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MAY 2024



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## Monthly E-Newsletter



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### Law Enforcement Week:

May 12-18, 2024

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](http://www.facebook.com/lakesareapolice)



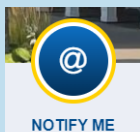
For Law Enforcement Week events in MN, click here:

[www.mncops.org/events-and-special-announcements](http://www.mncops.org/events-and-special-announcements)

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## New KOD Coordinator in 2024

### KARL + SKAR DAYS

The City's Special Events Coordinator, Pauline Hinsch, stepped down from her position effective April 1, 2024.

Pauline, we appreciate your 5 seasons of dedication towards making Karl Oskar Days such a great community event! You brought many fun ideas to the table, and we wish you the very best. *Tack så mycket, Pauline!* ("Thank you so much!" in Swedish)

The City has hired Darin Straub as a seasonal Special Events Coordinator for 2024. He has an extensive background in event planning, and has held lead roles in past Karl Oskar Days. Darin will start on Monday, May 13th.

If you have any questions about Karl Oskar Days, please contact Miranda Olson at the City of Lindström:

[events@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:events@cityoflindstrom.us)

Or call: 651-257-0620

### Vendor & Parade Registration

Do you want to be a marketplace vendor or register for the parade? We still have spots available!

Visit our website for details:

[www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days/pages/participant-info-forms](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days/pages/participant-info-forms)



## Harmony Sponsorship Deadline May 3rd

Summer is just around the corner, and that means it's time for [Harmony in the Park!](#)



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 **deadline is May 3rd** (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 this year's Harmony schedule and the sponsorship form, see pages 6 & 7, click [HERE](#), or stop by City Hall.



Photos Courtesy of Gus Gulbranson

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# KARL + SKAR DAYS

## Be A Karl Oskar Days Sponsor- Its a Win-Win!

We need your support to help make KOD 2024 a special and memorable festival! Thousands of locals and visitors come to Lindström for our city’s annual celebration, so it’s a great way to advertise your business.

Click below (or see next page) for the KOD sponsorship brochure & form:  
[www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days/pages/be-sponsor](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days/pages/be-sponsor)

**SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: June 1, 2024** (to be included on all applicable marketing materials)



Karl Oskar Days would not be possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors and volunteers- tack så mycket!  
("Thank you so much!" in Swedish)



### Additional ways to show your support:

- Monetary donation of any amount
- Volunteer
- Donate product or gift cards

Questions or ideas? Contact us at: [events@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:events@cityoflindstrom.us) or 651-257-0620



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# 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
<b>\$3000 PLATINUM</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>\$1500 GOLD</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>\$750 SILVER</b>			✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>\$500 BRONZE</b>				✓	✓	✓
<b>Any Other Donation Amount</b>						✓

(Please submit this card with donation **Sponsorship deadline:** 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 [events@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:events@cityoflindstrom.us) for yard signs.

Make checks out to: City of Lindström.



# It's Almost Summer! Fishing Opener is May 11th

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. This year, fishing opener is on Saturday, May 11th. This is also the day before Mother's Day.

You can catch some fish such as crappie, catfish, sunfish, perch and bull-head 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 Lake Finder](#) to find specific regulations for a particular lake, river or stream.



## Getting A MN Fishing License

Is your fishing license 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, visit: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/agents.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/agents.html)

Apply for your fishing license online: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/online-sales.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/online-sales.html)

Or by phone: 1-888-665-4236

## 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, visit: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/safety.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/safety.html)

MN Fishing Regulations:

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/regs.html?section=definitions&topic=inland](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/regs.html?section=definitions&topic=inland)

Lindström Area Lakes & Lake Recreation Information:

[www.cityoflindstrom.us/visitor-information-tourism/pages/lindstr%C3%B6m-area-lakes](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/visitor-information-tourism/pages/lindstr%C3%B6m-area-lakes)

See you on the water!



