



2022 City Happenings

OCTOBER



NEBRASKA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY

Work Begins on Veterans Pavilion



Construction has recently started on a Veterans Memorial Pavilion at the south end of Kirkpatrick Memorial Park. When finished, the project will include an amphitheater and five stations honoring five branches of the military. The project has been made possible by many generous donations and fund-raising work by the Veterans Memorial Steering Committee and the Lexington Community Foundation. The goal is to have the project completed in time for a grand opening on Memorial Day weekend 2023.

(initial conceptual drawing)



Gift of Trees Partnership

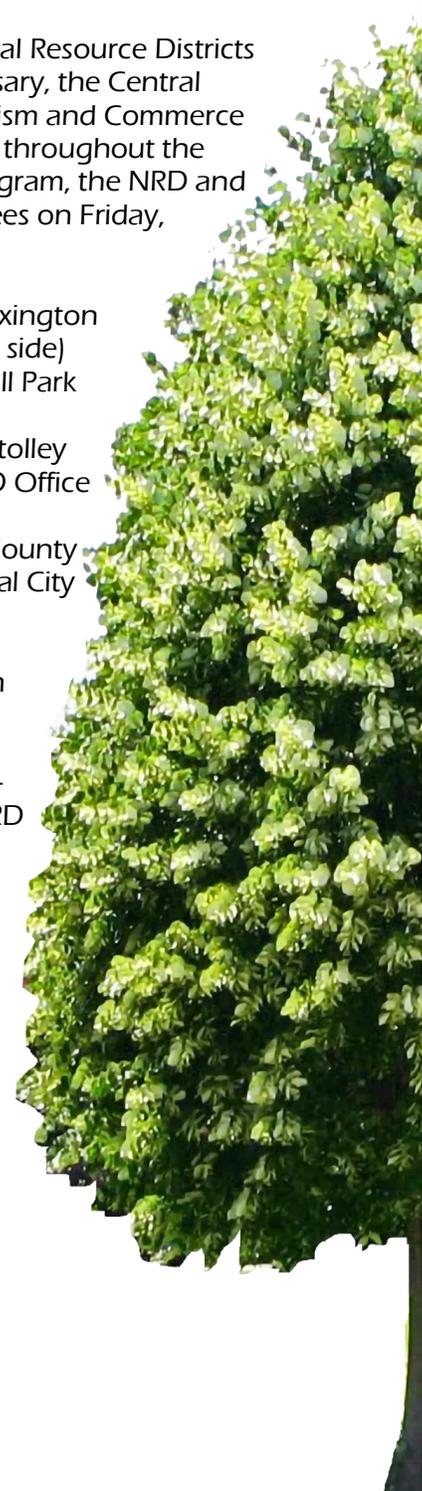


In honor of 50 years of Nebraska Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) and Arbor Day's 150th anniversary, the Central Platte NRD and the Nebraska City Tourism and Commerce are partnering to gift a tree to counties throughout the District. As part of this Gift of Trees Program, the NRD and partners will plant the following five trees on Friday, October 21:

- Dawson County:** Sterling Linden at Lexington City Hall (southwest side)
- Buffalo County:** Bur Oak at Cottonmill Park in Kearney
- Hall County:** Matador Maples at Stolley Park, **and** the CPNRD Office in Grand Island
- Merrick County:** Bur Oak at Merrick County Courthouse in Central City

At each tree planting, representatives from the Nebraska City Tourism, Grimm Gardens, and Central Platte NRD will present a history of Arbor Day, the benefits of planting trees, tree maintenance tips and the importance of the NRD system and its history. Members of Lexington's Tree Board will also be on hand.

The public is invited to attend these plantings and receive free professional tree-planting instruction. Watch for information on the City of Lexington website and Facebook page, and the Central Platte NRD's Facebook and Twitter pages.



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.

CITY OF LEX OPEN PICKLEBALL

- FREE PICKLEBALL TO THE PUBLIC
- OPEN COURTS FOR DROP-IN PLAY
- LEARN TO PLAY IN MINUTES
- WE PROVIDE ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT
- WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES

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CHECK OUT THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN AMERICA!

PICKLEBALL AT THE LEXINGTON OPTIMIST INDOOR HITTING COMPLEX

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 1601 W. 13th St.
 (ADULTS ONLY 18+)

STARTS Week of MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:00 - 8:00 PM
Free & Open to Public

CITY OF Lexington NEBRASKA

YARD WASTE ONLY!

At the yard waste site on East Walnut

VIDEO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Violators subject to fines.
Other large items may be disposed of at the City Service Building, 801 W Vine.





UTILITIES SYSTEM

EnergyWise Tip: In Hot Water



by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

Getting into hot water can cost you a lot of money. Parents of some teenagers would definitely agree.

