DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, June 19, 2017
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES
1. Approval of Directors' Minutes June 12, 2017

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE
1. Mayor's Award of Excellence, recipient, Launa Groves, Police Officer for the Identification Unit of the Police Department

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
PLANNING COMMISSION
1. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting, June 22, 2017 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Mayor’s Conference room, City-County Building
2. Administrative Approvals June 6, 2017 through June 12, 2017

BUILDING & SAFETY
1. Fiscal Impact Statement dated April 27, 2017
2. Fiscal Impact Statement dated May 8, 2017

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. Priority Roadway Repair and Street Closure, North 56th between “R” Street and Vine Street

PARKS
1. Nebraska Capital Environ Commission public meeting scheduled Thursday, June 22, 2017 at

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Board of Health Agenda dated May 9, 2017
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Report May, 2017

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street & Alley Vacation No. 17004, Ash Street East of Alden Avenue, West of South 33rd Streets

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Board of Health - Shobe (6.13.17)
2. Multi-Cultural Committee - Shobe (6.13.17)

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS
1. Discussion on purchasing new electronic devices

VIII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
1. Park Proposal response to Owen Jensen provided by Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects Administrator, Lincoln Parks & Recreation

IX. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

X. ADJOURNMENT
From: Melodie Montiel
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Jamie Phillips; Teresa Meier
Cc: Diane K. Gonzolas; Soulinnee Phan; Rhonda M. Bice; Monet J. McCullen; Jon P. Taylor; Angela M. Birkett
Subject: MAE presentation - 6/19/17 - May 2017 winner

The MAY Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation is scheduled for **Monday, 6/19/17** at the 3:00 p.m. City Council meeting. It should be the first item on the agenda with pictures with the Mayor immediately following in the hallway.

The May recipient is **Launa Groves, Police Officer for the Identification Unit of the Police department**. Groves was nominated for the categories of Productivity and Safety.

Thank you.
Melodie Montiel
MAE Coordinator

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TO:    Officials Committee Members
FROM:  David Cary, Technical Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Officials Committee Meeting

An Officials Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE:     June 22, 2017
TIME:     1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
PLACE:    Mayor's Conference Room
 County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the January 13, 2017 Officials Committee meeting. (enclosed)

2. Review and action on revisions to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. The current TIP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. (Staff reports are enclosed)
   a) Nebraska: Highway S-55A, Denton Spur (S-55A) from US-6 to Denton, revise project funding to include Federal STP-Flexible funds as part of project funding.
   b) FTA-Section 5310/5311 Program: Add the FTA Section 5310 program funding allocation and program of projects to assist private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities.

3. Review and action on the MPO's proposed FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The draft UPWP is enclosed.

The UPWP for Transportation Planning describes all transportation planning activities for the Lincoln MPO and incorporates in one document all federally assisted state, regional, and local transportation planning activities proposed to be undertaken in the region from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The UPWP provides a mechanism for the coordination of transportation planning activities in the metropolitan planning area (Lancaster County), and is required as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance for transportation planning by the joint planning regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
4. Review and action on revisions to the *Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*.

The Nebraska Department of Roads in coordination with the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County is requesting an amendment to the Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to reflect an updated Lincoln South Beltway project cost of $297.315 million. The MPO Technical Advisory Committee is recommending the MPO Officials Committee include these revisions in the Lincoln MPO LRTP. (*Staff report is enclosed*).

5. Review and action on the MPO Technical Advisory Committee recommendation regarding 2017 Self-Certification review that the Transportation Planning Process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area complies with applicable federal laws and regulations. (*Staff report is enclosed*).


Federal regulations require that a region’s urban transportation planning process include the cooperative development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects expected to use federal or state funds, require federal review or have significant system impacts. The TIP identifies types of projects, funding amounts by source, jurisdictional responsibility, and year of funding for these projects. The program contains a listing of priority projects for which there is sufficient funding to be carried out in FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21.

The annually updated TIP is developed cooperatively by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and agencies within the Metropolitan Planning Area. Transportation agencies involved include the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), the local transit agency (StarTran), Lincoln Airport Authority, Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD), other public and private agencies utilizing federal funding sources.

7. Other topics for discussion.

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Memorandum

Date: June 13, 2017
To: City Clerk
From: Amy 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 Planning Director from June 6, 2017 through June 12, 2017:

Waiver to Design Standards No. 17001, South Pointe Pavillions, approved by the Planning Director on June 9, 2017, to adjust the Design Standard for Outdoor Lighting to allow outdoor lighting with a BUG rating of 3-0-4 and 4-0-1 for parking lot lights, generally located at S. 27th Street and Pine Lake Road.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Building & Safety/Building Services
DATE: April 27th, 2017

NEED
A change in the current budget to add a Plans Examiner I is being requested due to the immediate needs of the Department. This is a new FTE position. This position is responsible for the reviewing of residential plans for both building codes and zoning regulations, communicating with customers at the public counter and coordinating the various reviews of commercial plans by other departments. This position will assist the department in maintaining the level of service related to the departments “Outcomes & Indicators”. The various actions that effect the “Outcomes & Indicators” are as follows;

The number of permits being requested, the amount of traffic at the front counter, the number of incoming phone calls and the change in the complexity of the zoning regulations that are part of every plan review.

FUTURE IMPACT: □ Ongoing □ Limited □ Projected Completion Date

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SOURCE OF REVENUES: Building & Safety - Special Revenue Fund

DIRECTOR: [Signature] DATE: 4-27-2017
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fee authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fee’s the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
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A change in the current budget to add a Chief Plans Examiner is being requested due to the immediate needs of the Department. This would involve promoting a current Plans Examiner II to the Chief Plans Examiner position. This position would be responsible for supervising the daily operations of the permit counter in the department. Supervising and participating in plan reviews and will allow a more hands-on approach and easier access for the counter personnel to discuss issues in a more efficient manner.

This position will also allow the Building & Safety Manager to oversee both the Building Inspection & Plan Review sections and create a better communication of the two sections (Plan Review & Building Inspections). This position will also assist the department in maintaining the level of service related to the departments “Outcomes & Indicators”.

An additional benefit of this change would be to allow the Building & Safety Manager to assist the Director in the manner necessary for the department to maintain efficiencies.

