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**APRIL 2024** 



## Monthly E-Newsletter



## **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!

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- Community Events
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## Central Business District Open House

#### You're Invited!

Lindström residents, property owners, and business owners are invited to attend our upcoming Central Business District Open House.

Date: Wed., April. 17, 2024 **Time:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm Where: Lindström City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström Hosted By: City of Lindström

#### We Want Your Feedback

Learn more about and provide feedback on the City's upcoming projects and potential projects specific to downtown Lindström's Central Business District.



More information to come- watch for updates.



Get Event Updates Via Email

Not subscribed to receive City emails about this and other events? Sign up here! www.citvoflindstrom.us/ subscribe

## Benefits To Letting Your Garden Sleep In

We had quite the tease of Spring last month, which prompted many people to start their spring yard work early.

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



First Flight Butterflies may be nesting in leaf piles, and can't fly very well



until temperatures are consistently in the 60's. Butterflies 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.

#### Let It Bee

Many bees make their winter nests in the ground and in piles of leaves. Avoid disturbing hibernating bees by holding off on yard work until it is consistently above 50 degrees.

Did you know that some bees nest in stems? If stems are inhabited with



bees, they will likely be broken and plugged with vegetation or mud. Help these bees by either leaving stems alone, or by carefully place stems in a corner of your yard until later in the season.

For additional resources, visit the U of M Extension website. https://extension.umn.edu/ lawns-andlandscapes/pollinator-nests

NOTE: All dark blue/bold/underlined words & phrases are clickable links for additional information.

## What's New In Lindström: New Business Spotlight

By MIRANDA OLSON

#### Karma Beauty Room

12710 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

651-213-3255

Info@karmabeautyroom.com karmabeautyroom.com

Social Media: Facebook Instagram

In late March I met with Sarah Goodman, owner of Karma Beauty Room. She opened for business in



downtown Lindström in early March, and has hit the ground running.

The newly remodeled space has a rich blend of both modern and natural wood design elements. The neutral, high-contrast color palette, metallic accents and abundance of natural light creates a cozy-luxe vibe.



When I asked her what makes her company unique, she pointed to

their mission statement:

"At Karma Beauty Room we want to create and instill confidence in all of our guests through enhancing their natural beauty. We are constantly looking for new classes to bring you the best and most up to date services." This mission is evident in the salon's workplace culture, as the stylists are continually seeking new and exciting continuing education opportunities.

Current services include hair cuts, color, and extensions, lash extensions, waxing, and bridal hair and makeup. Plans are in the works to expand the

service menu in the near future. A variety of name-brand salon products are also offered.



A focus on beauty, both inside and out, is reflected in her business name. "Karma Beauty Room" spoke to her desire to promote good karma throughout the community.

Sarah chose Lindström because she liked the feel of the community, the warm and welcoming people, and that the downtown was a defined area.

Sarah was beaming with excitement for our community, and I can't wait to see what the future brings for her and her new business. *Välkommen* till Lindström (Welcome to Lindström), Karma Beauty Room!

Do you want your new or established Lindström business featured in a future "Business Spotlight" article?

Contact Miranda Olson molson@cityoflindstrom.us for more information!



### Walpurgis Night (Valborg)

On April 30th, Swedes celebrate Walpurgis, Valborg (short for Valborgsmässoafton), or 'the last of April'. Traditionally believed to ward off evil spirits, it is now celebrated as a festive way to welcome spring. The celebration is simple: Swedes get together for a bonfire, and often grill food, sing songs or listen to speeches. Click **HERE** for a video about this Swedish holiday, and **HERE** to read more.



## Utility Billing

#### Utility bill postcards are mailed quarterly.

1st Quarter: Bill mailed: Bill Due: January-March 1st week of April 1st week of May\* Bill mailed: Bill Due: 1st week of August\* 2nd Quarter: 1st week of July April-June 3rd Quarter: Bill mailed: Bill Due: 1st week of October 1st week of November\* July-September Bill mailed: Bill Due: 1st week of February\* October- December 1st week of January

\*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: <a href="www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing">www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing</a>



## **Upcoming Events**



We have a lot to offer here in Lindström!

