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FEBRUARY 2022

Utility Bill Due Date Extended

Due to a processing error beyond our control, many people received their utility bill 1-2 weeks later than normal.

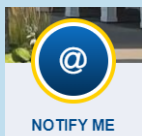
Some of the postcard bills were labeled with a yellow sticker from the post office. Please disregard the sticker. This was part of the processing error, and does NOT indicate any problem with your billing address.

The revised due date is February 28th, 2022 instead of February. 7th.

For questions about your utility bill, please 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.



LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

Monthly E-Newsletter

Cooking Oil Harms Our Sewer System

When hot cooking oil cools down, it solidifies and sticks to the inside walls of your kitchen pipes. Over time, the solids can build up and clog your pipes. This can lead to backups, flooding, & huge plumbing bills.



Cooking oil can also damage our

sewer system, including our lift stations, resulting in costly cleaning and repairs.

Tips on how to safely dispose of used cooking oil:

- Strain it so there are no food particles
- Put it in a sealed plastic container (glass will work as long as it has a lid)
- Let it harden in the container, then double bag it

- Throw it in your trash; [Chisago County Hazardous Waste](#) will also accept cooking oil (in large amounts)

Thank you for your cooperation!



Lindström's Coffee Pot Water Tower

Our famous downtown coffee pot water tower is located in *Kaffe Kanna Park*, on the north side of the city-owned Municipal Bar.

The city's original water tower was constructed of wood and steel, and was replaced in 1908.



In 1920, a 500 candlepower light was installed on top of the tank, which could be seen as far as North Branch and Forest Lake! The light was nicknamed the "Star of Lindstrom".

A fire siren was added to the

structure in 1933, and the 1908 wooden tank was replaced with a steel tank in the 1940's.

By 1991 it was time for a larger capacity water tower. Instead of tearing the old one down, it was converted to the coffee pot structure you see today.

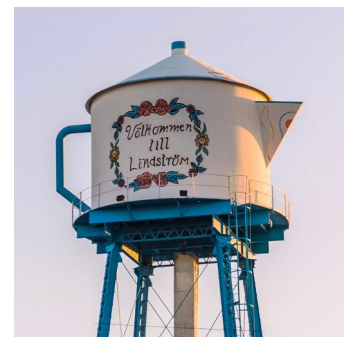
Marlene Smith of Plastic Products Company donated \$15,000 towards the conversion. This covered almost the entire cost of the project.

The project included adding the handle, spout and knob, repainting the structure, and adding the hand lettering "Välkommen till Lindström" and rosemaling designs to the tower's reservoir.

It has become a Lindström icon, and has recently been featured on the news, in a

Minnesota Calendar, and several travel publications.

When the city logo was updated last year, the coffee pot water tower was made a key element in the design. We look forward to enjoying this tribute to our city's history and Swedish heritage for many years to come.



For a more in-depth history and additional pictures, click [HERE](#).

City Projects & Development Updates

Meredees/Peninsula- The Developer stated that production is now in queue at the factory, despite material shortages.

Morning Sun Phase 3 & 4- Phase 3 has only five lots remaining. The developer will extend the road this spring, and then start on Phase 4, which will consist of 22 units. Phase 4 is the final phase of this development.

Golf Estates- The first home is going up. 32 lots remain.

Albrecht Land- Next is annexation and final plat.

Olinda Apartments- Projected occupancy is end of January, early February.

Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two- This development, off of County Road 19, is a replat of 11 lots with 4 additional lots, for a total of 15 new townhome lots. The 11 lots to the south are available now, after the developer was able to solve the gas main issue.

Glader Blvd. Linn Lake Preserve/Olinda Trail- Staff is reviewing a development concept from a developer.

Veteran's Housing (Tingsryd Gardens)- A preliminary plat for 8 townhomes, which will surround the Community Garden that is across from the new Fire Hall location, was submitted to the City for consideration.

Allemansratt Bridge- Progress continues. The boardwalk is nearly complete. Bridge work started with installation of the helical piles.

Olinda Trail Trail- Plans are complete. City Council authorized going to bid (opening in March), following final MnDot approvals.

Lindstrom Fire Hall- The block walls are up. There will be a brief break in the construction process during February. The wall panels, trusses and roof will arrive during first quarter of 2022. Completion is hopefully in December 2022.

Lindstrom Police Hall- The project was included on the Governor's bonding list in mid-January.

Newlander/Elm Street- A total reconstruct for the section of road is anticipated this summer. Plans are at 50%, and another neighborhood meeting will be scheduled for February. Following resident comment, plans will be finalized and presented to City Council.

Peninsula Ave./Irene Court- A reclaim is scheduled for this year— no dates yet. This will be similar to last year's Cedar Ridge project.

Upcoming Events



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!

There will be a wide variety of out-
door and indoor events, as well as an
online puzzle contest.

**See the complete schedule & event
registration info on the next page.**

Come and enjoy food and refresh-
ments, fresh air, great people, and the
wide variety of festivities!

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' fash-
ioned polka party. If you don't know
how to polka, we'll teach you!

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

2022 Home & Business Expo

Saturday, February 26th, 10am-4pm
Sunday, February 27th, 11am-3pm
**Wildcat Community Center
29330 Olinda Trail, Lindström**

Looking for fresh ideas for home
improvement, saving energy, building,
remodeling, landscaping, health and
finance? It's a one-stop shop for a
multitude of ideas, products and
services.

