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DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013

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3. Cable Advisory Board meeting agenda for Thursday, October 24, 2013.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. Memo from Ronald L. Cane, Accountant, and Elaine C. Thompson, State Tax Specialist Senior, on Business Improvement Districts. Board of Equalization will have a hearing date on Monday, November 4th to equalize assessments.
   (a) Copy of assessment resolutions on file in Council Office.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Messages from Pat Thomsen, Councilman Camp, and Nancy Clark, Health Department, on the cleanup of neighboring property.
2. Message from Steven Brunken regarding out of town residents working in Lincoln and the possibility of a city income tax.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
2. Correspondence from Ruth and Homer Peters asking Council to vote note on a waiver which would allow alcohol sales within 100 feet of residential areas with the Piedmont redevelopment.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 18, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Weston, StarTran, 402-441-8467

STARTRAN TO PROVIDE “BOO AT THE ZOO” SHUTTLE SERVICE

StarTran will provide free bus shuttle service from three parking areas to the annual “Boo at the Zoo” event October 26 through 30 at the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, 1222 S. 27th Street.

Continuous shuttle service to and from the Zoo will begin at 4:30 p.m. each day and run about every 20 minutes until 9 p.m. Buses will load and unload from these lots:
• Lincoln High School, 2229 “J” St.
• Ideal Grocery/Ace Hardware, 900 block of South 27th
• Antelope Park lot near Auld Recreation Center

For more information, call StarTran at 402-476-1234.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 22, 2013  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jared Nelson, Watershed Management, 402-441-4955

WEST “A” STREET CLOSED FOR STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS

West “A” Street in the area of S.W. 17th Street is closed to through traffic for the next three to four weeks for storm drainage improvements. The detour route is South Coddington Avenue, West South Street and South Folsom Street.

A new storm sewer will be built on the north side of “A” Street, and the open drainage ditch will be re-graded to drain into several concrete flared-end sections in the public right of way. All work is designed to occur within the existing right of way with minimal impact to the existing properties. The contractor, HR Bookstrom Construction, will work with local residents and businesses to maintain access to the area.

Funding for the project is provided by the 2012 storm water bond.

For more information, contact Jared Nelson, Watershed Management, at 402-441-4955 or jlnelson@lincoln.ne.gov. Information on City project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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CITY OFFERS TWO PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The City of Lincoln will accept purchase offers on two pieces of surplus property:

- The property on the northeast corner of 27th Street and Old Cheney Road is available for residential use only, with no access off 27th or Old Cheney. The minimum offer is $275,000.

- The nine-acre property at 2201 S. 84th Street is available for residential use only, with no access off S. 84th. The property was recently appraised for $694,000.

Offers will be accepted by Dave Landis, Director of the City Urban Development Department, until 5 p.m. Friday, November 22, 2013. Landis can be reached for questions or meetings at 402-441-7606. The City of Lincoln reserves the right to reject any and all offers.

Maps of the parcels are attached.
On the map for S. 84th, the property for sale is parcel 2.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 23, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Nancy Furman, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8709

INAUGURAL NATURE CENTER PRAIRIE RUN TO BE HELD NOV. 9

The public is invited to participate in the first Pioneers Park Prairie Run at 9 a.m. Saturday, November 9 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center (PPNC), 3201 S. Coddington Ave. The event is a fund-raiser for the PPNC’s land management program that restores and maintains the prairie areas. The run will take participants through the northern and western sections of the prairie.

The cost is $10 for the one-mile run for children (ages five through 12) and $20 for the 5K run for teens and adults. Runners can sign up at GetMeRegistered.com or call the PPNC at 402-441-7895. The registration deadline is November 8, and all those who register by November 1 will receive a tee shirt. No registrations will be accepted the day of the event. Packets will be available for pick-up from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, November 8 at PPNC or from 8 to 8:30 a.m. the day of the event.

“We hope the public will take advantage of this opportunity to experience the Nature Center in a whole new way,” said Nancy Furman, Nature Center Coordinator. “They may see bison and elk grazing, birds flying overhead or critters scurrying through the grasses. It’s a great event to help us promote the enjoyment, appreciation and awareness of our great plains natural environment.”

