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2023

## Pet Licenses

The City of Lindström requires all dogs and cats to be licensed. Licenses expired on December 31st. The license year runs from January 1st - December 31st.

New licenses and renewals are \$5 and can be purchased at City Hall.

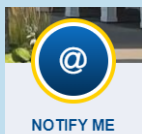


A rabies Certificate of Vaccination document is required at the time of application. This document will contain the rabies vaccination serial number.

**NOTE:** A receipt or statement from your vet clinic does not qualify as proof of rabies vaccination.

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# LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

## Monthly E-Newsletter



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## Rent Lindström's Community Center

*Did you know that you can rent the Lindström Community Center?*

The 97' x 42' hall is located adjacent to the Lindström City Hall, and is available to rent for private parties (weddings, reunions, birthdays, etc.).

The Community Center will seat up to 300 people, however there have been times when it has accommodated more.

There are 42 rectangular tables (2 1/2 x 8 feet), 8 round tables (5 feet) and 335 chairs. There is



one commercial size refrigerator, a freezer, a large stove and an oven in the kitchen.

Rates vary according to the time of year rented, length of time rented, and other factors. For current rates, rental information, additional

photos, and the rental agreement form, please visit our website:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/community-center>

Or contact Lindström City Hall 651-257-0620 or email us at: [contactus@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:contactus@cityoflindstrom.us)



## Tree Lighting Festival Event Recap

[Lindström's Annual Tree Lighting Festival](#) at Memorial Park was a ton of fun, and drew a big crowd. Chilly temps were warded off with a bonfire, hot cocoa, coffee, s'mores, and freshly grilled hot dogs.



The Chisago Lakes High School Brass Ensemble and the Santa Lucia Carolers provided festive live Christmas music.

Many of the kids got to take pictures with Santa and Mrs.



Claus, and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas this year. The [Chisago Lakes Ambassadors](#) greeted all with warm smiles while helping Santa & Mrs. Claus.

But the star of the show was Cupid! Kids and adults alike had a great time posing for pictures and petting one of Santa's reindeer.



Thank you to the [Lindström Park Board](#), and to all the [sponsors](#) and volunteers who made this event possible!

All photos in this article are courtesy of Shari Bachman

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# About Lindström's City Government

**Lindström's City Government** is comprised of an elected City Council, elected Mayor, appointed Commissioners, and is structured as a statutory city. Most Minnesota cities are incorporated as a statutory city. The Legislature has proved three "plans" or forms of organization for statutory cities: the Standard Plan, Optional Plan A, and Optional Plan B.

Lindström is structured utilizing Optional Plan A, which is a modification of the Standard Plan. It retains the weak mayor-council characteristics, but provides for an appointed clerk, an appointed treasurer (or a combined clerk-treasurer), a mayor, and four or six council members. A more in-depth explanation of these structures can be found on the League of Minnesota Cities website: <https://www.lmc.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/The-Statutory-City.pdf>

The **Lindström City Council**, composed of four elected Council Members and an elected Mayor, is the Governmental body that oversees the operation of the City. Two of the Council members are elected each even-numbered year and serve a four-year term. The Mayor serves a two-year term. The Council meets on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave, Lindström.

## What is Lindström's Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint for the future of Lindström; guiding the use of every parcel of land, both public and private, throughout the City. This includes making land use decisions, preparing and implementing ordinances, preparing capital improvement programs, and influencing the rate, timing, and location of future growth. To view Lindström's current Comprehensive Plan, click [HERE](#).

For livestream meetings, agendas, minutes, and more, click [HERE](#). For city news and public notices, click [HERE](#).



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# Introducing Lindström's City Council

## Meet our 2023 Lindström City Council!

At the [2022 General Election](#) in November, two new Members were elected to the Lindström City Council (4-year terms), and Mayor Kevin Stenson was re-elected as Mayor of the City of Lindström (2-year term). Their terms begin in January of 2023.

