

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 11:00 A.M**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents August Award of Excellence to Captain Richard Klein of Lincoln Fire and Rescue.
- *2. NEWS RELEASE. State Historical Society Employees to Receive Awards from Lincoln Fire and Rescue.
- *3. NEWS RELEASE. Statement from Mayor Beutler on Lincoln Chamber of Commerce/Dr. Eric Thompson Report.
- *4. Washington Report. September 14, 2007.

RECEIVED WEEK OF OCT. 1, 2007

- 1. NEWS RELEASE. Eschliman Says State Needs Safe Haven Law.
- 2. NEWS RELEASE. Open House Set on Storm Drain Project. Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Helen Hyatt Elementary School, 5140 Calvert Street.
- 3. Washington Report. September 21, 2007.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE BUDGET DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED WEEK OF OCT. 1, 2007

- 1. September Sales Tax Reports Reflecting July Activity.
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2002-2203 Through 2007-2008;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2002-2203 Through 2007-2008; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2002-2003- Through 2007-2008.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Clean Up Litter from Shorelines of Local Lakes.

RECEIVED WEEK OF OCT. 1, 2007

- 1. NEWS RELEASE. Community Partnership Results in Home-Based Pollution Prevention.

LIBRARIES

- *1. Information on Upcoming One Book - One Lincoln Events.
 - a. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln. Community Discussions; and
 - b. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln. Special Events and Displays.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- *1. Letter of Support for Change of Zone No. 07049 HP and Special Permit No. 07034 from Kristi Wamstad-Evans. Historic Designation of Property at 1204 Peach Street and Special Permit to Use Property as a Tea Room.
- *2. Response Letter with Attachments to Ms. Metcalf from Brandon M. Garrett, AICP on Cedar Cove Townhomes Preliminary Plat and Traffic Light at 84th and Leighton.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- *1. Request from Nicole Tooze for Item 07R-185 Cooperative Agreement from DEQ to be Placed on Pending.
- *2. ADVISORY. Water Main Replacement Project #700290. 34th Street; Smith Street - Lake Street. Lake Street; 33rd Street - 35th Street.
 - a. Map of Area.
- *3. ADVISORY. Sidewalk Repair. Project #702361.

III. CITY CLERK

- *1. Notice from City Clerk. September 24, 2007 Agenda Request to Place #07R-185 on Pending with No Date Certain.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

- *1. Request to Law Dept./Planning Dept. - RE: Change in alcohol rules, Change of Zone #7046 (Bill 07-142) (Cook RFI#132 - 09/12/07). **SEE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM DANA ROPER, CITY ATTORNEY.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

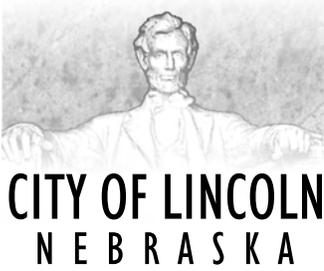
- *1. Email from Shannon McGovern. Opposed to tax Dollars Being Spent for Quiet Zones.
- *2.. InterLinc Correspondence from Amanda Metcalf. Cedar Cove Townhomes Preliminary Plat and Traffic Light at 84th and Leighton. (Reply under Planning Department)
- *3. Email from Brett Joseph on Water Drainage Issues Along Old Cheney.
- *4. InterLinc Correspondence from Michael Szakto. Pave Yankee Hill One Time with Concrete, not Asphalt.
- *5. Letter and Signatures Opposing the Proposed Day Shuttle Service Eliminating the 17th, 18th and "J" Street Shuttle Stops.
- *6. InterLinc Correspondence from Nancy Engel. New Community Coalition Being Formed to Address the Problem of Graffiti in Lincoln. Planning Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room, Second Floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.

RECEIVED WEEK OF OCT. 1, 2007

1. Email from Shannon McGovern. In Support of Special Permit #07033 Extraction of Soil.
2. Email from Marilynne Bergman. Opposed to Building New Arena.
3. Correspondence sent to InterLinc from Julie Nicewonger. Strongly Opposes Trucks with Abortion Images.
4. Correspondence sent to InterLinc from Brent Baum. Comments on Areas being Blighted.
5. Fax from Tony Stemick. Give Public the Events They Want, Apply for a Professional Expansion Team.
6. Letter from Nancy Russell with Questions on Blighted Area, Property Tax, People Benefitting with Newspaper Articles.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*** Held over from September 24, 2007**



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 25, 2007

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Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office, 441-7511

ESCHLIMAN SAYS STATE NEEDS SAFE HAVEN LAW

City Council member Robin Eschliman today encouraged State lawmakers to take action on a law that would allow parents to leave children at "safe havens" without being prosecuted for child abandonment. Eschliman has drafted a City Council resolution asking the State legislature to make the law a priority. The resolution is expected to be introduced October 1, with the public hearing October 8.

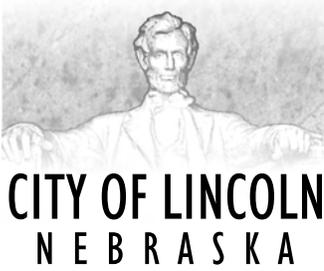
Nebraska and Alaska are the only two states without a safe haven law, which allows parents to leave children at a hospital, police or fire station or other designated location without being charged with a crime. Mayor Chris Beutler said the City cannot change child abandonment laws because they are State statutes, not local ordinances.

"I share Robin's concern that our community do all we can to protect these children," said Mayor Beutler. "The tragedy of an unwanted child is only magnified when the baby's life or health is threatened. Hopefully, the enactment of a baby safe haven law will help prevent these situations and allow us to find loving guardians for these children."

Nebraska has had two recent cases. A woman who left her baby at a Lincoln hospital after giving birth there in July has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor child abandonment in Lancaster County Court. Earlier this month, the Douglas County Attorney declined to file charges against a woman who left her newborn in the bathroom of an Omaha hospital after giving birth at home.

State Senator Arnie Stuthman of Platte Center introduced a safe haven bill (LB 157) in the last legislative session. It is the only such bill to advance from legislative committee to a floor debate, and it remains on general file. Eschliman said it was embarrassing to be one of the last states to pass a safe haven law. She stressed that a City Council resolution would not protect a parent who abandons a child from prosecution.

