

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

February 9, 2015

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County/Building, in Lincoln, NE.

Attendance

Twenty-six citizens and five staff attended:

Tracy Corr – 40th & A NA	Jeff Schwebke -- Arnold Heights NA
Rifka Keilson – Country Club	Paul Johnson – East Campus CO
Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA	Rick Helweg – Eastridge NA
Pat Anderson-Sifuentez – Everett NA	Paula Rhian – Everett NA
Myrna Coleman – Highlands NA	Scott Richert – Indian Village NA
Amy Karabel – Irvingdale NA	Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane Area RA
William Carver – Near South NA	Kent Prier – Taylor Park NA
Luci Prier – Taylor Park NA	Mike DeKalb – University Place CO
Bill Vocasek – West A NA	Fred Freytag – Witherbee NA
Rick Bagby – Witherbee NA	Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office
Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office	Wynn Hjermsstad – Urban Development Dept.
Adam Rhoads – Health/KLLCB	Russell Miller – Lincoln Neigh. Alliance
Mike Renken – NeighborWorks-Lincoln	Shawn Ryba – NeighborWorks-Lincoln
Sheree Goertzen – NeighborWorks-Lincoln	Rosina Paolini – Let's Grow Lincoln
Barbara DiBernard – Let's Grow Lincoln	Tim Rinne – Let's Grow Lincoln
Nate Blum – 40 th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon	Kendall Weyers – Bluestem Sierra Club
Mayor Beutler	

Welcome & Introductions, Volunteer to Take Notes

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Corr. Everyone introduced themselves. Myrna Coleman volunteered to take notes.

Mayor's Comments

The major topic was potholes. The City has 12-15 crews for a total of approximately 60 workers to fix potholes. As of today, over 1,700 potholes have been filled, these being within the last 2-3 days. The City is working with the state legislature to get funding for roads.

Neighborhood Plan for Action Update

Pat Anderson-Sifuentez, Community Builder from NeighborWorks@Lincoln, gave an update. Pat indicated they had updated a few things, but it is much like it was two years ago. Twenty-seven neighborhoods have endorsed the plan. The top three priorities are:

1. Neighborhood Promotion and Preservation
2. Infrastructure Finance
3. Quality of Life and Crime and Public Safety

Sidewalks have been a high priority in the past, however, lots of sidewalks have been fixed. Neglected properties have been a long term project and will continue to monitor problem properties. The next LPN meeting is at 5:30 on February 25. Mayor Beutler encouraged MRT members to attend LPN meetings. **See Attachment 1.**

Let's Grow Campaign

Rosina Paolini handed out a "Let's Grow-Get Out and Garden" letter and encouraged Neighborhood Associations to include it in their respective newsletters. Community gardens get people outside, bring communities together, reduce crime. **See Attachment 2.**

Announcements

- 40th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon: Nate Bloom handed out a booklet of events for the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. Events open to the public include: an education activity on March 13th, a "strength through diversity" event on April 17th, and an evening of remembrance on April 30th. Information regarding the events and dates can be found at 40thafosc@gmail.com.
- The Big Event, UN-L's annual day of service, will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. To register your organization's request for volunteers, visit bigevent.unl.edu. **See Attachment 3.**
- The 15th Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, from noon to 5:30 pm, at Southwest High School, 7001 S. 14th Street. **See Attachment 4.**
- Pat Anderson-Sifuentez announced that NeighborWorks will have an open house at their new facility, 2530 Q Street, on March 5th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Tracy Corr announced an Interfaith Peacemaking Coalition Workshop on Sunday April 12th from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. The topic is Eating (Jim) Crow and featured speaker is Leonard Pitts, Jr.
- Paula Rhian announced The Coverband Cabaret 2015 show will be held March 6 and 7 at Vega, 350 Canopy St. to benefit the First Plymouth Choir.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable will be March 9th at 5:30 p.m. Topics will be a spring clean-up grant, presented by Adam Rhoads with Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful, and the Goodwill Challenge.