**FUTURE IMPACT:**
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- [ ] Limited
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**SOURCE OF REVENUES**

Building & Safety - Special Revenue Fund

**DIRECTOR**

Date: 5-15-2017
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte’s the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
### Building and Safety

#### Building Services

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**TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS** | $35,517 | $36,132 | $615 |

**TOTAL PERSONNEL** | $108,628 | $115,985 | $7,357 |
PRIORITY ROADWAY REPAIR AND STREET CLOSURE
North 56th Street between “R” Street and Vine Street

Due to the recent water main break which occurred on North 56th Street emergency roadway repairs are being scheduled with work expected to begin on Wednesday, June 14. Repairs may take as long as ten days to complete, weather permitting.

During this time all lanes of North 56th Street will be closed to through traffic, but access will remain available to local residents and business. Traffic will be detoured to North Cotner Boulevard via “R” Street and Vine Street. This closure is necessary to allow the Contractor adequate space to complete this priority repair in a safe and timely manner. As a result of this total street closure we are asking local residents to please use “S” Street via North 54th Street, or use North 55th Street to access your homes – this action on your part will help to discourage through traffic from following a local resident into the active work zone.

Public Work & Utilities thanks you for your patience and cooperation as we work to repair this issue. If you have any questions about the work to take place or about your particular access please contact Zach Becker with Public Works & Utilities.

Zach Becker
Design & Construction Engineer
City of Lincoln – Engineering Services
(402) 613 – 3763
zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2017. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210, second floor, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

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

AGENDA
June 22, 2017

1. Approval of meeting record of April 27, 2016.
2. Introduction of new member Ann Post (governor’s appointee).

Hearing and Action


Discussion

4. Miscellaneous/staff report: update on Standing Bear sculpture, etc.

Accommodation Notice

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.
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
May 9, 2017

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Craig Strong at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Katie Garcia, Jackie Miller, Michelle Petersen, Tom Randa, David Derbin (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Craig Strong. Bill Avery and James Michael Bowers arrived at 5:02 PM. Jane Raybould arrived at 5:04 PM. Molly Burton (ex-officio) arrived at 6:04 PM.

Staff Present: Charlotte Burke, Scott Holmes, Kathy Cook, Justin Daniel, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Tim Timmons, Tommy George, Raju Kakarlapudi, and Elaine Walsh.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Col. Strong asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Randa. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the April 11, 2017 and April 20, 2017 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Garcia. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Burke provided an update on the Public Health Accreditation Board and the Department’s request for accreditation. She thanked the Board of Health members for attending the April 20, 2017 meeting with the site visitors. She stated we are waiting to hear when the Accreditation Board will discuss our request for accreditation. It will be June or September.

Col Strong thanked Ms. Burke for serving as the Interim Health Director.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Reappointment of Eric Bahm, Linda Major, and Vince Murphy to the Food Advisory Committee for a Second Term

Mr. Daniel stated staff are recommending the reappointment of three members of
the Food Advisory Committee for a second term. They are Eric Bahm, Linda Major and Vince Murphy. All have agreed to serve another term on the Food Advisory Committee, if reappointed.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health reappoint Eric Bahm, Linda Major, and Vince Murphy to the Food Advisory Committee for a second term. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.22 — Temporary and Event Market Food Permits

Mr. Daniel reviewed the proposed policy revisions stating the revisions clarify what staff actually do and clean up and update language in the policy. The revisions will provide clear guidance to staff and assure consistency to the public when licensing and permitting temporary and event markets. The Food Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the revisions on April 11, 2017.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve Policy 222.22 — Temporary and Event Market Food Permits. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

C. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.70 — Emergency Response to Fires and Accidents Involving Food

Mr. Daniel reviewed the revisions to the policy stating the revisions clarify what staff actually do on an emergency response to fires and accidents involving food. The policy provides guidance to staff to assure that food products involved in an emergency situation are managed correctly so that they do not pose a threat to the public’s health. The Food Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the revisions on April 11, 2017.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 222.70 — Emergency Response to Fires and Accidents Involving Food. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Burke provided an update on key legislative bills the Department is following. They include: LB 9 – Adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act. This bill would create a Radon New Construction Task Force to develop minimum standards for radon resistant new construction. This bill was approved. LB 368 – Repeals the Helmet Law – the bill advanced from Committee and Senator Lowe made it a priority bill. The bill did not pass. LB 327 – Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019. An amendment was added to assure that there was clear language in the proposed budget that the equal distribution of $200,000.00 to the 18 local health departments would continue. LB 438 – Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes and provide for the distribution of funds. This would provide additional funding to local health
departments, tobacco programs and increase funding for home visitation. – This bill remains in Committee.

B. LNKStat/Open Data

Mr. Kakarlapudi provided a presentation and overview of the City’s Open Data and LNKstat and the Performance Management System. He stated Public Safety Director Tom Casady oversees the Open Data and Performance Management Programs. LNKstat is an extension of the Mayor’s Taking Charge Program of goals and indicators. Lincoln, along with other cities, are part of the What Works Cities Project funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies. The participating cities provide and share data on such topics as the environment, public safety, health, neighborhoods, and the economy. He stated the outcome areas are reviewed twice per year with the Mayor. All of the information is available on line to the public. Mr. Avery asked how much staff time has been devoted to this project. Ms. Burke responded the staff time is significant but appropriate for the project. Ms. Raybould believed it to be important saying “If you don’t measure it, you can’t manage it”.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Col. Strong stated the Board of Health has typically not met in July for the past several years. He asked that the Board of Health Meeting – July 11, 2017 be placed on the June 13, 2017 agenda to determine if the Board of Health will meet in July.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – June 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the meeting adjourn. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

James Michael Bowers
Vice-President
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO THE LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MAY, 2017

HEALTH DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Interim Health Director, along with the Mayor’s Office and other City Directors, provided an orientation to new City Councilman, Bennie Shobe. A Health Department orientation will also be scheduled for Councilman Shobe in the near future.

The Interim Health Director attended an orientation for the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees and the monthly Board of Trustees meeting.

The Health Director, and key staff attended the Community Health Endowment’s Annual Meeting – Place Matters More Than Ever on May 31, 2017.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control is responding to more calls for service. The number of bat related calls, barking dogs and other service calls have increased with nicer weather and more pets and people are going to the parks and out for walks.