"Even if a State law were passed, abandoning your baby could mean serious health problems or the uncertainty of the foster care system," said Eschliman. "I would urge you to contact an adoption agency in order to find a loving home and good health care for you and your infant."



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 25, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jennifer Thompson, Engineering Services, 441-5671

Tim Carlson, E&A Consulting, 420-7217

OPEN HOUSE SET ON STORM DRAIN PROJECT

The public is invited to an open house Tuesday, October 2 on a stormwater improvement project in the area of 51st and Hillside streets. The meeting is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Helen Hyatt Elementary School, 5140 Calvert Street.

The proposed improvements would increase the capacity of the existing stormwater drain pipes to protect properties in the neighborhood from flooding. The project is to be funded from the 2007 stormwater bond issue passed in May. Work is scheduled to begin next spring.

Staff from the City Public Works and Utilities Department and from the consulting engineers will be available during the open house to take comments and answer questions.

For more information on the project, see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov or contact:

- Jennifer Thompson, City Public Works and Utilities Department, 441-5671
- Tim Carlson, E&A Consulting Group, 420-7217



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HOUSE APPROVES FHA MORTGAGE REFORM

CONGRESS

Budget takes a backseat to defense issues this week. Senate leaders this week decided to ignore the backlog of FY 2008 spending bills that await consideration and turned their attention to military matters, debating the Defense Department authorization bill and a host of Iraq-related amendments.

With no budget action scheduled in the Senate for next week, chances increase that Senate leaders will forgo floor debate on a number of the measures and roll them into an omnibus measure that would force a vote. The House, which has completed action on all 12 of its FY 2008 appropriations measures, approved legislation to reform Federal Housing Authority mortgage programs and reauthorize programs at the Federal Aviation Administration (see related stories below).

With the official start of the new fiscal year set to begin October 1, congressional leaders are preparing a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep government operations running at FY 2007 levels. Reports are that House leaders favor a CR that would last at least five week, which would take it into early to mid November. Once the sides agree on a date, both chambers are expected to approve the CR next week.

As we have reported in recent week, the budget battle is still expected to last at least until Thanksgiving, as the President is expected to veto a number of the FY 2008 spending measures that reach his desk. Congressional Democrats want to spend about \$20 billion more in domestic discretionary funding in FY 2008 than was requested by the White House, and the President has vowed to use his veto pen to enforce his limits.

In addition to the CR, both the House and Senate hope to take up a conference report on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which expires September 30. The President has also threatened to veto that measure in its current form, leading to another likely showdown with congressional Democrats. The House is expected to take up a bill to overhaul the national flood insurance program, as well as a measure related to protect workers from an artificial butter flavoring called diacetyl.

Meanwhile, Senators are expected to complete the Defense authorization bill and then take up the conference report for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The House approved the conference report in July, although the President has threatened to veto that measure as well, citing concerns over funding levels.

INTERNET TAX

Senate panel to consider moratorium legislation next week. The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee plans to markup legislation next week that would extend the current federal moratorium on state and local taxation of Internet access fees. The moratorium is set to expire November 1.

However, Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-HI) did not indicate which piece of legislation would be considered by the panel but there are reports that it may be a version that closely resembles a measure (S 1453) that would extend the current moratorium for four years. If that is the case, amendments would be expected similar to legislation (S 156) with considerable support that would extend the moratorium permanently. That bill would also eliminate the grandfather clause for those states and communities that were imposing taxes (and related "line access

fees”) on Internet access prior to the implementation of the ban in 1998.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) stated this week that he has “every expectation that Congress will approve a continuation of the moratorium,” but did not provide a timetable for floor consideration, nor did he indicate a preference for a permanent or temporary extension.

Meanwhile, state and local government interests are still seeking a House sponsor for the temporary extension. If one is not found, the House Judiciary Committee may in fact consider HR 743, which would make the ban permanent but maintain the grandfather clause.

TRANSPORTATION

House Passes FAA reauthorization bill. On Thursday, the House approved a \$68 billion FAA Reauthorization Bill (HR 2881) after a brief debate. The legislation would reauthorize FAA programs four years, paid for by extending airline ticket taxes through FY 2011.

Bill sponsors softened a controversial provision to create an airline “Passengers’ Bill of Rights” in the bill that was intended to address mounting concerns about delays, cancellations, and overbooking. The bill instead requires airlines to develop plans to provide clean drinking water to passengers and to allow them to deplane following excessive delays. However, it does not define what constitutes an excessive delay.

Areas of partisan disagreement include a provision to force the FAA to reopen contract talks with the nation’s air traffic controllers, and another that would change the legal treatment of workers at Federal Express. Additionally, the bill would increase the maximum Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) that airports can collect from \$4.50 to \$7.00.

The FAA bill was approved mostly along party lines (267-151) and could face obstacles as it advances this fall. The White House has already issued a veto threat against the legislation. The Senate Commerce Committee has approved its version (S 1300) of an FAA reauthorization bill, but floor debate has

yet to be scheduled. Congress has until September 30 to reauthorize FAA programs and is likely to approve a short-term extension of current programs next week.

Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee this week passed a tax package to pay for FAA programs and cover Highway Trust Fund shortages. The legislation would authorize payments to the Aviation Trust is the financing mechanism for FAA programs and will ultimately be merged with S 1300 when it comes to the Senate floor.

Of particular note is a provision in the package that would raise \$2.8 billion to provide a short-term solution to the anticipated Highway Trust Fund shortfall. It would raise new revenue by doubling the industry tax that pays for the cleanup of oil spills from 5 cents to 10 cents per barrel. It would also extend the oil spill tax through Dec. 31, 2017 and repeal the requirement that the tax be suspended when the fund’s unobligated balance exceeds \$2.7 billion.

The provision is the first serious attempt by Congress to address the expected shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund. Most experts now believe that the trust fund will run out of funds before the end of the current surface transportation authorization in 2009.

Finally, a Senate committee held a hearing this week on bridge infrastructure funding. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee heard witnesses discuss the need to increase funding for bridges and related infrastructure on the National Highway System. It was pointed out that the current SAFETEA-LU law includes \$21.6 billion for the Highway Bridge Program, but more than \$65 billion is needed to address existing bridge deficiencies.

