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# LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

## Monthly E-Newsletter



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### 4th Quarter Utility Bills Due Feb. 14th

To view or pay your utility bill, click on “Online Utility Payments” on our website. You can also download the “PSN Payments” from the [App Store®](#) or [Google Play™](#).

For PSN phone payments, call 1-877-885-7968. Have your bill handy to provide your customer account number. On the first call you will register. Future calls are just four steps.

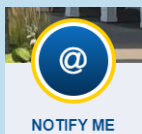
We can also set-up your utility bill account to automatically withdraw your payment from your checking or savings account on the due date. Credit/debit cards, checks and cash are accepted in person at City Hall, or call City Hall to pay with a debit/credit card.

Checks are accepted by mail or in the drop box located at City Hall.

For questions about your utility bill, please contact Krista at 651-257-0621 or [klord@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto: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.



## 2023 Mayor and Council Vacancies

As you may have heard, we recently had some staffing changes and changes in the City Council. Please read the message below from Acting Mayor Chartrand.

**Message  
from Acting  
Mayor  
Chartrand  
(1/25/2023)**



### **Managing Council Transition**

Recently, Mayor Stenson and Council Member Burington

resigned. Their resignations were unexpected, but rest assured, the City of Lindstrom is doing well. There was no major event or emergency that led to a leadership change. Lindstrom has a sound budget, a high-performing and experienced staff who will continue to provide excellent services, and a council committed to the best interests of Lindstrom.

Whenever change occurs, people ask “why” and try to fill in the gaps. That is under-

standable, but I ask that folks not over speculate. The 2023 Council was together for a very short time, but there was universal agreement on core priorities: provide quality services to residents, keep the neighborhoods safe, manage the budget with care, foster a robust downtown business sector. The day-to-day operations of Lindstrom are running smoothly and will continue to do so. To determine how the open Mayor and Council seats should be filled, we

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## Council Appoints Interim City Administrator

At a [Special City Council meeting](#) on January 12, 2023, Lindström’s City Council appointed Lindström’s Deputy Clerk/Office Manager, Melissa (Missy) Glenna, as the Interim City Administrator.



Photo courtesy of the  
Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce  
(photo taken by Renee Dabill)

This came as a result of the former City Administrator, John Olinger, resigning at the end of 2022 after 17 years with the city.

Missy has 13 years of local government experience as a Clerk, with 5 of those years as the City of Lindström’s Deputy Clerk. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and is a Board Member of the [Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce](#).

An Interim City Administrator takes on the role of City Administrator until the City Council appoints someone permanently to the position. In the January 12th meeting,

City Council discussed revising the City Administrator job description, and how they will move forward with the hiring process for a permanently appointed City Administrator. You can view the minutes from that meeting, as well as other city meetings, here: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/home/pages/livestream-meetings-agendas-minutes>

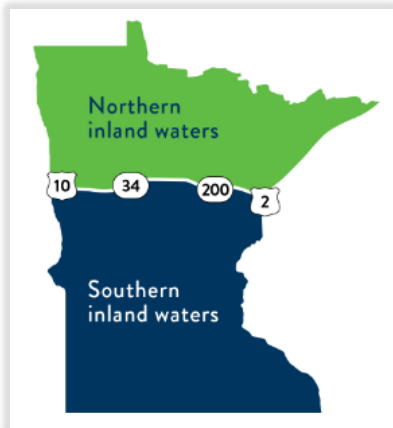
Hiring a new City Administrator that is well-qualified and is a good fit for the city can take several months. We appreciate your patience in this time of transition, and look forward to having a permanent City Administrator appointed as quickly as possible.

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# Ice Shelters & Fishing License Reminders

## Shelter Removal Deadlines

In the Chisago Lakes area, dark houses, fish houses and portables **must be off the ice no later than 11:59pm on March 6, 2023.** County sheriffs may prohibit or restrict the use of motorized vehicles if dangerous ice conditions are present.



If shelters are not removed, owners will be prosecuted. A conservation officer also may confiscate, remove or destroy any ice structure and its contents if not removed by the deadline.

