

# City Happenings

February 2021



## Kids' Tennis Instruction Program a Rousing Success



During the month of January, your Parks and Recreation Department held an introductory and intermediate tennis program for youth tennis players from Pre-K to 5th Grade. Held at the Lexington Fieldhouse, the program attracted 88 participants!

The program utilized low compression tennis balls and focused on skills and drills for the various ages and ability levels. The instruction centered around send-and-receive skills, hand-

eye coordination, proper stroke development, and match-play for the more advanced players.

The number of youth tennis player in the city of Lexington has been growing rapidly over the past couple of years. Last year more than 220 youth tennis players participated or competed in either a City youth tennis program, or played for the middle school or high school tennis team.





## SUMMER JOBS - Temporary Seasonal Workers, Part-time

**APPLY NOW!**

### Positions available include:

- Concession Workers (age 14+)
- Lifeguards (age 15+)
- City Park and Cemetery Maintenance (age 16+)



The City of Lexington is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download an application from the city website, [www.cityoflex.com/human-resources/](http://www.cityoflex.com/human-resources/).



407 E 6th Street

## LEXINGTON GGC CREATE-A-CUPCAKE February 12, 2021 1:00 PM

- Create and decorate your own cupcakes!
- Eat them here or take them home (or some of both!)
- Pre-order your kit by Feb. 4
- 50¢ per cupcake
- Please bring a pan if you want to make more than a dozen

**308-324-2490**





## Library News

by Kathy Thomsen  
Library Director



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North  
Washington  
Street  
(308) 324-2151

## We Are Open on Saturdays!

The Lexington Library will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays beginning February 6. The Saturday hours are in addition to the library's weekly hours. Current weekly hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday.

The library has several fun and interesting Facebook Live programs planned for February.

Join us on Tuesday, February 2, at 2:30 p.m. for a **Ground Hog Day** story.



Preschool Storytime will be offered on two Wednesdays in February at 10:30 a.m. A **Valentine's Day Storytime** on February 10 and a **President's Day Storytime** on February 24. Both story times offer an accompanying activity.

A reading activity celebrating the **Year of the Ox** for the **Chinese New Year** will be featured at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 12.



Two Spanish language programs will be offered in

February. A **bilingual story time** will be held on February 15 at 10:00 a.m. and **Acompañame a Leer** will be presented at 4:30 p.m. on February 16.

An **Origami** activity for children ages eight to ten will be offered on February 8 at 4:00 p.m.



February is the month of love and kindness. February 14 is Valentine's Day; February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day and the whole month of February has been designated **Love Your Library Month**. To help everyone get in the kindness spirit, the library has created a **Grab and Go** bag of activities. The collection of activities includes a selection of puzzles, coloring sheets for adults, a bingo game and other fun activities. The Grab and Go collections will be available to pick up at the checkout desk or by using curbside delivery any time after February 8. A Grab and Go Bag for March will also be offered

during the month of March. To learn more about library activities check the library's Facebook page.

**Libby**, the Overdrive digital reading app, is known for offering free access to digital eBooks and audiobooks. Now the app offers access to magazines. Digital magazines, eBooks and audiobooks can all be found, borrowed and read in one place. Over 3,000 magazine titles are available for immediate access. All magazines are available for unlimited simultaneous use and there is no checkout limit. Magazines are offered in a variety of languages including Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, German and French. Popular, top-selling titles in a variety of areas of interest are included in the collection. Get the Libby app from the App Store, Apple or Google Play Store for access to eBooks, audiobooks and magazines. If you have questions or for more information about Overdrive access through Libby, call the library at 308-324-2151.







UTILITIES SYSTEM

## EnergyWise Tip: Rim Joists



by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

While it's still dark outside, do you ever sneak into the kitchen or bathroom before everyone else wakes up and notice how cold the floors are? Worse yet, are you the last person up in the morning and still find your floorboard, tile or linoleum is just as cold as it was for the first person who got up? Since the overwhelming majority of Nebraskans don't live in igloos, you may wonder why. Ask yourself, "Is my rim joist sealed and insulated?" If your home was built prior to the 1990s, you might want to find out.

