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May 2023



## Monthly E-Newsletter



## Harmony Sponsorship Deadline May 5th

Law Enforcement Week: May 14-20, 2023

Our Lakes Area Police Department (LAPD) does a lot for this community. If you would like to show your appreciation, please drop off or mail them a friendly greeting, or send them a Facebook message.

www.facebook.com/ lakesareapolice



For Law Enforcement Week events in MN, click here:

www.mncops.org/events and special announceme nts

### Stay Informed

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Summer is just around the corner, and that means it's time for <u>Harmony in the Park!</u>

The line up and events for this year are AMAZING. Rusty Johnson of the Lindström Park Board has been hard at work for several months lining up the bands, vendors, and event participants. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Rusty yet, please introduce yourself when you see him at Harmony this summer.

Harmony in the Park is a great event for the whole family.

FREE admission!

#### Sponsorship

If you are still interested in being a sponsor for this fun community event, the sponsorship **deadline is May 5th** (to be included on marketing materials). If we receive your sponsorship after this date, your name/business will still be announced at each

concert, but will **not** be included on printed marketing materials.



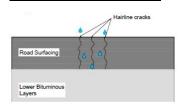
For more information and the sponsorship form, see pages 10 & 11 of this newsletter, click **HERE**, or stop by City Hall.

## Lindström Pothole Repairs Underway

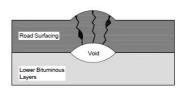
As you may have seen on the news in the past few months, potholes have been exceptionally bad statewide this year.

Because of this, there have been intermittent shortages of patching material for the past several months. Nearly every community in Minnesota has needed more of this material than average, and Lindström is no exception.

#### **How Potholes Are Formed**



As roads age, they get more porous. Rainwater penetrates hairline cracks caused by traffic use. When water freezes, it expands. More cracks form and the road surface is pushed outward like a bubble.



When the ice thaws it creates gaps under the surface. These get larger with each freeze-thaw cycle. The road surface over these gaps then collapse from traffic use, causing a pothole. These freeze-thaw cycles also make existing potholes much worse.

During our record-setting winter, we experienced several bouts of rain (which then froze) in between snowstorms. This was basically a worst-case-scenario for our roads.

#### **Pothole Repairs**

All in all, it was a tough winter. But now that spring is here our Public Works
Department has been able to move forward with getting at least some of these potholes filled. They will continue filling potholes on City streets as patching material availability allows. With approximately 26 miles of City roadway, this is no small task.

We appreciate your patience, and **please use caution** around the areas where repair crews are actively working.

#### Thank you!



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

## It's Almost Summer! Fishing Opener is May 13th

For many Minnesotans, not just serious anglers, fishing opener is considered the unofficial start of summer.

Minnesota state statute requires the opener to occur precisely two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, so this year fishing opener is on Saturday, May 13th. This is also the day before Mother's Day.

You can catch some fish such as crappie, catfish, sunfish, perch and bullhead at any time. Fish such as walleye, northern pike and bass commonly



called gamefish - can only be caught during certain times of the year. Those time periods can vary depending on

where you are fishing. Use the **DNR LakeFinder** to find specific regulations for a particular lake, river or stream.

Make sure your fishing license is up to date. Annual licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. There is an added cost to fish for trout, salmon or sturgeon.

#### Local approved fishing license vendors include:

- **Holiday Gas Station** 12970 Lake Blvd., Lindström
- Frankie's Bait & Marine 10680 South Ave., Chisago City
- Chisago City License Bureau 10625 Railroad Ave., Chisago City

For a complete list of Chisago County fishing license vendors, click **HERE**. You can also apply online or over the phone. Click **HERE** for details.

#### Safety first!

The two largest contributing factors to boating fatalities are not wearing a life jacket and operator inattention. The most common causes of boating accidents are falling overboard and capsizing. For fishing safety tips, click HERE.

For Minnesota fishing regulations, click HERE.

For information on Lindström area lakes and lake recreation, click **HERE**.

See you on the water!

Visit our website for the digital version of this newsletter: www.cityoflindstrom.us/residentinformation/pages/ newsletters- lindstr%C3% B6m-ledger





### Glad Mors Dag: (glawd mohrs dawg) "Happy Mother's Day"

In Sweden, Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday in May. Mothers in Sweden prefer to receive gifts or fresh flowers, and breakfast in bed. To learn how the tradition came to Sweden and more, click **HERE**. Father's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in November in Sweden, instead of in June.

## News from City Council

The City Council and Staff have been very busy! Here is a quick update on recent key accomplishments:

City Administrator Search: The search is progressing nicely. The Council will meet on May 9th to narrow the pool to a final list of candidates. Interviews will occur the second half of May – the Council, City Staff, and a panel of Residents will interview the final candidates. The list of final candidates will be available to the public.