**Kevin Stenson,**  
Mayor  
(2023-2024, 2021-2022, 2019-2020)



Mayor Stenson will serve his third term as the Mayor of the City of Lindström beginning in 2023 after taking an Oath of Office.

He previously served as a Lindström City Council Member, and was Chief of Police of the Lakes Area Police Department for 25 years.

**Laurie Burington,**  
Council Member  
(2021-2024,  
2019-2020)



Member Burington began her first 4-year term as a City Council Member in 2021, and served as a City Council Member in 2019 and in 2020.

She previously served as a Lindström Planning Commissioner.

**Linda Merkel,**  
Council Member  
(2021-2024)



Member Merkel began her first 4-year term as a City Council Member in 2021.

**Judy Chartrand,**  
Council Member  
(2023-2026)



Member Chartrand will serve her first term as a City Council Member beginning in January of 2023 after taking an Oath of Office.

She previously served as a Lindström Park Commission Member as well as a Lindström Planning Commission Member.

**Brian Norelius,**  
Council Member  
(2023-2026)



Member Norelius will serve his first term as a City Council Member beginning in January of 2023 after taking an Oath of Office.

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# Lindström's City Administrator Resigns

The City Administrator for Lindström, John Olinger, recently chose to resign, effective at the end of 2022. John stated that he had been sensing a need for a change for quite awhile.

Olinger explained that this will allow the next City Council to set a new course with new leadership. He stated that "this city has been very good to us (him and his wife), and we appreciate that we have had 17 years. We love this community, our kids grew up here, some now live in the community, and we plan to continue to live here. Thank you so much for the years we have been able to serve you. This is truly a "Great Place"."

John commented that he is going to

take some time to contemplate his next steps.

## What does this mean for the city?

The new City Council will be sworn in at the City Council Annual Meeting on January 4, 2023. The process for hiring a new City Administrator, whether or not to designate a Lindström City Staff person as the acting City Administrator, and a plethora of other details will likely be decided upon at the regular City Council meeting on January 19th, unless a Special City Council Meeting is set for this purpose.

In the meantime and in the months to come, City Staff and City Council will

be working together to fill the gap in leadership and take on the responsibilities of this position. Hiring a new City Administrator that is well-qualified and a good fit for a particular city can be a lengthy process. We ask for your patience during this time of transition.

## A note to John from City Staff:

It has been a pleasure to work with you. Your passion for people over things, kindness in the midst of challenges, and dedication to us and this city is commendable. We greatly appreciate you and your leadership. Thank you for all you have done, and we wish you a bright and rewarding future.

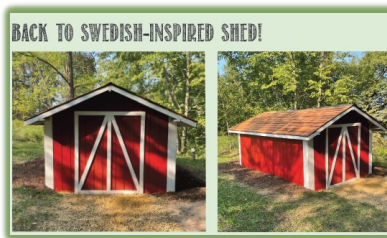


**Did you know? Over HALF of the funding for Lindström's park system improvements in 2022 came from grants or donations from partnering agencies or residents.**

To learn more about Lindström's parks, click here: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department>



Allemansrätt Park Fire Pit:  
Eagle Scout Project,  
Lindström Boy Scout Troop 159



BACK TO SWEDISH-INSPIRED SHED!  
Allemansrätt Park  
Anderson Farmstead Shed Restoration:  
Eagle Scout Project,  
Lindström Boy Scout Troop 159



Allemansrätt Park Bridge &  
Boardwalk Projects



Allemansrätt Park Gravel Beds



Beach Park Landscaping and Floating Boat  
Slip Dock with Kayak Ramp



Olinda Trail Multi-Use Trail

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# Enjoying Winter in Lindström

Lindström and the Chisago Lakes area has a lot to offer for winter activities!



## Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing & Hiking

The 125-acre [Allemansrätt Wilderness Park](#) provides an abundance of trails with primarily hilly terrain. Explore Bull Lake, Anderson Peninsula, and more. Visit our city website's [Parks Department](#) page for more information.