The event will occur rain or shine. It is not a timed event, but all runners will be entered into the prize drawing. Prize donors are Whole Foods, The Running Company, Meadowlark Coffee & Espresso and Indigo Books.

More information on the Nature Center is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: nature center).

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PUBLIC INVITED TO “PUT THE BEDS TO BED”
AT SUNKEN GARDENS

Lincoln Parks and Recreation will host the 12th annual “Put the Beds to Bed” event starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 2 at the Sunken Gardens, 26th and “D” streets. The event was established to involve residents in the joy of gardening at Sunken Gardens. In the past, gardening groups, neighbors, Master Gardeners, 4-H groups and friends of Sunken Gardens have helped with the annual “Wake Up the Gardens” and “Put the Beds to Bed” events.

Because the work will involve preparing planting beds for winter, participants should dress in work clothes, heavy-soled shoes and gloves. The length of the project will depend on the number of participants. Residents are asked to bring a shovel or spade and a willingness to get dirty!

To participate, register by Wednesday, October 30 by contacting Janet Ball at 402-441-7847 or forestry@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 24, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

SEPARATION OF GRASS AND LEAVES CONTINUES UNTIL DEC. 1

City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon today reminded residents that they need to continue to separate their grass and leaves from their household trash until December 1.

The Nebraska Integrated Solid Waste Management Act requires that grass and leaves be separated from household trash from April 1 through November 30 of each year. During these months, grass and leaves are diverted to the City’s compost facility, and local waste haulers charge a separate fee for the yard waste collection.

Residents can place their grass and leaves with their household trash from December 1 through March 31. However, additional fees may be charged for regular waste collection based on volume and weight of the leaves and grass collected.

More information on the City’s recycling program is available at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

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TEN MORE CITY SNOW PLOWS RECEIVE ARTISTIC TREATMENT

Ten more City snow plows are sporting blades painted by local students in the second year of the Artistic Snow Plow project. Nine plows were painted last year through the project, a collaboration of the City Public Works and Utilities (PWU) Department and Lincoln Public Schools (LPS).

“This year, we invited schools to create murals based on the theme of community and school spirit,” said Clayton Engelman, a PWU Street Maintenance employee who coordinated this year’s program. “These newly painted plows along with the ones painted last year are assigned to the participating schools’ snow routes so students and teachers can see their plows in action, removing snow and keeping our streets safe.”

This year’s participating schools are Lincoln High and Lincoln Northeast High; Mickle Middle School; and Prescott, Norwood Park, Saratoga, Hill, Holmes Trinity Lutheran and Kooser Elementary Schools. The schools had three weeks to paint the plows, and some incorporated the project into family fun nights or PTO events to engage the students and their parents.

“Lincoln Public School students have enjoyed this opportunity to connect to their community,” said Lorinda Rice, LPS Art Curriculum Supervisor. “This plow project allows our students to meet many LPS curriculum standards – express through art, create art, connect with art and live with art. Teachers love to hear reports that students spotted their school's plow making the streets safe. Understanding how a group’s creativity and design can beautify our City on a cold snowy day is the icing on the cake for students and teachers.”

The program was initiated last year by Roger Tiedeman, a District Manager in the Street and Traffic Operations Division, who read about a similar program in Wisconsin. Tiedeman proposed the artistic snow plow program as a way to educate the public about the City’s 18 snow routes covering nearly 1,200 miles.

Engelman said one of the program’s goal is to have all City plows painted. Paints were provided by Sherwin Williams, and the painted plows are sealed with a protective clear coat provided by Lowe’s Home Improvement.

Information on City snow operations is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: snow).
From: Diane K. Gonzolas  
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 2:07 PM  
Subject: FYI Time Warner Cable Complaint

This was forwarded to Ann Teget for response.
Diane

Diane Gonzolas  
Manager, Citizen Information Center  
Office of the Mayor  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE  68508  
402-441-7831  
cell 402-525-1520  
dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov

From: citoyenfache@gmail.com [mailto:citoyenfache@gmail.com]  
On Behalf Of John & Susan Felton  
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2013 5:37 PM  
To: Diane K. Gonzolas  
Subject: Time Warner Cable Complaint

John Felton  
1930 Pacific Dr.  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
402.489.0875

This is a complaint about the TWC's requirement that customers obtain a digital transport adapter in order to view channels 17, 19, 14 and local public, educational, and government access programming.

