I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Tuesday, February 28th, at 555 S. 10th, in the Mayor’s Conference Room, at 1:30 p.m. to announce the beginning of online citizen satisfaction survey and to release some results of the recent random sample survey.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City Satisfaction Survey now available online.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor welcomes basketball fans to Lincoln.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. State and local leaders kick off fundraising campaign for Nebraska’s Centennial Mall on Thursday, March 1st, 8:30 a.m., in the State Capitol Rotunda.
5. NEWS RELEASE. State and Local Leaders kick off Nebraska’s Centennial Mall Campaign.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER

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WEED AUTHORITY
2. Phragmites versus Ornamental Grasses.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the beginning of the online citizen satisfaction survey and release some results of the recent random sample survey at a news conference at **1:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, February 28 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**
Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged residents to participate in the new Taking Charge City satisfaction survey now available online at lincoln.ne.gov. The 15-minute survey will be available until March 20. Mayor Beutler also released some results from the mail survey completed by more than 600 randomly selected household in Lincoln.

“We need to continuously evaluate how we deliver services and whether those services are meeting the needs of our citizens,” Beutler said. “Our citizens pay the price of government, and they rightfully want their money’s worth. The Taking Charge process gives citizens a means to make their thoughts known on how we do business at City Hall and how we can do it better. Over the years, thousands of Lincoln residents have participated in community conversations, budget surveys and customer satisfaction surveys. The results have made a significant impact on how we provide services to the public.”

About 58 percent of respondents to the random sample survey gave a positive answer to a question on the City’s overall performance. More than 90 percent expressed satisfaction with the overall service of Lincoln libraries. But the Mayor said the results also point to areas where improvements are needed:

- Almost 52 percent expressed dissatisfaction with street maintenance. Beutler said the City has focused on streets the last two years, resurfacing over 22 miles of arterial streets and spending $16 million in local and federal stimulus dollars. Another $7 million for streets is in the current budget. He encourages online survey respondents to add comments on their concerns.

  “If the City is not performing to the satisfaction of our residents in an area, we want to know,” he said. “Feedback allows us to improve performance, and that’s why the Taking Charge survey is so valuable to us. I look forward to continuing dialogue on the street maintenance issue.”

- Only 27 percent correctly answered a question on the City’s share of the local property tax levy. The City receives only about 15.6 cents out of every local property tax dollar. “It is difficult to make judgments on the value of City decision-making if you don’t understand its impact on the property tax levy,” the Mayor said. “These results tell me that we have to examine how we communicate with people as a City.”

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The complete results of the random sample survey will be released after the online survey process is completed. Responses to the non-random online survey will be analyzed separately from the mailed version to distinguish the portions of the results that can be generalized to the larger population.

The City has partnered with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (ppc.nebraska.edu) since 2008 on efforts to implement outcome-based budgeting, which ties programs to the goals that citizens believe local government should accomplish. The process has included surveys and public meetings. Most of the questions in the new survey were included in a 2009-2010 satisfaction survey so that the City can spot changes in attitudes over time.

This is the first time the survey has been sent by mail. Using mail is less expensive and more inclusive than a phone survey. Phone surveys often do not include cell phone users because of expense and can exclude younger adults and lower-income families. The University’s Bureau of Sociological Research (bosr.unl.edu) coordinated the mail survey.

“I am proud to be part of a government that listens to its citizens,” Mayor Beutler said. “We are pleased with the praise we received from the public. At the same time, we must be willing to take an honest look at the services we provide through the eyes of those we serve. We must be willing to confront and change those things that need improvement.”
MAYOR WELCOMES BASKETBALL FANS TO LINCOLN

City offers $3 all-day parking and free bus shuttle

Mayor Chris Beutler today welcomed basketball fans to Lincoln for the State High School Basketball Tournaments the next two weekends. The girls tournament is March 1 through 3, and the boys tournament is March 8 through 10.

Paid attendance at the tournaments last year was 51,405 for the girls tourney and 93,701 for the boys. The UNL Bureau of Business Research has estimated that the two tournaments have an average economic impact of about $5.3 million a year.