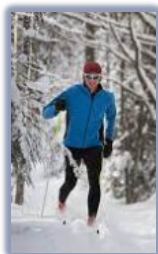
<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department/pages/allemanr%C3%A4tt-park>

[The Swedish Immigrant Trail](#) provides a beautiful, relatively flat terrain for snow shoeing, [fat tire biking](#) (when there's not too much snow), and winter hiking. The snowmobile trail runs alongside sections of the trail, so be sure to stay on the cycling and pedestrian side of the trail when exploring this local treasure.



<https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/481/Swedish-Immigrant-Regional-Trail>

The [Chisago Lakes Golf Course](#) provides and maintains a 2.1 mile groomed cross country skiing trail when there is enough snow. The trail is open to the public. Snowshoeing and hiking is only allowed on the **side of the trail**, not on the trail.



<https://www.chisagolakesgolf.com/>

## Snowmobiling

There are many trails in the area for snowmobiling, which are primarily groomed and maintained by members of the [Wild River Snowmobile Club](#). Depending upon conditions, the trail may open later in the season than anticipated, and could also close temporarily after being opened for the season.

Please respect private property so we can keep the trails that we have. This includes staying on the trail **at all times**, as well as not utilizing the trails when private land owners have closed the trail gates. We rely ENTIRELY on private landowners for our trail system. Thank them by not trespassing.



For information on trail opening dates, temporary closures, trail maintenance, volunteer opportunities, and more, please visit WRSC's website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wildriversnowmobileclub/?pli=1>

To follow WRSC on Facebook, click [HERE](#).

For snowmobile tips, trail maps, regulations and certification, visit <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/index.html>

For City of Lindström ordinances regarding snowmobiles, please refer to the last page of this newsletter.

## Ice fishing

There are many lakes in the area to enjoy this popular winter pastime. Check out the DNR's website for license and safety info, programs and more.

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/ice\\_fishing.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/ice_fishing.html)

Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. To purchase a Minnesota fishing license online or to find out where



you can locally buy a fishing license, visit the Minnesota DNR's website:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/agents.html>

All non-portable ice shelters must be licensed. A portable shelter is defined as a shelter that collapses, folds or is disassembled for transportation. Portable shelters only need licenses and identification when left unattended, which is defined as all occupants being more than 200 feet away. For more information visit:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/shelter.html>

## Ice Safety

White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the below thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.



Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs, and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; make sure to check the ice at least every 150 feet. For more information, please visit the MN DNR's website:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html>

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# City Projects & Development Updates

**Elms Estates:** The utilities are cut off. Only one trailer remains and will be demolished when the weather warms up. The property is privately owned (**not** city-owned), and clearing and clean up of the property continues.

**Golf Estates:** Twelve homes are under construction, with one home occupied.

**Lindstrom Fire Hall:** Construction continues. Completion has been pushed back to 2023.

**Lindstrom Police Hall:** Preparations are being made for next year's bonding bill. Our lobbyist is in place and the project is still on with Minnesota's Management and Budget (MMB) office. We await next steps.

**Maple Street:** The City Engineer conducted a traffic study for Maple Street. Another neighborhood meeting will be scheduled in the Spring of 2023 to discuss the findings of the study.

**Meredees/Peninsula:** The developer did not meet the deadline to file the final plat.

**Morning Sun Phase 4:** The project is on hold for the winter.

**Newlander/Elm Street Reconstruction:** The project is complete for this year. The erosion control blankets on steeply graded areas and the dormant seed has been installed by the contractor. A few of the erosion control devices were left in place to protect from a quick thaw. The rain garden and punch list items will be addressed next year. To learn more about this project, click [HERE](#).