1. I ordered two digital adapters using the toll-free number listed on TWC's letter to subscribers. I was told that they would be shipped to me free-of-charge. After almost three weeks, they had not arrived, so
2. I found the URL of the website twc.com/digital adapter and ordered two adapters again.
3. Only one adapter was shipped. When I called the supplied toll-free number to activate this device, I was told after 15 minutes of waiting that I had to wait until the next day.
4. The next day, I called the number again and after 40 minutes was told that the device had been activated, but to wait two hours for it to be recognized.
5. After 5 hours, the adapter still wasn't activated, so I contacted TWC support via computer chat. After chatting with two different technicians, I was eventually told that I had to call the local office.
6. I called the local office of TWC to activate my device. After 40 minutes, it appeared that it was working because it was searching for channels.
7. Shortly after I ended the call with the local office, the process froze and I received an error message on my HDTV.
8. I called again and went through some troubleshooting with another technician. She couldn't get the adapter to work, so she decided it would be necessary to send a technician to my house, requiring me to take time off from work.

9. I gave up. I am returning the adapter and will just get along without these channels, even though I am paying for them.

10. I checked the status of my account online and found that I am being charged a $9.99 shipping fee on TWO digital adapters, even though I was told shipping would be free and I only received one adapter. There is also a $1.08 fee for a month's rental of the adapter, even though I was not supposed to be charged until 2015.

So, I am being charged for channels in my standard subscription that I am unable to view. The company messed up my order twice. Activation of any kind is a nightmare that could be done in an automated fashion via computer instead of requiring 30 to 45 minute phone calls with people who obviously have not been adequately trained. I had the same problem when I bought my own cable modem instead of paying to lease TWC's outdated modem. I have never dealt with a more incompetent company. This is a technology firm with thousands of employees. Why haven't they figured out a way to make an easy task like activating a device something that can be done quickly and painlessly by the customer? Why are they allowed to continually raise their fees without cause and without informing customers in advance?
From: Teget, Ann [mailto:ann.teget@twcable.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 3:06 PM
To: Diane K. Gonzolas
Subject: Revised response

RE: John F. complaint

After several contact attempts, this customer was unwilling to speak to our agent or work with us to resolve the issue. He said he returned the DTAs and will do without the channels.

The charges on his bill were made in error. We are not charging for mailing equipment to customers and the .99 cent fee should not have gone into effect until January 2015. Those charges have been credited back to the customer’s account.

According to our records, our care agent did a good job trouble shooting with the customer over the phone and apologized for the equipment failure. Unfortunately even with all the troubleshooting the equipment still did not work. The agent scheduled a rescue truck roll, but it was cancelled by dispatch prior to the roll out, because we were not able to verify that someone was at home to allow our technician into the house.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there’s anything else you think we can do to resolve this issue and satisfy the customer.

Ann Teget
Vice President, Government Relations
Missouri-Nebraska-Kansas

Office: 402.421.0378
Cell: 816.401.1751
Meeting Notice  
City of Lincoln, Nebraska  
Cable Advisory Board  
4 p.m. Thursday, October 24, 2013  
Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Agenda:

Call to Order

1. Introduction of board members and guests

2. Approval of minutes from the August 15, 2013 special meeting

4. New Business

5. Old Business
   • Update on move of Public, Education and Government access channels to digital format
   • Board duties
   • Board vacancies
   • Member orientation
   • Review of bylaws

6. Time Warner Cable Report

7. City Report (PEG status)

8. Public Comments

Adjournment

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Board members: If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Diane Gonzolas at 402-441-7831 or dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov.

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Regular meeting dates are the fourth Thursdays of January, April, July and October. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2014.
I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2013 Commission Meeting
III. Approval of Agenda for October 31, 2013 Commission Meeting
IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0227-005-E-R
      2. LCHR NO.: 13-0307-007-E
      3. LCHR NO.: 13-0416-011-E-R
      4. LCHR NO.: 13-0418-012-E-R
      5. LCHR NO.: 13-0509-015-E-R
   B. Pre-Determination Settlement Agreements
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0723-025-E-R
      2. LCHR NO.: 13-0809-007-H
   C. Successful Conciliation
      1. LCHR NO.: 12-0904-041-E-R
V. Administrative Closures
   A. Withdrawal with Benefits
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0910-009-H
      2. LCHR NO.: 13-0924-010-H
VI. Administrative Actions
   A. Order to Public Hearing
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0612-003-H
VII. Old Business
VIII. New Business
   A. Terms of Service
IX. Public Comment**
X. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 11, 2013

