

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
11:00 A.M. - ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR -

- ****1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents October Award Of Excellence.
- ****2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: CHANGE - The time and date for the news conference on the Star City Holiday Parade has been changed from 10:00 a.m., Nov. 8th to 10:30 a.m., Nov. 15th.
- ****3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Planned On Improvements To East Adams.
- ****4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Preliminary Statistics Show EMS To Finish Year With Small Profit.
- ****5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Harris Overpass To Close Monday.
- ****6. Monthly Report from NHHS - State Water Tests.
- ****7. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Chris Beutler will make two announcements on Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- ****8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln Named Nation's Top Digital City - Web site celebrates 12th anniversary ranked number one for comparable cities.
- ****9. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Beutler Appoints MaClean As Director Of Public Works & Utilities.
- ****10. Washington Report - November 2, 2007.
- ***11. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule. Week of November 10 through 16, 2007. (Sent to City Council via email on November 9, 2007)
- ***12. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler Will Present 2007 Gerald Henderson Human Right Award at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, November 14, 2007 in the Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street.
- ***13. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Star City Holiday Parade Representatives News Conference, Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 10:30 am at the Float Factory in Waverly.
- ***14. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents Human Rights Award to Beatty Brasch.
- ***15. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Announces Plans for Star City Holiday Parade.
- ***16. Washington Report. November 9, 2007.
- *17. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's News Conference, Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 555 South 10th Street, 9:00am Regarding City Council's Action on Living Wage (Council received this Advisory on 11/19/07)
- *18. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to Veto Living Wage Exemption.
- *19. Washington Report. November 20, 2007.
- *20. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler will name a new aide for economic development at a news conference TODAY (11/21/07) at 2:30 p.m.
- *21. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Section Of Browning Street To Close Tuesday.
- *22. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Park Free For Star City Holiday Parade.
- *23. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Beutler Names Economic Development Aide.
- 24. NEWS RELEASE - Line-Up Announced for Star City Holiday Parade.

II. DIRECTORS

COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

- *1. Letter & Material from David J. Shively, Election Commissioner to Mayor Beutler and Chairman Dan Marvin - RE: Letter to remind you of a Nebraska law that requires political subdivisions to inform the Election Commissioner of any needed adjustments to election district boundaries at least five months prior to any election.

FINANCE/CITY TREASURER

- ****1. Resolution - Investment Report for the year ending August 31, 2007.
- *2. Monthly City Cash Report for October, 2007.
- 3. November Sales Tax Reports:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2002-2003 through 2007-2008;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2002-2003 through 2007-2008; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collection 2002-2003-through 2007-2008.

PLANNING

- ****1. Letter from Tom Cajka to Lyle Loth, ESP - RE: Hartland Homes NW 6th Addition Final Plat #07067 - Generally located at NW 48th Street and W. Madison Avenue.
- ****2. Letter & Material from Brian Will to Property Owners - RE: Administrative Amendment #07104 to The Preserve on Antelope Creek - Use Permit #125.
- ***3. Bill #07R-229, Special Permit No. 07047, 10th and Military Road. Plan to Bring Parking Stalls up to 107 for Apartments.
- ***4. Memo from William J. Wayne Regarding Bill #07R-228, #07-171, #07-172 and #07R-229, 10th and Military Road.
- *5. Letter from Tom Cajka to Property Owners - RE: Administrative Amendment #071112 to Stone Bridge Creek SP#1845.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- ***1. Special Permit No. 07049. On-Sale Alcohol, 710 Hill Street. Resolution No. PC-01087.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

- ***1. Harris Overpass to Close Monday, November 12, 2007. "O" Street; 2nd - 9th. Project #791781.
- ***2. Comp Plan Conformance 07022, Special Permit 07047, Change of Zone 07055 REVISED. Percentage of Allowable Fill of 60%, not 40%, for Area of Proposed Development.

III. CITY CLERK

- *1. Email Letter of Appeal from Danelle Catlett on Planning Commissioner's Approval of Special Permit 07049.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

DAN MARVIN

- ***1. Email from Milt Schmidt, United Way Public Sector and Labor Campaign Specialist. Why is City Council trying to take away wages?

