

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of Directors' Meeting on June 20, 2016.
2. Minutes of Pre-Council, Project Success, June 20, 2016.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

**IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Hyde Observatory closed July 2.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Exercise program for those with Parkinson's disease begins in July.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Nature Center offer programs on Butterflies, Rocks, Minerals and Herbs.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public asked to clean up fireworks debris.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Annexation by Ordinance. Scouts Treefield Park. SW 30<sup>th</sup> St and W A St. Effective: July 5, 2016, 41.17 acres.
2. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from June 21, 2016 through June 27, 2016.

**VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) (06.21.16)- Gaylor Baird, Christensen, Lamm
2. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) (06.27.16) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
3. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (06.28.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (06.30.16) - Lamm

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP**

1. Replies from Donna Garden, Public Works & Utilities Assistant Director and Steve Owen, Superintendent of Water Distribution regarding ammonia in the Lincoln Water System.

**IX. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-8261

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 28, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jamie Kelley, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8708

**HYDE OBSERVATORY CLOSED JULY 2**

The Hyde Memorial Observatory will be closed Saturday, July 2. The observatory on the south side of Holmes Lake is regularly open Saturdays from sundown to 11 p.m. April through October and from 7 to 10 p.m. November through March.

The observatory is operated by City Parks and Recreation Department and staffed by volunteer members of the Prairie Astronomy Club. It features an observation deck with a retractable roof that houses the four main telescopes. Admission is free and program topics, such as astronomy and space exploration, change monthly. For more information, visit [hydeobservatory.info](http://hydeobservatory.info) or call 402-441-7094.

For more information on Parks and Recreation, visit [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov).

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 29, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ryan Mohling, Air Park Recreation Center, 402-441-7876

**EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR THOSE WITH  
PARKINSON'S DISEASE BEGINS IN JULY**

An exercise program based on training used by professional boxers and adapted for people with Parkinson's disease will be available in Lincoln in July. Rock Steady Boxing is taught by experienced trainers and includes stretching, bicycling, running, jumping rope, push-ups, balancing and non-contact boxing.

Classes begin July 18 at the Air Park Recreation Center, 3720 N.W. 46th Street. They will be offered from 10 to 11:30 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Fees for the class are \$80 per month and a one-time \$45 charge for a 90-minute assessment by the coach, which includes gloves, t-shirt and wraps.

Only those with Parkinson's disease may register for the program, and all participants must provide a physician's release. There are no age or condition restrictions and caregivers may need to be present to provide assistance during the class.

Ryan Mohling, Director of the Air Park Recreation Center, successfully completed the Rock Steady Boxing Training Camp, and will be the certified instructor for the classes. "It is estimated that up to 1.5 million Americans have Parkinson's disease, with as many as 2,250 diagnosed in Lincoln," Mohling said. "This program directly impacts those with Parkinson's disease by giving them the ability to live a more independent lifestyle."

After seven years of development, the Rock Steady Boxing Method launched its first training camp in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2012. Today, there are over 195 program affiliates in 40 states, as well as Italy, Australia and Canada.

For more information about Rock Steady Boxing in Lincoln and to register, contact Mohling (402-441-7876, rmohling@lincoln.ne.gov) or visit <http://lincoln.rsbaaffiliate.com/>.

For more information about Rock Steady Boxing Inc. and Parkinson's disease, visit [www.rocksteadyboxing.org](http://www.rocksteadyboxing.org).

For more information on Parks and Recreation, visit [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov).

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 S. Coddington Ave., Lincoln, NE 68522, 402-441-7895

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 30, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

**NATURE CENTER OFFER PROGRAMS ON BUTTERFLIES,  
ROCKS, MINERALS AND HERBS**

The Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 S. Coddington, invites the public to participate in three special events in July:

- The **Annual Butterfly Count** begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, **July 9**. The event is sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association and presented by the Nature Center and the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. Creighton University Biology Professor Ted Burk will present a talk about butterflies, including identifying characteristics of various species. Participants will then visit designated count areas at the Nature Center and Spring Creek Prairie. Each group will be assigned a butterfly identification expert.

*The registration fee is \$5 per person and must be received in advance.* This program involves a walk of about two hours, covering two to three miles. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To sign up, call 402-441-7895.