TO: Board of Equalization

FROM: Ronald L. Cane
Accountant

DEPARTMENT: Urban Development

SUBJECT: Business Improvement Districts:
(1) Core Business Improvement District Overlay and Downtown Business Improvement District
(2) Downtown Maintenance District

The subject Business Improvement Districts were created by ordinances adopted by City Council in 2006 and 1997, respectively. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) provides management of these districts under a contract approved by City Council. DLA submits annual budgets identifying contract services for City Council review and approval.

In order to implement the contract services, assessments are levied against property owners within the boundaries established in the ordinances on an annual basis. This assessment is calculated on expenditures approved for payment for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. The proposed assessments are attached.

Core Business Improvement District Overlay

The expenditures total $157,096.27. In addition, administrative fees and interest amount to $2,605.52 resulting in a grand total of $159,701.79. The assessment rate is 0.0822443 per $100 of taxable valuation as determined by the County Assessor.

Downtown Business Improvement District

The expenditures total $333,811.54. In addition, administrative fees and interest amount to $5,728.83 resulting in a grand total of $339,540.37. The assessment rate is 0.1009025 per $100 of taxable valuation as determined by the County Assessor. Assessments on residential properties are calculated at 35% of assessed value.

Downtown Maintenance District

The total amount to be assessed is $230,979.00. The assessment rate is $3.8431672 per front foot as allowed in the Ordinance creating the district.
August 23, 2013

Mr. Ronald Cane
City of Lincoln, Urban Development
555 So. 10th St. Suite 205
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Cane:

Per your request, the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, has determined that one centrally assessed company, with valuation attributable to “real property”, is located in the Lincoln Downtown Business Improvement Districts, specified in city ordinances #18683 and #18684, authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 19-4024.

Centrally Assessed Company: #620 Windstream Nebraska

2013 Centrally assessed distributed taxable value attributable to real property:
   Lincoln Downtown BID area $1,939,356
   Lincoln BID Core Overlay area $1,464,647

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER

Sincerely,

Elaine C. Thompson
Tax Specialist Senior
402-471-5987
elaine.thompson@nebraska.gov

cc: Ryan Ivy, Windstream Nebraska
    Norm Agena, Lancaster County Assessor
Subject: 8021 Maplewood

Pat

Thank you for your kind words.

Most of all I am glad the neighboring home is finally receiving the attention it needed.

I especially want to thank Nancy Clark and Health Department Director Judy Halstead who really coordinated the effort to achieve these results.

Finally, having concerned neighbors like you, Pat, is very valuable because the City needs your "eyes and ears". Thank YOU.

My best regards and appreciation for your help and patience.

Jon

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am so glad that I called Jon about the problem with the house next door. We have all tried to get someone to do something about that home for such a long time. We couldn't get any help or answers from anyone until I contacted Jon. We had so many people out here looking at it at first & then nothing for a month or more. Since my last email to Jon, we can't believe how much improvement has been made.

The second set of workers said another fellow came along while they were working on the fascia & said he was checking out the roof - so we are hoping new shingles are still coming. They did a wonderful job replacing the fascia in the front & back but both ends of the roof need to be replaced too. Those boards are rotting away too & need to be replaced also.

They also did a great job at cleaning up the rundown tin shed in the backyard too. I hope they do replace the shingles, finish the ends of the house & pick up the rest of the trash in the backyard & remove the rusted, falling down tin shed too.

Whoever is hired to mow the yard showed up yesterday & mowed around the old, beat up gutters & trees & bushes they trimmed in the backyard. It is looking better at 8021 Maplewood - finally.

We really appreciate all your help & hope it continues & maybe someday will be fit for another family to move in. We just hated to see our neighborhood run down.

Thanks so very much for listening & getting the wheels turning! I really didn't think we would get any attention out here!!

Thanks Jon, I am so glad I called you!

