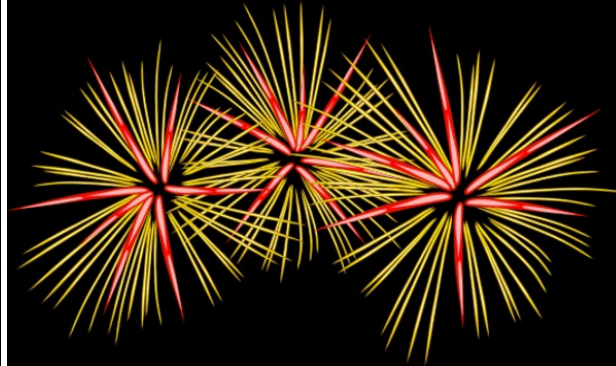




City of Lexington

JANUARY-MARCH 2016

Happy New Years



****REMINDER****

LEXINGTON'S
RECYCLING/CLEAN UP DAY IS
SATURDAY APRIL 16TH
8:00 AM- 12:00 PM
LOVELL BUILDING PARKING LOT
WATCH FOR REMINDERS IN LATE
MARCH EARLY APRIL

A word from our Mayor Mark Kurth,

I'll start off wishing everyone a very Happy and successful New Year. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and the City of Lexington this past year. It is an honor that I do not take lightly. I'm very proud of our city, our city staff, our city council members and what we have accomplished this past year. While we have not always agreed on everything, we have treated each other with respect, courtesy, and professionalism.

The results of the Santa around town were 18 grocery carts of food and \$400 that all go to the local food shelf. Thank you to our fire department that donates their time for this every year, and thank you to everyone that came out and donated. Our 2016 budget is complete, and is posted on our city website for you to review. Our budget increased by \$20,000. With that increase, we put money into savings for roads, technology, public works equipment, a fire station in the distant future, and park equipment. By saving this money now, it will decrease potential borrowing expenses in the future, thus saving money. We have done an extensive renovation in our fire department which should extend the life of the building for many years to come. Other items that were completed in 2015 was extensive strategic planning sessions for the near and distant future, complete renovation of South Flowerfield Rd, extensive discussions with our police, fire, and medical on ways to reduce our public safety dollars, approving rezoning of lots near the mall for redevelopment, putting the Lovell Building up for sale and much more.

For 2016 will focus on items that came out of our strategic planning sessions. The first on the list was to find ways to increase revenue and profits to our municipal liquor store. For those that are not aware, profits from this go directly towards our general fund, thus increased revenue to the city.

I would like to encourage and invite all of you to attend your city council meetings. Feel free to come to us with the good, the bad, and your ideas that you may have for the future of your city.

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

Mayor Mark Kurth

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City Offices will be CLOSED

Monday
January 18th
Martin Luther King Day

Monday
February 15th
President's 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



Help us keep your Account Information up to date. Cell phone numbers & e-mail Addresses Needed.

If any of your information has changed 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 information by calling by City Hall @763-784-2792 or e-mail to tnlexington@comcast.net

Free Tax Preparation Sites:

Volunteers across the state can help you prepare your federal and state tax returns.

Free tax assistance is available if you have a lower income, are a senior citizen, have a disability or speak limited or no English.

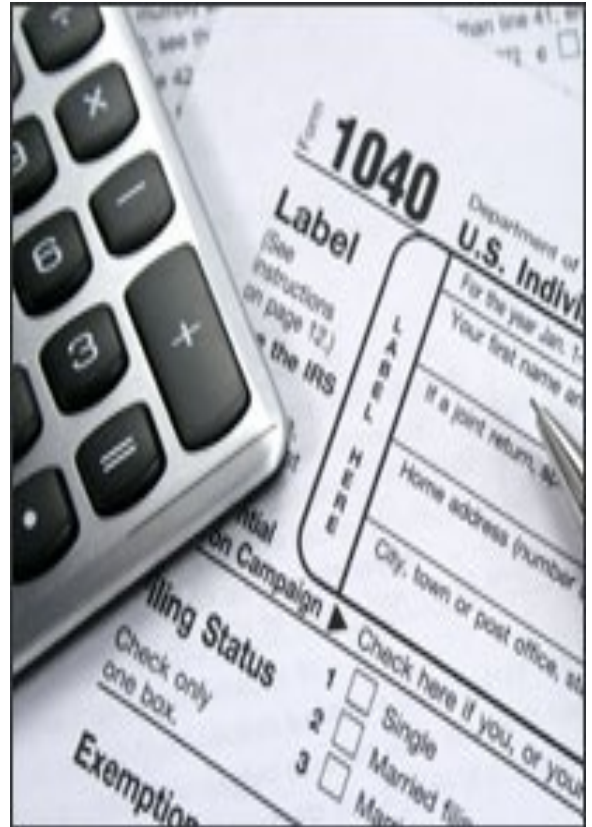
Most volunteer tax preparation sites are open only from February 1 through April 15.

Check out this link:

www.accountabilitymn.org

FREE E-FILE FOR QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS:

The tax software at: <http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/individ/pages/other-supporting-content-online-filing-faq-asp>
click on: How much does it cost.