Staff are completing interviews for two dispatcher vacancies and one animal control officer vacancy. The plans are to have the positions filled by June 15. The new staff will go through 4-6 weeks of orientation and training, most of which is on the job training.

Policies and procedures were reviewed one year ago and we are revisiting some of the procedures and work flow processes with all the staff. As we approach our busy time of the year, it is important to be consistent in how we handle bites, attacks, sick wildlife, confined dogs, bats abuse/neglect, injured animals and feral cats. Two years ago staff wrote detailed work flow processes for nearly all the duties performed by an Animal Control Officer or dispatcher. These have been very useful for new staff orientation.

Officers are often dispatched to assist the Lincoln Police Department or Lincoln Fire and Rescue in emergencies involving pets. We recently assisted in a fire were pets were removed from apartments and saved. LFR now has pet respirators on the fire engines or EMT vehicles.
The new “Tag It” pet license signs are appearing on the Lincoln StarTran buses.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Red Cross Shelter Training

On May 5, 2017, 47 CHS staff (including internal interpreters) and Randy Fischer, LLCHD’s Emergency Response Coordinator, attended the Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals Training. The course objectives were:

- Describe the tasks of a shelter worker throughout the resourcing, opening, operating and closing phases of a shelter operation.
- Recall the tasks on the shelter checklists.
- Explain how to set up and operate shelter registration.
- Identify multiple methods of communication in the shelter.
- Explain how to assure client safety, comfort and needed accommodations.

A June 5th meeting is planned with Red Cross and LLCHD to clarify roles should the EOC determine a shelter is needed.

General Assistance Transition

The Lancaster County Board approved the Lancaster County General Assistance (GA) program to go forth with a contract for primary care of GA patients at Health 360 instead of LLCHD, starting July 1, 2017. There will be a two month transition period in July and August. Approximately 100 patients will transfer. There are three reasons for this change, first Health 360 provides integrated care. Integrated care is a service model providing physical and behavioral health care in the same location, at the same visit with coordination among providers. Typically 60% of GA clients have at least one mental health diagnosis. Secondly, patients benefit from a consistent primary care provider. If GA clients have a lapse in their GA approval and become uninsured or if they are approved for SSI/SSDI and receive Medicaid, they can keep receiving care at Health 360. Conversely, when they are LLCHD patients, we could not serve them if they were not active on GA. Finally, LLCHD does not receive funding from the federal government to care for the uninsured, like a federally qualified health center does (People’s Health Center/Health 360), nor is it appropriate for us to compete with private clinics for Medicaid dollars for primary care.

Staff have provided exemplary care to GA clients over several years: Bernice Afuh, Ann King, Barb Martinez, Jennifer Miller, Amy Marshall, Paula Welter, Anita King, Ashley Johnson, Ann Bussey, Jeff Krotz, Mike Johnson, Sophia Yelkin, Elisia Jones, Jean Pearson and Jenny Madden – Thank you!
DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

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Our April caseload was 3891 participants, which is 57 more participants than April 2016. We saw 1019 participants at our satellite Cornhusker Clinic. This is 103 more participants at this location than last April. Exclusive breastfeeding rates at the satellite clinic continue to be higher than our main office. In April, exclusive breastfeeding rates were 13.7%.

Dental Health Program

Clinic Services

-Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 585
-Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 763
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 1,055 (3.4% increase compared to April 2016).
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic Minorities and White non-English speaking clients (Arabic, Farsi, Kurdish, Russian): 417 (71%)
- Total number of clients with language barrier/need interpreter (Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, Karen, Kurdish, Other, Russian, Spanish, Ukranian, Vietnamese, Burmese): 374 (64%)
- Total number of children served: 367 (63%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 472 (81%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 74
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 77
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 121
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients (Arabic, Kurdish, Russian, Karen, Russian, Other, Spanish): 58 (78%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 30 (41%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 71 (96%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 67 (91%)

**Fluoride Varnish Program/Screenings:** 125

-WIC: 125 children and parents

**School Based Program:**

- 7 children transported for 8 patient encounters with urgent care needs from Elliott, Everett, and Holmes Elementary Schools. 7 children were of racial and ethnic minorities and 1 child had a language barrier (Karen), 3 children were covered by Medicaid, 4 children were uninsured, receiving care at no cost.

**Student Rotation Program**

- 4 UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Students
- 1 UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Student

**ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Food Safety Program**

**Food Safety Goals**

Protect human health by reducing the risk of foodborne illness.
Methods/Strategies

- provide food handler training in safe food preparation, hygiene, and sanitation
- conduct uniform inspections of food establishments
- provide consultative assistance to poorly performing food establishments
- investigate complaints and foodborne illness outbreaks
- engage the food service industry, academia, schools, and residents in improving food safety through the work of the Food Advisory Committee and Food Managers for Excellence
- conduct plan reviews for new and remodeled facilities
- issue permits, collect fees
- take enforcement actions (issue NOVs, FENs, and suspend or revoke permits)

Indicators
Maintain number of food safety complaints at less than 325 per year and food-borne illness reports at less than 50 per year.
Inspect 95% of food establishments within established risk based intervals.
Decrease the average number of critical item violations by 5%.
Decrease the average number of regular violations by 5%.
Obtain and maintain compliance with all nine FDA Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

Funding/Source

Fees, Grants, State Contract, City/County General Fund
In FY16, the direct costs of the Food Safety Program, including the program supervisor, field staff, and support staff, was 95% fee, contract and grant funded.

Comparison and Status on Indicators

Complaints: In FY16, 385 complaints on food establishments were received, including 93 potential foodborne illness complaints. Staff have recommended changing this indicator to a population rate based measure.
The numbers of complaints received on food establishments had been trending down the previous three years, but increased in FY15 and FY16. The number of foodborne complaints has also increased in FY16. The number of complaints, especially on foodborne illness, is driven not only by local issues, such as Norovirus outbreaks, but by highly publicized national foodborne outbreaks of Listeria, E. coli, Salmonella and Cyclospora. The use of social media is also thought to be a factor in increased reporting as more people are aware of potential outbreaks.