- Antiques
- Vintage & Repurposed
- **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** 





#### River Valley Shop Hop

Thurs. - Sun., April 18 - 21

Several downtown Lindström businesses are participating this first annual regional shopping event. St. Croix Falls, Taylors Falls, and Osceola are also participating.

Follow the "River Valley Shop Hop" page on Facebook page for details.

www.facebook.com/ rivervalleyshophop



#### 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, the complete season schedule, and for a virtual tour, visit:



friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org

Questions or to schedule a tour contact:

friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com

#### 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



#### **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

#### FREE admission.

#### Fun for all ages!

See next pages for the final 2024 schedule.



For sponsorship forms & additional information, click here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/parksdepartment/pages/harmony-park

## KARL 🛑 SKAR DAYS

#### Karl Oskar Days

Wed. - Sat., July 10th - 13th

Event times & Lindström locations vary.

- **STREWORKS OVER SHOW**
- *Y* FAMILY FUN NIGHT
- *STATE OF THE STATE OF THE STA*

We have another great year of festivities planned for Karl Öskar Days! Stay tuned for details.

For sponsorship forms (see next pages), vendor forms, & additional event information, click here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/ karl-oskar-days





Follow Karl Oskar Days on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ **KarlOskarDays** 

#### Other Upcoming Events

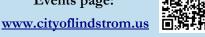
- Memorial Day Paddle (May)
- Allemansrätt Nature Party (Sept.)
- **Community Education**
- Chisago Lakes Chamber events, such as Friday Fika and more!

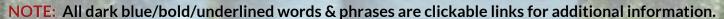


View City of Lindström events on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ CityOfLindstrom/events

Visit our Community Events page:





# FRIENDS OF ALLEMANSRÄTT ADOPT-A-BUCKTHORN SPOT PROGRAM at

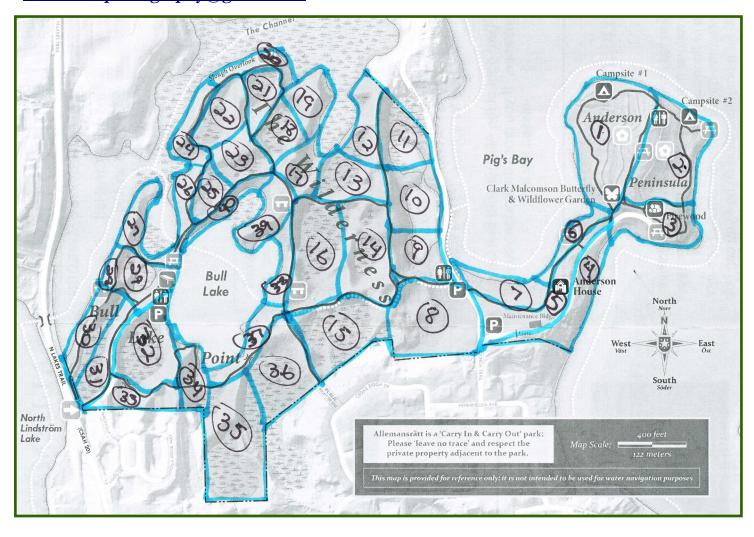
## ALLEMANSRÄTT WILDERNESS PARK

The *Friends of Allemansrätt* volunteer group **NEEDS YOUR HELP** to remove this invasive threat! Individuals, families, businesses, teams, and organizations are encouraged to join in the effort.

#### Sign up today!

- 1. Reserve your buckthorn area with Shari Bachman (see numbered areas on map below)
- 2. Attend buckthorn training
- 3. Clear your spot of buckthorn twice a year- once in the spring & once in the fall
- 4. Enjoy a beautiful buckthorn-free park!

To sign up, or if you have questions about the program, contact Shari Bachman at: bachmansphotography@gmail.com or 651-257-9380





## 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 <a href="mailto:phinsch@citvoflindstrom.us">phinsch@citvoflindstrom.us</a> or 651-257-7648 (office) ~ 651-271-7628 (cell).

Hook forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you in advance!

Pauline Hinsch ~ Special Event Coordinator



	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	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
\$1500 GOLD		<b>1</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
\$750 SILVER			<b>√</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>V</b>
\$500 BRONZE				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Any Other Donation Amount						<b>√</b>

(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.

