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JUNE 2023



Monthly E-Newsletter



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Karl Oskar Days (KOD) Sponsorship

The deadline for sponsoring KOD is technically June 1st. However, if you would still like to help support this amazing community event, [sponsorships will be accepted through Karl Oskar Days](#).

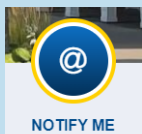
If your sponsorship is received after June 1st, your business name may not be included on all marketing materials, but it will be included on all that have not yet gone to print. The **parade deadline is June 20th**, as the line up takes quite a bit of planning.

We need your help to make this year's festivities amazing for all ages. (See pages 6 & 7 for sponsorship details.)

[Thank you for your consideration!](#)

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.



Be a tourist in your hometown this summer! Invite a friend and spend an afternoon exploring [downtown Lindström](#) to learn all about the history and makers of our statues, our historic sites, and our Swedish heritage history.

There are three downtown routes, all of which start at the west end of downtown at the **Veterans Memorial**.

The shortest loop is the **West Loop**, and includes the Karl Oskar and Kristina Nilsson

statue, **Beach Park**, historic homes, and more.

The **South Loop** follows the south side of Highway 8 and features several historic buildings and the **Chisago County Historical Center**. Head south on Olinda Trail and then west on Newell Ave., and you will see **Trinity Lutheran Church** as well as the historic homes that are highlighted on this loop.

The **North Loop** follows the

north side of Highway 8 through downtown. Discover historic buildings, including the famous Lindström Bakery (meet the new owners!) and coffee pot water tower, historic homes, and the many statues that honor our Swedish heritage and modern day history.

For the brochure and map, click [HERE](#). They are also available at [Lindström City Hall](#) and the [Chisago Lakes Chamber](#).

Chisago County's CodeRED System

The Chisago County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, has instituted a new rapid emergency notification service called CodeRED. The new system distributes emergency messages via telephone.



CodeRED notifies residents of emergency situations that require immediate action, such as:

- fires
- chemical spills
- lock downs
- evacuations
- downed power lines

- lost individuals
- natural disasters
- abductions
- water system problems
- bomb threats
- or other emergencies

Calls can be geographically targeted for localized messaging. If widespread, the entire community could be called within a few minutes.

Chisago County residents and businesses are welcomed and encouraged to [register](#). Those who do not register their [address and phone number](#) may not be notified with CodeRED in the case of an emergency.

Registration is confidential, FREE, and easy. Once your registration is activated, the system will call your contact

number and leave messages in voicemail boxes and on answering machines in the case of an emergency.

To register or learn more, click here:
www.chisagocountymn.gov/790/CodeRED-Notification-Service



The CodeRED Mobile Alert app is the nation's most downloaded public safety notification app. **Click [HERE](#) to download the app to your phone today.**



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Boating & Watercraft Etiquette

While it's obvious that safe behavior is important, boating etiquette also encompasses what is socially acceptable on the water. The [Minnesota DNR](#) provides a list of the [top 10 rules](#) for respectful boating:

1. **Respect the ramp.** Prepare your boat before getting into position to launch.
2. **Own your wake.** Throwing big waves is more than just a nuisance- it can be very dangerous, especially to swimmers and smaller watercraft. Stay at least 200 feet from the shoreline, other boaters and swimmers.



3. **Keep the tunes in check.** Sound is amplified over water. As well as being a disturbance, it can cause a hazard if boat operators cannot hear their spotter.
4. **Pack in, pack out.** Properly dispose of your trash.
5. **Slow your roll.** It is your responsibility to know and respect speed limits and no-wake restrictions.
6. **Rules of the road.** It is important to be familiar with waterway markers and navigation rules, which help to prevent collisions.
7. **Be prepared.** Make sure to have enough properly fitted life jackets on board, know the safety rules of your craft, and make your guests aware as well.
8. **Fuel and go.** At a fuel dock, fuel up, pay your bill and move out of the way.

9. **Anchoring and mooring.** Enter these areas at a slow speed so that you don't disrupt other anchored boats. Follow how other boats are tied off, how much line they use and how much distance you allow between you and other boats.
10. **Be polite- give a wave.** Boating is about being part of a community and having fun. When passing another boat, give a little wave hello.

Consider taking a [water safety course](#). Whether you are a novice or a seasoned boater, there is always room to learn.

