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Monthly E-Newsletter



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City Budget & 10 Year Plan Open House

Lindström residents, property owners, and business owners are invited to attend the upcoming Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan Open House. Learn more about and provide feedback on the City of Lindström 2024 budget and new 10 year plan.

If you cannot attend in person, a virtual Open House will be available on the City website. Information to come- watch for updates.

This informational session is also a great time to meet our new City Administrator, Dan Udem, as well as our City Council Members, if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so. **See you there!**

When: Thurs., Nov. 9, 2023

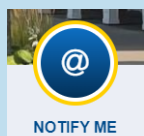
Time: 6pm - 7:30pm

Where: [Lindström City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström](#)

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Event Recap: Nature Party at Allemansrätt

The [Friends of Allemansrätt](#) and the [Lindström Park Board](#) hosted their annual [Nature Party](#) at [Allemansrätt Park](#) on Sunday, September 17th.



The weather was amazing, and we had a great turnout with



around 150 people and 6 dogs! Both children and adults enjoyed a wide variety of **free** activities, including games, tours, roasting hot

dogs, and making s'mores. View more photos and the complete story on our website [HERE](#).

If you missed out on this year's Nature Party, be sure to join us next year! It's a great way to get to know the park, Park Board members, and others in the community.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [subscribe to city emails](#) to stay informed of upcoming events!



LFD New Fire Hall & Fire Prevention Open House

We have exciting news- the **Lindström Fire Department has now moved into their new Fire Hall!**

Last month, the City Council voted unanimously to have the Lindström Fire Department begin moving into the new station on September 22nd.

As you may have heard, there was an issue with the grade from where the fire trucks exit the new building onto Akerson Street, which has now been corrected. Along with that

grading correction, additional infrastructure work was done to improve storm water drainage. Previous construction delays were primarily from Covid-related supply chain issues.

Congratulations, Lindström Fire Department! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this project. It has been an enormous undertaking and your MANY hours of volunteered time, especially by

the LFD Building Committee, is **greatly** appreciated by all.

You're invited!

Join the [Lindström Fire Department](#) in celebrating the grand opening of their new fire station, and tour the new facility. LFD will have fire prevention materials, giveaways, and their equipment on display.

Come and say hello, meet the LFD Volunteer Fire Fighters, and learn how to stay safe during a fire. When mere seconds matter, educating yourself, your household, and your classroom can make all the difference.

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LFD New Fire Hall & Fire Prevention Open House

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LFD New Fire Station & Fire Prevention Week Open House

When: Saturday, Oct. 14th

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: New Lindström Fire Hall
13290 Newlander Ave.
Lindström, MN 55045

See you there!



To follow the Lindström Fire Department on Facebook, click [HERE](#).

www.facebook.com/lindstromfire



October 8-14, 2023

What is Fire Prevention Week?

The National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of

Fire Prevention Week since 1922. It is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which started on October 8th, 1871.

During Fire Prevention Week, Firefighters provide lifesaving public education to children, adults, and teachers.

Get important fire safety information from the NFPA for all ages:

- [Home Escape Fire Plan](#)
- [Home Safety Action Plan](#)
- [Escape Planning for Older Adults](#)

Get more information here:

[https://www.nfpa.org/
Public-Education/](https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/)



Äppelkaka ("eppekahkah: Swedish apple cake)

A perfectly delicious dessert for fall, Äppelkaka is a common dessert in Sweden. It's name is a little misleading though, as it is more like a dessert or pudding than what is traditionally thought of as cake. Vaniljsås (vanilla sauce) is the traditional topping, which is always best made from scratch (click link in recipe below) but pre-made versions can be found too.

Click [HERE](#) for an easy, authentic recipe for Swedish apple cake, and enjoy some with friends at [fika!](#)



Watch For Trick-Or-Treaters on Fri., Oct. 27th AND Tues., Oct. 31st

Trick Or Treat On Main Street

Friday, October 27th, 4pm - 6pm

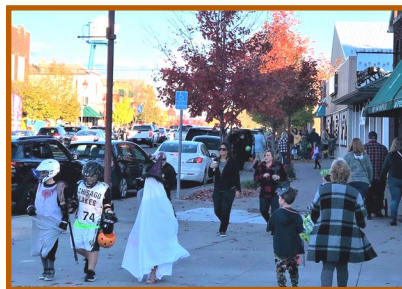
As kids trick-or-treat Lindström's downtown businesses, Highway 8 will be bustling with kids and adults.