**O'Jay Juice Factory:** [DEED](#) awarded the City \$200,000 in Redevelopment Grant funds and the Chisago County EDA/HRA has committed to a 50/50 partnership up to \$300,000 for the purchase and demolition of the site. Staff met with the owner's representative and have made a preliminary agreement. The City Attorney is drafting a purchase agreement for the EDA and City Council to consider. If all is agreed upon, we hope to close in January 2023. Staff met with three potential land buyers with projects who are considering the site.

**Park Street Parking Lot Utility Undergrounding:** The survey is complete. The City Engineer is designing a plan for City Council consideration and public comment.

**Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two:** The project is on hold for the winter.

**Veteran's Housing (Tingsryd Gardens):** The preliminary plat has been approved but the project has been put on hold until 2023.

## Upcoming Events

### Winter Diva Shopping Event



Thursday, January 26th, 2023  
Shopping All Day, Evening Bingo  
Throughout Downtown Lindström

Shop, eat, and relax during Winter Diva 2023! Get special deals and earn bingo cards at participating downtown Lindström businesses. **Bingo cards must be earned**, and are **NOT** available for purchase at the bingo event. For details, visit Downtown Lindström's Facebook page: [facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom](https://facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom)



### Celebration of the Lakes 2023

Thurs., Feb. 9th - Sunday, Feb. 12th  
Times Vary According to Specific Events  
Throughout Lindström, Center City,  
and Chisago City

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area Celebration of the Lakes! The events that previously took place on North Center Lake

will be held on South Lindstrom Lake this year. **See the events poster** for all confirmed events.

[Save and share Celebration of the Lakes events on Facebook](#), and be sure to follow their page for event updates!



### Allemansrätt Candlelit Hike & Dogsled Rides

Friday, February 10th, 2023  
4pm-8pm (Dogsled Rides)  
5:30pm-9:30pm (Candlelit Hike)  
[Allemansrätt Wilderness Park](#)  
[31316 Olinda Trail North, Lindström](#)

Enjoy a dogsled ride, and a magical, candlelit hike all in one place! Luminaires line the hiking trails to guide your way. Warm up by the bonfire with a complimentary hot cocoa! **FREE admission.**



### Annual Lindström Park Board Polka Party

Saturday, February 11th, 2023  
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.** Beverages, German beer, & food from [Deutschland Meats](#) available for purchase. Music by the [Chmielewski Funtime Band](#). Fun for all ages!



### 2023 Home & Business Expo

Saturday, February 25th, 2023  
10am-4pm  
Sunday, February 26th, 2023  
10am-3pm

[Wildcat Community Center](#)  
[29330 Olinda Trail, Lindström](#)

Looking for fresh ideas for home improvement, saving energy, building, remodeling, landscaping, health, or finance? This event helps people gather a multitude of ideas at one location. Make a connection with area businesses, share ideas and get ready to take the next step. Enjoy seminars and entertainment. Find it all under one roof!

Visit our Community Events page for more info!  
[www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us)



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# Downtown Lindstrom Winter Diva 2023



