

**DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
11:00 A.M., ROOM 113**

**I. MAYOR**

- \*\*1. NEWS ADVISORY. Public Works and Utilities Department Applying New Anti-Icing Mixture to City Streets.
- \*\*2. NEWS RELEASE. 21 Educational Access to Air London Parade Featuring Lincoln High Band.
- \*\*3. City Council Members to Ring Bells for the Salvation Army, December 21, 2007
- \*\*4. Washington Report, December 14, 2007.
- \*\*5. Washington Report, December 20, 2007.

**Week of 12/31/07**

- \*1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for December 22, 2007 through December 28, 2007.
- \*2. NEWS RELEASE. City to Recycle Trees for 21<sup>st</sup> Year.

**Week of 01/07/08**

- 1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for December 29, 2007 through January 4, 2008. (Forwarded to Council Members on 12/28/07)
- 2. NEWS RELEASE. Nominations Now Accepted for Arts Awards.

**II. DIRECTORS**

**FINANCE/TREASURER**

- \*1. Monthly City Cash Report.

**PLANNING**

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Annual Review Scheduled for Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.
- 2. Notice of Public Information Meeting Regarding Grading Plan for Alvo Road from No. 1<sup>st</sup> Street to No. 14<sup>th</sup> Street on January 23, 2008, 6:00 pm at the Community Room at Loren Corey Eiseley Library, 1530 Superior Street

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION**

- \*1. Special Permit No. 07052. Second Dwelling Unit for Domestic Employee. Resolution No. PC-01089.
- \*2. Special Permit No. 07053. Garden Center, South 110<sup>th</sup> Street and Saltillo Road. Resolution No. PC-01090.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING**

- \*1. Letter from Randy Hoskins, Assistant City Engineer, with Diagnostic Review of Railroad Crossing Closures from the Nebraska Department of Roads Rail and Public Transportation Division.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- \*\*1. Memo from Clint Thomas Regarding Street and Alley Vacation No. 07008, South 46<sup>th</sup> Street, South of "O" Street.

## **III. CITY CLERK**

- \*1. Omaha City Council Acknowledges Lincoln City Council Resolution.

## **IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Jon Camp**

- \*\* Correspondence from Mike Cline Regarding Early Retirement Incentives to City Employees.

### **Dan Marvin**

Correspondence from Shanna Neylon Regarding October 3, 2007 Accident.

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

- \*\*1. Letter from Coby Mach, LIBA Regarding Early Retirement Incentive Program for City Employees.

### **Week of 12/31/07**

- \* 1. Email letter from Mike Carlin. Making the Reopening of West Denton Road a Priority Objective for the City-County Commons.

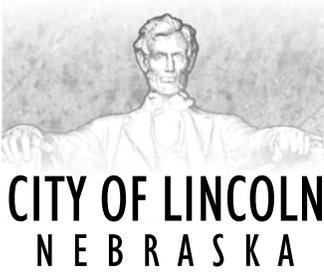
### **Week of 01/07/08**

1. Letter from Concerned Citizen Regarding Reappointment to the Fire Sprinkler and Chemical Examining Board.
2. InterLinc Correspondence from Robert Oberst Addressing Current Problems with Time Warner.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* Held Over from 12/24/07**

**\* Held Over from 12/31/07**



# NEWS ADVISORY

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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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Date: December 28, 2007

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

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of December 29 through January 4, 2008**  
*Schedule subject to change*

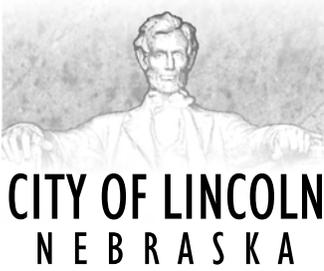
Monday, December 31 - *City offices open*

- John Baylor Show on KFOR - 4:30 p.m., Three Eagles Communications, 3800 Cornhusker Hwy.

Tuesday, January 1 - *City offices closed for New Year's Day holiday*

Thursday, January 3

- KLIN Morning Show - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 "O" St.



# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 28, 2007

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831  
Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 434-2787

## NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR ARTS AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 30th annual Mayor's Arts Awards. The awards will be presented by the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) the **evening of Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts**. The Mayor's Arts Awards program formally recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Union Bank and Trust Company will again be the presenting sponsor.

"Over the past three decades, the Mayor's Arts Awards has become a very significant event in our community," said Mayor Chris Beutler. "I am pleased to continue this tradition of honoring those artists and supporters who keep the arts thriving in our City."

Nomination forms are available by calling the LAC at 434-2787 or printing a form from the LAC Web site: [www.artscene.org](http://www.artscene.org). A list of previous winners also is available at that Web site. **The nomination deadline is February 15, 2008.**

The award categories are:

- The **Arts Organization Award** recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Youth** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts.
- The **Gladys Lux Education Award** recognizes special initiatives or dedication to arts education.
- The **Heart of the Arts Award** recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln.

