



Congratulations on your re-election to office:

Mike Murphy ~ Mayor
Diane Harris ~ City Council
Brandon Winge ~ City Council



City Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18th

President's Day
February 15th

**LEXINGTON
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ON PRIDE**

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Mayor

Mike Murphy

Council Members

Diane Harris
Kim DeVries
John Hughes
Brandon Winge

City Administrator

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Brenda Beaudet

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763-784-6849

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Department

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Residents of Lexington.

I would like to begin this message with a huge THANK YOU! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor for the next two years. I am also pleased and honored to continue to serve the residents of Lexington with my fellow Councilmembers Diane Harris, Brandon Winge, John Hughes, and Kim DeVries. I feel our current council is doing an outstanding job for the community, and I promise we will continue to do so into 2021.

2020 was a very trying year for all of us. I will not go into all of the things you already know, but I want to let you know that better times are around the corner. Please continue to stay positive, and we can weather the end of the storm together. We live in an amazing community, and thank you for supporting the small businesses of Lexington through these trying times. As we begin to return to some sense of normalcy, our small businesses need us now more than ever, especially the local restaurants of Lexington and the surrounding area. I would like to personally thank our police department, fire department, first responders, and health care professionals for their outstanding service to our community during the pandemic. I would also like to extend a thank you to our essential workers who continued to serve Lexington residents during the pandemic through long lines and hours of mask-wearing. Finally, I would like to thank Lexington city staff and administration for all of their hard work keeping our community running smoothly and on budget during these unknown times.

I am looking forward to our conversations in 2021 and hearing from you. I want to know how you are doing, what you are seeing in our community, and how I can help. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at council meetings and community events. Please take care and stay healthy.

Mike Murphy
Mayor



*Lexington is a GreenStep City
We have reached our 3rd step
and are Celebrating 5 years in the program
Check out what we have accomplished*

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



**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



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



Airport Noise Complaints

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

**CITY OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA
SUMMARY 2021 BUDGET**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2021 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 3, 2020

	Budgeted Revenue	Budgeted Expenditures
General Fund	\$ 2,165,478	\$ 2,165,478
Debt Service	\$ 193,174	\$ 131,038
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 248,000	\$ 280,400
Street Improvements	\$ 215,736	\$ 218,700
Park Dedication Fund	\$ 24,000	\$ 242,000
TIF 1-3	\$ 80,091	\$ 166,459
Enterprise Funds:		
Lovell Building	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Liquor Fund	\$ 3,355,700	\$ 3,459,687
Storm Water Fund	\$ 48,200	\$ 71,756
Water Fund	\$ 222,000	\$ 239,081
Sewer Fund	\$ 294,000	\$ 427,574



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February	Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 home fires & 1 in every 5 home fire deaths	Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters
Keep portable generators outside away from windows, & as far from your home as possible	Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month	Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time
Have a qualified pro clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year	Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, & keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home & any nearby buildings	

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

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS
HOLIDAY LIGHTING WINNERS**

- 1st place ~ 9201 Ryan place
- 2nd place ~ 8711 Dunlap Ave
- 3rd place ~ 9546 Griggs 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



Park Board Vacancy
If you are interested in serving please send a letter of interest to
**Lexington City Hall
9180 Lexington Ave.
Lexington, MN 55014**

SPRING AHEAD

March 14th

Daylight Savings Begins
Remember to set your
clocks ahead 1 hour

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



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



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

*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!

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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.

YES RECYCLING ONLY NO

Put these items into Recycling



DO NOT Put these items into Recycling



SPRING RECYCLING DAY

****REMINDER****



Lexington's

**Recycling/Clean Up Day is Planned for April 17th
Time 8am ~ 12pm**

**Location to be
determined closer to the date**

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

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

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking restrictions are in effect and go until April 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.

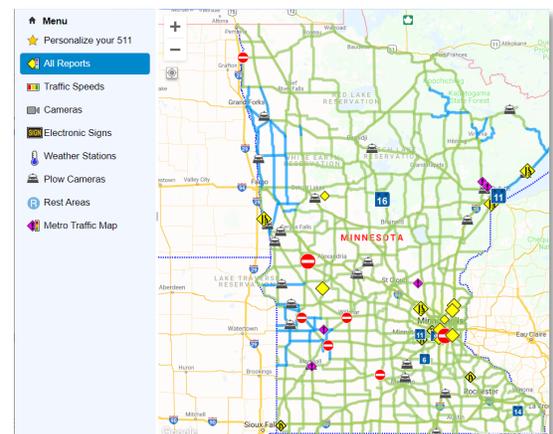
*****Approximately 200 accidents** occur each year involving snow moving equipment, so be extra cautious and **always** give the plow truck the benefit of the doubt. It weighs in excess of 50,000 lbs.