- A **Rock and Mineral Grinding Party** is set for 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, **July 10** at the Nature Center Prairie Building. Members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club will present information on gems and minerals of the Great Plains and demonstrate rock cutting, polishing and finishing. *Registration is not required, and a donation of \$5 is suggested.*
- The **Herb Festival** from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, **July 16** will include presentations and outdoor tours by local herb experts:

*Native Herbs and Edibles* -- Biologist RaeAnn Powers and Plant Ecologist Dustin Rymph of Prairie Legacy Inc. will discuss the benefits of native plants. Prairie Legacy Inc. in Western provides local ecotype seed and plants and other botanical services and products to foster environmental health and eco-friendly living.

*Troubleshooting the Herb Garden* -- Sarah Browning, a UNL Extension Educator in Horticulture, will discuss common pest problems in the herb garden and the best low-toxic control methods.

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*Preservation of Herbs* – Nicole Saville, Spiritus Vitae Botanicals, will cover the basics of herb preservation, including simple drying and liquid extractions. She will also discuss the best and simplest methods for long term storage of herbs.

Maggie’s Vegetarian Café will provide tea and refreshments between sessions when the participants can learn about the history of the Louise Evans Doole Herb Garden. The Herb Festival and the Louise Evans Doole Herb Garden are supported by The Doole Family Charitable Foundation.

*The registration fee is \$15 and must be received in advance.* To register, call 402-441-7895 *by July 12.*

For more information about the Pioneers Park Nature Center, call 402-441-7895 or visit [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov).



# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

**LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
3140 "N" St., Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 27, 2016

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Adam Rhoads, Health Department, 402-441-8035

**LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

## **PUBLIC ASKED TO CLEAN UP FIREWORKS DEBRIS**

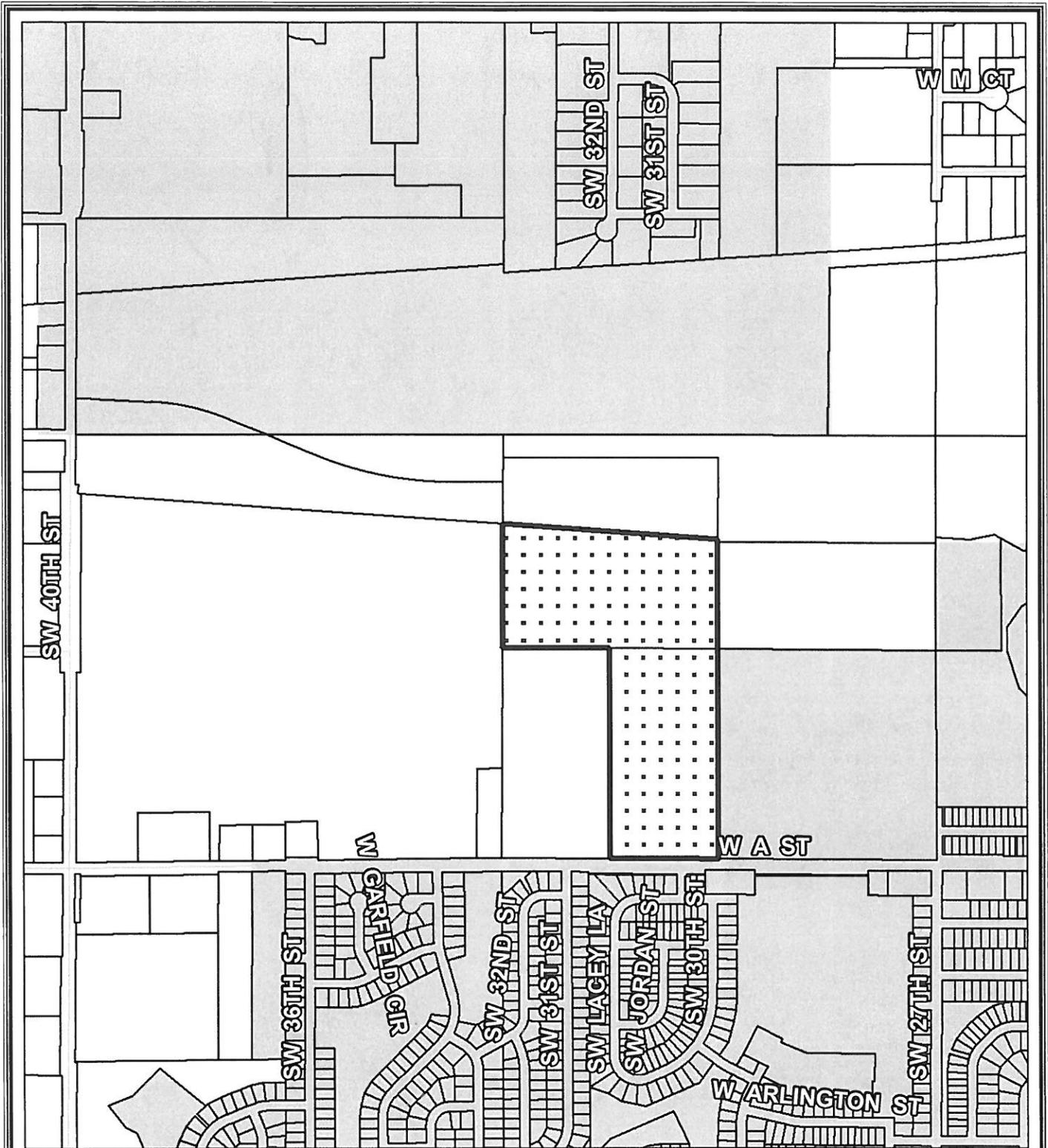
Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) asks residents to properly dispose of fireworks debris following private and public Independence Day celebrations. Officials recommend allowing used fireworks to sit for several minutes and using water to make sure they are completely extinguished. A metal bucket or a bucket with sand or water can be used as a temporary trash can. Cooled fireworks can be placed in regular trash for disposal.

