



Letter from the Mayor

I want to start off the 2022 newsletter by saying THANK YOU to every resident and business owner in the City of Lexington. 2021 was another trying year for all of us, but I firmly believe that we are stronger than ever before. Our community is thriving, and I am honored to serve as your Mayor. There is one comment I often hear while on the campaign trail for governor, and that is Lexington is a small city. While I cannot argue that Lexington is small in size, we are big in pride, as our city motto states. What most people do not realize is that we face the same adversities as the larger cities surrounding us. Small cities like Lexington are an anomaly in the Twin Cities metro, and I am proud of our accomplishments. Lexington has stood its ground for many years, and I am excited for a successful 2022 and the years to come.

Our community has changed over the last few years, but I feel those changes were necessary, inevitable, and often a hard decision for the City Council to make. Our community has already seen the benefits from those changes, and I am excited that in 2023 and 2024, our taxpayers will see an overall reduction in the cost of living in Lexington as these long-term development projects wrap up. I am honored to serve you alongside Councilmembers Winge, Harris, Hughes, and DeVries. We will continue to make the best decisions for Lexington and value your input. Please feel free to visit us at a council meeting. We meet on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

I want to thank our City Administrator Bill Petracek, Finance Director Chris Galiov, City Clerk Mary Vinzant, Admin/Permit Tech Brenda Beaudet, City Attorney Kurt Glaser, liquor store manager Jack Borgen, Public Works Staff, and all other Lexington City staff for their outstanding work to keep our city functioning through the good times and the bad. I would also like to extend a BIG thank you to Police Chief Mork and the Centennial Lakes Police Department for their professionalism, courage, and safety they bring to Lexington.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Lexington's new Fire Chief, Erik Edwards. Chief Edwards has been a member of our fire department for many years, and I am looking forward to his leadership and vision for the future. I want to extend a personal thank you to outgoing Fire Chief Gary Grote for his many years of service to Lexington and its residents.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any member of the City Council. Our job as elected leaders is to represent the community in which we live. You can find our contact information on the city's website, and my email is mike.murphy@cityoflexingtonmn.org

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays

January 17th
Martin Luther King JR Day

February 21st
Presidents Day

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Cable Channel 16
www.ci.lexington.mn.us

Mayor

Mike Murphy

Council Members

Diane Harris
Kim DeVries
John Hughes
Brandon Winge

City Administrator

Bill Petracek

Finance Director

Chris Galiov

Deputy Clerk

Mary Vinzant

Admin Asst./Permit Tech

Brenda Beaudet

Building Inspector

Scott Jensen

Public Works Department

Jim Fischer
Travis Schmid
763-784-6849

Centennial Lakes

Police Department

763-784-2501

Lexington Fire

Department

763-784-1604

Lexington Liquor

Jack Borgen

Karen Larson

Andy Lyons

763-786-0198

Have a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year!

Mayor Mike Murphy

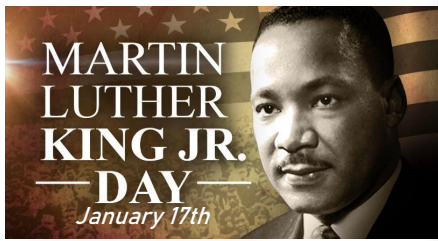
**Centennial Lakes Police**
Serving the Cities of Centerville, Circle Pines and Lexington
54 North Road - Circle Pines, MN 55014
Office: 763.784.2501 Fax: 763.784.0082
Dispatch/911 : 763.427.1212
www.clpdmn.com



*Lexington is a GreenStep City
We are Celebrating 6 years in the
program Check out what we have
accomplished*

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





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

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA SUMMARY 2021 BUDGET

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2022 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 2, 2021

| | Budgeted Revenue | Budgeted Expenditures |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 2,149,586 | \$ 2,149,586 |
| Debt Service | \$ 187,324 | \$ 177,666 |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$ 271,000 | \$ 237,000 |
| Street Improvements | \$ 184,000 | \$ 187,000 |
| Park Dedication Fund | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| TIF 1-3 | \$ 256,814 | \$ 307,595 |
| Enterprise Funds: | | |
| Liquor Fund | \$ 3,691,650 | \$ 3,691,650 |
| Storm Water Fund | \$ 52,405 | \$ 88,107 |
| Water Fund | \$ 237,525 | \$ 237,525 |
| Sewer Fund | \$ 318,000 | \$ 500,746 |

*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!

LEXINGTON SMALL IN SIZE BIG ON PRIDE

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



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

Council Livestream Video

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

CONGRATULATIONS HOLIDAY LIGHTING WINNERS

1st place ~ 3871 Flowerfield Rd
2nd place ~ 8900 Syndicate Ave
3rd place ~ 9357 Hamline Ave

THANK YOU TO ALL RESIDENTS THAT SHOWED THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS BY DECORATING THEIR HOUSES AND YARDS THIS YEAR, THE CITY BECOMES A LOT MORE FESTIVE FOR ALL



**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
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

**YEAR IN REVIEW
New Construction**

January

O'Reilly's Auto began construction of their new building at 9099 S. Hwy Dr.

March

Norhart began construction of Phase 2 of The Lofts Apartments 9001 Griggs Ave.