## Save the Date! JAN 26TH, 2023

-  Register
-  Shop
-  Earn Bingo Cards
-  Play Bingo for Prizes

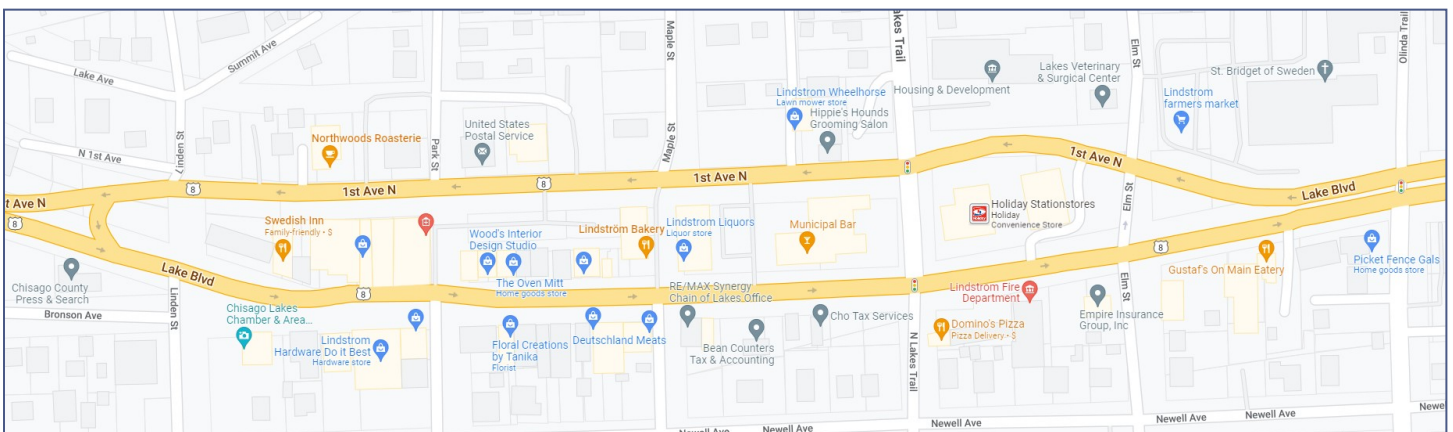
*scan for event details*



Scan the QR code above, or click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/5244748158964587>

More details will be coming soon, so be sure to click *“interested”* or *“going”* on the Facebook event to stay in the know!



To view downtown Lindström on Google Maps, click [HERE](#).

# Celebration of the Lakes- *New Location*

## February 9th - 12th, 2023

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area [Celebration of the Lakes!](#) The events that took place on North Center Lake in previous years will be held on [South Lindstrom Lake](#) in 2023.

**Note:** Schedule may be subject to changes.

Visit website for details: [chisagolakeschamber.com](http://chisagolakeschamber.com)



### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

#### Thursday, February 9th

Ends 4:00 PM Sunday *Photo Contest*

#### Friday, February 10th

4:00 - 8:00 PM *Dogsled Rides* - Allemansratt Park, Lindstrom  
 5:30 - 9:30 PM *Candlelit Hike* - Allemansratt Park, Lindstrom  
 6:00 PM *Puzzle Contest* - Online  
 7:00 - 10:00 *Bags Tournament* - The Uncommon Loon (register here: [events@uncommonloonbrewing.com](mailto:events@uncommonloonbrewing.com))



#### Saturday, February 11th

9:30 - 4:30 *Ice Car Racing* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 10:00 *Medallion Hunt* - Throughout the Chisago Lakes Area  
 10:00 - 4:00 *Vintage Snowmobile Show* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 10:00 - 4:00 *Radar Run* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 10:00 - 4:00 *Kids Pro Snowmobile Races* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 10:00 - 4:00 *Ice Carousel* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 4:00 *Snowmobile Raffle Drawing* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 4:00 - 6:00 *Lasagna Dinner to Go* - Chisago Lake Lutheran Church  
 6:00 - 9:00 *Polka Dance* - Lindstrom City Hall, Lindstrom  
 7:00 PM *Fireworks* - Paradise Park, Chisago City  
 7:30 - 10:30 *Dance* - Frankie's, Chisago City



#### Sunday, February 12th

8:00 - 11:00 *Pancake Breakfast* - Trinity Lutheran Church  
 2:00 - 5:00 *Family Bingo* - Trinity Lutheran Church  
 9:30 - 4:30 *Ice Car Racing* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 12:00 - 3:00 PM *Dodgeball Tournament* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 10:00 - 4:00 PM *Kids Pro Snowmobile Races* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
 1:00 - 3:00 *Ice Fishing Tournament* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom



Come and enjoy great food and refreshments, fresh air, fun people, and the wide variety of festivities- *we look forward to seeing you there!*

For event registration, visit the Chisago Lakes Chamber's website: [chisagolakeschamber.com/events](http://chisagolakeschamber.com/events)

Scan QR code with phone camera for the Chamber's Events Calendar



Click [HERE](#) to view Celebration of the Lakes events on Facebook!