HOUSING

Mortgage crisis puts spotlight on reform efforts. With the national mortgage crisis continuing to dominate economic news, ongoing legislative efforts to reform federal housing policy took on new urgency this week. However, the flurry of activity also unveiled major policy differences that lawmakers will have to work to overcome.

The House passed legislation (HR 1852) that would modernize the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. As passed by the House, HR 1852 would raise the ceiling on loans insured by the FHA in an effort to bring more mortgages under the FHA umbrella. The bill would also simplify and reduce down payment requirements for FHA-insured loans and increase the maximum term for FHA-insured loans from 35 to 40 years.

HR 1852 would also create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund that would allocate money to state and local governments for the construction, rehabilitation and retention of affordable housing. Funding would come from FHA surpluses and capturing a portion of the after-tax profits of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, as outlined in House-passed legislation (HR 1427) to increase federal oversight of the two federally sponsored mortgage giants. Those sources of funding are expected to garner approximately \$800 million a year to assist with 1.5 million units of affordable housing over the next decade. Local governments would receive 60 percent of the trust fund distributions by a formula that would target low and very low income households. The remaining 40 percent would go to states.

Meanwhile, the Senate Banking Committee cleared its version of FHA modernization language this week. The legislation includes many of the same provisions but would not raise the limit for FHA loans as high as HR 1852 would. It also does not include an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The White House has expressed its preference for the Senate bill and has issued a veto threat for HR 1852,

expressing opposition to the Trust Fund and to the higher loan limits. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd (D-CT) has expressed similar concerns but vowed this week to work with his House counterpart, Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) to finalize FHA modernization legislation.

Dodd also vowed to act quickly on legislation to increase federal oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The House has passed Fannie and Freddie (HR 1427) legislation, which has also drawn a Presidential veto threat over its affordable housing trust fund language.

HOMELESS

Senate panel clears reauthorization of federal homeless assistance programs. The Senate Banking Committee cleared legislation (S 1518) to reauthorize federal homeless assistance programs through FY 2012. Those programs were last authorized in 1994 and they have been funded since then under the terms of the previous authorization.

As cleared by the Committee, the bill would authorize \$2.2 billion for core homeless assistance programs in FY 2008 and “such sums as may be necessary” in subsequent years. Homeless assistance programs were funded at \$1.442 billion in FY 2007. FY 2008 appropriations bills pending in the House and Senate would provide \$1.561 billion and \$1.586 billion respectively for homeless assistance.

In general, the bill would maintain the Continuum of Care format that encourages regional cooperation in addressing homelessness. It would maintain the formula Emergency Shelter Grants Program and would combine the three competitive grant programs, Shelter Plus Care, Supportive Housing and Single Room Occupancy, into a single Community Homeless Assistance Program.

Perhaps the biggest change included in the bill would be its expanded definition of “homeless” to include families that move often and those that are living with family and friends because they have no other option. Homeless advocates argue the change will help prevent homelessness and will help address a major housing

challenge. However, many localities fear that the definition will inflate homeless estimates and will stretch already burdened funding even thinner.

S 1518 would also authorize a new program designed to help prevent homelessness. Authorized at \$250 million a year, states, local governments and nonprofit organizations would be eligible to apply, though the program would be structured to encourage regional cooperation within the Continuum of Care structure. Funds would be directed to families that have incomes below 20 percent of the median for the geographic area and have characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness, and have insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability.

The bill now heads to the Senate floor, though a packed schedule make sit unlikely the Senate will take it up in the near future. In the House, the Financial Services Committee has been focused on other issues (see related article) and has yet to consider similar legislation.

ENVIRONMENT

Senate panel approves extension of brownfields tax incentive; extension and expansion of land and species conservation tax incentives. The Senate Finance Committee approved unnumbered legislation, dubbed the “Habitat and Land Conservation Act” that would extend a major brownfield tax incentive and would also extend and expand tax incentives related to land conservation and endangered species protection. The bill would cost \$3.182 billion and would be offset by retroactively disallowing tax write-offs related to sale-leaseback transactions entered into before March 12, 2004.

The major provision of the bill of interest to local governments is its three-year extension of a law that allows the expensing of brownfield remediation costs. That law is set to expire at the end of this year. Regardless of the fate of this legislation, Congress is expected to extend it for at least one year, probably as part of legislation to extend other expiring tax provisions.

The bill would also permanently extend tax incentives designed to encourage private property owners, particularly farmers and ranchers, to create conservation easements. Those tax incentives are also set to expire at the end of this year. In addition, the bill would establish tax credits and deductions for expenses incurred by private property owners in helping to protect endangered species. The bill would also exclude from federal income tax any payments private property owners receive from the federal government as part of an endangered species protection effort.

The offset in the bill is of potential concern to local governments. Although the bill specifically exempts sale-leaseback transaction submitted to the Federal Transit Administration after June 30, 2003 and approved by the Federal Transit Administration before 2006, there are major concerns that the bill will affect other sale-leaseback agreements involving public property. Opponents of the offset, led by the Financial Roundtable, argue that it is unfair to retroactively change tax policy.

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2007-08 PROJECTED	2007-08 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 06-07	% CHANGE FR. 06-07
SEPTEMBER	\$4,547,456	\$4,521,738	(\$25,718)	(\$24,509)	-0.54%
OCTOBER	\$4,747,528				
NOVEMBER	\$4,747,528				
DECEMBER	\$4,418,533				
JANUARY	\$4,529,683				
FEBRUARY	\$5,752,343				
MARCH	\$4,189,288				
APRIL	\$3,978,102				
MAY	\$4,617,219				
JUNE	\$4,478,281				
JULY	\$4,539,414				
AUGUST	\$4,845,078				
TOTAL	\$55,390,453	\$4,521,738	(\$25,718)	(\$24,509)	-0.54%

Actual collections through the first month of the fiscal year are within -0.57% of projected collections.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2002-2003 THROUGH 2007-2008**