Percent of Inspections Completed Within Risk Based Intervals: In FY16, staff completed 78% of food inspections within risk-based intervals, quite short of our goal of 95%. One reason for this was a decision to delay conducting school food service inspections in the fall of 2015 to allow them to get up and operating normally before conducting a regular inspection. The Food Safety Program was also short one staff person for several months due to a retirement and hiring process. Once hired, the new staff was trained per FDA Standards and LLCHD policy. It takes several months until a newly hired person can conduct independent inspections. It is important to note that 96% of food inspections were completed before or within 30 days of their risk based interval. Over the previous three fiscal years, 83%, 80%, and 59% of inspections were completed within the risk based interval. In FY13, the Food Safety Program was short one staff person for several months due to a resignation and hiring process, greatly impacting our ability to keep up with inspections.
Violations Found During Inspections: Over the last seven years, the average number of Critical Item Violations found per regular, unannounced inspections of food establishments (restaurants) has increased from 1.47 to 1.69 per inspection. The average number of non-critical item violations has decreased from 4.96 to 3.98 per regular inspection. This may be due to increased training of staff to conduct risk-based inspections focusing on practices and processes that present the highest risk of foodborne illness.

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FDA Program Standards:

LLCHD continues to implement FDA’s Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards and meets seven of nine standards. This quality assurance program ensures overall program excellence in inspections, foodborne illness response, training, and community interactions. This past year we completed documentation for compliance with FDA Retail Program Standard 2 Trained Regulatory Staff and Standard 5 Foodborne Illness and Food Defense Preparedness and Response. Mark Speltz, Chief Inspector for the State of Iowa, audited our records and verified compliance with both Standards.

Inspections Completed

In FY16, staff completed 3118 inspections, 229 (8%) more than in FY15, and 652 more than in FY12. This represents a 26 percent increase in inspections over the past five years, or an average of about 5% more per year. The Food Team has accomplished this with essentially the same level of staffing.
Description

To meet the goal of protecting human health by reducing the risk of foodborne illness, the Food Safety Program:

- provides food handler training in safe food preparation, hygiene, and sanitation
- conducts uniform inspections of food establishments
- provides consultative assistance to poorly performing food establishments
- investigates complaints and foodborne illness outbreaks
- conducts plan reviews for new and remodeled facilities
- issues permits, collect fees
- take enforcement actions (issue NOVs, FENs, and suspend or revoke permits)
- engages our community, working with the Food Advisory Committee.

In FY16, the Food Safety Program permitted 1,307 food establishments in Lancaster County, including restaurants, grocery stores, temporary booths, events and farmers’ markets and as of October 30, 2016
there were 1,421 food establishments in "active" status. In April, 1,114 annual permit renewals were sent out, 49 more (about 5% more) than the previous year.

Inspection intervals are risk based and range from one to three times per year. Staff performed 3,118 total inspections. About 15% of inspections (432) resulted in Notices of Violation being issued, with the majority for lack of compliance with Food Handler Permits. Stronger enforcement action, issuing a Food Enforcement Notice (FEN), is taken when violations pose an imminent risk to the public's health. About 5.6% of inspections (162) resulted in a FEN, which were issued for serious or repeat higher risk food code violations. This is about average for any given year. Each food establishment that receives and FEN is required to complete a plan of action on how to prevent such violations in the future. In addition, more frequent inspections are conducted at these facilities meetings are have not cases, the highest risk suspended availability to the website is to browser, how a food

Food Handler and Food Manager Permits

All food establishment employees must have food handler permits and each establishment must have a Food Manager in charge of the operation. Training food managers and food handlers in safe food handling practices, hygiene, and sanitization is critical to preventing foodborne illnesses in our community. 15,472 Food Handler and Food Manager Permits were issued. Food Managers received continuing education through our Food Manager classes taught by LLCHD staff. Food handler training and permits are available both on-line through an interactive training program developed with UNL and via in-person classes. The vast majority of the food handler permits were obtained on-line. Food Handler classes are offered at least once per week and Spanish classes are offered at least once per month.
FDA Grants – INFUSE - Food Safety Consultation and Take 20! Handwashing Campaign

Funded by FDA grants, LLCHD provides food safety consultation to poorly performing food establishments to help them adopt active managerial controls to address the highest risk food code violations. The Retail Food Safety Consultant provided 119 intensive on-site consultations to 12 poorly performing food establishments, which resulted in the implementation of 31 Active Managerial Control (AMC) strategies to reduce risk factors for foodborne illness into their regular establishment policy and practice. To date in FY 2017, Infuse has worked with 12 facilities, completing 14 interventions, implementing 24 AMCs.
The Food Safety Consultant worked with the Food Managers for Excellence Taskforce to identify one of the “5 Key Food Safety Risk Factors” they believed most needed to change in order to improve food safety in Lincoln. The food managers selected improving hand washing in food establishments to reduce risk factor violations for poor personal hygiene.

The “TAKE 20! WASH YOUR HANDS” project, a community behavior change effort, was piloted last summer and launched in Lincoln Public Schools and several restaurants in early 2017. Specialized training on hand hygiene is provided to supervisors who then train their own staff. Coaching is provide on how to use the “TAKE 20!” phrase to remind staff to wash their hands. So far the feedback has been very positive, with reports of significant improvements in handwashing behavior. “TAKE 20!” also uses an engaging set of posters on specific handwashing topics that generate conversation among food handling staff and serve as a visual reminder to wash hands. In addition, the project provides exercises to demonstrate the how, when and why of good handwashing. Regardless of how strong a restaurant’s handwashing culture is, good hygiene is such a vital part of food safety that there is always the need to reinforce good handwashing practices with staff and look for ways to improve.

Check out the “Take 20!” website to view the innovating posters and participating establishments.

http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/environ/Food/Infuse.htm

The Food Safety Program also received three separate smaller grants from the Association of Food and Drug Officials/FDA specifically to: purchase additional supplies for the Take 20! WASH YOUR HANDS pilot project, and completing a self-assessment on two additional FDA Retail Program Standards. Staff attended FDA training on risk based inspections. As noted above, we completed the self-assessment for Standard #2 and Standard #5 and it was determined through an independent verification audit that LLCHD met both standards.

