

# City Happenings

October 2021



## Adams Street Viaduct to Undergo Maintenance

The City of Lexington will begin maintenance work on the Adams Street Viaduct, between 7th Street and Elm Street, starting on October 4, 2021. North and south bound traffic over the viaduct will be reduced to a single lane with temporary traffic signals (stop lights) managing the traffic flow. Access from Elm Street and 7th Street onto Adams Street will be closed to accommodate traffic control on the north and south ends of the viaduct. Pedestrian access over the east side of the viaduct will remain open.



The maintenance activities are anticipated to last 3 to 4 weeks, with the viaduct returning to normal operation no later than October 29, 2021. The City of Lexington expects inconveniences to travel routines during the maintenance period, and encourages individuals using the road system in the area

to plan travel routes accordingly, use caution traveling through the construction area, and expect slight delays.

Questions or concerns about the project may be directed to Joe Pepplitsch, City Manager, at 308-324-2341.

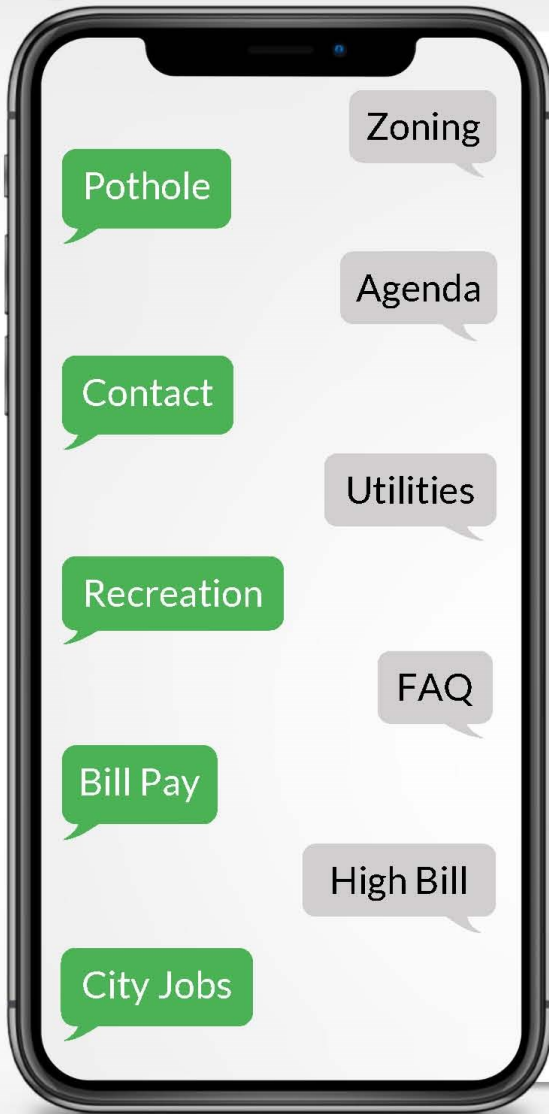




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## Northwest Trail Phase 2 Done

If you don't count the fact that the newly-planted grass has not grown in yet, we can call the Northwest Trail Phase 2 a finished project.

The trail section starts where the Phase 1 Northwest Trail ended (marked in yellow on the aerial photo below), near 20th & Independence. The new trail, marked in red, goes south to just before some existing houses, jogs west and then south again through the Optimist Recreation Complex until it connects with an existing east-west trail on the north side of 13th Street (top photo).

There is also a non-contiguous leg that starts at the west end of the 13th Street trail (bottom photo), goes north along the east side of Airport Road, and meets up with the Lexington Fieldhouse parking lot.

The project was 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)**.



(top) Looking north from 13th Street, east side of the Rec Complex parking lot; (middle) Looking south from 20th Street just west of Independence; (bottom) Looking north from 13th Street along Airport Road. The green tinge is associated with the newly-planted grass seed.





## Library News



907 N Washington  
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by Jennifer Norton  
Library Director

"We know what we are, but we know not what we may be."  
- William Shakespeare

# Music Unites

@ the Lexington Public Library

Musical performances are back! All performances are free and open to the public, and thanks to sponsorship by **Lexington Community Foundation** and **Humanities Nebraska**.