July

City of Lexington started the addition of A new salt shed at the public works building 9100 Hamline Ave.

August

Ephesians broke ground on their second building at 3960 Restwood Rd.

October

Norhart started on Phase 3 of the Lofts apartments at 9000 Griggs Ave.

**It's time to make a difference
in your community!**
Lexington, MN has fired up the call for volunteers,
And WE WANT YOU!
Are you ready ?

www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/depts_fire_membership

Fire Protection

Keep your family and yourself safe. Visit our website to get tips on how to be protected from the dangers of fire in your home.

www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/depts_fire_outreach

SPRING AHEAD

March 13th

Daylight Savings Begins
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour

Replace the batteries in your Smoke/CO₂ detectors
And Test them

**SPRING
RECYCLING DAY**



****REMINDER****

**Lexington's Recycling/Clean Up Day
is planned for**

April 23rd / 8am ~ 12pm

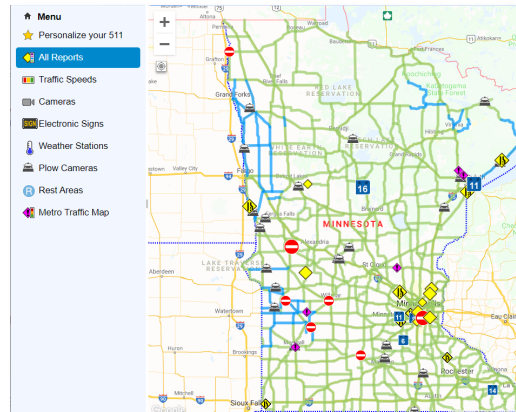
In memorial Park 9100 Hamline Ave

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

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

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.



**STREETLIGHT
Out?**

CALL
Connexus:
763-323-2650
Xcel:
800-895-4999
They may ask for
a pole number

**Thank you
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.



**Circle Pines City Hall Building
Lower Level Back Entrance
200 Civic Heights Circle
Circle Pines, MN 55014**

**Food Shelf Hours:
Mondays / Thursdays 4 - 6 PM
No appointment necessary**

**Serving South Eastern Anoka County
Cities of Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington,
Lino Lakes & Centerville**

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.



**Airport Noise
Complaints**

Phone:
763-726-9411
Online:
Macnoise.com

Recycle SMART This Holiday Season

Do not place these in your recycling cart; take them to a drop-off location.



Batteries and Battery Enclosed Electronics (household and rechargeable)

Why: Batteries and electronics with non-removable batteries can explode and start fires if crushed or punctured. Every month garbage trucks and recycling facilities experience fires when batteries are improperly thrown away.

Recycle: Batteries and some battery enclosed electronics, can be taken to the Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility or select recycling centers and drop-off events. Go to AnokaCounty.us/HHW for location, hours and a list of accepted items. Go to AnokaCounty.us/RecyclingDirectory for other recycling locations.

Tanglers

are any item that get wrapped around sorting equipment at recycling facilities, such as plastic bags, holiday lights and electrical cords.

Why: These items become tangled on machinery and workers can spend hours each day removing them, causing costly processing delays.

Plastic Bags, Stretch Film and Air Pillows

Reduce/Reuse: Avoid using plastic bags by bringing your own bag. Bring packaging materials to mailing stores for reuse.

Recycle: Clean, dry bags and stretchy film can be taken to large retailers, grocery stores and recycling drop-off centers. Puncture plastic air pillows and recycle it with other plastic film. Look for collection containers by store entrances. Check the on-line Anoka County Recycling Directory for locations.

Trash: Throw away non-stretchy cellophane, black, wet or food contaminated bags and remove plastic handles.

Holiday Lights and Cords

Recycle: Many city halls and recycling centers collect these items for recycling. Go to AnokaCounty.us/RecyclingDirectory for locations.



Food

Why: Food scraps can be 30-40% of what we throw away. Stop losing your hard-earned dollars on wasted food.

Reduce/Reuse: There are many tools, tips and resources to help prevent food waste.

Go to AnokaCounty.us/ReduceandSaveTheFood.com.

Compost: Anoka County has many organics drop-off locations and several cities offer curbside organics collection. Sign up and get started today! Go to AnokaCounty.us/Organics to find out about what is accepted and how to sign up.

Anoka County

Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW)

3230 101st Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55449

April - October

Wednesday 1 pm - 7 pm
Thursday 9 am - 3 pm
Friday 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

November - March

Wednesday 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

Closed holidays.

There is no charge to use the facility.

Household hazardous waste is accepted from residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

Bring identification, such as a driver's license, as proof of residency.



WHERE DO I RECYCLE

DROP OFF & DELIVERIES:

In back of building - Follow Signs

Monday - Friday
7:30am to 3:45pm

OFFICE:

In front of building
Monday - Friday
8:00am to 5:00pm

📞 763.785.0456

📞 763.785.0453

🌐 www.GLRnow.com

✉ wecare@GLRnow.com

📍 **Green Lights Recycling**
10040 Davenport Street NE
Blaine, MN 55449



Recycle at City Hall

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

Used Sharps

- Hypodermic needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Pen needles
- IV needles
- Used Epi-Pens®



Place sharps in rigid, puncture resistant container. Label container: "Do Not Recycle: Household Sharps." Seal to prevent spills.