	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,239,938	\$4,453,875	\$4,648,160	\$4,630,210	-0.39%	\$4,573,597	-1.22%	\$4,612,020	0.84%
OCTOBER	\$4,464,191	\$4,670,587	\$4,706,690	\$4,823,369	2.48%	\$4,712,519	-2.30%		
NOVEMBER	\$4,407,744	\$4,526,166	\$4,687,792	\$4,799,275	2.38%	\$4,658,480	-2.93%		
DECEMBER	\$4,034,958	\$4,314,111	\$4,500,338	\$4,511,403	0.25%	\$4,445,761	-1.46%		
JANUARY	\$4,046,633	\$4,335,924	\$4,264,010	\$4,342,902	1.85%	\$4,554,634	4.88%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,224,986	\$5,531,405	\$6,086,841	\$5,797,893	-4.75%	\$5,993,653	3.38%		
MARCH	\$4,076,943	\$3,980,041	\$4,158,874	\$4,247,908	2.14%	\$4,125,074	-2.89%		
APRIL	\$3,711,803	\$3,889,388	\$4,097,988	\$3,991,159	-2.61%	\$4,018,709	0.69%		
MAY	\$4,184,028	\$4,602,788	\$4,730,317	\$4,543,369	-3.95%	\$4,895,921	7.76%		
JUNE	\$4,169,550	\$4,599,245	\$4,557,735	\$4,539,614	-0.40%	\$4,664,470	2.75%		
JULY	\$4,105,554	\$4,391,257	\$4,519,466	\$4,655,061	3.00%	\$4,772,617	2.53%		
AUGUST	\$4,402,156	\$4,893,438	\$4,803,665	\$4,991,723	3.91%	\$4,887,329	-2.09%		
TOTAL	\$51,068,484	\$54,188,225	\$55,761,877	\$55,873,886	0.20%	\$56,302,764	0.77%	\$4,612,020	0.84%

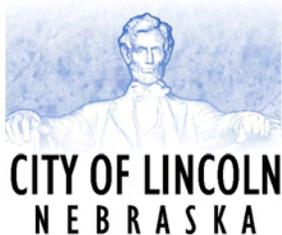
**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2002-2003 THROUGH 2007-2008**

	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$48,531)	(\$69,997)	(\$135,858)	(\$80,882)	-40.47%	(\$27,350)	-66.19%	(\$90,282)	230.10%
OCTOBER	(\$64,605)	(\$110,193)	(\$165,219)	(\$358,866)	117.21%	(\$166,695)	-53.55%	(\$79,688)	-52.19%
NOVEMBER	(\$134,088)	(\$219,454)	(\$101,531)	(\$173,972)	71.35%	(\$3,881)	-97.77%		
DECEMBER	(\$177,459)	(\$390,445)	(\$325,510)	(\$6,319)	-98.06%	(\$175,440)	2676.56%		
JANUARY	(\$306,467)	(\$59,315)	(\$220,967)	(\$269,713)	22.06%	(\$84,287)	-68.75%		
FEBRUARY	(\$61,404)	(\$323,218)	(\$394,324)	(\$73,395)	-81.39%	(\$327,119)	345.70%		
MARCH	(\$17,601)	(\$22,759)	(\$99,240)	(\$165,869)	67.14%	(\$133,574)	-19.47%		
APRIL	(\$281,861)	(\$199,018)	(\$69,900)	(\$196,682)	181.38%	(\$130,611)	-33.59%		
MAY	(\$275,081)	(\$155,787)	(\$122,283)	(\$166,567)	36.21%	(\$381,653)	129.13%		
JUNE	(\$138,914)	(\$194,593)	(\$34,811)	(\$14,085)	-59.54%	(\$186,252)	1222.34%		
JULY	(\$563,339)	(\$42,086)	(\$162,998)	(\$39,492)	-75.77%	(\$155,825)	294.58%		
AUGUST	(\$341,868)	(\$531,884)	(\$148,028)	(\$57,700)	-61.02%	(\$569,595)	887.17%		
TOTAL	(\$2,411,218)	(\$2,318,751)	(\$1,980,668)	(\$1,603,541)	-19.04%	(\$2,342,280)	46.07%	(\$169,971)	-12.41%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2002-2003 THROUGH 2007-2008**

	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,191,407	\$4,383,878	\$4,512,303	\$4,549,328	0.82%	\$4,546,247	-0.07%	4,521,738	-0.54%
OCTOBER	\$4,399,587	\$4,560,394	\$4,541,471	\$4,464,503	-1.69%	\$4,545,825	1.82%		
NOVEMBER	\$4,273,655	\$4,306,712	\$4,586,261	\$4,625,303	0.85%	\$4,654,599	0.63%		
DECEMBER	\$3,857,499	\$3,923,666	\$4,174,828	\$4,505,085	7.91%	\$4,270,321	-5.21%		
JANUARY	\$3,740,166	\$4,276,609	\$4,043,044	\$4,073,189	0.75%	\$4,470,347	9.75%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,163,582	\$5,208,187	\$5,692,517	\$5,724,498	0.56%	\$5,666,534	-1.01%		
MARCH	\$4,059,342	\$3,957,283	\$4,059,634	\$4,082,038	0.55%	\$3,991,501	-2.22%		
APRIL	\$3,429,942	\$3,690,371	\$4,028,088	\$3,794,477	-5.80%	\$3,888,098	2.47%		
MAY	\$3,908,947	\$4,447,001	\$4,608,034	\$4,376,803	-5.02%	\$4,514,268	3.14%		
JUNE	\$4,030,637	\$4,404,651	\$4,522,924	\$4,525,529	0.06%	\$4,478,219	-1.05%		
JULY	\$3,542,215	\$4,349,171	\$4,356,468	\$4,615,569	5.95%	\$4,616,793	0.03%		
AUGUST	\$4,060,288	\$4,361,554	\$4,655,637	\$4,934,023	5.98%	\$4,317,734	-12.49%		
TOTAL	\$48,657,267	\$51,869,477	\$53,781,209	\$54,270,346	0.91%	\$53,960,485	-0.57%	\$4,521,738	-0.54%

Year to date vs.
previous year



NEWS RELEASE



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 24, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan N. King, Environmental Health Educator II
441-8084

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP RESULTS IN HOME-BASED POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has partnered with Lincoln Industries to provide an opportunity for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents to dispose of their household hazardous waste products. Lincoln Industries (formerly known as Lincoln Plating) is hosting a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, October 6th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The collection will be held at their Southwest Lincoln facility which is located at **600 West E Street**. The event and level of community cooperation will be strengthened with support from the West A Neighborhood Association and Yankee Hill Brick. The collection is for residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County only; **not for businesses**.