JOHN SPATZ

- *1. E-Mail from Irakli Loladze - RE: Support for the Lincoln Parks & Rec. indoor shooting range.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- ****1. Email from Andrea Dickey - RE: LES rate increase.
- ****2. Letter from Wendy Birdsall, CCE, President, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - RE: Our city living wage ordinance (Council received on 11/05/07 before Formal Council Meeting)
- ****3. Letter & Material from Diana McGinnis to L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, League of Nebraska Municipalities - RE: Model Municipal Ordinance (For a Parallel Accounting of Municipal Finances in Constitutional Dollars).
- ****4. Letter from Glenn D. Johnson, General Manager, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District - RE: North 10th Street & Military.
- ****5. Email from Tammy Hanel - RE: Animal Control.
- ***6. Letter from Mark A. Brohman, Executive Direction of NE Environmental Trust. Against Proposals 07R-227, 07R-228, 07-171 and 07-172, building in the flood plain.
- ***7. Email from Vic Covalt. Reject Jon Camp's attack on the right of all persons to receive a living wage.
- ***8. Email from Cookie Wittler. Reject Jon Camp's attack on the right of all persons to receive a living wage.
- ***9. Correspondence through InterLinc. Why is Council trying to take wages away from people who do not make enough money to support themselves now? From Milt Schmidt.
- ***10. Email from Jeanne Kern. Special Permit 07047 The location, on taking land in the 100-year flood plain and making low cost housing, is terrible. Deny request.
- ***11. Email from Robert and Phyllis Narveson. Oppose Bill No. 07r-229, Special Permit 07047. Development is located in the 100 year flood plain.
- ***12. Email from Joyce Coppinger. Deny plan approval to build low-income housing in the flood plain along Salt Creek.
- ***13. Email from Rosemary Thornton. Vote No on project for building on the 100 year flood plain of Salt Creek.
- ***14. Email from Maribeth Milner. Strongly oppose building permanent structure on flood plains.
- ***15. Email from Karen Davis. Creekside Village doomed to failure. Do not approve in the flood plain.
- ***16a. Email from Bill Wayne. Reconsider request for housing construction on the Salt Creek flood plain.
- ***16b. Statement from William J. Wayne, Professor Emeritus, Geology on flood plains.
- ***17. Correspondence on Lincoln InterLinc from Bill Crawford. Concerns regarding homeless population in Lincoln.
- ***18. Email from David Wasson. Vote against Creekside Village Development, Bill No. 07R-229, Special Permit 07047.

- ***19. Email from Mary Rauner. Questions regarding the flood plain housing proposal. Other proposals should have been considered.
- ***20. Email from Susan Samson. Opposed to location for proposed Creekside Village.
- ***21. Letter from Robert Boyce (Sent to each Council Member individually). Vote against requested exception to the Comprehensive Plan permitting the building of Creekside Village.
- ***22. Email from Nancy Shelley. Find better site for Creekside Village.
- ***23. Email from Arlys Reitan. Building should not be done in flood plains. How are certain groups able to obtain waivers and exceptions to the rule?
- ***24. Email from Sue Wurm. Opposition to Bill No. 07R-229, Special Report 07047.
- ***25. Email from Cindy Weiss. Proposed housing on a floodplain in Lincoln is total madness.
- ***26. Email from Susan E. Allen. Opposed to Bill No. 07R-229, Special Permit 07047. Not a good location in the Salt Creek floodplain.
- ***27. Letter from the Multicultural Advisory Committee. MAC voted to oppose exempting nonprofit organization from Lincoln's Living Wage Ordinance. Supports present Ordinance 2.81 as is.
- *28. Letter from Kristen Traver. Supports a catch-and-release spay-neuter program in Lincoln.
- *29. Email from Carita Baker. Opposed to Housing Project in Antelope Valley. (Distributed to Council Members Before Meeting on 11/19/07)
- *30. Correspondence from Bill Crawford in support of the Creekside Village Project. (Distributed to Council Members Before Meeting on 11/19/07)
- *31. Email from Jackie Barnhardt. Consider responsibility of building in a flood plain.
- *32. Correspondence received through Lincoln InterLinc from Dick Boyd. Opposed to building in a flood plain. While working witnessed two tremendous floods.
- *33. Email from Melvin Burbach thanking Council Members for listening to speakers regarding the 10th and Military development, with the exception of Robin Eschliman.
- *34. Email from Marvin L. Lyman. Lammle property located at 98th and Merion Circle.
- *35. E-Mail from Jeanette Fanmeyer - RE: Proposed housing in North Bottoms.
- *36. E-Mail from Patte Newman - RE: North Bottoms surplusing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- **** **HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2007.**
- *** **HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2007.**
- * **HELD OVER FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

ALL HELD UNTIL DECEMBER 3, 2007.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 29, 2007**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Deb Johnson, Parade Executive Director, 434-6901

LINE-UP ANNOUNCED FOR STAR CITY HOLIDAY PARADE

Officials for the Star City Holiday Parade have announced the final line-up for the 23rd annual event December 1 in downtown Lincoln. The parade is presented by Verizon Wireless and produced by Updowntowners, Inc. and the City of Lincoln. It begins at 11 a.m. and will again be televised live statewide by KOLN-KGIN-TV.