No, I'm not referring to attorney fees, fines and increased insurance premiums that might be associated with some rogue or wayward youths. I'm talking about those parents with additional water heating costs due to an adolescent who "camps out" in the shower until the water heater yields "lukewarm" at best. To make matters worse, these kids often beat others in the household to the first shower.

One approach to addressing this problem might be to enroll the young "merman" or "mermaid" in some type of remedial hygiene course. Unfortunately, this tactic doesn't begin to address the financial impact of relying on a conventional water heater to meet home water heating needs. This is especially true for parents who secretly



indulge in prolonged hot showers themselves. In these situations, a heat pump water heater (HPWH) should definitely be considered.

Don't feel your home fits this profile? Here are a few other reasons a HPWH, which is also known as a hybrid water heater, might be just what you need:

- Though HPWHs cost about \$1,000 more than traditional storage tank water heaters, energy savings often pay for the difference in two to five years.

- The majority of conventional tank water heaters come with a six-year warranty. HPWHs commonly offer a 10-year warranty.
- Self-contained HPWHs often assist with managing summertime humidity in the home.
- Unlike natural gas and propane water heaters that burn fuel inside your home and require venting, HPWHs use electricity and no venting is needed. Accordingly, selecting all-electric over combustion-based appliances reduces reliance on carbon monoxide detectors.

- In hybrid mode, HPWHs heat water faster than standard electric hot water heaters.
- By leveraging the efficiency of heat pump technology, carbon emissions are reduced by up to 75%.
- Lexington Utilities System offers EnergyWiseSM heat pump water heater incentives up to \$650.

According to ENERGY STAR[®], the average family of four saves approximately \$350 per year on their electric bills when using a HPWH compared to a standard water heater. Furthermore, if all U.S.-purchased residential electric water heaters under 55 gallons were ENERGY STAR[®]-certified HPWHs, the energy cost savings would be almost \$12 billion a year. In addition, annual greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by 140 billion pounds, which is equivalent to emissions from more than 13 million vehicles. To find out more about whether an ENERGY STAR[®]-certified HPWH is right for you, visit: https://www.energystar.gov/products/energy_star_home_upgrade/super_efficient_water_heater

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In Hot Water

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If you suspect your water heater is more than 10 years old, it is time to consider replacing it before you're left with an emergency decision. With most water heaters installed in utility rooms, it's easy to overlook your water heater's condition. Visible corrosion, leaking water, rusty hot water, reduced hot water availability and rumbling noises are familiar signs of impending failure.

In addition to HPWH incentives, Lexington Utilities System, in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, offers a variety of EnergyWiseSM incentives to help you make the most of the energy you use. To find out more, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit: www.nppd.com.



FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

KEEP LEXINGTON BEAUTIFUL

Saturday October 15th 2022
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
115 Cattlemens Dr.
Trius Federal Credit Union Bank
Free to anyone in the Lexington Area

For more information
Call 307-325-5701
klbnebraska@gmail.com

 **Keep Lexington Beautiful**
It's your town!

Purple Lights Mystery



The City is not installing purple street lights, however, some existing street lights have turned purple. It turns out this is happening nationwide, with lights supplied by multiple vendors.

According to Nebraska Public Power District's Cory Fuehrer, the luminaires employ red, green and blue light-producing elements, and the green components may be losing power over time. "When properly blended, the chips will produce white-appearing light. Cut back on the green output and you get purple."

The manufacturer of Lexington's lights will replace the defective lights, and the City will install units when the new ones are received.





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>

SHOPPING LOCAL ISN'T JUST A TREND, IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.

SHIFT10

— keep it local —

SHIFT10 is a national movement to encourage shoppers to shift 10% of their spending to local businesses in communities across the United States.

SHIFT10 day is **October 10 (10/10)**

Before



YOUR 2018 CITY

N Independences Street & Housing

After



2022 PROGRESS!





Library News



907 N Washington
(308) 324-2151



by Jennifer Norton
Library Director

"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest." - C.S. Lewis

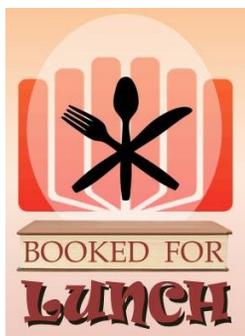


Art Workshops for 3rd through 6th grade students will be held every

Saturday in October from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Volunteers from the **Cozad Art Club** will be instructing each group on a different art technique. Registration is required as space is limited. (See the flier on the following page.)

Booked for Lunch

is back! Join us for a light lunch and a fun program on the 2nd Thursday of the month. (Oct. 13 & Nov. 10) at 11:30 a.m. Please pre-register with the library 308-324-2151. **Bernita Brin** will share her **'Adventures in Quilting'** in October and **Barb Batie** will be here in November to share stories of her experiences as a journalist



and free-lance writer.