"Start with a boom, end with a broom," said KLLCB Coordinator Adam Rhoads. "Preventing litter is essential to a clean, healthy and safe community, and cleaning up your litter is part of being a good neighbor." Rhoads said litter that is washed down storm drains eventually flows into streams, rivers and lakes, and the potentially harmful substances in fireworks can pollute the environment.

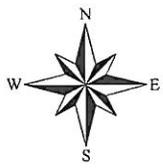
In addition to cleaning up after private celebrations, volunteers are needed for the annual Oak Lake Cleanup from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 5. For more information, visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: watershed). Select "Oak Lake Cleanup" in the lower right hand column. In connection with the cleanup, the Bureau of Fire Prevention will also collect unwanted fireworks and ammunition in the east parking lot of the park.

The City's annual Uncle Sam Jam celebration is Sunday, July 3 at Oak Lake Park with a rain date of July 4. More information is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: Uncle Sam Jam). City ordinance allows the sale and use of permissible fireworks in the City only from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 3 and from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. July 4 of each year.

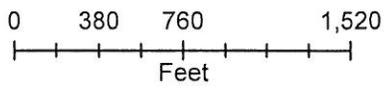
KLLCB is a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The fireworks debris prevention effort is funded in part by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. More information on KLLCB is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: kllcb).



**Annexation by Ordinance**  
**Scouts Treefield Park**  
**SW 30th St & W A St**  
**Effective: July 5, 2016**  
**41.17 Acres**



-  Area of Annexation
-  Ownership Parcels
-  City Limits Before Annexation



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# Memorandum

**Date:** ♦ June 28, 2016  
**To:** ♦ City Clerk  
**From:** ♦ Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** ♦ Administrative Approvals  
**cc:** ♦ Mayor Chris Beutler  
Planning Commission  
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from June 21, 2016 through June 27, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16028** to Use Permit #140E, Appian Way Regional Shopping Center, approved by the Planning Director on June 24, 2016, to revise the site plan and land use table to allow 'Restaurant' on Lot 3, Block 2, and to revise the grading and drainage plan for Lot 1, Block 5 (apartment site) including a revised cross-section for South 89<sup>th</sup> Street, generally located at South 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Lake Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16036** to Use Permit #116, Northern Lights Commercial Center, approved by the Planning Director on June 24, 2016, to redistribute the floor area between Lots 1, 7 and 8, generally located at North 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Holdrege Street.

