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LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

Monthly E-Newsletter



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Pre-Order Your Composters & Rain Barrels

Each Spring, the Recycling Association of Minnesota partners with local governments, soil and watershed districts, nonprofits, and other organizations to provide quality rain barrels and compost bins made from 100% recycled materials at low cost to Minnesota residents.



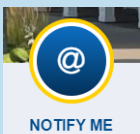
Learn more about the program, and pre-order your composter and/or rain barrel by visiting their website:

recycleminnesota.org/compost-bins-rain-barrels/

Select "Chisago County" as your pickup location and look for the coupon code!

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.



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Benefits To Letting Your Gardens Sleep In

A few warm days, the snow is all but gone, and many want to get their yards cleared of leaves, sticks and debris.

But there are a lot of pollinators and other insects that depend on that debris for survival until they become active again in the spring.

Butterflies may be nesting in leaf piles, and can't fly very well until temperatures are consistently in the 60's. They may tolerate

being moved, but likely will not survive being buried in a large compost pile. If possible, move leaf piles to a corner of your yard until they are given a chance to emerge.

Some bees live in stems, so discarding them could be detrimental. If stems are inhabited with bees, they will likely be broken and plugged with mud or vegetation. Instead, save these stems and place

them in a corner of your yard until later in the summer.

For more info on butterfly and bee-friendly yard clean-up, visit the U of M Extension website.

[\(Click HERE.\)](#)



Council Appoints Mayor & Council Members

In January of 2023, former Mayor Kevin Stenson and former Council Member Laurie Burington resigned from the Lindström City Council at the [January City Council Meeting on January 19, 2023.](#)

A [Special City Council Meeting](#) was held on Thursday, February 9th to discuss the process of appointing a Mayor and City Council Member(s). No appointments took place at this meeting. Council decided to interview all of the candidates who had submitted their letter of interest by the February 3rd deadline.

As was explained on pages 1 and 2 of the [February E-Newsletter](#), the Council is allowed to appoint rather than to have the City bear the cost of conducting a Special Election (see Minnesota State

Statutes Section 412.02 subdivision 2a). To learn more about this click [HERE](#).

The City Council held the majority of the interviews on the evenings of [Feb. 22nd and 23rd](#), and on [March 2nd.](#) A [Special City Council Meeting](#) was held on Friday, March 3rd to appoint the vacant Mayor and Council Member positions.

Council Members Merkel and Norelius unanimously voted to appoint Judy Chartrand as Mayor. Because then Acting Mayor Chartrand was a candidate for Mayor, she abstained from voting to appoint the Mayor position. Chartrand also abstained from the discussion regarding the interview process for Mayor and did not participate in

conducting the interviews for the position of Mayor.

Chartrand's appointment to Mayor caused an additional Council Member seat to be vacated. In order to legally declare a vacancy for Chartrand's Council Member seat, and therefore be able to vote to appoint one of the Council Member candidates to this seat at the March 3rd meeting, Chartrand had to be sworn in as Mayor during the meeting immediately following her appointment.

Mayor Chartrand, Council Member Merkel and Council Member Norelius appointed David Waldoch to former Council Member Laurie Burington's Council seat. Waldoch has decades of

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Council Appoints Mayor & Council Members

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experience serving the city, and was sworn in at the **March 16th City Council Meeting**. Waldoch's term will expire at the end of 2024.

Mayor Chartrand and Council Members Merkel and Norelius appointed Greg Krueger to the Council seat newly vacated by former Council Member (now Mayor) Judy Chartrand. Krueger is an experienced executive of Plastic Products in Lindström, and has previously served on a City Council outside of Lindström. He was also briefly a Commissioner on the Lindström EDA until his appointment to Lindström's City Council.

Krueger was sworn in at the **March 16th City Council Meeting**. The term for this seat normally expires in 2026, however, because Krueger was appointed to Council rather than voted in at a Special or General Election, this seat will also expire at the end of 2024.