This year's parade features about 50 entries, including 16 marching bands, a new Major Drummond float sponsored by Verizon Wireless, a new Santa float sponsored by the Community Blood Bank, and eight giant balloons. *(The entire line-up is listed at the end of this release.)*

Parking will be free in downtown City-owned garages for the parade. Those entering garages marked with the green "P" logo from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. will not be charged.

Children are encouraged to bring their letters to Santa with a return address. U.S. Postal Service employees will pick up the letters during the parade, and Santa will write back to them before the holidays.

Pre-parade entertainment will begin at 10 a.m. along the parade route. Following the parade, the awards ceremony will begin at about 12:45 p.m. in the Lancaster Ballroom at the Cornhusker Marriott. A panel of band professionals will judge the bands in competition. All other judging will be done by a panel of children ages 8 through 14.

Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful is promoting the parade as litter-free event, and volunteers will be along the parade route to help collect trash and educate the public on the proper disposal of trash.

The parade will be re-aired Dec. 2 on My TV, Time Warner Cable channel 110. It also will be re-aired throughout the month of December on 5 CITY-TV, the local government access cable channel. (See lincoln.ne.gov for 5 CITY-TV schedule.)

More information, including parking maps, is available at www.starcityholidayparade.org. The City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, also includes a link to the parade site.

Verizon Wireless Major Drummond Float
Lincoln Fire and Rescue Honor Guard
43rd Army Band
Mayor's Carriage
Lincoln Southeast Marching Band
Governor's Carriage
Convention and Visitors Bureau Title Star Float
Alma Marching Band
Interact, Inc. "Jingle All The Way" Balloon
Lincoln North Star Marching Band
Executive Clowns
Lincoln Fire and Rescue Unique Vehicle
Papillion LaVista South Marching Band
Donnie the Duncan Jet Balloon
Lincoln Federal Savings Bank Piggy Bank Push Float
Three Eagles Communications Unique Vehicle
Lincoln Southwest Marching Band
Lincoln Southwest Theatre Float
Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Unique Vehicle
Lincoln High Marching Band
Wells Fargo Equestrian Unit
Lincoln Saltdogs Unique Vehicle
Bancroft-Rosalie Marching Band
Windstream Clifford the Big Red Dog Balloon
Lincoln Northeast Marching Band
Glass Slipper Carriage Service/CBK Ranch Equestrian Unit
Verizon Wireless Rudolph and Bugle Push Float
Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful Walking Unit
Indian Center Float
Pius X Marching Band
Lincoln Benefit Life Holiday Ornament Balloons (3)
Parkview Christian Marching Band
GLOC/GRINN Animal Unit (golden retrievers)
Broadcast House Unique Vehicle
Rebecca Arnold Equestrian Unit
Ameritas Sweet Treats Push Float
Lincoln East Marching Band
Union Bank & Trust Elmo and Dorothy Balloon
Deshler Marching Band
Club Kicks Walking Unit
Lawrence/Nelson Marching Band
Farmer's Mutual Insurance Polar Bear Float
Beatrice Marching Band
Weego Unique Vehicle
Lincoln Police Department Unique Vehicle
Lincoln Journal Star Grinch Balloon
Cornhusker Marching Band
U.S. Postal Service Unique Vehicle
Community Blood Bank Santa Float

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2007-08 PROJECTED	2007-08 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 06-07	% CHANGE FR. 06-07
SEPTEMBER	\$4,547,456	\$4,521,738	(\$25,718)	(\$24,509)	-0.54%
OCTOBER	\$4,747,528	\$4,973,261	\$225,733	\$427,436	9.40%
NOVEMBER	\$4,747,528	\$4,659,859	(\$87,669)	\$5,261	0.11%
DECEMBER	\$4,418,533				
JANUARY	\$4,529,683				
FEBRUARY	\$5,752,343				
MARCH	\$4,189,288				
APRIL	\$3,978,102				
MAY	\$4,617,219				
JUNE	\$4,478,281				
JULY	\$4,539,414				
AUGUST	\$4,845,078				
TOTAL	\$55,390,453	\$14,154,858	\$112,346	\$408,188	2.97%

