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**Tuesday March 5th ~ Presidential Nomination Primary**  
**Tuesday August 13th ~ State Primary**  
**Tuesday November 5th ~ Presidential Election Day**

**Go to Anoka County website for more details**  
[www.anokacountymn.gov/220/Elections-Voter-Registration](http://www.anokacountymn.gov/220/Elections-Voter-Registration)

**Or Call Anoka Elections at**

**(763) 324-1300**  
**Mon-Fri 8 am to 4:30 pm**

**Residents of Lexington**  
**Voting is at**  
**City Hall**

**9180 Lexington Ave. Lexington, MN 55014**

**City Offices will be  
closed in observance of  
the following Holidays  
2024**

**January 1st**  
New Years Day

**January 15th**  
MLK Day

**February 19th**  
Presidents Day

**March 29th**  
Good Friday

**May 27th**  
Memorial Day

**June 19th**  
Juneteenth

**July 4th**  
Independence Day

**September 2nd**  
Labor Day

**October 14th**  
Indigenous People Day

**November 11th**  
Veteran's Day

**November 28th**  
Thanksgiving

**November 29th**  
Day after Thanksgiving

**December 24th**  
Christmas Eve  
Closed at Noon

**December 25th**  
Christmas

**December 31st**  
New Year's Eve  
Closed at Noon

***Santa Around Town*** was a huge success again this year! Santa visited every street in Lexington and the fire department collected 2100 lbs of Food & \$664 in Cash for the Centennial Food Shelf.  
Thank You LFD for helping Santa visit our town!



***\$896.15 was collected  
for the Salvation Army  
By LFD Bell Ringing***



Northern Natural Gas operates an underground natural gas pipeline in our area. Below is some safety information regarding this. For more detailed information visit our website at [www.ci.lexington.mn.us](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us)

***WHAT IS NATURAL GAS?***

Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel. It moves silently, safely and efficiently through an extensive network of pipelines in the United States, and Northern's pipeline is a part of that network.

***Below are some reassuring facts about natural gas:***

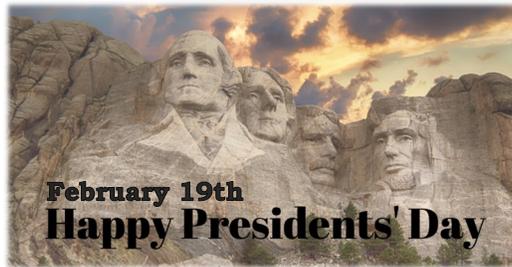
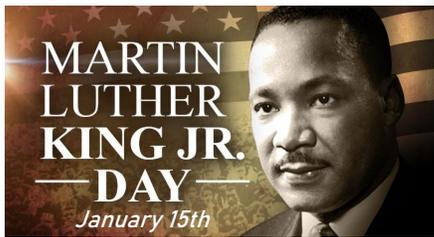
- Natural gas is not a poison or toxic.
- Natural gas is colorless and odorless in its natural state.
- Natural gas will not ignite on its own. To burn, natural gas requires both a precise amount of oxygen & an ignition source.
- Natural gas is lighter than air and will rise and diffuse rapidly.

**Are you a new resident of Lexington?  
Welcome! We're happy you're here!**

Check out our city website, it offers multiple items to help you learn about where you live, and other items to help you navigate the area. Look under the **About Lexington** tab there you will find a local Business directory, History of Lexington, New Resident guide, School information, Transportation plus much more!  
The **Government** tab gives you access to city ordinances, council, park board and planning & zoning agendas & minutes so you can stay informed.  
Under the **Department** tab you will find city finance info, public works, the municipal liquor store and our fire department. Just to name a few.

We are here to help you settle in and enjoy our amazing city! You are always welcome to stop in at City Hall or give us a call!

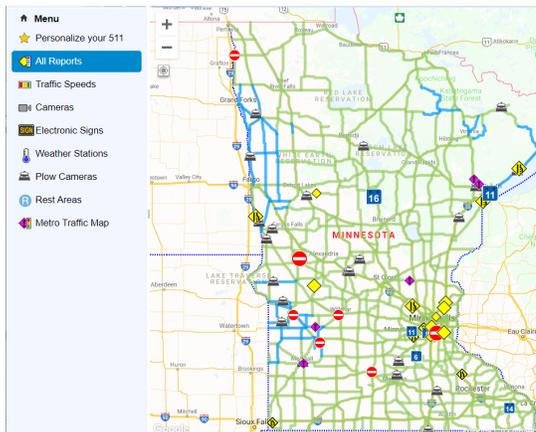
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**Keep an Eye on the Roads**

Want to know how Minnesota roads are doing before you head out on them? Check the DOT website at : [www.hb.511mn.org](http://www.hb.511mn.org)

You can get information on traffic and accidents , see highway as well as plow cameras. This site also shows locations of road construction, rest stops and views of the information signs throughout the state.



