

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY
February 13, 2012

Tracy Corr started the meeting at 5:30 P.M. Monday, February 13, 2012, in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Eighteen citizens and seven staff attended:

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| Tracy Corr | 40 th & A St NA | Jeff Schwebke | Arnold Heights NA |
| Russ Irwin | Clinton NO | Ann Bleed | East Campus CO |
| Carolyn Brandle | Eastridge NA | Paula Rhian | Everett NA |
| Myrna Coleman | Highlands NA | Scott Richert | Indian Village NA |
| Larry Evermann | Irvingdale NA | William Carver | Near South NA |
| Scott Zager | Southwood NA | Kent Prier | Taylor Park NA |
| Luci Prier | Taylor Park NA | Bill Vocasek | West A NA |
| Russell Miller | Lincoln N-hood Alliance | Mike Renken | NeighborWorks - Lincoln |
| John-Emmett Mahan | UN-L Big Event | Jacob Grell | CLCs |
| Meghan Sullivan | Stronger, Safer | Dan King | LLC Health |
| Wynn Hjermsstad | Urban Development | David Ensign | Urban Development |
| Jon Carlson | Mayor's Office | Lin Quenzer | Mayor's Office |

Mayor Beutler

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy Corr opened the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves. Attendees checked in on the sign-in sheet.

ANNOUNCEMENT

UN-L Big Event, April 21, 2012, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. This year's focus is individual homes with 3 - 6 volunteers per site. (See Attachment 1.)

Deadline to request volunteers for a site is March 9, 2012.

Go to website BigEvent.unl.edu or call ASUN Office 402-472-2581

Contact John-Emmett Mahan at 712-253-1140

Neighborhood Alliance meeting invitation for Feb. 28th. (See Attachment 2)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Beutler attended University Place Community Organization's (UPCO) 40th Anniversary Sunday at Huntington School. He commended them for their historic narrative and their long service to their neighborhood and the City.

The Mayor mentioned the new Director of Equity and Diversity – Kimberley Taylor-Riley. She will serve as Director of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights and as the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/020112a.htm>

Mayor Beutler quizzed the Roundtable about disposal of storm debris.

What are the four options for those with damage to privately-owned trees?

1. Haul it yourself to the small-vehicle transfer station (5101 North 48th Street)
2. Cut it in 5-foot lengths for a regular garbage pick up
3. Have a contractor dispose it
4. Hoefling Enterprises may accept it without charge

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/020612a.htm>

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/020412.htm>

The Mayor commented on construction of a grid of communication fiber conduits in downtown Lincoln. The City will finance and install a grid of conduit – not the fiber optic wire, itself – during downtown street rehabilitation.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/020912.htm>

The Mayor fielded questions and comments.

RECYCLING PROGRAMS – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – DAN KING

Dan King, Environmental Health Specialist, Environmental Public Health Division, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, presented information on three of their recycling programs: Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Nebraska MEDS (**M**edication **E**ducation on **D**isposal **S**trategies) and Safe Homes for Seniors.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection (See Attachment 3.)

Federal and State laws regulate industrial hazardous waste, but households are exempt. Nationally, households generate about 1.6 million pounds of household hazardous waste (HHW) each year - more than 100 pounds per household. This statistic is valid for Lincoln/Lancaster County. HHW poses a risk to health because the harmful products, or by-products, may be inhaled, swallowed, or absorbed by eye or skin contact. Reduce the risk by: (1) buying only the needed amount; (2) use the products as directed (follow label instructions); and (3) recycle. Lincoln has recycled HHW for 27 years - one of the first municipalities in the nation. Over the past seven to eight years, this effort collected more than 700,000 pounds of HHW. See the brochure for the 2012 HHW Collection Schedule.

Nebraska MEDS (**M**edication **E**ducation on **D**isposal **S**trategies)

Unwanted, unneeded or expired pharmaceutical products are a risk to health - trace amounts in groundwater and illegal use. Poisoning from medications is higher than ever. In 2006, several groups recognized the issues and rallied together to address them as an environmental concern and a public health concern. The Local Pharmacy Medication Disposal Project (A Prescription for Public Health) is a pilot project to reduce the risk of unwanted and expired medications specifically looking at illegal drug diversion, poisoning and contamination of drinking water. The Nebraska Environmental Trust funds this project (currently in the 8th month) with a 2-year grant. Project partners include the Nebraska Pharmacists Association, the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, the Nebraska Regional Poison Center, the Groundwater Foundation and the Guardian Angels. This

initial group has grown with the addition of the Lincoln Police Department, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service, the Nebraska Attorney General, the Drug Enforcement Administration (U.S. Department of Justice - DEA) and local pharmacies and pharmacists. DEA offers take back events about twice a year. DEA will hold their 4th National Drug Take Back Program Saturday, April 28, 2012. Watch for public service announcements. The state of Iowa uses more than 440 participating pharmacies in every county to operate the Iowa Take Away Environmental Return System. Dan hopes the Lincoln pilot project (or something like it) will become the Nebraska-wide program for unwanted, unneeded and expired medication returns offering multiple events each year. Ideally, the pharmacy's reverse distribution process could provide the least cumbersome method for disposal of these medications.