Actual collections through the first three months of the fiscal year are 0.80% above projected collections.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2002-2003 THROUGH 2007-2008**

	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,239,938	\$4,453,875	\$4,648,160	\$4,630,210	-0.39%	\$4,573,597	-1.22%	\$4,612,020	0.84%
OCTOBER	\$4,464,191	\$4,670,587	\$4,706,690	\$4,823,369	2.48%	\$4,712,519	-2.30%	\$5,052,950	7.22%
NOVEMBER	\$4,407,744	\$4,526,166	\$4,687,792	\$4,799,275	2.38%	\$4,658,480	-2.93%	\$4,818,715	3.44%
DECEMBER	\$4,034,958	\$4,314,111	\$4,500,338	\$4,511,403	0.25%	\$4,445,761	-1.46%		
JANUARY	\$4,046,633	\$4,335,924	\$4,264,010	\$4,342,902	1.85%	\$4,554,634	4.88%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,224,986	\$5,531,405	\$6,086,841	\$5,797,893	-4.75%	\$5,993,653	3.38%		
MARCH	\$4,076,943	\$3,980,041	\$4,158,874	\$4,247,908	2.14%	\$4,125,074	-2.89%		
APRIL	\$3,711,803	\$3,889,388	\$4,097,988	\$3,991,159	-2.61%	\$4,018,709	0.69%		
MAY	\$4,184,028	\$4,602,788	\$4,730,317	\$4,543,369	-3.95%	\$4,895,921	7.76%		
JUNE	\$4,169,550	\$4,599,245	\$4,557,735	\$4,539,614	-0.40%	\$4,664,470	2.75%		
JULY	\$4,105,554	\$4,391,257	\$4,519,466	\$4,655,061	3.00%	\$4,772,617	2.53%		
AUGUST	\$4,402,156	\$4,893,438	\$4,803,665	\$4,991,723	3.91%	\$4,887,329	-2.09%		
TOTAL	\$51,068,484	\$54,188,225	\$55,761,877	\$55,873,886	0.20%	\$56,302,764	0.77%	\$14,483,685	3.87%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2002-2003 THROUGH 2007-2008**

	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$48,531)	(\$69,997)	(\$135,858)	(\$80,882)	-40.47%	(\$27,350)	-66.19%	(\$90,282)	230.10%
OCTOBER	(\$64,605)	(\$110,193)	(\$165,219)	(\$358,866)	117.21%	(\$166,695)	-53.55%	(\$79,688)	-52.19%
NOVEMBER	(\$134,088)	(\$219,454)	(\$101,531)	(\$173,972)	71.35%	(\$3,881)	-97.77%	(\$158,855)	3993.08%
DECEMBER	(\$177,459)	(\$390,445)	(\$325,510)	(\$6,319)	-98.06%	(\$175,440)	2676.56%	(\$29,848)	-82.99%
JANUARY	(\$306,467)	(\$59,315)	(\$220,967)	(\$269,713)	22.06%	(\$84,287)	-68.75%		
FEBRUARY	(\$61,404)	(\$323,218)	(\$394,324)	(\$73,395)	-81.39%	(\$327,119)	345.70%		
MARCH	(\$17,601)	(\$22,759)	(\$99,240)	(\$165,869)	67.14%	(\$133,574)	-19.47%		
APRIL	(\$281,861)	(\$199,018)	(\$69,900)	(\$196,682)	181.38%	(\$130,611)	-33.59%		
MAY	(\$275,081)	(\$155,787)	(\$122,283)	(\$166,567)	36.21%	(\$381,653)	129.13%		
JUNE	(\$138,914)	(\$194,593)	(\$34,811)	(\$14,085)	-59.54%	(\$186,252)	1222.34%		
JULY	(\$563,339)	(\$42,086)	(\$162,998)	(\$39,492)	-75.77%	(\$155,825)	294.58%		
AUGUST	(\$341,868)	(\$531,884)	(\$148,028)	(\$57,700)	-61.02%	(\$569,595)	887.17%		
TOTAL	(\$2,411,218)	(\$2,318,751)	(\$1,980,668)	(\$1,603,541)	-19.04%	(\$2,342,280)	46.07%	(\$358,674)	-3.93%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2002-2003 THROUGH 2007-2008**

