DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 11:00 A.M.

I. MAYOR
*1. Letter sent to Mayor Beutler and Lincoln City Council. Thank you for taking action on the sidewalk at North 66th.
*2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at 555 So. 10th Street to announce the StarTran Award and to name a new City-County Personnel Director. (Forwarded to Council Members on 11/05/08)
*3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler names Mark Koller as Personnel Director.
*4. StarTran joins Blue Skyways collaborative to work to reduce air pollution in Lincoln area.
*5. NEWS RELEASE. 911 Center recognized for excellence.
*6. NEWS ADVISORY. Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1), the Urban Search and Rescue Team will conduct training exercise, Wednesday, November 5, 2008. (Sent to Council Members on 11/04/08).

Received Week of November 17, 2008
1. Drinking Water Samples Tested for Total Coliform and E. Coli Bacteria by the Colilert® Method of Analysis.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce plans for the 24th Star City Parade at a news conference on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 10:00 am at 555 South 10th Street.
3. NEWS RELEASE. New route planned for Star City Holiday Parade.

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Received Week of November 17, 2008
1. Pertussis (Whooping Cough) cases increasing in Lancaster County.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
*2. Special Permit No. 08044, landmark special permit for office use. Foster House, 1021 D Street. Resolution No. PC-01148.

PUBLIC WORKS/STARTRAN
*1. StarTran Advisory Board Action following October 30, 2008 public hearing. Voted unanimously of proposed discontinuation of #53, SouthPointe route service to 18th and J Streets.
PUBLIC WORKS/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
1. Memo from Ben Higgins. Bill No. 08R-297. Cooperative agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and the City of Lincoln regarding State of Nebraska Grant funding from the Stormwater Management Plan.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WEED AUTHORITY
*1. City of Lincoln combined weed program, October, 2008 monthly report.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. MISCELLANEOUS
*1. Letter from Kenneth C. Winston, Nebraska Sierra Club. Support proposal for a LEED platinum renovation on Block 85. (Council Members received on 11/03/08 before formal meeting)
*2. Email from Eric Foster with suggestions on Lincoln’s parking garages and pedestrian safety.
*3. Letter from Trevor White. Suggestions for Lincoln’s traffic lights at night.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*Held Over from 11/10/08

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November 4, 2008

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

All of the drinking water samples were tested for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.

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Sandra Irons
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory
Lab Manager

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City of Lincoln
DATE: November 12, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce plans for the 24th annual Star City Holiday Parade at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 13 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street. This year’s parade on Dec. 6 features a new route and a new preview night.

The news conference was originally scheduled to take place at the float factory. If you would like to get video or pictures from that location, contact Parade Director Deb Johnson at 434-6901.
NEW ROUTE PLANNED FOR STAR CITY HOLIDAY PARADE

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the 24th annual Star City Holiday Parade Saturday, December 6 will take a new route in downtown Lincoln. Instead of starting at 10th and “O,” the parade will begin at 14th and “M,” go east to Centennial Mall, north to “O,” and west to 10th.

“Taking a different route gives a new twist to one of our City’s favorite holiday traditions,” said Mayor Beutler. “This year’s theme is ‘Toys on Parade,’ and we expect the Parade to appeal to kids of all ages. I want to thank Verizon Wireless for its partnership as presenting sponsor of the Parade. I also want to thank Updowntowners and its army of volunteers for creating the magic for all of us to enjoy.” Mayor Beutler and his wife, Judy, will travel the Parade route in a horse-drawn carriage.

The Parade is always looking for ways to improve, said Deb Johnson, Executive Director of Updowntowners, Inc., which produces the Parade in conjunction with the City of Lincoln. She said the new route offers several advantages. The Parade will again be televised live statewide by KOLN-KGIN-TV, and the new route will allow those watching at home to see the State Capitol in the background.

“The ‘O’ Street skywalk sometimes slows down our giant balloons, but the skywalk will now be at the end of the Parade, so we’ll see fewer gaps in the line-up,” Johnson said. “This will help to keep the Parade moving for our entries and patrons.”

On December 6, pre-parade entertainment will begin at 10 a.m. along the route, and the Parade begins at 11 a.m. But the fun really gets started the evening of Friday, December 5 with a new Parade Preview Night.