“Beyond providing for the legal and safe disposal of hazardous and toxic waste, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages consumers to make sound choices and use wise purchasing strategies,” said Dan King, Environmental Health Educator. “There are many easy to follow practices in the home and while at the hardware or grocery stores that can offset the risks presented by the potentially dangerous and hazardous products we purchase everyday. We are asking residents to remember that properly disposing of toxic or hazardous chemicals is an important pollution prevention practice, but decreasing the amount of unneeded chemicals entering the home in the first place is the actual goal. When purchasing products of a chemical nature, buy only the amount that is needed to do the job in addition to considering the myriad of alternatives that pose less risk to human health and the environment,” explained King.

Citizens may bring the following household hazardous products to the upcoming collection: solvents such as mineral spirits, turpentine, paint thinners, varnishes, stains, polishes, and waxes; oil-based paints; roach powder; pet flea and tick powders; old gasoline; automotive products such as Freon, brake fluids, carburetor cleaners and transmission fluids; mercury containing items including thermometers; and items containing PCB's such as ballasts from old fluorescent lamps and small capacitors from old appliances. Latex paint ***should not*** be brought to these collections. Small amounts of latex paint can be dried and put in the trash. Other items that can be recycled locally and will not be accepted include motor oil, antifreeze, electronics, and batteries including lead acid, button, and lithium.

If residents are unable to take advantage of this event, they will have one additional opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous products and toxic waste at the final 2007 household hazardous waste collection scheduled for **Saturday, November 3, at State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex Building from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The final event is sponsored by Novartis Consumer Health Inc.

For information on recycling or the use and disposal of hazardous products and reliable alternatives, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021 or visit, www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword search, "household". Please use this event as an opportunity to safeguard the health and well-being of our community and our environment!



"SW McGovern"
<midwestminichoppers@hotmail.com>

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To CBeattie@lancaster.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov,
dschorr@lancaster.ne.gov, jjl1963@alltel.net,
jladavey@yahoo.com, joel_ludwig@tstna.com,

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Subject Soil Minning SP #07033

I am writing in support of SP #07033 extraction of soil.

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/asp/city/plan/permapp.asp?cmd=Search%20Application%20Number&AppNum=SP07033>

Below is a list of projects where soil will be needed. NDOR District 1 which includes the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County.

I-80 Six Lane Expansion Lincoln to Omaha

<http://www.dor.state.ne.us/projects/6-lanes-i-80/>

NDOR District 1 projects

<http://www.nebraskatransportation.org/hwy-pgm/2007-book/dlmap.pdf>

Lancaster county constuction projects.

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/engin/index.htm>

City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Projects.

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/projects/index.htm>

Lincoln South Beltway

<http://www.nebraskatransportation.org/projects/south-beltway/index.htm>

Thank you for your time,

Shannon MCGovern

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To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Marilynne Bergman
Address: 4809 Bunker Hill Road
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 438-4809
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:

I am not in favor of building a new arena. Please do not do it. Declaring the Haymarket area blighted is just plain stupid. It is one of the highest priced real estate areas of the city. How can it be blighted. I see by the paper that Jon Cook was quoted in Deena Winter's column "That does not mean that we are concluding we should build an arean or any other particular thing. It just opens up the possibilities for discussion" He wants voters to weigh in on the subject 'at some point' I am a voter weighing in before this rediculous plan to move the post office, railroad tracks, etc. goes any further. Stop now !!!!!!! A lot of citizens feel this has gone far enough. The city cannot manage what it has now. Let's get the budget, fire department, police, roads and everything else under control before we launch another 'pie in the sky' idea that is being pushed by a bunch of rich guys. If the visioning group wants it so bad, let them do it with their own money, without getting high priced real estate declared 'blighted' so they can get money from someone else. I am really fed up with the way Lincoln City Council members seem to be out of touch with the general population. Maybe you guys and gal should go to Hy-vee for coffee and listen to the chatter there, and you would be able to be more in touch.



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To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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General Council

Name: Julie Nicewonger
Address: 7207 Seward Ave
City: Lincoln, NE, 68507

Phone: 402-465-8279
Fax:
Email: jnicewon@alltel.net

Comment or Question:

Dear Council,

Is Lincoln going to sit back and let these trucks with abortion images drive around our city? This is a disgrace and sickening. Our young children should not be subject to this. Something needs to be done. Let these trucks disgrace another city, but not ours.

Sincerely,
Julie Nicewonger



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Name: Brent Baum
Address: 7311 Garland St
City: Lincoln, NE 68505

Phone: (919) 656-4043
Fax:
Email: hilltree@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

Why don't you just blight the whole city so developers can come in and have their way. You already blighted the area at 48th and O sts where the Misle family had a car dealership and made millions just so likely friends of the council could get their hands on the land for cheap...and now the Heymarket? How in the world can that area be considered blighted when there are plenty of restaurants and gift shops that are profitable just down the road? Let me guess, you have yet more people putting money in your pockets so they can get the land for a little of nothing! Ah well, typical American greed...get er' dun!

Brent Baum
304 Stephenson St
Fuquay Varina NC 27526
(919) 656-4043

P.S. - I grew up at the address listed here, but am now in NC with about the same cost of living, but making twice as much. This has been the case for the past ten years, but you can still claim Lincoln's a great place to live I guess.

From: Tony Stemick
818 W. Leon Drive
Lincoln, NE 68521
(402) 440-8682

To: Lincoln City Council

Subj.: 9/24/2007 public meeting regarding possible blighting of portion of the Haymarket for the purpose of new convention center project.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend last night's meeting. However, I still would like to voice my opinion in this regard. I am currently undecided in regards to this issue. I am completely in favor of progress. However, like the City of Omaha, this "if you build it they will come" mentality exists. The fact of the matter is; they (the public) won't come unless you give the public something they really want. Take a good look at the Qwest center in Omaha. The facility sits empty for the majority of the year. Is this what we need here in Lincoln? I'll take an educated guess, but I'm thinking that you want to generate substantial sales revenue on a consistent basis.

In my opinion, the only way to do that is to offer the public something they really want consistently. During the college football and volleyball seasons, this city almost always has record sales generated during home games, especially with football.

