



City of Lexington

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR January-March 2018

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I will start by wishing everyone a very Happy and successful New Year! I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you and the City of Lexington this past Mayoral term. Being Mayor of Lexington is an honor that I do not take lightly. I am very proud to serve this community and am very proud to have worked with our City Council and our city staff on the things that we have accomplished this past year. 2017 was a successful year for Lexington!

We had our second annual Lexington Fall Festival, which was fully funded with donations from our local businesses and the Lexington Fire Relief Association (charitable gambling). We continue to make improvements on the Fall Festival and hope to continue the celebration and our partnership with Cowboy's Saloon well into the future.

Our hockey rink is back up and running with newly replaced sideboards and recently installed lighting. These items, also, were fully funded by a donation received from our Lexington Fire Relief Association. **The warming house will be open at the skating rink on Friday nights from 5:00-10:00 pm and Saturday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 pm.** The Tree of Life Church has offered to take on the responsibility of operating the warming house for us, and I want to thank them for doing this for the City of Lexington.

For those of you that may not be familiar with the Lexington Fire Relief Association, the organization is operated by the Lexington Fire Department and has oversight of the charitable gambling at Cowboy's Saloon. Our charitable gambling provides pull tabs, bingo, and meat raffles to Cowboy's Saloon patrons. Proceeds from the gambling operation are distributed to many different charities throughout our community. It has also paid for ALL of the fire engines that you see in our fire station. The City recently purchased a new fire rescue truck that you will see primarily on medical calls - this truck was paid 100% from charitable gambling proceeds.

In December, the City Council approved moving forward with the construction of a new 4-story apartment campus. Construction for the project is estimated to begin in mid-January with the completion of the project sometime in 2018. While this was not a popular development for some citizens, the City Council and I felt it was an excellent opportunity to improve our community. The tax revenue from this building will help us to keep our taxes from continuing to escalate, and the new citizens it will bring into our community will be a benefit to our local businesses.

The City Council adopted the 2018 budget and it has been posted on our city website for you to review. The total increase of our General and Debt Levy increased by 6.4%. This tax increase has allowed us to fund the road construction projects that we completed over the past two years - Flowerfield Road, Hamline Ave., Restwood Road, and Lake Drive in 2018. We have also invested our funds into improving our technology, public works equipment, park equipment, as well as setting aside appropriations for a new fire station in the distant future. Setting aside funds each year for a new fire station will decrease the borrowing expenses incurred in the future, thus saving the City money.

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**City Offices will
be CLOSED**

January 15th

**Martin Luther King
Day**

February 19th

Presidents Day

Streetlight Outages

The City of Lexington has streetlight maintenance contracts with the electric utility company that serves your neighborhood. If you notice that a streetlight is not working, please contact your electric company directly. You may be asked for a pole number.

Connexus: 763-323-2650

Xcel Energy: 800-895-4999

SPRING RECYCLING DAY

****REMINDER !!!!**

**Lexington's
Recycling/Clean Up
Day is Saturday
April 21st**

8:00 AM—12:00 PM

**Lovell Building
Parking Lot**

**Watch for the
Recycling/Clean up
newsletter in late
March or early April...**



**Ever wanted to get
involved with the City?**

Here is your chance...

**The Planning and Zoning
Commission**

&

**The Board Park currently
have openings**

**Call City Hall for more
information**

763-784-2792



Congratulations to the 2016

**Holiday Lighting Contest
winners:**

**Thank you to all residents that
showed the spirit by decorating
their houses and yards this year,
the City becomes a lot more
festive for all.**

1ST PLACE HEIDI HAAKENSEN

8900 SYNDICATE AVE

2ND PLACE MARK & NANCY PETERSON

3871 FLOWERFIELD AVE

3RD PLACE CHRISTOPHER CARLSON

9491 DUNLAP AVE



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Information up to date. Please pro-
vide current cell phone numbers &
e-mail with your next utility
payment.**

**When your information changes
please let us know as soon as you
can. We need this information to
contact you in the event that your
service is interrupted or to notify
you of necessary maintenance on
equipment. Update your infor-
mation by calling 763-784-2792
or e-mail to
chris.galiov@cityoflexingtonmn.org**

Thank you to the Lexington Fire Relief

**Once again, many thanks must 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.**

Unlawful Use. Except as otherwise allowed, it is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the City:

- A. On any roadway except the most right-hand lane when available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle stopped in that lane or proceeding in the same direction, or in making a left turn. Snowmobiles may also be operated upon the out-side slope of trunk, county-state aid and county highways where such highways are so configured within the corporate limits.
- B. On a public sidewalk or trail provided for pedestrian travel.
- C. On boulevards within any public right of way.
- D. On private property of another without specific permission of the owner or person in control of said property.
- E. Upon any school grounds, except as permission is expressly obtained from responsible school authorities.
- F. On any public property, playgrounds or recreation areas, except areas previously listed or authorized for such use by the Council, in which case the use shall be lawful, and snowmobiles may be driven in and out of these areas by the shortest route. Authorized areas in the city shall be designated by resolution of the Council.
- G. On streets as permitted by this section at a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour.
- H. On posted portions of the Rice Creek snowmobile trail at a speed exceeding thirty (30) miles per hour.
- I. The Anoka County Curfew Ordinance for minors under the age of 17 is hereby adopted by reference and shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles by youthful operators. For operators 17 years of age or older it shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile within the city limits during the following times:
 - 1) During the hours from 10:00 o'clock p.m. to 7:00 o'clock a.m., Sunday through Thursday; and
 - 2) 12:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock a.m., on other days. This provision is not intended to prohibit snowmobiles from operating on city streets during the specified hours, however snowmobiles may proceed to and from their residence by street utilizing the most direct route for the purpose of accessing the designated snowmobile trail while entering and exiting the City of Lexington.
- J. Within two hundred (200) feet of church property during the hours of church services, and during the hours of other church functions where the operation of snowmobiles would interfere with such church functions. This provision is not intended to prohibit snowmobiles from operating on city streets adjacent to church property during the hours specified.

Every person who violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he/she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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In 2018, we will continue to focus on ways to improve our revenue sources without raising taxes. Our 2017 liquor store revenues look to be a very good year for our municipal liquor store. We will continue to find ways to improve efficiencies and increase our liquor store profits. For those of you that are not aware, a portion of our yearly profits from the Lexington Liquor Store goes directly toward funding our City operations, which helps us offset our General Fund expenses in our community. So please, continue to buy your beer, liquor, and wine at the Lexington Liquor Store.

I would like to encourage and invite all of you to attend Lexington City Council meetings. Feel free to come to us with your ideas, whether they are good or bad. I am always thrilled to hear your ideas that you may have for the future of Lexington.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at mkurthlexingtonmn@comcast.net or mobile # 651-315-3470.

Recycling (Made Easier)

If you don't have a copy of the "Recycling Guide"

(a reference book to help you reduce waste, reuse resources, recycle more and dispose of materials safely)

stop by City Hall and pick one up.

Residents are encouraged to turn in their aluminum recycling receipts to City Hall. They can be included in the City's tonnage reports to Anoka County. Thank you to all residents that currently do this, it helps us achieve our recycling goals.

****Do you need childcare?***

****Did you apply for or have Childcare Assistance?(CCA)***

****Did you qualify for CCA or be placed on the waiting list?***

****Are your children/child between the ages of 6 weeks to 35 month?***

Then Head Start Child Care Partnership is for you!

Contact them at 763-783-4348

Waste Not

[Food waste statistics](#) are eye opening. About 90 percent of us throw away food too soon and 20 percent of food we purchase never gets eaten. The United States [wastes more food](#) than any other country in the world by an alarming amount.

Locally, the waste sort results in [Hennepin County](#) found that 20 percent of what was found in the garbage was food while [Eureka Recycling](#) says the average Saint Paul household wastes up to \$96 worth of food every month.

While many of the statistics are gloomy, there is plenty of hope! There are ways to reverse these trends that start with individual shoppers, cooks and eaters.



Batteries come in many types and some are more hazardous than others. Generally, non-rechargeable alkaline batteries are safe to throw away in your garbage, while lithium, rechargeable and "button" batteries should be recycled. It's easy -- batteries of many types are accepted for recycling at numerous retail stores in Minnesota, including Target, Wal-Mart, Radio Shack, Batteries Plus, IKEA and many different auto parts stores. Check at the service desk for specific guidelines at a store near you. Call2Recycle maintains a comprehensive directory of rechargeable battery donation sites -- this includes batteries for cell phones, laptop computers, power tools and digital cameras. [Visit their website: **www.call2recycle.org**](#) to search for locations near you, or call their toll-free number: 877-2-RECYCLE (877-273-2925).

The holidays leave behind waste to dispose of. Seek out recycling options for decorations, holiday lights, and more!

 **recycle**
The possibilities are endless.

<http://www.rethinkrecycling.com/residents/materials-name/holiday-lights-decorations-wrapping-paper>

Taking down your Christmas tree? Put your real tree to good use by finding an option so it can be composted.

www.rethinkrecycling.com/residents/materials-name/christmas-trees-holiday-decorations