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PNP Election March 5, 2024

The Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Election, which is sometimes referred to as the “Presidential Primary” is just around the corner.



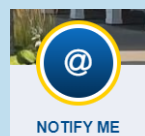
Read pages 2 and 3 for more information on:

- voter requirements unique to this type of election
- registering to vote
- polling place rules
- Polling place location
- and more

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Seasonal Maintenance Workers Needed

We're hiring!

The City of Lindström is accepting applications for **seasonal maintenance positions** to work under the direction of the Public Works Foreman. These positions perform various types of manual labor in the general maintenance of the Public Works Departments, (Parks, Streets, Utilities). Qualified applicants must be at least 17 years old, have a valid driver's license, able to perform light to heavy physical labor with

the ability to lift/carry up to 50 lbs.

[See website](#) for complete job description & application forms. Background check and City application **required**.

Return to: Lindstrom City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindstrom, MN 55045 **or email it to:**

contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/administration/pages/employment-opportunities>

- **Salary:** \$17.11-\$18.72 per hour
- **Full-time seasonal, for a period up to 120 working days.**
- **Not eligible for benefits.**

Position hours are:

Mon.-Thurs. 6:00am to 3:30pm & Friday 6:00am-10am.

If you have questions, call 651.257.0620 or email

contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Application Deadline:
Open Until Filled

Lindström's Polka Party & Allemansrätt Candlelit Hike

LINDSTRÖM PARK BOARD POLKA PARTY

The polka party on Feb. 10th was again a HUGE success!



People of all ages danced the night away, and had delicious

German food and drink from Deutschland Meats. Every year, the Lindström Park Board hosts this event (FREE admission) to help sponsor our Harmony in the Park summer concert series.

ALLEMANSRÄTT CANDLELIT HIKE

Despite less than wintery conditions, the candlelit hike through Lindström's Allemansrätt Wilderness Park was still spectacular! It was one of the few outdoor Celebration of the Lakes events that wasn't canceled.

People of all ages (and from all over Minnesota!) enjoyed this truly magical experience,

and warmed up by the bonfire with a complimentary hot cocoa. We can't wait to do it again next year!

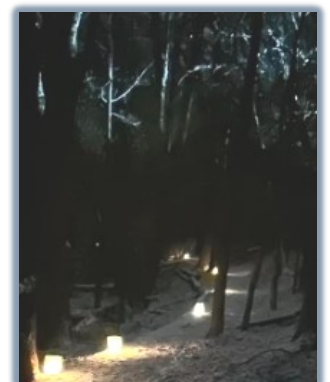


Photo provided by: [Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors Club](#)

Thank you to the many volunteers for making these events so special!

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Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Election March 5, 2024

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Federal, State, and City Elections are held in even years every two years. There are three elections in 2024.

2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election: Tuesday March 5, 2024 from 7am-8pm

The Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Election, which is sometimes referred to as the “Presidential Primary” is an election conducted to determine which candidate Minnesotans would like their preferred political party to nominate as a candidate for President of the United States in the General Election.

In order to vote in the Presidential Nomination Primary election, voters **must** disclose (using the poll pad) which major political party they prefer in order to receive a ballot. Each major political party has its own ballot and voters are only allowed to select one ballot. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary. The current election law specific to the presidential nomination primary is in [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A](#) and [Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215](#).

A voter’s choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list will be provided to the chair of each major political party of voters who selected that party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.

For more information about how Presidential Nomination Primary Elections are conducted in Minnesota, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website:

www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/presidential-primary/

Or contact them by phone or email:

Metro Area: 651-215-1440

Greater MN: 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)

MN Relay Service: 711

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email: secretary.state@state.mn.us

For 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election sample ballots, visit the election information page of our website: www.cityoflindstrom.us/administration/pages/election-information



Other Upcoming 2024 Elections:

- 2024 Primary Election: Tuesday August 13, 2024 from 7am-8pm
- 2024 General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 7am-8pm

Your Polling Location

Residents within CITY LIMITS of Lindstrom vote at the Lindstrom Community Center at Lindstrom City Hall [13292 Sylvan Ave, Lindstrom, MN 55045](#) (click for Google Maps).

