DIRECTORS’ MEETING
April 6, 2015
555 South 10TH Street
Bill Luxford Studio

I. CITY CLERK

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2. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran ready for Transit Week, Spring Game and Stuff the Bus.
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2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for April 7, 2015.

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1. City Engineer, Roger Figard, replying to Mr. Hersch with an explanation on the Old Cheney Road Project.
   a) Correspondence from Alan Hersch regarding the Old Cheney project. (Listed on Directors’ Addendum 03.30.15.
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IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Memo to Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, from Councilman Camp expressing his disappointment on not knowing of the So. 57th Street Open House before four days in advance.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
LIBRARY’S STORYTIME TO FEATURE ANTI-BULLYING THEME

Lincoln City Libraries is partnering with an Omaha theater group to share an anti-bullying message for April’s preschool storytime program. RESPECT is an educational theater group created to decrease bullying and to empower kids and adults who may be on the sidelines to take action and help a person targeted for bullying.

The play “Puppy Pals” was created for preschool-age children with a focus on helping, identifying emotions and respecting diversity for people and animals. Students will learn how to make friends and how to “stop and think.”

All performances are free and open to the public, and no preregistration is required. Programs will be presented on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 a.m., Anderson Branch, 3635 Touzalin Avenue
- Wednesday, April 8, 2 p.m., South Branch, 2675 South Street
- Thursday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., Bethany Branch, 1810 N. Cotner Blvd.
- Monday, April 13, 4 p.m., Williams Branch, 5000 Mike Scholl Street
- Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 a.m., Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th Street
- Wednesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m., Walt Branch, 6701 S. 14th Street
- Thursday, April 16, 10:30 a.m., Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street
- Thursday, April 23, 10:30 a.m., Eiseley Branch, 1530 Superior Street

For more information about programs at Lincoln City Libraries, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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STARTRAN READY FOR TRANSIT WEEK, SPRING GAME AND STUFF THE BUS

April is a busy month for StarTran, starting with Nebraska Transit Week April 6 through 10. StarTran will feature special promotions each day of the week:

- **Monday, April 6** is “Selfie on the Bus Day.” Patrons are encouraged to take selfies while on the bus and post to StarTran’s Facebook, or send to startraninfo@lincoln.ne.gov.
- **Tuesday, April 7** is “Bike and Bus Day,” and riders with bicycles can ride for free.
- **Wednesday, April 8** is “Senior Day,” and those 62 years of age and older can ride for free if they have a photo ID with a birth date.
- **Thursday, April 9** is “Reduced Fare Day,” and the cash fare is only 25 cents.
- **Friday, April 10** is the Supermarket Sweep to kick off the Stuff the Bus event (more details below).

StarTran will provide Big Red Express shuttle service for the Nebraska football spring football game, **April 11**, in addition to regular route service. Buses will leave from SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th and Pine Lake (south side of mall), and North Star High School, 5801 N. 33rd St. Big Red Express service begins two hours before kick-off, and the last buses leave the lots about 45 minutes before kickoff. The drop-off and pick-up location at the stadium is on “R” Street between 12th and 14th streets. Buses return to the lots immediately after the game. Cost is $5 each way or $10 round-trip, and passengers need exact change. For more information on the Big Red Express and regular service, visit startran.lincoln.ne.gov or call 402-476-1234.

The public can help “**Stuff the Bus**” on April 11 and 12 by donating new items needed by the residents at Friendship Home, a 24-hour emergency shelter for those experiencing domestic violence. StarTran buses and Friendship Home volunteers will be stationed at these locations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day:

- Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club stores - 27th and Superior, 87th Street and Highway 2
- Wal-Mart stores - 84th and Adams, 27th and Grainger

Items needed include toilet paper, paper towels, twin-sized sheets, pillows, bath towels, personal care items, kitchenware, laundry and cleaning supplies and small appliances. Cash donations are accepted. DigiTy Radio’s Lincoln stations – KFRX (106.3 FM), The Eagle-KTGL (92.9 FM), The Blaze-KIBZ (104.1 FM), ESPN-KLMS (1480 AM), KFOR (1240 AM) and KZKX (96.9 FM) – will do live broadcasts from the event.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 1, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Andrea Haberman, Health Department, 402-441-8054
Bernice Afuh, Health Department Clinic Supervisor, 402-441-6216

APRIL IS STD AWARENESS MONTH

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) reminds residents that screening for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) is offered at its main offices at 3140 “N” Street. LLCHD provides several STD services, all confidential, as well as anonymous HIV testing.