A Special Election for Krueger's Council seat will be held in conjunction with the Regular General Election in November of 2024. Having this Special Election during the General Election is a simple and cost effective process, rather than the City having to bear the financial and preparatory burden of conducting a Special Election at a time other than the General Election.

If the City Council had chosen to conduct a Special Election this year rather than choosing the appointment process, the earliest the City could have conducted a Special Election would have been August of 2023 due to filing and posting requirements.

The candidate elected to Krueger's seat at the November 2024 Special Election will be elected for a two year term (Jan. 2025 through the end of 2026). This seat's term would return to the normal 4 year cycle (Jan. 2027 through the end of 2030)

at the General Election held in November of 2026.

Immediately following the March 16th City Council Meeting, the Mayor and all four Council Members began conducting their annual work sessions to discuss current and future city projects as well as their collective vision for the City of Lindström.

To learn about the 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>

To stay informed, sign up for city email notifications:

You will receive city news, public notices (including newly scheduled meetings and work sessions), event information, emergency alerts, and our monthly Lindström Ledger E-Newsletter:

www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe

Meet 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)



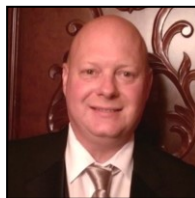
Member Merkel began her first 4-year term as a City Council Member in 2021.

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.,
Lindstrom, MN 55045

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City Projects & Development Updates

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

Elms Estates: 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: Permanent electric has been installed. A few of the items that need to be addressed prior to occupancy are as follows: the transition from the concrete driveway to Akerson Street so that the fire trucks can exit the building without damaging the trucks, the compromised concrete in the west parking lot, and the punchlist items identified when the final walk through is completed. Occupancy is anticipated for spring/summer of this year.

Lakes Area Police Hall: This project did not make it on the most recent bonding bill, unless the bonding bill is amended. If it is not amended, we will try again next year.

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, pending direction from City Council.

Meredees/Peninsula: The developer failed to meet the deadline to file the final plat. This property is privately owned (**not** city-owned).

Morning Sun Phase 4: The City continues to receive building permits.

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. In February, the EDA held a closed meeting to discuss the appraisal (private data) of the property. In March, the City Council held a work session to discuss the property. This work session was closed during the portion of the meeting that addressed the property appraisal (private data).

Park Street Parking Lot & Utility Undergrounding: The survey and concept plan are complete. This project will continue to be discussed at future City Council work sessions.

Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail, Newell to Highway 8: At the December City Council meeting, business owners on the proposed new trail alignment were not in favor due to safety and losing parking spaces. At the February City Council meeting, Council chose to withdraw the grant application for this project, as the grant does not allow for revisions to the trail alignment plans that were submitted with the grant application.

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

Veteran's Housing (Tingsryd Gardens): At the March City Council meeting, Council approved Resolution 20230316-01 granting the developer's request to extend the deadline for recording of the final plat to March 17, 2024.

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 Krista Lord (Assistant Finance Director), 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



Compost Site Tentative Opening Date is Wed., April 19th

Our seasonal [Area Compost Site](#) is TENTATIVELY scheduled to open on Wednesday, April 19th at 2pm. However, Spring weather conditions could delay the opening date. NOTE: The site is generally quite muddy in the Spring and whenever we receive a notable amount of rain- plan your transportation accordingly.

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [sign up to receive city emails](#) to get the latest updates. See the last page of this newsletter for additional information about our Area Compost Site, including hours and directions.