	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,191,407	\$4,383,878	\$4,512,303	\$4,549,328	0.82%	\$4,546,247	-0.07%	\$4,521,738	-0.54%
OCTOBER	\$4,399,587	\$4,560,394	\$4,541,471	\$4,464,503	-1.69%	\$4,545,825	1.82%	\$4,973,261	9.40%
NOVEMBER	\$4,273,655	\$4,306,712	\$4,586,261	\$4,625,303	0.85%	\$4,654,599	0.63%	\$4,659,859	0.11%
DECEMBER	\$3,857,499	\$3,923,666	\$4,174,828	\$4,505,085	7.91%	\$4,270,321	-5.21%		
JANUARY	\$3,740,166	\$4,276,609	\$4,043,044	\$4,073,189	0.75%	\$4,470,347	9.75%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,163,582	\$5,208,187	\$5,692,517	\$5,724,498	0.56%	\$5,666,534	-1.01%		
MARCH	\$4,059,342	\$3,957,283	\$4,059,634	\$4,082,038	0.55%	\$3,991,501	-2.22%		
APRIL	\$3,429,942	\$3,690,371	\$4,028,088	\$3,794,477	-5.80%	\$3,888,098	2.47%		
MAY	\$3,908,947	\$4,447,001	\$4,608,034	\$4,376,803	-5.02%	\$4,514,268	3.14%		
JUNE	\$4,030,637	\$4,404,651	\$4,522,924	\$4,525,529	0.06%	\$4,478,219	-1.05%		
JULY	\$3,542,215	\$4,349,171	\$4,356,468	\$4,615,569	5.95%	\$4,616,793	0.03%		
AUGUST	\$4,060,288	\$4,361,554	\$4,655,637	\$4,934,023	5.98%	\$4,317,734	-12.49%		
TOTAL	\$48,657,267	\$51,869,477	\$53,781,209	\$54,270,346	0.91%	\$53,960,485	-0.57%	\$14,154,858	2.97%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007**

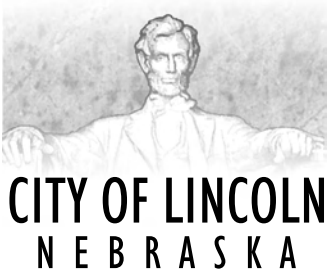
I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler and officials with the Public Works & Utilities Dept. will discuss the City's winter weather operations at a news conference on Friday, Nov. 30th at 10:15 a.m. (Forward email to Council on 11/30/07).
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Prepared For Winter Weather.
3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of December 1 through 7, 2007-Schedule subject to change.
4. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Conditions Report - RE: Snow Report - 4:30 am 12/01/07.
5. RELEASE on 12/01/07 - RE: Because of the icy conditions, the Star City Holiday Parade will not take place today.
6. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Conditions Report - RE: Snow Report - 8:30 am 12/01/07.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

- A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**
- B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE**
- C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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DATE: November 29, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and officials with the Public Works and Utilities Department will discuss the City's winter weather operations at a news conference at **10:15 a.m. Friday, November 30** in **Room 113 at the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.**

Deb Johnson, Executive Director of the Star City Holiday Parade, also will be there to discuss plans for the 23rd annual event, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 1 in downtown Lincoln. The parade is presented by Verizon Wireless and produced by Updowntowners, Inc. and the City of Lincoln.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 30, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Roger Figard, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7567
Wayne Teten, Public Works and Utilities, 441-4939

CITY PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER

Mayor Chris Beutler said today that the City is prepared to handle snowy and icy conditions this winter with about \$4 million in the City's snow operations fund.

"Our priority during winter weather is to keep the public safe, and that means keeping emergency routes and major arterials clear," said Mayor Beutler. "This is a huge job, and it requires a great deal of planning and coordination. The public can help a great deal by using off-street parking, driving carefully and limiting their driving as much as possible when streets are slick."

The City can issue two types of snow removal parking bans:

- A **snow emergency** means that parking is banned on emergency snow routes, arterial streets and City bus routes.
- A **residential parking ban** will begin on the even-numbered (north and east) sides of the street in ALL residential areas. Once the ban on the even-numbered sides has ended, parking will then be banned on the odd-numbered (south and west) sides of the street in ALL residential areas. Parking is again allowed on the even sides.

Although most cul-de-sacs have both even- and odd-numbered addresses, the City is asking those living in cul-de-sacs to move vehicles off the street when the even residential parking ban begins and to keep cars off the street until the area has been plowed. Specialized equipment is used in cul-de-sacs because regular plows are too large to maneuver well.