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**City/County Planning Department**  
**555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 213 • Lincoln NE 68508**  
**(402) 441-7491**



## Mary M. Meyer

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**Subject:** FW: Lincoln Water System--ammonia in water - Follow-up

**From:** Donna K. Garden  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2016 11:16 AM  
**To:** Jon Camp; Mary M. Meyer; Steve R. Owen; Miki M. Esposito  
**Subject:** FW: Lincoln Water System--ammonia in water - Follow-up

Councilman Camp,

Here is information we have gathered from several plumbing contractors concerning chloramine in our water supply. I'd be happy to discuss at your convenience. Thank you!

### Donna K. Garden

Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works and Utilities  
402.441.8605

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**From:** Steve R. Owen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:36 PM  
**To:** Donna K. Garden <[DGarden@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:DGarden@lincoln.ne.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rex A. Crawford <[RCrawford@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:RCrawford@lincoln.ne.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Lincoln Water System--ammonia in water

Donna,

The Department has reached out to several plumbing contractors in an attempt to investigate your concerns. Those contractors are not aware of issues you mention regarding the harmful effects of ammonia on plumbing system components such as rubber and galvanized pipe. We have also discussed this issue with the City's Building and Safety Department, Plumbing Division. The chief plumbing inspector is not aware of any specific concerns or trends related to ammonia. Chlorine can be corrosive to metal and cause deterioration to rubber parts especially in high concentrations. In concentrations typically found in drinking water, the effects are considered to be minimal and highly dependent on other water chemistry properties such as pH, hardness and alkalinity. Lincoln's water is considered to be "non-aggressive" due to its pH above 7.0 and its moderate hardness.

While chloramine concentrations vary throughout the distribution system due to water age, distance from the treatment plant, age and type of piping, etc., the concentration remains well below the allowable limit of 4.0 parts per million (ppm). Regulations now require maintaining a chlorine residual throughout the distribution system to protect the health of customers using the water. For this reason, as well as the expansion of the distribution system, chloramine concentrations leaving the treatment plant have been gradually increased since the 1930s. However, this is carefully controlled so only the minimum dosage is used to maintain the required residual in the farthest reaches of the distribution system.

While drinking water chemistry can have an effect on certain plumbing system components over time, we have no evidence that Lincoln's water is causing premature failures of galvanized pipe, copper pipe or rubber components. Our experience has been that failures and leaks in galvanized water service pipe is associated with age and normal rates of corrosion and deterioration. While a rubber seal or gasket might last longer in a non-chloraminated system, Lincoln remains obligated to provide disinfection to protect the health of its citizens.

We hope this additional information addresses your question and concerns. Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Steve R. Owen, PETH

Supt. of Water Production  
Lincoln Water System  
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402.441.5925

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**From:** Donna K. Garden  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2016 4:53 PM  
**To:** 'Jon Camp' <[joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com](mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com)>  
**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer <[mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov)>; Steve R. Owen <[sowen@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:sowen@lincoln.ne.gov)>; Miki M. Esposito <[MEsposito@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:MEsposito@lincoln.ne.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Lincoln Water System--ammonia in water

Councilman Camp,

In order to provide adequate disinfection, LWS chemically reacts chlorine with ammonia producing chloramine that provides a disinfection product that is much more stable than chlorine alone. This is needed in the LWS in order to provide quality drinking water that is free from pathogens throughout the transmission from Ashland and throughout the City. This process has been used successfully in Lincoln's water since the **1930's**. It is also commonly used throughout the country in many other water systems, particularly where source water is far away from the community it serves.

We do not know of any issues with this type of treatment here in Lincoln and have a long history with this type of disinfection.

We are discussing your constituents' concern with other members of the plumbing community and we'll be providing you with additional information by the end of the week. If you'd like, we'd be happy to discuss it with the plumbers that have reached out to you – just let us know.

**Donna K. Garden**  
Assistant Director  
Department of Public Works and Utilities  
402.441.8605

On Jun 8, 2016, at 3:42 PM, Jon Camp <[joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com](mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com)> wrote:

Miki

Would you, or the appropriate individual, confirm that ammonia is now being introduced into Lincoln's water system?

I have been contacted by plumbers who have noted that they thought this was the case and that the ammonia is damaging various plumbing components including rubber fittings, rubber and galvanized pipes, to name a few items.

I look forward to understanding what is occurring as if this is accurate, then a substantial amount of cost will be incurred by residents and businesses in Lincoln due to premature aging/damage to plumbing components.

Jon

**JON A. CAMP**  
Lincoln City Council

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