**SPRING AHEAD**

March 10th

Daylight Savings Begins  
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour

Replace the batteries in your Smoke/CO<sub>2</sub> detectors  
And Test them



**Congratulations to the 2023  
Holiday Lighting Contest winners**

1st place - 8996 Lexington Ave  
2nd place - 8900 Arona Ave  
3rd place - 9250 Dunlap Ave

THANK YOU TO ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT SHOWED HOLIDAY SPIRIT BY DECORATING THEIR HOMES & YARDS THIS YEAR

**Government Access  
Channel 16**

Tune in to see local programming, get information on events and services in our area and watch the city council meetings.

Lexington City Council meetings are broadcast live at 7:00 PM the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. They are rebroadcast daily at 9 AM, 1 PM & 7 PM

To view past council meetings online go to our homepage and click on



Then **City Council Meetings** to see a list of all available meetings

Check out our calendar on the website for meeting dates and times, holiday closures and special events in the city.

**Thank you to the  
Lexington Fire Relief**

Once again, many thanks go out to the wonderful members of the Lexington Fire Relief Association for their donation of the prize money for the Holiday Lighting Contest. The Lexington Lighting Contest is just one of the many beneficiaries of the community based generosity of this thoughtful, considerate and courageous group of volunteers.

## CITY OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA SUMMARY 2020 BUDGET

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2024 budget information concerning the City of Lexington to interested citizens. This budget is published in accordance with **Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965**.

This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at:

*Lexington City Hall, 9180 Lexington Ave, Lexington, MN 55014*  
during regular business hours.

The City Council adopted this budget on December 7, 2023

|                       | Budgeted<br>Revenue | Budgeted<br>Expenditures |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund          | \$ 2,466,901        | \$ 2,466,901             |
| Debt Service          | \$ 163,912          | \$ 170,876               |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ 389,625          | \$ 511,000               |
| Street Improvements   | \$ 210,346          | \$ 206,500               |
| Park Dedication Fund  | \$ -                | \$ 50,000                |
| TIF 1-3               | \$ 190,351          | \$ 269,381               |
| Enterprise Funds:     |                     |                          |
| Liquor Fund           | \$ 3,696,000        | \$ 3,696,000             |
| Storm Water Fund      | \$ 95,569           | \$ 95,569                |
| Water Fund            | \$ 286,530          | \$ 286,530               |
| Sewer Fund            | \$ 297,500          | \$ 473,811               |

Memorial Park Skating Rink  
Is open until 10pm everyday

Get the family together and enjoy  
what winter has to offer

9100 Hamline Avenue

**Reserved Monday - Thursday**  
**January 2nd through February 29th**  
**6:00pm ~ 7:00pm**  
**Centennial Youth Hockey**



WEATHER PERMITTING

### Cut back on Road Salt to Protect Our Infrastructure, Water, and Aquatic Wildlife!

The Twin Cities Metro applies 350,000 tons of road salt every year, but have you ever wondered where it goes when winter ends? Stormwater and snowmelt carry dissolved road salt into lakes, streams, and groundwater when winter thaws out. Chloride, a major part of road salt compounds, is especially stubborn in water. Once it dissolves, there is no feasible method to remove chloride from water, and stormwater treatment solutions like stormwater ponds and rain gardens are ineffective at removing chloride. Instead, chloride gradually accumulates in our water bodies, harming fish and other aquatic life. The corrosive nature of road salt also contributes between \$350 million and \$1.2 billion in infrastructure costs each year to the Metro area alone.

#### What can you do about it?

Here are some helpful tips **you** can use to make your driveways and sidewalks safer and better for the environment this winter:

#### Shovel!

Salt is never a substitute for shoveling. Shovel your snow and ice first so that salt is only used for melting ice stuck to the ground.

#### Scatter!

Did you know you only need a 12-oz. mug of salt to effectively de-ice a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares? When applying salt, aim to leave 3" between grains.

#### Salt!

Traditional salt (sodium chloride) does not melt ice when the temperature is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Use a low-temperature alternative such as magnesium chloride or calcium chloride to melt ice at lower temperatures or use sand for traction.

#### Sweep!

Sweeping up leftover salt and reusing it later is a great way to save money and limit the amount of salt getting into nearby waterways

## WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

**Parking restrictions are in effect and go until April 1st.**

\*\*\***No Parking** allowed on City streets between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM without an emergency parking permit issued by staff at City Hall.