Annual Lindström Park Board  
**POLKA PARTY**

**Saturday, February 11th**  
(During Celebration of the Lakes)

**6pm — 9pm**

**Lindström Community Center**

13292 Sylvan Avenue

Lindström, MN 55045



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Pretzels & Cheese \* German Beer \* Pop & Water

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All skill levels  
welcomed-  
if you don't  
know how to  
polka, we'll  
teach you!



**FREE admission!**  
Fun for all ages.  
*see you there!*



Click [HERE](#) to view this event on Facebook, or click [HERE](#) for the website!



# Disposing of Christmas Trees, Lights & Decorations

Unwanted holiday string lighting can be recycled at the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility ([39649 Grand Ave., North Branch](tel:39649)). Click [HERE](#) for current hours. Other unwanted holiday lighting such as candles or figures should go in the trash.

Disposal of real Christmas trees varies. Check with your refuse/garbage hauler. Some haulers do not take them, and some will take them for a small fee. The Area Compost Site that serves City of Lindström residents is **not open** in the

winter. The privately run waste transfer station, [SRC in Wyoming, MN](#) accepts trees for a fee: 651-462-5298.



An alternative option for natural Christmas trees is to seek out a farm that may give them to their goats, or use them for other purposes. The

[Chisago Lakes Area Community Page](#) on Facebook is a great resource for locating those who may be interested in accepting your tree. Please make sure to remove all lights and decorations prior to donation.

Artificial trees in good condition (with all the parts, stand, and if lighted- in working order) can be donated to [Family Pathways](#) in Lindström, North Branch or Wyoming, and **MUST be boxed or bagged**. If incomplete or broken, place in the garbage. Please contact your desired location to ensure their policy has not changed.



## Julgransplundring “Jool-grän-splun-dring” (Christmas tree plundering):

In Sweden, Christmas officially ends on January 13th on St. Knut’s Day. For several centuries, “Christmas tree plundering” (removing the decorations from the tree & eating the edible ones), dancing around the tree before throwing it out (they used to be thrown out the window!), games & songs have been a part of this day’s traditional winter celebration. **For more information about Julgransplundring & St. Knut’s Day, click [HERE](#).**

# January Meetings & Closures

## Meetings

Jan. 4	City Council Annual Meeting: 5:00pm
Jan. 5	Planning Commission: 6:30pm- <b>CANCELLED</b>
Jan. 9	Park Board: 6:00pm
Jan. 10	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Jan. 11	Police Commission: 6:00pm
Jan. 18	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)- <b>DATE WAS CHANGED</b> from Jan. 9th to Jan. 18th
Jan. 19	City Council: 7:00pm
Jan. 23	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm
Jan. 26	Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)



- View our “City Calendar” on our website’s home page for a complete schedule: [www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://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

Jan. 2	New Year’s Day (Observed)
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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# City Wide Tree & Shrub Trimming On All Plow Routes

Several areas along city streets are becoming overgrown with trees and shrubs. Not only does this cause a hazard by obstructing visibility for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, but it is also problematic for snow plows and emergency vehicles.

The City of Lindström will be trimming trees and shrubs that are within the road right-of-way (ROW) to increase safety and to help minimize damage to plowing and emergency equipment. **This project started in late September, and is anticipated to be completed for the season in mid-December. We will only trim what is needed.**

## What is a Road Right-Of-Way?

### Definition

Right-of-way is a legal right of passage that allows someone the right to travel across property owned by someone else.

Land within the right-of-way is reserved for public use. This may be used for public streets, sidewalks, alleys, public and private utilities, etc. Right-of-way width varies by location. A typical residential street has a right-of-way width of approximately 60 feet.

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### § 90.23 TREES AND OTHER VEGETATIVE PLANTINGS IN CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT AREAS.