HEALTH PROMOTION, DATA & EVALUATION

Emergency Preparedness

Staff conducted a three hour Tornado Terror Tabletop Exercise for Child Care Centers with 40 child care providers attending. In follow-up to this exercise, staff has provided assistance to three child care centers to assess their readiness in the event of a tornado.
Chronic Disease Prevention and Minority Health

In preparation for the 2017 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), staff has trained key personnel, from each of the 40 community sites where meals will be provided, in all aspects of service of the breakfasts and lunches. Delivery of meals began on May 30th.

In the past month, staff have assisted with bike and pedestrian safety education for approximately:

- 60 students and adults at West Lincoln Elementary;
- 650 students at Campbell Elementary;
- 100 students and adults at Culler Middle School;
- 50 students at Pyrtle Elementary School;
- 200 children and adults at the annual Y Healthy Kids Day event;
- 170 students at Prescott Elementary;
- 60 students and adults at Pound Middle School;
- 100 children and adults at the Party on the Plaza event;
- 100 children and adults at the Safe Kids Blast at Penzer Park;
- 165 second graders at Fredstrom and Calvert Elementary Schools in conjunction with National Bike to School Day

Media:

- Staff promoted Bike to Work Week, the National Bike Challenge, and other biking events on the KLKN Channel 8 noon-time forum – May 1
- Staff are featured on a Channel 10 Health Shape of the City segment to promote the Summer Food Service Program

Injury Prevention

Staff conducted two child passenger safety seat events, one at LLCHD and one at Community Action of Lancaster and Saunders Counties. Sixty-eight seats were checked at the two events by 21 volunteer certified child passenger safety technicians. Twenty-five seats were provided to families in need. These events were supported by the Nebraska Department of Roads Office of Highway Safety and Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County.

Staff conducted two Child Care Transportation Trainings for 49 child care staff who transport children.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

With great sadness, I report that Barbette Hall (Account Clerk in the Business Office) died on May 28, 2017. She will be missed by her colleagues and by the Division.
Karen Kerl (System Specialist in Information Management) retired May 31, 2017 after nearly 30 years of service with the Health Department.
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler & City Council Members
FROM: Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation Assistance Agent

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 
DATE: June 14, 2017

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
David Cary, Planning
Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney
Byron Blum, Public Works
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning
Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk’s Office
Jamie Phillips, Mayor’s Office

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 17004
Ash Street, East of Alden Avenue,
West of S. 33rd Streets

A request has been made to vacate a portion of what used to be Ash Street, East of Alden Avenue and west of S. 33rd Street. The area to be vacated is approximately 462 feet and consists of a grassed area between what is currently the property owner’s detached garage and corner of their house and appears parts may already overlap into the vacated area. No easements for water or wastewater facilities are in the area. No easements for LES need to be retained, and an old abandoned line will be released by LES. Charter Communications may have facilities on a pole near the west end of the area that will need to be relocated. Charter will request the property owner reimburse them for the cost of relocating the facilities.

This parcel is not buildable on its own, and the only real value for parcels such as these is for assemblage with the adjacent property. In cases like this, the property owner may already be maintaining the area. The writer has viewed the property and found a comparable lot sale nearby which puts the land value in the $6.00 to $7.00 per square foot dollar range. There is no imposition of any easements other than the cost of moving a cable line which is a private line, therefore an estimate of 35% of fee value will be placed on the property. Calculations for the area to be vacated is as follows:

462 sf x $6.00 x 35% = $970.00 ®

Therefore, if the area is to be vacated, it is recommended that the area be sold to the applicant for $970.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation Assistance Agent
Dear Mr. Jensen, your message was forwarded to me by Councilwoman Gaylor Baird. Thank you for thinking creatively about this open space area and views from I-80. While we can certainly appreciate the frustration you must feel with these nearby vacant lots, Stone Bridge is already served by a neighborhood park at Redstone Road and north 18th Street, which is adjacent to open space along the stream owned by the homeowner's association. We are also in the planning stages for a trail along Redstone Road that will connect the park up with the trail system along 14th Street and Alvo Road, so it is a good location to provide neighborhood park services. It is not our intent to develop additional park space in Stone Bridge at this time.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Nicole Fleck-Tooze
402.441.8263
Special Projects Administrator

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Dear Lincoln City Council Members, below is a copy of a letter I just sent to Lincoln Federal bank.

I hope you are able to read it and tell me what you think.

Basically it involves this: The NW side of Lincoln in Stone Bridge Creek, (near 14th and Humphrey) is in dire need of a park and more green space.
Homes are going up left and right...and so I thought it might be a good idea to consider my proposal as a regular citizen.

Dear Lincoln Federal:

I live near Grays Peak Drive and Culbera Street in NW Lincoln, NE, in Stone Bridge Creek.

There are several vacant lots along Grays Peak Drive that have been for sale for several years, and nothing has happened.
They just sit there, "for sale" signs collecting dust, and garbage sometimes litters the lots. In truth, it's starting to look like an eyesore.

My suggestion: instead of trying to sell the land to build homes, which seems very unlikely, instead build a park there!
Think about it, you could perhaps donate the land to the city and write it off on your taxes, and those lots would be put to good use. And you could call it Lincoln Federal Park, which would be great for your company, and make a lot of people happy.
Plus all of the eyeballs that would see it driving by on I-80 would be very impressed.

I don't think you are ever going to sell the lots, because I-80, which is just feet away, is clearly turning prospective buyers away because of the traffic noise.

So what could be greater than building a park, and setting aside some green space in an area of town that has lots of homes going up, but not a park in sight.

If not the whole strip of land, maybe half of it you turn into a green space?

And perhaps the city would be willing to take it off your hands, and provide funding to build it.

PS I will give this idea to my Lincoln city council member as well.

Thanks,
Owen Jensen
402 314 9206
I. CITY CLERK

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 12, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT: Thomas Shafer, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-5644

PORTION OF NORTH 56TH STREET TO CLOSE JUNE 14

Beginning Wednesday, June 14, North 56th Street between “R” and Vine streets will be closed for repairs due to a broken water main. The work is expected to be completed in ten days, but additional time may be necessary to allow new concrete to cure. Traffic will be detoured to “R” Street, North Cotner Boulevard, and Vine Street. Access will be maintained for local residents and businesses in the closure area.