Unwanted & Unneeded Household Medications: Proper Disposal Guidelines--
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/envIRON/pollu/waste/pdf/PharmwasteWebsite.pdf>

Safe Homes for Seniors (see brochure back)

This community focused program partners with the Aging Partners' Home Handyman Program, to assess; identify; sort and properly store or recycle hazardous products; and safely remove dangerous products from homes of seniors (60 years and older). Home Handyman Program independent contractors receive additional training and work with the Health Department to get the needed knowledge and skills. This 3-year-old program serves about 25 - 60 senior households per year. A Nebraska Environmental Trust grant funds this program.

Lincoln-Lancaster County's Official 2011 Waste Reduction & Recycling Guide --
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/waste/sldwaste/recycle/pdf/guide.pdf>

The Hazard-Free Home Handbook: A Guide to Hazard-Free Household Products and Effective Alternatives --
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/envIRON/pollu/waste/pdf/2011-2012-HandbookFinal.pdf>

Guide to Household Hazardous Waste: Recycling & Disposal --
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/envIRON/pollu/waste/pdf/HHWGuide07.pdf>

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department: Environmental Public Health
Environmental Quality
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/envIRON/pollu/index.htm>

Contact Dan at 402-441-8084 or dnking@lincoln.ne.gov

Dan fielded questions and comments.

SET MARCH AGENDA

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is Monday, March 12, 2012, 5:30 P.M., in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, **3rd floor**. Next month's agenda will include a presentation on Problem Properties Update and First Time Home Buyer Program by Mike Renken, NeighborWorks-Lincoln.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Attachment 1



On April 21, 2012 the students of UNL will be giving back to the city of Lincoln. The students will help residents or community organizations complete projects around their homes or properties as a way to say thanks to the community of Lincoln.



How we can help!

Volunteers will be there from 9 am to 12 pm. Take into consideration the time frame and student safety when planning projects.

We Can:

- Paint exterior and interior of buildings
- Rake yards, trim bushes; general landscaping
- Plant trees or flowers
- Pick-up trash
- Pull weeds
- Clean 1st story windows
- Clean-up house interiors
- Clean up gardens
- Organize files

We Can't:

- Use electrical equipment
- Scrape Paint
- Do plumbing or electrical work
- Work on heating or air conditioning
- Handle asbestos
- Work with lead paint or be exposed to toxic materials

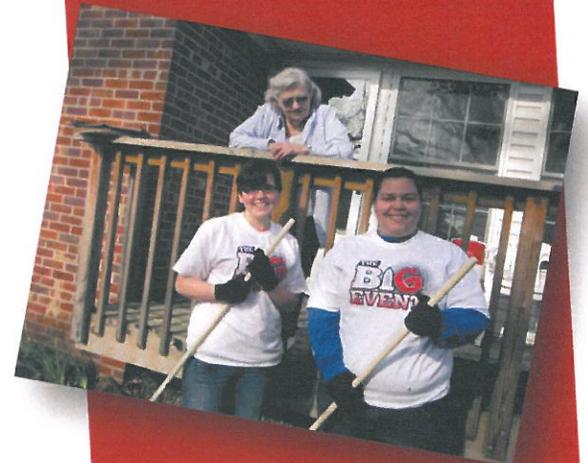
Apply for Volunteers!

If you are interested in requesting volunteers please apply online at

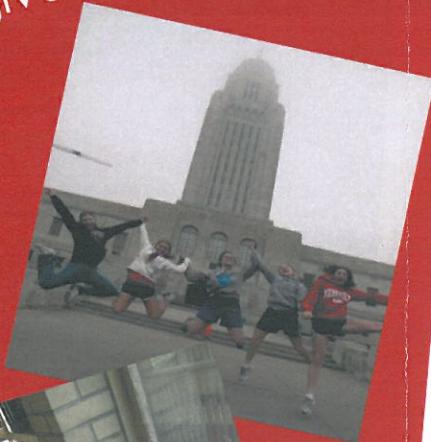
BigEvent.unl.edu

or call the ASUN office

402-472-2581



Help UNL students
give back to you!