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Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

River Valley Shop Hop

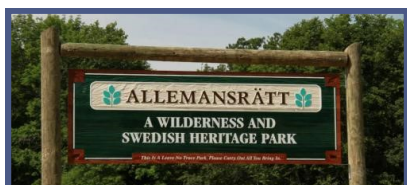
River Valley Shop Hop

Friday & Saturday, April 21 & 22
Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29
10am - 5pm

Several downtown Lindström businesses are participating in this first annual regional shopping event. **See flyer on page 5 for details!**

Follow the "Downtown Lindstrom" Facebook page to stay up to date on all downtown Lindström shopping events.

www.facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom



Gravel Bed Tree & Shrub Work: Volunteers Needed

Thursday, April 27th & Wednesday, May 24th
4:30pm - 7pm

Allemansrätt Park 31316 Olinda Trail N., Lindström

Join Great River Greening to continue gravel bed work in Allemansrätt Park in Lindström. **Volunteers are needed** to assist with transplanting shrubs from and replanting trees into the gravel beds.

Two events will take place:

- **April 27 from 4:30pm - 7pm:**
Transplant of Pagoda Dogwood shrubs from gravel beds to island.
- **May 24 from 4:30pm - 7pm:**
Plant oak trees into gravel beds.

For questions, please contact:

Jessica Drummond, Outreach Coordinator at Great River Greening
jdrummond@greatrivergreening.org
651-272-3989

For more events, visit our Community Events page
www.cityoflindstrom.us



Karl Oskar House Tours

Sundays, Mid-May - Late September
1pm - 4pm

29101 Glader Blvd., Lindström

Swedish novelist Vilhelm Moberg's fictional characters Karl Oskar and Kristina Nilsson, who were based on his research of real life Swedish settlers in the Chisago Lakes area. The Karl Oskar House was Karl and Kristina's third home in the novel series. The name of the house, Nya Duvemåla, is a reference to Kristina's fictional Swedish home. Click [HERE](#) to take a virtual tour.

To schedule a tour or visit contact:
friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com



Memorial Day Paddle



Monday, May 29th
Launch at 9am, or join later on the trail (details to come)

Get your kayaks ready for another Memorial Day Paddle on the [Chisago Lakes Water Trail](#)! **No registration necessary.** Water trail maps are available at City Hall or the Chisago Lakes Chamber. **Questions?** Contact Bill at: macklandscaping@gmail.com



Nordic Folk Music Jam

Sunday, June 4th
1:30pm - 3:30pm

29101 Glader Blvd., Lindström

Watch talented musicians play at the Karl

Oskar House in Ki Chi Saga Park.

Questions?

nyaduvemalamusic@gmail.com



Harmony In The Park

Wednesdays, June 7th - August 9th
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 2023! The Preliminary Schedule is published later in this newsletter. The final schedule, which will include all of the events, the evening's themes and sponsors will be available in early to mid-May.

FREE admission.
Fun for all ages!

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



Karl Oskar Days

Wednesday - Saturday, July 5th - 8th

Event times & Lindström locations vary.

We have another great year of festivities planned for 2023, including marketplace vendors, food vendors, kid's zone, the parade, street dance, fireworks, the car show, and more!

Details for this year's events will be available very soon, so stay tuned.

Want to be a vendor? Visit our website for forms & details:

www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days/pages/participant-info-forms

Questions? Contact Pauline Hinsch at: phinsch@cityoflindstrom.us

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April 21-22 & April 28-29 • 10am - 5pm



Participating Communities & Stores

OSCEOLA

The Sleepy Thicket
The Staple
The Looking Glass
Karita's
Treasure Alley
Chocolate Gnome
Secret Closet
Janie's Cottage
Magnolias
Coming Home

ST. CROIX FALLS

Sister's She Shop
Wisconnies
Unique Boutique
Valley Sweets
MORH Than Memories:
#25 at 136 Vintage

LINDSTROM

Farm & Thread
The Oven Mitt
In the Moment
Boutique
Homespun Treasures
Swedish Gift Store
Gladje Gallery

TAYLORS FALLS

River Alley Shoppes
With August

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throughout the St. Croix River Valley!**

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Allemansrätt Park
31316 Olinda Trail N.
Lindstrom, MN

Thank you to our
partners and funders:
The Outdoor
Heritage Fund and
the city of Lindstrom





KARL OSKAR DAYS

13292 SYLVAN AVE LINDSTRÖM, MN 55045

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

For 60 years, the Karl Oskar Days festival has been a highlight of the summer celebrations along the communities on Highway 8. Past residents from the City of Lindström have worked very hard to establish this festival to be the largest in the area. It is an honor to ban together with you to keep this rich heritage alive and strong.