To share the Minnesota DNR's boating etiquette article on Facebook, click [HERE](#).

For information on Lindström area lakes and lake recreation, click [HERE](#).

See you on the water!



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Midsommar: "Midsummer" (June 24, 2023) Dating back to ancient times, this family-friendly Swedish festival marks the longest day of the year and welcomes back warm weather. It's celebrated by singing songs, enjoying live music, making fresh-flower crowns, dancing the *Små Grodorna* (The Little Frogs) dance, and dancing around the *midsommarstång* (maypole). For more Swedish Midsommar traditions and recipes, click [HERE](#). For local Midsommar festivals, click [HERE](#). Learn how to make your own flower crown [HERE](#).

City Administrator Search & Other News

City Administrator Search Update

In [December of 2022](#), Lindström's City Administrator resigned, and in [January of 2023](#), the City Council appointed Deputy Clerk/Office Manager Melissa (Missy) Glenna as the Interim City Administrator.

The City has been assisted in the recruitment of a new City Administrator by GovHR USA, an executive recruitment and management consulting firm that specializes in local government.

26 candidates applied for the City Administrator position. The City Council met on May 9th to narrow the pool to a final list of 4 candidates. These candidates

were then interviewed by the City Council, City Staff, and a panel of residents.

The City Council held a special meeting in late May to discuss and determine the next City Administrator. Members voted unanimously to extend an offer to one of the candidates.

Negotiations are currently taking place, and we hope to have good news by early June. Stay tuned!

Other News from City Council

Work Sessions: Council and Staff continue to hold work sessions (now just monthly) 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. (Work Sessions are meetings where Council reviews and discusses agenda topics. Council may not make final decisions during the meeting.)

Projects: See the "City Projects & Development Updates" on the next page.

Receive City news via email:
www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe



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City Projects & Development Updates

Albrecht Development at North Lindstrom Lake: The developer presented a new concept plan to solicit feedback from the Planning Commission and the City Council at their May meetings. We await next steps from the developer.

Elms Estates: 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.

Irene Avenue, Irene Court, & Peninsula Avenue Street Improvements Project: At the May City Council meeting, Council approved for Staff to move forward with a reclamation project in this area. **View our website for more information:**

www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works/pages/current-city-projects

Lindstrom Fire Hall: Permanent electric is installed, and landscaping is completed. Items that are being addressed prior to occupancy are: miscellaneous punchlist items, the transition from the concrete driveway to Akerson Street so that the fire trucks can exit the building without damaging the trucks, and the compromised concrete in the west parking lot. Occupancy is anticipated for early summer of this year.

Lakes Area Police Hall: This project did not make it on the most recent bonding bill.

Maple Street: The City Engineer conducted a traffic study for Maple Street. City Council has discussed this and other potential street improvement projects at recent work sessions. More information to come on all street improvement projects.

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.

Neal Avenue Street Improvements Project: At the May City Council meeting, Council approved for Staff to move forward with construction plans for this project, which will be reviewed by Council at a future meeting before implementing the project. More information to come.

Newlander/Elm Street Reconstruction: The rain garden and punch list items are being addressed. Completion is anticipated in approximately one month.

O'Jay Juice Factory: **DEED** awarded the City \$200,000 in Redevelopment Grant funds at the end of 2022. The EDA has held a series of closed meetings to discuss the property, which included private data such as negotiations and the property appraisal. The City Council held a closed work session in late March to discuss the property (private data). The EDA will continue to discuss the property (including private data) at the June EDA meeting.

Overgaard Upper Farm Ridge: Council approved the easement vacation, subdivision variances, and preliminary plat resolutions at the May City Council meeting.

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: The Park Commission continues to discuss options for alternate trail alignments, including a trail alignment option along the north side of Highway 8. More information to come.

Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two: The final pavement lift in the street and the trail pavement will be placed in the next couple months.

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.

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: www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe



Utility Billing

Utility bill postcards are mailed quarterly.

1st Quarter: January-March	Bill mailed: 1st week of April	Bill Due: 1st week of May*
2nd Quarter: April-June	Bill mailed: 1st week of July	Bill Due: 1st week of August*
3rd Quarter: July-September	Bill mailed: 1st week of October	Bill Due: 1st week of November*
4th Quarter: October- December	Bill mailed: 1st week of January	Bill Due: 1st week of February*

*For exact utility bill due dates, please refer to your mailed postcard bill or review your bill online.

