



# “THE LINC”

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### 3rd Friday Downtown Dates:

- ◆ July 15th
- ◆ August 19th
- ◆ September 16th

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## “MOVIE NIGHT” DOWNTOWN ANOTHER SUCCESS

Having an outdoor “Movie Night” in downtown Lincoln for the second edition of 3rd Friday was a great way to keep the momentum going in a fun-filled series of events. Many individuals from near, and not-so-near places, explored downtown streets and shops while enjoying a warm, summer evening.

Accompanied with a number of different carnival style games, many stayed to enjoy the showing of “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” on the Courthouse lawn.

Downtown businesses offered extended hours so that those who may not be able to make the daytime jaunt could peruse their stores in the evenings. Additionally, vendors lined North Kickapoo Street selling their wares to an ever changing crowd.

Setting the ambiance for the evening, were three bands showcasing their talents. We are thankful that Von Strantz, Sawhorse, and Erisa Rae were able to withstand some slight heat and humidity to provide some great entertainment!

As we look forward to July, we hope that you will continue to participate in the event’s offerings. July’s theme will highlight summer fun, so be on the lookout for some cool and wet events next month! We’ll see you downtown!



## CITY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The mosquito could be considered one of the most dangerous creatures on earth. Mosquitoes and the diseases they spread have been responsible for killing more people than all the wars in history. One of the diseases that has affected the United States recently is the West Nile virus, and now there is great concern about the Zika virus showing up in our country.

The first step in controlling mosquitos is source reduction or eliminating places for them to grow and develop. This can be done by eliminating places where water gathers or stands including poorly

maintained swimming pools, abandoned tires, bird baths, buckets or other debris in which water accumulates. We all have an obligation to make sure our properties are free of mosquito-breeding sites.

The Lincoln Street Department is responsible for mosquito control in the city, and they use three different methods to do so.

**Source reduction:** Elimination of environmental conditions that promote mosquito reproduction.

**Larviciding:** Applying pesticides to water

where mosquito’s larvae develop.

**Adulticiding:** The application of pesticides droplets by fogging to control adult mosquitos.

Larviciding is a treatment that selectively targets mosquito larvae. Adulticiding is a broad spectrum application which can kill beneficial insects as well.

Street department staff are licensed through the Illinois Department of Agriculture to conduct operations and attend annual training seminars.

## THREE SEWERS: SANITARY, STORM, & COMBINED

The City of Lincoln has three different types of underground piping that convey sewage and storm water runoff to the treatment facility or other dedicated area.

The first type of sewer in the City of Lincoln is the traditional sanitary sewer line. These lines are dedicated to handling sewage from interior plumbing fixtures, such as toilets, bathtubs, sinks, washing machines, etc. They are not, however, designed or constructed to take care of sump pumps or gutters/ roof drains. When these additional sources of flow are connected to sanitary sewer lines, the potential for sewer backups into residences will increase greatly. The surge of water that comes from large rain events overloads the piping and can back up into a

basement or other low areas in a house.

Another type of piping that the City of Lincoln owns and maintains are the Storm Sewers. These lines are specially designed to allow for rain water to be collected and transported to a nearby waterway, creek, pond, or in some cases, the sewage treatment plant. For storm sewers to properly work, they need to be clean and free of debris. Various things can plug or restrict flow. Any trash or yard waste that makes its way onto the City Street can eventually be washed into the storm sewers. Please take care not to direct any yard waste onto the City Streets.

The final, and most complicated, type of sewers the City has is the Combined

Sewer System. This piping network was designed to collect both sanitary and storm water. Combined Sewers are no longer allowed to be constructed. They were put in years ago during a time when regulation was far less than it is today regarding water quality. Combined sewers, in the dry summer months, can produce particularly bad odors from drains and grates. If you do encounter a catch basin or drain that smells, please contact the City of Lincoln Sewer Department so that we may address it by cleaning or flushing the affected sewer line. Please call us at 217-732-4030. We are available, Monday through Friday, 7am to 3pm.

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## BICYCLE SAFETY

Weather is warming up and children on bikes will be out and about. Parents need to go over the Rules of the Road with their children as bicyclist must obey all the laws that motorist must obey. Some key points:

- Ride to the right of the roadway
- Stop at the stops signs and check intersections before proceeding
- Don't ride at night without proper lighting and clothing
- Helmets are cool because they save lives
- Motorist should treat bicyclist with all the respect as other motorist

Violations of the law can lead to crashes resulting in serious harm or even death. The Lincoln Police would much rather issue citations to gain compliance than to lose a life.

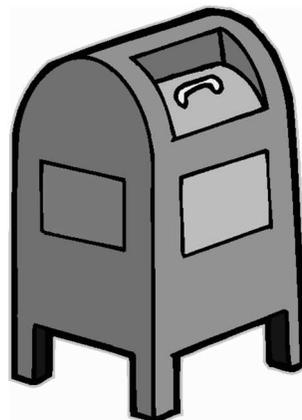
Bicycle Rules of the Road can be found at the Secretary of State website:  
<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/>

## NEW CITY DROP BOX

Outside City Hall, residents may notice that we have installed a new receptacle to hold all your payments. This new drop box will be able to hold any of your payments for sewer bills, traffic tickets, and so on.

For those that may need to make a payment, but just aren't able to make it during regular business hours, this box is for you!

The new drop box is located on McLean Street near the front door of City Hall.



### 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!