Submitted by Myrna Coleman

Attachment 1

Our County, Our City, Our Neighborhoods - A Neighborhood Plan for Action

(action items are not listed in any priority order)

Neighborhood Services. Whereas neighborhood services are vital to maintaining our high quality of life,

Resolved:

- The City's neighborhoods should have access to the full range of community facilities, health services, open space, and playgrounds. Neighborhood parks, pools, libraries, senior centers, public transit, and trails must be a high budget priority.
- Schools, Community Learning Centers (CLC's), and neighborhood associations should work together to improve both school and surrounding neighborhoods. New schools should be sited and built to facilitate safe and easy walking and biking for students, safe traffic flow, and joint use of facilities.

Sidewalks. Whereas Lincoln is forty years behind in its sidewalk maintenance, and whereas the community has twice voted that the city and not private owners should pay for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks,

Resolved:

- The City should continue efforts to establish, fund and implement a plan to rehabilitate sidewalks on a more aggressive schedule. This plan should bring Lincoln's sidewalks up to code in ten years or less. **Areas that have been designated as focus areas should have priority.**

Infrastructure Finance. Whereas one of the biggest challenges currently facing our city and county is how we will finance the maintenance of existing infrastructure and the development of the new infrastructure needed to support growth and development. And whereas this financing should be reasonably predictable and fair to the taxpayers in existing neighborhoods and in new developments,

Resolved:

- The maintenance of existing infrastructure (e.g. sewer, water, sidewalks, streets, **alleys**, public power, schools, fire, and police) should be the highest priority.
- New development should pay a significant share of the initial costs related to extending public infrastructure and services to that development.
- Impact fees remain a significant revenue source for infrastructure finance. All public entities involved in building and maintaining public infrastructure within Lancaster County should cooperate to achieve the maximum efficiency (e.g. Rural to Urban Transportation System (RUTS) and "Build-through").

Stormwater. Whereas development in watershed areas upstream from neighborhoods causes increased localized flooding, stream bank instability and pollutant loads to businesses and neighborhoods, as well as downstream streams and lakes,

Resolved:

- The City and County should work aggressively **across all departments** and with neighborhoods, businesses, developers, natural resources districts and state and federal agencies to **coordinate work in** mitigating the adverse impact of development on flooding and pollutant issues.
- The City and County should work with property owners to promote water conservation through the use of stormwater best management practices such as rain gardens, native and naturalized grasses for lawns, and other similar type practices, which all assist in reducing the impact of development.

Neighborhood Promotion and Preservation. Whereas Lincoln's wide variety of neighborhoods not only provide a safe and appealing place to live for Lincoln residents, but also are a huge asset that should be recognized and utilized to promote what's great about our community,

Resolved:

- Neighborhood marketing should be better integrated into Lincoln's community marketing strategies.
- The City should support down-zoning in neighborhoods where strong support exists. Zoning designations that conflict with current or historical use patterns create increased density that is detrimental to character of existing neighborhoods, undermines home ownership, and is beyond the neighborhood infrastructure capacity (parking, water, sewer, etc.).
- Neighborhood design standards should be enforced to ensure that new construction has a high level of compatibility with the character of new and existing neighborhoods throughout the city.

- Clearly defined and easily accessible rehab standards for older structures should be adopted or amended into current codes.
- **Rehab incentives should be created to encourage maintenance of Lincoln's oldest housing stock.**
- The City should **maintain parks equitably and** promote green practices in all neighborhoods.
- **The City should maintain sufficient lighting for parks and trails to provide safety.**
- The City and its partners should develop a marketing plan to promote all Lincoln neighborhoods.
- The City should promote and encourage active neighborhood associations.

Crime and Public Safety. Whereas crime is an issue of concern in our community,

Resolved:

- The City should support community-policing and solution-oriented practices including neighborhood police substations and neighborhood watch areas as a deterrent to neighborhood business and residential crime.
- Neighborhood revitalization programs and services that remove blight and provide safe environments should be funded as important parts of our community crime-reduction strategy.