## 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 and/or fresh flowers, and breakfast in bed. Click [HERE](#) to learn how the tradition came to Sweden and how to say "Happy Mother's Day" in Swedish.

Note: Father's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in November in Sweden, instead of in June.

## Utility Billing

Utility bill postcards are mailed quarterly.

<b>1st Quarter:</b> January-March	<b>Bill mailed:</b> 1st week of April	<b>Bill Due:</b> 1st week of May*
<b>2nd Quarter:</b> April-June	<b>Bill mailed:</b> 1st week of July	<b>Bill Due:</b> 1st week of August*
<b>3rd Quarter:</b> July-September	<b>Bill mailed:</b> 1st week of October	<b>Bill Due:</b> 1st week of November*
<b>4th Quarter:</b> October- December	<b>Bill mailed:</b> 1st week of January	<b>Bill Due:</b> 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](mailto: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](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing)



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# Upcoming Events



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](http://www.facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom)



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## Karl Oskar House Events:

### 29101 Glader Blvd., Lindström

- **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 September 22nd.
- **Kubb:** Sunday, May 26th AND June 30th, 1pm-2pm. Craig and Boni Stockel will be leading a Swedish lawn game called Kubb. Join us and learn how to play this super fun lawn game.
- **Nordic Folk Music Jam under the Astrakhan Apple Tree:** Sunday, June 2nd, 1:30pm-3:30pm.

For more information, the complete season schedule, and for a virtual tour, visit:

[friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org](http://friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org)



Questions or to schedule a tour contact:

[friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com)

## About the Karl Oskar House:

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.

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## 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 and additional information, click here:

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

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## Karl Oskar Days 2024

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

Additional events will be held at the Karl Oskar House on Sun., July 14th.

Event times and Lindström locations vary.

We have another great year of festivities in the works for Karl Oskar Days, including the following confirmed events:



- **KOD Fair at Memorial Park & Beach Park** (food trucks, arts/crafts vendors, info booths, entertainment, inflatables, games, and more)
- **Live Music at Memorial Park** (featuring local musicians, including Matt Glennal!)
- **Lumberjack Shows/Interactives at Beach Park**
- **Fireworks**
- **Car Show**
- **Parade**
- **CL Ambassadors Coronation**
- **LFD Beer Garden/Dance (Fri.)**
- **KOD Street Dance (Sat.)**
- *And much more!*

For sponsorship forms, vendor forms, and additional event information, click here:

[www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days)



Follow Karl Oskar Days on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/KarlOskarDays](http://www.facebook.com/KarlOskarDays)

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## Other Upcoming Events

- **2024 Memorial Day Paddle CANCELLED:** CLWT Members are not available to lead this event in 2024. Look for future Chisago Lakes Water Trail (CLWT) events on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ChisagoLakesWaterTrail](http://www.facebook.com/ChisagoLakesWaterTrail)
- **Allemansrätt Nature Party** (Sept.)
- **Community Education**
- **Chisago Lakes Chamber** events, Friday Fika (all are welcomed), and more!



View City of Lindström events on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/CityOfLindstrom/events](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfLindstrom/events)

Visit our Community Events page:

[www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us)