In recent years, all communities have undergone adversity requiring deep grit to make it from season to season. The Chisago Lakes Area has not made it through unscathed. Costs for services and entertainment rise tremendously. Generous local businesses that sponsor this endeavor struggle to maintain the level of donations they are accustomed to. The desire to create family friendly entertainment at costs as low as possible, or even free, are in jeopardy. The need to keep costs down for vendors and parade entries has become strained. The opinion of the community to keep street dance fees at a historic low becomes threatened.

This is where you can help. To accomplish this level of community celebration, we depend on our sponsors for support. This is very important to our small, but well-known town, so please take a moment to view the included sponsorship brochure. In return for your goodwill and contributions, a wide variety of marketing materials will acknowledge your sponsorship. Thank you for your consideration! All donations appreciated by June 1, 2023.

Sincerely,

PAULINE HINSCH

Special Event Coordinator, City of Lindström

PLEASE CONTACT US AT
(651)257-7648

EMAIL US AT
PHINSCH@CITYOFLINDSTROM.US

VISIT US ON
FACEBOOK AND WWW.CITYOFLINDSTROM.US



KARL OSKAR DAYS

13292 SYLVAN AVE LINDSTRÖM, MN 55045

Pick your favorite package.



\$ 300

● BRONZE sponsor

In appreciation receive:

- business name on event poster placed in many locations



\$ 750

● SILVER Sponsor

In appreciation receive:

- complimentary parade float entry seen by 7000+ people
- business name on event poster placed in many locations



\$ 1500

● GOLD Sponsor

In appreciation receive:

- complimentary parade float entry seen by 7000+ people
- business name on most marketing material/social media
- 2 free Loppet 5K registrations



\$ 3000

● PLATINUM Sponsor

In appreciation receive:

- parade banner with logo viewed by approximately 7,000+ people
- complimentary parade float entry
- business name on ALL marketing material/social media
- 2 free Loppet 5K registrations



Payment.

Donations appreciated by June 1st



651-257-0620
(credit card)



13292 Sylvan Ave Lindström,
MN 55045 (check) make
check out to City of
Lindström



visit City Hall(cash)
M-Th 7a-4:30p; Fri 7a-12p

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____

Contact Person Email: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Will you have a parade float? (platinum, gold and silver sponsors) _____

- Please fill out the parade entry form also. I'll email it to you.

Please provide a business logo for advertising to: phinsch@cityoflindstrom.us if possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

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.

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

The City of Lindström Is Hiring

City Administrator

The City of Lindstrom is hiring for the position of City Administrator. To view requirements, desired qualifications, and to submit your application, click here:

<https://www.govhrusa.com/job/lindstrom-mn-city-administrator/>

All applications must be submitted to GovHR USA (the city's recruitment firm), **NOT** to the City of Lindstrom. **Deadline to apply is April 17, 2023.**

Interviews are anticipated to take place in May of 2023.

Administrative Office Assistant (Seasonal)

Job Summary: Provide confidential administrative assistance and support services for the Administrative Department, focusing on supporting City Administration Staff. This includes answering phones, assisting walk-in inquiries, and other office duties as assigned.

Position is 3 months (mid-May through Mid-August 2023), 40 hours/week, 7am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday, and Friday 7am-12noon. Salary \$16.62-\$18.17/hour depending on qualifications.

This position is not eligible for benefits.

Deadline to apply is April 14, 2023.

[See website](#) for complete job description and required application forms.

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

You may also pick up an application and background check form at City Hall.