“These kinds of events are very important for our entire community, and the future of events in our City has never looked better,” Mayor Beutler said. “In addition to the new Pinnacle Bank Arena opening in 2013, we are seeing new hotels, shops, parking options and restaurants opening up and being built. Lincoln is a great city to visit, and it’s getting even better.”

To help fans with traffic and parking, the City of Lincoln is offering $3 all-day event parking for the tournaments. The special rate is available Thursdays and Fridays at these facilities:

- Haymarket Garage, 848 “Q” Street
- Market Place Garage, 925 “Q” Street
- Que Place Garage, 1111 “Q” Street

Pershing Center and the Convention and Visitors Bureau also are offering a free shuttle bus to and from Pershing. The shuttle will operate every 10 minutes and will load and unload passengers on the east/9th Street side of the Haymarket Garage only.

First Hour Free parking applies in the City’s other facilities marked with “Park and Go” signage:

- Carriage Park Garage, 1128 “L” Street
- Center Park Garage, 1120 “N” Street
- Cornhusker Square Garage, 1220 “L” Street
- Iron Horse lot, 7th and “Q” streets
- University Square Garage, 101 N. 14th Street
- Lumberworks Lot, 7th and “O” streets
Fans are urged to avoid parking in private lots east of Pershing. Drivers should look for notices in private lots to avoid the expense and inconvenience of having a vehicle towed.

After 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, $5 event parking also will be available near Pershing Center in the State Parking Garage, 1501 “M” St., and the Federal Parking Garage, 100 S. Centennial Mall. No overnight parking is allowed in these facilities.

For more information on downtown parking, call City Parking Services at 402-441-PARK (7275) or visit parkandgo.org.
State and local leaders will kick off the fundraising campaign for the renovation of Nebraska’s Centennial Mall at a ceremony at **8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1** in the **State Capitol Rotunda**.

In addition to Mayor Chris Beutler, speakers will include Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy, Campaign Leader Patty Pansing Brooks, Larry Hudkins of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, Barbara Bartle of the Lincoln Community Foundation, Liz Ring-Carlson of State Farm, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson and Jeff Searcy of the Nebraska Capitol Environ Commission.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 1, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265, ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov
Susan Larson Rodenburg, 402-440-3227, Susan@SLRCommunications.com

STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS KICK OFF
NEBRASKA’S CENTENNIAL MALL CAMPAIGN
Public campaign, lead donors and Spirit of Nebraska Pathway program announced

State and local leaders today celebrated Statehood Day today by kicking off the public fundraising campaign for the renovation of Nebraska’s Centennial Mall. The seven-block connection between the State Capitol and the University of Nebraska campus was built in 1967 to commemorate Nebraska’s 100th birthday. A statewide fundraising team consisting of five former Governors and other volunteers has raised $5.7 million of the project’s $9.6 million cost.

“In 2009, the City of Lincoln committed $3 million as seed money to start this process,” said Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler. “We are very excited about the partnerships that have been formed, the support from groups across the State and the generosity of the initial lead donors who have committed funding to help restore this historic Mall to a place of pride for all Nebraskans.”

The ceremony at the State Capitol Rotunda also featured the recognition of lead donors and the announcement of the Spirit of Nebraska Pathway program. Other speakers included Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy; Campaign Leader Patty Pansing Brooks; Larry Hudkins, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; Barbara Bartle, Lincoln Community Foundation; Liz Ring-Carlson, State Farm; Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson; and Jeff Searcy, Capitol Environ Commission.

The Mall, from “K” to “R” streets in downtown Lincoln, is an attraction for residents, tourists and the 35,000 fourth graders from across the State who visit the Capitol and Mall as part of their field trip focusing on Nebraska history. Over the years, the condition of the Mall has deteriorated, and it is no longer accessible for all. A master plan has been developed by a team including The Clark Enersen Partners, Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects, Olsson Associates and Tom Laging. The plan has been approved by the Capitol Environ Commission and the Nebraska Capitol Commission chaired by Governor Dave Heineman.

Construction on the middle three blocks from “M” to “P” streets will begin by early summer 2012. Depending on fundraising, the outer four blocks are expected to be completed by 2014 in time for Nebraska’s 150th birthday in 2017.