For more information, please visit the MN DNR website:  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/shelter.html>

## Ice Is Never 100% Safe

There have been numerous reports of thin ice in various areas on our local lakes. Even in ideal conditions, ice is never considered 100% safe.



## Fishing License Renewals

You need to buy a Minnesota fishing license if you're 16 or older. **Annual licenses allow you to fish from March 1 to the last day of February the following year.**

Lower-cost licenses are available for shorter time periods. There is an added cost to fish for trout, salmon or sturgeon.

In most cases, Minnesotans don't need a license if you're fishing in a state park. The DNR's complete listing of fishing licenses can help you decide what to buy.

For more information, please visit the MN DNR website:

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

# 2023 Mayor and Council Vacancies (continued from page 1)

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consulted with the League of MN Cities. If there is less than 2 years remaining in the unexpired term, the standard process is for Council to appoint someone to fill the term as quickly as possible. We will follow this standard process.

If you want to be considered for one of the open seats, please contact Missy Glenna (Interim City Administrator) or a Council member. Council will hold a Special Meeting, open to the public, to vote on the appointments. We have not finalized a date yet, but anticipate the second week of February. The public will be notified as soon as we select a date.

I am confident that we will navigate change with grace and purpose, and the end result will be positive. If people have any questions or concerns, they should reach out to Council Members or Missy Glenna and we will respond.

**Are you are interested in serving as Mayor or as a City Council Member, or do you have questions or concerns?**

## Please Contact:

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Acting Mayor  
[jchartrand@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:jchartrand@cityoflindstrom.us)  
(651) 334-1263



**Linda Merkel,**  
City Council Member  
[lmerkel@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:lmerkel@cityoflindstrom.us)  
(651) 400-2242



**Brian Norelius,**  
City Council Member  
[bnorelius@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:bnorelius@cityoflindstrom.us)  
(651) 243-8115



**Melissa (Missy) Glenna,**  
Interim City Administrator  
[mglenna@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:mglenna@cityoflindstrom.us)  
(651) 257-0620



The **deadline** for submitting a letter of interest for the positions of Mayor or City Council Member (email is preferred) is **Friday, February 3, 2023 at noon.**

## Learn More

For information about responsibilities, roles, and eligibility of Mayor and City Council, and more, click here:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/city-council/pages/2023-mayor-and-council-vacancies>

**Special City Council Meeting**  
Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:00pm

Because there are less than two years remaining in the terms of the vacated offices, City Council can appoint someone to fill the vacancies of both Mayor and Council Member, and no special election is needed. (see Minnesota State Statutes Section 412.02 subdivision 2a).

City Council will discuss the process for appointing a Mayor and City Council Member at this meeting. Appointing for these positions will occur at a separate meeting, which is yet to be scheduled. For livestream meetings, agendas and minutes, click here:  
[www.cityoflindstrom.us/home/pages/livestream-meetings-agendas-minutes](https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/home/pages/livestream-meetings-agendas-minutes)

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## Thank You, Council Members & Commissioners



**Dear former Mayor Stenson, and former City Council Members Bill Schlumbohm, Sr., Scott Hildebrand, and Laurie Burington:**

We are so grateful for your years of service, dedication, and hard work that you put in to lead and guide this city. You have much to be proud of, and we know how much you love Lindström.

At any given City Council meeting you had to make decisions that will impact several generations on a vast array of topics, including fire and police, budget, road maintenance, parks, housing, land use, vendor contracts, and so much more.

To do this you attended work shops, trainings, council meetings, county meetings, and committee meetings, as well as several public events. The

preparation required for each of these tasks is generally time consuming, and often comes with the difficult task of balancing policy, legal requirements, budget, and community feedback.

While we know you have more than earned a break, we hope you will still pour your hearts into this community, even if it is no longer through the avenue of City Council. Your wisdom and experience can continue to benefit this community in numerous ways.

Each and every one of you will be sorely missed, and we wish you the best. We thank you all.



**Dear former Park Board Members John Renaker and Ian Dudley:**

Your many years of service on the Lindström Park Board have helped

bring about some remarkable changes in this community. From seeing the fruition of the Allemansrätt Wilderness and Swedish Heritage Park and the numerous improvements made there, to butterfly gardens, and the wide variety of improvements throughout our city's park system, you both have helped to accomplish so much.

