



“THE LINC”

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3rd Friday Downtown Dates:

- ◆ May 20th
- ◆ June 17th
- ◆ July 15th
- ◆ August 19th
- ◆ September 17th

3RD FRIDAY BRINGS MONTHLY FUN TO DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

“The more people that meet each other, the better it is for all of them.” – **Fletcher Pratt, Tales from Gavagan's Bar.** We think Fletcher is right! This summer in May through September we will be holding an event each third Friday of the month in Downtown Lincoln.

Every “3rd Friday” there will be music, food, and fun activities available from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We hope to encourage the residents of our community to come together and meet each other while listening to music and enjoying fun activities for all ages.

Each month will have the above mentioned elements, but they will be presented differently from month-to-month. Each month will have a theme with music and activities related to the theme.

Our first event will be held on Friday, May 20th as a “Game Night”. There will be giant Jenga, Kerplunk, Checkers, Connect Four, and Tic-Tac-Toe

games for all to play. Bouncy houses for young and old and Culver’s Custard for \$1 a scoop for everyone!

This is the first series of events to be presented by the new Lincoln Civic Foundation. We hope that local businesses, organizations, and residents take advantage of this community event.



A HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY

As a recognized Tree City, we believe it is important to spread the story of how Arbor Day began. This year, Arbor Day is celebrated on April 29.

The celebration of Arbor Day had its beginnings in an area not associated with trees or forests—the Great Plains. J. Sterling Morton, father of Joy, moved to Nebraska in 1854 with his wife Caroline. Nebraska, a Great Plains state, was a newly formed territory at

that time.

Being devoid of trees, J. Sterling endeavored to encourage tree planting in order to attract people to the state. He did that first as Editor of Nebraska City News, and then as President of the Agricultural Board. In 1872, he proposed that the state declare April 10 as Arbor Day, and his proposal was accepted. On that day in 1872, it is said that Nebraskans planted one million trees.

In 1885, Nebraska declared J. Sterling Morton's birthday, April 22, as Arbor Day and made it a legal holiday. Today, all 50 states, as well as many countries around the world, recognize Arbor Day in some manner. The day on which it is observed varies by region, depending on the best time of year to plant trees.

Credit: Morton Arboretum via <http://www.mortonarb.org/>

EXTENDED HOURS AT CITY LANDSCAPE WASTE FACILITY

Beginning April 6, 2016, the City of Lincoln Landscape Waste Facility located at 957 Broadwell Dr. will be open five days per week to accommodate citizens of Lincoln during spring cleanup. The facility will be open Wednesday through

Sunday from 8:00 AM to 3:50 PM. The facility will return to the normal Wednesday and Saturday schedule after Sunday May 7, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the Lincoln Street Department at 217-732-4655.

metal or litter of any kind. Any material brought in plastic bags, must be emptied and bags removed from the facility. For a more complete list of rules and regulations regarding the use of this facility, contact the Street Department or ask the facility attendant.



Waste going in to this facility must be from inside the city limits of Lincoln, IL. Material must not exceed 4 feet in length and be free of trash, plastic,

To check out the Landscape Waste Facility rules, check out the home page at www.lincoln.il.gov.

Landscape Waste Facility Hours from April 6–May 7:

Wednesday–Sunday

8:00AM–3:50PM

CITY OF LINCOLN PROFILE

Over the course of the next editions of “The Linc,” we will profile city staff so that you can better know the people serving you and your community.

Name: John Lebegue

Position: Building and Safety Officer

Tenure with the City of Lincoln: I was appointed Building and Safety Official and began my career with the City of Lincoln on March 31, 2010 and have served the City for 6 years.

Family Life: I have two sons Spencer (21) and Tyler (14) that live with their mother in LaGrange, IL. In my spare time I spend time with the boys and attend soccer games of my youngest son Tyler and spend time hiking, home repair and maintenance and playing sports.

What do you do? I oversee and administer the Building and Safety Department, which includes the review of all building plans, issuance of all building permits, inspection of buildings under construction, code enforcement, which addresses matters that include the accumulation of trash or debris, weed and grass growth, inoperable or unlicensed vehicles, and a variety of other exterior property maintenance issues. I also provide professional, technical assistance to the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical Preservation Commission and the TIF Review Committee.

What’s your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of the job is working with residents on the improvements of their properties, whether it be taking them through the building permit and construction process or working with them on bringing their property into compliance with City ordinances. Seeing a neighborhood or individual properties improved is highly satisfying.

How can people get in touch with you? I am in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and can be contacted by calling [\(217\) 732-6318](tel:2177326318).



Mayor Marty’s Office Hours at City Hall:

Tuesdays: 2-4PM
Thursdays: 2-4PM

Have a question of the mayor, or just want to stop by and say, “Hello!”? Mayor Marty Neitzel has established office hours from 2-4PM every Tuesday and Thursday where she is available for walk-ins or appointments. You’re welcome to stop by!