

October—December 2017



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City of Lexington Office Closed

Nov. 10th

Nov. 23rd 1/2 day

Nov. 24th

Dec. 22nd 1/2 day

Dec. 25th

Dec. 29th 1/2 day

January 1st

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# CITY OF LEXINGTON

**This is a speech given by Councilmember Diane Harris to the residents attending the September 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting in regards to the proposed apartment development at DuWayne and Syndicate Ave:**

Our wonderful City of Lexington is not perfect. At only 1 square mile it is surrounded by Interstate 35W, general aviation reliever airport Anoka County-Blaine Airport, big box stores, an Industrial Park and busy Lake Drive and Lexington Ave. It is a city my husband and I still chose to move to 14 years ago and still love to this day even with all these “undesirables.” We both serve our city with pride and look forward to seeing it thrive.

We have come to realize that our small city of just over 2,000 people is still viable because we continue to welcome and support new and existing business and residents, support our fire department, keep our infrastructure current, and promote small town activities like the Fall Festival and Farmer’s Market, among other things. A lot of our homeowners enjoy acre lots which is unheard of in most cities that surround us.

However, with a small town like ours comes a lot of responsibility, expenses and need for creativity. How do we continue to thrive and keep our identity in a world that just keeps getting more and more expensive? How does a city keep costs down so businesses and residents come and can afford to stay awhile? How does a 1 sq. mile city succeed with all its challenges with little to no property to develop? How does our wonderful city stay relevant?

We say Thank You to anyone who wants to live here among all their other choices.

We say Thank You to businesses that want to reside in our city among all their other choices.

We say Thank You to a developer who sees their vision in our city among all their other choices.

Most importantly we say Thank You to ourselves and our neighbors.....

- who clean up, maintain and update their homes and properties,
- who stop using their front yards as parking lots
- who drive the posted speed limits on our roads and look out for our kids playing in the streets
- who say Hi to their neighbors
- who patronize the businesses in our city
- who attend our Fall Festival and Farmers Market
- who are alert to crimes and report accordingly
- who attend City meetings that are public
- who stay current on what’s new in our city
- who serve our city
- who watch out for their neighbors
- and who act like we live in the small town we all love and want to see prosper

I welcome this new apartment building and the lucky people who decide to move into it. I also challenge the owner and developers to work with the city administration and meet their requirements in making this something we can all be proud of. Like our residents, your passion for Lexington will be visible in your actions.

Daylight Saving Time ends soon.

Remember to set your clocks

*back one hour on*

*Sunday, November 5st*



dreamstime.com

Reminder to pay utilities and permit fees on line at [www.ci.lexington.mn.us](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us)

## Centennial Lakes Police Department

The CLPD is responding to an increasing number of calls for theft from unlocked vehicles and wants to remind everyone the importance of locking your car and home to avoid becoming a victim of theft.

For more information on what you can do to live safer visit

[Centenniallakespd.govoffice2.com](http://Centenniallakespd.govoffice2.com)

### OCTOBER IS FIRE

### PREVENTION MONTH

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

#### Dispose of Your Unused Medications at the Centennial Lakes Police Department

#### What is Accepted?

Prescription medication, OTC drugs, or pet medication in any form including:  
Pills and Capsules    Blister Packs  
Creams and Gels      Inhalers  
Liquids                    Patches  
Powders                  Sprays  
Vials

#### What will not be accepted?

Needles  
Syringes  
Lancets  
Thermometers



Contact us at 763-784-2501 with any questions.

## Winter Parking Restrictions

With summer gone, fall upon us, and winter just around the corner it's time to start thinking of the other changes that affect us this time of year, namely parking restrictions and snow removal.

#### Parking restrictions will begin November 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 accumulation of 2 inches or more until all snow, ice and similar debris has 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.

- Stay safe -

#### Assume

snowplow drivers **do not** see you.





## Halloween Safety

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Dogs can have lethal tails, wagging all over the place. Don't leave any lighted candles or Jack-O-Lanterns where they could be knocked over by a swinging tail or by a curious cat. Not only could your pet start a fire but they could severely burn themselves in the process.



## Park Board Vacancies

The City is accepting applications to fill 2 vacancies on the Park Board. Interested individuals can pick up and submit an application at Lexington City Hall 9180 Lexington Avenue.

For more information about the Park Board and meeting schedules please contact Bill Petracek at 763-784-2792.