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- The **Cultural Celebration Award** will now be presented in even-numbered years. It recognizes artistic work that has fostered an appreciation of a specific culture or cultures through the arts. (The **Outstanding Event Award** will now be presented in odd-numbered years.)
- The **Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award** honors an individual, family, organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts in Lincoln.
- The **Oliva "Arts for Kids" Award** honors an individual from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children.
- The **Literary Heritage Award** recognizes a writer or individual who promotes excellence in writing and literature in Nebraska.
- The **Larry Enersen Award** recognizes outstanding urban design in Lincoln.

A **Mayor's Choice Award** will also be presented.

The year's award will be created by jewelry artist Sydney Lynch, who won the 2007 Mayor's Arts Award for Artistic Achievement - Visual Arts.

The public also is encouraged to submit names of members of the Lincoln arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2007 for memorial recognition at the event.



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December 21, 2007

RE: Comprehensive Plan Annual Review

Dear Community Member:

The third annual review of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. An annual review is a requirement of the Plan as stated on page 156 of the Plan:

“Approximately one year following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and on an annual basis thereafter, the Planning Director will prepare a report entitled the Annual Review of the Comprehensive Plan. Such report may include new and pertinent information about the community; changes in the Plan’s underlying assumptions or any other factors affecting the health or welfare of the community. Such report may include specific proposals to amend the Plan.”

If you are interested in submitting an amendment proposal, the application form and questionnaire are on our website or copies can be obtained at our office. To access the application and questionnaire online go to the city website [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov), keyword: *cprev*. A link to the forms can be found at the bottom of that page. Please fill out the questionnaire to allow our reviewers to more thoroughly understand your proposal and the potential implications.

Amendments need to be submitted to the Planning Department by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. This will allow for adequate time to review the proposals and for questions and discussions with applicants.

**Note:** There is a filing fee for Comprehensive Plan Amendments of \$250.00. Checks should be made payable to the City of Lincoln. If you have any questions, please call Stephen Henrichsen at 441-6374 or Sara Hartzell at 441-6372.

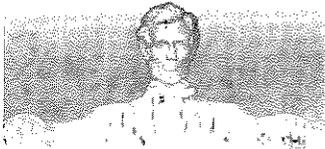
Sincerely,

Marvin Krout,  
Director of Planning

cc: County Board, City Council, Mayor Beutler  
Planning Commission  
City and County Directors  
Planning Staff

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January 3, 2008

You are invited to a public information meeting regarding the **grading plan for Alvo Road from North 1<sup>st</sup> Street to North 14<sup>th</sup> Street**. You may stop by at any time during the open house to review plans and meet with staff on:

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**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Community Room at Loren Corey Eiseley Library**  
**1530 Superior Street**

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Staff members from the Lancaster County Engineering Department, City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department and Lincoln/ Lancaster County Planning Department will be present to answer questions about this project.

Currently, the City, County and NEBCO Inc. are working on plans to improve Alvo Road from approximately Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Street to North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, where the surfacing currently ends. Presently, most of Alvo Road between N. W. 12<sup>th</sup> and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street is unimproved and is unopened. The grading of Alvo Road from North 1<sup>st</sup> to North 14<sup>th</sup> Street is one part of the overall plans.

If you have any questions about the County grading project from North 1<sup>st</sup> to North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, please call Doug Pillard, County Engineering at 441-7681.

For questions about the overall Alvo Road project, please contact Scott Cockerill, Public Works and Utilities at 441-7793 or Stephen Henrichsen, Planning Department at 441-6374.

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History:

 This message has been forwarded.

Dan Marvin,

I'm hoping you can help me. On October 3, 2007 my mother was driving my van and was rear-ended by one of your company vehicles. My mother was stopped at a stop sign, was hit from behind and pushed in to the car in front of her. The person driving the car in front of my mother has already written a statement saying what happened, that she was hit when by the van when the city vehicle hit the van, so there should be no question of who is at fault, not to mention that Conner has already admitted that her driver was at fault. My van has almost \$1000 of damage done to the back of it. All I'm asking is for the money to get my van fixed.

I just recieved a letter from Conner saying that she now doesnt think the city is liable for damages to my van, and that she is forwarding my claim to the city council with her recommendation to deny it. How is this even possible??? Your driver hit my van from behind, and pushed it in to the vehicle in front of it. There is a written statement from both my mother stating what happened, as well as the person driving the car that my van was pushed in to. Please tell me what I do from here, how I can get the money to fix my van.

Thanks for any help you can give me.