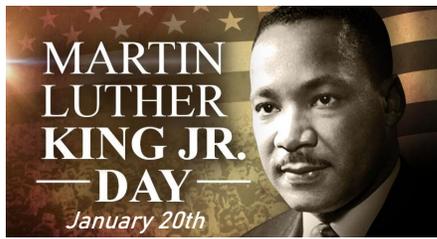
Your car weighs about 3,000 lbs.

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.



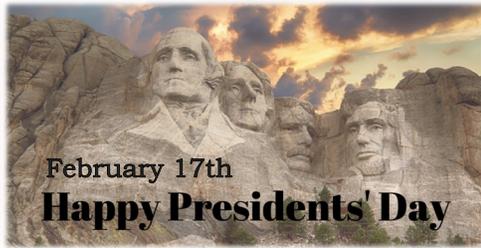


Memorial Park Skating Rink
Is open until 10pm everyday
Get the family together and enjoy
what winter has to offer



9100 Hamline Avenue

WEATHER PERMITTING



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



Snapshot of City Ordinances

Recycle at City Hall

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



**Chapter 10 Section 10.35
JUNK CARS, FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND APPLIANCES STORED ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY**

It is unlawful to park or store any unlicensed, unregistered or inoperable motor vehicle, household furnishings or appliances, or parts and components thereof, on any property, public or private, unless housed within a lawfully erected building.

Any violation of this section is declared to be a nuisance and upon seven days written notice to the owner, as shown by the records in the office of the County Auditor, the private premises on which such material is found, the City may remove the same and certify the cost of such removal as any other special assessment.

**Chapter 11 Section 11.60
Subd. 25. REQUIRING THE NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS**

A. Numbers Assigned. The City shall assign distinctive street numbers to all principal buildings presently located within the City. Principal buildings hereafter constructed shall be assigned street number when the building permit is issued.

B. Numbering Required. It shall be the duty of the owner, agent, lessor or occupant of every house, mobile home or other building except barns, garages and other residential, commercial or industrial buildings which are part of the same property with a numbered house or building, to place on every such mobile home or building its proper street number in conformity with the following:

- 1) Arabic Numbers shall be posted above, on or beside the principal entrance to the building.
- 2) Numbers shall be posted in a manner as to be visible from the dedicated street on which the property is located.
- 3) Premises which are located so that they are not visible from the abutting street shall have an additional set of numbers located on a post, sign or other device, which is clearly visible from such street and which clearly designates the premises numbered.
- 4) Numbers must have a minimum height of 4 inches and a minimum width of 1-1/2 inches. Numbers must contrast with the color of background to which they are attached or must be made of a reflective material.
- 5) In cases where a principal building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit each separate front entrance of such building shall bear a number, as assigned by the City.

Cut back on Road Salt to Protect Our Infrastructure, Water, and Aquatic Wildlife!

The Twin Cities Metro applies 350,000 tons of road salt every year, but have you ever wondered where it goes when winter ends? Stormwater and snowmelt carry dissolved road salt into lakes, streams, and groundwater when winter thaws out. Chloride, a major part of road salt compounds, is especially stubborn in water. Once it dissolves, there is no feasible method to remove chloride from water, and stormwater treatment solutions like stormwater ponds and rain gardens are ineffective at removing chloride. Instead, chloride gradually accumulates in our water bodies, harming fish and other aquatic life. The corrosive nature of road salt also contributes between \$350 million and \$1.2 billion in infrastructure costs each year to the Metro area alone.

What can you do about it?

Here are some helpful tips **you** can use to make your driveways and sidewalks safer and better for the environment this winter:

Shovel!

Salt is never a substitute for shoveling. Shovel your snow and ice first so that salt is only used for melting ice stuck to the ground.

Scatter!

Did you know you only need a 12-oz. mug of salt to effectively de-ice a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares? When applying salt, aim to leave 3" between grains.

Salt!

Traditional salt (sodium chloride) does not melt ice when the temperature is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Use a low-temperature alternative such as magnesium chloride or calcium chloride to melt ice at lower temperatures or use sand for traction.

Sweep!

Sweeping up leftover salt and reusing it later is a great way to save money and limit the amount of salt getting into nearby waterways



The City has stakes available for residents to pick up. They can be used to mark curves along the roadway or other items that may be hit by the plow. Once the plow had gone by several times they will no longer be needed.
City Hall is open
Monday ~ Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

