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LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

Monthly E-Newsletter



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4th Quarter Utility Bills Due Feb. 13th

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.

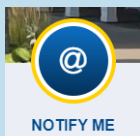
Checks are accepted by mail or in the drop box located at City Hall.

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

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City Planning & Priorities: What's In Store For 2024

An Update From Mayor Judy Chartrand



The late Yogi Berra once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." To make sure we don't end up "someplace else", the [Lindström City Council](#) spent quite a bit of 2023 determining where we are going as a City.

In 2023, we welcomed a new City Administrator (Dan Udem),

developed a 10-year financial plan and a 10-year road maintenance and repair plan.

The Commercial/Industrial Business Task Force completed their work in exploring options for expanding the City's commercial tax base.

The Council and City Commissions came together to identify Lindström's Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats by completing a SWOT analysis.

Meetings with business owners were also held to better understand their needs and priorities, and in November the [Budget Open House](#) at City Hall gave residents an opportunity to review the aforementioned plans and offer their input.

All this work led up to the [2024 budget approval](#) which represented a 7.94% increase, lower than the previous 3 year's increases.

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Karl Oskar Days (KOD) Sponsors Needed

JULY 10 - 13
(WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY)
2024

- ✓ FIREWORKS
- ✓ CAR SHOW
- ✓ VENDOR FAIR
- ✓ PARADE
- ✓ BEER GARDEN
- ✓ FAMILY FUN NIGHT
- ✓ FOOD VENDORS
- ✓ ENTERTAINMENT
- ✓ STREET DANCE
- ✓ MORE!

Karl Oskar Days would not be possible without the support of community members like YOU. *Thank you!*

There are many ways to support KOD:

- ◇ Volunteering
- ◇ Monetary Donation
- ◇ Product or Gift Card Contributions
- ◇ Sponsorship

Contact our Special Events Coordinator, Pauline Hinsch, for details.

phinsch@cityoflindstrom.us

or 651-257-7648 (office) ~
651-271-7628 (cell)

For sponsorship information, click [HERE](#) or see pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

Thank you for considering!



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Ice Shelters & Fishing License Reminders

ICE IS NEVER 100% SAFE

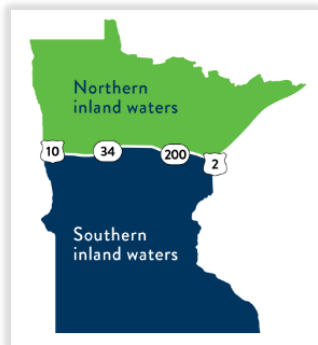
There have been **numerous reports of thin ice** in various areas on our local lakes. Even in ideal conditions, ice is never considered 100% safe.

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:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/index.html



SHELTER REMOVAL DEADLINES

In Chisago County, dark houses, fish houses and portables must be off the ice **no later than 11:59pm on March 4, 2024.** County sheriffs may prohibit or restrict the use of motorized vehicles if dangerous ice conditions are present.

If shelters are not removed, owners may be cited. 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:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/shelter.html

City Planning & Priorities: What's In Store For 2024

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Looking ahead at the work we have before us in 2024, Lindström's Staff, Council and Commissions have begun to work on the priorities that emerged from the SWOT Analysis:

Strength – Developed downtown. Make public investments in downtown Lindström that encourage private investment (good signage, clearly marked public parking, ongoing beautification, and collaboration with business owners).

Weakness - Limited business tax base. The Commercial/Industrial Task Force made recommendations to better position Lindström for future growth and success. The EDA (Economic Development Authority commission) is responsible for moving those recommendations forward.

Opportunity – More Day-Trip Tourists who use our lakes, parks and trails. We need to better understand and meet the needs of those tourists and market more effectively.

Threat - Hwy 8 when vehicles exceed the speed limit or fail to yield at cross-walks. The City Administrator and Council will meet with MNDOT in the spring of 2024 to discuss Lindström's needs and concerns. Hwy 8 is a state-controlled road.

We are also putting the final touches on our 2024/2025 City work plan. This work plan is the direct result of the feedback we received from the SWOT analysis and contains 4 goals with action steps and deliverables for each of the goals. We will have this posted to the City's website as soon as it is completed.

As we move through 2024, keep an eye out for [progress updates/meetings](#) on the projects this summer. We will also place updates in the City newsletter and on the City's website. Lindström's greatest strength is our active and engaged community and if you have any input or ideas, please contact us at: contactus@cityoflindstrom.us or 651-257-0620

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Lindström's New Communications Plan

We are pleased to announce our first ever City of Lindström Communications Plan, which was presented at the January [City Council meeting](#). This document assists City Staff in creating and marketing effective City communications. It also helps to clarify to the public what communications methods are used by the City, and what types of information is provided by the City.