Public Works & Utilities appreciates your patience while this necessary repair is being completed. For more information, contact Zach Becker, Engineering Services, 402-613-3763 or Thomas Shafer, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-5644.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 13, 2017
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rick Hoppe, Mayor’s Office, 402-441-7511
Lisa PytlikZillig, Public Policy Center, 402-472-5678

NEW TAKING CHARGE SURVEY UNDER WAY
This year, online survey will follow mail survey

Mayor Chris Beutler today said randomly selected Lincoln households will begin receiving the new Taking Charge Citizen Satisfaction Survey this week. He said the Taking Charge public engagement process, which began in 2008, has helped City leaders deal with the gap between growing citizen expectations and limited resources.

“The survey asks Lincoln’s residents to evaluate a wide range of City services including parks, libraries, public transportation, streets and snow plowing,” Beutler said. “It asks for citizen perceptions of various City issues such as neighborhood quality of life, how Lincoln plans for growth, employment opportunities and the environment. What citizens tell us in the survey helps us plan a path toward the results they want. It helps us better understand the impacts of our efforts and guides us toward solutions.”

In the past, an online version of the survey has been available for all residents to take at the same time of the random-sample mailed survey. This year, the results of the mail survey will be used to develop a later online survey.

“The idea is to ask online survey takers about key results in the mailed survey,” Beutler said. “This will help us to drill down into the survey answers to better understand why residents gave the answers they did. We are hopeful this approach will help lead to better pinpoint solutions.” The Mayor said the City expects to have the results of the mail survey in August and will start the online survey shortly after.

Also new with this survey is a sampling strategy that will provide results from each of the four City Council districts. Beutler said this will allow City officials to determine if issues or challenges are specific to certain areas of the community. About 4,000 surveys (1,000 in each district) will be mailed to randomly selected households in Lincoln. Past mail surveys have had a response rate of about 32 percent.

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The City continues to partner with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (PPC) on the Taking Charge process, which has included surveys and public meetings. The University’s Bureau of Sociological Research is handling the data collection. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: taking charge), ppc.nebraska.edu and bosr.unl.edu.

Beutler said the Taking Charge process is a tribute to intergovernmental partnership and citizen engagement.

“Our residents have demonstrated an amazing willingness to participate in City decision-making,” he said. “Over the year, thousands of Lincoln citizens have taken part in the Taking Charge public engagement process, helping City Hall leaders make budget decisions and evaluate service. Because we bring people together and work to find meaningful and realistic solutions to the challenges we face, Lincoln has thrived.”

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LINCOLN-LANCASER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 “N” St., Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 13, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT: Charlotte Burke, Interim Health Director, 402-441-8011

LINCOLN-LANCASER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) announced today that it has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This is the first time LLCHD has received national accreditation, which has been available to public health departments since 2011. Fewer than 200 health departments nationally have achieved this status.

“By achieving accreditation, our Health Department is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and partner organizations with which we work,” said Interim Health Director Charlotte Burke. She credited former Health Director Judy Halstead for her leadership on the accreditation process, which took about two years to complete.

The accreditation process involves measuring a health department’s performance against a set of nationally recognized standards. The goal of the voluntary program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments. LLCHD is the fourth health department in Nebraska to become accredited, joining the State Department of Health and Human Services, the Panhandle Public Health Department and the East Central District Health Department. The accreditation is good for five years, and health departments may apply for reaccreditation.

Burke said meeting accreditation standards benefits our entire community because the focus shifts to evaluating how well the department and the investment of community resources are working to improve residents’ health.

“In our community, youth smoking rates are declining, childhood injuries are lower, food safety is high, air and water quality is maintained, and waste is properly handled,” she said. “The community is working together to reduce chronic disease by supporting and encouraging physical activity and healthy eating. It’s gratifying to watch these improvements become our new standard and part of our department’s culture.”

For more information about the LLCHD, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: health). More information on PHAB and the accreditation process is available at phaboard.org
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 15, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT: J.J. Yost, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8255

PUBLIC INVITED TO LAKEVIEW PARK CELEBRATION JUNE 22

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation department invites the public to the Lakeview Park Renovation Celebration from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22. The park is at N.W. 20th and “Q” streets near West “O” Street and Capital Beach. The event will include a ribbon-cutting with Mayor Chris Beutler, Lynn Johnson, Director of Lincoln Parks and Recreation and members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Lincoln, who supported and worked on the project.

The park renovation began last summer and included replacing the playground, basketball court, soccer goals, drinking fountain, picnic shelter, sidewalks and landscaping. Funding for the project included a Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant, additional federal funds designated for park improvements in low-moderate income neighborhoods and contributions by the Kiwanis Clubs of Lincoln.

“I want to thank the Kiwanis Clubs for their partnership on this project,” Johnson said. “Not only did they provide financial support, but members volunteered in May to finish the planting of 500 new perennials and 27 new trees. In addition, the West Lincoln Kiwanis have committed to caring for the newly renovated park area through our ‘Adopt-a-Park Program.’”

In addition to the Kiwanis Clubs of Lincoln, the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Foundation, project partners included the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, which administers the Land and Water Conservation Grants. The Community Development Block Grant funding is administered through the City’s Urban Development Department and Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information about this project, contact J.J. Yost, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, at jyost@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-8255. For more information about Lincoln Parks and Recreation, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 15, 2017
MEDIA CONTACT: Thomas Shafer, Engineering Services, 402-525-5644,
tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov

PORTION OF 70TH STREET AND YANKEE HILL ROAD INTERSECTION TO REOPEN FRIDAY

The north and southbound lanes of the 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road intersection will reopen Friday, June 16, over a month ahead of schedule. East and westbound lanes will remain closed. The intersection has been closed since February 2 for paving.

The closure is part of the Yankee Hill Road paving project from 70th Street to Highway 2. Lane closures in that area will continue through August 2017. The project includes paving Yankee Hill Road and building roundabouts at quarter-mile, half-mile and mile intersections.

The Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public’s patience during this project.