Three Story Limit: The Council passed an ordinance limiting the height of new buildings in downtown (Hwy 8) to 3 stories. The zoning height had

been raised to 5 stories in the Central Business District (CBD) in January of 2022, when the City updated a number of zoning-related City Codes.

Commercial/Industrial Business Park Development Task Force: The Council authorized the creation of a Task Force to identify ways to increase economic development in Lindström. The taskforce will focus on optimizing our current business park and explore potential locations for future business.

Financial Management Plan Approved: Council asked Abdo (a financial firm) to prepare a 10-year financial management plan that will guide and inform Council as they make decisions on future projects and the City's funding capacity.

Work Sessions: Council and Staff are holding a series of work sessions so that collectively (Council and Staff) can establish priorities and plan projects. To date, we have discussed: economic development, road maintenance, potential police building, and zoning plans. More work sessions are to come. (Work Sessions are meetings where Council reviews and discusses agenda topics. Council may not make final decisions during the meeting.)

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## City Projects & Development Updates

<u>Albrecht Development at North Lindstrom</u> Lake: The developer will present a new concept plan at the May 4th Planning Commission meeting.

<u>Elms Estates</u>: All of the units have been removed, and the owner is actively marketing the property. The property is privately owned (**not** city-owned).

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

<u>Lindstrom Fire Hall</u>: 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.

<u>Lakes Area Police Hall</u>: 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.

<u>Maple Street</u>: 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.

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

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 and again in April, 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 was discussed at the April 4, 2023 City Council Work Session. Council and Staff have been meeting with stakeholders individually and a meeting with all stakeholders will be held at a later date.

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. The Park Commission continues to discuss options for alternate trail alignments.

<u>Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two</u>: The project was on hold for the winter. Paving is delayed until later this spring. <u>Veteran's Housing (Tingsryd Gardens)</u>: 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.

**Stay Informed:** Sign up to receive City news, including public notices for City Council Work Sessions, public hearings, meeting date changes, cancelled meetings, public hearings, via email: <a href="www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe">www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe</a>

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

## **Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities**



## 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



### Karl Oskar House Tours

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

#### 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, click **HERE**.

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



### Memorial Day Paddle

Monday, May 29th

- 9am launch:
   Ojiketa Regional Park Launch
   27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City
- Approx. 10:30am, join the paddle at: <u>Paradise Park Launch</u> <u>11031 Stinson Ave, Chisago City</u>
- Approx. Noon, join the paddle at: <u>Lindström Beach Launch</u> 12505 Newell Ave, <u>Lindström</u>
- Approx. 1pm, launch at landing; head to NE corner of Allemansrätt Park: North Center Lake Access/Landing Lake Blvd (Hwy 8), Center City
- Approx. 2pm, After Paddle Party: Pizza Pub, 345 Summit Ave, Center City

Get your kayaks ready for another Memorial Day Paddle on the <u>Chisago</u> <u>Lakes Water Trail!</u> No registration necessary. Water trail maps are available on the website, or stop by City Hall or the Chisago Lakes Chamber for the full-sized map/brochure.

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! See page 8 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 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.

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

Visit our Community
Events page for more info
www.cityoflindstrom.us







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651,272,3989



Allemansratt Park 31316 Olinda Trail N. Lindstrom, MN

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



# 8th Annual Memorial Day Paddle Monday, May 29, 2023



### Grab your kayaks or canoes!

There are 4 possible launching points/departure times:

- . 9:00am start
- . 10:30am join the paddle
- Noon join the paddle
- . 1:00pm join the paddle

After Paddle Party To Follow

Paddle as many as 8 or as few as 1 of our lovely Chisago Lakes.

No registration necessary. See you there!

## See back or scan QR code for map & additional details!

For more Information or to be added to the "Chisago Lakes Paddle Club" contact Bill Mack:

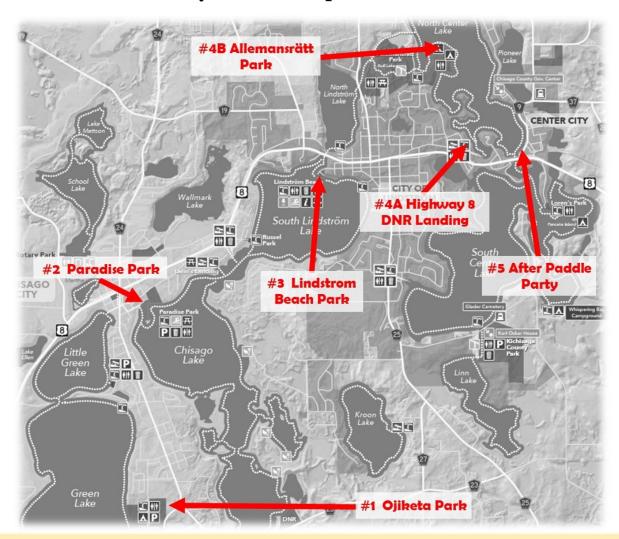
macklandscaping@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook for event updates!

www.facebook.com/ChisagoLakesWaterTrail

(See next page for map and additional details.)

