

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2012**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. City to recycle trees for the 26th year.
2. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of December 22nd through December 28, 2012.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Planning and Urban Development officials will hold a news conference Thursday, December 27th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th, to discuss new features available for the public on the City's website.
4. NEWS RELEASE. New mapping application provides information on associations.
5. NEWS RELEASE. City property for sale listed on City website.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER

1. City of Lincoln Parking Ban Update, Thursday, December 20, 2012.
2. City of Lincoln Parking Ban Update, Friday, December 21, 2012.

FINANCE

1. December sales tax reports reflecting October activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2008-2009 through 2012-2013;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2008-2009 through 2012-2013; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2008-2009 through 2012-2013.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. The December 2012 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting has been cancelled.
2. Copy of memo to County Board re: Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12004.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. The Public Works & Utilities December/January newsletter is now available for viewing on line.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 21, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043
Scott Hofeling, Hofeling Enterprises, 402-438-8733

CITY TO RECYCLE TREES FOR 26TH YEAR

The City will accept holiday trees for recycling at seven sites from Christmas Day through Sunday, January 13. The tree collection sites are:

- Ballard Park, 3901 N. 66th St.
- Oak Lake Park, three blocks south of Cornhusker on 1st Street
- University Place Park, 50th and Garland streets
- Holmes Lake Park, parking lot west of the north softball field
- Tierra Park, 29th and Tierra Drive
- Woods Park, 31st and "J" streets, southeast corner of the parking lot
- Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays)

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

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

The City of Lincoln began offering the tree recycling program in 1987 to keep large quantities of trees from going to the landfill. Lincoln's tree recycling program is the oldest of its kind in Nebraska. In the last 25 years, the City has recycled an estimated 204,870 trees.

For more information on the tree recycling program or the City's recycling program in general, call the Recycling Hotline at 402-441-8215 or visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

Date: December 21, 2012

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of December 22 through 28, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Monday, December 24

- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (previously recorded)

Tuesday, December 25

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: December 26, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Chris Beutler and Planning Department and Urban Development officials will discuss new features available for the public on the City website at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, December 27** in the **Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 213, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7491

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 27, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Marvin Krout, Planning Director, 402-441-7491

**NEW MAPPING APPLICATION PROVIDES
INFORMATION ON ASSOCIATIONS**

The City website now includes an interactive web mapping application which identifies the boundaries and contact information for neighborhood, homeowner and other similar associations. The information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: neighborhoods). The Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations Viewer was a joint project of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department and City Urban Development Department.

The Planning Department uses the information to notify neighborhood leaders of public hearings on proposed development projects. The web application now makes the information available to other City departments and agencies, prospective developers and others to contact neighborhoods about their projects and programs.

To add your association to the map and contact list, send an e-mail to plan@lincoln.ne.gov with the following information:

- Name of the association
- The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address for a contact person
- The legal description or boundaries of the association

A **neighborhood association** is a group of neighbors who gather, share ideas and work cooperatively to improve their neighborhood. Membership is voluntary and open to anyone who lives in the area. The Urban Development Department registers and maintains contact information for neighborhood associations. More information on becoming a neighborhood association is available by e-mailing urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov.

A **homeowners association** requires homeowners to be members as a part of a covenant included in their purchase agreement. These are usually set up by the subdivision developer to provide maintenance fees for common areas. The Planning Department maintains contact information for homeowner associations. Its list is not all-inclusive, but is based on information voluntarily provided to the Planning Department..

This new application joins a family of other viewers which provide City and County information on zoning and development plans, tax assessments, natural resources, and historic preservation. The new viewer is part of a broader update of the Planning Department webpage, which has been reformatted in a more readable and better organized format, with text added to explain the various programs and activities in the department, and a calendar of upcoming board meetings.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 27, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Landis, Director, Urban Development, 402-441-7606

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE LISTED ON CITY WEBSITE

In an effort to make it easier for citizens to locate surplus City land available for sale, Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that a complete listing is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: surplus). The site includes a searchable database with aerial photos, addresses, parcel sizes and zoning.

