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# Opening Doors Newsletter

From your friends at NeighborWorks Lincoln

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## Important Upcoming Dates

### Give to Lincoln Day



Mark your calendars! Stay tuned for more information about Give to Lincoln Day and how you can make a difference in Lincoln neighborhoods.

### NeighborWorks Week Event

Travel through time on June 8th from 4:00-6:30 with NeighborWorks Lincoln. Join a guided tour of the surrounding neighborhoods, learn about the history of the community and hopes for the future, and stop by our open house at the office. More information to come!

### Residents Together Resource Fair



## Community Impact Measurement Survey

In 2013, a Community Impact Measurement Survey was conducted in the Clinton neighborhood between 27th Street and 33rd Street, and Leighton Avenue and Orchard Street. This was a nationwide effort to begin measuring the impacts of community building and redevelopment on neighborhoods. More than 200 residents were interviewed, more than 600 home exteriors were surveyed, and all of the blocks with this boundary area were surveyed for public infrastructure conditions.

Now, NeighborWorks Lincoln and surveyors/interviewers are back in the neighborhood completing a follow-up in an attempt to answer the question: has the neighborhood improved since NeighborWorks Lincoln's involvement over 10 years ago, and what further changes would neighbors like to see?

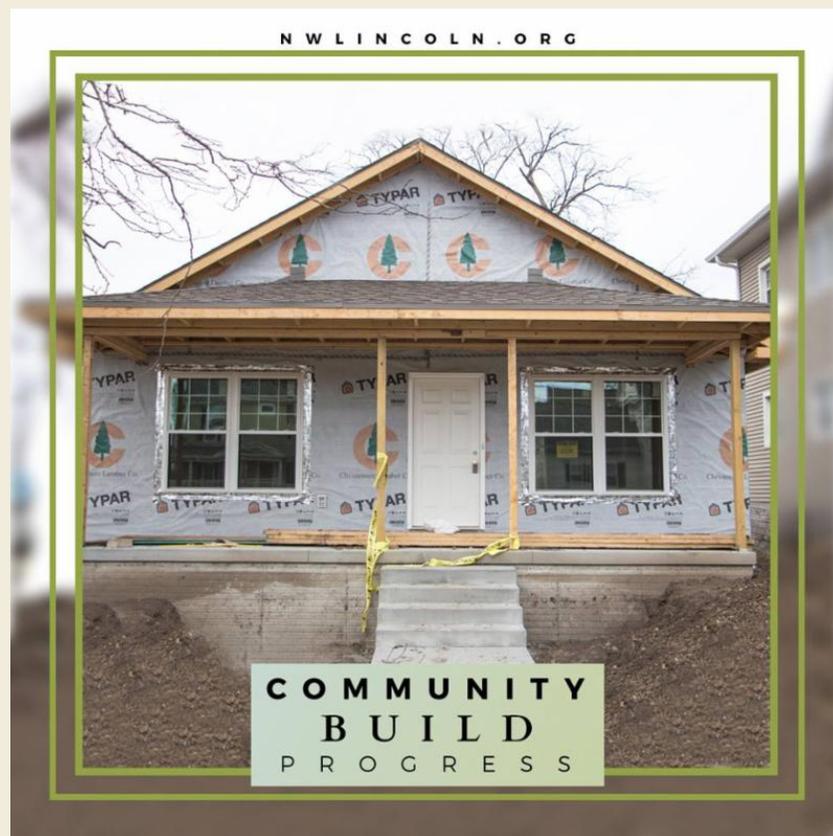
If you live in this area, please partake in the survey. If you missed the volunteer and wish to participate, you may call a community builder at NeighborWorks Lincoln (402-477-7181 x 3). We look forward to hearing your voice! Stay tuned for results.

## Community Build Update

Construction is making progress at 2336 Q Street, the site of our 2016 Community Build Project! The project's expected completion date is June, 2017. NeighborWorks Lincoln extends a heartfelt thank you to of the Community Build Sponsors who have committed to this project:

**Kidwell, Inc.**  
**Biggerstaff Plumbing & Heating, Inc**  
**Bison Inc.**  
**Christensen Lumber**  
**Ebbeka Design**  
**Ernie's in Ceresco**  
**Evol Empire Creative**  
**GE Appliances**  
**Hampton Commercial Construction, Inc.**  
**J Tech Construction**  
**Lennox Industries**  
**Paul Sayer Drafting Design**  
**Wells Fargo**

If you would like to donate to the project, please contact NeighborWorks Lincoln at 402-477-7181. There is still time to make a difference!



## Cooper Commons and Antelope Square

Despite the rainy weather, the Antelope Square (23rd and Q) and Cooper Commons (9th & D) projects are coming along great!

Here is a sneak peek:



**Cooper Commons**



**Antelope Square**

## We have Amazon Smile!

Looking for the perfect Mother's Day Gift? Shop through Amazon Smile using your normal Amazon account, and .5% of the proceeds will go to NeighborWorks Lincoln. Click on the picture below to start shopping.



**Make Mom Smile**

Buy your Mother's Day gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates.

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## Staff Changes



We are proud to announce that Marti Lee is the new Operating Officer at NeighborWorks Lincoln! The relationships she has built within the community during her time at NeighborWorks Lincoln, along with her past professional leadership experiences, make her a great fit for the position. We are excited for this change and look forward to working with her in this new capacity. Congratulations, Marti!

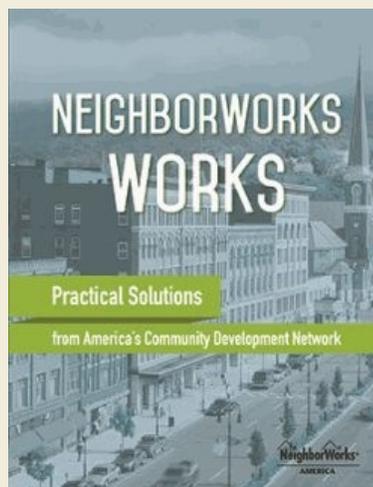
Ashley Hahn-May was hired as a Resource Development Specialist in late February. She is a Doane Alumni, a past participant of Leadership Lincoln and is currently working on her Master's in Business Administration through Concordia University. Previously, she worked with the Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska in their Outreach Department. Through her work in the community, Ashley has come to deeply care for the City of Lincoln and its people. She is excited to help Lincoln become an even safer and more prosperous community.



Welcome to NeighborWorks Lincoln, Ashley!

## Hey! We are featured in a book!

*NeighborWorks Works: Practical Solutions from America's Community Development Network*



"NeighborWorks Works" is a collaboration book showcases NeighborWorks America network's innovative solutions in affordable housing and community development. This book will help policymakers, funders, media, potential partners and

industry professionals examine trends, challenges and potential solutions in creating economic opportunity in all American communities.

We hope the book will give practitioners and those interested in the future of our communities a real and varied sense of the work being done around the country.

This book is for you if:

- You want examples to inspire creative thinking in affordable housing and community development.
- You are looking to discover new, more effective ways to involve residents in shaping the future of their communities.
- You value new ideas in transforming distressed communities into vibrant places of opportunity.

If you are interested in placing an order for "NeighborWorks Works", call us at 402-477-7181.