\*\*\***No Parking** on any street after a snowfall with accumulations of 2 inches or more until all snow, ice and similar debris have been removed from the paved portion of the street.

\*\*\* **It is illegal** to remove snow from private property and place it on the road or sidewalk.

\*\*\***Approximately 200 accidents** occur each year involving snow moving equipment, so be extra cautious and **always** give the plow truck the benefit of the doubt. It weighs in excess of 50,000 lbs.

Your car weighs about 3,000 lbs.



*The City Council has passed a new ordinance* that restricts parking on

Griggs Ave

(between Lake Dr & Restwood Rd) as well as Restwood Rd

(Duwayne Ave to Dunlap Ave)

No Parking on either side of Griggs Ave

No Parking on the North Side of

Restwood Rd

No Overnight parking 2am-6am on the South Side of Restwood Rd.

**Although we haven't had to worry about it much this winter (yet), remember, it is against the law to remove snow and ice from private property and deposit it on any roadway**

### Do you own a Business or Rental Property in the City of Lexington?

City ordinance requires that all businesses & rental properties obtain a license to operate within the city limits.

Business licenses must be renewed yearly by June 30th.

Rental properties are licensed on a biennial basis from the date of your 1st application. They also require an inspection of the property be done with each renewal.

You can find the application forms on our website.

[www.ci.lexington.mn.us](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us)

look under the *Governments / Business & Rental Property Licensing*.

Read the full licensing codes under :

*Government / Ordinances / Code Book*

Business Licensing : Ordinance Code Book Chapter 6

Rental Property Licensing : Ordinance Code Book Chapter 15

### Garbage Cart Placement

Snowplow crews rely on residents' help to place garbage, recycling and yard waste carts behind the curb when it is trash pick-up day. Carts placed in the street interfere with snowplowing operations. Crews are unable to plow the streets from curb-to-curb when carts are in the street.

If trash / recycling pickup day coincides with plowing activities, make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow & the snow pushed up from the plows will not hit them.



## SPRING RECYCLING DAY

**\*\*REMINDER !!!**

**Lexington's Recycling/Clean Up Day is  
Saturday April 20th**

**Location: Memorial Park**

**9100 Hamline Ave**

**8:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM**

**The Salvation Army will be taking donations of  
gently used items as well**

### Recycle at City Hall

- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Light Bulbs (Compact Fluorescent & LED)
- ◆ Ink Cartridges
- ◆ Cell Phones



### Food and Beverage Containers

What is Recyclable:

Only plastics #1 PET, #2 HDPE and #5 PP are recyclable – no black plastic or plastic bags/film

Paper food cartons – milk, water, juice, broth Aluminum cans – leave metal tabs on cans Steel food cans – pinch metal lids inside of food cans

Glass bottles and jars – throw away plastic caps and recycle metal lids separately

Any loose items, smaller than your fist, will not be captured by the recycling equipment. That is why they need to be attached or enclosed within larger containers of the same material. The only exception to this is plastic caps on paper cartons. Caps are allowed by the carton recycling industry.

Preparation Guidelines:

Pour out liquids

Rinse out food debris

Replace caps on plastic bottles and paper cartons

Plastic cups and tubs, replace lid only if it is the same number

Remove plastic overwrap

Throw away plastic caps on glass

Pinch metal lids inside of food cans



### Mixed Paper and Boxes

What is Recyclable:

Newspaper and inserts, Catalogs and magazines, Unwanted mail, School papers

Phone books, Dry goods boxes – cereal, cracker, cake, cookie, facial tissue Toilet paper paper towel inner cores

Preparation Guidelines:

Mixed paper (newspaper, magazines, unwanted mail and school papers) – remove any plastic bags/film and promotional items; windowed envelopes are fine. Mixed paper can be placed in a paper bag Attach small Post-It notes to larger paper

Dry goods boxes – remove plastic bags or other packaging Flatten boxes

### Corrugated Cardboard

Preparation Guidelines:

Flatten, Keep clean and dry

Clean = free of grease, dirt and other contaminants

Shipping boxes – remove any non-paper packaging e.g., styrofoam™, plastic inserts, excessive tape, plastic bags or wrap.



### Can I recycle my delivery PIZZABOX?



**To go/delivery pizza boxes**, if the top of the box is clean and the bottom is greasy, tear the top off and recycle that. If you are signed up for the Anoka County organics program, the greasy bottom can be composted, make sure all stickers or plastic/waxy liners are removed. For more information go to [AnokaCountyMN.gov/organics](http://AnokaCountyMN.gov/organics)

**Always Remember: When In Doubt, Check It Out!**

**Go to: [AnokaCountyMN.gov/recycle](http://AnokaCountyMN.gov/recycle) or 763-324-3400 for more information.**