Shanna Neylon

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December 27, 2007

City Council Office  
City – County Building  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Ne 68508

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CITY COUNCIL  
OFFICE

City Council Members:

This letter pertains to the January 7, 2008 City Council Meeting where you have the resolution in front of you to reappoint R.J. Lipert to the Fire Sprinkler and Chemical Examining Board for a three year term. I have seen first hand the type of person that Mr. Lipert is and the person he pretends to be in running his company, General Fire and Safety Equipment Company. I have been an employee of his for several years and am quite shocked at how he runs his business and the attitude he has when it comes to how to treat his customers. I am also appalled at how he tries to manipulate the City Fire Codes and is disceivous with City Fire Inspectors. In the last year one of his employees was written a warning and a citation by the Fire Inspectors because he was installing a fire suppression system without a license and this was at Mr. Liperts instructions. Even though Mr. Lipert was warned about his employee installing systems illegally, he still ordered him to proceed with no regard to City Codes. There have been several other issues involving City Fire Codes he has been involved with that the Bureau of Fire Prevention has had to keep correcting him on, even though he knows the codes. I have a hard time accepting that he should be on the Examining Board for the City when he continuously and purposely tries to circumvent the law. Part of being on the Examining Board is to uphold the City Codes and he has not been able to do this with his company. I believe that the City Council Members owe it to the City to check into this concern about Mr. Lipert with the Bureau of Fire Prevention before the Council blindly reappoints him to the Examining Board. I am not signing this letter out of fear of retaliation from Mr. Lipert and because I am an employee of his. Although I wish to remain anyomous, I believe it is truly in the City's best interest for the Council to investigate this matter further by talking to the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
A concerned citizen



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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: (402) 730-6759  
Fax:  
Email: rco@nebrwesleyan.edu

Comment or Question:

Last spring the City Council failed to resolve the problems with Time Warner Cable (TWC). Since the city maintains a monopoly on behalf of TWC, will the problems with TWC be addressed?

My service in southeast lincoln is totally unacceptable. We receive "freezes" of the signal every 1 to 5 minutes. The freeze lasts anywhere from a second or two to 20 to 30 seconds with lost image during the freeze. This means, that the crucial parts of shows or broadcasts are lost and never seen.

TWC has tried to repair this many times. The last repairman told us that there was nothing that TWC could do, we were at the end of the line and there is nothing to do. I am not an expert but it would appear that there is a bandwidth problem and TWC refuses to provide enough bandwidth to give me service. (They have denied that it is bandwidth but refuse to tell us what the problem is.)

I am paying over 100 dollars a month for service that is almost impossible to use. I would urge any of you to watch a television that interrupts its signal every several minutes.

Will the city council please require TWC to provide acceptable service or at least explain why they can not or replace TWC with a company that will provide adequate service to its customers?

**ADDENDUM  
TO  
DIRECTORS' AGENDA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008**

**I. MAYOR -**

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of January 5 through January 11, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: All Lanes Of Pioneers Boulevard To Reopen Tuesday If Weather Permits.

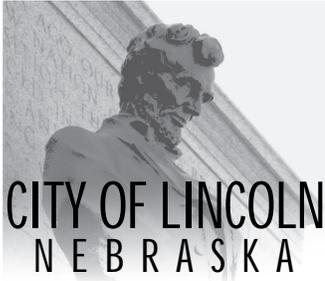
**II. CITY CLERK - NONE**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE -**

**A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

**B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE**

**C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**



# NEWS ADVISORY

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Date: January 4, 2008

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

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of January 5 through January 11, 2008**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Saturday, January 5

- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, remarks - 3 p.m., Lighthouse, 2601 "N" St.

Tuesday, January 8

- KFOR "Lincoln Live" with John Cutler - 12:30 p.m., Three Eagles Communications, 3800 Cornhusker Hwy.
- Multicultural Advisory Committee - 3:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, January 10

- Woods Brothers Realty Kick-Off Celebration, remarks - 9:30 a.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** January 4, 2008

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Thomas Shafer, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7711

### **ALL LANES OF PIONEERS BOULEVARD TO REOPEN TUESDAY IF WEATHER PERMITS**

City Public Works and Utilities officials today announced that a temporary repair to Pioneers Boulevard, brought about by a water main break on Monday, will allow for the reopening of all lanes to traffic by Tuesday, January 8, weather permitting.

The temporary repair will allow regular traffic flow on Pioneers Boulevard for the remainder of the winter and early spring until a permanent repair can be constructed during more favorable weather conditions when traffic can be better managed.

“Lincoln Police Department and Public Works traffic staff worked together to quickly divert holiday traffic to allow Lincoln Water System to isolate the main, locate the break and restore service to area residents,” said Greg MacLean, Public Works and Utilities Director. “Staff dedication and expertise prevented what could have been much more significant damage to our infrastructure.”

Public Works and Utilities staff are currently performing temporary repairs to open the road to traffic as soon as possible.

“Because of the freezing conditions, we have to perform this temporary repair in order to get the traveling public back on the roadway as soon as possible,” said Thomas Shafer, Design and Construction Section Manager for Public Works and Utilities. “We will be coming back to make the permanent repairs during the spring or summer.”

Public Works officials said that partial closures will remain in effect on Pioneers Boulevard throughout the weekend and continuing Monday.

For more information on Public Works construction projects, visit the City Web site at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: projects).