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

If you have questions, call 651.257.0620 or email contactus@cityoflindstrom.us



Första April: (Fersta ä-preel) "April Fool's Day"

In Swedish there's a rhyme that goes: "April, april din dumma sill, jag kan lura dig vart jag vill" (April, April you silly herring, I can fool you anywhere I want to), which concludes a successful practical joke. Click [HERE](#) for some of the most famous Swedish April Fool's practical jokes!

April Meetings & Closures

Meetings

Apr. 3	Park Board: 6:00pm
Apr. 6	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
Apr. 10	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Apr. 11	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Apr. 17	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm
Apr. 18	Board of Appeal & Equalization : 6:00pm
Apr. 20	City Council: 7:00pm

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
- 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

No Scheduled Closures



Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

www.cityoflindstrom.us



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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

§ 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):

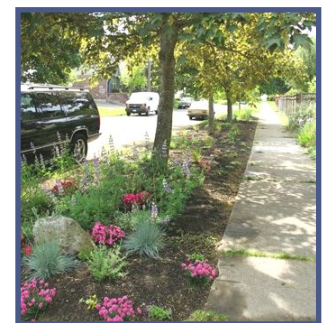
What to do if your plantings are in the road right-of-way (ROW):

- 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

Right-of-Way Planting

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Spring Notices & Reminders

Winter Parking Restrictions End April 15th

- 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**.

Street Sweeping

- Spring street sweeping generally occurs in May, although if weather permits it could start in late April. Sign up for **email notifications** or follow us on **Facebook** for specific dates.
- The street sweeper moves very slow, so please keep a safe distance.



Fire Hydrant Flushing

- Spring hydrant flushing begins in May. You may experience low water pressure, which should resume to normal pressure shortly after the process is finished.
- "Spitting" or slight water discoloration can occur. If you experience this, let your water run for a short period of time to clear the pipes within your home.



Recycling Services & Spring Cleaning

There is no official city-wide spring clean up day in Lindström, but we have several services available in the area. Click on the links below for more information, or visit our **Resident Information** page for additional resources.

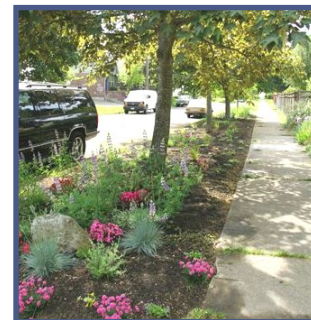
- **Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**
- **Chisago County Waste Disposal & Recycling**
- **Chisago County Prescription Disposal**
- **SRC Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Center**
- **Abandon, unlicensed & inoperable vehicle ordinances & unwanted vehicle disposal**

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Storm Drain Care

- Residents are urged not to blow leaves, grass, dirt, or other debris into the streets. This material can wash into the catch-basins and storm drains, causing them to become clogged and not function properly.
- This debris can also end up in our lakes, which results in excessive algae growth. To learn more about lake preservation, water quality and more, visit the [Chisago County Lake Improvement District \(CL LID\)](#) website.

Thanks for being a good steward of our lakes!

Lakes Area Compost Site Opens Mid-April

Weather permitting, the Lakes Area Compost Site is open from mid-April through the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Operating hours are Wednesdays 2pm - 7pm (or dusk), Saturdays 9am - 4pm, and Sundays 1pm - 4pm. The site may temporarily close during inclement weather.

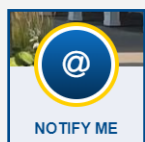
- Allowed:** Grass clippings, leaves, and brush up to 3" in diameter
- NOT Allowed:** Dimensional lumber, tires, appliances or household trash
- If available, wood chips, compost and black dirt are available for non-commercial use (for free!)
- No commercial businesses are allowed to haul to or from the site.



Please visit the our [Area Compost Site](#) website for exact season dates, regulations, resident and non-resident details, and directions.

Click [HERE](#) to view our Area Compost Site informational video!

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