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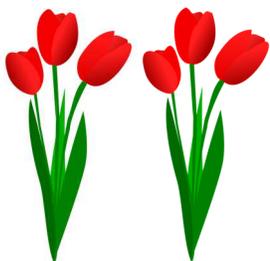
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3rd Friday Downtown Dates:

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

A big “Thank You” to everyone who helped to “Plant the Town Red” this year! The red tulips springing up throughout Lincoln look great!



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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 games for all to play. Bouncy houses for young and old, \$1 slices of pizza from Sorrento’s, Little Caesars, and Pizza

Hut, 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.



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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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: Tim Ferguson

Position: Waste Water Treatment Manager

Tenure with the City of Lincoln: I've been in my role with the City of Lincoln for a little over 3 years and have been in the Water/Wastewater Industry for over 16. I hold the top Operator Certifications in the State of Illinois for both Waste Water and Drinking Water.

Family Life: At home, I have two children, Ally (5) and Austin (1 month), with my wife Lindsey.

What do you do? I manage the City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment System, including the treatment plant, various lift stations, as well as the underground sewer system. I have an exceptional staff of 9 full time employees, to provide the various sewer related services throughout the City.

What's your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of my position is working with my employees, the Local City Officials, and the residents of the community to develop and implement upgrades to an aging infrastructure for long term reliability for public use .

How can people get in touch with you? If there are any questions or concerns, I am available at 217-732-4030 or you can email me at Timothy.Ferguson@amwater.com.



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!