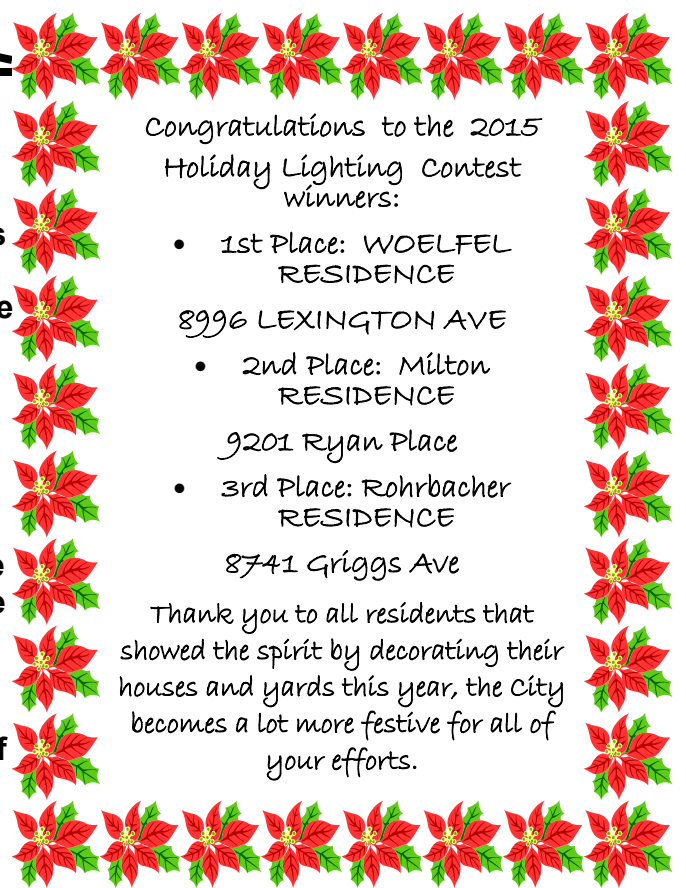


Thank you to the Lexington Fire Relief
Once again, many thanks must go out to the wonderful members of the Lexington Fire Relief Association for their donation of the prize money for the Holiday Lighting Contest. The Lexington Lighting Contest is just one of the many beneficiaries of the community based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

Congratulations to the 2015 Holiday Lighting Contest winners:

- 1st Place: WOELFEL RESIDENCE
8996 LEXINGTON AVE
- 2nd Place: Milton RESIDENCE
9201 Ryan Place
- 3rd Place: Rohrbacher RESIDENCE
8741 Griggs Ave

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 of your efforts.



Amazing Girls Fastpitch Softball is coming to The City of Lexington this summer.

The 2016 Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) will be holding the Section 4AAA Women’s Fastpitch Softball playoffs this spring in Lexington Memorial Park. This will be the first year the tournament is being held in Lexington.

Memorial Park has been chosen as the tournament site location due to the amenities the park offers: the attractiveness, the location, the concessions availability, the scoreboards, and the ability to manage the entrance to the games. If the park works out well for the playoffs, there is a strong potential that it could be an annual event in Lexington.



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

Experience Count\$

Discount—

Every Monday

Wine Wednesday

Specials—

Every Wednesday

Top Ten Specials—

Every Thursday

The dates for the tournament are listed as follows:

- May 24
- May 25 (May 26 rain back-up date)
- May 27 (May 28 rain back-up date)
- May 31 (June 1 rain back-up date)
- June 2 (June 3 rain back-up date)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the tournament, please contact Troy Urdahl, Event Coordinator, at 612-706-1105 email him at turdahl@stanthony.k12.mn.us.

Aluminum Can Recycling

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TURN IN THEIR 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.



Rethink Recycling

Please review the list below to see if you can recycle more.



The following materials are not recyclable at this time in curbside programs throughout Anoka County.

Please do not recycle!

Paper:

- Boxes soiled with food
- Boxes from frozen foods
- Cups
- Egg cartons
- Gift wrap
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates

Glass:

- Containers that held hazardous products, such as nail polish and hobby paint
- Drinking glasses, mugs, dishes, cookware, pottery and vases
- Window and mirror glass

Metal:

- Aerosol cans
- Containers that held hazardous products, such as paint thinner and automotive fluids
- Paint cans

Plastics:

- Containers that held hazardous automotive and yard products, such as motor oil and pesticides
- Containers larger than an ice cream pail/bucket
- Lawn and garden hoses and carts
- Meat trays
- Microwaveable food trays - black
- Plastic wrap and bags*
- Styrofoam®
- Toys, pools and slides


*Plastic shopping bags are recyclable at many grocery stores.

What a waste!

Every hour, metro area residents throw away over 42,000 pounds of recyclable paper.



For more information:
www.AnokaCounty.us/recycle
 763-323-5730

 Yes Recycle	I Recycle Now	I Pledge To Recycle
<i>A list of items that you can recycle at home.</i>		
Paper		
Magazines		
Mail		
Newspaper		
Newspaper inserts		
Office papers		
Phone books		
School papers		
Shredded paper in a closed paper bag		
Paper Boxes/Cartons		
Cake mix and cereal boxes		
Cardboard boxes		
Electronic boxes		
Gift boxes		
Medication and toothpaste boxes		
Milk/Juice cartons		
Other toiletry boxes		
Shoe boxes		
Food Box Guidelines:		
<i>If the product is stored in the cupboard, the box is recyclable.</i>		
<i>If it goes in the freezer it isn't recyclable.</i>		
Glass		
Food and beverage bottles and jars		
Metal		
Aluminum food and beverage cans		
Steel food and beverage cans		
Plastic (#1 through #7)		
Dishwashing bottles/detergent jugs		
Ketchup and salad dressing bottles		
Margarine/cottage cheese tubs		
Milk and juice jugs		
Produce, deli and take-out containers		
Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles		
Water, soda and juice bottles		
Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups		
Plastic Recycling Tips:		
<i>Plastic #1 through #7 will be in the recycling symbol.</i>		
<i>Plastic shopping bags are recyclable at many grocery stores.</i>		
Recycling Preparation Tips:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove pumps and throw away • Give it a quick rinse • It's OK to leave the labels on • Do not place recyclables in plastic bags 		

The energy it takes to recycle is nothing compared to the energy it saves.