“We hope the public will come to the Pershing Center starting at 6 p.m. to watch the walking units rehearse,” Johnson said. “Children can bring their letters for Santa and have their pictures taken with him inside Pershing. We’ll also have refreshments for sale and live entertainment.”

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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 12. Johnson said they will judge the walking units on Parade Preview Night, and winners will be announced at the Parade. Johnson said there will be no awards ceremony after the Parade so participants and spectators can enjoy lunch and shopping in downtown. Marcus Theatres is offering free holiday movies at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parade highlights will include four giant balloons and 18 marching bands, including the Cornhusker Marching Band. Other annual favorites include animal units, clowns, costumed characters, the Star City Sweets and Rudolph with Bugle the Elf. As usual, Santa and Mrs. Claus will wind up the parade. 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.

The City is offering free parking for the Parade in its lots and garages, those marked with the green “Park It” signs.

More information on the Star City Parade is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and at www.starcityholidayparade.org.

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 at noon Dec. 7 on My TV, Time Warner Cable channel 110.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
November 12, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Bruce Dart,  
PhD, 402-441-8001

Health Director

Tim Timmons, R.N., 402-441-8056  
Communicable Disease Program Supervisor

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Cases Increasing in Lancaster County

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has investigated 13 cases of pertussis (“Whooping Cough”) since January of this year. Two of the cases were in infants under six months of age. Infants do not typically begin the four dose series of immunizations against pertussis until two months of age. Children who are younger than seven years of age should have received at least four doses of pertussis vaccine (DTaP vaccine). Parents are strongly encouraged to be sure their children are current on all immunizations and that every effort is made to begin and continue infant immunizations on time. For those who received the pertussis immunization as a young child, it is important to understand that protection against pertussis is not life-long, that protection decreases 5 to 10 years after that last dose of vaccine.

Pertussis vaccine is now available for adults and children ages seven and older. Called Tdap, the vaccine is routinely recommended as a one time booster for children 11-12 years of age. It is also recommended as one time booster for adults. Parents who are unsure of their child's immunization status should contact their health care provider or the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8065.

Bruce Dart, Health Director, urged parents with infants to avoid taking them to places that have large crowds of people and to avoid having them in close contact with individuals who have a
persistent cough. Those at greatest risk for developing pertussis–associated complications are young infants.

Pertussis, also known as “Whooping Cough,” is a bacterial infection of the respiratory tract. It causes violent spells of coughing that may be followed by difficulty in breathing, vomiting, or “whooping” (a rapid in-drawing of air). Coughing due to pertussis usually lasts more than two weeks and sometimes up to two months and can be complicated by pneumonia, seizures, encephalopathy or death. Pertussis is highly contagious during the first 2-3 weeks of coughing. It is spread by airborne droplets of the bacteria that are coughed or sneezed into the air by the infected person. Adults, teens and vaccinated children who become infected with whooping cough may have mild symptoms. Antibiotics are used to treat both the infected individual and all household contacts, regardless of their immunization status. Contacts outside the home that are symptomatic should be evaluated by their healthcare provider.

Parents of infants with an unexplained persistent runny nose, sneezing, fever and a dry, irritating cough lasting more than a few days should contact their healthcare provider. Any individual who develops episodes of short, rapid coughs followed by a quick, deep breath (“whoop”) should contact their healthcare provider.
Memorandum

To: City Council Members
From: Ben Higgins
Watershed Management
Subject: Bill Number 08R-297:
Cooperative Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and the City of Lincoln regarding State of Nebraska Grant funding from the Stormwater Management Plan
Date: November 13, 2008
cc: Greg MacLean, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Trish Owen

The City of Lincoln at this time has not received the award amount or the signed agreement by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. This information will be provided prior to the public hearing scheduled for December 1, 2008. This resolution is being introduced without the agreement as the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality typically provides only a three week time period to return a signed copy to them from the date they send over their signed agreement. As this is a relatively short time period to get it through the City Resolution process for signature (especially during holidays), the agreement is introduced prior to the signed agreement from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to ensure that the city signed Resolution is returned in adequate time.
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule for Week of November 15 through November 21, 2008-Schedule subject to change (Forward to Council on 11/14/08).

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: More Plastic Can Be Recycled In Lincoln - Several events planned as part of America Recycles Day (Forward to Council on 11/14/08).

II. CITY CLERK - None

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

HEALTH -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 2,000 People Involved In A Health Challenge.