Quality of Life. Whereas Lincoln has codes to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens,

Resolved:

- The City should strengthen and enforce procedures and ordinances regarding neglected and abandoned buildings, dilapidated exteriors, junk cars, **tires**, trash, **unwanted vegetation**, disorderly households, and criminal activity.
- The City's Housing Code and Health Inspectors should adopt solution-oriented code enforcement similar to Lincoln Police Department's model. This would broaden their mission from one which solely emphasizes violations and criminal penalties to a mission which emphasizes identifying and solving the issues causing the property to be a problem in the first place. This could include proactive contacts with owners, identification of repeat issues and involving additional departments or community resources to solve the problem and eliminate repeat calls.
- The City should also maintain and enforce the "no more than three unrelated persons per household" ordinance and maintain or strengthen spacing requirements for alcohol sales.
- The Citizen Action reporting center should be improved to increase feedback to citizens and to promote increased transparency in the process.
- The City should promote the health of its citizens by maximizing walkability **and bikability**.

Neighborhood Business Districts. Whereas our neighbors and neighborhoods are an integral part of and dependent upon our local economy and whereas businesses must be sensitive to the character and needs of the surrounding neighborhood,

Resolved:

- The City should actively support neighborhood businesses in neighborhood business districts and regulations should be revised to better integrate new and existing businesses with adjacent uses—ie. parks, residential areas. Areas to examine should include: incentives for small businesses, screening, lighting, signage, set-backs, noise, traffic, maintenance and permitted uses.

Transportation. Whereas street design in neighborhoods has a significant impact on safety and quality of life and whereas widening arterial streets in existing neighborhoods with narrow rights-of-way result in lower property values, loss of neighborhood character, and blight,

Resolved:

- Widening beyond two lanes plus a center turn lane (2+1) in established neighborhoods should not be done. 2+1 arterial streets in established neighborhoods provide smooth and safe traffic flow with less impact. Existing lane widths should be preserved in areas where widening would negatively impact adjacent homes, street trees and other neighborhood facilities.
- The City and County should aggressively plan for, invest in and develop public policies that support alternative and public modes of transportation. Modes such as biking, public transit, trails and sidewalks improve our overall quality of life and reduce the burdens of traffic and on-going street development.
- **The City and County should prioritize and support projects that improve safety of streets.**

Public Officials. Whereas elected and appointed public officials can have a profound impact on the quality of life of neighbors and neighborhoods and it is therefore important that officials elected or appointed to these offices are knowledgeable about and sensitive to neighborhood concerns.

Resolved:

- Neighborhood associations should seek out individuals knowledgeable about and concerned with neighborhood issues and advocate for their appointment to public policy bodies such as the Lincoln – Lancaster County, Planning Commission, the LES Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission.
- The City and County should notify neighborhood associations of vacancies and request nominees.
- Neighborhood associations should work together to organize public forums, testimony in public hearings, letters, questionnaires as well as other means to ensure that public officials are aware of neighborhood concerns and that citizens are aware of the positions of elected officials and candidates.

Overhead Power Lines. Whereas overhead power lines have the added cost of tree trimming and ar a visual blight and may cause a safety hazard and/or power outages in the event of high winds, snow or ice storms,

Resolved:

- LES and city officials should maintain a fiscally-sound, phased program to bury Lincoln’s older residential neighborhood power lines and transmission lines.
- The City should promote green practices and renewable energy when feasible.

Trees. Whereas Lincoln has been nationally recognized as a Tree City USA community,

Resolved:

- The City should promptly replace trees in established neighborhoods that die or are removed including those in the area between the sidewalks and curbs on arterial and residential streets.
- The City should budget funds to replace the trees lost over the last twenty years and to ensure regular trimming and maintenance **and this should be coordinated with Public Works and LES.**
- The City should enforce tree-planting standards in new developments.

As presented to the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable on February 9, 2015.