Pat Thomsen
8011 Maplewood Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68510

Regarding the property at: 8021 Maplewood Drive
Ms. Thomson,

My staff has been in regular contact with the property preservation company working at 8021 Maplewood. Following an inspection yesterday the inspector reported the brush piles and paint cans have been removed, the outdoor shed contents have been removed, and new fascia is installed on the front and back of the home.

Nancy Clark, REHS
Environmental Health Supervisor
Environmental Public Health Division, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
3140 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68510  402 441-8020

From: Nancy M. Clark
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 4:08 PM

FW: 8021 Maplewood -- neglected condition

Ms. Thomsen,

Your complaint regarding 8021 Maplewood reached me at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. This is a summary of our findings and the activity related to this property.

Early this week my staff visited 8021 Maplewood Drive, identified some minor Health Code issues, took photos, and found a property preservation company’s contact information on the front door. The company was contacted and told of the Health code violations and that building defects were also noted. The photos and original complaint details were forwarded to the company as well. Staff was told a contractor’s bid was submitted to the mortgage company for approval.

This afternoon my staff received an e-mail, with work order number included, which indicated the company’s code enforcement team is currently working to resolve the issues. We believe this should now be resolved in a matter of time.

Nancy Clark, REHS
Environmental Health Supervisor
Environmental Public Health Division, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
3140 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68510
402 441-8020
Mr. Camp,

Having had to travel to Hickman a couple times recently I have noticed all of the housing and growth in that community.
I’m sure that much of that is to save on property taxes within the Lincoln city limits.
Many of these out of towners work in Lincoln, benefitting from our streets etc etc.
I would propose that a city income tax be explored with the proceeds being applied to streets, fire and rescue etc.
This would also be a way to relieve the wheel tax for those of us who live in Lincoln.
Just a thought.

Steven C. Brunken
From: Thomas S. Shafer  
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 8:07 AM  
To: Mary M. Meyer  
Subject: RE: Constituent Call

Thanks for the information. We’ll have our contractor address it.

From: Mary M. Meyer  
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 3:53 PM  
To: Thomas S. Shafer  
Subject: Constituent Call

Just received a call from a constituent stating there is a sign on LaSalle street, facing 56th Street. Lots of sand on the sidewalk and the sign is also on the sidewalk and this gentleman thought it may cause problems with the sign and sand. People may fall.

Mary

Mary M. Meyer  
Lincoln City Council Office  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Office: 402.441.7515  
Fax: 402.441.6533
“We approve of the Piedmont redevelopment plan and are pleased that it is being invested in. This area will benefit, but we feel that the 100 foot restriction on alcohol sales must remain. A restaurant in this area would be a benefit to the neighborhood, but encouragement of loopholes on alcohol sales (through liquor stores or convenience stores) is not in the interest of neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Plan of Action (endorsed by more than 25 Lincoln neighborhoods) clearly states the goals of Lincoln neighborhoods and city, to preserve the quality of life and for businesses to be sensitive to the needs of surrounding neighborhoods”

I own property in the 33rd & Holdrege area, and when the convenience store at the corner was granted (now “Casey’s” store, not original license owner) a liquor license, we witnessed the ‘more deterioration’ of a neighborhood and the area to the west. We had/have drunks walking the alley to and from the west either coming or going from the liquor store with their brown bag around their 24oz+ size bottle of beer. I have heard that convenience store has some of the biggest liquor sales in Lincoln, don’t know that for a fact, but could sure believe it.

Our building happens to have a set of steps on the back, so the drunks would trespass (signs posted) and sit on the steps and drink. It is illegal to drink on public property. It is illegal to trespass with signs posted. But these people don’t care (?), are so addicted to the booze(?), and do not obey laws. It became added work for us to monitor our property. We called the cops. Sometimes they would be gone before the cops arrived. It is the downgrading of a neighborhood when off sale alcohol sales are present.

We need to make society better, not worse. Don’t make variances for laws already in place. They were established for a reason. That should be good enough.

I am expressing a negative to the issue of a waiver that would allow alcohol sales within 100 feet of residential area for proposed alcohol sales in the Piedmont project.

Please vote NO.

Help our society out, we obviously cannot help ourselves.