LIBRARY -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Celebrate National Gaming Day @ Lincoln City Libraries on Saturday, November 15th (Forward to Council on 11/13/08).

C. MISCELLANEOUS - None
DATE: November 14, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of November 15 through 21, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, November 18
- HyVee Heartland Pantry grand opening, remarks - 10 a.m., 47th Street and Leighton Avenue
- Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 3:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, November 20
- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
MORE PLASTIC CAN BE RECYCLED IN LINCOLN
Several events planned as part of America Recycles Day

As part of America Recycles Day November 15, the City of Lincoln announced that plastic containers with the numbers 3, 4 and 5 can now be recycled at the drop-off sites in Lincoln and Lancaster County. The City had previously collected only plastic with the numbers 1 and 2.

“By expanding the types of plastic we recycle, we can keep even more trash out of our landfill,” said Greg MacLean, Director of the City Public Works and Utilities Department. “Last fiscal year, residents recycled 7,437 tons of recyclables. This is a 5 percent increase over the previous year and is the largest amount of recyclables deposited at the recycling sites.”

Residents can place all plastic containers numbers 1 though 5 in the same compartment at the recycling sites. The numbers are usually inside the recycling logo on the bottom of containers. The City operates a network of 33 recycling drop-off sites in the City and County.

The public is invited to participated in several activities planned around America Recycles Day. On Friday, November 14th, a celebration is set for 2 to 5 p.m. near the Cinema at SouthPointe Pavilions. Activities include educational displays and hands-on activities for kids. The celebration is the culmination of a recycling pledge drive. More than 1,200 residents of all ages submitted pledges to step up their recycling efforts, and the pledges served as entry forms into a prize drawing. At 3:30 p.m., winners will receive their prizes. (A list of prizes and winners follows this release.)

Several events are planned for Saturday, November 15 -

- The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the State Fair Park 4-H Youth Complex. More information is available by calling 441-8021.

- WasteCap Nebraska will sponsor the second annual “Shred Day” from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents can shred up to 75 pounds of confidential information at no cost at four locations:
  - Midland Recycling - 440 “J” Street
  - Paper Tiger Mobile Shredding - Westfield Gateway, north of the Post Office, near the “R” Street entrance
Journal Star Recycling in conjunction with Midland Recycling, Techware Recycling, Hofeling Enterprises and the community of Emerald are sponsoring a Lincoln Recycles Day event from 9 a.m. to noon at two locations. Residents can take traditional recyclable materials, confidential documents for shredding, electronics and tires to 440 “J” Street. Tree trimmings and wooden pallets can be taken to Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court. All material can be deposited at no charge.

More information on America Recycles Day and recycling in Lincoln is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle) or by calling the Recycling Office at 441-8215.

**America Recycles Day Prize**

$100 in Nebraska Lottery tickets: JoAnn Churley, Allison Thorson, Kristin Williams, Julie Brandon, Jim Tetherow, Donna Bridger, Amber Friedrich and Gary Shandera

Free year of curbside recycling courtesy of Lincoln Journal Star Recycling, Recycle Link, Recycling Enterprises and Star City Recycling: Stephen Waltman, Adam Rupe, Ethan Kyes and Zach Chambers

$100 Wal-Mart gift card: Jack Bergmeyer

$100 Russ’s Market gift card: Jesse Cushman

Grand prize - Holiday Special Computer system valued at over $1,500 courtesy of Schrock Innovations: Dan Fenstemaker

School winner: Kahoa Elementary collected 435 pledges and will receive $250 from the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company as well as a park bench made out of recycled plastic that is valued at $450 from Firstar Fiber and Recycling Enterprises.
A Guide to RECYCLING PLASTIC FOOD and BEVERAGE CONTAINERS at Recycling Drop-off Sites in Lincoln and Lancaster County

#1 PLASTICS
PET or PETE (Polyethylene Terephthalate)
(Nickname: Polyester)
First Life: Soda, water and beer bottles; mouthwash bottles; peanut butter containers; salad dressing and vegetable oil containers; and cough syrup bottles.
Second Life: Polar fleece, tote bags, furniture, carpet, paneling and occasionally made into new plastic containers.