Attachment 2

To Neighborhood Associations:

We hope you'll want to print this letter, or an edited version of it (you have our permission to edit for length and relevance) in your newsletter. If you would like a digital copy of this letter to facilitate this process or have any questions, please contact Barbara DiBernard at bdibernard@gmail.com.

“Let’s Grow—Get Out and Garden”

The Lincoln Foodshed Working Group is a diverse group of farmers, gardeners, organizations, and individuals with one thing in common: we want to grow more of our own food! We believe that by creating a strong local food system, we can improve people’s health, invigorate the local economy, and continue to build community in the city we love.

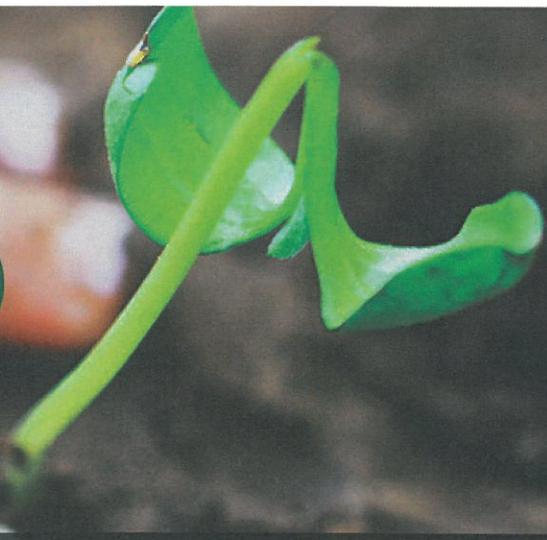
We know that Neighborhood Associations are the lifeblood of Lincoln. They are a major reason why we are such a thriving, vibrant city. Therefore, we call on your Association’s energy and knowledge of your own neighborhood to participate in our “Let’s Grow—Get Out and Garden” campaign, whose goal is to increase the amount of food grown in our city—in our yards, Community Crops plots, schoolyards, parks, and other areas. As part of his goal to make Lincoln the healthiest city in the country, Mayor Beutler has endorsed the “Let’s Grow” campaign. We want to work with and help support any individuals and organizations with the same desire.

Individuals can pledge to grow some of their own food this year at www.communitycrops.org/letsgrowlincoln. Those who pledge will receive regular updates and gardening tips. Also, anyone who wishes can be connected with a community of gardeners through Facebook at www.facebook.com/letsgrowlincoln. Another great resource for neighborhoods is a TED talk on the Hawley Hamlet here in Lincoln at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOGqp9tYpF8>, or gardeners can check out a plethora of resources at <http://www.communitycrops.org/>.

Neighborhood Associations can take “Let’s Grow” in any direction good for them. Some may want to survey their neighborhoods to see how many people are gardening and identify land that can be used as community gardens. A survey might also provide information to match gardeners without land with those who have land but not the time or resources to garden. Neighborhoods might want to set up block parties featuring homegrown produce, or ways to share excess produce. They might want to hold garden tours featuring vegetable gardens. You probably have dozens more ideas!

The Lincoln Foodshed Working Group wants to work with Neighborhood Associations to increase the amount of food grown in Lincoln. If you want to be on our mailing list, as individuals or as organizations, please contact Anna Wishart at adwishart@gmail.com. Members of our group are also available to support the Associations by sharing our resources, coming to meetings to talk about “Let’s Grow” and our other work, or helping organize neighborhood events. Please contact Rosina at 402-423-1260 if you are interested.

Thanks! Happy gardening!



GET OUT AND GARDEN

Everyone should try growing some of their own food. It's a great way to save money at the grocery store, eat more fruits and vegetables, get exercise, and connect with your community! Gardens and gardeners come in all shapes and sizes. Grab a shovel and create a plot in your yard or grow food in a container on your porch or balcony. Whatever you decide, make a pledge to grow some of your food this year. Let's grow, Lincoln!



JOIN TODAY!