If you are unsure of your voting location, or if your physical address is Lindstrom but you are actually located in a township, please locate your correct polling place here:

www.chisagocountymn.gov/142/Polling-Places



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Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) Election March 5, 2024

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Are you a registered voter?

You can wait until Election Day to register in Minnesota. However, we encourage you to register before Election Day - it will save you time at the polling place. The deadline to Pre-Register is 21 days before the election.

To find out if you are registered to vote, click here:

<https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/voterstatuscheck/index>

To register to vote or to update your registration, click here:

<https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/VoterRegistration/index>

You can also register or re-register at your designated polling place the day of the election.

To learn more about what documentation is needed to register in person at your polling place on Election Day, click here:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>

If you have moved, changed your name, or have not voted in the last 4 years, you will need to re-register.

Visit the Chisago County website for additional voting information, such as:

- Elected officials
- Candidate filing
- Campaign financial reporting
- Election judge information
- Absentee voting
- Voting results
- Redistricting information

<https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/139/Voting-Election-Information>

POLLING PLACE RULES:

- **Do not wear campaign materials.** In the polling place, you cannot display campaign t-shirts, buttons or literature which relate to specific candidates, official political parties, or ballot questions on the ballot that day. You will need to either cover up or remove these items while in the polling place.
- **Do not campaign in or near the polling place.** You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence your vote.
- **No opinions or political discussion** is to take place at the polls – neither by the judges, nor by the voters.
- **Do not enter a polling place unless you are authorized.** Only authorized people are allowed inside a polling place during voting hours, such as voters and their minor children, poll workers and someone assisting a voter. People may not gather or linger in the polling place or within 100 feet of the building.

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-day-voting/polling-place-rules/>

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

Federal Elections Commission of the United States of America website: <https://www.fec.gov/>

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WANTED: Lindström Planning Commission Member

The City of Lindström has an opening on the Planning Commission.

The City of Lindström Planning Commission is an Advisory, Eight-Member body, appointed and charged by the City Council with the responsibility of reviewing Planning and Zoning matters and making recommendations on those matters to the City Council.

The seven Members each serve a 4-year term, and are joined with one Member of the City Council who serves as the Liaison to the City Council.

If you would like to serve your City, please complete the Commission Application Form here:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/government/pages/commissions>

Please remit your completed application by **March 22, 2024**:

- By email: contactus@cityoflindstrom.us OR
- By mail or in person: City of Lindström, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045

You must be a City of Lindström resident to serve on the Planning Commission. If you are appointed to the Planning Commission, your address of residence and your phone number will be published on the Planning Commission page of our website.

For more information about the Planning Commission click here:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/planning-commission>



Våffeldagen: "Waffle Day" (Voe-fell däg-en)

On March 25th, Swedes celebrate Våffeldagen (Waffle Day). Waffles are eaten all year round in Sweden, but they are particularly popular on Våffeldagen. Swedish waffles are thinner than Belgian or American waffles, and are generally circular and divided into five hearts. Click [HERE](#) for an authentic Swedish waffle recipe!



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

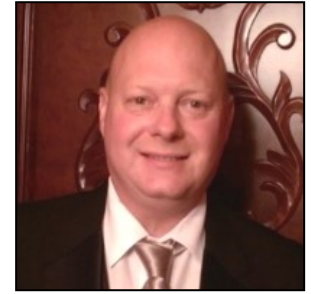
To set up auto pay, to pay online, or to view your bill online, visit our website: www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing



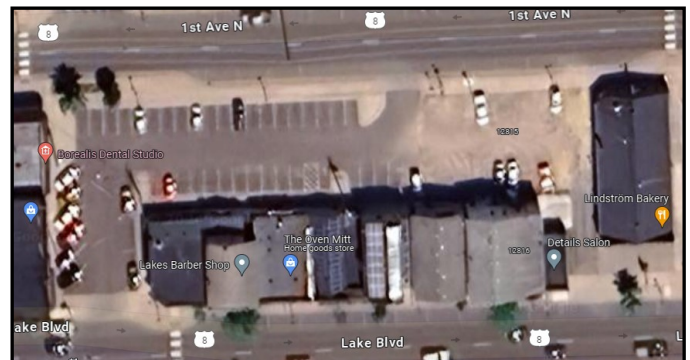
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What's In The Works: News From Lindström's EDA

Greetings Lindstrom! My name is Greg Krueger and I have the privilege of being the chairman of the Economic Business Authority (EDA) of Lindström. I moved into the City of Lindström three years ago and continue to be fascinated by many wonderful aspects of the area, appreciative of the great folks that live here, and the community's deep cultural connections. As chairman of the EDA, I am excited to communicate some of Lindström's business development achievements, business activities, and development plans the EDA has been working on over the past 12 months.

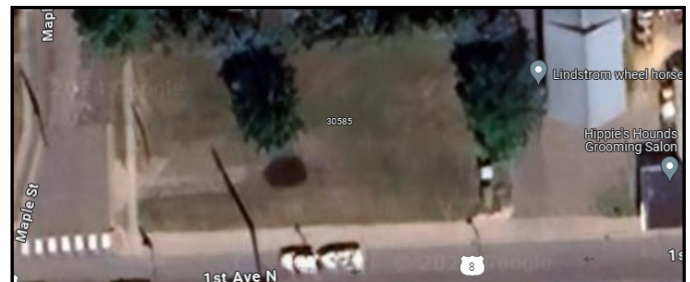


- ⇒ **Commercial Industrial Task Force**- This task force focused on identifying ways to increase our commercial tax base and look for areas for future commercial land development in the city. The task force presented its findings to the EDA in January and their suggested action items are being added to the EDA's overall work plan.
- ⇒ **Business Retention & Expansion Program (BR&E)** - The goal of the BR&E program is to reestablish communication channels with local businesses and focus on business retention as well as gaining a better understanding of the needs of the businesses. At the heart of BR&E activities is a business survey which will be conducted by members of the EDA and staff. These surveys will kick off in March and will be completed by the end of May. The BR&E report will be presented to the EDA for review in July.
- ⇒ **Central Business District (CBD) Investments**- Making strategic investments in the city's CBD is front and center on both the EDA's and City Council's 2024 work plan. A couple of key projects we are working on for the Central Business district include the Park Street Parking Lot improvements and developing a grant concept for a trailhead for the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail. The City Engineer is currently developing a scope of work for improvements to the Park Street Parking lot which includes stormwater improvements, sidewalk replacements, and the undergrounding of the utilities along westbound Hwy 8. The EDA also authorized the development of a concept plan for a trailhead for the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail. The development of a concept plan is a key step in applying for grants and since the construction of a trailhead is grant-dependent, this marks a critical first step towards the construction of a trailhead.



Above: Park Street Parking Lot

Below: Possible Location of Swedish Immigrant Trail Trailhead



In closing, I am honored and humbled to serve this community and the City of Lindström. The EDA and City Council are focused on identifying opportunities and moving impactful projects forward that benefit Lindström businesses and the community. Please contact any of the EDA members with questions, comments, suggestions, and ideas. We would love to hear from you!

To contact Lindström's EDA members, visit the City's website:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/economic-development-authority>

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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



Chisago Lakes Showcase 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024
9am - 4pm

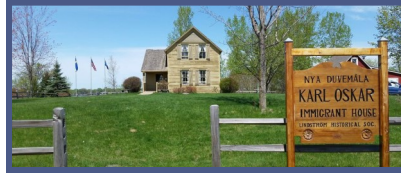
[Wildcat Community Center](#)
[29330 Olinda Trail](#)
[Lindstrom, MN 55045](#)

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 Chisago Lakes Chamber 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!



