

City Happenings

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DAY



February 2024

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“The Vintage Row” Taking Shape on Liberty Drive



On the west side of Liberty Drive, just south of West 13th Street, there are a lot of buildings going up.

When completed, “The Vintage Row” will create 35 new residential units. All units will be rentals and limited to tenants 55 years or older, an arrangement used for the duplexes already completed on the east side of Liberty Drive.

The area is being developed as a senior neighborhood with green space, trails, landscaping, a pond, a clubhouse and other recreational facilities.

Stay tuned for further information as this phase of development is completed.





Library News

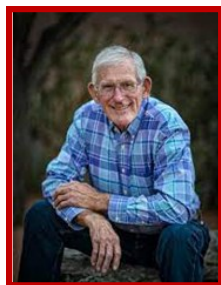


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by Jennifer Norton
Library Director

"Books are my friends, my companions. They make me laugh and cry and find meaning in life." - Christopher Paolini (American Author)



The **Kearney Area Storytelling Festival** is coming to the Lexington Public Library on Tuesday,

February 6 at 5:30 p.m. This family-friendly event is FREE and open to the public. Enjoy storytelling by Spanish/English storyteller **Joe Hayes**. Stories, fun, and refreshments will be available at this wonderful program for all ages.



Adult Board Game Night at the Lexington Public Library is every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy games and refreshments while socializing and having fun. Play games provided by the library or bring a favorite from home to share. Ages 20+ are welcome. Join us February 13, March 12, and April 9 for games @ Your Lexington Public Library.



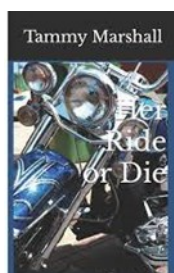
The **Friends of the Library and Mom-mies Club** are hosting a **Pi Day**

fund-raising event on March 14. Support the groups that support the Lexington Public Library by buying a slice of pie (\$3.14) at the library from 11 a.m. until the pie is gone. Free coffee and conversation are available too!



Booked For Lunch on Friday, March 22, will feature Nebraska author **Tammy**

Marshall. Join us for lunch and a presentation by Marshall in which she will discuss her most recent book, "Her Ride or Die." A retired high



school teacher, speech and drama coach, Marshall has four other books to her credit and calls Neligh, Nebr., home. Please call the library to reserve your spot.



Come enjoy a series of **Humanities Nebraska** programs in April, all about **The Ladies of Nebraska Literature**.

- Thursday, April 4: "The Life and Drive of Mari Sandoz" presented by **Peg Gilbert**
- Thursday, April 11: "Bess Streater Aldrich: In Her Own Words" presented by **Jolene McLaughlin**
- Thursday, April 18: "Willa Cathers Life in Letters" presented by **Andrew Jewell**.

All programs begin at 7 p.m. and are FREE and open to the public.

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HONOR A VETERAN WITH THIS LASTING TRIBUTE

Thanks to the Lexington Veterans Memorial Committee, you now have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick which can be inscribed in honor or in memory of a veteran. The bricks will be installed on the Veterans Pavilion Memorial Wall at the south end of Kirkpatrick Memorial Park.



The process is simple: fill out the form at <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/lex>, (or use the QR code above) and remit your payment. All the helpful details are at the website.

Thank you for supporting our local heroes!



Library News

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The inaugural **One Book, One Lexington** program launches in February 2024. Coinciding with Lexington's sesquicentennial, the program will feature book discussions, special programs, and a visit by the author in June as the community celebrates its 150th birthday. Multiple copies of the selected title, "Running Dreams" by **Carlos R. Serván** are available to the public for check out.



The Inaugural One Book, One Lexington 2024

Running Dreams: An Immigrant's hurdles and triumphs, after blindness and amputation by Carlos R. Serván



Events planned throughout the year.

- *Book discussions
- *Speakers
- *Programs

Mr. Serván presently directs the Nebraska Commission for the Blind. He lives in Lincoln, NE.



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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/.

Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn



Fertilize sparingly and caringly

Green your lawn, not the river

Storm drains found in our streets and yards lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, fertilizer from your lawn can easily end up in our water. This fertilizer can form large algae blooms and use up oxygen that fish and other aquatic insects need to survive.

What can you do? Simple:

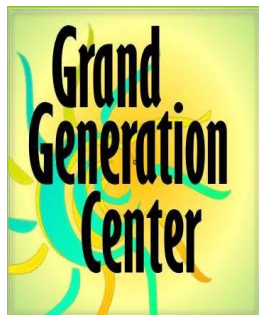
- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks and back onto your lawn.
- Recycle grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn.
- Use fertilizer with low phosphorus.
- Select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble (check the label).

Keep the green on the lawn and in your pocket!

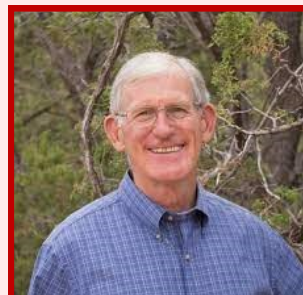


Support provided by Nebr. Dept. of Environment & Energy





Storyteller Joe Hayes



**Thursday,
February 8
12:00 p.m.**

Join us for Bilingual Storyteller **Joe Hayes** on Thursday, February 8, at noon. Joe Hayes has been traveling up and down the country, back and forth, telling stories of the Southwest for more than 40 years. He was the pioneer of bilingual Spanish-English storytelling. Joe has published more than 25 books, many in both English and Spanish. Joe has delighted and inspired children in thousands of schools and was the resident storyteller at the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian in Santa Fe for 39 years. Many parents and teachers of today's kids heard Joe's tales when they were children.

