



**LEXINGTON  
SMALL IN SIZE  
BIG ON PRIDE**

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The City staff along with the residents of Lexington wish to thank departing Mayor Mark Kurth for his years of service. Mayor Kurth was elected and took the oath of office in 2015 and since then has worked with the city council and planning commissions to help Lexington grow and improve.  
*We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.*



**New Sign for Memorial Park**

Aiden Sherer from Lino Lakes (Troop 692) chose as his Eagle Scout project to replace the weather-beaten sign along with the flag poles at Memorial Park. Aiden brought his design ideas to the Parks Board and worked closely with them throughout the process. The new sign was dedicated on Friday, September 20th at 5:30 p.m. Master Sgt. Aaron Hoska who was also in



attendance, designed and built the original sign as his Eagle Scout project 20 years ago.



Not Every Hero Wears a Cape  
**PLAN & PRACTICE** your **ESCAPE!!**

**October is Fire Prevention Month**

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. **Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have**, giving everyone enough time to get out.  
Plan ahead for your escape.



**Make your home escape plan  
visit: [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org)**



**County Commission  
Seat Special Primary  
Election**

November 5th  
7am-8pm

Lexington City Hall  
This election is to fill the vacancy for county commissioner District 6

For more details [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us) search for District 6 Special Election  
You can also find a link to this information on our website under Government Elections & Voting



# WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

With summer gone, fall's upon us, and winter is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking of the other changes that affect us this time of year, namely parking restrictions & 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 accumulations of 2 inches or more until all snow, ice and similar debris have 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.

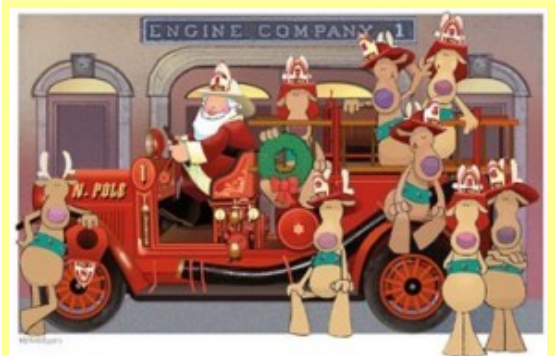
It weighs in excess of 50,000 lbs.  
your car weighs about 3,000 lbs.

**- STAY SAFE -**

**Assume** snowplow drivers **DO NOT** see you.



**Reduce ~ Reuse ~ Recycle**  
**America Recycles Day**  
**November 15th**



**SANTA AROUND TOWN**  
*Saturday December 21st*

LFD will be out with Santa visiting the kiddos and accepting donations for the local food shelf

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays

**Veterans Day**  
November 11th

**Thanksgiving**  
November 28th~29th

**Christmas Eve**  
(At Noon)  
December 24th

**Christmas Day**  
December 25th

**New Years Eve**  
(At Noon)  
December 31st

**New Years Day**  
January 1st, 2020

## Recycle at City Hall

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



Thank you for considering the impact these items may have on your sanitary sewer system before you flush!

### Examples of DO NOT Flush Items

baby wipes	adult wipes	paper towels	disposable and cloth diapers
feminine products	q-tips	bandages	dental floss
socks	sanitary towels	incontinence pads	underwear
rags	kitty litter	cigarette butts	pantyhose
razors and blades - put these in a rigid container before placing in the trash bin			
Medicines - any unwanted or unused medicines should be returned to your local pharmacy for safe disposal			

"Disposable" doesn't mean flushable. Disposable means you should bag it and trash it... **don't flush it!** Most baby wipes and adult wipes are not flushable. This information is usually written in tiny letters somewhere on the package. Even if the phrase "flushable" or "safe to flush" is on the package, it may not be flushable. These "unflushable" and many "flushable" wipes do not fall apart in water like toilet paper. The wipes get tangled in the sewage with other wipes and debris, resulting in sewer clogs and expensive problems for your collection system. These additional maintenance issues cost you money in the form of sewer rates and take time away from the operators and maintenance staff's daily activities. Flushing these items can impact you or your neighbor's sewer service.



**HALLOWEEN Oct. 31st  
STAY SAFE & HAVE FUN**

**Costume Safety**

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant  
Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision  
If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks  
When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first  
Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

**When They're on the Prowl**

A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds  
If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you  
Agree on a specific time children should return home  
Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car  
Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends  
Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home  
Children and adults are reminded to [put electronic devices down](#), keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

**Safety Tips for Motorists**

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs  
Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully  
At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing  
Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween



**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:

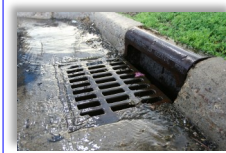
What you can do if you receive a Notice of Proposed Disconnect

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:

[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 the Payment Plan during the Cold Weather Rule months in order to continue to receive protection from disconnection.

