

City Happenings

#95



June 2022

Summer Recreation Roars Back



Photos from the 2nd Annual Mary Maloley Aussie Open Tennis Tournament, May 28, 2022



by
Recreation
Director
Jake
Saulsbury

The Memorial Day weekend brought out a large number of Lexington recreation enthusiasts!

The Lexington Family Aquatic Center opened for the season on Sunday, May 29. It was packed with people of all ages eager for some cool fun in the sun.

Likewise we saw excellent participation in our second annual Mary Maloley Aussie Open Tennis Tournament, held at Plum Creek Park tennis courts on Saturday, May 28. For many years the Lexington Tennis Association has sponsored a Memorial Day tennis tournament. It was renamed a couple of years ago to honor the late Mary Maloley, an Australian native who became a tireless promoter of tennis in Lexington.

The last few pages of this newsletter contain fliers and registration forms for several summer activities, including swimming lessons, pickleball, and our annual Lexington Triathlon, and our annual Run For The Parks, which will be July 1 with new features.

We love to see our parks busy! After two years of pandemic, we're eager to shake off cabin fever and get out there and get active!





Before

YOUR 2021 CITY

Rolling Meadows - new housing Taft St.

2022
PROGRESS!

After



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





Library News



907 N Washington
(308) 324-2151



by Jennifer Norton
Library Director

“... a mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge.” - George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones

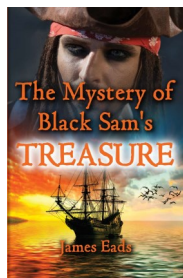


With the theme “Oceans of Possibilities, our 2022 **Summer Reading Programs** are for EVERYONE! You'll find reading challenges, and activities & prizes for ALL ages, now through July 30. Stop by the library for details.

The Library will present a **Podcasting Class** July 11-15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Designed for middle and high school students, the classes are free but registration is required.

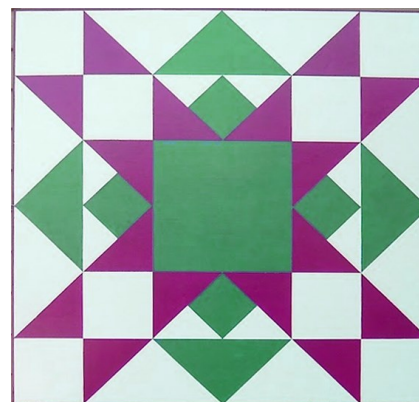


On July 12 at 10:30 a.m., **James Eads** will visit the Library to talk about his books and give a writing workshop. The Nebraska author writes what he calls “thrilling action adventures for middle-



grade students.” His latest book is “The Mystery of Black Sam’s Treasure.”

On July 27 at 7 p.m. the Library welcomes back guitarist and music historian **Joey Leone**, who last performed here in 2018. Joey’s program includes musical performances, historical facts, and personal stories from his days playing and touring with blues legends like Etta James, Otis Rush, Wilson Picket and The Coasters.



The Library plays host to a **barn quilting workshop** on July 28, 6-9 p.m., presented by **Rose Mapel** You do not need to have a barn to put it on and you do not need to be an artist to paint a barn quilt - the tape does all the heavy lifting. This event is open to the public-registration is required to take this class. You can register online <https://www.facebook.com/events/681922936437581/?ref=newsfeed>



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Arbor Day Foundation Grant Will Help Soften the Bite of Ash Borer

FARMERS MARKET



Starts June 18, 2022
Bob's True Value
(1601 Plum Creek Parkway)
Saturdays 8-11 a.m.
Tuesdays 3-6 p.m.

(ends Oct. 8)

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

DAWSON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO
July 9 - 17, 2022
1000 Plum Creek Pkwy, Lexington, NE



www.dawsoncountyfair.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.



