Hickman Recycling Center in Main Park Closing November 30, 2020
The City of Hickman received notification from the City of Lincoln Transportation & Utilities (LTU) Solid Waste Management that they are consolidating their recycling centers in Lancaster County. LTU is reducing several Lancaster County site locations down to four that will remain in the City of Lincoln. As a result of this budgetary decision, the Hickman Recycling Center in Main Park will be closed as of November 30, 2020.

**HISTORY OF THE HICKMAN RECYCLING CENTER**

*In November 1994, the City of Lincoln passed Resolution A-7644, an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Hickman to provide a multi-material recycling drop-off location for use within the City of Hickman in compliance with the March 1992 Phase I Environmental Management Plan (Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-2001). The City of Hickman constructed the recycling site per the agreement and the City of Lincoln reimbursed the City of Hickman $6,000.00 for those construction expenses. From then forward to today, the City of Lincoln authorized contracts with recycling companies to remove and recycle the materials from the Hickman Recycling Center. The Hickman Recycling Center received approximately 200,000 pounds per year of cans, glass, plastics, and paper products in the first few years and approximately 320,000 pounds per year in the most recent years.*

The City of Hickman would like thank all of their citizens and the City of Lincoln for a successful recycling program for the last twenty-six years. Although the city recycling site will no longer be available, it is our hopes that our citizens continue their recycling efforts by utilizing the recycling sites in Lincoln or opting for curbside services from their residential garbage collector.

**Locations of Lincoln Recycling Sites**

- North 48th Street Transfer Station, 5101 N. 48th Street
- East High School, 70th & "A" streets (Seacrest Field parking lot)
- South West Site, 27th and Pine Lake and Yankee Hill (Pending)
- West site - TBD
- Central Site - TBD


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**2020 TRICK or TREAT on the TRAIL**

**Parade Style!**

**Sunday, October 25th**

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (or until end of parade)

Rain Date: Sunday November 1, 2020

Due to COVID-19, this years Trick or Treat on the Trail will look much different than years past. To promote the health of our community, we are striving for a socially distanced event that is focused on the Hickman youth through the use of a Vendor Parade.

Join us at the end of your driveway or on the street side of your cul-de-sac or dead end street. Local businesses will drive by and toss out candy or treats to those participating. A map will be released on the City's website & Facebook page before the event with an estimated time frame for the parade to enter neighborhoods.

The parade will only take place if we have a **minimum of twenty-five local businesses/vendors** sign up to participate. If we do not meet the minimum amount of vendors we will have to postpone Trick or Treat on the Trail until next year.
**HICKMAN HEROES DISPLAY OF HONOR**

The Hickman Arts Council is looking for photos and stories of Veterans connected to residents of Hickman to feature on a Display of Honor at the Hickman American Legion 105 which will be showcased the weekend before Veteran’s Day.

To have your photo included in the Display of Honor, please bring a copy of a 4”x6” photograph to the city office that you do not want returned along with this form by November 1st. We will mount the photo and hang it on the display wall. If you would like to include a short story for guests to read (1 page or less), send it along with your name to the email address below.

For more information contact Lyndsey at 402-792-2212 or HickmanArtsCouncil@gmail.com

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**GOOD NEWS!**

The City has installed 7 new Pet Waste Containers (with baggies) along the City's trails.

Please be a good neighbor and responsible pet owner and utilize the baggies & waste containers while out on your walks.

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City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 for Columbus Day

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Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 1, 2020

Do not forget to turn back your clocks one hour on Sunday, November 1, 2020

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Thank you to the Members & Volunteers of P.E.O.

(Philanthropic Educational Organization)

The flower beds in Linear Park on 2nd & Main Street look beautiful every year because of your hard work and dedication!
The recently completed conceptual design is based on input from the Hickman Pool Committee, a local group of Hickman residents excited about the possibility of an aquatic facility in Hickman.

- The entire facility is accessible, allowing equal opportunity for everyone to enjoy the facility.
- The design includes zero-depth entry features for young children and elderly persons to safely enter and exit the pool.
- The concept includes a flume slide, and if enough private funding is raised, a speed slide could be added.
- The design includes lap lanes for swim team practice and hosting competitions.
- The bathhouse will include separate dressing rooms, a family dressing room, lifeguard/admissions area, and a concessions area.

The need for a community pool was identified in the City’s 2011 and 2016 strategic plans developed with input from community leaders and residents. The City has accomplished many of the higher priority initiatives identified in the strategic plans, such as the community center and skate park.