Pledge to grow your food at:
www.communitycrops.org/letsgrowlincoln

The "Let's Grow! Get Out and Garden" campaign is an active initiative of the Local Foodshed Working Group. As a diverse group of farmers, gardeners, organizations, and individuals we have one thing in common: the desire to improve the local food system in and around Lincoln, Nebraska. We want to raise awareness, educate people, and help make connections to create a healthier, more resilient community.

Need more information about the "Let's Grow!" campaign or the Local Foodshed Working Group?

CONTACT US: LETSGROWLINCOLN@GMAIL.COM



TIPS TO GET STARTED

Whether you are a new gardener or have been gardening for decades, we hope you'll pledge to join the effort to get more people growing food in Lincoln.

CREATE A GARDEN IN YOUR YARD

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED: Most vegetables and fruits need 6-8 hours of sunlight each day, so find a sunny spot! Determine your garden plot size by thinking about how many vegetables you will actually eat and how much time you have to take care of your garden.

DIG: Use a shovel and turn up the soil to prepare your garden bed, remove grass, unwanted plants, and unwanted items like rocks or roots; add some compost or garden soil if available.

PLANT: Find seeds and plants at your local nursery or retail store; carefully follow directions on the package for planting instructions about how long it needs to grow, planting, watering, and harvest.

CREATE A CONTAINER GARDEN

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED: Decide how much room you have and what you want to grow. Lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, scallions, and basil are all fairly easy to grow and the right varieties will fit well in containers.

CHOOSE A CONTAINER: Find a container that fit your plant requirements; these can be larger flower pots from a garden center or recycled materials like buckets or a milk jug, make sure there are holes in the bottom so water can drain!

ADD SOIL: Fill container with potting soil or a mixture of garden media and compost.

PLANT: Find seeds and plants at your local nursery or retail store; carefully follow directions on the package for planting and proper care.

QUESTIONS? LINCOLN IS FULL OF GARDENING RESOURCES



ASK A MASTER GARDENER Contact the University Master Gardeners at (402) 472-8973 with your garden questions or email a picture of the plant / bug / vegetable and your question to nemgs@unl.edu

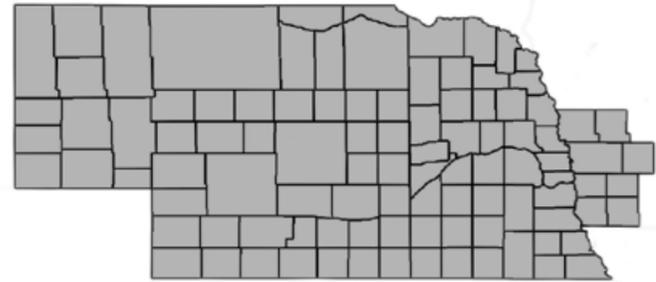


ATTEND A CLASS Check out the gardening classes offered at Southeast Community College or the Urban Homestead Series through Community CROPS and Open Harvest. Visit their websites for more information.



CONNECT ON FACEBOOK Join our group on Facebook (www.facebook.com/letsgrowlincoln) to see what other "Let's Grow!" gardeners in Lincoln are up to!

