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CITY TO RECYCLE TREES FOR 27TH YEAR

The City will accept holiday trees for recycling at seven sites from Christmas Day through Sunday, January 12. The tree collection sites are:
• Ballard Park, 3901 N. 66th St.
• Oak Lake Park, three blocks south of Cornhusker on 1st Street
• University Place Park, 50th and Garland streets
• Holmes Lake Park, parking lot west of the north softball field
• Tierra Park, 29th and Tierra Drive
• Woods Park, 31st and “J” streets, southeast corner of the parking lot
• Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays)

Hofeling Enterprises has again donated grinding services, and the tree mulch will be distributed free to Lincoln residents beginning Tuesday, January 14. The mulch is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 2200 S. Folsom Court on a first-come, first-served basis.

The City Recycling Office reminds residents recycling their trees to remove plastic bags used for transport and put them in trash cans at the recycling sites. All nails, wires and tree stands must be removed.

The City of Lincoln began offering the tree recycling program in 1987 to keep large quantities of trees from going to the landfill. Lincoln’s tree recycling program is the oldest of its kind in Nebraska. In the last 26 years, the City has recycled an estimated 210,700 trees.

For more information on the tree recycling program or the City’s recycling program in general, call the Recycling Hotline at 402-441-8215 or visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINEES FOR AWARDS

The Lincoln Commission on Human Right (LCHR) is seeking nominations for two awards to be presented at the annual Civil Rights Conference April 1, 2014.

- The Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award was established by the LCHR in 2000, and it was renamed in 2003 to honor Henderson, the first director of the LCHR and a long-time civil rights activist. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in furthering human rights and relations in Lincoln.

- The Fair Housing Award recognizes outstanding achievements in improving housing opportunities, including a demonstrated commitment to fair housing activities and the use of new and creative measures to fight housing discrimination, prejudice and the effects of past housing discrimination.

Nominees for the award will be judged on their achievements in improving human rights and ensuring fair housing opportunities based on activities implemented, services performed or programs operated in the City of Lincoln. Previous nominations can be re-submitted. (A list of previous award winners follows this release.)

Nominations are due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014. Forms are available by calling LCHR at 402-441-7624, sending an e-mail to lroberts@lincoln.ne.gov or printing a form from the LCHR’s website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rights). Completed forms can be faxed to 402-441-6937; dropped off at LCHR, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th; or mailed to LCHR, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

The LCHR is a neutral City agency that is responsible for investigating and addressing discrimination complaints brought by individuals in the City of Lincoln in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. Any remedy fashioned by the LCHR is based on the enforcement authority of the Equal Opportunity Ordinance found at Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, which provides a fair and impartial process for resolving charges of discrimination.

PREVIOUS WINNERS
**Human Rights Award:**

Dan Williams; Cecilia Olivarez Huerta; José Soto and the Division of Affirmative Action, Equity and Diversity of Southeast Community College; Milo Mumgaard, Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest Inc.; Judi M. gaiashkibos; Florine Joseph; Beatty Brasch; Annie and Leroy Stokes; Pastor Janet Goodman-Banks; Larry Williams; Linda Willard; and Kit Boesch.

**Fair Housing Award:**

Jill Fenner, Fair Housing Center of Nebraska; Michelle Zadina, Apartment Guide; Jim and Mark Arter, The Arter Group; High Plains Community Development Corp.; Kristine Strand, Cedars Youth Services; Liz Bruce and Doug Rotthaus, Nebraska REALTORS® Association; Gerald Henderson; Mary Eley, Fair Housing Center of Omaha; Larry Williams; Topher Hansen, Centerpointe; and Coleen Floth.
Date: December 20, 2013
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of December 21 through 27, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Wednesday, December 25

CITY OFFICES CLOSED – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thursday, December 26
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
LINCOLN RECYCLES DAY RAISES OVER $1,400 FOR LPS RECYCLING PROGRAM

The scrap metal recycling drive conducted in November as part of Lincoln Recycles Day raised over $1,400 for the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) recycling program for new containers. Residents were asked to bring scrap metal to Sadoff Iron and Metal Company or Alter Metal Recycling and to donate all or part of the proceeds to benefit the LPS recycling program. These public donations were matched by the companies. A check was presented December 18 at an event that included Alter, Sadoff, LPS staff, and the City Recycling Office.

“LPS would like to thank Alter Metal Recycling and Sadoff Iron and Metal Company for supporting the LPS Recycling Program through their generous donations from the Scrap Metal Drive,” said Marti Franti, LPS Recycling Program Coordinator. “The funds earned from the community’s recycled metal will purchase new containers made from recycled metal, closing the recycling loop.”

Alter collected $455.87 with a match of $453. Sadoff, which received $14.85 in donations, matched that amount and donated an additional $485.15.

Lincoln Recycles Day 2013 also included the following events:
• Shredding Solutions and Recycling Enterprises collected 3,249 pounds of shredded paper.
• Hofeling Enterprises collected about 35 cubic yards of wood waste during a free collection event.
• On November 15, the City of Lincoln Recycling Office visited five recycling drop-off sites to catch people “green handed.” Twenty people received Russ’s Market reusable bags filled with items including drawstring bags from the Public Works and Utilities Department, Pepsi products, Amigos coupons and Recycling Office pencils and magnets. Gift bag winners included Gary Statler, Roy Roher, Kathee Griffith, Jan Rohis, Diane Gesiriech-King, Kathleen O’Leary, Jeff and Kristi Janda, Julia McCord, Frank Mills, Lavonne Messman, Margaret Remmenga, Bryce Cuddy, Cody and Sarah Pfeiffer, and Patrick Wells.

