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LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

Monthly E-Newsletter

Is Your Contact Info Correct?

4th quarter utility bill postcards will be mailed the first week in January. Is your mailing address, phone number/s and email address up to date?

If you've recently changed any of your contact info, it's important to notify our Utility Billing department.

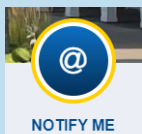


This ensures that you receive your bill on time, and helps us to contact you if there is an issue with your account.

Contact Krista at 651-257-0621 or klord@cityoflindstrom.us

Stay Informed

Now you can stay informed with our new **E-Notifications** feature! Sign up to receive emails for city news, events, public notices and emergency alerts.



Resources for Residents

Visit our new "Resident Information" section on our recently updated website.

Find information about current city projects, utility billing, seasonal info, senior resources, and much more.

You can also report a street-light outage directly to Xcel. Just click the link and fill in the info. If you request to

stay informed about your reported outage, Xcel will email you on their progress and when the repair is complete.

Are you a new resident? **Välkommen till Lindström (Welcome to Lindström)!** Our "Welcome Packet" is a great resource to get you started.

If you would like to see something added to the "Resident Information" section of the website, please email Miranda Olson at molson@cityoflindstrom.us or call City Hall at 651-257-0620.

Visit the **Resident Information** section of our website!



The Emigrants Film To Be Released

Norwegian filmmaker, Erik Poppe, will release his adaptation of Vilhelm Moberg's best-selling Swedish novels *The Emigrants* on December 25, 2021.

Vilhelm Moberg created Karl Oskar and Kristina Nilsson to portray the joys and tragedies of daily life for early Swedish pioneers in America. Set in the 1850s, Kristina and Karl-Oskar leave Sweden and embark upon a journey across the Atlantic to give their children a better future in America.

Considered one of Sweden's greatest 20th-century writers, Moberg brings to life the

strength and courage of those who followed their dreams in this timeless adventure story. First published between 1949 and 1959 in Swedish, these four books were considered a single work by Moberg, who intended that they be read as documentary novels.

Moberg based his novels on the life of Erik Norelius, an early settler who left Hassela, Sweden, for Minnesota in 1850. Norelius settled in Lindström, and many of his descendants still live here today.

Karl-Oskar and Kristina are depicted in statue on the west end of downtown Lindström, just across the

street from Erik Norelius's statue.



Vilhelm Moberg's statue stands proudly in Moberg Park in our neighboring town of Chisago City. Moberg is depicted on his bicycle, which he rode around this area in 1948 to conduct research for his novels.

City Projects & Development Updates

Rosehill Resort Lindstrom Senior Living- All that remains are some punch list items.

Meredees/Northland- The Developer should be providing us a December update.

Morning Sun Phase 3- Phase 2 is complete, and Phase 3 has six lots remaining.

Olinda Trail Trail- Plans and Specifications are at the County for comment. The project is on track for December bid and spring, 2022 construction.

Lindstrom Fire Hall- Footings are going in, foundation right after. The trusses and roof arrive first quarter of 2022. Completion is hopefully in December 2022.

Lindstrom Police Hall- The City is meeting with the Governor's Staff December 1 to review our project. The \$3 million will match \$5.4 million contributed by both cities.

Golf Estates- The first building permit was approved. Sidewalk is going in.

Albrecht Land- Next is annexation and final plat. Next spring construction planned.

Olinda Apartments- Building continues, occupation is expected in mid-January.

Lyman Court Phase Two- The City has received a proposal. We have reviewed and made comments to the developer. Nothing back yet.

Glader/Olinda Trail- Developers are pursuing this property.

Allemansrätt **Bridge-** Construction start should be mid-December.

Upcoming Events

[Tree Lighting Festival](#)

Saturday, December 4th

4:30-6:30pm

Memorial Park

30525 Linden Street, Lindström

Walk by a winter wonderland, take pictures with Santa, and drop a letter into Santa's mailbox with your Christmas wishes- no need to mail it to the North Pole!

Receive a gift bag full of surprise goodies from the Lindström Park Commission and from downtown Lindström businesses. Fun for all ages.

Enjoy Christmas music, and stay warm with hot chocolate, coffee, and a bonfire! All events will take place outdoors, so be sure to bundle up. See you there!

[2021 Holiday Craft Fair](#)

Saturday, December 4th

9am-4pm

Lindström Community Center

13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindström

Enjoy a fun day of shopping and community! The local Boy Scout Pack will be selling food, & vendor entry fees help support Lindström's Harmony in the Park FREE summer concert series.