“My administration has had a goal of making it easier for individuals to locate surplus City land and to facilitate the process of its purchase,” said Mayor Beutler. “We want this land in private hands for two reasons – to improve the chance the land will be brought to its highest and best use, and to ensure the land will be on the tax rolls, contributing to the revenues of the City, County, public schools and others.”

A city owns property from a variety of ways including purchase, by trade or gift and by tax sales. Not all land owned by the City has a current or projected civic purpose. Surplus property is available for purchase, trade, or lease; depending on the circumstance.

Inquiring individuals should find the process easier and more efficient with the help of the website listing. In the past, property records had to be searched and, when found, it was not clear how to start the potential purchase process. In addition, the surplus property process is being redrafted to ensure that the public has fair notice of the surplus status of property before the City agrees to its sale.

The City has identified 55 parcels ranging in size from one-tenth of an acre to about five acres thus far. There are common rectangular, “buildable” lots as well as irregularly-shaped polygons.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: parking ban update - residential parking ban change at 8 a.m. Friday

CITY OF LINCOLN PARKING BAN UPDATE

A complete voice report is available at 402-441-7783. This number is for news media use only.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center - 402-441-7644

David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Diane Gonzolas, cell 402-525-1520, work 402-441-7831

Date: Thursday, December 20, 2012

Time: 3:45 p.m.

A **residential parking ban** that began at 8 a.m. this morning remains in effect. Parking is currently banned on the even-numbered sides of the streets.

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that the residential parking ban will change at 8 a.m. Friday, December 21. At that time, parking will be banned on the odd-numbered sides (south and west) of the street in all residential areas. At that time, parking will again be permitted on the even sides (north and east).

Mayor Beutler also announced the **snow emergency parking ban for Lincoln has been lifted.** Where allowed, parking is available on major streets and bus routes.

A snow removal district parking ban will be in effect for tonight. In these districts, parking will be banned on both sides of the street from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Friday. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded in to trucks and hauled out of the area. A map of the eight snow removal districts is available at lincoln.ne.gov. The districts include streets in the following areas: Downtown, University Place, Havelock, Bethany, College View, 11th and "G," 17th and Washington and 25th and Sumner.

To assist downtown residents during snow removal district parking bans, City Parking Services will offer free overnight parking at Center Park Garage, 1100 "N" St. The service is being offered in an effort to reduce citations and towed vehicles in the downtown area during parking bans. The service will be offered from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. when the City is under a snow removal district parking ban. Customers will be charged for any time beyond 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the posted garage rate. Vehicles that remain in the facility past 10 a.m. will be charged for the entire time the vehicle was in the facility.

About 78 crews continue sanding and plowing operations. Streets are slick and temperatures are expected to drop so motorists are urged to be aware of overnight freezing conditions. The Lincoln Police Department reports 28 accidents since midnight. StarTran reports that buses are running on time.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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From: Council Packet
Subject: snow release

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A snow removal district parking ban will again be in effect for tonight. In these districts, parking will be banned on both sides of the street from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Saturday. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded in to trucks and hauled out of the area. A map of the eight snow removal districts is available at lincoln.ne.gov. The districts include streets in the following areas: Downtown, University Place, Havelock, Bethany, College View, 11th and "G," 17th and Washington and 25th and Sumner.

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Public Works street crews continue to work today in the residential areas while addressing various trouble spots throughout the city. Motorists are advised to continue to exercise caution when driving. Lincoln Police Department reports 46 accidents since midnight. StarTran reports that buses are running about five to 10 minutes late due to heavy traffic.

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**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2012-13 PROJECTED	2012-13 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 11-12	% CHANGE FR. 11-12
SEPTEMBER	\$5,220,256	\$5,069,566	(\$150,690)	\$527,316	11.61%
OCTOBER	\$5,424,472	\$5,516,359	\$91,887	\$388,893	7.58%
NOVEMBER	\$5,424,472	\$5,026,408	(\$398,064)	(\$119,959)	-2.33%
DECEMBER	\$5,092,622	\$5,063,144	(\$29,478)	\$167,378	3.42%
JANUARY	\$5,162,821				
FEBRUARY	\$6,541,275				
MARCH	\$4,818,207				
APRIL	\$4,633,137				
MAY	\$5,418,090				
JUNE	\$5,220,256				
JULY	\$5,264,928				
AUGUST	\$5,596,778				
TOTAL	\$63,817,314	\$20,675,477	(\$486,345)	\$963,628	4.89%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 2.298% under projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2008-2009 THROUGH 2012-2013**