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The redesign will celebrate Nebraska’s legacy of stewardship, create durable accessible walkways and provide for optimal flexibility to accommodate a wide variety of activities and uses. Features include:

- The Capitol Fountain and Plaza featuring the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska
- The Nebraska Plaza and Missouri River Fountain
- The Platte River and Ogallala Aquifer plaza areas
- The “Sparking the Good Life” Fountain and Plaza.

The $9.6 million total cost of the project includes a $1.5 million endowment for maintenance. The $5.7 million raised so far includes $3 million from the City of Lincoln; $550,000 from Windstream; $500,000 from the Lincoln Community Foundation on behalf of the Sheila Dickinson Dinsmore Graf Fund; $500,000 from the Lancaster County Visitor’s Improvement Fund; and about $1.15 million from other donors. Other funding partners include the Nebraska Environmental Trust, State Farm, the Cope Foundation of Kearney, the Junior League of Lincoln and private donors. The project is sponsored by the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

“Our fundraising team feels a tremendous obligation to reach out across the State and invite everyone to participate in this amazing project,” said Pansing Brooks. “Just a few weeks ago, we visited leaders and donors in Kearney, Lexington, North Platte and Scottsbluff. Everyone was supportive and expressed excitement about the vision and plans for Nebraska’s Centennial Mall.”

“We believe we have a strong obligation to restore this Mall so it can be educational and accessible, not only to the 35,000 school children who visit it every year, but to visitors from across the State and those who visit Nebraska,” said Hudkins. “We are thankful for this opportunity to be part of this historic project and look forward to celebrating its completion in a few years.”

“The Lincoln Community Foundation on behalf of the Sheila Dickinson Dinsmore Graf Fund, is very pleased to be part of the Nebraska Centennial Mall project, which is so important to our community and to the entire state,” said Bartle. “After 45 years, the need for improvements is long overdue and necessary to make this area safe and beautiful again.”

“Nebraska’s Centennial Mall has a wonderful location in vibrant downtown Lincoln at the front door of our beautiful Capitol building,” said Ring-Carlson. “State Farm is proud to support transforming the space into an exciting destination for all Nebraskans.”

The Spirit of Nebraska Pathway is a series of granite and bronze tiles placed along the twin walkways that frame all seven blocks of the Mall. The pathway program provides opportunities to sponsor tiles about famous Nebraskans or to recognize individuals, organizations and businesses. All 93 Nebraska counties will be recognized. It is envisioned that these blocks will become a “mosaic of Nebraskans” and their stories. Tiles range from $1,000 to $25,000.

More information on the project and donor options is available at NECentennialMall.org.
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FEBRUARY 28, 2012

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business January 31, 2012:

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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments’ notification to the City Treasurer’s office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer’s bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $254,075,440.90 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

[Signatures]

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

John E. Ross, City Clerk
CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2012

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  February 29, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Renae Rief 402-441-4602; Gene Hanlon 402-441-7043

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY
SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County are seeking nominations for the 2012 Environmental Leadership Awards. These prestigious awards offer recognition to outstanding businesses, organizations, and individuals who have demonstrated environmental stewardship and dedication to sustaining and improving our environment and public health. This awards program is an excellent way to recognize their accomplishments, increase awareness of environmental issues, and encourage others to take action to better our environment.

The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards are given in each of the following categories: Business and Industry, Community or Nonprofit Organization, Government, Agriculture, Education (educating the public or providing education in schools/colleges), and Individual Citizen.

To be eligible for an award, nominees must have been instrumental in identifying, reducing, or solving an environmental problem and/or promoting public awareness and active concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment. Additionally, nominees must demonstrate one or more environmental practices in the areas of: pollution prevention/risk reduction, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, soil conservation, energy conservation, cleanup and beautification, residential and commercial development, or other environmental practices.