My point: This city is known for hosting high school and college sporting events. **Let's take this full circle, apply for a professional expansion team of some kind.** It doesn't matter if it's the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, or a combination of the three. If the council could insure that a developer would build a facility that was capable of holding such events, the City of Lincoln would be able to generate substantial sales revenue on consistent basis that would only make Lincoln comparable to major cities like Kansas City, Denver, St. Louis, and Chicago. Thank You.

Sincerely,



Tony Stemick

Dear City Council: Please answer with clear conscience.

1. Is the property in question blighted beyond a reasonable doubt?

2. Does tax increment financing place a hardship on taxpayers?

3. Will projects raise property taxes?

4. Is the Quest Center mostly rented out + self sustaining?

5. How will current hotels be affected by a new hotel? Are our hotels mostly rented?

6. Will train service be disrupted?

7. Who will most likely benefit from the projects specifically?

8. Any plans to fill in the ruts on 40th C to Pioneers, A to 40 Pioneers to 56th? There is serious alignment to cars + dangers when ruts fill with water + ice.

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Best Wishes,
Nancy Russell

Independents tilt toward Democrats, polls show

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Brooks is exactly the kind of voter the Republican Party can ill afford to lose. But in a foreboding omen for 2008, it may have already done just that.

The auto parts store worker from St. Charles, Mo., says he used to be a Republican but felt abandoned and is now an independent.

"For some reason or other, they didn't seem to be for the masses anymore," said Brooks, 59, citing a lack of help for middle-income earners.

Brooks said he voted for George W. Bush in 2000, thinking the Republican was "more middle-of-the-road, for the people. Obviously I was incorrect."

Brooks is not alone. From coast to coast, independent voters tilt tellingly toward Democrats in their opposition to the Iraq war, their displeasure with Bush and their feeling that the country is moving in the wrong direction, according to data from recent Associated Press-Ipsos polls.

National exit polls show that after leaning toward Republicans by 48 percent to 45 percent as recently as the 2002 elections, independents have begun shifting toward the Democrats.

The trickle became a wave by the 2006 congressional elections. Dissatisfaction with President Bush and the Iraq war ran high, and independents favored Democratic candidates over Republicans by 57 percent to 39 percent. That was instrumental in the

Democrats' capture of congressional control after a dozen years of GOP dominance — and a possible preview of what might emerge next year.

"This is a serious problem" for Republicans, says GOP pollster Neil Newhouse. "We didn't get where we are among independents overnight. The data does suggest that it's going to take us some time to earn those votes back. There is no quick fix."

Independents are hardly a monolithic bloc. Some do not follow politics at all; others watch closely and conclude that neither party is good at running the government. They also are less likely to vote than those registered with a party, yet they are substantial in number.

"I just don't like the way Republicans are going," said Jim Hacker, 54, a train engineer from Boone, Iowa, who calls himself an independent and leans toward Democrats. "We can start with the Iraq war. I'm all against terrorists, but the terrorists didn't come from Iraq."

The data are from three AP-Ipsos polls conducted in July, August and September. Those surveys involved telephone interviews with 3,007 adults and have a combined margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2 percentage points. Included were interviews with 499 true independents, for whom the margin of sampling error was plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Oh, about those taxes

I read the Sept. 19 "Good living" letter from Morris H. Elliott, who is now a resident of the Bellevue area after living for the past 47 years in Miami. I found his views interesting.

His praises of the local area are basically agreed on, but for one thing: I wonder if Mr. Elliott and his wife have checked on the tax base in Nebraska compared with Florida.

I just hope he doesn't have the "big one" when he finds out what he will be paying for state taxes, personal property taxes (including vehicle taxes among the highest in the country) and gas taxes (also among the highest in the country).

Though a born-and-bred Nebraskan, I moved across the Missouri River some 20 years ago because of what I consider criminal actions concerning taxation in Nebraska.

Good luck, Mr. Elliott. Unless you are a man of means, you will need it.

Judson Bock Sr., Honey Creek, Iowa

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**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007**

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of September 29 through October 5, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.
2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler will announce a new fall cleanup campaign for Lincoln parks at a news conference on 09/28/07 at 10:30 a.m. near the playground at Peter Pan Park.
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Residents Encouraged To Help With Fall Park Cleanup.
4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Lincoln's new Fire Chief Niles Ford will begin work 10/01/07.
5. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Media Invited To Big Race!

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Free Tobacco Cessation Classes.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: International Walk To School Day.

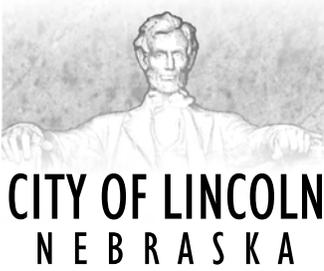
PLANNING

1. Letter from Jerry Berggren, AIA Commissioner, Historic Preservation Commission sent to Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner - RE: Item #43, 07R-204, Ms. Chollet's Appeal of the Historic Preservation Commissions, 301 N. 8th Street, Haymarket Historic District.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. ADVISORY - RE: Sidewalk Repair Advisory - Project #702360.

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE



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Date: September 28, 2007

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of September 29 through October 5, 2007

Monday, October 1

- Foreign Affairs Symposium luncheon - 11:30 a.m., Governor's Mansion (lower level), 1425 "H" St.
- Foreign Affairs Symposium, remarks - 1 p.m., State Capitol, Warner Chamber (second floor)

Tuesday, October 2

- Governor's Lecture in the Humanities by Michael Beschloss - 5:30 p.m. reception, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. lecture, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha

Wednesday, October 3

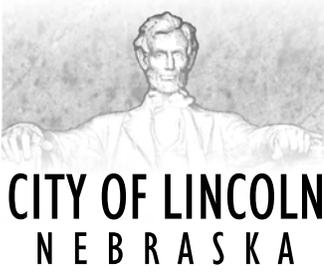
- International Visitors from Hong Kong - 9 a.m., Mayor's Office, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Professional Engineers Group luncheon, remarks - noon, Imperial Palace, 701 N. 27th St.

Thursday, October 4

- Environmental Advisory Committee meeting - noon, Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, second floor

Friday, October 5

- Inauguration of Nebraska Wesleyan University President Frederik Ohles - 11:30 a.m. luncheon, student center cafeteria; 3 p.m. academic procession; 4 p.m. inauguration, O'Donnel Auditorium; 5:30 p.m. all-campus celebration, Taylor Commons
- Rotary Club #14 Fiesta Italiano dinner - 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Station, 201 N. 7th St.



