KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE
KEEP LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

Good Neighbor News

Working together for a clean, healthy and safe community

September 2014

International Coastal Cleanup

Every September and October hundreds of volunteers in Lincoln and Lancaster County donate their time to keep local waterways clean, healthy and safe. As part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) program, KLLCB organizes volunteers to remove litter and debris from local streams, rivers and lakes. These cleanups are essential if you enjoy fishing at Wildwood, boating at Branched Oak or camping at Wagon Train. When visiting these sites you can't help but notice bottles, cans and old fishing gear littering shorelines and park areas. Volunteers for the ICC program are asked to complete data cards that record the amount of litter collected. Last year over 15,000 pieces of litter were removed from area lakes and streams, including 1,900 beverage cans, 1,700 cigarette butts and 1,200 food wrappers.

The cleanliness of our waterways in Lancaster County can impact rivers and oceans downstream. While it's true the nearest ocean is almost one thousand miles away, 80% of trash found in oceans starts out on land. For example, an empty soda bottle left on the ground can enter a storm drain in Lincoln, travel to area streams and rivers and potentially reach the ocean. Even though oceans are not part of our daily lives, trash-filled seas affect the quality of life for people in Nebraska in several ways, including the air we breathe, food we eat, medicines that keep us healthy and consumer goods we enjoy every day.

ICC started in Texas in 1989 and has grown into an annual event that mobilizes millions of volunteers around the world to clean beaches, lakes, riversides and other waterways. Last year 650,000 volunteers cleaned up 12 million pounds of trash from 13,000 miles of waterways across the world. The cleanup effort included 2 million cigarettes, 1.5 million food wrappers, 1 million plastic bottles and 500,000 plastic bags. For complete details on 2013 cleanup activities read the Ocean Conservancy's 2014 report. Data collected from local cleanups are included in this report.

Environmental Leadership Awards

Join us in honoring the individuals and businesses who are dedicated to protecting our environment, health and quality of life.

Date: Friday, November 14

Time:7:30-9:30am

Location: UNL Innovation Campus

Cost: $15 per person

To register: See registration form included in this newsletter.

Good Neighbor News September 2014

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Fall Schedule

Saturday October 11: Woods Park (31st & J St)
Friday November 14: Appointment Only (402-441-8021)
All events 9am-1pm

For a complete product list of accepted items:
lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household)

To dispose of unaccepted items:
lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle)

As summer comes to an end now is a great time to sort through any potentially hazardous products around the home. Fertilizers containing toxic chemicals, pool chemicals, herbicides and pesticides can accumulate during summer months. KLLCB encourages you to safely manage these products. Get them used up by sharing with neighbors, store for the winter out of reach of kids and pets or bring everything to a household hazardous waste collection event for proper disposal.

Community Cleanup Corner

In each issue of Good Neighbor News, the Community Cleanup Corner will focus on a litter prevention or waste reduction issue that impacts the natural environment of Lincoln & Lancaster County. The topic for this issue is improper tire disposal.

KLLCB works with community groups to facilitate community cleanups, tracking the types and amounts of waste collected. During the first 6 months of 2014, volunteers collected 15,000 pounds of improperly disposed of tires (an estimated 625 tires). KLLCB also monitors illegal dumping on County roads and a high percentage of these incidents include tires. It is important for residents to dispose of tires responsibly, as they not only litter the community but also create breeding opportunities for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Below are some upcoming tire disposal options for Lincoln & Lancaster County residents:

Scrap Tire Collection Event #1

Saturday, October 11th 7am-6pm
6601 W Fletcher Ave
(adjacent to 9 Mile Prairie)
All size tires accepted (no rims)
For residents only - no businesses
402-742-5502 for more information

Scrap Tire Collection Event #2

Bennet, NE
Details TBD
Contact KLLCB for more info.

Local Disposal Options

There are several places in Lincoln that dispose of tires for a small fee. Visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycle) or call 402-441-8215 for more information.

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful
a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
3140 N St, Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 441-8035 kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov
lincoln.ne.gov (keyword kllcb)

Lincoln & Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Breakfast

Friday
November 14, 2014
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Nebraska Innovation Campus
Conference Center
2021 Transformation Drive
$15 per person
Pre-paid registration due
November 6, 2014

Please join us in honoring the individuals and businesses who are dedicated to protecting our environment, our health, and our quality of life.

CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

CITY OF LINCOLN PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

LINCOLN LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LANCASTER COUNTY NEBRASKA

2014 Environmental Leadership Award Recipients

Business and Industry
B and B Home Insulation
Miracle Workers Auto Collision Center

Agriculture
Robinette Farms

Education
Eastridge Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Community Organization
Friends of Wilderness Park

Government
Barbara P. Ogg

Individual Citizen
Tim Rinne, Hawley Hamlet
Amy Rose Brt *posthumous award*

Return by November 6, along with payment to: LLCHD, Attn: Business Office, 3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68510

Number attending ($15 each) _____ Total enclosed $ _____

Names of those attending _____

_____

Organization/Affiliation _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Number of Vegetarian Meals Requested _____