Enjoy seminars and entertainment,
make a connection with area
businesses, share new ideas and get
ready to take the next step. Find out
more on the Chisago Lakes Chamber
website.

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Visit our Community
Events page for more info

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Many Free Events

Chisago Lakes Chamber

CELEBRATION OF THE LAKES

FEBRUARY 10-13 2022

THUR\$ 10TH - \$UN 13TH

10:00 AM - Sunday 4 PM
CELEBRATION OF DIVAS SHOPPING
Downtown Lindstrom
Final Photos Due By Sunday 4 PM
PHOTO CONTEST

\$ATURDAY 12TH

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM ICE RACING North Center Lake
10:00 AM MEDALLION HUNT
Clues will be posted on Chamber Facebook Page
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM FOOD STANDS N. Center Lake
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE Center City
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM WILD RIVER SNOWMOBILE CLUB
RADAR RUN North Center Lake
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM KID'S PRO SNOWMOBILE RACES
North Center Lake
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM ICE CAROUSEL North Center Lake
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM LASAGNA DINNER TO-GO
Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM POLKA DANCE Lindstrom City Hall
7:00 PM FIREWORKS Paradise Park
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM DANCE Frankie's Marine

FRIDAY 11TH

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM DOGSLEDS Allemenratt Park
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM CANDLELIT TRAIL HIKE
Allemenratt Park
6:00 PM PUZZLE CONTEST Online
6:00 pm - 8:00 PM SWEETHEART DINNER Gustaf's Eatery
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM BAGS TOURNEY Uncommon Loon

SUNDAY 13TH

8:00 AM - 11:30 PM Pancake Breakfast
Trinity Lutheran Church - Lindstrom
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM Ice Racing - North Center Lake
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
North Center Lake
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM KID'S PRO SNOWMOBILE RACES
North Center Lake
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM FISHING TOURNAMENT - N. Center Lake
2:00 AM - 5:00 PM FAMILY BINGO - Trinity Lutheran Church
11:30 AM - 4:00 PM FOOD STAND - Chill and Hot Dogs
North Center Lake

THANK YOU SPONSORS

Do you want to participate in a *Celebration of the Lakes* event? Click on the links below for registration info!

Pre-Registration Required:

- **Puzzle Contest:**
<https://business.chisagolakeschamber.com/events/details/celebration-of-the-lakes-330>
- **Dodgeball Tournament*:**
<https://business.chisagolakeschamber.com/events/details/celebration-of-the-lakes-330>
- **Bags Tournament:**
events@uncommonloonbrewing.com
- **Ice Fishing Tournament*:**
Purchase a \$10 button at the *Chisago Lakes Chamber*, *Frankie's*, *Northwoods Roasterie*, or *Deutschland Meats*. The button is the entry for the tournament or people can sign up that day. More information here:
<https://www.facebook.com/Chisagolakeslionsclub>

***Dodgeball and Ice Fishing** will be open to day-of registrations, but it's nice to have people sign up ahead of time for planning purposes.

- **Online Photo Contest:**
Online only. Rules/directions will be posted shortly, but the idea is that people will "submit" their photos by using a specific hashtag. For updates, click [HERE](#) for the *Chisago Lakes Chamber* website, or click [HERE](#) for the *Celebration of the Lakes* Facebook page.

Click [HERE](#) for the *Celebration of the Lakes* Facebook page! Stay up to date with last minute schedule or event changes, view or post photos, and view contest winners.

For more event information, visit the *Chisago Lakes Chamber's* website:

<https://business.chisagolakeschamber.com/events/details/celebration-of-the-lakes-330>

Click on the above schedule for a printable PDF.

See you there!



Understanding Our Local Government Structure

Lindstrom was incorporated in 1893 as a city, authorized through State Statute and organized as a Plan A.

That means we have a Mayor and City Council, and a City Administrator as the administrative heads of the City. The Mayor and four City Council Members are elected by you, to lead the City.

To help them make decisions they appoint Advisory Commissions: Planning, Parks and Economic Development Authority. The Council, similar to a Board of

Directors of a private company, has a business plan called the Comprehensive Plan. This plan outlines the Vision, Mission and Values of the City. Our Comprehensive Plan envisions a “Great Place.” A place where anyone living, visiting or working in our community would comment, “This is a great place!” The Council outlined in the Comprehensive Plan what it will take to be that place.

Check out your Comprehensive Plan online at <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/city-council/files/comprehensive-plan-2017>. You will find answers to why the City

pursues certain projects and takes certain actions.

If you wish to participate in your local government, consider running for Council or serving on one of your Commissions.

-John Olinger, City Administrator



Swedish Phrase: "Ska vi fika?" (skå vee fee-kå?)

Use the above phrase to ask someone to fika! *Fika* is an important tradition in Swedish culture. It means making time for friends to share a cup of coffee and a treat, and is common among colleagues in & out of the workplace too. Many Swedes make time for *fika* every day. Learn more [HERE](#).

February Meetings & Closures

Meetings

- Feb. 3 **Planning Commission:** 6:30pm
- Feb. 7 **Park Board:** 6:00pm
- Feb. 8 **EDA (Economic Development Authority):** 7:30am
- Feb. 14 **Cable Commission:** 4:00pm
- Feb. 17 **City Council:** 7:00pm
- Feb. 28 **Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission:** 5:30pm

Police Commission: No February meeting.

Library Commission: No February 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– Presidents’ Day: Monday, 2/21/22



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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