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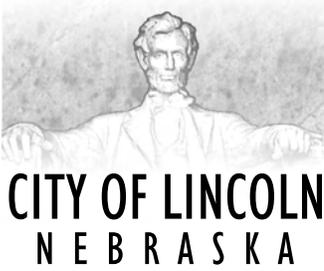
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DATE: September 27, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce a new fall cleanup campaign for Lincoln parks at a news conference at **10:30 a.m. Friday, September 28** near the playground at **Peter Pan Park, N. 32nd and "X" streets**. The Mayor also will recognize Union College for its annual Project Impact community service effort.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Rec Director, 441-8265

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO HELP WITH FALL PARK CLEANUP

Mayor Chris Beutler, the City Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln Parks Foundation are encouraging residents to lend a hand in maintaining the community's public park areas. Through the "Hands On / Help Out Lincoln's Parks" program, neighborhood groups, community organizations, businesses, families and individuals are encouraged to adopt one of Lincoln's 105 urban park areas for a one-day fall cleanup project.

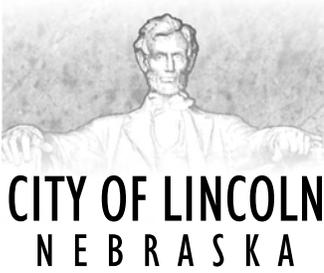
"Our parks are jewels in this community, and we're asking volunteers to help us keep them sparkling," said Mayor Beutler. "This program provides a great opportunity to socialize with friends, neighbors and co-workers while performing valuable community service."

Projects will take place during October and November. **Those interested in volunteering are asked to call the Parks and Recreation Department at 441-7035 or to visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hands).** The *Neighborhood Extra* publication in the Saturday *Lincoln Journal Star* will list the volunteer groups and the areas they have adopted.

Staff will coordinate with volunteer groups to select a park area and date for their project. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide supplies and tools, and volunteers are asked to dress in work clothes and shoes and wear gloves. Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said an emphasis of the cleanup will be to place mulch around the bases of trees to enhance growth, minimize injury and reduce mowing time.

"When we have asked for park volunteers in the past, the response and support have been tremendous," said Johnson. "Our goal is to have every park area adopted this fall. This is one way residents can contribute directly to the quality of life in their neighborhoods."

Clancy Woolman, Past President of the Lincoln Parks Foundation, said the Foundation is pleased to help promote the volunteer project. "The role of the Foundation is to garner resources for our Parks and Recreation programs and facilities," said Woolman. "Sometimes we're out asking for monetary donations. With this project, we're asking for donations of time."



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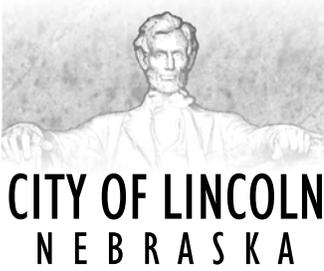
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DATE: September 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Lincoln's new Fire Chief, Niles Ford, will begin work Monday, October 1. He will attend the weekly City Directors meeting with the City Council at 11 a.m. in Room 113 at the City-County Building, 555 South 10th Street. He will be available for media interviews immediately following that meeting just outside Room 113.



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555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: September 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Deb Johnson, Updowntowners, Inc., 434-6901

MEDIA INVITED TO BIG RACE!

What do the Tournament of Roses Parade, the Disney parades and the Star City Holiday Parade all have in common? They all now use custom- made, high tech chassis to get the floats down the parade route! For 22, years the Star City Holiday Parade has used old vehicles under its floats. But this year's Parade will feature a new Santa float powered by a chassis designed and built by UNL graduate Jesse Weifenbach. Weifenbach is a former parade volunteer who now lives in Colorado. The Santa float is being presented by the Community Blood Bank.

"The Community Blood Bank is all about community," said Joyce Halvorsen, Public Relations Director for the Community Blood Bank. "As we celebrate our 40th year as the community's blood provider, we are pleased to also be a Star City Parade sponsor. It's appropriate that Santa, known for his gift giving, will be riding on the float sponsored by the Community Blood Bank, which provides the gift of life to patients in our community every day."

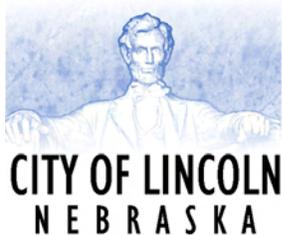
To show off the Parade's latest engineering feat, the media is invited to cover a **BIG RACE at 1 p.m. Monday, October 1 near the float factory.** This is your opportunity to see the chassis before the new float is built on top of it. The chassis will square off against Parade Mascot Major Drummond and the mascot of the Community Blood Bank..

The BIG RACE also will kick-off a two-week flurry of building activity at the float factory. Float designer Cindi Zuby, a former Lincoln resident now living in Canada, will be guiding the efforts. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the largest parade of its kind in the region! Contact Deb Johnson for details.

The 23rd annual Star City Holiday Parade, presented by Verizon Wireless and produced by Updowntowners, Inc. and the City of Lincoln is coming up Saturday, December 1 in downtown Lincoln. Visit www.updowntowners.org for more details.

IMPORTANT: For security reasons, please do not release the location of the float factory to the public.

SEE YOU AT THE BIG RACE!



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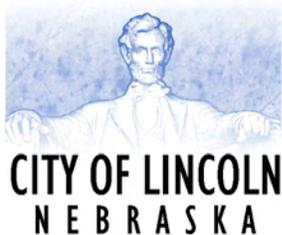
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lisa Henning, 441-8049

FREE TOBACCO CESSATION CLASSES

WorkWell, Inc. and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department announce **free** tobacco cessation classes during the month of October. The classes are available to anyone wishing to quit using tobacco or those thinking of quitting in the future. The classes will be conducted by a trained cessation facilitator. This program has been made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. "Of all the lifestyle factors that negatively influence your health, smoking is one of the most challenging behaviors to combat. We want people to know that even brief interventions, such as these classes, may be effective in helping someone quit or begin the process of quitting," said Lisa Henning, WorkWell Director.