Now, you may be asking, "Where do I find my home's rim joist?" If you have a basement or crawl space, you need to look directly underneath the exterior perimeter of your main floor. If your basement is finished, it may be difficult to check because of a drop-in ceiling, paneling or drywall. On most homes, the rim joists, in combination with the sill plate, are the first pieces of wood that set on your home's masonry or concrete walls or foundation.

Prior to the 1970s, many builders assumed the weight of the house would put enough downward pressure on these

boards and the home's foundation to keep the elements out. A decade later, most contractors installed a felt or rubber gasket between the two surfaces to reduce drafts and cut down on the number of bugs slipping through any gaps. In the end-cavity spaces between floor joists, they installed fiberglass insulation in an attempt to reduce heat loss. Unfortunately,



outside air and humidity still infiltrated past these materials, causing heating and air conditioning systems to run longer.

Today, many older homes have huge energy-saving and indoor air quality opportunities associated with properly sealing and insulating rim joists. A Department of Energy case study revealed that

the test group of older homes with rim joists later sealed and insulated had an 11.4% reduction of outside air infiltration. This translated to average annual heating and cooling cost savings of approximately 19.3%.

The "retrofit" practice of simply insulating rim joists with fiberglass batts is no longer recommended. Because fiberglass batts are air permeable, they do nothing to prevent warm, humid interior air from contacting the colder rim joists in winter. When this warm, moist air comes in contact with the joists, water vapor condenses. As the problem continues, this condensation can eventually cause mold and/or rot in the rim joist area.

To prevent these problems, this area must be properly sealed and insulated. The entire job can be done with spray polyurethane foam or impermeable rigid foam board in combination with an expanding foam sealant.

For the best results, a two-part insulation/sealant foam can be professionally installed or Do-It-Yourself kits are available at most hardware or home project stores. A two-inch coating will provide at least an R-12

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**Rim Joists**

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insulation value. At the same time, these products provide a vapor-proof seal between the wood and masonry. This approach is the most convenient as it combines sealing and insulating into one step. Unfortunately, this approach also tends to be the most expensive.

To reduce costs for this improvement, rigid foam board can be cut into rectangles slightly smaller than the space between floor joists. Once inserted into the cavity, expanding spray foam is applied around the foam board's perimeter to hold it in place while providing an air-tight seal. As with the previous method, a minimum of two inches of insulating material should be applied.

Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help you make the most of the energy that heats and cools your home. Contact them or visit [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) if you would like information on other ways to keep warm this winter. In addition, you may be eligible for EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> incentives to reduce the cost of energy efficiency improvements.



