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Monthly E-Newsletter



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2024

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.



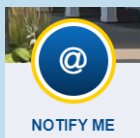
A rabies Certificate of Vaccination document is required at the time of application. This document will contain the rabies vaccination serial number.

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

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2024 City Council Meeting Dates Changed

At the November City Council meeting, Members voted 4-1 to change the **2024 monthly City Council meeting dates to the third Wednesday** of each month instead of the third Thursday.

Since the new schedule will conflict with the City's Harmony in the Park summer concert series, Council Members agreed that the June and July City Council meetings will be held on the third Thursday. No other changes were made to the **2024 City meetings schedule**. The

final schedule was approved at the December City Council meeting.

To view City meetings on video or to read City meeting minutes and agendas, click here:

www.cityoflindstrom.us/home/pages/livestream-meetings-agendas-minutes

Meetings that fall on a holiday are generally re-scheduled to an alternate date. View the City Calendar on our website's

home page for a complete schedule including City Council work sessions, special meetings, cancelled meetings, rescheduled meetings, and City events: www.cityoflindstrom.us

We hope to see you at future City meetings!



Tree Lighting Festival Event Recap

Lindström's Annual Tree Lighting Festival at Memorial Park drew a crowd of around 400 people this year, and a great time was had by all. It was warmer than usual, and kids played in piles of leaves rather than snow. Event goers enjoyed a bonfire, hot cocoa, coffee, s'mores, and freshly grilled hot dogs and brats.

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

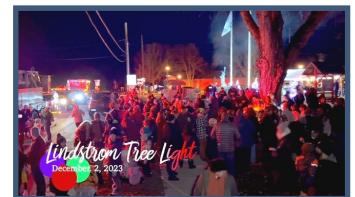


Santa and Mrs. Claus stayed late to meet with and take pictures with all the kids who were waiting in line.



The **Chisago Lakes Ambassadors** greeted all with warm smiles while helping Santa & Mrs. Claus. One of Santa's reindeer was there too, which made for many great photos.

Jack Doepke of Chisago Lakes Public TV made a comprehensive video of the event (click **HERE** to view).



A Special thank you to:

- City of Lindström Park Commission
- Lindström Dairy Queen
- Deutschland Meats
- Northwoods Roasterie
- Lindström Bakery
- Boy Scout Troop #159
- and all of the volunteers who made this event possible!

*Photos in this article are courtesy of Jack Doepke. For additional photos (by Gus Gulbranson), click **HERE**.*

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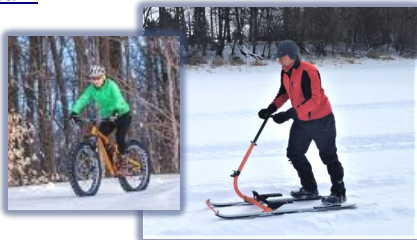
Enjoying Winter in Lindström

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:

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.

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.



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:

sites.google.com/site/wildriversnowmobileclub/?pli=1

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

For snowmobile tips, trail maps, regulations and certification, visit 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.

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:



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:

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, including specific ice thickness guidelines, please visit the MN DNR's website:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html

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City Projects & Development Updates

- Elms Estates:** The owner is actively marketing the property. The property is privately owned (**not** city-owned).
- Golf Estates:** Construction in this development continues.
- Lindström Fire Hall:** See page 3 of the Lindström Ledger Semi-Annual Mailed Newsletter (Fall/Winter) [HERE](#).
- Lakes Area Police Hall:** This project did not make it on the most recent bonding bill. Discussions continue.
- Meredees/Peninsula:** The developer failed to meet the deadline to file the final plat and was **not** given another extension. The property was rezoned back to CBD (Central Business District) during the July City Council meeting. This property is privately owned (**not** city-owned).
- Morning Sun Phase 4:** The City continues to receive building permits.
- Park Street Parking Lot & Utility Undergrounding:** Council and Staff have been meeting with stakeholders individually, and a meeting with City Staff and stakeholders took place in late September. More meetings with all stakeholders will be held at a later date.
- Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail, Newell to Highway 8:** The Park Commission has agreed to a trail alignment option that runs along the north side of Highway 8. More information to come.
- Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two:** Phase two of this development is complete.
- Veteran’s Housing (Tingsryd Gardens):** At the March City Council meeting, Council approved Resolution 20230316-01 granting the developer’s request to extend the deadline for recording of the final plat to March 17, 2024.

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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](#).



Utility Billing

Utility bill postcards are mailed quarterly.