Nominations may be submitted online: www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword: Awards). Nomination deadline is April 2, 2012. Although submitting the nomination electronically is preferred, hard copies of the nomination form are available by calling 402-441-4602 or 402-441-7043. The awards ceremony and breakfast will be on Friday, June 1, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Nebraska Champions Club across from Memorial Stadium on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Campus.
Memorandum

Date:  February 28, 2012
To:  City Clerk
From:  Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:  Administrative Approvals
cc:  Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from February 21, 2012 thru February 27, 2012:

**Administrative Amendment No. 12005** to Special Permit No. 1423J, Himark Estates, approved by the Planning Director on February 21, 2012, requested by FEW, Inc., to reduce the setback to the north adjacent to the golf course and increase the setback to the west for property generally located at S. 90th St. and Sandhills Court.

**Administrative Amendment No. 11072** to Special Permit No. 1813A, The Preserve on Antelope Creek Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on February 22, 2012, requested by Manzitto, Inc., to revise the site plan to show reduced side yard setbacks of 3 feet for property at 4619 Hawthorne Drive.
To: Mayor Beutler & City Council Members;

On behalf of the Public Works and Utilities Director, Miki Esposito, the PW/U Newsletter Team is pleased to present the February/March edition of the Public Works & Utilities Newsletter. The focus of the newsletter is communication with the current employees.

Over time, we will use the newsletter to share the many facets of Public Works & Utilities. We have had many accomplishments and successes that sometimes go unnoticed. Our hope is that the newsletter will communicate the importance of the work we do, and educate our employees about what other divisions are doing, as we look for opportunities to build on our strengths.

The newsletter is available via the intralinc at https://intralinc.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/newsletter/2012-02-03.pdf. Please let me know if you have trouble gaining access or if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Nick McElvain,

The PW/U Marketing Team

Lincoln Water System, 402.441.5931
OPEN HOUSE
27TH STREET VIADUCT REHABILITATION PROJECT
Project #540023

The 27th Street Viaduct, which carries vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the BNSF Railroad and the OL&B Railroad between Center Street and Theresa Street, is scheduled for maintenance and repair. The City of Lincoln will be hosting a public open house on March 6, 2012 at the Salvation Army located at 1645 North 27th Street to provide information on the improvements. The design team will be available between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to explain the project and to answer questions from the public.

For more information about the project, contact Devin Biesecker with the City of Lincoln at 402-441-7711.
Lancaster County Weed Control Authority recently received a $6,400 grant for our Upland Phragmites Survey and Eradication Project from the Nebraska Department of Agricultures (NDA) Noxious and Invasive Weed Initiative grant fund. This grant is a great way for us to stretch our resources on this project.

The components of the grant are:

**Awareness Campaign - $1,800 NDA**
There will be numerous information activities to make all the citizens in Lancaster County aware of the economic problems we face if phragmites is not controlled in its early stages. We plan to use our new Weed Watcher program to get others involved in identifying and reporting phragmites. Awareness will include tours and meetings, letters to landowners, educational kiosk along popular trails, exhibits at fairs and home shows, news articles, and the March 2012 University of Nebraska Extension NEBLINE Weed Awareness insert reaching over 12,000 homes.

**Remote sensing – $2,000 D/U Grant**
Early detection and rapid response is the key to any successful eradication plan. Remote sensing using infrared imagery is being funded by a $2,000 Ducks Unlimited Grant received by the Lower Platte Weed Management Area. We will use the information provided by this new technology to find new locations of Phragmites that we previously were unable to locate.

**Surveying and Mapping - $2,600 NDA**
It is critical to the success of this control plan that we conduct surveys on the ground to positively identify the Phragmites indicated by the remote sensing. Detailed records will be entered into our Oracle database.

**Control Plan - $2,000 NDA**
We will develop and Implement a detailed Control Plan for each landowner to follow. This will include a signed plan with the landowner with the proper control methods depending on the location and the size of the infestation.

**Final Goal**
The entire project is based on Early Detection Rapid Response. The earlier an infestation is located the quicker we can work with the landowner to implement effective control. This will benefit approximately 600 landowners, both public and private, amounting to around 200 acres of new infestations being controlled. The habitat that phragmites infest is used by waterfowl and many types of migratory birds as well as many species of wildlife.

**Updated Weed Authority Web site:**
Go to www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds or Click on these links for our new resources.