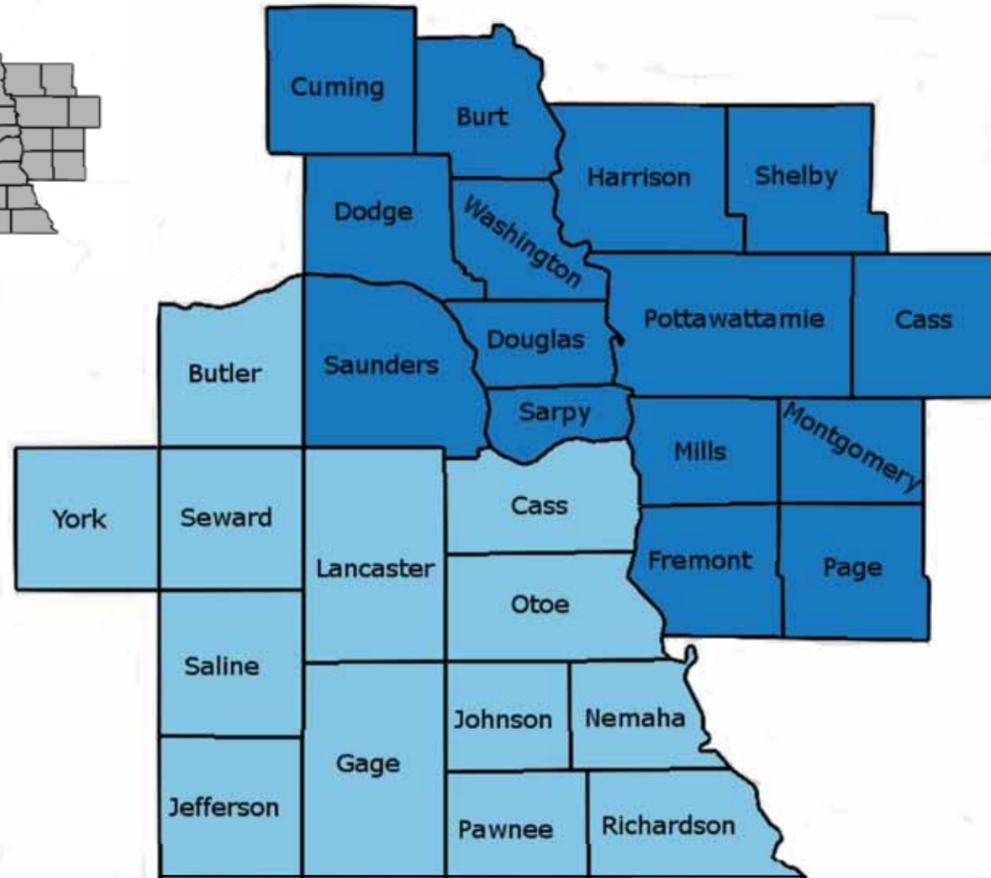
Getting to Know Your Local & Regional Foodshed



Nebraska Regional Foodshed



Omaha Local Foodshed



Lincoln Local Foodshed

How localization works on a range of scales

A breakdown of different areas, along with the food, products, transportation and services which would be appropriate for the area.

(Modified from the New Economics Foundation, London, UK 2010)

	<u>District</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Global</u>
Size (radius)	10 miles	50 miles	500 miles	2,000 miles	10,000 miles
Population	100,000	2 million	10 million	500 million	7 billion
Food Production	Fresh greens Eggs	Calorie crops Cash crops	Open-range meat Heirloom grains	Bulk food products Grains	Specialty foods Coffee, wine, etc.
Transportation	Walking, bicycling Buses	Transit Cars	Trains Small planes	High-speed trains Large planes	Ships Mega-planes
Energy	Efficiency Small solar array	Large solar facility Small-scale wind	Large-scale wind Small hydro-electric	Geothermal Large hydro-electric	Fossil fuels decreasing over time
Material Goods	Housing Daily supplies	Furniture Hardware	Electronic devices Small machinery	Electronic systems Steel, metals	Pharmaceuticals Microchips
Education	Primary education	Secondary education	Universities	Post graduate	Foreign relations
Services	Minor medical Recycling Waste management	Hospitals Theater, cinema Construction	Specialty medical Insurance Engineering	Specialty consulting Telecommunications Literature, film	Diplomacy Trade Exchange programs
Finances	Local currency	Personal banking	Business finance	Corporate finance	Currency exchange

Eating locally grown foods is fundamental to creating a sustainable agricultural system. The closer to home we can get our food, the fresher and more nutritious it is, the less we spend on packaging and transportation, and the more we build resilience in our local communities.

Rural Nebraskans generally have a better understanding of where our food comes from (and oftentimes more immediate access to it). For the

easily half of our state's urban residents who are more removed from our food production sources, however, figuring out what's 'local' can be tricky.

Is it within 20 miles of where you live? Fifty miles? A hundred? How do you tell?

