#### October—December 2015





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Nov. 26th Nov. 27th Dec. 24th 1/2 day

Dec. 25th

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# **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The Lexington City Council has decided to sell the city owned Lovell Building located at the corner of Lovell Road and Lexington Ave. At the September 17, 2015 meeting, the City Council approved a contract to hire Lou Suski, a realtor from Gaughan Companies, to begin marketing the building for its impending sale.

The City Council determined that it no longer makes sense for the City of Lexington to maintain and operate the Lovell Building in its current condition. It is undetermined as to the timeframe when the building will sell, so the businesses in the building will be allowed to continue to operate in their usual manner. The City will continue to maintain and operate the building until the building has been sold.

The City's intention is to work with a developer to redevelop the property. By hiring a realtor to help us market the property will provide us with options and allow us to look at different possibilities for the land.

If you have any questions about the future sale of the property, contact Bill Petracek, City Administrator at 763-354-2805



## Holiday Lighting Contest

## You are cordially invited





#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 10th NOON — PM

COME MEET YOUR LEXINGTON FIRE FIGHTERS, LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, GET SOME BOOYA AND HAVE FUN! JUST SOME OF THE EVENTS:

VEHICLE EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATION - BOUNCY HOUSE CIRCLE-LEX LIONS BOOYA/CHILI DOGS - USE A REAL FIRE HOSE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING - CPR TRAINING - CENTENNIAL POLICE DEPT. - CLIMB ON THE FIRE TRUCKS - TOUR AN AMBULANCE - GIFT BAG FOR THE KIDS - MUSIC - AND MORE!



The City of Lexington is once again sponsoring a drop off for new washable clothing, particularly warm winter gear for senior citizens in Anoka County who are on low or fixed incomes. Many of them have not had new clothes for many, many years. They are in need of both men's and women's clothes of any size, any color. If you are willing to help our senior citizens or have any questions please contact Granny's at 763-792-6408.

You can bring these items to the City of Lexington City Hall drop box.

M-F 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Thank you for your help and generosity !

### GRANNY'S CHRISTMAS CLOSET CLOTHING DRIVE

#### **NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Socks
- ♦ Sweaters
- Sweat shirts & pants
- ♦ Underwear
- Pajamas
- ♦ Mittens
- Gloves

- Hats
- Nightgowns
- Robes
- **Shirts**
- Blouses
- Pants & Slacks
- Hygiene Products



## 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.



## Minnesota's new recycling law means business

Long considered a national leader in recycling, Minnesota now is modeling even more ways to reuse. In May, Gov. Mark Dayton signed the first major overhaul of the state's recycling rules in 25 years: a law that will raise goals, expand funding, encourage more composting, and — perhaps most significantly — require businesses to follow similar recycling rules as homeowners.

The new law will try to increase the rates in several ways. First, it sets a goal for metro counties to recycle and compost 75 percent of solid waste by 2030, up from 50 percent now.

The biggest change in the law, though, is a requirement affecting many commercial enterprises within the seven-county metro area: With some exceptions, any business that generates four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week must begin recycling at least three materials, such as paper, glass, plastic and metal, by Jan. 1, 2016. In addition, professional and collegiate sports facilities anywhere in the state will also have to recycle at least three materials. Industries exempt from the new rules include agriculture, construction and manufacturing.

Minnesota's new rules will likely enhance the state's long-held reputation as a national leader when it comes to recycling. The state's recycling rate, — the amount of solid waste recycled and composted divided by the amount generated — was 46.5 percent in 2012, according to the state Pollution Control Agency. That's up from just more than 40 percent in 2000. That national recycling rate, according to the EPA, is 34.5 percent.

#### VEHICI **Centennial Lakes Police Department IDENTIFICATION GUIDE** The CLPD is responding to an increasing number of calls for theft from unlocked vehicles and wants to This is an AMBULANCE remind everyone the importance of locking your car Use this if ... and home to avoid becoming a victim of theft. You've been shot For more information on what you can do to You've been stabbed Your heart is not beating live safer visit You are having a stroke Centenniallakespd.govoffice2.com You've severed a limb You are not breathing Free Classes Daylight Savings Time Daylight Saving Time North Metro TV offers free TV This is a TAXI and video classes to the public Use this if... ends soon. almost every week! Visit northmetrotv.com/class Remember You need a prescription refilled schedule for a complete listing You stubbed your toe to set your clocks of upcoming classes! Call or You have a toothache e-mail Eric at 763-231-2803 or back one hour on You have a sore throat eric@northmetrotv.com to sign Sunday, November 1st It burns when you pee up today! **KNOW THE DIFFERENCE** OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2015 Page 3



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 that 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!!!!!!!!

## Cold Weather Rule

for wood rot.

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:

Information about your rights and responsibilities
Information about how to reduce energy use
A list of agencies that help pay fuel bills
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