1st Quarter: January-March	Bill mailed: 1st week of April	Bill Due: 1st week of May*
2nd Quarter: April-June	Bill mailed: 1st week of July	Bill Due: 1st week of August*
3rd Quarter: July-September	Bill mailed: 1st week of October	Bill Due: 1st week of November*
4th Quarter: October- December	Bill mailed: 1st week of January	Bill Due: 1st week of February*

**For exact utility bill due dates, please refer to your mailed postcard bill or review your bill online.*

The City is able to read your meter remotely. **Meters are read each quarter**, as close to the end of the quarter as possible.

If you have questions about your water meter, meter readings, and/or utility bills, please contact Assistant Finance Director, Krista Lord, at 651-257-0621 or klord@cityoflindstrom.us

To set up auto pay, to pay online, or to view your bill online, visit our website: www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing



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Upcoming Events



Downtown Lindström

We have a lot to offer here in Lindström!

- Antiques
- Vintage & Repurposed
- Art
- Gifts
- Specialty & Scandinavian
- Food & Drink
- Boutiques
- Services

Shopping local keeps our downtown vibrant, increases local prosperity, is better for the environment, creates jobs, and so much more.

Follow “Downtown Lindström” on Facebook for special shopping events, sales, workshops, classes, and more:

www.facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom



Celebration of the Lakes 2024

February 9 - 11, 2024
Specific Event Times Vary

Throughout Lindström, Center City, & Chisago City

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area Celebration of the Lakes! There will be a wide variety of events both on and off the ice. Because of our unusually warm weather, the event details are still getting finalized. Look for updates on the Chisago Lakes Chamber website. We look forward to seeing you there!

For updates, follow the “Celebration of the Lakes” Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CelebrationoftheLakes

Or visit the Chisago Lakes Chamber website: chisagolakeschamber.com

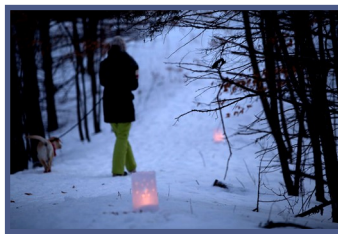
Celebration of the Lakes 2024: Allemansrätt Candlelit Hike

Friday, February 9, 2024
6pm - 8:30pm

Allemansrätt Wilderness Park
31316 Olinda Trail North,
Lindström

Enjoy a magical, candlelit hike through Lindström’s wilderness park! Luminaires line the hiking trails to guide your way. Warm up by the bonfire with a complimentary hot cocoa!

FREE admission



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Lindström Park Board Polka Party!

Saturday, February 10, 2024
6pm - 9pm

Lindström Community Center
13292 Sylvan Ave., 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 will be available for purchase. Fun for all ages!



Polka music by the Bill Koncar Band

Sponsored by: The City of Lindström and Farmers Insurance- Joel Jorget



Chisago Lakes Showcase 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024
9am - 4pm

Wildcat Community Center
29330 Olinda Trail
Lindstrom, MN 55045

Formerly known as the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo, it has been re-named to the Chisago Lakes Showcase and moved to March this year.

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.

FREE admission

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Other Upcoming Events

Watch for details in future newsletters:

- Karl Oskar House Tours, Nordic Folk Music Jam & other Karl Oskar House events
- Memorial Day Paddle
- Harmony in the Park (see page 5)
- Karl Oskar Days
- Allemansrätt Nature Party
- Community Ed (classes & events)
- Chisago Lakes Chamber events, such as Friday Fika and more!
- Various volunteer opportunities



View City of Lindström events on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CityOfLindstrom/events

Visit our Community Events page for more info

www.cityoflindstrom.us



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Harmony In The Park 2024

We have all of the headliner bands booked for the 2024 [Harmony in the Park](#) summer concert series! Some of our favorites will be back again this year, and some of our other favorites will be back in a future season (gotta mix it up a little!).

The opening acts, evening themes, and other details (which start at 6:30pm) are still being finalized so stay tuned- the complete schedule will be available in the spring. After the opening acts and themes are finalized, a "[Facebook event](#)" will be created for each evening. Watch for that in the spring, and share those events with your friends.



Thank you, Rusty Johnson, for all of your efforts in coordinating this free community event!