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Dan Holtz**  
"All Original, All Nebraska"



Accompanied by guitar and harmonica, Holtz celebrates and commemorates people, places, and

events in Nebraska history through original songs and the stories and background behind them.

**Sunday, Oct. 10, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Bill Behmer & Gwen Meister**  
"Mountain Dulcimer"



Using folk songs as illustrations, Bill outlines the history and folklore of this simple-to-

play, inexpensive and often homemade American folk instrument.

**Sunday, Oct. 17, 2:00 p.m.**  
**C.A. Waller: "I Got the Blues, and I Can't be Satisfied"**

This presentation introduces



eight basic types of blues songs and gives the audience a better

understanding of the forms of songs that comprise the blues.

**Sunday, Oct. 24, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Oscar Rios Pohirieth**  
"Andean Folk Music"

Experience the Andean cultures of Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru and Chile through an acoustic journey and storytelling.



**Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Randall Snyder**  
"And All That Jazz"



A survey of the development of American jazz from the late nineteenth century to the present, with

special emphasis on its African American origins and the stylistic idioms of individual performers.



**Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Jerry Barlow**  
Celtic Finger-style Guitar



Jerry Barlow returns with his crowd-pleasing Celtic finger-style guitar and unique humor.

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## Library News

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### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Preschool Story Time**  
Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

**Lapsit Story Time**  
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.  
(Oct. 6 - Nov. 10)

**LEGO Club**  
2nd Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

**Prime Time**  
Fridays, 1, 8, 15, at 5:00 p.m.

**Movie at the Majestic**  
Saturday, Oct. 30, 2:00 p.m.  
"Hotel Transylvania"

## Art Class at The Lexington Public Library

**Free**

• **Registration is required**  
(Please register at the Library or call 308-324-2151)

• **You can register for up to 2 classes**

**When: Saturday mornings in October**

**For: 4th–6th grade students**

All classes  
are 9:00 -  
11:30 AM.



Saturday, October 2nd  
Acrylic Skin Jewelry & hot  
glue art on canvas

Saturday, October 23rd  
Alcohol ink / rocks



Saturday, October 16th  
DIY Shibori  
White T-shirt  
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Saturday, October 9th  
Polymer clay



Saturday, October 30th  
Whimsical water color

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UTILITIES SYSTEM

## EnergyWise Tip: **Ducts**



by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

Pop quiz: What could be wasting up to 20% of your home's energy use each year? Here's a hint. It's not your children's video gaming systems or cell phone chargers. Rather, it's something you rarely see and likely wouldn't consider unless you have heating and/or cooling problems.

Give up? It's your ductwork! About 90% of Nebraska homes have a furnace, air conditioner or heat pump connected to a centralized ductwork system.

According to ENERGY STAR®, up to 30% of the heated or cooled air that moves through ducts could be lost to leaks, improperly sealed joints, or a lack of insulation. Leaks and seams are responsible for inefficient heating and cooling, but something called heat conduction also shoulders some of the blame. According to the Department of Energy, this phenomenon, in combination with air leaks and gaps, can reduce the efficiency of heating and cooling systems by as much as 40%. Since about half of the energy used in Nebraska homes is attributed to space conditioning, that equates to an overall annual energy loss of 20%!

Why? Your home's duct system is a branching network of rectangular and/or round tubes in the walls, floors and ceilings that carries heated or cooled air from the home's heat pump, furnace, or central air conditioner to each room. Duct sections are usually made of sheet metal, fiberglass or other construction materials. Duct loss occurs when conditioned air in a home escapes the duct system



through holes, loose connections or improperly sealed junctions between sections. Loss also occurs as heat transfers directly through the walls of the duct itself. These losses are usually from the effects of poor duct installation, insulation and/or design practices.

How would you know if you have duct problems? Here are common symptoms:

- Rooms that are hard to heat or cool – Rooms that are not cooling or heating properly

usually means that the ducts are not transporting sufficient amounts of conditioned air to and from them.

- Dust can be found on flat surfaces after running the furnace or air conditioner – Dust can be drawn into leaky air return ducts, make it passed the filter and blow the dust into conditioned rooms.
- Higher utility bills – If ducts cannot transport air properly through a home, the heating and cooling system has to run longer, which requires more energy and costs more money.