Public Works will continue to be proactive in keeping streets cleared. Crews begin spreading anti-icing materials on bridges, intersections and other trouble areas before storms begin. One day of full snow removal operations costs about \$125,000.

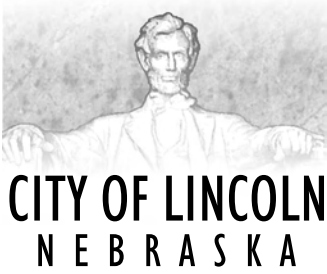
During storms, information on snow operations will be available from local media, City cable channels 5 and 10, the City Web site (lincoln.ne.gov) and the Windstream phone directory.

- more -

Winter Weather
November 30, 2007
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The City has the following reminders for residents:

- Property owners are required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 9 a.m. the day following the end of the snow storm. Adjoining wheelchair ramps and curb cuts must also be cleared.
- It is illegal to push or blow snow into or on any street, alley or sidewalk.
- Residents are encouraged to clear snow from fire hydrants.



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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Date: November 30, 2007

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of December 1 through 7, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, December 1

- Star City Holiday Parade - 10:20 a.m. Executive Clown photo, Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.; 11 a.m. parade, beginning at 10th and "O" streets; 12:45 p.m. awards ceremony, Cornhusker Marriott, Lancaster Room, lower level

Tuesday, December 4

- UNL College of Business holiday mixer - 5:30 p.m., Wick Alumni Center, 1520 "R" St.

Wednesday, December 5

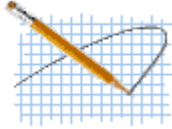
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Community Consensus, remarks - 7:30 a.m., 1135 "M" St., third floor
- Youth in Action Center Mayoral Forum - 6:30 p.m. (reception begins at 6 p.m.), LPS District board room, 5901 "O" St.

Thursday, December 6

- Verizon Wireless ribbon-cutting, remarks - 10:30 a.m., 4600 Innovation Drive

Friday, December 7

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m., 4343 "O" St.



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Subject Snow Report - 4:30 a.m. 12/01/2007

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

A complete voice report is available at 441-7783. This number is for the media only.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center, 441-7644

Heather Bennett, 742-0180

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007

Time: 4:30 a.m.

Lincoln is waking up to some icy road conditions. Rain started at about 1:45 a.m.

Public Works crews have been out with 19 sanders since 3 a.m. All crew are on the clock for the duration of this storm.

The Lincoln Police Department reports about 8 minor accidents since midnight, and officers urge caution and recommend travel only if necessary. They report that the main arterials aren't icy, but be cautious of icy conditions in residential areas. Sidewalks and cars left outside are ice covered.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.



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Because of the icy conditions, the Star City Holiday Parade will not take place today. Event organizers are looking into the possibility of staging the parade next Saturday, December 8, and a decision will be announced Monday afternoon.

“The safety of the participants and spectators is our main priority,” said Mayor Chris Beutler. “This parade is a community celebration and I want to assure everyone that we will do what we can to continue this tradition. The presenters and entries are dedicated to this event and are moving forward with a can-do attitude.”

The parade that was to begin at 11 am .today in downtown Lincoln is presented by Verizon Wireless and produced by Updowntowners, Inc. and the City of Lincoln. Parade Executive Director Deb Johnson said this is the first time in the parade’s 23-year history that it has been cancelled due to weather.

“No one wanted to cancel this event, but we have never faced this kind of icy weather before,” said Johnson. “The enthusiasm and support we’ve received over the last few days has been amazing. Rescheduling will be a challenge, but we feel we owe it to the community to look at the possibility.”

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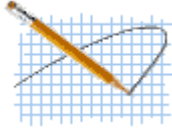
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For more information:

PublicWorksSnowCenter, 441-7644

Heather Bennett, 742-0180

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2007

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Freezing rain is creating some pretty hazardous driving conditions on Lincolnstreets.

Public Works crews have been applying sand and salt to bus routes, emergency routes, and major arterials since 3 a.m. All crew are working around the clock for the duration of this storm.

The Lincoln Police Department reports about 12 minor accidents since midnight. Drivers are advised to slow down, allow plenty of following distance and be especially careful at intersections. Make sure all windows are cleaned off and don't forget to wear your seat belt. Sidewalks and cars left outside are ice covered.

StarTran reports that buses are running 15 minutes behind schedule due to icy street conditions.

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