**LPD Honors 5 with Service Awards**

## Lexington Police Department

### Years of Service

**Monte Grayek**  
25Years

**Paul Schwarz**  
15 Years

**Troy Reutlinger**  
15 Years

**Erik Rowan**  
10Years

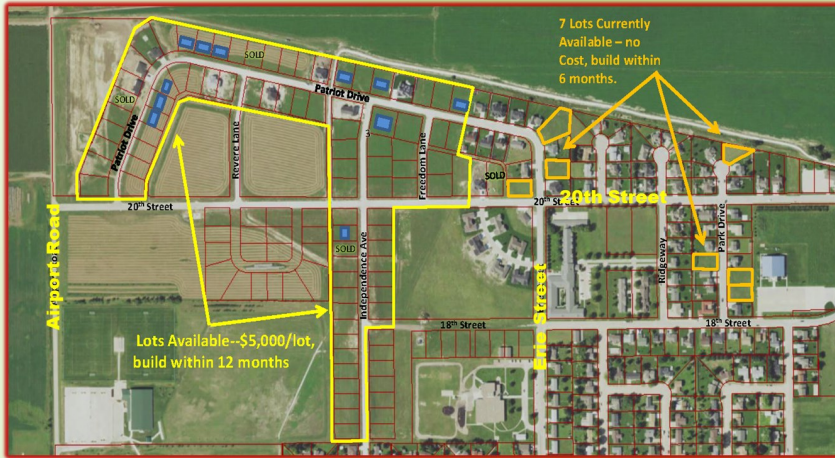
**Jesse Evans**  
10Years

The City of Lexington has recognized five **Lexington Police Department** employees for their time in service to the city. Each was awarded with a corresponding service pin and service award for the 2020 calendar year. The Lexington Police Department would like to thank them all for their commitment and dedication to the department and the citizens of Lexington.





## Housing Lots Available in Northwest Lexington



■ Indicates houses under construction or complete (since this aerial photo was taken)



**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;**



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- ★ View updated billing and consumption history
- ★ Account balances are automatically updated



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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>



## Remember, you can save water



### Save Water

Did you know that each of us uses 77 gallons of water a day?

When we over-water our lawns, the excess water carries pollution into storm drains and ditches that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

#### So what can you do? Simple:

- Treat water as a valued resource. Water when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.
- Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants — not your driveway, sidewalk or street.
- Use mulch around trees and plants to help retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.
- Use rainwater to water your plants by directing downspouts toward your plants, or by collecting water with rain barrels.
- Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high — three inches is the rule. Longer grass has deeper roots and requires less water.

Save water and help keep our environment clean!



Support provided by  
Nebr. Dept. of  
Environment  
& Energy



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**Lexington** HONORS

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 1 - February 28  
Celebrating African-American Heritage

### DO NOT FLUSH THESE DOWN THE TOILET

**FACIAL TISSUE/NAPKINS**  
Soft, silky surface makes them harder to dissolve.

**PAPER TOWELS**  
Designed for absorbency. Will not break down.

**"FLUSHABLE" WIPES**  
This includes disinfectant wipes. They are **NOT** flushable.

Flushing anything besides toilet paper can result in blockages and expensive home plumbing problems.

**GLENN HAWKS COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING**

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

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

**SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER HEALTH MEASURES ARE NOW BEING OBSERVED.**







Before

YOUR 2018 CITY

Hwy 283 & Frontier Road

After

2019 PROGRESS!

CITY OF  
*Lexington*  
NEBRASKA

## 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.





## Lexington snow and ice removal

**W**inter weather is definitely here and the City Would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also an Emergency Snow Route map on the next page.

Property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property within 48 hours of the snowfall. Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks not only ensures safe passage for pedestrians (including school children), but also limits liability. Someone who sustains injuries from slipping on ice might claim their injuries resulted from property owner neglect. Please remember that snow and ice removed from your property is not to be placed into the street. Instead move it to non-paved areas.

The City needs the cooperation of all citizens as we work to remove snow and ice from the streets. Citizens are encouraged to listen to local radio stations or read the local newspaper (including online) for announcements of possible Snow Emergency situations where substantial snowfall is experienced or anticipated.

In times of a declared Snow Emergency, parking along streets in the designated Snow Emergency Route is prohibited. Commercial Areas may also be included (see Snow Route map).

Citizens living along these routes are encouraged to comply with the prohibition and move their vehicles from the street.

In addition, during a Snow Emergency, parking in the Downtown area is prohibited. 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 City crews access to remove the snow and ice. Information regarding the removal of snow in your area of the City can be obtained by contacting Tom Nelson at 308-324-5995.

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.



# SAVE THE DATE

For

# the Key '21

# BEER GARDEN

*Dinner & Auction*



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## SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

### RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING

Monday, October 5, 2020  
Reserved, Limited Seating Only

### ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Individual Seats: \$125  
Tables Seat Eight  
Credit Cards Accepted

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