### Memorial Day Paddle Map & Additional Details



#### Start at Ojiketa or join the Flotilla at any of the other 3 locations along the route!

#1—OJIKETA PARK LAUNCH: Meet at Ojiketa Park at 9:00am. Look for Bill Mack, You won't be able to miss him! Leave at 9:15. Paddle Big Green, Little Green, portage 6 blocks to Chisago Lake. This launch site will allow you to paddle all 8 lakes.

**#2—PARADISE PARK LAUNCH:** Meet at Paradise Park about 10:30am. Watch for Paddlers coming from the west (Group #1). Join them for the 4 lake paddle. Leaving about 10:45-11:00.

**#3— LINDSTROM BEACH LAUNCH:** Meet at Lindstrom Beach about noon. Watch for the flotilla of groups #1 & #2 coming from the west. The next stretch we will take on the channel between North Lindstrom and North Center. This can be challenging depending on the water level of the lakes. We will "pre-paddle" and make sure it is safe, marked, and passable.

#4A —HIGHWAY 8 DNR LANDING & #4B- ALLEMANSRÄTT PARK: Put in about 1:00pm at the (4A) DNR Landing off of Highway 8, just east of the Chisago Lakes Middle school. Paddle to the beach on the NE side of (#4B) Allemansrätt Park. Watch for the parade of boats coming from the North. Leave about 1:30pm for the final leg.

**#5—AFTER PADDLE PARTY:** Arrive at the landing in Center City about 2:00pm. You are on your own for food & beverages at Pizza Pub. Relax, rehydrate, & share stories!

Questions? Contact Bill @651-402-5429.

#### Reminders:

Don't forget to bring water to hydrate, sunscreen, insect repellent, and your own Personal Floatation Device. Bring a dolly or sufficient muscles. If you choose the #1 Ojiketa Park Launch site, you will need to portage,

Also, we recommend that you layer for the weather.

We will have "some" transportation available to get you back to your vehicle and a secure place in Center City to leave your boat while you retrieve your vehicle.



## 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 commuities 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 communty celebration, we depend on our sponsors for support. This is very impotant 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.



**GOLD Sponsor** 

complimentary parade float entry seen by 7000+ people

marketing material/social

2 free Loppet 5K registrations

business name on most

In appreciation receive:

media



### **BRONZE sponsor**

In appreciation receive:

business name on event poster placed in many locations



### **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



#### **SILVER Sponsor**

In appreciation receive:

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



### 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!



## **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 50s & 60s Doo-Wop / Rock & Roll
June 14	A Hard Days Night Beatles Tribute Band
June 21	Transit Authority Chicago Tribute Band
June 28	Song of the South Alabama Tribute Band
July 5	Bob & the Beachcombers Surfin' the 60s & Rockin' the 70s
July 12	Jonah & The Wales Rock/Variety
July 19	Monroe Crossing Bluegrass / Classic Country
July 26	The Dweebs Top Hits from the 60s thru Today
August 2	Elvis Tribute with Todd Anderson
August 9	Rockin' Hollywoods 50s-80s Rock



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

www.facebook.com/ CityOfLindstrom





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#### Visit our website

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 Spon	<u>sor!</u>		
Name/Business name as you want shown on marketing materials (deadline 5-5-2023):  Check box if you wish to remain anonymous			
To receive a copy of your receipt via email, please complete below:	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., Lindstrom, MN 55045

## May Meetings & Closures

### **Meetings\***

May 1 Park Board: 6:00pm

May 4 Planning Commission: 6:30pm

May 8 Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)

May 9 EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am

May 10 Police Commission: 6:30pm

May 15 Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm

May 18 City Council: 7:00pm

May 25 Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)



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

### City Hall Closed

May 29 Memorial Day



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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 inter-

(Ord. 04-11-02, passed 11-18-2004) Penalty, see § 10.99

fere with access to or use of the easement.



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 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 <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

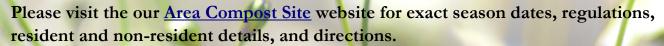
- Residents are urged not to blow leaves, grass, dirt, or other debris into the streets. This material can
  wash into the catch-basins and storm drains, causing them to become clogged and not function
  properly.
- This debris can also end up in our lakes, which results in excessive algae growth. To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





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