- Phragmites vs. Ornamental grasses
- Noxious Weed Identification
- Weed Watcher Resource Guide
- 2012 NEBLINE Insert
- Guide for Phragmites Control
- Knotweed factsheet

**March Planned Activities**
- 8 Management Team Meeting
- 8 SE NACO Meeting
- 9 NE Invasive Species Council
- 12 NE Department of Roads
- 13 5 Rivers WMA
- 16-18 Husker Lawn & Leisure Show
- 20 LPWMA Meeting
- 21 Lincoln Parks & Recreation
- 29 Problem Resolution Team
We have created two new identification guides that are available at our office. Or feel free to download them off our website at [www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds) by clicking on the thumbnail at the bottom of the home page.

**Phragmites vs. Ornamental Grasses**

“To help identify invasive Phragmites vs. Ornamental Nebraska grasses”

- Maidengrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)
- Hardy Pampas (*Saccharum ravennae*)
- Rubygrass (*Melinus nerviglume*)
- Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
- Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*)
- Fountaingrass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)
- Giant Sacaton (*Sporobolus wrightii*)
- Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)
- Moorgrass, purple (*Molina caerulea*)

**NEBRASKA’S NOXIOUS WEEDS**

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

- Musk Thistle
- Leafy Spurge
- Giant Thistle
- Knotweed
- Purple Loosestrife
- Canada Thistle
- Saltcedar
- Spotted and Diffuse Knapweed
- Plumeless Thistle
Phragmites vs. Ornamental Grasses

“to help identify Invasive Phragmites vs. Ornamental Nebraska grasses”

Maidengrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)

Hardy Pampas (*Saccharum ravennae*)

Rubygrass (*Melinus nerviglume*)

Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)

Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*)

Giant Sacaton (*Sporobolus wrightii*)

Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)

Moorgrass, purple (*Molina caerulea*)

Fountaingrass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)
NEBRASKA’S NOXIOUS WEEDS
It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Musk Thistle
- Pink to purple flowers
- Mature seedhead

Leafy Spurge
- Large yellow leaves (bracts)
- Stems/leaves have milky sap

Phragmites
- Young seedhead
- Mature seedhead

Knotweed
- Giant Knotweed

Purple Loosestrife
- Purple to magenta flowers

Canada Thistle
- Pink to purple flowers

Saltcedar
- Pink to white flowers

Spotted and Diffuse Knapweed
- Spotted Knapweed
- Diffuse Knapweed

Plumeless Thistle
- Purple flowers
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of March 3rd through March 9, 2012.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Open house for No. 27th Street Viaduct Project set for March 6, 2012.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Help keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Clean. Cleanup mini-grants available.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 3:00 p.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, 2nd floor, Room 214.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Letter from anonymous citizen giving reasons why not to install medians.
2. Message from Joyce Skala. Put a bill through requiring recycling by businesses and apartments. Landfills are getting full, very concerned about the planet.
Date: March 2, 2012
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of March 3 through 9, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, March 6
• “Thank you Teacher” breakfast, remarks - 7:30 a.m., Governor’s residence, 1425 “H” St.
• City-County Common meeting - 8:15 a.m., room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
OPEN HOUSE FOR N. 27TH STREET VIADUCT PROJECT
SET FOR MARCH 6

The public is invited to attend an open house on the N. 27th Street Viaduct project from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Salvation Army, 1645 N. 27th St. The viaduct carries vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and the Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice Railroad from Center Street to Theresa Street.

The project includes replacement of the barrier railings on both sides of N. 27th; replacement of the bridge deck expansion joints; rehabilitation work on the substructure; and replacement of the concrete pavement approach sections. Construction is expected to begin by spring 2013. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on N. 27th during the project.

The design team will be available to provide information on the improvements and to answer questions. For more information about the project, contact Devin Biesecker, City of Lincoln, at 402-441-7711.

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HELP KEEP LINCOLN & LANCOSTER COUNTY CLEAN

Cleanup mini-grants available

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB), a program coordinated by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, has a limited number of mini-grants available for picking up litter in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Organizations of all kinds, schools, businesses, families, and rural communities are encouraged to apply.