#2 PLASTICS
HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)
First Life: Milk jugs; juice bottles; bleach, shampoo, detergent and household cleaner bottles.
Second Life: Detergent bottles, shampoo/conditioner/motor oil bottles, recycling containers, floor tile, drainage pipe, benches, picnic tables, flower pots and fencing.

#3 PLASTICS
PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
First Life: Window cleaner and detergent bottles; shampoo bottles and cooking oil bottles.
Second Life: Decks, paneling, mud flaps, garden hose, flooring, cables, speed bumps, and mats.

#4 PLASTICS
LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)
First Life: Squeezable bottles such as mustard and honey bottles.
Second Life: Trash can liners and cans, compost bins, paneling, outdoor lumber, and floor tile.

#5 PLASTICS
PP (Polyethylene)
First Life: Syrup bottles; ketchup bottles; yogurt containers; cottage cheese and margarine tubs; some single serving pudding and gelatin containers; and medicine bottles.
Second Life: Battery cables, brooms, brushes, auto battery cases, ice scrapers, landscape borders, and rakes.

Proper Separation Requirements and What Not to Recycle on Reverse Side
Proper Separation Requirements

Remove lids and discard in trash
Rinse
Flatten *(this helps save space in the recycling containers)*
All plastic food and beverage containers can be mixed together in the recycling bin

The Following Plastic Products are NOT ACCEPTED at Recycling Drop-off Sites

Plastic Bags or Sacks
Flower Pots
Toys
Plastic Lids
Motor Oil Containers
Garden Chemical Containers
Automotive Chemical Containers
Plastic Containers with Metal Ring around the Top *(single serving meal/soup containers)*
Styrofoam Packing Material
Meat and Poultry Trays
Packaging Material/Blister Packages/Clamshell Packaging
All Non Food and Beverage Plastic Products #1 - #5
All #6 and # 7 Plastic Containers
2,000 PEOPLE INVOLVED IN A HEALTH CHALLENGE

Obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases are on the rise in Nebraska, more than 2,000 Lincoln employees and family members decided to do something about that by getting active in the 2008 “Winning With Wellness” program sponsored by WorkWell, Inc. This 4-week healthy lifestyle incentive program focused on increasing physical activity, eating more fruits and vegetables, and going tobacco free or staying tobacco free. Participants meeting health goals were entered into a prize drawing. One hundred prizes were donated from Lincoln area businesses and will be awarded to participants entered into the drawing. The grand prize for the kids drawing is a $250 savings bond which will be presented on Monday, November 17th at 4:00 at Union Bank and Trust on 70th and Pioneers. The adult grand prize is a $1,000 travel voucher. The presentation of this prize will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 1:30 at Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department on 3140 N Street.

Winning With Wellness is offered by WorkWell, Inc. WorkWell, Inc. is housed and co-sponsored by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. WorkWell has been dedicated to promoting wellness in the worksite through networking and education for more than 20 years. For more information on “Winning With Wellness” or WorkWell, please contact Lisa Henning 441-8049 or Chelsey Kimball 441-4683.
Libraries across the country are participating in National Gaming Day attempting to set a record for the largest number of people playing the same board game on the same day. Join us on Saturday, November 15th. See attached for details.

Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
Did you know that many of our branch libraries are now open from 12 to 8 p.m. on Sundays? Call me for details.

- National Gaming Day @ your library.pdf
Celebrate National Gaming Day
@ Lincoln City Libraries

From coast to coast thousands of libraries across the country will participate in American Library Association’s National Gaming Day this Saturday, November 15th.

Lincoln City Libraries will host gaming at:

Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Walt Branch Library, 6701 So. 14th Street, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 So. 14th Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In the 21st century, libraries are about more than books. National Gaming Day focuses on the social and recreational role that video and board games offer to library users of all ages. Lots of kids play games at home — alone, with siblings or with friends. At the library, kids socialize with their friends and play board and video games while surrounded by books, librarians and knowledge. Gaming at the library encourages patrons to interact with diverse peers, share their expertise with others (including adults) and develop new strategies for gaming and learning.

Libraries across the country are participating in National Gaming Day attempting to set a record for the largest number of people playing the same board game on the same day. In order to accomplish this goal Hasbro has donated a copy of Pictureka! to every public library in the U.S.

National Gaming Day @ your library is a national initiative supported by the American Library Association, and 2008 sponsors Hasbro, Top Trumps and Wizards of the Coast. For more information on National Gaming Day, please visit www.ala.org.