Karl Oskar House Events:

- **Annual Meeting:** Sat., April 13th at the Chisago Lakes High School Wildcat Center. Fika and entertainment from Nya Duvemåla Folkmusiklag will begin at 9:30am. The annual meeting will follow, with special speaker Cyndy Milda, Cultural Outreach Coordinator for the Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community who will speak on the treaties. **All are invited to attend!**
- **Volunteers Needed:** Help open and prepare the house on Monday, May 13 at 10am.
- **Season Opening:** Sunday, May 19th. The Karl Oskar House will be open from 1pm-4pm every Sunday May 19th through mid-September.
- **Nordic Folk Music Jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree:** Sunday, June 2nd, starting at 1pm.

For more information and for the complete season schedule visit: friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org

About the Karl Oskar House:
[29101 Glader Blvd., Lindström](#)

Swedish novelist Vilhelm Moberg visited the Chisago Lakes area in 1948 and subsequently wrote his acclaimed series (The Emigrants, Unto a Good Land, The Settlers, and Last Letter Home).

Moberg’s fictional characters Karl Oskar and Kristina Nilsson were based on his research of real life Swedish settlers in the Chisago Lakes area. The Karl Oskar House was Karl Oskar and Kristina Nilsson’s third home in the novel series. The name of the house, Nya Duvemåla, is a reference to Kristina’s fictional Swedish home.

To take a virtual tour, visit: friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org
Questions?
Or to schedule a tour/visit contact: friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com



Harmony In The Park

Wednesdays, June 5th - August 7th
Events start at 6:30pm;
Band starts at 7pm

Lions Park Band Shell,
next to Lindström City Hall
13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindström

We have an amazing music line-up for 2024! See page 9 for the Preliminary Schedule. The final schedule, which will include all of the events, the evening’s themes and sponsors will be available in early May. **FREE admission.**
Fun for all ages!

Click [HERE](#) for sponsorship forms & additional event information.

Karl Oskar Days

Wednesday - Saturday,
July 10th - 13th



Event times & Lindström locations vary. We have another great year of festivities planned for Karl Oskar Days! **Stay tuned for details.** For sponsorship forms, (see next pages) vendor forms & additional event information, click here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days

Other Upcoming Events

- [Memorial Day Paddle](#)
- [Allemansrätt Nature Party](#)
- [Community Education](#)
- [Chisago Lakes Chamber](#) events, such as Friday Fika and more!



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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Lindström, MN

KARL + SKAR DAYS

'America's Little Sweden'

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.



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:

follow us on Facebook 
www.facebook.com/CityOfLindstrom

 **sign up for city emails**
www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe

Visit our website
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 # _____

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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

March 2024: Scheduled City Meetings

Mar. 4 (Mon.)	Park Board: 6:00pm
Mar. 7 (Thurs.)	Joint Planning Commission & City Council: 6:30pm
Mar. 13 (Wed.)	Police Commission: 6:30pm (Chisago City's City Hall)
Mar. 11 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Mar. 12 (Tues.)	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Mar. 20 (Wed.)	City Council: 7:00pm
Mar. 18 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission (CLJSTC): 5:30pm
Mar. 28 (Thurs.)	Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)
No Meeting	Fire Relief Association: 7:00pm (Lindström Fire Hall)
No Meeting	<u>Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR):</u> 5:30pm (Alternating Locations)



- 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.

March 2024: City Hall Closed

No Scheduled Closures

Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info
www.cityoflindstrom.us



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LINDSTRÖM
AMERICA'S LITTLE SWEDEN



Open your
phone camera
& 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!

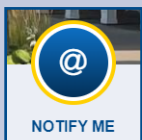


Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- 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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