(A) Planting trees or other vegetation in the boulevard (street right-of-way) is not allowed without a permit from the city. Trees and other vegetation planted within city rights-of-way shall be maintained by the city.

(B) The city may plant or maintain trees and other vegetation in city rights-of-way and may assess the abutting property for any benefit or costs associated with the planting, maintenance or removal of the tree or other vegetation, whether planted by the city or the property owner.

(C) Trees and other vegetation may be planted and maintained in drainage and utility easements without a permit from the city at the risk of the property owner and provided that the trees or vegetation do not interfere with access to or use of the easement.

(Ord. 04-11-02, passed 11-18-2004) [Penalty, see § 10.99](#)



Example of a Road Right-of-Way (ROW):

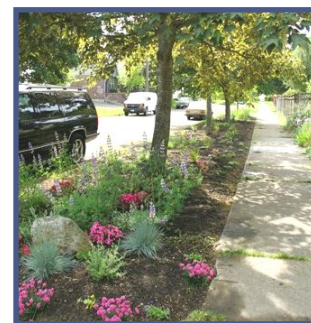
### What to do if your plantings are in the road right-of-way (ROW):

- Relocate your plantings to an area of your yard that is not in the ROW.
- If you choose to keep your plantings in the ROW, be aware that they may be trimmed or removed. Utility companies, as well as the City of Lindström, have the right to do so in the ROW, without compensating or notifying the property owner or tenant.
- Keep your neighborhood safer by keeping your trees and shrubs trimmed.

If you have questions regarding road right-of-way, please contact us at: 651-257-0620 or [contactus@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:contactus@cityoflindstrom.us)

## Right-of-Way Planting

The City of Lindström prohibits planting of trees or other vegetation in the boulevard (road right-of-way). Trees and other vegetation may be planted and maintained in drainage and utility easements without a permit from the city at the risk of the property owner and provided that the trees or vegetation do not interfere with access to or use of the easement. ([Ordinance 90.23](#))



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# LINDSTRÖM

AMERICA'S LITTLE SWEDEN



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phone camera  
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## Winter Notices & 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.
- **During a snow event**, please avoid parking on city streets until the plows have cleared the road.
- If you live in downtown and use the city-owned Park Street Parking Lot for parking, you will need to obtain a winter parking pass. Please contact the **Lakes Area Police Department** for more information using their non-emergency number 651-257-0622 or stop in at **City Hall**.



### Protect Your Mailbox

- Mailboxes that protrude into the street are hard to avoid when snowplowing. Please make sure that your mailbox is the appropriate distance from the curb. Click **HERE** for specific USPS mailbox requirements and measurements.
- Most mailbox damage occurs from **the weight of the snow-** not from being hit by the plow blade. Consider replacing your mailbox with a swing style post.



### Snow Plowing

- 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. This is referred to as **“snow-pushing”** and 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.***

### Snow Plow Safety Tips

Driving too close to snow removal equipment can be extremely dangerous. Follow at a safe distance (at least 5 car lengths away), yield to snowplows, never drive into a snow cloud, and do not use cruise control on wet or icy roads. Avoid passing snowplows, and be patient. Plows travel slower than posted speeds. Stay alert— a snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car! Assume plow truck drivers cannot see you. During a snow event, please avoid parking on city streets until the plows have cleared the road.

*Thank you!*

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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- and is the responsibility of the Property Owner.

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 Shoveling

- **Property owners** are responsible to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow and ice **within 24 hours** of a snowfall event. For the benefit and safety of all pedestrians, please adhere to this [City Ordinance](#) (Ordinances 93.01 & 93.18).
- 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!***

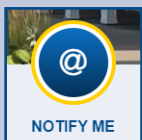


## Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts are not allowed to travel on sidewalks, in city parks, or on private property without permission. Click [HERE](#) for complete City Ordinance information.
- Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts 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, ATV's and golf carts shall only be allowed to travel on City Streets during the winter season, beginning November 1st through March 31st of each year.



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