Third Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners

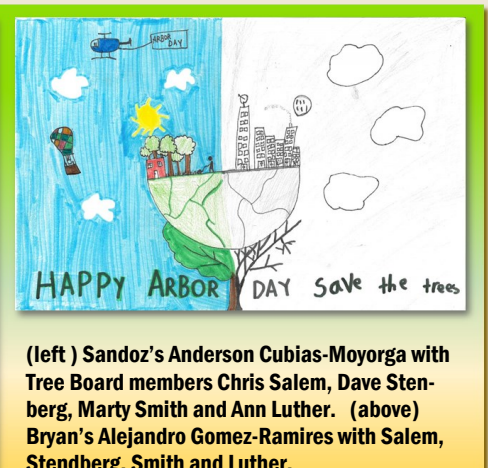
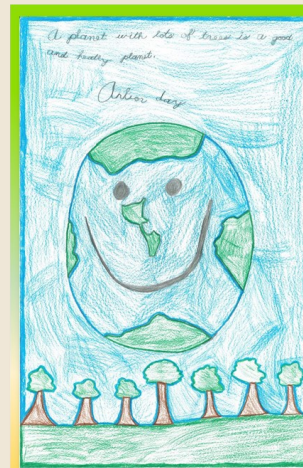
The **Lexington Tree Board** sponsored its annual poster contest, and received 183 entries from Lexington 3rd graders. After judging the entries, Tree Board members liked two of them equally. They decided to declare two co-winners - **Anderson Cubias-Moyorga** and **Alejandro Gomez-Ramirez**.

The Tree Board honored each at their schools with a tree planted at the school and the winning posters framed for posterity. On April 28 Tree Board members honored Anderson at Sandoz School. Alejandro's presentation was on May 2 At Bryan School.

Earlier in April Lexington was officially named a **Tree City USA** city for the 25th consecutive year. **Mayor John Fagot** signed a proclamation declaring April 29 Arbor Day 2022 in Lexington.

America's Arbor Day, always the last Friday in April, originated in Nebraska and is observed internationally as a day to celebrate trees. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, and the 50th anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation, based in Nebraska City.

Lexington Tree Board members are: **Dave Stenberg, Chris Salem, Marty Smith, Ann Luther, and Tom Nelson.**



(left) Sandoz's Anderson Cubias-Moyorga with Tree Board members Chris Salem, Dave Stenberg, Marty Smith and Ann Luther. (above) Bryan's Alejandro Gomez-Ramirez with Salem, Stenberg, Smith and Luther.



"THE BIG 6" STORMWATER POLLUTANTS



Lexington is a Proud Nebraska H₂O Community

Our goal is to help everyone learn to help keep our streams and rivers clean.

Visit www.NebraskaH2O.org for more information about stormwater information and related topics!

Stormwater Golden Rule:
Send downstream what you want upstream to send to you.



Support provided by
Nebr. Dept. of
Environment
& Energy



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 (May - October):

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 (small fee may apply)
- recycle paper, plastic, and cardboard
- pick up free wood chips or compost





UTILITIES SYSTEM

EnergyWise Tip: Cooling System Tune-Ups



With summer coming, Nebraskans are about to use around 10% of their average home's energy needs in a few short months. Yes, it's air-conditioning season again!

Many only consider the status of their cooling system when it becomes stuffy inside and they flip the switch on their thermostat from "HEAT" to "COOL." If cold air blows out, they don't give it another thought so long as they stay cool through summer. But what if there was a way you could save considerable energy, prolong the life of your central air-conditioning equipment and qualify for an EnergyWiseSM rebate to reduce costs?

The solution simply involves contacting a NATE-certified Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) technician to perform a cooling system tune-up on your equipment. NATE stands for North American Technician Excellence, which is a testing and certification organization recognized throughout the HVAC industry.

Typically, tune-ups on previously neglected cooling systems that have been neglected can provide 5 to 15% energy savings or more. According to homeadvisor.com, a tune-up will cost from \$75 to \$200. However, local electric utilities supporting EnergyWiseSM energy efficiency

programs will provide a \$30 incentive on tune-ups.

At a minimum, any technician conducting a tune-up should:

Clean the condenser coil in the outdoor unit – Outdoor condenser coils become dirty over time and are also easily bent. This reduces heat transfer through the coil and causes a cooling system to operate longer to cool the home. An HVAC technician will clean the outdoor condenser coil using commercial-grade cleaning products and use a tool called a "fin comb" to align the coil fins into nearly original condition.

the manufacturer's specification. If your system is low, the HVAC technician will add just the right amount to optimize performance.

Clean the indoor evaporator coil – The indoor coil is inside your furnace or ductwork. Even if you regularly change furnace filters, dust, allergens and airborne particles can accumulate on its fins and dramatically reduce efficiency. While the scope of most tune-ups does not include cleaning this coil, the technician will check to assure significant build up has not occurred.