To try to answer this question, a group of sustainable agriculture advocates have spent the last six months developing a map of our urban 'foodsheds' based on Nebraska's population demographics,

distinctive geography and cultural history. Far from being the definitive word on the subject, the map is meant to serve as a 'think piece' to help people in Lincoln and Omaha get their bearings in our regional food system and cultivate a sense of place.

The county-line boundaries distinguishing 'local' and 'regional,' accordingly, are not rigid barriers intended to restrict participation and impede commerce. Rather, they should be seen

as 'mileposts'—alerting urban Nebraskans of the distance their food is traveling to their kitchens and dining tables (and of the untapped agricultural potential that lies close to home).

City dwellers, for instance, may always have to go a hundred or more miles to get the grains and meats needed for their diet. But if they're going that far to get their eggs and fresh greens, we're failing the 'local' test—because even in an urban environment,

we can be raising backyard chickens and growing lettuce virtually year-round.

The goal though is nothing so grandiose as 'self-sufficiency.' Even the most dedicated locavore and fresh food enthusiast will never be able to go completely local. (Who of us Nebraskans is ready to forever forego coffee and chocolate, not to mention orange juice and olive oil?) But what we can strive for is a regionally based food system that makes optimal

use of our agricultural and energy resources in the most sustainable manner possible.

Food, even in our technology-based world, is still our primary necessity. We still must eat to live. It is the hope of the "Local Food Shift" campaign that defining our local and regional foodsheds will provide one more tool for building a more resilient food system—beginning with what we can grow right in our own pots, yards and community gardens.



CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

THE BIG EVENT

January 21, 2015

Dear Organization Representative:

Have you ever wondered how you might finish cleaning projects, staff a large event, get that extra set of hands to assist with daily needs, or blow the dust off that project you need completed? Last year, 2800 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, faculty, and staff filled those needs as part of **The Big Event**, UNL's annual day of service.

On April 18, 2015, UNL Center for Civic Engagement and ASUN Student Government will team up for The 10th Annual Big Event to meet needs across the Lincoln community. The purpose of this event is to say "Thank you" to the Lincoln community. This year we hope to send 3000 volunteers, but in order to reach our goal, we need your help to create volunteer opportunities! Examples of projects from previous years include clearing debris from bike paths, cleaning museum exhibits, sorting clothing and food donations, serving meals, interior and exterior painting, and playing card games with nursing home residents.

Registration for The Big Event is now open! To register:

- Visit bigevent.unl.edu.
- Click the Request Volunteers tab of the toolbar.
- On that page, click on Community Organizations Application and follow the steps to register.
- If more assistance is needed, email service-learning@unl.edu.
- When your registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email.

After you register, a Big Event Operations Staff member will be in contact with you. The Operations Staff serves as the liaison between The Big Event, community organizations, and volunteers. This individual will serve as your point person prior to and on the day of The Big Event. (When you register, please use the contact information for the person at your organization who will be working with our Operations staff member.) The deadline to register is March 16th.

Again, The Big Event is a one-day service event and will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2015 between 9am and 1pm. Due to the high number of participants, we ask that you please provide necessary supplies if possible.

We look forward to working with you on this project! Please pass this message along to any other organizations you feel would be interested in participating. For additional information, visit our website at <http://bigevent.unl.edu>. Please contact us at the number or email listed below with any questions about the event.

Sincerely,

Darcy Arends and Tanner Hannappel
Community Coordinators, The Big Event
(402) 472-6150
service-learning@unl.edu



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February 5, 2015

For More Information Contact:

