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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

City Happenings

August 2021



Northwest Trail Phase 2 More Than Half Done

Paving is essentially complete for the longest leg of the new Northwest Recreational Trail. Construction for the project started in June.

The main leg connects to the existing trail on 13th Street, just east of the Optimist Recreational Complex parking lot (top photo).

From there it goes north, cuts east past the residential neighborhood, then back north behind the platted residential lots on the new Independence Street. The north terminus will connect to 20th Street (bottom left photo), strait across the street from the existing Northwest Trail Phase 1.

The bottom right photo shows grading for a non-contiguous leg that starts at the west end of the 13th Street trail, going north along the east side of Airport Road, and meets up with the Lexington Fieldhouse parking lot. This leg will be completed in August.

The project is funded mostly by a grant from the **Nebraska Game and Parks Commission**. NGPC's **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** is backed with funding from the **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**.



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406 E 7th Street



Lexington, NE 68850



308-324-2341



Library News

by Jennifer Norton
Library Director



907
North
Washington
Street
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Jennifer Norton joined the Lexington Public Library staff on July 21 as Lexington's **new Library Director**. Jennifer spent more than 19 years at the Neligh Public Library. She began her career in 2002 as the Children's Librarian and took over as Library Director in 2011. She is eager to join the Lexington community and get started on program offerings after our year of the COVID pandemic.

The Library will have a change in **hours of operation** beginning Monday, August 16.

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Sunday: Closed.

The Library will begin **Family Activity** Nights in August. These programs will be the 4th Monday of the month and feature a meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by games and/or activity.

The first **Family Night** is scheduled for Monday, August 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Time will begin September 8 at 10 a.m. and continue on every Wednesday at 10 a.m. These story times are geared toward preschoolers aged 2-4 (siblings welcome).

Stay tuned for upcoming programs for all ages.



Congratulations to **Kathy Thomsen** on her retirement from the Lexington Public Library after 13 years as Library Director. A reception was held in her honor July 23 at the Library, hosted by the City, the Friends of the Library and the Library Board. Dozens of well-wishers stopped by to help bid Kathy adieu, enjoy a piece of cake and reminisce. Kathy's last official day at the Library was July 30.



TOP: Kathy shares a hug with Library Board Chair Pam Scott.

MIDDLE: Kathy receives a "Certificate of Retirement" from Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside.



DRIVING RANGE NOW OPEN

Self-Service



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
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Lexington Family Aquatic Center



Adult Daily \$3.25
Youth/Senior Daily \$2.25
Family Daily \$11.00
Individual Summer Pass \$50.00
Family Summer Pass \$110.00
10-visit punch \$25.00


10th & Monroe
Lexington, Nebraska

12:30 - 7:00 pm M-Th
12:30 - 5:30 pm Fri-Sun



SAVE THE DATE
Wings & Wine | Brats & Beer
Blanche Senior Scholarship Fundraiser
Thursday, August 26th | 5 pm - 9 pm
Mac's Creek Winery & Brewery

Tickets available soon!



Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce
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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



Lexington Receives ‘Friend of Tourism’ Award

The City of Lexington received a prestigious honor at the annual banquet of the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce.

The “Friend of Tourism” award was presented, in recognition of the array of “wayfinding” signs placed around Lexington. The signs are meant to help visitors find their way to important destinations in Lexington. As such, they improve the navigation experience for tourists.

Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside was on hand to accept the award. The June 11 event attracted about 200 attendees.



PHOTOS

LEFT: Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside (left) accepts the Friend of Tourism award from Chamber President Zach Blessin.



TOP RIGHT: One of the new Wayfinding signs.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Plaque for the Friend of Tourism Award.



BACK TO SCHOOL

**DRIVE THRU-
BACKPACK
EVENT!**

AUGUST 7, 2021 • 9AM-12PM

Community Action
of Lexington
www.backpacksurvey.com

Limit: 300
First Come, First Serve
Location: Community Action, 931 W 7th, Lexington
Questions: Martha Draskovic 308-324-4219

**Please Take the
Backflow Survey**

Here’s how you can help us keep your water supply uncontaminated! The City has created an online survey, short and simple to complete. **All water customers – please help with this state requirement!**

The survey can be found at the City website: www.cityoflex.com. Just click on the Backflow article in the “News” section.

**If you have questions
please call 308-324-5995**



Indoor Tennis Facility Discussed at Town Hall Meeting

About 50 people attended a Town Hall Meeting at the Lexington Fieldhouse July 15 to see and hear the latest concepts for a proposed indoor tennis facility. The building is proposed to be built at the southwest corner of Plum Creek Park, about 11th and Park Streets.

The main speakers were City Manager Joe Peplitsch, and Jacob Sertich from Wilkins ADP. Sertich also projected a slide show depicting architectural ideas and options for the facility.

Lively question-and-answer discussion followed, indicating a keen interest from the attendees.

The City, along with Wilkins and consultants from the Olsson Associates, will take comments from the Town Hall to improve the concepts and complete a feasibility study for the proposed facility, to move toward fund-raising for the project.



TOP: City Manager Joe Peplitsch and architect Jacob Sertich sharing the concept.

BOTTOM: An artist's rendering of the of the proposed tennis facility (the actual building will have a roof).





EnergyWise Tip: **Lawn Mowers**



by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, we use about 580 million gallons of gas in lawn mowers each year. While this is only about 0.4% of the total 146 billion gallons of gasoline consumed annually, could switching to an electric mower make a difference while providing benefits to you?

Let's assume your lawn's size is the same as Nebraska's average of 17,393 square feet. Using a 20-inch push mower and averaging a speed of 3 miles per hour, it will take you 43 minutes each time you mow. During that time, an average gasoline-powered push mower will use about 0.52 gallons while a cordless battery-powered unit will need about 0.42 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity to complete the job.