Check the fan belt and lubricate the motor – Over time, belts crack and signal their impending failure. Some fan motors require occasional oiling to lubricate moving parts and reduce premature motor failure. The technician will assess the condition of the belt and lubricate any parts requiring oil.

Blow out the drain line – Condensate drain lines are continuously moist during the cooling season. If water does not flow through the drain line properly, mold, mildew and fungus can consequently develop and obstruct or block the condensate drain line. The condensate pan can then become filled with water and will eventually overflow.

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Check the refrigerant charge – Performance and efficiency of your air conditioner is greatest when the refrigerant charge exactly matches



Cooling System Tune-Ups

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Visually inspect the system – The HVAC technician’s trained eye will identify any external problems with your system for further rectification.

Discuss proper operation – The HVAC technician can discuss proper control sequences to assure heating and cooling systems do not operate simultaneously, and how to optimize operation for efficiency and comfort.

Discuss/review proper temperature set-back – If you are unsure how to program your thermostat to automatically adjust settings, the HVAC technician can demonstrate this process for you.

Filter Service Schedule – In addition to discussing the quality and effectiveness of various filters, the technician can help identify how often it should be changed. Some homes need this monthly, while others may get by with the same filter for six months or longer. According to the Department of Energy, replacing a dirty, clogged filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner’s energy consumption by 5 to 15 percent.

Lexington Utilities System has information on additional ways to efficiently use the energy they provide while keeping your home comfortable. In partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, they offer EnergyWiseSM incentives to reduce the cost for many of these improvements. Visit Lexington Utilities System or go to www.nppd.com to learn more.



Electric Yard Tool Incentive

Advances in battery technology have come a long way in recent years. More power is now being packed into batteries so your mower can speedily deliver a knock-out punch to your lawn.

Maybe it’s time to go electric



Gasless, but not gutless. Quiet, but not shy. This is not your grandfather’s battery-powered mower. Advances in battery technology have come a long way in recent years. More power is now being packed into batteries so your mower can speedily deliver a knock-out punch to your lawn.

Maybe it is time to consider upgrading your conventional, gas-burning mower with a new electric or battery-powered option. Consider the following advantages:

- Lower energy costs – depending on how often you mow, electric-powered mowers will cost about \$15 per year in electricity. Gas mowers use approximately \$30 of gasoline.
- Less maintenance – no sparkplugs, air filters, fuel filters, or oil change.
- Quieter operation – electric mowers create up to 75 decibels of sound, which is similar to a washing machine. Gasoline mowers can exceed 95 decibels, which is comparable to a motorcycle on the highway.
- Eco-friendly – no toxic gas emissions from nitrogen oxides, airborne particulates, carbon monoxide, or carbon dioxide.

Follow these easy steps

- Obtain an EnergyWiseSM Lawn and Garden Program application form from Lexington Utilities System (also at www.cityoflex.com—under “Utilities” tab, scroll to bottom of page).
- Purchase your choice of a new (not used, previously owned or factory reconditioned) battery-powered or corded electric riding, walk-behind, or robotic mower on or after January 1, 2022. Chargers and additional battery purchases are available for the incentive at time of initial mower purchase. However, taxes, delivery/shipping and set-up costs are not.
- Complete the application and return it to Lexington Utilities System with a copy of proof of purchase identifying the selected mower, batteries, etc.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 12

 CITY OF FLEX PARKS AND RECREATION
LEXINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC
CENTER "LFAC"
2022
CITY OF LEXINGTON
TRIATHLON

JUNE 12 - JULY 10

SWIM: 2.4 MILES
BIKE: 112 MILES
RUN/WALK: 26.2 MILES
28 DAYS TO COMPLETE!