[Celebration of the Lakes](#)

February 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th

All Day- Event Times Vary

Events throughout Lindström, Center City, & Chisago City

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area Celebration of the Lakes!

Confirmed events include the Allemansrätt Candlelit Hike, Radar Runs, Kids Pro Snowmobile races, a snowmobile raffle, a Dodgeball Tournament, Chili Feed, Polka Party, Diva Shopping Events and much more.

Come and enjoy food and refreshments, fresh air, great people, and all

of the festivities yet to be announced!

Look for updates and details on the Chisago Lakes Chamber website. We look forward to seeing you there!

chisagolakeschamber.com

[Lindström Park Board Polka Party](#)

Saturday, February 12th

6pm-9pm

**Lindström Community Center
13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindström**

Kick up your heels at a good ol' fashioned polka party. If you don't know how to polka, we'll teach you!

FREE admission. Music by the Chmielewski Funtime Band. Food from Deutschland Meats & beverages & German beer for purchase. Fun for all ages!

Visit our Community Events page for more info

www.cityoflindstrom.us



Understanding Local Government

Taxes are often referred to as unfair. Well, yes they are unfair—primarily because it is impossible to charge each individual for their usage of City streets, parks, streetlights, benches, swings, trails, street lights, signage, etc.

In order to share the cost of City and State services we cannot measure, the State of Minnesota needed to figure out an equitable way to share these

costs. Therefore, the State assumes that if a property owner has a more expensive home, they can afford to pay a higher share of these services. So unlike a fee, taxes are based on an estimate of a property owner's ability to pay. The ability to pay is determined by the value of the home or property.

Because taxes are not measured by the amount of services used by an individual, they are often thought of as being unfair. Our residents

get their money's worth the more they utilize our City parks, swings, trails, streets and other services.

-John Olinger, City Administrator



Swedish Phrase: *Ingen ko på isen (in-ghen co paw ee-sen)*

A Swede's way of saying "no worries", this phrase translates literally to "no cow on the ice".

December Meetings & Closures

Meetings

- Dec. 2 **Planning Commission:** 6:30pm
- Dec. 6 **Park Board:** 6:00pm
- Dec. 13 **Cable Commission:** 4:00pm
- Dec. 14 **EDA (Economic Development Authority):** 7:30am
- Dec. 16 **City Council:** 7:00pm
- Dec. 20 **Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission:** 5:30pm

Police Commission: No December meeting.

Library Commission: No December meeting.

Special Meetings: None scheduled this month.

Annual Meetings: None scheduled this month.

- View our "[City Calendar](#)" on our website's home page for a complete schedule: www.cityoflindstrom.us
- Click on the "[Agendas & Minutes](#)" button on the home page for more information.
- Click on "[Livestream Meetings](#)" on the home page to view a livestreamed meeting that is currently in progress, or to view a completed meeting that was previously livestreamed.

City Hall Closed

Closed- Christmas Eve: Friday, 12/24/21

Closed- New Years Eve: Friday, 12/31/21



Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info
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Keep Your Fire Hydrant Cleared

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please keep a 3-foot path cleared of snow around the hydrant., clear the hydrant of ice and snow, and keep a path shoveled from the hydrant to the street. Firefighters need to be able to **locate AND access** the fire hydrant quickly in case there is an emergency. Do your part and reveal the red. *Thank you!*

Winter Reminders

Winter Parking

- From November 1st to April 15th there is **NO PARKING** allowed on city streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am or during snow events. This allows our crew to be able to plow in front of your house without having to plow around your vehicles.



Snowmobiles

- Snowmobiles are not allowed to travel on sidewalks, in city parks, or on private property without permission.
- A snowmobile may operate upon the most right-hand lane of a municipal street or alley & may, in passing or making a left turn, operate on other lanes which are used for vehicle traffic in the same direction for purposes of going to or returning from a non-highway area of permissible operation by the most direct route.
- Snowmobiles shall only be allowed to travel on City Streets during the winter season, beginning November 1st through March 31st of each year.



Snow Plow

- Consider replacing your mailbox with a swing style post. This helps prevent it being broken by the weight of the snow.
- If your lot is curved, please place reflective markers near the curb to help guide the snowplows.
- DO NOT** plow or shovel snow across streets or into a Right of Way. **It is illegal.**
- Any personal property located within the Right of Way, including garbage cans, are subject to plowing damage. *Garbage cans need to be placed in the driveway, not in the street.*

Winter Shoveling

- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- Property owners are responsible for the sidewalks that are adjacent to their property.
- Help your neighbors out, especially if you know they are gone or are elderly. Consider clearing their sidewalks & driveways. Thanks for being a good neighbor!



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