Before contacting a certified HVAC technician, there are some simple, inexpensive steps you might try to resolve duct issues:

- Step 1.** Turn on your furnace or air conditioning system.
- Step 2.** Locate air ducts (typically found under floors, in ceilings, and in attics and crawl spaces).
- Step 3.** Feel along the sides of ducts to spot escaping air. Leaks are found at connections to vents and registers where they meet the floor, walls and ceiling. Remember that the s-cleats (where sections of duct connect) are also notorious for leaking.

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## Ducts

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**Step 4.** Seal with mastic-type sealant and/or butyl, foil or other heat-approved tapes that are labeled with the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) logo. Mastic sealants are applied with a paint brush and work great for leaks less than one-quarter inch wide. Heat-approved tapes are great for wider gaps and holes in ductwork.

**Step 5.** If any of your ductwork runs through areas not heated or cooled, remember it requires proper insulation. When uninsulated ductwork extends through unconditioned attics, basements or crawlspaces, heat can easily transfer directly through the duct wall. Thus, cooled air will heat up during the summer and heated air will be cooled during the winter before it gets to the room being conditioned. Also, uninsulated ductwork running through warm, humid areas will cause moisture problems since humidity will condense into liquid water on the duct's surface.

Finally, if you are unable or prefer not to resolve your system's concerns through the steps above, it is best to contact an HVAC technician certified through an accredited organization such as the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) program. This helps provide assurance your duct problems are appropriately resolved the first time!

To identify more ways to manage your energy costs, visit with Lexington Utilities System or Nebraska Public Power District. They are committed to helping customers make the most of the energy they use, which includes keeping homes warm in the winter and cool in the summer. You may also qualify for EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> energy efficiency financial incentives to offset the cost of making your home more energy efficient. Contact Lexington Utilities System or visit [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) to learn details.



## What Not To Flush (or put down the drain) Could clog your drains or sewers!



- ▶ paper, plastic or cardboard
- ▶ feminine hygiene products
- ▶ wipes (baby or personal)
- ▶ prophylactic items
- ▶ cloth or string
- ▶ grease, oil, wax or fats
- ▶ diapers
- ▶ wrappers
- ▶ bottles
- ▶ cat litter
- ▶ medicines

## ATTENTION DOG OWNERS



As you and your dog are out walking in your neighborhoods, in the City's parks or on the trails, please remember to clean up after your dog.

A simple plastic bag slipped over your hand like a glove makes an efficient and clean pick-up tool. Picking up is just part of having a dog. It may seem silly at first, but people who see you do it will know any mess left behind is NOT from your dog. Picking up shows pride in your community, in yourself, and in your dog. You'll set a great example for others, and will help create a positive image for dogs and their owners.



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**Fri., Oct. 8, 2021 - 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Lexington City Service Building  
801 West Vine Street**

**Items accepted include:** yard and garden chemicals (pesticides & herbicides), flammables; paints and thinners, auto products (e.g., used oil & antifreeze), household products and cleaning chemicals, mercury, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries (auto, lead acid, rechargeable, titanium, cadmium and nickel halide).

**NO** Computers and monitors, infectious waste and needles, radioactive waste, asbestos, oil or paint containing PCBs, high school labs, appliances, construction waste and tires.

Materials should be delivered to collection sites in sturdy, disposable containers labeled according to contents and no larger than 5 gallon or 50 lbs. The HHW program reserves the right to reject any materials.

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## Nebraska H2O stormwater improvement tips

### What you can do to help

#### Easy tips for keeping our waters clean.

##### Litter disposal

Dispose of litter by throwing it in a trashcan or recycling it. In addition, do your part by disposing of litter you find in the street or on the sidewalk.



##### Washing your car

You can either take your car to a self-service car wash, which is designed with special drains for proper disposal, or wash your car on your lawn. The dirt below will act as a filter for the soap.

##### Pet waste

It's best to dispose of pet waste in the trash or, better yet, flush it down the toilet. This water will be properly treated.

##### Household chemicals

Cleaning products and other household chemicals should never be dumped outside, down the sink – or down a storm drain. Visit [www.NebraskaH2O.org](http://www.NebraskaH2O.org) and click on our Tips section to find out the location of a facility that will dispose of them properly.

##### Fertilizer and Pesticides

You'll need to take leftover substances to a designated waste control area.

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