The City is able to read your meter remotely.

Meters are read each quarter, as close to the end of the quarter as possible.

If you have questions about your water meter, meter readings, and/or utility bills, please contact Assistant Finance Director, Krista Lord, at 651-257-0621 or klord@cityoflindstrom.us

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

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Upcoming Events



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



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. More concerts and other events are planned throughout the summer.

Follow "Friends of the Karl Oskar House" on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/LindHistSoc

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 Karl Oskar Days!

~ **Marketplace, Info Booths & Food Vendors:** All vendors will be located at Memorial Park, with some at Beach Park. The downtown parking lot will not be a separate marketplace this year.

~ **The Kid's Activity Zone** will be at Beach Park again, and will have a ninja course, bounce houses, and more!

~ **A Lumberjack Show** will take place on Saturday at Beach Park, with mini events and a couple of main shows.

~ **The Fireworks Show** will be Friday night, and a DJ will be at Beach Park

before the show! While you're waiting for fireworks, watch or participate in the new KOD boat parade.

~ **The KOD Car Show** will once again be at the St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church parking lot. Last year saw record-breaking attendance! **FREE admission for spectators.**

Don't forget to shop the **Lindström Farmers' Market**,



which will be taking place simultaneously on the south-east corner of the church parking lot.

~ **The Chisago Lakes Ambassador Program** will hold their coronation on Thursday (location TBD). For updates and more follow them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/chisagolakesambassadors

~ **The MoJo Monks** will be playing at the **Street Dance on Saturday night!**



This high energy, super fun band features danceable party music, including classic rock, country, & pop.

Doors open 7:30pm, \$10 entry.

~ **The KOD parade** and several other traditional events will be back. The final schedule will be available in mid-June.

Are you interested in being a vendor, having an information booth, or just have questions?

Contact our Special Events Coordinator, Pauline Hinsch at:
phinsch@cityoflindstrom.us

Stay up to date!

Visit our website for forms and information for the parade, and for info booth, food and vendor participants, sponsors, Ambassadors, & the car show, and for event schedules & updates.

www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days



Follow Karl Oskar Days on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/KarlOskarDays



Visit our Community Events page for more info

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Harmony in the Park

2023 Summer Concert Series

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.

PLATINUM SPONSORS

City of Lindström
 Borealis Dental Studio
 Boy Scout Troop #159
 Brink's Market
 Carlson BP
 Charpentier Team-Lakes Country Realty
 Chisago City Fire Department
 Chisago Lakes Lions Club
 Chisago Lakes Rotary-25th Anniversary
 Deutschland Meats
 Grandstrand Funeral Home
 Lindstrom Family Dentistry
 Lindström Fire Department
 Lindstrom Hardware
 Lindstrom Thrifty White
 MidWestOne Bank
 Nabpco Auto Parts
 Nick and Drew's Discount Foods
 Northwoods Roasterie
 Plastic Products Company, Inc.
 Security State Bank of Marine
 The Isabella A. Smith Estate
 US Bank

DATE	BAND (Starts at 7:00)	EVENT (Starts at 6:30)
June 7	The White Sidewalls <i>50's & 60's Doo-Wop / Rock & Roll</i>	• American Legion Opening Ceremony • Joe Wisly Memorial Car Show
June 14	A Hard Day's Night <i>Beatles Tribute Band</i>	• Public Safety Night
June 21	Transit Authority <i>Chicago Tribute Band</i>	• Chisago Lakes Lions Night
June 28	Songs of the South <i>Alabama Tribute Band</i>	• CLHS Marching Band- Starts @6:15pm • CL Rotary Night- 25th Anniversary
July 5	Bob & the Beachcombers <i>Surfin' the 60's & Rockin' the 70's</i>	• Karl Oskar Days Kickoff Night • Lakes Appreciation Night
July 12	Jonah & The Whales <i>Rock/Variety</i>	• Non-Profit Night • Craft Show Night
July 19	Monroe Crossing <i>Bluegrass / Classic Country</i>	• Faith Community Night • Unexpected Company Chorale Group
July 26	The Dweebs <i>Top Hits from the 60's thru Today</i>	• Family Pathways Night
Aug. 2	Todd Anderson presents Absolutely Elvis	• Health Fair & Age Well Night • Sweet Adeline's Lakes Country Chorus
Aug. 9	Rockin' Hollywoods <i>50's-80's Rock</i>	• Chisago Lakes Lions Corn Feed • River City Cloggers