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

Abraham Lincoln Celebration to Feature New Play Direct From Springfield Museum

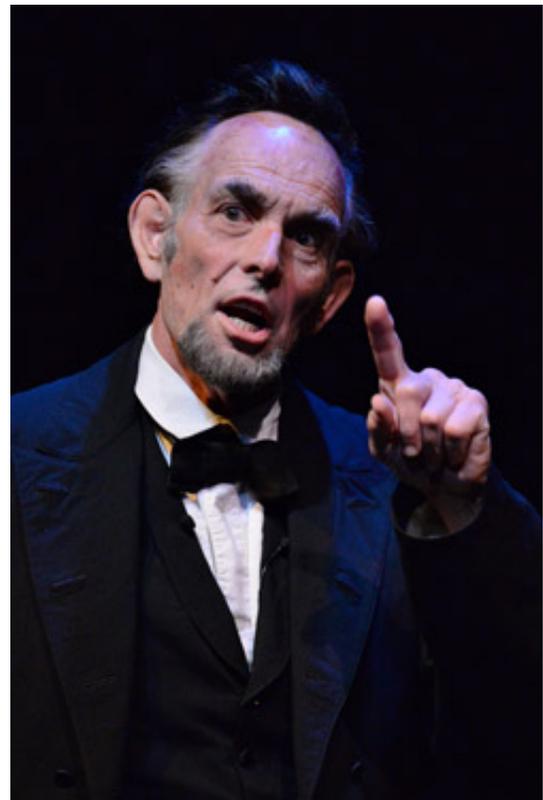
Lincoln will be the first city outside of Springfield, Illinois to present a new play produced in honor of the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death. "The Last Full Measure," which opened in November at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, will be the featured event at the City's 15th annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration Sunday, February 22 at Southwest High School, 7001 South 14th Street.

The one-man play about Lincoln's final hours features Fritz Klein, one of the nation's foremost Abraham Lincoln portrayers. Klein, who lives in Springfield and performs regularly at the Lincoln Museum, is returning to the Capital City for his fifth celebration. He has performed as President Lincoln in 38 states and internationally, and has been featured on National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel and C-SPAN. His appearances on the History Channel include a segment of "Only in America" with Nebraska's Larry the Cable Guy. He will appear in "Lincoln's Last Day" April 14 on the Smithsonian Channel. His website is lincolninstitute.com.

The event will also feature two showings of "Intrepid," a 30-minute film about President Lincoln's Civil War Balloon Corps and its Chief Aeronaut, Thaddeus Lowe. Terry Lowe, a former City employee and member of the celebration committee, is a descendant of Thaddeus Lowe and will display his collection of items related to this historic effort.

The free celebration is presented by the City of Lincoln with support from Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Additional funding is provided by local businesses, organizations and individuals. The Lincoln Journal Star is the celebration's print media sponsor.

Music for dancing will be provided for the first time by Greenblatt and Seay of Avoca. The event also includes music from local favorite Chris Sayre, who has performed at every City Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration. The



Fritz Klein as Abraham Lincoln
Photo by Donna Lounsberry

- [Fritz Klein](#)
- [Greenblatt and Seay](#)
- [Homestead National Monument](#)
- [Chris Sayre](#)
- [Susan Dittman](#)
- [Terry Lowe - "Intrepid"](#)
- [Nebraska Arts Council](#)
- [Nebraska Humanities Council](#)

doors open at noon, and the schedule for the day includes the following:

- Noon to 5:30 p.m., Commons area - Children's games, toys, and activities; historical exhibits; free refreshments, including birthday cake
- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Commons area - Music and dancing with Greenblatt and Seay
- 1 p.m., Auditorium - First showing of "Intrepid"
- 1:30 p.m. - Impersonator contest judging. All ages welcome. Register at information desk day of event.
- 2:30 p.m., Commons area - Birthday Ceremony with remarks, sponsor recognition, impersonators awards and singing of "Happy Birthday"
- 2:45 p.m., Auditorium - Chris Sayre
- 3 to 4 p.m., Auditorium - "The Last Full Measure"
- 4 to 5:30 p.m., Commons area - Chris Sayre
- 4:30 p.m., Auditorium - Second showing of "Intrepid" Exhibitors will include the Homestead National Monument and Susan Dittman of Lincoln, author of "Abraham Lincoln's Shining Star - the Inspiring Story of Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska." Area Civil War re-enactors in authentic uniforms will mingle with the crowd and answer questions.

More information will be available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov or by calling 402-441-7831.

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