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)	EVENT (Starts at 6:30)
June 5	The White Sidewalls 50's & 60's Doo-Wop / Rock & Roll	• American Legion Opening Ceremony • Joe Wishy Memorial Car Show
June 12	Lindley Creek Bluegrass	• Hazelden Betty Ford Night- 75th Anniversary
June 19	Jonah & The Whales Rock/Variety	• CLHS Marching Band- Starts @6:15pm • CL Rotary Night & Vendor Fair Night
June 26	Songs of the South Alabama Tribute Band	• Chisago Lakes Lions Night • Public Safety Night
July 3	Darlene & The Boys Country/Variety	Little Blues Traveling Zoo     Project Wild Rooted
July 10	Bob & the Beachcombers Surfin' the 60's & Rockin' the 70's	Lakes Appreciation Night     Karl Oskar Days Kickoff
July 17	Monroe Crossing Bluegrass / Classic Country	Faith Community Night     Unexpected Company Chorale Group
July 24	Transit Authority Chicago Tribute Band	• Non-Profit Night
July 31	Todd Anderson presents Absolutely Elvis	Health Fair & Age Well Night     Sweet Adeline's Lakes Country Chorus
Aug. 7	Rockin' Hollywoods 50's-80's Rock	• Chisago Lakes Lions Corn Feed • River City Cloggers

Have your name or business included on the official Harmony event poster!

The official event poster will be printed after the May 3, 2024 sponsorship deadline (see next page).

## 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





ONLY:

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 <u>must be received by</u> Friday, May 3, 2024 to be included on marketing materials. If we receive your sponsorship <u>after</u> the above date, your name/business <u>will still be verbally acknowledged at each concert</u> and will be included on our website, but will <u>not</u> 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 re	main anonymous	
Amount of Sponsorship: \$	Thank you!	FOR OFFICE USE
To receive a copy of your receipt via e	Date Received: Receipt #	
Email:		Code 238-36230

## 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

#### April 2024: Scheduled City Meetings (At Lindström City Hall Unless Otherwise Noted)

**Apr. 1 (Mon.)** Park Commission: 6:00pm

Apr. 4 (Thurs.) CANCELED- Planning Commission: 6:30pm

**Apr. 8 (Mon.)** Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)

Apr. 9 (Tues.) EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am

Apr. 15 (Mon.) Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission (CLJSTC): 5:30pm

Apr. 16 (Tues.) Board of Appeal and Equalization: 6:00pm

**Apr. 17 (Wed.)** City Council: 7:00pm

Apr. 29 (Mon.)Fire Relief Association: 7:00pm (Lindström Fire Hall)No MeetingPolice Commission: 6:30pm (Chisago City's City Hall)No MeetingLibrary Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)

No Meeting Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR): 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: <a href="www.cityoflindstrom.us">www.cityoflindstrom.us</a>
- 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.

April 2024: City Hall Closed

No Scheduled Closures

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





## **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 <u>Lakes Area Police Department</u> for more information using their non-emergency number 651-257-0622 or stop in at <u>City Hall</u>.

## Street Sweeping

- Spring street sweeping generally occurs in May, although if weather permits it could start in late April. Sign up for <u>email notifications</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> 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

Compost Site info is on the next page

## Right-of-Way Planting

The City of Lindström prohibits planting of trees or other vegetation in the boulevard (road right-of-way). Trees and other vegetation may be planted and maintained in drainage and utility easements without a permit from the city at the risk of the property owner and provided that the trees or vegetation do not interfere with access to or use of the easement. (Ordinance 90.23)



## Storm Drain Care

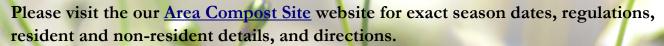
- Residents are urged not to blow leaves, grass, dirt, or other debris into the streets. This material can wash into the catch-basins and storm drains, causing them to become clogged and not function properly.
- This debris can also end up in our lakes, which results in excessive algae growth. To learn 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.



Click HERE to view our Area Compost Site informational video!

## Stay up to Date!



Now you can stay informed with our new



to follow us on **E-Notifications** feature! Sign up to receive emails for Facebook!