The Big Event
One Big Day,
One Big Thanks

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Giving back to the
community of Lincoln
for the past 7 years

Email :
thebigevent.unl@gmail.com
Website: bigevent.unl.edu

Attachment 2

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTAINING PROPERTY VALUES

The items that have the greatest effect on neighborhood property values are probably :

1. abandoned or neglected housing
2. the perception of police protection
3. street condition or maintenance
4. water and sewer issues

Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance is inviting everyone to attend a public information meeting that will address the neighborhood streets and water issues. **THIS WILL BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS**

Nick McElvain for City Water and Thomas Shafer for City Streets will present information about past and future CIP (capital improvement program) water and street budgets for our neighborhoods. **THIS** is our time to learn what is being planned by these two important departments.

where : First United Methodist Church 50th& St. Paul st. (University Place)

when : Tuesday February 28

time : 7 PM

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

For Lincoln & Lancaster County Residents Only

2012 Collection Schedule

| Date | Location | Time |
|-------------------|---|---------------|
| Fri. Mar 2 | Appointment Only—Call 402-441-8021 | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Sat. April 28 | Wal-Mart South, 87th & Hwy 2 | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Sat. May 19 | Pfizer Inc.—601 West Cornhusker Hwy | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Fri. June 8 | Union College—Parking Lot—52nd & Cooper | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Sat. August 25 | Veyance Technologies—4021 N. 56th | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Sat. September 22 | Lincoln Industries—600 West E | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Sat. October 13 | Woods Park—Parking Lot—31st & J | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |
| Fri. November 16 | Appointment Only—Call 402-441-8021 | 9 a.m.—1 p.m. |

Things you SHOULD bring...

LAWN & GARDEN

2,4,5-T
Chlordane
Diazanone
Dursban/Lorsban
Flea/tick products
Insect Sprays
Lighter fluid
PCP
Pesticides
Pool chemicals
Rodent poisons
Weed killer

AUTOMOTIVE

Brake Fluid
Grease removers
Mixed gasoline
Old gasoline
Power steering fluid
Transmission Fluid
Upholstery cleaners

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Adhesives
Furniture stripper
Oil-based paint
Paint thinner
Stains, oil-based
Turpentine
Wood preservatives

HOUSEHOLD

Bleached-based cleaners
Compact bulbs (CFLs)
Drain/Oven cleaners
Fluorescent tubes
Glues
Mercury Thermometers
Mercury thermostats
Mothballs
Polishes (solvent-based)
Spot removers
Small capacitors
Small propane cylinders

NO Latex Paint at HHW Collections

Take usable latex paint to EcoStores Nebraska
(See back panel)

HHW collections are funded, in part, by a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

EXCESS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS?

- ◆ Leftover chemicals in the basement?
- ◆ Clearing out the garage of a late relative?
- ◆ Wondering what to do with all that “stuff”?
- ◆ Is it hazardous?

The **Hazard-Free Home Handbook** provides advice on using up, recycling, and/or disposing of excess household products, and suggests less-hazardous alternatives.

Check out the **Hazard-Free Home Handbook** on-line at www.lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: *household*, then click on *Hazard-Free Home Handbook*.



Things you should NOT bring...

Latex paint
Ammunition & explosives
Antifreeze
Asbestos
Batteries
Electronics & computers
Fertilizers
Fire extinguishers
General household trash
Large propane cylinders for gas grills
Medicine/Pharmaceuticals
Tires
Used oil

Info on recycling or disposing of these items: 402-441-8021 or www.lincoln.ne.gov, Keyword: *recycle*.



2012 LATEX PAINT EXCHANGES

530 West P St
402-477-3606; www.ecostoresne.org

Saturday, May 19 ★ 9am—2pm

Saturday, September 22 ★ 9 am—2pm

- **Be SURE it's latex paint.** Check the label for cleanup instructions: if it cleans up with soap and water, it's latex.
- Paint cans must be at least 3/4 full.
- Paint cannot have been frozen.
- Paint cannot be lumpy when stirred.
- Labels must be readable.
- No rusty cans.
- Only households can bring paint, but anyone, including businesses, can take paint.
- EcoStores will disposed of unusable paint for \$2/can. Call for information.

If your latex paint is NOT usable, you can dry it out at home.

- Air dry small amounts.
- Use cat litter, oil absorbent, sawdust, shredded newspapers, or purchased waste paint hardener to solidify and dry paint.
- When paint has dried, place can in regular trash with the lid off.



SENIORS: NEWS FOR YOU ABOUT HHW



If you are aged 60+, contact Aging Partners to schedule an in-home assessment to reduce environmental health hazards and risk in your home.

An Aging Partners' Home Handyman will

- Assess your home,
- Identify hazardous products,
- Sort and safely remove dangerous products you no longer use, and
- Recycle or dispose of these products safely.

Call Aging Partners at 402-441-7030

2012 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM & EVENTS



**Lincoln & Lancaster County
Residents Only**

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
3140 N St.

Lincoln NE 68510

402-441-8021

www.lincoln.ne.gov

(Keyword: Household)