Cleanup mini-grants are available for the cleanup of litter on public land areas including waterways, lakeshores, wildlife management areas, roadsides, community streets and alleyways in the city or county. Applicants must identify and propose a specific area for cleanup, and indicate why that area was selected. Trash bags are provided and safety vests are available for loan from KLLCB.

Last year, cleanup volunteers—including students, employee groups, neighborhood associations, church groups, and families—collected over 188,000 pounds of litter in the county, and recycled approximately 75% of that. “Volunteers in our community are our biggest strength,” said Erickson. “There are hundreds of good people working to keep our city and county safe and attractive. In addition, their impressive rate of recycling is saving valuable space in our landfill.”

Apply for a cleanup mini-grant on-line or print off an application to complete at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: KLLCB, then click on “cleanup grants”). Mini-grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and are awarded based on the size of the area cleaned. Applications must be submitted and approved prior to conducting a cleanup, must include both litter pickup and recycling components, and may not be on State or County Adopt-A-Highway miles. A final report, with photos, will be required.

Cleanup mini-grants are funded by a grant from the Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. For more information, contact KLLCB at lerickson@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-8035.
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 214 on the 2nd Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA
March 7, 2012

1. Approval of meeting record from the Joint HPC/UDC meeting of February 16, 2012; and the UDC meeting of from the regular meeting of February 16, 2012.
2. Near South Neighborhood Sign, 27th & South Streets
3. Staff Report: Misc.
City Council

Recent front page article in Times Journal is not popular with caring motorists. To get hated concrete medians were placed on Hurf 34th West of Kawarachi Costing mega-bucks. They are nothing but trouble with snow and winter months. Plows pile up snow 12 ft high on top of concrete medians. It has no place to go but melt during work hours only. Refreeze for the A.M. Commute. County is too negligent to remove the 6-12 ft. piles. Dump 'em in the ditches along the highway. The City is negligent in putting in the much hated expensive medians in the first place—awaiting a 9-car pile-up on the mornings drives ice. Goofing up with City #2. is what City engineers do best as you must go with it.

Against Expensive Medians

City Council Office
535 S. 10th St.
Lincoln Ne. 68508
Joyce Skala.
Businesses and apartments should recycle. The landfills are getting full and very concerned about the planet.

Put a bill through requiring recycling.
Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; Carl Eskridge; and DiAnna Schimek

Absent: Jon Camp

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rod Confer, City Attorney; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:20 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
City Clerk Ross stated which items would be called together at the formal meeting. Item #16 has First Reading with an Amendment to Amend. Carroll inquired if there was a Motion to Amend on Item #18 with Ross replying yes.

City Attorney Confer stated there were questions on Items #19, 20, and 21, which are subject to veto by the Mayor. Chief of Staff Hoppe stated the Access Management private sector group, in discussing, met for ten minutes and agreed this is an okay way to proceed. Not concerned about the fact the Mayor has veto power over the resolution. They wanted to express their appreciation to Council for the additional week of delay to have the discussion, and believe they’re okay to move forward. Confer added he does not think any amendment is necessary for the ordinances. Carroll stated his question was whether it was stated in the drafted ordinance. Confer answered the ordinance says the decision of the Council will be final, or considered final unless it’s vetoed. We believe this is the way we have worded others previously.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Tuesday, February 28th, at 555 S. 10th, in the Mayor’s Conference Room, at 1:30 p.m. to announce the beginning of online citizen satisfaction survey and to release some results of the recent random sample survey.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City Satisfaction Survey now available online.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor welcomes basketball fans to Lincoln.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. State and local leaders kick off fundraising campaign for Nebraska’s Centennial Mall on Thursday, March 1st, 8:30 a.m., in the State Capitol Rotunda.
5. NEWS RELEASE. State and Local Leaders kick off Nebraska’s Centennial Mall Campaign. No comments

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER
No comments

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln-Lancaster County seeks nominations for Environmental Leadership Awards.
No comments
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from February 21, 2012 through February 27, 2012.
   No comments

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
   No comments

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Open House. 27th Street viaduct rehabilitation project. Project #540023.
   No comments

WEED AUTHORITY
2. Phragmites versus Ornamental Grasses.
   No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
   No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS
   No comments

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
   No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT
   Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.