Our goal is to reach as many as possible in our target audience, which includes our residents, property owners, business owners and visitors.

City Communications Channels:

- [Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Email Campaigns](#) (Website Subscription)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [Print Advertisements](#) (brochures, posters, etc.)

This new communications plan also provides a detailed outline of communications planning, which City Staff is responsible for what content, communications by quarter, urgent alerts, crisis communications, and more.

View our City Communications Plan here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/government/pages/communications-plan

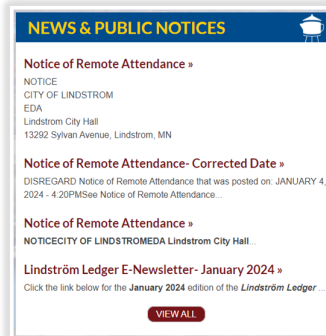
View other important City documents here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/government/pages/transparency

Why have a communications plan?

Communications planning helps the City to identify:

- **WHO:** Target Audience
- **WHAT:** Relevant Information
- **HOW:** Communication Channels

Having a written communications plan fulfills a goal outlined in the City's *Comprehensive Plan*.



This section is featured on the City's website home page.

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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](#).



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. Watch for updates and register for the various events on the Chisago Lakes Chamber website and Facebook page. **The full schedule is on the next page.** 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

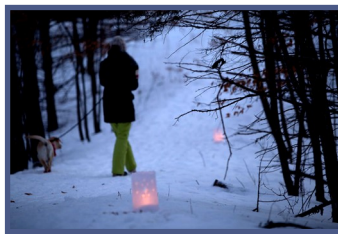
Celebration of the Lakes 2024: Allemansrätt Candlelit Hike

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 Jordet



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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Many Free Events

Chisago Lakes Chamber

CELEBRATION OF THE LAKES

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

FRIDAY 9TH

2/9 - 2/11 4pm PHOTO CONTEST Online
 All Day FISH STORIES CONTEST
 Put on by Twinflower Books

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM CANDLE LIT TRAIL - Allemansrätt Park
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM HOT CHOCOLATE - Allemansrätt Park
 6:00 PM PUZZLES, PIE & POTATO SOUP
 First United Methodist Church

TBD POND HOCKEY - S. Lindstrom Lake
 6:00 PM PUZZLE CONTEST - Online
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM KID'S MOVIE NIGHT
 Strom Hall - Ojiketa Park

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM HAWAIIAN LUAU FASHION SHOW
 Winehaven Winery

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM CORN HOLE TOURNEY
 Uncommon Loon Brewery

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM BINGO - Jakes on the Lakes

CHECK HERE FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES!



SATURDAY 10TH

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
 Wildcat Community Center

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM ICE CAR RACING - S. Lindstrom Lake
***** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM -- SOUTH LINDSTROM LAKE *****

RAFFLE TICKET SALE (Multiple Locations)
 RADAR RUN
 KIDS SNOWMOBILE RACING
 ROTARY ICE CAROUSEL
 VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE
 NORDIC SAUNAS TO RENT
 FOOD STANDS / BEER GARDEN

10:00 AM start MEDALLION HUNT - Online - FB & IG
 TBD POND HOCKEY - S. Lindstrom Lake

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM S'MORES / FIRE PIT - S. Lindstrom Lake
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM TURKEY BOWLING - S. Lindstrom Lake

3:00 PM start BOOYA - Uncommon Loon
4:00 PM RAFFLE DRAWINGS - S. Lindstrom Lake

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM LASAGNA DINNER TO GO
 Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
 Wildcat Community Center

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM POLKA DANCE - Lindström City Hall
 6:30 PM FIREWORKS - S. Lindstrom Lake
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM DANCE - LIVE BAND
 Uncommon Loon Brewery

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM LIVE BAND - Jakes on the Lakes

SUNDAY 11TH

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Trinity Lutheran Church

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM GRUMPY OLD MEN WORSHIP SERV.
 Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM ICE CROSS RACING - S. Lindstrom Lake
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM KIDS SNOWMOBILE RACING
 S. Lindstrom Lake

****1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - S. LINDSTROM LAKE - CHANNEL****
 FISHING CONTEST ~ FOOD STAND ~ DJ
 DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM FAMILY BINGO - Trinity Lutheran Church
 4:00 PM PHOTO CONTEST - Online



THANK YOU SPONSORS

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Click [HERE](#) to view events on Facebook! Register for events or find out more information here: <https://business.chisagolakeschamber.com/events/calendar>



Karl Oskar Days Sponsorship Letter

Karl Oskar Days, City of Lindström, 13292 Sylvan Ave. Lindström, MN 55045

Dear 2024 KOD sponsor,

We're very impressed with the support from our local businesses. For years, you've been supporting the community by contributing to charity, volunteering your time, and generally being a positive force in the world. 91% of small businesses believe that businesses should give back to their local communities, according to US Chamber of Commerce. For Karl Oskar Days, we're doing everything in our power to provide a fun and safe celebration of our Swedish heritage to all community members and visitors.