The joy that our park amenities bring to Lindström can be difficult to quantify. But all you have to do is visit one of the city's parks or attend a Park Board sponsored event to see smiling faces, people enjoying their friends and families, and creating new connections. This is what community is all about.

We are so grateful for your dedication to the Park Board and to park projects, but also for the many volunteer hours you put in during community events. For this and so much more, we thank you both.

**For more information about our Park Board, click here:**

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-recreation-commission>

## The Story of Lindström's "Umlauts"

It is not known whether or not Daniel Lindstrom used the spelling of "Lindstrom" or "Lindström" before he came to America. However, many who immigrated to the United States altered their name to be "more American".

In 2021, there were over 25,000 individuals in Sweden with the surname "Lindström", and only around 10 individuals in Sweden with the surname "Lindstrom". It seems highly probable that Daniel changed his name.

The spelling of the city's name was changed to contain the "ö" in 1996, when the King and Queen of Sweden came to visit Lindström. But the name change was not made official until April of 2015, when Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton signed an executive order to restore the so-called "umlaut" (¨) over the "o" on the Lindström city limits sign. However, both the USGS and the U.S. Census Bureau still record the city's name as "Lindstrom".

What many refer to as "umlauts" regarding Lindström's spelling are actually not umlauts at all, as the Swedish language does not utilize umlauts. Instead, the [Swedish alphabet](#) contains 3 additional letters, one of them being the letter "ö" (an "o" with the two dots above).

Actual umlauts are commonly found in German and Hungarian languages, and are used to indicate a different vowel quality rather than being its own letter of the alphabet.

**To learn more about the history of Lindström click here:**

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/about>



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# City Projects & Development Updates

**Albrecht Development at North Lindstrom Lake:** We are awaiting next steps from the developer.

**Elms Estates:** The utilities are cut off, and all of the units have been removed. The property is privately owned (**not** city-owned), and clearing and clean up of the property continues. The owner is actively marketing the property.

**Golf Estates:** Construction in this development continues.

**Lindstrom Fire Hall:** Construction continues, and an architectural walk through is scheduled for February 1. Permanent electric has not yet been completed. Completion has been pushed back to spring/summer of this year.

**Lindstrom Police Hall:** Preparations are being made for this year's bonding bill. Our lobbyist is in place and the project is still on with Minnesota's Management and Budget (MMB) office. A meeting with Senator Koran and Rep. Neu Brindley is scheduled for February 3.

**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.

**Mercedes/Peninsula:** The developer failed to meet the deadline to file the final plat.

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

**Newlander/Elm Street Reconstruction:** 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 this year. To learn more about this project, click [HERE](#).

**O'Jay Juice Factory:** [DEED](#) awarded the City \$200,000 in Redevelopment Grant funds at the end of 2022. The EDA will have a closed meeting to discuss the appraisal (private data) of the property.

**Park Street Parking Lot Utility Undergrounding:** The survey is complete. We are awaiting a concept plan from the City Engineer. This project will be discussed at a future City Council work session.

**Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail, Newell to Highway 8:** Following meetings with the property owners at Highway 8/Olinda Trail, the Park Commission revised the trail alignment. At the December Council meeting, business owners on the proposed new trail alignment were not in favor due to safety and losing parking spaces.

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

**Veteran's Housing (Tingsryd Gardens):** This project is on hold due to financing.

## Upcoming Events



### 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! **Most or all of the events that were scheduled to be held on South Lindstrom Lake are either moved off the ice or cancelled.** See the [Chamber website](#) for updates.

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



### Allemansrätt Candlelit Hike

Friday, February 10th, 2023  
5:30pm-9:30pm

[Allemansrätt Wilderness  
& Swedish Heritage Park  
31316 Olinda Trail North, Lindström](#)



Enjoy a magical, candlelit hike through this local hidden gem! Luminaires line the hiking trails to guide your way. Warm up by the bonfire with a complimentary hot cocoa.  
**FREE admission!**

### **The dogsled rides are cancelled.**

We look forward to better ice conditions next year so we can enjoy this family favorite event again.