Thank you,
Ruth Peters & Homer Peters
Lincoln property owners
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Scrap metal recycling drive to raise money for LPS program.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Total closure set Wednesday on portion of South 56th Street.
3. NEWS RELEASE. GIS information now viewable on mobile devices.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Repairs to close several railroad crossings next week.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the Week of October 26, 2013 through November 1, 2013.

III. DIRECTORS

LINCOLN LIBRARIES
1. NEWS RELEASE. Libraries to host children’s workshop.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. Public Works & Utilities October - November newsletter now available on line.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Citywide Arterial Street Rehabilitation. South 56th Street; Pioneers Boulevard - Nebraska Highway 2. Southbound closure and detour. State Project No. LCLC-5228(4), Control No. 13138, City Project No. 540022.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Email from Gunter Hofmann regarding the Piedmont Shopping Center and his suggestion on liquor in the shopping center.

JONATHAN COOK
1. Gunter Hofmann email stating his thoughts on liquor in the Piedmont Shopping Center.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Email from Bob Reeves. Concerned the possible waiver for alcohol sales for the Piedmont Shopping Center will set a bad precedent.
2. MEDIA RELEASE. Community Health Endowment (CHE) announces funding awards.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 25, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043
Marti Franti, LPS Recycling Coordinator, 402-436-1072, ext. 82007

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING DRIVE
TO RAISE MONEY FOR LPS PROGRAM

Lincoln and Lancaster County residents are encouraged to recycle their scrap metal during November to benefit the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) recycling program. The recycling drive is being held in connection with Lincoln Recycles Day (LRD) Friday, November 15.

Scrap metal can be taken to Alter Metal Recycling, 6100 N. 70th St., and Sadoff Iron and Metal Company, 4400 West Webster. All types of scrap metal including aluminum and tin cans, pots and pans, appliances, wiring, sinks, bathtubs and electric motors can be recycled. All or part of the proceeds from the scrap metal can be donated to the LPS program. At the end of the drive, the two companies will match the amount of the public donation.

Funds raised for the LPS recycling program will be used to replace aging, worn out steel recycling containers. They will be recycled as scrap metal and replaced with containers manufactured from recycled steel. The LPS program provides recycling education and opportunities in all LPS school classrooms, offices and support buildings. Currently, LPS recycles about 1.2 million pounds of material annually, or 24 percent of its refuse.

LRD is observed in conjunction with the 16th annual America Recycles Day (ARD), recognized annually on November 15. Millions of Americans participate in the event, which is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.

“Recycling does make a difference by conserving resources and valuable landfill space,” said City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon. “We have a network of 35 recycling drop-off sites in Lincoln and Lancaster County as well as private businesses that offer curbside recycling. Other businesses and organizations accept household items such as electronics, batteries, tires and fluorescent bulbs for recycling.”

Several other local events are planned in November in conjunction with LRD:
• Free wood waste recycling will be available to Lincoln and Lancaster County residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, November 15 at Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Ct. Accepted items include unpainted wood such as pallets, clean construction wood waste and tree trimmings. Yard waste and treated wood are not accepted.
Scrap Metal Recycling Drive
October 25, 2013
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- Individuals can shred up to two boxes of confidential documents at no charge from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 2 at these locations:
  - Lincoln Southwest High School student parking lot, 7001 S. 14th St.
  - North Star High School visitor parking lot, 5801 N. 33rd St.
  - Lincoln High School senior parking lot, 2229 “J” St.

Paper shredding services have been donated by Recycling Enterprises and Shredding Solutions.

- The last day for 2013 household hazardous waste collections for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents is Friday, November 15 by appointment only. To make an appointment, call the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 402-441-8084.

During November, residents are encouraged to sign a pledge to recycle at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov. For more information about LRD and local recycling opportunities, visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov or call the recycling hotline at 402-441-8215.

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TOTAL CLOSURE SET FOR WEDNESDAY ON PORTION OF SOUTH 56TH

The rehabilitation work under way on S. 56th Street will require a total closure of the southbound lanes from Pioneers Blvd. to Highway 2 on Wednesday, October 30. The closure will begin at 8 a.m., and the work is expected to take less than one day. Drivers will be detoured east on Pioneers, south on 70th St. and west on Old Cheney to Highway 2. The closure is necessary to adjust utilities in the roadway.