“With April being national STD Awareness Month, we want to remind the public that STDs are among the most commonly reported communicable diseases in Lancaster County,” said Judy Halstead, LLCHD Health Director. “The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that half of all sexually active young people will get an STD before the age of 25, and most of them will not know it. The good news is that most STDs can be successfully detected and treated.”

Halstead said 50 to 75 percent of women with Chlamydia will not have symptoms. Left untreated, Chlamydia can lead to infertility and chronic pain. Because Chlamydia and Gonorrhea are the most commonly diagnosed STDs in Lancaster County, a new $20 express testing option for these particular infections is offered at LLCHD. The hours for the express testing are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In addition to comprehensive STD testing, the LLCHD’s STD Clinic offers treatment and prevention education. Nurses are available to answer questions or make appointments for HIV testing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. They can be reached at 402-441-8065.

More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: health). Click on “Community Health Services.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 2, 2015  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711  
Zach Becker, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711

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The public is invited to an open house Monday, April 6 on the widening of S. 56th Street from Shadow Pines Drive to Old Cheney Road. The meeting is from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Humann Elementary School, 6720 Rockwood Lane. Participants should use the west main door, and the meeting is in the multi-purpose room. No formal presentations are planned.

The roadway will be closed to through traffic during construction, which is scheduled to begin Monday April 20, weather permitting. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times. Those businesses north of the Beal Slough will have access from Old Cheney Road, and those businesses south of the Beal Slough will have access from Pine Lake Road. The suggested detour route is Old Cheney, 40th Street and Pine Lake Road. One lane of S. 56th in each direction is scheduled to be open by mid-November 2015, and the final completion of the project is scheduled for June 2016.

The project will widen the section of S. 56th to two lanes in each direction with a raised median and turn lanes at major intersections. The project also includes the construction of sidewalks and a bike trail on the west side of 56th Street north of the Beal Slough. The trail will have an under crossing integrated into the new Beal Slough drainage structure and will connect to a future trail planned for east of 56th Street.

At the open house, representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department, its consultants and the project contractor, Constructors, Inc., will be available to answer questions. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 56th). Those with questions on the project or open house may contact Kris Humphrey, Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-326-1176 or khumphrey@lincoln.ne.gov.

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**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

**AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

[Commissioners Scheer and Cornelius absent; Beecham late]

Approval of revised minutes of the regular meeting held March 18, 2015.

**APPROVED: 6-0; (Scheer, Cornelius and Beecham absent)**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   **TEXT AMENDMENT:**

   1.1. Text Amendment No. 15002, amending Section 27.63.200 the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Clubs to delete the requirement that clubs be set back from all yard lines a distance of not less than one foot for each one foot of building height; and repealing Section 27.63.200 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

   **Staff recommendation:** Approval
   **Staff Planner:** Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
   **Planning Commission recommendation:** APPROVAL, 7-0 (Scheer and Cornelius absent).
   Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:00 p.m.
CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED USE PERMIT:

1.2a Change of Zone No. 15008, from AG and AGR to B-5, on property generally located at S. 84th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Scheer and Cornelius absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

1.2b Use Permit No. 140E, to expand the limits of the existing use permit by approximately 17 acres to allow an automated car wash and an approximately 210,000 sq. ft. free-standing super store, on property generally located at S. 84th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, 7-0 (Scheer and Cornelius absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PERMITS:

1.3 Special Permit No. 876C, to allow for the expansion of the existing club, including a request to reduce the front and side yard setback requirements, on property generally located at 631 D Street. **FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘FINAL ACTION’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 20, 2015: 7-0 (Scheer and Cornelius absent).
Resolution No. PC-01443

1.4 Special Permit No. 11013A, an amendment to renew the special permit for the excavation of soil on Lot 25 I.T., generally located one half mile west of NW 56th Street and north of West O Street. **FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘FINAL ACTION’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 13, 2015: 7-0 (Scheer and Cornelius absent).
Resolution No. PC-01442.
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - See Item 1.3 above.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED SPECIAL PERMIT:

4.1a Change of Zone No. 15007, from R-3 Residential District and B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District to R-4 Residential District, on property generally located at North 14th Street and Indigo Road.
   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, 6-1 (Corr dissenting; Scheer and Cornelius absent).
   Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

4.1b Special Permit No. 15014, to allow a Community Unit Plan (CUP), to allow a mix of duplexes and triplexes consisting of 22 dwelling units on approximately 2.35 acres on property generally located at North 14th Street and Indigo Road. **FINAL ACTION**
   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   Resolution No. PC-01444.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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Adjournment 2:10 p.m.

PENDING LIST: None
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The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.

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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm

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the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: April 1, 2015

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: April 1, 2015

Please be advised that on April 1, 2015, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01442, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 11013A, an amendment to renew the special permit for the excavation of soil on property generally located one half mile west of NW 56th Street and north of West O Street.

Resolution No. PC-01443, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 876C, to allow for the expansion of the existing club, including a request to reduce the front and side yard setback requirements on property generally located at 631 D Street.

Resolution No. PC-01444 approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 15014, to allow a Community Unit Plan (CUP), to allow a mix of duplexes and triplexes consisting of 22 dwelling units on approximately 2.35 acres on property legally described as Outlot A, Prairie Ridge 7th Addition and Lot 66, I.T., located in the SW 1/4 of Section 1-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at North 14th Street and Indigo Road.

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP11013A, SP876C, SP15014). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date:  March 31, 2015

To:  City Clerk

From:  Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.

Re:  Administrative Approvals

cc:  Mayor Chris Beutler
     Planning Commission
     Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from March 24, 2015 through March 30, 2015:

Administrative Amendment No. 15009 to Preliminary Plat #01008, I-80 Business Park, approved by the Acting Planning Director on March 24, 2015, requested by REGA Engineering, to reduce the landscape easement along I-80 from 20 feet to 15 feet and revise the landscape plan, on property generally located at NW 27th Street and W. O Street.

Administrative Amendment No. 15015 to Special Permit #1527A, Pelican Bay CUP, approved by the Acting Planning Director on March 25, 2015, requested by Richard Robinson, to reduce the rear yard setback from 30 feet to 20 feet on Lot 20, on property generally located at Pelican Bay Place and N. Lakeshore Drive.
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, 3:00 p.m., in Room 210, Second Floor, County/City Building.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 402-441-7491.

AGENDA
April 7, 2015

1. Adoption of meeting record of UDC meeting of March 3, 2015.
2. 11th & N bus stop improvements (Startran)
3. Misc. and staff report

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Mr. Hersch:

Thank you for your recent inquiry into the Old Cheney Rd. widening project. We appreciate and understand your frustrations regarding this project. At this point here is what we can tell you:

We currently have Old Cheney open one lane in each direction from 70th St. to 82nd St. as Watts Electric is working on installing the street lighting and communications facilities in this stretch and TCW is working on installing median surfacing and will be transitioning to placing biketrail and sidewalk facilities in the near future. They have informed us that they hope to have all of the paved surface areas complete by mid to late April. Once that is complete the following items will still need to be completed:

- Erosion control
- Seeding/sodding
- Final grading

Final completion is still scheduled for May of 2015. The items that are currently being worked on (not specifically listed in red above) are subject to liquidated damages amount of $1,000 per day that it takes the Contractor to complete.

A few circumstances (most notably wet weather conditions in August and September) have put substantial completion of this project behind schedule. Unfortunately construction of many items on this project pushed into the winter months this past year, however, it was collectively decided (Engineering Services, Traffic Operations, Street Maintenance, etc) to get the roadway open to traffic, with the knowledge that lane closures would be needed to complete work, rather than leave the entire stretch (both lanes) closed so that Watts Electric and TCW could finish their work. While we understand the frustration that this causes we feel that having a portion of the roadway open (and all the issues that come from that) is better than not having the roadway open at all. Please rest assured that we are doing everything within our power to get the work on this project completed in the fastest most efficient manner possible.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this project.

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Lincoln, NE 68521
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402-441-6576 Fax
rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov
Dear Mayor and Council,

Why, why, why is the contractor now digging the trenches to bury conduit for street lights when the new road has already been installed?!