GOLD SPONSORS: A-Pro Pool & Spa • AAA Recycling • Amanda & Janet Brown • Anderson & Koch Ford • Anderson's Ice Cream Shoppe • Bob & Laurie Burlington • Chisago County Historical Society • Chisago Lakes Freemasons Hiram Lodge #287 • Chisago Lake Lutheran Church • County Chauffeurs & QME • Daphne Molnar- REMAX • Edward Jones-Greg Paine • Farmers Insurance-Tom Kieffer Agency • Fredell Monuments- Dale & Becky Fredell • Gustaf's Eatery • H&L Machine LLC • In Memory of Russ & Bev Johnson • Judy Chartrand In Honor of CL Rotary • Lakes Veterinary & Surgical Center • Lindstrom Farmers Market • Lindstrom Wheel Horse • Mickelson Landscaping • Peterson Repair & Towing • Picket Fence Gals • Pleasant Valley Orchard • RG Realty Group- Becky Carlson • Scandia Electric • Second Generation Builders • Swedish Inn • Uncommon Loon Brewing Company • Virga Chiropractic Clinic

SILVER SPONSORS: Carolyn Wisly- In Memory of Joe • Dale & Bev Cameron • David Freemore • Gary & Marna Gerke • George McMahon • Kevin Stenson • Larry & Bonnie Houger • Lloyd & Linda Stream • Maranatha Church, Chisago Lakes Campus • Robert A. Cedergren • Thomas & Michele Warner • Tim & Teresa Ryan • Tom & Nora Holt

BRONZE SPONSORS: Diane Linngren • Gary & Julie Lauritzen • Gregg & Nancy Carlson • In Memory of Bev Johnson • John & Peggy Butterfield • Kevin & Deborah Van Sloun • Suchismita Sarangi • Tim & Carolyn Alm

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HARMONY
IN THE PARK
WEBSITE





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!

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

June Meetings & Closures

Monthly Meetings

- June 1 **Planning Commission:** 6:30pm
- June 5 **Park Board:** 6:00pm
- June 12 **Cable Commission:** 4:00pm (CLHS)
- June 13 **EDA (Economic Development Authority):** 7:30am
- June 15 **City Council:** 7:00pm
- June 26 **Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission:** 5:30pm
- No Meeting **Library Commission:** 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)
- No Meeting **Police Commission:** 6:30pm



- View our "City Calendar" on our website's home page for a complete schedule, including work sessions, cancelled meetings, or rescheduled meetings: www.cityoflindstrom.us
- Click on the "[Agendas & Minutes](#)" button on the home page for more information.
- Click on "[Livestream Meetings](#)" on the home page to view a livestreamed meeting that is currently in progress, or to view a completed meeting that was previously livestreamed.

City Hall Closed

June 19 Juneteenth (Federal Holiday)



Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info
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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):

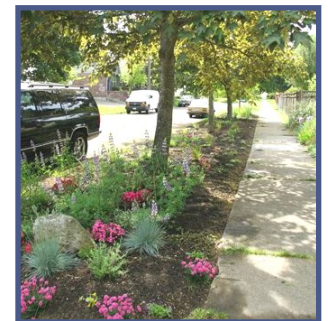
What to do if your plantings are in the road right-of-way (ROW):

- 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

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. [\(Ordinance 90.23\)](#)



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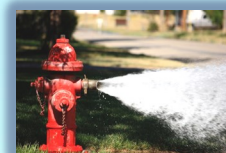
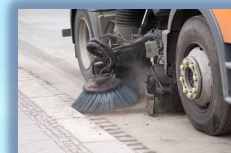
Open your phone camera & scan QR code for more

Summer Notices & Reminders

Periodic Street Sweeping & Fire Hydrant Flushing

Occasional street sweeping & hydrant flushing may be needed throughout the summer.

- The street sweeper moves very slow, so please keep a safe distance. If possible, avoid on-street parking while street sweeping is in progress, as this allows the sweeper to do a more thorough job.
- Hydrant flushing can cause temporary 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.