Individuals who are interested in participating in a class must pre-register by emailing Lisa Henning at lhening@lincoln.ne.gov. If you do not have computer access, you may register by phone at 441-8049. Class locations and times are listed below:

- Mondays Oct.1, 8, 15, 22: Salvation Army, 2625 Potter St., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays Oct.2, 9, 16, 23: Smart Chicken, 13151 Dovers St., Waverly, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays Oct.3, 10, 17, 24: Tabitha, 4720 Randolph (main building north side of Randolph, south door), 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursdays Oct.4, 11, 18, 25: Lincoln Industries, 600 West E St., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Fridays Oct.5, 12, 19, 26: Concrete Industries, 6300 Cornhusker Hwy., 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



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September 28, 2007
Brian Baker, 441-8046

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

In neighborhoods all around the world, Wednesday, October 3rd will be observed as “International Walk to School Day”. The community recognition of International Walk to School day will be an all-school assembly at 2:45 p.m. in the Prescott Elementary School auditorium. Special guests include City Council member, Ken Svoboda; Dr. Susan Gourley, Superintendent, Lincoln Public Schools; and, Barbara Baier, Lincoln Board of Education. In Lincoln, as in other cities throughout the U.S., adults and children will walk to school together to raise awareness about pedestrian safety, the health benefits of walking, the importance of walkable communities, and the cleaner air around the schools resulting from fewer vehicles.

Local “Walk to School Day” activities include:

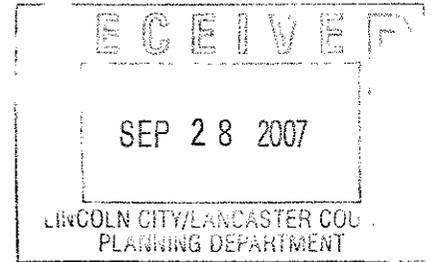
- Walk to School Day will be observed in a special way the afternoon of October 3rd when students, families and staff from Prescott Elementary School gather together at 2:45 p.m. in the school’s auditorium for an all-school assembly with special guests City Council member, Ken Svoboda; Dr. Susan Gourley, Superintendent of the Lincoln Public Schools; and, Barbara Baier, Lincoln Board of Education. Representatives from Federal Express, a national sponsor of “Walk to School Day”, will also be present.
- After the all-school assembly, when school is excused for the day, some of the special guests will serve as honorary crossing guards, assisting the students in safely walking home.

On October 2nd, Prescott Elementary School students will be participating in a Walk to School educational day. Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will include stations on:

- Instructing students how to choose safe routes to school using an interactive computer program facilitated by Safe Kids members.
- The dangers of playing and/or walking near high profile, large vehicles. Federal Express representatives will put children in the driver’s seat of their delivery trucks so they can experience the difficulty of viewing pedestrians around the large vehicle.
- Simple exercises to keep physically fit.
- How to safely use crosswalks. Students will be taken to neighborhood crosswalks and volunteers from Safe Kids will discuss how to safely cross the street.

September 28, 2007

Attention: Mr. Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner
City Planning Department,
City of Lincoln



Re: Ms. Chollet's appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission's decision with respect to the sign she proposed for the Historic Seaton and Lea Ironworks building, 301 N. 8th Street, Haymarket Historic District.

Thank you for sending your comments, a copy of the "Fact Sheet" prepared by Jean L. Walker; Ms. Chollett's letter of September 24 to Joan Ross, City Clerk; Item #3 of the September 20th Historic Preservation Commission's agenda; and the two pages of "Meeting Record" concerning agenda item #3. I have reviewed the information believe there are two important issues which deserve further clarification.

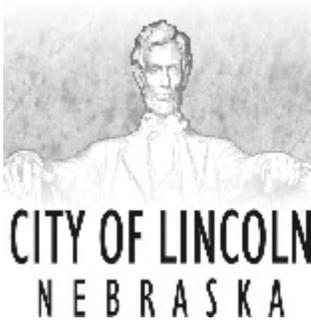
The first issue is the fact that the "Meeting Record" as of this date has not been reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. I understand from our discussion that the sequence of events cannot permit review and approval before the City Council receives this packet of information.

The second issue is embodied in the Meeting Record. In the second to the last paragraph on the first page of the Meeting Record, the first sentence is: "Berggren does not care for the neon." My comments have been paraphrased and as a result are incomplete. A more accurate statement would be "Berggren does not care for neon on this building." The distinction is important because I based my decision on the fact that this particular building was constructed before neon lighting was invented, and in the entire history of this particular building, neon in any form has not existed on its exterior. Without making this distinction, one might construe that I "don't care for neon" in any situation. The fact is that I have voted in favor of neon signs in the Haymarket District when the building to which the signs were to be attached had facades constructed after the invention of neon lighting. A particular example is Barry's Bar and Grill.

As a Historic Architect in practice for more than 30 years, I take the application of "non-historic" design elements such as signs, very seriously. When dealing with historic structures, I firmly believe that all facade treatments should represent the era of the building's date of construction or the date of its historic significance.

I will greatly appreciate it if you would share this information with the member of our City Council as they consider this appeal.

Jerry L. Berggren, AIA
Commissioner, Historic Preservation Commission, City of Lincoln.



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SIDEWALK REPAIR ADVISORY **Project #702360**

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for sidewalk repair and curb ramp reconstruction at various locations in the east portion of Downtown Lincoln from 17th Street to 27th Street between 'M' Street and 'R' Street. This sidewalk repair contract includes sidewalk repair adjacent to or near your property. The contract for this work has been awarded to TCW Construction of Lincoln.

The contractor is expected to start work at this location within four to seven days. The repair work will involve removal and replacement of marked sections of sidewalk. There will be some inconvenience to businesses and pedestrians in this area as sidewalk sections are removed and replaced and sidewalk locations are closed and barricaded to complete this work. Driveways may also be closed for short durations to complete work on sidewalk through the drive. The contractor will provide access to businesses during this work. We request the patience and cooperation of pedestrians and businesses in this area as the contractor progresses with this work.

This project is funded with funds budgeted in the City's General Fund. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract. You may contact the Sidewalk Section at 441-7541 with any questions regarding the sidewalk areas designated for repair. Ron Edson with the Public Works and Utilities Department is the Project Manager for the construction work and can be contacted at 525-9294. TCW Construction, the contractor, can be contacted at 475-5030 if you have any questions.

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