For more information on the project, visit Lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: Yankee Hill) or contact Danielle Vachal, Public Works and Utilities, at 531-289-8211 or dvachal@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on City projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 15, 2017
MEDIA CONTACTS: Mark Canney, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8248

PARKS AND RECREATION CELEBRATES POLLINATOR WEEK
Volunteers needed for kickoff Saturday at Woods Park

The public is invited to volunteer for a special planting event Saturday, June 17 to kick off National Pollinator Week. The Volunteers in Parks (VIP) event is from 8 to 11 a.m. at Woods Park, 32nd and “O” St. It’s the first in a series of several events to observe National Pollinator Week June 19 through June 25. The week was established by Congress ten years ago to address the decline of pollinators, including monarch butterflies and bees.

The volunteers at Woods Park will meet at the berm along 33rd Street south of “O” Street. They will plant about 3000 perennial flowers and grasses. The Save the Monarchs organization has provided about 400 pollinator-friendly plants to be distributed in four park areas, including Woods. Volunteers should bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Tools and materials will be provided. Parking is available at the lots at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 “N” Street. To register for volunteer events, contact parksvolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov.

Beginning at about 10 a.m. Thursday, June 22, Summer Day Camp participants will plant milkweed, which is essential for monarch butterflies. They will be working at Antelope Park South near the Pioneer Woman sculpture near 33rd and Pawnee streets.

The Parks and Recreation Department and its partners -- Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development, University of Nebraska Bee Lab, and Nebraska Beekeepers Association -- will share information about pollinators throughout the week through social media.

Two events are planned at the Pioneers Park Nature Center (call 402-441-7895 to register):

- Saturday with our Naturalist, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17. The fee is $5 per person.
- Nature Trekkers, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 21. Hikes are planned for young children, but all ages are welcome. One adult supervisor is required per six children. The fee is $3 per person.
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The Nebraska Beekeepers Association will have a Bee Fun Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the UNL Agriculture Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road G in Ithaca, which is southeast of Wahoo in Saunders County. The event features presentations on beekeeping, candle making and other topics. The registration fee for non-members is $55, and more information is available at nebraskabeekeepers.org.

The nonprofit Pollinator Partnership is the world’s largest organization dedicated exclusively to the protection and promotion of pollinators and their ecosystems.

For more information about pollinator areas within Lincoln Park and Recreation, contact Mark Canney, Park Planner, at 402-441-8248 or mcanney@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on Lincoln Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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Date: June 16, 2017
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 17 through 23, 2017
(Schedule subject to change)

Monday, June 19
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation – 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, June 20
- KLIN radio – 8:10 a.m.

Thursday, June 22
- Lakeview Park renovation ribbon cutting – 5 p.m., Lakeview Park, N.W. 20th and “Q” streets near West “O” Street and Capital Beach
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Aging Partners, 1005 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 16, 2017
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
AGING PARTNERS EVENTS JUNE 19 THROUGH JUNE 25

Aging Partners invites senior citizens and the general public to attend a variety of senior-focused activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from June 19 through 25:

Monday, June 19
- Contemporary Yoga, Cotner Center Condominium – 9 a.m.
- Musical performance by The Clefs, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi (Continuing 24 Form), Cotner Center Condominium – 10:30 a.m.
- 10-point Pitch, Northeast Senior Center – 12:30 to 3 p.m.
- Dynamic Movement, Cotner Center Condominium – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20
- Active Living Every Day workshop, “F” Street Recreation Center – 9:30 a.m.
- Chair Tai Chi, Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center – 9:45 a.m.
- BINGO, Lake Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Belmont Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi class, Lake Street Senior Center – 12:30 p.m.
- Tai Chi class, Gateway Vista – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21
- Blood pressure screenings by AseraCare Hospice nurses, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Musical performance by Fine Wine, Lake Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- BINGO, JoAnn Maxey Center – 11:30 a.m.
- 10-Point Pitch and Bridge, Northeast Senior Center – 12:30 to 3 p.m.
- Aging Partners Resource Fair, Walter Apartments (Community Room) – 1 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 22
- “Surfing the Internet” introductory class, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.
- Blood pressure screenings by Angels Care Home Health nurses – 11 a.m.
• Tai Chi class, Lake Street Senior Center – 12:30 p.m.
• Musical performance by Don and Gayla Becker, Bennet Senior Center – 1 p.m.
• Tai Chi class, Gateway Vista – 1:30 p.m.

Friday, June 23
• Musical performance by The UnPaid Bills, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
• Chair Yoga class, East Lincoln Christian Church – 11 a.m.
• Move More Lincoln Qigong “Feeling Fit” class, Jayne Snyder Trail Center – noon
• 10-point Pitch, Northeast Senior Center – 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Senior Center Meal Schedule (reservations required two working days in advance):
Belmont Senior Center (402-441-7990): Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Bennet Senior Center (402-416-7693): Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon
Downtown Senior Center (402-441-7154): Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Firth Senior Center (402-416-7693): Mondays at 11:30 a.m.
Hickman Senior Center (402-792-2006): Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.
JoAnn Maxey Senior Center (402-441-7849): Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
Lake Street Senior Center (402-441-7157): Monday - Friday at 11:30 a.m.
Northeast Senior Center (402-441-7151): Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Waverly Senior Center (402-416-7693): Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Location addresses:
Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center, 233 S. 10th St.
Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St.
Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St.
Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.
Downtown Senior Center, 1005 “O” St.
East Lincoln Christian Church, 7001 Edenton Road
“F” Street Recreation Center, 1225 “F” St.
Firth Senior Center, 311 Nemaha St.
Gateway Vista, 225 N. 56th St.
Hickman Senior Center, 300 E. 3rd St.
Home Instead Senior Care, 1400 Dahlberg Drive, Suite E
Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 21st and “Q” streets
JoAnn Maxey Senior Center, 2032 “U” St.
Lake Street Senior Center, 2400 S. 11th St.
Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave.
Walter Apartments, 5501 Sea Mountain Road
Waverly Senior Center, 14410 Folkestone St.

For information on classes or to register, call 402-441-7575. Roundtrip transportation is available for senior center meals and activities in Lincoln only by calling the centers directly.
(phone numbers listed in meal schedule). For more information on senior center events and activities, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: My Center News) or call 402-441-7158.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Hyde Memorial Observatory, South Shore Road, Holmes Park, 402-441-8708

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ECLIPSE EXPERT ADDS PRESENTATION
Programs now planned at Downtown Senior Center as well as UNL

Those interested in this summer’s solar eclipse now have two opportunities to hear from eclipse expert Dr. Kate Russo:

- The previously announced free program begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 19 at UNL’s Henzlik Hall, 1430 Vine Street. This event is part of Hyde Memorial Observatory’s 40th Anniversary celebration.
- Russo will also do a free question and answer forum at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the Downtown Senior Center, 1005 “O” Street.