They now have the outer lanes closed off. They are using heavy equipment on the brand new concrete. The road is full of mud.

Why wasn't this work scheduled BEFORE now, when Old Cheney was all dirt and before the concrete was poured? This is extremely disturbing.

We'd like a response from you and Public Works.

Alan & Donna Hersch
The City of Lincoln will begin pavement repairs on Superior Street from Technology Drive to I-180 beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2015 weather permitting. The existing pavement will be repaired, milled off and overlaid with new asphalt and pavement markings. Pedestrian curb ramps at 1st and Superior will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. While these sidewalk ramps are reconstructed, the intersection will be closed to pedestrian traffic for 72 hours.

MTZ Construction will be the contractor. Work will be performed under lane closures. Work is expected to take about 9 weeks to complete. Access to side streets and driveways will be limited for short durations during the milling and asphalt operations. MTZ Construction and the City will work with businesses and residents regarding access during construction.

Information on this 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 people:

Gaylon Masek, Project Manager
City of Lincoln - Engineering Services
(402) 416-7486
gmasek@lincoln.ne.gov

Manny Martinez, Project Manager
MTZ Construction
(402) 890-7062
Miki:

Glad the S. 56th project is progressing.

I would really appreciate the courtesy of notification of a “possible” citizen meeting on a project in my district well in advance, especially for one of this magnitude that has been long-awaited. In this case, my schedule will not permit my attendance, which really disappoints me. The S. 56th widening has been a decade-old project that I have monitored and advocated...and now cannot attend the presentation. Learning only 4 days before an event and only through a news release is disappointing.

I also want to remind you that when PW presentations are made at City Council meetings, that Council members are provided hard copies to follow during the presentation.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Jon

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From: Dave B. Norris [mailto:dnorris@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2015 11:55 AM
Subject: release - Open House, S. 56th Street widening project

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 949 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 2, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711
Zach Becker, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711

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David Norris
Citizen Information Center
555 S. 10th St. - Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7547
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Superior Street repairs to close intersection and lanes beginning Wednesday, April 8, 2015.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Register now for Summer Day Camps.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 4, 2015 through April 10, 2015.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers invited to join spring Rose Garden cleanup.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public celebration to recognize National Service.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present February Award of Excellence to Joel Wittrock, Assistant City Treasurer.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Map of Annexation by Ordinance, South 90th and Adams Street. Effective April 7, 2015, 23.36 acres.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. Memo from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, regarding the So. 56th widening project open house. (Message from Councilman Camp attached as well as the news release announcing the open house)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. City Engineer, Roger Figard’s memo regarding the sidewalk at 6822 Laurent Circle.
   a) Three photos of 6233 Laurent Circle sidewalk.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
SUPERIOR STREET REPAIRS TO CLOSE INTERSECTION, LANES

Beginning Wednesday, April 8, pavement repair work will result in lane closures on Superior Street from Technology Drive to I-180. Two-way traffic will be maintained during construction which is expected to take about nine weeks. Access to side streets and driveways will be limited for short periods of time during the milling and asphalt operations. No lanes will be closed on Saturday, April 11, the day of the UNL spring football game.

In addition to new asphalt and pavement markings, the project includes reconstruction of the pedestrian curb ramps at the intersection of 1st and Superior streets to meet ADA standards. During this work, the intersection will be closed to pedestrian traffic for about 72 hours.

The contractors, MTZ Construction, will work with the City to maintain access for businesses and residents during construction.

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REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Registration is now open for the “FUNdamental Healthy Me” summer day camps offered by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. The camps for elementary and middle school children begin Tuesday, May 26. Registration forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: day camps). The camps are offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at these locations:

- Air Park Neighborhood Center, 3720 N.W. 46th St.
- Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson St.
- Bethany Park, Cotner Boulevard and Vine Street
- Calvert Community Center, 4500 Stockwell Street
- “F” Street Community Center, 1225 “F” St.
- Goodrich Middle School, 4600 Lewis Ave.
- Irving Recreation Center, 2010 Van Dorn St.
- McPhee Elementary School, 820 Goodhue Blvd.