GCC Happenings

407 East 6th Street

Annual Cake Decorating & Auction

Thursday & Friday, February 8 & 9



Join us for the return of our cake decorating day on Thursday, February 8, at 2:00 p.m. We will provide the cakes and different-colored frosting and invite you to bring any decorative items you might want to use. Due to space limitations, we ask that you refrain from using anything that may need refrigeration. Teams can be made up of 1-2 people from any group, business, or organization. Cakes will be displayed & up for silent auction bid from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

on Friday, February 9. Pick-up is from 2 to 5 p.m. following the silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the GGC Support Group fund. Please call 308-324-2498 to reserve your cake at no cost.



International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. International Women's Day has been held every March 8 since 1911.

#IWD2024 #BreakTheBias



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

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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Lexington-Nebraska/157277430966096>





EnergyWise Tip: **Healthy Lighting**



by NPPD Energy Efficiency Program Manager Cory Fuehrer

From introduction to capturing the majority of the market for residential lighting, no other energy efficient technology has been adopted more quickly than the light-emitting diode (LED) bulb. Before 2014, medium base, screw-in LEDs were nearly nonexistent due to their limited light output and very high cost. The U.S. Energy Information Administration's 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) reported that only 4% of households used LEDs for most or all of their indoor lighting. That year, the average cost of a 60-watt equivalent LED was \$15. When conducting the 2020 RECS, 47% reported using LEDs for most or all of their indoor lighting. At the start of 2021, the New York Times reported an average LED bulb costs around \$3.

Today, LEDs use an impressive 85% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs with comparable light output. They also last up to

25 times longer. When purchased in a multipack, LEDs that replace 60-watt incandescent bulbs are about \$2 per bulb.

However, exposure to natural light is still necessary to maintain our health. "White" light is produced when all the colors of the spectrum combine in different proportions. Natural



sunlight has high concentrations from the blue portion of the spectrum during midday and very little during early morning and late afternoon hours. In contrast, almost all LEDs, including those used in bulbs and electronic displays are always rich in "blue light."

Exposure to blue light suppresses our body's

production of melatonin – a hormone responsible for establishing our sleep-wake cycles or circadian rhythm. When melatonin levels lower, we are awake and alert. As we spend more time at the end of our day exposed to blue light while watching television or using computers, notepads and cell phones, sleep disorders are becoming more prevalent. Studies have also linked excessive blue light exposure to myopia (short-sightedness), age-related macular degeneration, obesity, diabetes and Parkinson's Disease, as well as depression. To offset these effects, many mobile devices now include features to reduce the emission of blue light in the evening – and blue blocker glasses – that filter out such wavelengths are available.

However, filters are not enough. Dr. Martin Moore-Ede, director of the Circadian Light Research Center, recommends exposure to

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Healthy Lighting

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bright white light that is rich with blue light for at least 30 minutes during the early to midportion of our day. Then reduce or eliminate exposure to blue light at least one hour before bedtime. Consider taking lunch breaks outside, squeezing in a morning walk before work, or winding down on the patio at the end of the day.

Lexington Utilities System, in partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, want to help you save money while satisfying all of your illumination needs with reliable, low cost and sustainable energy. For more ideas or information about EnergyWiseSM lighting incentives, contact Lexington Utilities System or visit www.energywisenebraska.com.



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**Contact
Lexington
City Manager
308-324-2341**





- 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

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




**2024 Youth Tennis Registration
Pre-K - 6th Grade**

Instruction Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25

5:15 - 5:45 PM	Pre-K
5:45 - 6:30 PM	K - 2nd Grade
6:30 - 7:15 PM	3rd - 4th Grade
7:15 - 8:15 PM	5th - 6th Grade

Classes are FREE, but pre-registration is encouraged to help us know our numbers!

Please pre-register by Friday, March 1

Event Address: Lexington Fieldhouse
1502 N Airport Road

Contact Jake Saulsbury
308-746-3543 or jsaulsbury@cityolex.com

Limited supply of racquets available. Participants should do their best to bring their own racquet.





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Tips to Prevent Frozen Pipes

Leave Water Running - Just a small, slow stream/trickle is usually enough to keep the pipes from freezing.

Leave cabinet doors open so house heat can warm the pipes better.

Do not set your thermostat lower than 55°F, even if you plan to be away for an extended time.

Unhook Garden Hoses. You can also install frost-free faucets and insulate outdoor faucets.

Mobile Homes Need Special Pipe Care

Install **Insulated Tape Wrap** or even better **Electric Heat Tape** on pipes under the trailer.

Make sure the **trailer is skirted.**

Black History Month

February



Lexington snow and ice removal

Winter weather is upon us and the City would like to remind citizens of the following points related to snow removal. There is also the 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.