We have a mutual interest in a successful summer festival. Karl Oskar Days brings thousands of people to our small community. These people enjoy supporting your businesses while participating in our celebration. Participants, locals, and visitors also see your store fronts, business names, and what you all have to offer them for the entire year. It is my pleasure to reach out to you about a sponsorship opportunity that would be a good fit for your business.

We couldn't do the work we do for Karl Oskar Days without the help of generous people like you. That's why I'm reaching out to you today. We're looking for sponsors to support our event—and we have plenty of ways for you to be involved:

- A monetary donation to help pay for items so that the festivities can be free or at a very low cost to participants and the families that enjoy the events.
- We can always use volunteers for our events. Our biggest needs are for the parade, street dance, Loppet 5K, vendor fair, and set up.
- Product or gift card contributions are perfect for various games, gifts, and contests. It is another way to get your business name into the hands of many.
- And if you have other ideas for helping our cause, we'd love to hear them!

Help us bring more in '24!

Donations appreciated by June 1st.

We hope we can count on your support to help bring fun and joy to the many people living in the Lindström area as well as new visitors to Chisago Lakes. It would be great to feature your business as a partner in the celebration! I'm always happy to chat regarding your sponsorship, donations, and ideas for contributing. You may reach me at phinsch@cityoflindstrom.us or 651-257-7648 (office) ~ 651-271-7628 (cell).

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you in advance!

Pauline Hinsch ~ Special Event Coordinator

KARL SKAR DAYS

	Business Name/Logo on Parade Banner	Free Entry for One Float in Parade	Two (2) FREE Lindström Loppet 5K Registrations	Name/Logo on Yard Sign in High Traffic Area	Business Name on Event Poster	Name in Newspaper & in Social Media
\$3000 PLATINUM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
\$1500 GOLD		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
\$750 SILVER			✓	✓	✓	✓
\$500 BRONZE				✓	✓	✓
Any Other Donation Amount						✓

(Please submit this card with donation. Donations appreciated by June 1, 2024)

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Level: PLATINUM GOLD SILVER BRONZE OTHER

I am eligible for one free float entry and would like more information.

I am eligible for one free float entry but will respectfully decline.

I am eligible for 2 free Loppet registrations and would like more information.

I am eligible for 2 free Loppet registrations but will respectfully decline.

Please send logo file to phinsch@cityoflindstrom.us for yard signs.

Make checks out to: City of Lindström.

Harmony in the Park

2024 Summer Concert Series HEADLINER BAND 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.

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>



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

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Visit our website

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



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 # _____
Code 238-36230

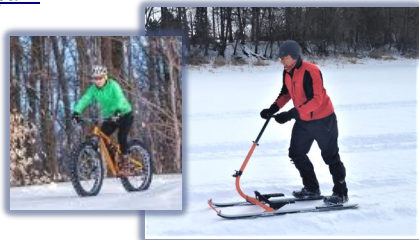
Enjoying Winter in Lindström

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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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

February 2024: Scheduled City Meetings

Feb. 1 (Thurs.)	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
Feb. 5 (Mon.)	Park Board: 6:00pm
Feb. 7 (Wed.)	Police Commission: 6:30pm (Chisago City's City Hall)
Feb. 12 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Feb. 13 (Tues.)	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Feb. 21 (Wed.)	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR): 5:30pm (Alternating Locations)
Feb. 21 (Wed.)	City Council: 7:00pm
Feb. 26 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission (CLJSTC): 5:30pm
No Meeting	Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)
No Meeting	Fire Relief Association: 7:00pm (Lindström Fire Hall)

- View our "City Calendar" on our website's home page for a complete schedule including work sessions, special meetings, cancelled meetings, or rescheduled meetings: 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.

February 2024: City Hall Closed

Feb. 19 (Mon.) Presidents' Day



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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!

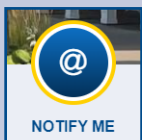


Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- 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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