Don't miss out on the **Family Fall Festival** being held Monday, October 17.

This family-friendly event will feature fun activities including pumpkin painting, a scarecrow dress-up contest, hayrack rides, petting zoo with Jet the miniature horse, a bake sale, games, and crafts. Free chili and other goodies will be provided by the **Friends of the Library** and the **Mommies Club**. (See the flier attached to this newsletter.)

FYI: the Lexington Public Library offers outreach programs to **Ridgeway Senior Living**. Weekly read-aloud programs are held at the senior facility every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Novels, short stories, fables, and other stories are shared with residents. A monthly **"virtual vacation"** (DVD) is offered to residents in

the dining room. Segments featuring music, history, travel, are part of the **Sentimental Reflections** DVD series shared each month.



Like us on Facebook



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 From 9:00 - 11:30 am
For: 3rd–6th grade students



Saturday, October 1st
**Marker Art
Zentangle**



Saturday, October 15th
Portrait/Graphite



Saturday, October 22nd
Alcohol ink



Saturday, October 8th
**Acrylic Picture /
Jewelry**

Lexington
PUBLIC LIBRARY
907 N. Washington St.
(308) 324-2151



Saturday, October 29th
Bake clay/Sculpture



**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



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





407 E 6th Street
308-746-3543
or
308-324-2498

The **Grand Generation Center** is hosting the return of Paint Paradise on Oct. 12, with new designs & molds for the holiday season!

Come anytime between 1-5 PM on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Grand Generation Center, 407 E 6th Street.

No pre-registration required.

Cost:
Depending on the project you choose, prices range from \$12 - \$30.

Pay on the day of the event; cash or check to Paint Paradise. PP will fire your artwork in their kilns and return them in 1-2 weeks.

PUMPKIN PAINTING



The **Grand Generation Center** is hosting a Pumpkin Painting event to kick off the holiday season!

Join us at 1:00 PM on Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Grand Generation Center, 407 E 6th Street.

No pre-registration required.

Pumpkins provided by Plum Creek Market Place.



MAKE A BIG IMPACT SHOP SMALL

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 26, 2022



Give With Your Heart | November 10, 2022 | givebiglexington.org

Thank You for Supporting These Give Big Lex Projects

- Veteran Pavilion, Kirkpatrick Memorial Park
- Splash Pad, Oak Park
- Lexington Racquet Center, Plum Creek Park
- Lexington Family Aquatic Center
- Grand Generation Center
- Lexington Public Library/Friends of the Library
- Lexington Parks & Trails
- Trail of Lights, Kirkpatrick Memorial Park



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FAMILY

Fall Fest

MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 5:30 - 8 PM

**Hayrides
Dress the Scarecrow**

Face Painting

Tattoo Booth

Prizes, Games & More

Pumpkin painting

Petting Zoo

Photo Booth

Bake Sale

Free Chili Meal

In lieu of an entrance fee, freewill donations will be accepted at the door.

**LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
907 N. WASHINGTON ST.
(308) 324-2151**



Thank you

FROM: ORTHMAN COMMUNITY YMCA

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR TRANSPORTATION CELEBRATION EVENT THIS YEAR. WHETHER YOU WERE A SPONSOR, A VENDOR OR VOLUNTEER, WE ARE SUPER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT & ATTENDANCE IN THIS YEARS EVENT. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND WE HAD MORE PEOPLE THERE THAN EVER!

AT THE Y WE ARE ALL CONNECTED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND THIS EVENT IS ANOTHER WAY TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT. THE HARD WORK IS ALL WORTH IT WHEN WE GET TO SEE THE JOY ON THE KID'S FACES AS THEY GET TO EXLPLORE ALL THE VEHICLES.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING!

SINCERELY,

YOUR YMCA TEAM

RILEY GRUNTORAD, AMY ADAMS, TERRI BURCH, AMBER HOLBROOK, DANIEL HOLBROOK





VETERANS - WE WANT TO SERVE YOU!

Purchase your new home with a \$6,000 grant!

In partnership with the Nebraska Housing Developers Association, all NIFA Participating Lenders have access to grant funds for eligible Veteran home buyers in the amount of \$6,000.*

Borrower Eligibility

Any honorably discharged Veteran who actively served in the military, naval, or air service.

DD 214 Form required.

\$500 minimum down.

**Income & Purchase Price limits do apply and all borrowers must meet eligibility requirements.*

Benefits

Receive a \$6,000 grant to be used towards the purchase of a new home!

Veterans do NOT have to be first-time homebuyers.

Homebuyer Education course provided.

Connect with a NIFA Specialist in your area to apply!

nifa.org

CONTACT US



402-434-3900



homeownership@nifa.org