	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-12	FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-13	FR. PRIOR YEAR
					% CHG.		% CHG.
SEPTEMBER	\$4,812,555	\$4,703,478	\$4,822,814	\$4,805,254	-0.36%	\$5,189,424	7.99%
OCTOBER	\$4,845,000	\$4,687,315	\$4,987,584	\$5,206,659	4.39%	\$5,568,892	6.96%
NOVEMBER	\$4,937,998	\$4,922,939	\$4,938,240	\$5,219,952	5.70%	\$5,194,649	-0.48%
DECEMBER	\$4,545,947	\$4,502,684	\$4,708,180	\$4,901,748	4.11%	\$5,250,751	7.12%
JANUARY	\$4,465,270	\$4,354,458	\$4,777,606	\$5,076,013	6.25%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,775,594	\$5,426,478	\$5,920,886	\$6,327,532	6.87%		
MARCH	\$4,258,773	\$4,226,466	\$4,418,795	\$4,782,783	8.24%		
APRIL	\$4,119,617	\$4,294,043	\$4,421,797	\$4,572,281	3.40%		
MAY	\$4,744,089	\$5,186,573	\$5,374,035	\$5,675,978	5.62%		
JUNE	\$4,624,054	\$4,662,293	\$4,995,388	\$5,241,574	4.93%		
JULY	\$4,501,197	\$4,567,893	\$4,865,530	\$5,196,447	6.80%		
AUGUST	\$4,856,331	\$5,105,968	\$5,245,798	\$5,453,052	3.95%		
TOTAL	\$56,486,425	\$56,640,589	\$59,476,653	\$62,459,273	5.01%	\$21,203,716	5.32%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2008-2009 THROUGH 2012-2013**

	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$435,079)	(\$100,061)	(\$55,500)	-44.53%	(\$263,004)	373.88%	(\$119,857)	-54.43%
OCTOBER	(\$108,925)	(\$95,246)	(\$121,738)	27.81%	(\$79,193)	-34.95%	(\$52,533)	-33.66%
NOVEMBER	(\$86,760)	(\$149,347)	(\$48,320)	-67.65%	(\$73,585)	52.29%	(\$168,241)	128.63%
DECEMBER	(\$209,674)	(\$202,950)	(\$12,388)	-93.90%	(\$5,982)	-51.71%	(\$187,607)	3036.19%
JANUARY	(\$256,270)	(\$257,206)	(\$363,009)	41.14%	(\$49,785)	-86.29%	(\$145,767)	192.79%
FEBRUARY	(\$83,713)	(\$104,235)	(\$70,579)	-32.29%	(\$45,283)	-35.84%		
MARCH	(\$73,785)	(\$14,233)	(\$485,268)	3309.51%	(\$59,857)	-87.67%		
APRIL	(\$70,988)	(\$75,738)	(\$10,063)	-86.71%	(\$44,038)	337.64%		
MAY	(\$117,201)	(\$68,551)	(\$168,421)	145.69%	(\$126,962)	-24.62%		
JUNE	(\$444,973)	(\$110,343)	(\$104,492)	-5.30%	(\$75,618)	-27.63%		
JULY	(\$331,804)	(\$251,505)	(\$73,768)	-70.67%	(\$52,331)	-29.06%		
AUGUST	(\$11,878)	(\$286,162)	(\$3,563)	-98.75%	(\$111,293)	3023.78%		
TOTAL	(\$2,231,050)	(\$1,715,576)	(\$1,517,108)	-11.57%	(\$986,931)	-34.95%	(\$674,005)	42.93%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2008-2009 THROUGH 2012-2013**