The day camp fee is $129 per week per child, and scholarships are available for those who meet income guidelines. As part of the Summer Food Program, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will serve breakfast and lunch at these camps, with the exception of Bethany and Irving.

Children may be registered for the entire summer or on a week-to-week basis. Activities will focus on health, nutrition and fitness and will include swimming, archery, tennis, canoeing, gardening, nature walks, field trips to museums and zoos and yoga lessons provided by certified instructors. Two nationally-known programs will be incorporated into the camps. OrganWise uses puppets to provide nutrition education, and the Wise Kids Outdoor Program provides supervised outdoor adventures that teach kids about nature, animals, weather and the earth.

More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: day camps) or 402-441-7952.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of April 4 through 10, 2015
Schedule subject to change

Monday, April 6
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, April 8
- Face the Chamber, remarks - noon, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 10th St.

Friday, April 10
- Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America “Scouting for Food” event, remarks - 8 a.m., HyVee Food Store, 50th and “O” streets (inside main entrance, west side of building)
- UNL College of Business annual awards luncheon - noon, Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 6, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Nosal, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8267

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO JOIN SPRING ROSE GARDEN CLEANUP

Lincoln residents are invited to join the Public Garden Section of the Parks and Recreation Department for the annual spring cleanup of the Hamann Rose Garden and the Strolling Garden, 27th and “B” streets. The event begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Staff will demonstrate proper spring rose pruning and provide information on growing rose bushes as they lead the cleanup of the Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Grandifloras, Shrub Roses and Miniature Roses.

Participants are asked to bring thorn-proof rose gloves and pruning shears or lopping shears. A tool-sharpening station will be available, and staff will give tips on how to properly sharpen tools. Members of the Lincoln Rose Society and Lincoln Garden Club as well as Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer questions and work with volunteers.

Volunteers do not need to register. For more information, contact Horticulturalist Steve Nosal at 402-441-8267 or snosal@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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For More Information: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Public Celebration to Recognize National Service

The public is invited to a celebration for the third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at Civic Plaza, 13th and “P” streets. A proclamation from Mayor Chris Beutler will be read at the event, which is part of a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national services, to thank those who serve, and to encourage citizens to give back to their communities. More than 1,900 mayors across the country and 35 mayors and county commissions in Nebraska have joined the recognition.

“Lincoln has six National Service projects with 103 participants working to better our community,” Beutler said. “Our dedicated AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers help us meet community needs in a very cost-effective way. I am grateful for their sacrifice and hard work to improve lives and make our city even stronger.”

The celebration will also include Nebraska Poet Laureate Twyla Hansen reading a poem and presenting signed copies as gift to current and former National Service. The Lincoln High School Wind Ensemble will perform under the direction of Chris Watson, and speakers will include Lynn Johnson, City Parks and Recreation Director; June Pederson, Aging Partners Director; Julie Nash, Director of the State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS); and Cathy Plager, ServeNebraska Director.

About 20 AmeriCorps member are involved in serving more than 200 children through the City-sponsored Youth on the Move project, which uses the 40 Development Assets Framework to provide academic support, mentoring and service learning opportunities. Project sites include recreation centers, Community Learning Centers, nonprofit agencies and schools.

Aging Partners, a division of the City of Lincoln, sponsors the community’s Foster Grandparent program. Currently, 28 older adult volunteers (age 55 and older) serve 150 children and youth with special needs in our schools. They help children learn how to read, provide one-on-one tutoring, mentor teens, care for premature infants or children with disabilities and help children who have been abused or neglected.

The Mayors Day of Recognition is sponsored by the CNCS, the National League of Cities, Cities of Service and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. As the federal agency for service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages more than five million citizens in service in 8,500 U.S. cities through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and other programs. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice.
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MAYOR TO PRESENT FEBRUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for February to Assistant City Treasurer Joel Wittrock. The award will be presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Wittrock has worked for the City since 1999. He was nominated by City Treasurer Melinda Jones in the categories of customer relations, loss prevention and productivity for his work on the database for the Police Department Alarm Registration Program.

In May of last year, the City Treasurer’s office took over the database for the Alarm Registration program, as well as the billing and posting of payments. The City had used a private billing company, but its contract was not renewed because of citizen complaints.