Guardian Signature if 17 yrs and younger _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

DOB: _____

T-shirt Size: _____

- >Swimming Completed at LFAC
- >Bike/Run/Walk on your own
- >Track your progress at 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: LFAC**

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



2022 Lexington Family Aquatic Center Swim Lessons

Registration Form

Cost \$10.00 Per Child Per Session (ONE FORM PER CHILD)

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Age (4+): _____ Swim Level: _____ Week Attending: _____

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Week 1: June 13 - 17

Level 3 - 5 --- 9:30 - 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)

Beginner Preschool, Adv. Preschool, Level 1, Level 2 --- 10:30 - 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)

Week 2: June 20 - 24

Level 3 - 5 --- 9:30 - 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)

Beginner Preschool, Adv. Preschool, Level 1, Level 2 --- 10:30 - 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)

Week 3: June 27 - July 1

Level 3 - 5 --- 9:30 - 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)

Beginner Preschool, Adv. Preschool, Level 1, Level 2 --- 10:30 - 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)

Week 4: July 11 - 15

Level 3 - 5 --- 9:30 - 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)

Beginner Preschool, Adv. Preschool, Level 1, Level 2 --- 10:30 - 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)

Week 5: July 18 - 22

Level 3 - 5 --- 9:30 - 10:15 am (Limit 15 students)

Beginner Preschool, Adv. Preschool, Level 1, Level 2 --- 10:30 - 11:00 am (Limit 10 students)



Plum Creek Park Pickleball

Summer 2022
City of Lexington

PICKLEBALL

Tuesdays beginning
June 21:

Free! Drop-in play will be open
to the public throughout the
Summer at Plum Creek Park
Tennis Courts from
6:30 - 8:30 pm



FOR MORE INFO:

Ann Luther, 308-325-5277, aluther@cityoflex.com OR
Jake Saulsbury 308-746-3543, jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com

"LEARN TO PLAY"

**Tuesday, June 14:
Beginner Pickleball
Clinic**

Cost: \$5 *Bring Night of Clinic
(Cash or Check: City of Lexington)

Pre-register by Friday, June 10
Text Name to Ann Luther, 308-325-5277

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages: 16 yrs - Adult

Location: Plum Creek Park Tennis Courts

Instruction by: Barb Baldrige
Great Plains Region, USA Pickleball
Ambassador



Pickleball is a paddle sport created for
all ages and skill levels. The rules are
simple and the game is easy for
beginners to learn.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IF NEEDED/WEAR
COURT SHOES & COMFORTABLE
CLOTHING/BRING WATER BOTTLE





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JULY 1, 2022
6 PM


City of Lexington
Make Sparks! Run for the Parks!
★ 5K Run/Walk ★
w/ obstacles

Event: 6 PM, July 1

Individual Entry: \$25.00
Family Registration: \$20.00
***(\$20.00 each family member)**

Free t-shirt
 1 complimentary drink at Mac's
 Creek Winery & Brewery
 Free admission to the
 Lexington Family Aquatic Center
 on Saturday, July 2


Post Race Celebration at:



MAC'S BEER, WINE, & NON-ALCOHOLIC ROOT BEER



CREEK WINERY & BREWERY
43315 Road 751

INCLUDES COVER CHARGE **COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS**
LIVE MUSIC BY BLACKBERRY WINTER
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: S.A.M. QUE BBQ & ADDITIONAL DRINKS


 • Register by
Thursday, June 23
to Guarantee Free
Event T-shirt


Register Online by
scanning QR Code:


If Mailing or
dropping off entry
form, please fill out
the next page!

Start and Finish at Lexington Hitting Complex
1601 W. 13th St.

 **@CITYOFLEXPARKSANDREC**
Contact Information: Ann Luther, 308-325-5277, aluther@cityoflex.com
Jake Saulsbury, 308-746-3543, jsaulsbury@cityoflex.com



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**JULY 1, 2022
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REGISTRATION FORM

Mail Registration form to: Lexington City Office
 Attn: Ann H. Luther
 PO BOX 70, Lexington, NE 68850

OR

Drop off at one of these locations: *Forms also available at locations*

- Lexington Grand Generation Center, 407 E. 6th St.
- Lexington Family Aquatic Center, 1002 N. Monroe

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF LEXINGTON**

\$25.00 1st Registration \$20.00 for ea. additional immediate family member Total Enclosed: \$[]

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email Address _____ Birth Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone # _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth M Youth L Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL
 (Circle One)

**• Register by
Thursday, June 23
to Guarantee Free
Event T-shirt**

**Please fill out information below for immediate family members participating in event:
\$20.00 each family member participating in the event (please indicate youth or adult t-shirt size)**

Name _____ Gender (M/F) _____ Birth Date _____ Tshirt Size _____

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Start and Finish at Lexington Hitting Complex 1601 W. 13th St.

@CITYOFFLEXPARKSANDREC

**Register Online by
scanning QR Code:**



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

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.