## WHY CARE ABOUT WASTE?

The population in the Twin Cities metropolitan area is growing and people are throwing out more and more garbage every year. Currently, residents in the Twin Cities create approximately 7 pounds of garbage every week! This increasing amount of garbage is a serious problem, and may impact:

- Natural resources (trees, water, soil quality, and more), that may be used and abused to create the products and packaging you buy
  - Hazardous materials disposed of improperly
  - Fees you pay to have your garbage hauled
  - Natural beauty lost under piles of garbage

## WHAT CAN BE DONE?

There are many easy ways to reduce our growing garbage problem and protect our environment. Instead of throwing out valuable goods and packaging, think reuse and recycling. Lower waste and manufacturing costs, energy savings, and cleaner air and water are among the benefits we can all share. Our small actions can have a big impact. Collectively, if residents of the Twin Cities made even some of these changes, our waste problems could be kept in check:

- Choose to purchase items with less packaging
  - Buy recycled whenever possible
  - Get off of junk mail lists
  - Compost food waste
- Learn how to safely dispose of household hazardous products (cleaners, fertilizers, etc)
  - Reuse scrap paper and grocery bags and more.

City of Lexington in conjunction with Green Lights Recycling will be offering special recycling collection events on the second Saturday of the month. When: October 14 • November 11 • December 9 Where: Green Lights Recycling (GLR), 10040 Davenport Street NE in Blaine

Materials Accepted: • Fluorescent bulbs (\$.35 - .60/ea) • Small and medium items (DVD and VCR players, stereos, speakers, record players, coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, keyboards, vacuums, phones, small appliances, and video game consoles) (\$5) • Appliances (\$8-20) • Batteries: sealed lead acid, small household and rechargeable (\$0-1.50/lb) • TVs and monitors (all sizes) accepted (\$15-50) • Mattresses and box springs (\$20) • Carpet (no rubber back) (\$4/roll) or \$30/residential pickup truck load • Scrap metal (clean and all non-metal material removed) (FREE) • Hard drive shredding (\$10) • Printers, scanners and fax machines (\$ 10-35) • Tires (\$5-9) Prices have a range since they vary by the size and type of material.

The annual Holiday Lighting Contest will be judged by the Lexington Park Board the week of

**December 11-16**

No need to register, the entire City qualifies.

- \*1st Place \$100
- \* 2nd Place \$50
- \*3rd Place \$25

Prize money generously do-

**LEXINGTON MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE**

For good deals on beer, wine, liquor, mixes and pop remember.....

**Lexington Liquors**

9271 Lake Drive

Lexington, MN 55014

**763-786-0198**

Lake Drive & Lexington

**\*\*Reminder\*\***

**Wednesday is Wine Day**

**10% off**



**Did You Know?**

Production of recycled paper uses 80% less water, 65% less energy and produces 95% less air pollution than paper produces using raw materials.

Recycling 16 aluminum cans saves the energy equivalent on one gallon of gasoline.

Glass recycling saves 25 to 32% of the energy used to make a new glass and reduces related air pollution by 20% and water pollution by 50%.

Recycling one ton of plastic saves 685 gallons of oil, uses less energy and produces 95% less air pollution than paper production using raw materials.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED RECYCLING EFFORTS. Lexington households averaged 755 pounds of recycling every year!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS CITY OF LEXINGTON LET'S KEEP IT GOING!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Announcing the "Experience Counts" discount every Monday*

**Lexington Liquors offers our 50 + clientele a special discount all your own...**

**\* All day on Mondays\***

- 5% off Beer**
- 10% off Spirits**
- 10% off Wine**

**Stop in for more**

**Detail**

*Discounts DO NOT apply to sale items*

Lexington's Public Works Department would like to offer the residents on corner lots or curved streets free curb markers that you can place directly at the curb to help the plow drivers save some sod on the first few snow falls. Once the snow banks get build up and they are wing plowed further back the markers will get broken off and will not be needed any more. The markers will be available at city hall.

You could also mark utility boxes (cable, phone, etc)

**Just a Reminder**

It isn't the plow, but rather the snow thrown from the plow blade that wreaks havoc.

When setting your garbage at the curb, leave adequate room for the snowplows to do their job.



This is also a good time to check your mailbox post for wood rot.



**Cold Weather Rule**

The State of Minnesota set up the Cold Weather Rule to help customers who cannot pay their gas bill in full. It does not completely stop winter disconnections but provides customers extra protection from October 15 through April 15. The rule defines:

What you can do if you receive a Notice of Proposed Disconnect—  
What you can do if you have been disconnected and want reconnection of gas service.

If you receive a Notice of Proposed Disconnect, CenterPoint Energy also will send you the following materials to help you manage your gas bill:

1. Information about your rights and responsibilities
2. Information about how to reduce energy use
3. A list of agencies that help pay fuel bills
4. A list of weatherization providers

In order to avoid disconnection or to have service reconnected, you must either pay your bill in full or call CenterPoint Energy at **612-372-4680 or 1-800-729-6164 (toll-free)** and enter into a Payment Plan. You must keep current with the Payment Plan during the Cold Weather Rule months in order to continue to receive protection