Nebraska will be one of the best states to view the solar eclipse on August 21. It will be the first total solar eclipse seen in the U.S. since 1979.

Russo is a native of Australia and now lives in Northern Ireland. The author, psychologist and eclipse chaser has seen 10 total eclipses worldwide. She has published three books on eclipses and her latest, “Being in the Shadow,” was released June 8.

Information on Russo is available at beingintheshadow.com, and on Facebook at @beingintheshadow. For more information about the Hyde Observatory and eclipse information, visit hydeobservatory.info. More information on Aging Partners is available at aging.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
                        Lori McAlister, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-2787

VIDEO OF MAYOR’S ARTS AWARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Video from the 2017 Mayor’s Arts Awards ceremony June 7 is now available through the City website, lincoln.ne.gov (click on the YouTube link). The program is also being aired on 5 CITY-TV, the City’s government access channel. The video of the program includes short interview segments with all 16 award winners. The full length interviews are also available on the City website.

“I had the honor of interviewing all the winners, and those interviews were then edited to shorter segments of two to three minutes for the event,” said Diane Gonzolas, Manager of the Citizen Information Center. “The full interviews were so interesting, we wanted to share the longer complete versions with the public. One of the highlights, for example, is Kimmel Award winner Maria Nazos reading her poem “Cape Cod Pantoum” that was published last fall in The New Yorker.”

The Mayor’s Arts Awards is presented annually by the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC). More information is available at the LAC website, artscene.org.

The event program also includes a trumpet performance by youth award-winner Jonah Kelly, accompanied by pianist Vince Learned. The theme of this year’s event was “Wizard of Arts,” and the emcee was Dwayne “D-Wayne” Taylor, a local public speaker, actor and beat boxer. The event sponsors were Farmers Mutual of Nebraska (in memory of Byron Boslau) and Talent Plus. This was the first year that the event was held at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The Lincoln Arts Council will begin accepting nominations for the 2018 Mayor’s Arts Awards at the end of this year. This year’s honorees were:

• Outstanding Arts Organization: Angels Theatre Company
• Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts: Amy Smith
• Artistic Achievement Award – Youth: Jonah Kelly
• Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts: Richard Nielsen
• Artistic Achievement Award – Literary Arts: Rex Walton
• Gladys Lux Education Award: Dr. Robert Hillesstad

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- The Legacy of the Arts Award: Robert Hall
- Heart of the Arts Award: Dean Settle
- The ArtScene Backstage Award: Brad Buffum
- Outstanding Event Award: Hildegard Center for the Arts - “Standing Bear – A Ponca Indian Cantata” by Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate
- Benefactor of the Arts Award: Phil Perry
- Lincoln Community Foundation Arts for Kids Award: Kevin Clark, Clark Architects Collaborative 3
- Mayor's Choice Award: “Puddin’ and the Grumble” by Becky Boesen and David von Kampen and the Grumble Project
- Enersen Urban Design Award: “P” Street District Improvements
- Kimmel Foundation Emerging Artist Awards: Maria Nazos and Michael Villarreal

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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR STORM DRAIN MURAL PROJECT

The application deadline has been extended to Friday, June 23 for local artists who want to help promote Lincoln’s water quality by painting storm drain inlets. The purpose of the “UpStream Art -Lincoln” project is to use the City’s stormwater infrastructure to send messages about protecting the water and environment. The project is an effort of the Watershed Management Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

Ten artists will be selected. Artists must be Lincoln residents, age 19 and older. Groups also may apply. Mural designs must include the phrase “Only Rain in the Drain” incorporated into the artwork, either by itself or as part of a longer message. Writing may be in English or English/Spanish (bilingual). Artists will use acrylic paint and Seal-Krete concrete sealer. Paints and sealer will be provided by Watershed Management. Artists will be required to provide their own brushes, tools and paint containers.

A committee will select designs from those submitted. The committee will be looking for designs with water or water quality-related themes that emphasize that storm drains lead directly to local waterways. Designs featuring native wildlife that live in or near the water and their habitat are encouraged but not required. The designs are scheduled for installation July 17 to 23.

For more information and to apply, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: UpStream) or contact Kubicek at 402-441-4959 or ekubicek@lincoln.ne.gov. More information on the Watershed Management Division is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: watershed).

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MAYOR TO PRESENT MAY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for May to Police Officer Launa Groves who works in the Forensic Identification Unit of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD). The award will be presented at 3 p.m. at the beginning of the City Council meeting at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Groves is a certified Latent Print Examiner through the International Association for Identification. Forensic Lab Manager Erin Sims nominated her in the categories of productivity and safety by for her recent work on three specific cases, which led to the clearance of six armed robberies and four gun store burglaries:

- The first case was an armed bank robbery in December 2016. One of the two robbers left behind a plastic bag. Groves found a receipt inside, which resulted in the retailer providing video of the suspects. She processed the receipt and bag for prints, which led to the identification of a suspect who was arrested. Further investigation led to the arrest of a second suspect, and continued investigation led to the clearance of four convenience store robberies committed by the two suspects.

- The second case was a burglary at a jewelry and pawn shop. Groves again processed a plastic bag left at the scene and was able to identify a suspect who was arrested. A warrant for the suspect’s phone revealed photos of numerous stolen guns and a second suspect who was arrested. Further investigation led to the clearance of three additional gun store burglaries, and some, but not all of the guns have been recovered.

- The third case occurred earlier, in February of 2016, when a bank was robbed by a man who also left behind a plastic bag. After hearing about Groves’ success in recovering latent prints from plastic bags, the investigator sent the bag to her for processing. Groves was again able to identify a suspect who lives in Omaha. Lincoln and Omaha police continue to work together to locate the suspect to clear the robbery and several other cases in which he is suspected.

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Sims said numerous officers and investigators did good work on the cases. But, she wrote, “Officer Groves provided the missing pieces that gave investigators the information they needed to focus their investigation and resources on the parties responsible, and stopping these criminals from committing future violent gun related offenses.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, valor and loss prevention. 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 award 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.

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