In 2017, the City was approached by a group of Hickman residents interested in making the pool a reality, volunteering to help guide the development of the project. The City contracted with JEO Consulting Group to work with the grassroots pool committee on facility programming and conceptual design.

As part of the Terrace View Subdivision in 2018, the City negotiated with the developer to donate 2.5 acres of property that could house a future aquatic center.
The estimated cost of the Hickman Aquatic Center is $5.9 million dollars. The City of Hickman intends to pay for the pool structure with a general obligation bond and an additional half-cent sales tax, while the facility’s features and amenities (water slides, spray features, sunshades) would be paid for through private fundraising and grants.

- The City is proposing a $4.9 million general obligation bond, paid through property taxes, and an additional one-half cent sales tax.
- The Hickman Area Community Foundation is already working to secure private funding and donations.
- The City of Hickman is also applying for a Civic and Community Center Financing Fund grant to help cost-share the features and amenities.

The City of Hickman estimates property taxes would pay for about 40% of the proposed $5.9 million project.

- Bond rates are at a near all-time low, making it an exceptional time for the City to borrow money.
- The proposed bond would result in a net property tax increase of 0.068 over 2020. Even with this increase, the property tax rate remains lower than the 2014 rate.
  - The property tax rate has been lowered three times by City Council since 2014 due to bond payoffs and increased sales tax revenue.
- It is anticipated the annual bond payment will consist of approximately $145,500 from property taxes. This annual bond payment amount is to be distributed among all property owners; therefore, as the community continues to grow, the per household impact is lessened.

### Estimated Cost to Homeowners

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Based on Hickman’s 2018 median housing value, the bond will cost the average homeowner $11.33 per month!

1 Calculations are based on $4.9 million bond, paid over 20 years at 2.1% interest rate.
Through the proposed half-cent sales tax increase, the City of Hickman estimates sales tax revenue would pay for about 42% of the proposed $5.9 million project.

- The proposed sales tax increase would ease the financial burden on property owners, as sales tax is paid by everyone, including visitors, that purchase taxable items within Hickman city limits.
- Only current taxable sale items will be affected by this increase, and items that are not subject to sales taxes will remain exempt.

The sales tax in Hickman is currently 7.0%, of which 5.5% goes to the State of Nebraska and 1.5% goes to the City of Hickman.

- In March 2014, Hickman residents voted to adopt a 1.5% local option sales tax to back a bond for the new community center, along with public infrastructure improvements.
- The 1.5% sales tax currently generates an average of $27,090 per month, or about $325,080 per year.

To propose this additional 0.5% local option sales tax, the City of Hickman entered an interlocal agreement with the Norris School District.²

- Through the interlocal agreement, the Norris School District will help provide oversight of the aquatic center until bond is paid off, should voters approve the bond and sales tax.
- The Hickman City Council unanimously passed a resolution to direct the revenue generated by the sales tax increase towards expenses related to constructing, equipping, and maintaining recreational infrastructure for a community pool.

Based on recent statistics, the proposed half-cent sales tax would generate approximately $152,000 in new annual revenue for the proposed bond.

- The proposed half-cent sales tax would sunset after 20 years, or upon full payment of the bond.
- Visitors that eat or shop in Hickman will help contribute to the revenue being raised for the aquatic facility.

² This interlocal agreement is required by state statutes. The agreement does not make the school district a financial partner nor does the agreement indicate endorsement of the proposed sales tax.
PROPOSITION A

Proposes the City of Hickman issue a $4.9 million general obligation bond to be used to help pay for the proposed Hickman Aquatic Center.

PROPOSITION B

Proposes a one-half cent sales tax increase, of which the collected revenues will be used to help pay for the proposed Hickman Aquatic Center bond.

The City of Hickman will not take on the debt of a general obligation bond (Proposition A) without the additional revenue provided by the proposed sales tax increase (Proposition B); therefore, the City’s proposed funding plan would require voter approval of BOTH propositions.

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Voting Information

The proposed $4.9 million bond referendum and proposed one-half cent sales tax increase will appear on the November 3, 2020, General Election Ballot.

For more voting information, visit sos.nebraska.gov/elections/2020-elections

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There are two ways to vote:

Mail-in Ballot

All mail-in ballots must be received by the Lancaster County Election Commission by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

In-Person

Lancaster County voting precincts are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

For More Information

Contact Silas Clarke, City Administrator/Economic Development Director
402-792-2212 or sclarke@hickman.ne.gov.