Over the course of a full season, you mow 25 times. That calculates to using 13 gallons of gasoline or about 10.5 kWh of electricity to charge your mower's battery.

With gas at \$3.00 per gallon and electricity at 10¢ per kWh, you will spend \$39.00 or \$1.05 for fuel respectively. J.D. Power and Associates reports that the average lifespan of a lawn mower ranges between seven and 10 years. Over its lifetime, the battery-powered mower saves \$266 to \$380 in energy costs!

When it comes to efficiency, electric mowers leave their gas-powered counterparts in the dust! All fuels, including electricity, can be measured by the number of British thermal



units (BTUs) they contain. Gasoline has around 114,000 BTUs per gallon. Electricity has 3,413 BTUs per kWh. Using the values from above, a savings of more than 97% is accredited to electric mowers.

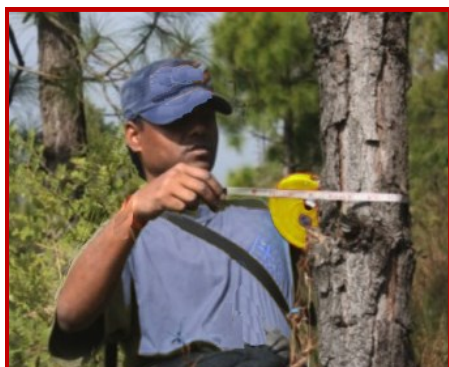
Other reasons for choosing electric mowers include:

- No emission of nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide or other air-borne particulates;
- 75 percent quieter than gasoline mowers – no need for ear plugs;
- Less maintenance – no oil, spark plug or air filter changes necessary;
- No concern about spilling gas;
- Lighter and easier to store. Some models fold up against a wall; and
- Current lithium ion batteries can complete most lawns with one charge.

Now, Lexington Utilities System and Nebraska Public Power District want to help make the conversion even easier with a 10% incentive on any new battery-powered or corded electric lawn mower. Contact LEXUS or visit www.nppd.com to find further details, as well as information on other EnergyWiseSM incentives for implementing energy efficient technologies.



There's a Tree Inventory Going On



If you happen to spot someone with an unusually keen interest in a tree, it's probably a City staff or volunteer. The Lexington Tree Board is helping the Nebraska Forest Service with an city-wide Tree Inventory, which is done every 10 years.

The inventory will help the Tree Board and NFS recommend improvements to Lexington's "community forest." Also, any state funding to help with issues such as the Emerald Ash Borer, would not be available unless the City has an up-to-date tree inventory.

Not all trees will be inventoried; only trees in parks, schools, cemeteries, public property, and fairly close to streets. Trees are inventoried for species, size and health.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping the Tree Board with this, please contact Dennis Burnside, 308-324-2341, dburnside@cityoflex.com.



TAKE THE Child Care SURVEY

Communities for Kids
nebraskachildren
Lexington

The Lexington Community for Kids initiative invites all who live in Lexington, with or without children, to participate in taking our 10-minute Early Childhood Quality and Capacity Survey. This survey will be an effective tool for collecting valuable data to implement initiatives in our area to support current childcare providers, education programs, and address and identify capacity needs.

Hover your phone or tablet camera over the QR and it will take you directly to the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LexingtonEarlyChildhoodSurvey2021>

DAWSON COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thursday August 5th
6:00-8:00

Donations Welcome

805 TAFT STREET, LEXINGTON, NE





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

CITY OF *Lexington* NEBRASKA

YOUTH TENNIS

Pre-K to 3rd Grade
Red Ball and Orange Ball Instruction

All Classes will take place at the Lexington Fieldhouse
1602 N. Airport Rd.

- Free to Participate
- Pre-Register by August 6 to help us prepare for class sizes
- Mondays August 9, 16, 23, 30
- 6:00 - 6:45 pm Red Ball: Pre-k to 1st Grade
- 6:45 - 7:45 pm Orange Ball: 2nd & 3rd Grade

Text or email:
Jake Saulsbury with child's name, grade level, and parent's phone # and email to pre-register!

308-746-3543
jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com





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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

(May - October):

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



- dispose of furniture, appliances, and other large items (small fee may apply)
- recycle paper, plastic, and cardboard
- pick up free wood chips or compost



Remember, you're not just washing your car



Find out more at www.cityoflex.com

Practice good car care

Did you know?

Four 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 toward the lawn and away from the storm drain, or wash your car at a commercial car wash location.
- Keep your car properly tuned.
- Recycle used fluids and never dump them down the storm drains.

Help keep the oil where it belongs . . . in you car!



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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.





UNITED BY CULTURE FESTIVAL



8/28/21



11AM-2PM

LIVESTREAM

STREAM DIRECTO

FESTIVAL

Featuring Lexington's Own: Presentando talento de Lexington:

- Alma Becerra - Raices de mi Pueblo
- Josh Arias - Impact Art
- Holly Rickertsen - First Presbyterian Church
- DJ Joe Alvarado
- Rocio Casanova - Lexington Public Library
- Claudia Mendoza-Wehr - Zumba/YMCA

Mini Docs of Lexington Businesses Mini videos de negocios de Lexington

- Change Clothing
- El Rinconcito Restaurant
- New Moon Restaurant
- Teresa's Tortillas Market
- Tienda La Guatemalteca Bendición



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Endless LOVE & HOSPITALITY

give BIG Lexington

LEXINGTON community foundation

Lexington Area Chamber of COMMERCE



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Katie Weitz

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Holly Rickertsen

Lexington PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Lexington



Plum Creek Market Place

Giveaways! / ¡Sorteos!



Nintendo Switch
Bikes/Bicicletas
Electric Scooters