Among the problems Wittrock faced were accounts that had not been invoiced and accounts that were not valid due to the closing of a business or a move by the homeowner. The billing company had also collected about $15,000 in unearned revenue, but was unable to apply the payments to the correct accounts. In some cases there were duplicate payments.

Jones wrote that Wittrock did a detailed review of the database and cleaned up the information so the office was able to operate with accurate and current data. The review included tracing all prior payments and invoiced amounts to determine the correct amounts due, collected or overpaid. Wittrock processed more than 170 refunds, returning about $9,500 to Lincoln citizens and recovering about $4,800 in revenue for the City.

By December, he had reduced the balance in the unearned revenue account from $15,000 to about $500. Wittrock closed about 1,900 inactive or incorrect accounts. Melinda said he also added 402 accounts by reviewing police calls to determine if the Alarm Registration City Code was applicable and then creating an account to collect the fee. Since the City took over the billing and collections, it has collected about $45,000 more than the billing company did in the same time period. Jones said Wittrock did this database review in addition to his regular duties, and while filling in for an open position twice, training new employees and covering for absent employees.

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She wrote, “The City’s success in the Alarm Registration comes from many employees who played a role in the development of our system, from creating the database to creating our forms and FAQ’s on our web site. However, due to Joel’s continued efforts in drilling down into the detail of these thousands of accounts to determine their correct status, he has cleaned up the information to allow us to be even more successful and respondent to our citizens.” Jones said that by insuring the data is accurate, Wittrock has improved the perception of the Alarm Registration program.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials.

Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
Annexation by Ordinance
S 90th & Adams St
Effective: April 7, 2015
23.36 Acres
Councilman – thank you for letting me know about your concern. I apologize for any inconvenience it causes you and we are grateful for your support of this project. Now that we aware of your expectations, we will make sure to meet them in the future.

Sincerely,
Miki

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From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Miki Esposito
Cc: Kristen A. Humphrey; Mary M. Meyer; Mayor
Subject: FW: release - Open House, S. 56th Street widening project
Importance: High

Miki:

Glad the S. 56th project is progressing.

I would really appreciate the courtesy of notification of a “possible” citizen meeting on a project in my district well in advance, especially for one of this magnitude that has been long-awaited. In this case, my schedule will not permit my attendance, which really disappoints me. The S. 56th widening has been a decade-old project that I have monitored and advocated... and now cannot attend the presentation. Learning only 4 days before an event and only through a news release is disappointing.

I also want to remind you that when PW presentations are made at City Council meetings, that Council members are provided hard copies to follow during the presentation.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.


PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 949 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 2, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711
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OPEN HOUSE SET FOR S. 56TH STREET WIDENING PROJECT

The public is invited to an open house Monday, April 6 on the widening of S. 56th Street from Shadow Pines Drive to Old Cheney Road. The meeting is from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Humann Elementary School, 6720 Rockwood Lane. Participants should use the west main door, and the meeting is in the multi-purpose room. No formal presentations are planned.

The roadway will be closed to through traffic during construction, which is scheduled to begin Monday April 20, weather permitting. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times. Those businesses north of the Beal Slough will have access from Old Cheney Road, and those businesses south of the Beal Slough will have
access from Pine Lake Road. The suggested detour route is Old Cheney, 40th Street and Pine Lake Road. One lane of S. 56th in each direction is scheduled to be open by mid-November 2015, and the final completion of the project is scheduled for June 2016.

The project will widen the section of S. 56th to two lanes in each direction with a raised median and turn lanes at major intersections. The project also includes the construction of sidewalks and a bike trail on the west side of 56th Street north of the Beal Slough. The trail will have an under crossing integrated into the new Beal Slough drainage structure and will connect to a future trail planned for east of 56th Street.

At the open house, representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department, its consultants and the project contractor, Constructors, Inc., will be available to answer questions. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 56th). Those with questions on the project or open house may contact Kris Humphrey, Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-326-1176 or k Humphrey@lincoln.ne.gov.

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The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public’s access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.

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Dear City Council Members,

True to his word to you, Mr. Reiling has constructed the sidewalk adjacent to his mother’s home at 6822 Laurent Circle. Please see the attached pictures of the sidewalk that was constructed this week. It still needs to cure, have the forms removed and finish graded. His contactor did a good job of getting this done quickly and correctly.

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