**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 snowplow to do their job.  
This is also a good time to check your mailbox post for wood rot.  
**Water pipes**  
**Reminder**  
To keep your pipes from freezing don't turn off your heat and let a faucet drip if you are leaving for a few days.



**ADOPT A STORM DRAIN**



**New Adopt a Drain Program is Taking the Metro by Storm!**

Emily Johnson (Anoka Conservation District) and Britta Dornfeld (Coon Creek Watershed District)

There's a new program in the seven-county metro area that's taking the streets by storm. Since its official launch in May of 2019, over 4,000 residents have joined the movement to adopt a storm drain, making it the largest community engagement program of its type in the entire United States!



Storm drains are common on urban and suburban streets but are often overlooked. We pay little attention to where all that water goes when it rains and instead rely storm drains to do their job. Quietly and efficiently, they carry water runoff from streets and other hard surfaces through pipes underground, sometimes flowing directly to local streams, lakes, and wetlands. Anything

picked up by that storm water is carried with it, dumping pollution into our water! Even organic debris, like fallen leaves and grass clippings, can be pollutants because they add artificially large amounts of nutrients that can cause increased algae growth.

So, what can we do about it?

The Adopt-a-Drain program is one local answer to preventing pollution from getting into our waters, and is so easy you can get involved right away! The commitment is completely voluntary and only takes a few minutes every month. To learn more, see the program's collective impact, and sign up, visit [www.Adopt-a-Drain.org](http://www.Adopt-a-Drain.org). Are you ready to adopt your drain and join the movement?

**Centennial Lakes Police**  
*Serving the Cities of Centerville, Circle Pines and Lexington*

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**Office: 763.784.2501 - Fax: 763.784.0082**  
**Dispatch/911: 763.427.1212**  
**www.clpdmn.com**







The Annual Holiday Lighting Contest will be taking place again this year. No need to register, the entire City qualifies. Check out our website for dates of the judging

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



**Please Sweep Them Up**  
SECTION 7.07. OBSTRUCTIONS IN STREETS Subd. 3. Dumping in Streets.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to throw or deposit in any street any nails, dirt, glass or glassware, cans, discarded cloth or clothing, metal scraps, garbage, leaves, grass or tree limbs, paper or paper products, shreds or rubbish, oil, grease or other petroleum products, or to empty any water containing salt or other injurious chemical thereon. It is a violation of this Section to haul any such material, inadequately enclosed or covered, thereby permitting the same to fall upon streets.



**SEEN AROUND TOWN**  
Have you captured a video or picture of something fun,

amazing or beautiful about our city? email it to: [brenda.beudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org](mailto:brenda.beudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org) at City Hall and we might share it on our page!! Include your 1st name & where the picture was taken



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use it again

We keep 10,000 truckloads of clothing out of landfills every year.

Thousands of drop off points for clothes and shoes nationwide.

[www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com)

The Boxes located at City Hall are for

**CLOTHING, SHOES, LINENS & ACCESSORIES ONLY**

Clothes	
Footwear	
Children's Clothing	
Accessories	
Linens, etc.	

Please **DO NOT** leave Electronics, Furniture or Household Items  
Those are accepted at Goodwill ~ Saver ~ The Salvation Army

**Monthly Recycling Events at Green Lights Recycling in Blaine**

Residents must present coupon to recycle two free items. One Coupon per resident each month

**When:** October 12 • November 9 • December 14

**Where:** Green Lights Recycling  
10040 Davenport St NE, Blaine, MN

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



**Materials Accepted:**

- Appliances (\$10 - 25 each)
- Batteries: sealed lead acid, small household and rechargeable (\$0 - \$6/lb)
- Carpet: no rubber back (\$6/roll)
- Electronics
  - Printers, scanners and fax machines (\$10 - 35 each)
  - Hard drive destruction (\$10 each)
  - TVs and monitors: all sizes (\$18 - 75 each)
  - Small and medium items: mice, keyboards, DVD and VCR players, stereos, speakers, record players, coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, keyboards, vacuums, phones, small appliances and video game consoles (\$0 - 5 each)
- Fluorescent bulbs (\$.50 - .95 each)
- Mattresses and box springs (\$20 - 25 each)
- Paper shredding: 2 box maximum (FREE)
- Scrap metal: clean and all non-metal material removed (FREE)
- Tires (\$5 - 8 each)

Prices have a range since they vary by the size and type of material.

<p><b>RECYCLE</b> 2 items for FREE October 12, 2019 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Green Lights Recycling Lexington</p>	<p><b>RECYCLE</b> 2 items for FREE November 9, 2019 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Green Lights Recycling Lexington</p>	<p><b>RECYCLE</b> 2 items for FREE December 14, 2019 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Green Lights Recycling Lexington</p>
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