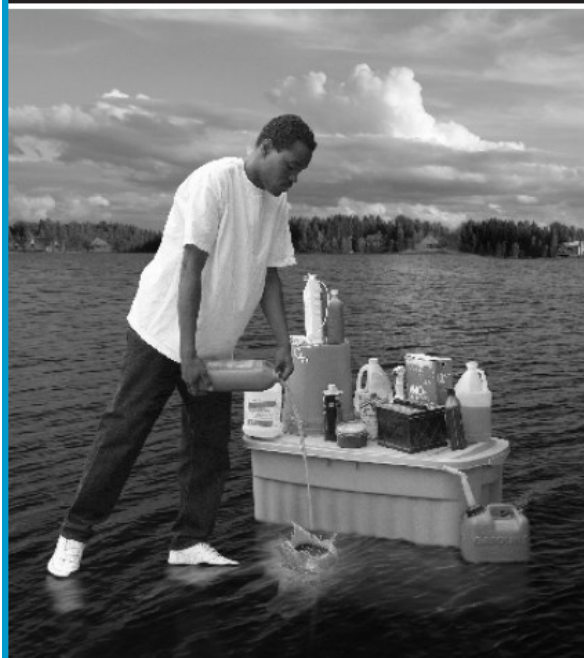
## YARD WASTE ONLY!

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.**

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.

So 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 and save money by purchasing only the 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!



Support provided by  
Nebr. Dept. of  
Environment  
& Energy



## Housing Lots Available in Northwest Lexington




**Contact  
Lexington  
City Manager  
308-324-2341**

- **Dozens of sites to choose from**
- **Protective covenants in place**
- **Utilities on site (Electric, Sewer, Water)**
- **Sewer depths accommodate basements**
- **Close to Optimist Recreation Complex & Sandoz Elementary School**
- **Lots sizes: approx. 12,000 - 25,000 square feet**
- **\$0-\$5,000 each**
- **Are not located in floodplain;**

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



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.