### 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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*Come out and celebrate winter throughout the Chisago Lakes area!*

Thursday, February 9th through Sunday, February 12th

*Thursday, February 9th*

Photo Contest Begins - Due by Sunday, February 12th at 4:00 pm

*Friday, February 10th*

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dogsleds _____	Allemansrätt Park
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sweetheart Dinner _____	Gustaf's on Main Eatery
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Candlelit Trail Hike _____	Allemansrätt Park
6:00 pm	Puzzle Contest _____	Online
6:00 pm	Kids Movie Night (RSVP required) _____	Strom Hall - Ojiketa Park
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cabernet Cabaret Show _____	Winehaven Winery
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Bags Tournament _____	The Uncommon Loon
10:00 pm	Fish Writing Contest Deadline _____	Twinflower Books

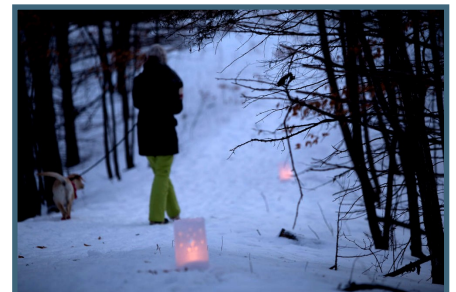
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*Gustaf's Eatery  
Sweetheart Dinner*

*\$60 / Couple  
Salmon or  
Chicken Kiev  
reservations  
required  
651 263 0737*



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



# Saturday, February 11th

9:30 am - 4:30 pm	Ice Car Racing _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am	Medallion Hunt _____	Clues posted on Chamber FB & IG
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Wild River Snowmobile Food Stand _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Rotary Food Tent _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ice Carousel _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Vintage Snowmobile Show _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Wild River Snowmobile Club Radar Run _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Kids Pro Snowmobile Races _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Pond Hockey _____	South Lindström Lake
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Good Neighbors Club Turkey Bowling _____	South Lindström Lake
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Chisago-Lindström Lakes Assn. S'mores _____	South Lindström Lake
3:00 pm	Community Meal - Booya _____	The Uncommon Loon
4:00 pm	Snowmobile Raffle Drawing _____	South Lindström Lake
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Lasagna Dinner To Go _____	Lower parking lot of Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Polka Dance _____	Lindström City Hall
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cabernet Cabaret Show _____	Winehaven Winery
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Dance - F'N Radio _____	The Uncommon Loon

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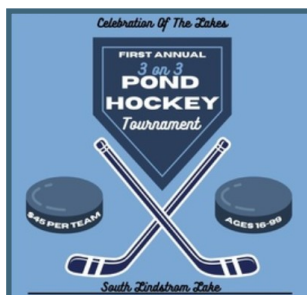
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## Sunday, February 12th

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast _____	Trinity Lutheran Church
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Grumpy Old Men Church Service __	Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
9:30 am - 4:30 pm	Ice Car Racing _____	South Lindström Lake
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Kids Pro Snowmobile Races _____	South Lindström Lake
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Pond Hockey _____	South Lindström Lake
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Dodgeball Tournament _____	South Lindström Lake
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Lion's Food Stand _____	South Lindström Lake
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Lion's Ice Fishing Tournament _____	Channel between South Lindström & Chisago Lake
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Family Bingo _____	Trinity Lutheran Church



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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



Joel Jordet  
651.337.8600

Food for purchase by Deutschland Meats  
Brats/Sauerkraut \* Shredded Pork Sandwiches  
Pretzels & Cheese \* German Beer \* Pop & Water