The project on S. 56th Street from Highway 2 north to Spruce Street includes new asphalt and pavement markings as well as the reconstruction of pedestrian curb ramps at Shady Creek Road, Edgewood Drive, La Salle Street and Spruce Street to meet ADA standards. Lane closures will continue during the project, which is expected to be completed by Nov. 9, weather permitting.

More information on the Citywide Street Rehabilitation Project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects) or by contacting Zach Becker, Engineering Services, at 402-613-3763 or zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov.
GIS INFORMATION NOW VIEWABLE ON MOBILE DEVICES

With the development of two new websites, the public can now view Web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) data from mobile devices. Developers, real estate agents, commercial brokers and others have been able to access GIS data on desktop computers since the late 1990s. The recent system enhancements will allow those using smart phones and tablets to access property ownership, valuation, flood plain status and development data from a remote location.

“Today’s mobile workforce needs to access this data from the field on their smart devices,” said Jeff McReynolds, GIS Program Manager for the City and Lancaster County. “Our technical staff feel obligated to make it available and accessible without limitation.”

Access to mobile-friendly data is now available through these two websites:

Mobile-Friendly GIS Parcel Viewer:
http://lincoln.ne.gov/gis/mobile/assessor/parcelviewer.html
This website allows users to access information on property ownership and valuation, a photo of the house and links to the County Assessor’s website.

Mobile-Friendly GIS Development Viewer:
http://lincoln.ne.gov/gis/mobile/planning/developmentviewer.html
This website allows the user to access development-related information such as preliminary and final plats, special permits and administrative amendments.

Both websites allow users to search by name, address or parcel ID or use the GPS location on their tablets or smart phones. Users also can e-mail a link to a map or link to other social media outlets. Both web applications are viewable on desktops as well.

McReynolds said similar applications using the same template will be added in the future, and aerial images taken in April have been added to the GIS viewer.
REPAIRS TO CLOSE SEVERAL RAILROAD CROSSINGS NEXT WEEK

BNSF repairs will close three railroad crossings to traffic next week:

- 70th and Cornhusker - closed Monday, October 28 through Saturday November 2
- 44th and Cornhusker - closed Tuesday, October 29 through Wednesday October 30
- 162nd and Cornhusker - closed Monday, October 28

BNSF is using portable message boards in these areas to notify drivers of these closures.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of October 26 through November 1, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Monday, October 28
• Ribbon-cutting for Sadoff Iron & Metal Company, remarks - 2 p.m., 4400 West Webster (Air Park)

Tuesday, October 29
• Corrections Joint Public Agency meeting - 9 a.m., Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Ribbon-cutting for Nebraska Co-Location Center, remarks - 1:30 p.m., Sharp Building, 206 S. 13th St.

Wednesday, October 30
• Downtown Lincoln Association annual luncheon meeting, remarks - noon, Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.

Thursday, October 31
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced

Friday, November 1
• TEDx Lincoln 2013, remarks - 9:45 a.m., NET Studio One, 1800 N. 33rd St.
• Ribbon-cutting and dedication of the newly remodeled Beta Theta Pi House, remarks - 4 p.m., 1515 “R” St.
LIBRARIES TO HOST CHILDREN’S WORKSHOP

Artist and book illustrator Amy Cordova will present a free workshop for children elementary school age and older from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 2 at Bennett Martin Library, 136 S. 14th St. Participants will create their own dream animals using the colors and patterns used by traditional artists from the Mexican state of Oaxaca. All materials will be provided. The event is being held in connection with Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican Day of the Dead holiday.

Cordova will guide the participants by encouraging them to think about their dreams and any obstacles that are in the way of them achieving those dreams. As part of the workshop, Lincoln City Libraries will give away four pairs of tickets to “Swazzle’s Dream Carver” at the Lied Center for Performing Arts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 5.

Pre-registration is not required, but those planning to bring a group of 10 or more are asked to call 402-441-8565 in advance. More information is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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The Public Works & Utilities October/November Newsletter is now available for viewing.


The newsletter features the following articles:

- Solid Waste Begins Collecting Landfill Gas
- Water Meter Replacement Program Under Way
- Strong Lincs
- City Officials Respond to Roundabout Concerns
- Dollars & Cents
- Sidewalk Repair Program

We hope that you enjoy reading the PWU newsletter and look forward to your comments and any suggestions you may have. Also, please forward to anyone you think would benefit from reading the newsletter.