See all City of Lindström Facebook events here:
www.facebook.com/CityOfLindstrom/events

You can also receive Harmony in the Park updates and other City news via email: www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe

Become A Sponsor for the 2024 Season

This amazing community event would not be possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors. *Thank you, sponsors!* For this year's sponsorship form see the last page of this newsletter or click [HERE](#). **100% of the proceeds go towards Harmony in the Park.**

DATE	BAND (Starts at 7:00)
June 5	The Whitesidewalls <i>50s & 60s Doo-Wop / Rock & Roll</i>
June 12	Lindley Creek <i>Bluegrass</i>
June 19	Jonah & The Whales <i>Rock / Variety</i>
June 26	Songs of the South <i>Alabama Tribute Band</i>
July 3	Darlene & The Boys <i>Country / Variety</i>
July 10	Bob & The Beachcombers <i>Surfin' the 60s & Rockin' the 70s</i>
July 17	Monroe Crossing <i>Bluegrass / Classic Country</i>
July 24	Transit Authority <i>Chicago Tribute Band</i>
July 31	Todd Anderson presents Absolutely Elvis
August 7	Rockin' Hollywoods <i>50s - 80s Rock</i>

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](#)). 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.



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Lindström's City Council

Judy Chartrand,
Mayor
(2023-2024)



Mayor Chartrand is the first female Mayor in the history of Lindström. Her first term as Mayor began on March 3, 2023. She served as a City Council Member immediately prior to her appointment to Mayor. She previously served as a Lindström Park Commission Member as well as a Lindström Planning Commission Member.

Linda Merkel,
Council Member
(2021-2024)



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

Brian Norelius,
Council Member
(2023-2026)



Member Norelius began his first 4-year term as a City Council Member in January of 2023.

Greg Krueger,
Council Member
(2023-2024)



Member Krueger began his first term as a City Council Member on March 16, 2023. He served as a Lindström EDA Commission Member immediately prior to his appointment to Lindström's City Council.

David Waldoch,
Council Member
(1998-2004, 2017-2020, 2023-2024)



Member Waldoch began his current term as a City Council Member on March 16, 2023. He was previously a Lindström City Council Member during multiple terms since 1998. He previously served as a Lindström Planning Commission Member from 1988-1998, and again from 2004-2017.

Questions or concerns?

Our City Council is here to listen. To contact them by email or by phone, click here:

www.cityoflindstrom.us/city-council

Or mail or drop off a letter to them at Lindström City Hall:
City of Lindström, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045

This Month's Meetings & City Hall Closures

January 2024: Scheduled City Meetings

Jan. 4 (Thurs.)	Joint Planning Commission & City Council Meeting: 6:30pm
Jan. 8 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Jan. 8 (Mon.)	Park Board: 6:00pm
Jan. 9 (Tues.)	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Jan. 10 (Wed.)	Police Commission: 6:30pm (Chisago City's City Hall)
Jan. 17 (Wed.)	City Council: 7:00pm
Jan. 22 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission (CLJSTC): 5:30pm
Jan. 25 (Thurs.)	Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)
No Meeting	<u>Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR):</u> 5:30pm (Alternating Locations)
No Meeting	Fire Relief Association: 7:00pm (Lindström Fire Hall)

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- 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.

January 2024: City Hall Closed

Jan. 1 (Mon.)	<u>New Year's Day</u>
Jan. 15 (Mon.)	<u>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</u>



Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

www.cityoflindstrom.us



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AMERICA'S LITTLE SWEDEN



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& scan QR

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!

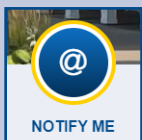


Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- 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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2024 Harmony in the Park Sponsorship Form

This amazing event would not be possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors. ***Thank you, sponsors!***

2024 Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum	\$500 and up
Gold	\$200 - \$499
Silver	\$100 - \$199
Bronze	\$25 - \$99



Banners (\$200 & up only), press releases, posters, and flyers will acknowledge your sponsorship. A verbal acknowledgement will also be made at each concert.



Sponsorship donations must be received by **Friday, May 3, 2024** to be included on marketing materials. If we receive your sponsorship after the above date, your name/business will still be verbally acknowledged at each concert and will be included on our website, but will not be included on any of the *Harmony in the Park* marketing materials.

All donations/sponsorship can be dropped off at, or mailed to:
Lindström City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045

Make checks payable to: City of Lindström.

Debit or credit card payment: Call or stop in at Lindström City Hall at 651-257-0620 during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 7am – 4:30pm and Friday 7am – Noon)

(Please return this portion with your payment.)

Yes, I want to be a Harmony in the Park Sponsor!

Name/Business name as you want shown on marketing materials (**deadline 5-3-2024**):

Check box if you wish to remain anonymous

Amount of Sponsorship: \$ _____ ***Thank you!***

To receive a copy of your receipt via email, please complete below:

Email: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Receipt # _____

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