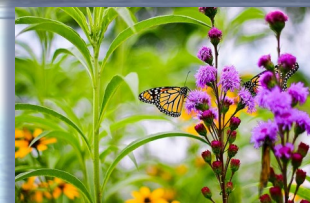


Weed Elimination & Grass Cutting

Weeds and grasses are not allowed to exceed a height of **8 inches**. Any expenses incurred by the City when performing enforcement and/or cutting will be imposed on the Property Owner.

Noxious weeds and rank vegetation (click for definition) are considered a nuisance according to **City Code**. Property Owners shall prevent the growth of noxious weeds and remove all noxious weeds on land outside of the traveled portion of any Street or Alley within City Limits. If said weeds are not destroyed by the Property Owner, the City may remove them at the Property Owner’s expense.

The term “weeds” does **NOT** include shrubs, trees, cultivated plants or crops. **Prairies**, as well as **butterfly & pollinator gardens** are considered cultivated plants **if** the vegetation is **not listed** in the definition of “**noxious weeds and rank vegetation**”, **AND** are planted in a **cultivated manner**.



Recycling & Disposal Services

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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Recreational Fires

[See Ordinances 93.60-93.70](#)

Recreational fires are only permitted if they meet the following conditions:

- Fires must be small- no more than 3 feet in height and diameter.
- A non-combustible fire ring shall completely surround the fire area, and must be depressed below the ground. Materials such as cement, brick, blocks, etc. are recommended materials.
- Fires may not be located closer than 25 feet from any structure.
- Additional conditions apply. See [Ordinances](#) for more info.



All other fires require an Open Burning Permit. Recreational fires or [open burning](#) will not be allowed when the City of Lindström, the [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency](#), or the [MN Department of Natural Resources](#) has officially declared a burning ban due to potentially hazardous fire conditions or air quality alerts. If you have questions regarding fires or burning, or questions on how to obtain an Open Burning Permit, please call the [Lindström Fire Department](#) Fire Chief, Scott Sellman, at 651-248-7421 or email him at ssellman@cityoflindstrom.us

Noise Ordinances

Noise from electronics, instruments, operation of equipment, gathering of people, etc. is not allowed between the hours of 10pm and 7am within the City Limits. Curfews and Park hours are also enforced. (Ordinances [93.18](#), [130.02](#), [94.02](#))

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

Landscaping Water Conservation Tips

- Select hardy plants and grasses that don't need as much water. Try native plants, and mulch plants heavily.
- Fertilizers increase water consumption. Apply the minimum amount needed.
- Plant trees strategically in your yard to help shade your home and yard. This will help to reduce energy use in your home and reduces water needs in your yard.
- Catch rain from your roof with a rain barrel and use this water for your plants and garden.
- Put 3 to 4 inches of mulch around trees and shrubs to help retain moisture and keep the ground cool.
- Place "thirstier" plants near the house where they can receive moisture from roof runoff.
- Letting your grass grow higher in dry weather saves water and helps to prevent your lawn from "burning". Taller grass shades the roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass. Ordinances limit length to 8".
- Use drip irrigation systems, timers, and rain sensors.
- Aerate your lawn periodically. Holes every 6" will allow water to reach the roots rather than run off the surface.
- Recycle your grass clippings into your lawn by using a mulching mower. You'll not only conserve water, but you'll also save time while mowing.
- Water your lawn early in the morning to prevent water loss from evaporation. Watering once or twice a week encourages deeper roots.

For planting/growing guides & more water-saving tips click [HERE](#)

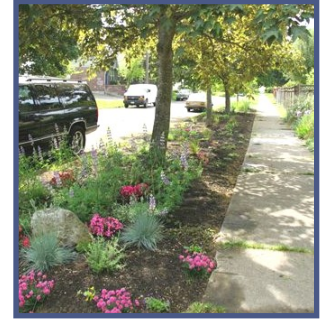


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Right-of-Way Planting

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

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.

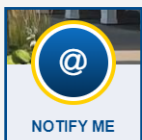
- **Allowed:** Grass clippings, leaves, and brush up to 3" in diameter
- **NOT Allowed:** Dimensional lumber, tires, appliances or household trash
- If available, wood chips, compost and black dirt are available for non-commercial use (for free!)
- No commercial businesses are allowed to haul to or from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



Please visit the our [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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