	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,377,476	\$4,603,417	\$4,767,314	3.56%	\$4,542,250	-4.72%	\$5,069,566	11.61%
OCTOBER	\$4,736,074	\$4,592,069	\$4,865,846	5.96%	\$5,127,466	5.38%	\$5,516,359	7.58%
NOVEMBER	\$4,851,237	\$4,773,592	\$4,889,920	2.44%	\$5,146,367	5.24%	\$5,026,408	-2.33%
DECEMBER	\$4,336,273	\$4,299,735	\$4,695,792	9.21%	\$4,895,766	4.26%	\$5,063,144	3.42%
JANUARY	\$4,209,000	\$4,097,252	\$4,414,597	7.75%	\$5,026,227	13.85%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,691,881	\$5,322,243	\$5,850,307	9.92%	\$6,282,249	7.38%		
MARCH	\$4,184,988	\$4,212,234	\$3,933,528	-6.62%	\$4,722,926	20.07%		
APRIL	\$4,048,629	\$4,218,305	\$4,411,735	4.59%	\$4,528,243	2.64%		
MAY	\$4,626,889	\$5,118,022	\$5,205,614	1.71%	\$5,549,016	6.60%		
JUNE	\$4,179,081	\$4,551,950	\$4,890,896	7.45%	\$5,165,956	5.62%		
JULY	\$4,169,394	\$4,316,388	\$4,791,762	11.01%	\$5,144,116	7.35%		
AUGUST	\$4,844,454	\$4,819,806	5,242,236	8.76%	5,341,759	1.90%		
TOTAL	\$54,255,376	\$54,925,013	\$57,959,545	5.52%	\$61,472,341	6.06%	\$20,675,477	4.89%

Year to date vs.

previous year

Jean Preister

From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 9:11 AM
To: Allan Eurek; Amanda Bauman; awilkason@hotmail.com; Branden Collingsworth; Camilla Rice; Charla Rasmussen; David R. Cary; Derek W. Contreras; Ed Zimmer; Gordon Scholz; Gregory Gustafson; Holly Johnson; Ian Singh; Jason Stege; Jean Preister; Jerry J. Shorney; John Badami; John Kaslon; Jon Yoachim; Joyce Ebmeier; Ken Fougerson; Kevin Andersen; Lori Houle; Lynn Johnson; Lynnette Nelson; Marvin S. Krout; Matt Hansen; Megan Patent-Nygren; Nathan Morris; Nicholas Bergin; robert.ripley@nebraska.gov; Ryan Knollenberg; Sarah Hanzel; Scott Hatfield; Stuart Long; tlorenz@pershingcenter.com; tstickney@pershingcenter.com; Zachary White; Cecil Steward; Christie Dionisopoulos; Jeff Searcy; John Kay; Jon Weinberg; Karen Nalow; Tom Laging
Subject: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission - December meeting cancelled

The **December 2012** Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting has been cancelled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

Michele Abendroth

Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lancaster County Board

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning 

SUBJECT: **Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12004**
(Future Land Use Plan - N.W. 44th Street & W. Webster Street)

DATE: December 27, 2012

COPIES: City Council (w/o attachment)
Mayor Chris Beutler
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, County Board
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Aide, County Board
David Cary, Planning
Brandon Garrett, Planning

Attached for your information is a copy of the Factsheet for Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12004, which is scheduled for public hearing before the Lincoln City Council on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

This proposed amendment is within the regulatory jurisdiction of the City Council and is being routed to the County Commissioners for information purposes only; no County Board hearing or action is required.

If you have questions on this amendment, please feel free to contact Brandon Garrett in the Planning Department at 402-441-6373 or bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov.

q:\fs\cb\2013\CPA12004 Memo to County Board

Mary M. Meyer

From: Nick W. McElvain
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 10:56 AM
To: PW_Uall; Mayor; Council Packet
Cc: Mayors Staff
Subject: Dec Jan PW/U Newsletter

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

The Public Works & Utilities December/January Newsletter is now available for viewing.
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/docs/newsletter/pdf/2012-13-12-01.pdf>

The newsletter features the following articles:

- Big Red Express
- Water Main Asset Management
- Recent Retirements
- Strong Lincs
- Snow Plow Painting
- Dollars & Cents – Engineering Services
- MSC Renovation
- Thank you on Street Rehab Project

We hope that you enjoy reading the PWU newsletter and look forward to your comments and any suggestions you may have. Also, please forward to anyone you think would benefit from reading the newsletter. We hope you all will have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

The PW/U Marketing Team

Thanks,

Nick McElvain, PE

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