Sincerely,
The PW/U Marketing Team
Citywide Arterial Street Rehabilitation
South 56th Street; Pioneers Boulevard - Nebraska Highway 2
Southbound Closure and Detour
State Project No. LCLC-5228(4) Control No. 13138
City Project No. 540022

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, the southbound lanes of South 56th Street will be closed from Pioneers Boulevard to Nebraska Highway 2, weather permitting. The closure will take place for less than one day. This is necessary to facilitate the adjustment of utilities in the roadway as part of the repair and rehabilitation work that is currently being performed.

During the closure the southbound traffic for South 56th Street will be routed using the following detour:

• East on Pioneers Boulevard, south on South 70th Street, west on Old Cheney Road, west on Nebraska Highway 2

Information on the Lincoln Citywide Street Rehabilitation Project is available on the City’s website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Zach Becker, Project Manager
City of Lincoln - Engineering Services
(402) 613-3763
zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov

Mike Tidball, Project Manager
Pavers, Inc.
(402) 875-1469
Mr Camp, I am pleased that the run-down shopping center is finally getting help. A restaurant would be a welcome addition, but a bar would not be an asset for the neighborhood. I suggest that the site get a waiver to allow the restaurant to stay open late and serve alcohol instead of rezoning it to allow bars.

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Dear City Council members:

It is my understanding that as part of the redevelopment plan for Piedmont Shopping Center, the developer has asked for a waiver of the rule that alcohol sales must be more than 100 feet from a residential area. As a concerned citizen who is active in my neighborhood organization, I am concerned about this setting a bad precedent. I approve of the Piedmont redevelopment plan in general, but don't approve of a waiver that could open the door to other requests for liquor sales in close proximity to residential areas.

Piedmont could have a restaurant that serves drinks with meals without having the waiver. The only type of business that the waiver would make possible would be a liquor store or convenience store that sells off-sale alcoholic beverages, and this is what would not be desirable so close to any residential area.

I wish to join with many other concerned neighborhood people who want to urge the council not to approve this waiver. I am representing only myself; the Clinton Neighborhood Organization board has not reviewed this proposal and has taken no action on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Reeves
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Subject: Community Health Endowment Announces Funding Awards

Media Release

To: Media

From: Lori Vrtiska Seibel, President & CEO
402-436-5516, lori.seibel@chelincoln.org

Date: October 25, 2013

Re: CHE Announces Funding Awards

Community Health Endowment Announces Funding Awards

Following a review of 21 applications, the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) has awarded funding for 7 projects, totaling $285,975 in funding over the next year and $704,469 over the next three years. Added to ongoing commitments, these awards bring the total granted in FY2013/14 to $1.05 million. Since its inception, CHE has committed more than $19 million to make Lincoln a healthier community.

Projects designed to increase access to care for low income, minority or underserved populations, better integrate medical and behavioral health care, improve the cultural competency of providers and increase energy efficiency of buildings housing health-related services received funding in this cycle.

New grants are:

- Use pooled purchasing power to acquire and distribute diabetic supplies for low-income patients. (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, $60,000 over three years.)
- Support integrated care for people with mental health issues, especially youth, through peer contact and use of technology. (Bryan Health Foundation, $429,321 over three years)
- Create a stronger breast health referral and support network for women who are Latina, African American or low income. (El Centro de las Américas, $107,318 over three years)
- Support facility renovations that improve energy efficiency. (Voices of Hope, $20,000 over one year)
- Replace HVAC systems and improve energy use. (Good Neighbor Center, up to $20,000 over one year)
- Enhance the cultural competency of key health care providers through a process improvement model designed specifically for health care. (Lancaster County Human Services, $7,830 over one year)
- Provide reliable transportation to disabled, elderly and/or low income individuals for access to a medical home for regular and preventive care. (Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, $60,000 over three years.)

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The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is a municipal endowment dedicated to making Lincoln, Nebraska, the healthiest community in the nation. To achieve this vision, CHE invests in health-related nonprofits and agencies, works to ensure a strong healthcare safety-net and access to quality, coordinated care and medical homes, and convenes...
the community around important health issues. Since its inception in 1999, CHE has returned more than $19 million to
the community.

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