*Sponsored by: City of Lindström and Farmers Insurance*



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!*



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# Harmony in the Park

## 2023 Summer Concert Series PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

**Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm  
Lions Park Band Shell—(Next to City Hall)**

**All Concerts are FREE to the Public!**

*Concerts will be held in the Lindstrom Community Center if there is inclement weather.*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>BAND (Starts at 7:00)</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>The White Sidewalls</b> <i>50s &amp; 60s Doo-Wop / Rock &amp; Roll</i>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>A Hard Days Night</b> <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Transit Authority</b> <i>Chicago Tribute Band</i>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Song of the South</b> <i>Alabama Tribute Band</i>
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Bob &amp; the Beachcombers</b> <i>Surfin' the 60s &amp; Rockin' the 70s</i>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Jonah &amp; The Wales</b> <i>Rock/Variety</i>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Monroe Crossing</b> <i>Bluegrass / Classic Country</i>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>The Dweebs</b> <i>Top Hits from the 60s thru Today</i>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Elvis Tribute with Todd Anderson</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>Rockin' Hollywoods</b> <i>50s-80s Rock</i>

**Events  
start at 6:30pm  
(TBD)**

**To receive the final  
schedule (when available),  
including events:**

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parks-department/  
pages/harmony-park](https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department/pages/harmony-park)



# Harmony in the Park Sponsorship Form

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

## Sponsorship Levels for the 2023 Season:

Corporate (Platinum)	\$500 and up
Business (Gold)	\$200 - \$499
Supporting (Silver)	\$100 - \$199
Family/Individual (Bronze)	\$25 - \$99

**100% of your sponsorship goes towards Harmony in the Park**

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 5, 2023 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 5-5-2023**):

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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
Code 238-36230



# Emerald Ash Borer Is Now In Lindström

As of late 2022, the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed an infestation of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Lindström.

### What is emerald ash borer?

Emerald ash borer larvae kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark and feeding on the part of the tree that moves nutrients up and down the trunk.



Minnesota is highly susceptible to the destruction caused by this invasive insect. The state has approximately one billion ash trees, the most of any state in the nation. The biggest risk of spreading EAB comes from people unknowingly moving firewood or other ash products harboring larvae.

It is important for property owners to begin making decisions regarding their ash trees.

Property owners should consider the city to be generally infested with EAB, meaning any ash tree not currently being treated with insecticide has a high likelihood of being infested at some

level- whether showing signs or not.

To learn more about EAB in Lindström, how to identify emerald ash borer, how to keep it from spreading, what to do if you have infected ash trees on your property, and more, please visit our website:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/resident-information/pages/emerald-ash-borer>

The MN Department of Agriculture offers webinars that cover the basics of EAB biology, detection, management and regulations. To sign up for webinars or to view past webinars, visit the MDA website: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab>



### Alla hjärtans dag “[alla yartäns dog](#)” (all hearts day):

In Sweden, Valentine’s Day is called All Hearts Day. While many Swedes celebrate this holiday in the same way Americans do (sweets, flowers, gifts, romantic dinners, etc.), candy hearts, jelly hearts, and kärleksmums (love treats) are a favorite. Kärleksmums, also called mockarutor or snoddas, is one of Sweden’s most popular chocolate cakes. For an authentic recipe click [HERE](#).



# February Meetings & Closures

## Meetings

- Feb. 2 Planning Commission: 6:30pm
- Feb. 6 Park Board: 6:00pm
- Feb. 9 Special City Council Meeting (see article on pages 1 & 2): 5:00pm
- Feb. 13 Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
- Feb. 14 EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
- Feb. 16 City Council: 7:00pm
- Feb. 27 Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm

Library Commission: No meeting this month.

Police Commission: No meeting this month.

- 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

Feb. 20 Presidents’ Day



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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 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.

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/lindstrom/latest/lindstrom\\_mn/0-0-0-5817#JD\\_90.23](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/lindstrom/latest/lindstrom_mn/0-0-0-5817#JD_90.23)

#### § 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):

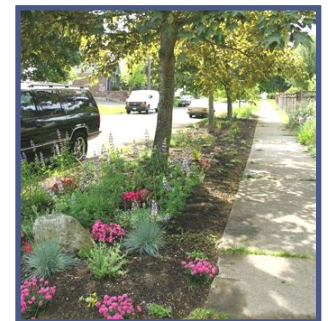
#### What to do if your plantings are in the road right-of-way (ROW):

- 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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## 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!*

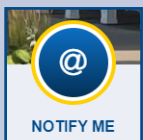


## Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- 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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