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## 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.*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>BAND (Starts at 7:00)</b>	<b>EVENT (Starts at 6:30)</b>
June 5	<b>The White Sidewalls</b> <i>50's &amp; 60's Doo-Wop / Rock &amp; Roll</i>	•American Legion Opening Ceremony •Joe Wishy Memorial Car Show
June 12	<b>Lindley Creek</b> <i>Bluegrass</i>	•Hazelden Betty Ford Night- 75th Anniversary
June 19	<b>Jonah &amp; The Whales</b> <i>Rock/Variety</i>	•CLHS Marching Band- Starts @6:15pm •CL Rotary Night & Vendor Fair Night
June 26	<b>Songs of the South</b> <i>Alabama Tribute Band</i>	•Chisago Lakes Lions Night •Public Safety Night
July 3	<b>Darlene &amp; The Boys</b> <i>Country/Variety</i>	•Little Blues Traveling Zoo •Project Wild Rooted
July 10	<b>Bob &amp; the Beachcombers</b> <i>Surfin' the 60's &amp; Rockin' the 70's</i>	•Lakes Appreciation Night •Karl Oskar Days Kickoff
July 17	<b>Monroe Crossing</b> <i>Bluegrass / Classic Country</i>	•Faith Community Night •Unexpected Company Chorale Group
July 24	<b>Transit Authority</b> <i>Chicago Tribute Band</i>	•Non-Profit Night
July 31	<b>Todd Anderson presents</b> <b>Absolutely Elvis</b>	•Health Fair & Age Well Night •Sweet Adeline's Lakes Country Chorus
Aug. 7	<b>Rockin' Hollywoods</b> <i>50's-80's Rock</i>	•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:

<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$500 and up</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$200 - \$499</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$100 - \$199</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$25 - \$99</b>



Banners (\$200 & up only), press releases, posters, and flyers will acknowledge your sponsorship. A verbal acknowledgement will also be made at each concert.



Sponsorship donations must be received by **Friday, May 3, 2024** to be included on marketing materials. If we receive your sponsorship after the above date, your name/business will still be verbally acknowledged at each concert and will be included on our website, but will **not** be included on any of the *Harmony in the Park* marketing materials.

**All donations/sponsorship can be dropped off at, or mailed to:**  
Lindström City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045

**Make checks payable to:** City of Lindström.

**Debit or credit card payment:** Call or stop in at Lindström City Hall at 651-257-0620 during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday 7am – 4:30pm and Friday 7am – Noon)

(Please return this portion with your payment.)

## **Yes, I want to be a Harmony in the Park Sponsor!**

Name/Business name as you want shown on marketing materials (**deadline 5-3-2024**):

Check box if you wish to remain anonymous

Amount of Sponsorship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ***Thank you!***

To receive a copy of your receipt via email, please complete below:

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Code 238-36230**



# 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](http://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

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

May 2 (Thurs.)	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
May 6 (Mon.)	Park Commission: 6:00pm
May 8 (Wed.)	Police Commission: 6:30pm (Chisago City's City Hall)
May 13 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
May 14 (Tues.)	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
May 15 (Wed.)	<a href="#">Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR)</a> : 5:30pm (Alternating Locations)
May 15 (Wed.)	City Council: 7:00pm
May 20 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission (CLJSTC): 5:30pm
May 23 (Thurs.)	Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)
No Meeting	Fire Relief Association: 7:00pm (Lindström Fire Hall)



- View our "City Calendar" on our website's home page for a complete schedule including work sessions, special meetings, cancelled meetings, or rescheduled meetings: [www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://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.

### May 2024: City Hall Closed

May 27 (Mon.)      Memorial Day

Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

[www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us)



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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](#)

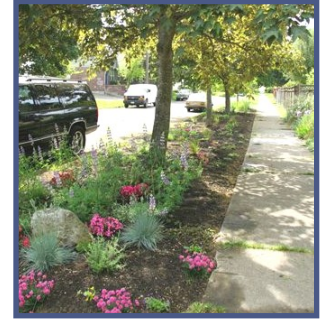
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on the next page*

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## 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 Open For Season

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.

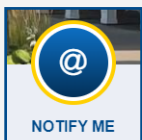
- Allowed:** Grass clippings, leaves, and brush up to 3" in diameter
- NOT Allowed:** Dimensional lumber, tires, appliances or household trash
- If available, wood chips, compost and black dirt are available for non-commercial use (for free!)
- No commercial businesses are allowed to haul to or from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



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

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

## Stay up to Date!



Now you can stay informed with our new [E-Notifications](#) feature! Sign up to receive emails for



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