Since 1990, the network of City-sponsored drop-off sites has collected over 250 million pounds of recyclables. More information on recycling is available at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 20, 2013  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan Payzant, Irving Recreation Center, 402-441-7954  

CHINA PAINTING CLASSES OFFERED AT IRVING REC CENTER

Registration is now open for the winter and spring china painting classes at Irving Recreation Center, 2010 Van Dorn. The center has offered china painting classes since 1991. They are taught by Lincoln artist Peg Pelter, an overglaze specialist who paints on porcelain, tile and pottery. Her work has appeared in *The China Decorator*, *The China Painter* and *The British Porcelain Artist*.

Classes are offered for beginning and experienced painters. Each four-week session and Saturday workshop includes the completion of at least one instructor-led project, or for the more advanced, the option to work independently.

“The classes are offered in a relaxed and social atmosphere, and the coffee is always on,” said Dan Payzant, Director of Irving Recreation Center. “Our center has convenient parking, a spacious classroom with good lighting, two large kilns and a great teacher for this fun class.”

The classes are offered on the following dates:

- **Wednesday class sessions** - January 8 through 29, February 5 through 26, April 2 through 23 and April 30 through May 21. Times are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is $28 for the four-week session plus a $5 firing fee (supply fees vary).

- **Saturday workshops** - Students bring their own lunch and enjoy a full day of china painting. Workshops are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. January 25, February 22, March 29 and April 26. Cost is $24.50 per workshop plus a $5 firing fee (supply fees vary).

Students can register and pay for classes and workshops online at parks.lincoln.ne.gov (click the “Register Online” button). Those registering online will be required to use or sign up for a free MyInterlinc account, create a Parks and Rec profile and search for classes. Students may also register by phone at least seven days in advance by calling the Irving Rec Center at 402-441-7954.

More information on Parks and Recreation programs is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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December 20th, 2013

Carl Eskridge, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Councilman Eskridge:

I have vetoed the Council’s resolution freezing impact fees.

The Council’s vote in favor of the freeze means that impact fees would have been suspended six of the last seven years. I am concerned about the negative impact on the infrastructure funding that is necessary to create economic growth and ease traffic congestion.

We exhaustively searched for acceptable impact fee alternatives in the first term of the Administration but no acceptable compromise could be found. We have added other roads funding revenues in an attempt to meet the City’s original commitment to fund those infrastructure costs not covered by impact fees.

I have not opposed the freeze in the past because a temporary reprieve from inflationary increases was necessary to help developers, homebuilders, and homebuyers survive a difficult national economic recession. They were hit hard. But now Lincoln’s economy is rebounding.

Our focus needs to return to funding the infrastructure that helps continue that growth. I look forward to working with all members of the community to find consensus on a comprehensive infrastructure financing plan that repairs what we have and promotes new growth. I believe we can come together and find the common ground that creates a winning situation for the entire community.

Sincerely,

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
December 21, 2013

Honorable Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mayor Beutler,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your veto of Resolution 13R-282, whereby the City Council voted to continue a freeze of impact fee increases for another six months. In your letter communicating your action, you advocated your position that impact fees are a necessary component for funding the infrastructure needs of our growing community. You also expressed concerns that the continued pattern of freezing impact fees would have a negative impact on the ability of the city to ease traffic congestion and to address other important infrastructure needs. Finally, you emphasized the importance of building community consensus in developing a comprehensive infrastructure financing plan that will address the challenges of our aging infrastructure, as well providing the resources needed for our continued growth.

Having spent many hours this year investigating the city's infrastructure needs and the resources available to address them, I stand in full agreement of the critical importance of developing a comprehensive plan that will address the current and emerging infrastructure needs throughout the city. As you know, in addition to the freeze on impact fee increases, Resolution 13R-282 also provided for a six-month window to devise such a plan prior to ending the freeze. By your actions you have altered the timing of the resolution, but not the ultimate outcome. Therefore, on behalf of my colleagues, we stand eager to work with the administration and members of the community to build consensus for a plan that will address the critical infrastructure needs of our city.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Carl Eskridge, Chair
Lincoln City Council
Memorandum

Date:  December 24, 2013
To:  City Clerk
From:  Jean Preister, Planning Dept.
Re:  Administrative Approvals
c:  Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 17, 2013, through December 23, 2013:

Administrative Amendment No. 13061 to Change of Zone No. 3134D, Willow Springs PUD, requested by Engineering Design Consultants and approved by the Planning Director on December 20, 2013, increasing the floor area on Lot 12, Block 1, from 12,000 sq. ft. of medical office to 11,850 sq. ft. of medical office and 900 sq. ft. of office, for a total of 12,750 sq. ft. of floor area, on property generally located near South 78th Street and Pioneers Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 13082 to Change of Zone No. 04075D, Village Gardens PUD, requested by Olsson Associations and approved by the Planning Director on December 20, 2013, adjusting the minimum lot width from 35’ to 33’ for the Type C - Small Single-Family dwelling type on Page 21 of the Development Plan, on property generally located near South 56th Street and Pine Lake Road.
From: Meagan Pratt  
Subject: PWU Newsletter for Dec 2013-Jan 2014

To: All PW/U Employees, Mayor Beutler, & City Council Members;

The Public Works & Utilities December 2013 / January 2014 Newsletter is now available for viewing.  

The newsletter features the following articles:

- Director’s Corner: Self-Assessment
- Donna Garden is New PWU Assistant Director
- Robert Simmering is New Engineering Services Development Section Manager
- Strong Lincs
- A Farewell Note
- PWU Recognized at NWEA and AWWA Conferences
- Snow Efforts Help Connect PWU to Community
- Happy Holidays!
- Christmas Tree Recycling Program
- Central Renewable Energy System to Serve Innovation Campus

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