Approximately 1,000 kids attended last year and we are expecting an even larger crowd this year (weather dependent).

As always, stop at crosswalks (it's the law!). A majority (but not all) of the activity will take place along Highway 8 throughout downtown, but please be aware of pedestrians on side streets and parking lots as well.

The fair style trick or treating booths will be back again this year at Memorial Park

for even more trick or treating! For additional details about this event, visit the [Chisago Lakes Chamber's](#) website.



Traditional Trick-Or-Treating

Tuesday, October 31st

While Trick or Treat on Main Street draws many to downtown, there are still a fair

amount of residents that participate in traditional trick-or-treating.

Please use caution when driving anywhere in town, especially in areas that may not have crosswalks or that may not be well lit. Dark colored costumes can be hard to see. And with the excitement of the evening, not all kids may be as careful as they should be when crossing streets.

As with Trick or Treat on Main Street (or any time), make sure to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.

Let's have a safe and fun time trick-or-treating this year!

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City Projects & Development Updates

Elms Estates: The owner is actively marketing the property. The property is privately owned (**not** city-owned).

Golf Estates: Construction in this development continues.

Hydration Station: The City received a SHIP grant to install a hydration station at the southwest corner of 292nd Street and Olinda Trail, along the Olinda Trail Multi-Use Trail. This project is complete, and this hydration station, as well as others, will be shut down for the season to prevent freezing pipes.

Lindström Fire Hall: See pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter for updates.

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

Meredees/Peninsula: The developer failed to meet the deadline to file the final plat and was **not** given another extension. The property was rezoned back to CBD (Central Business District) during the July City Council meeting. This property is privately owned (**not** city-owned).

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

Neal Avenue Street Improvements Project: Council Project is nearing completion. Some boulevard restoration work and driveway apron work remains. Visit our Project Updates page for more information:

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

Park Street Parking Lot & Utility Undergrounding: Council and Staff have been meeting with stakeholders individually, and a meeting with City Staff and stakeholders took place in late September. More meetings with all stakeholders will be held at a later date.

Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail, Newell to Highway 8: The Park Commission has agreed to a trail alignment option that runs along the north side of Highway 8. More information to come.

Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two: The wear course of pavement is complete. Boulevard restoration remains and should be completed yet this year.

Upper Farm Ridge: The final plat was approved at the August 2023 City Council meeting. See the meeting agenda for details about this residential development: www.cityofindstrom.us/home/pages/livestream-meetings-agendas-minutes

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.cityofindstrom.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@cityofindstrom.us

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

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Upcoming Events

Chisago County Operation Community Connect

Thursday, October 19th
11:30am - 2pm

North Branch Area High School
38175 Grand Ave., North Branch

This annual one-day event is designed by Chisago County Health and Human Services to help Chisago County community members receive needed services.

This COMPLETELY FREE event includes:

- Lunch
 - Multiple resource vendors
 - Hair cuts
 - Kids' corner
 - Coats, Gloves, Hats & Socks
 - Prize Giveaways
 - AND MUCH MORE
- *While supplies last*

Please contact Jessica Skogman at 651-213-5265 with questions.

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Chisago Age Well Expo

Friday, October 20th
9:30am - 1pm

Chisago Lakes High School,
Performing Arts Center
29400 Olinda Trail, Lindström

Providing resources and information to older adults and their caregivers to learn about opportunities and services to live and age well in Chisago County.

FREE admission!

Vendor booths, food, vaccine clinic, health screenings, & entertainment.

Keynote Speaker at 10:30am:

LaVonne Sorenson of Central MN Council on Aging and Senior Linkage Line, will be speaking on "Understanding Medicare: What's New and What You Need To Know".

Want to be a vendor?

Learn more here:
<https://stcmn.org/chisagoagewell/2023-age-well-expo/>



Trick or Treat on Main Street

Friday, October 27th
4pm - 6pm

Throughout Downtown Lindström & at the Chisago Lakes Chamber
30525 Linden St., Lindström

Trick or treat at our downtown businesses and at Memorial Park! Make sure to stop by the Chamber building for a goodie bag.

Attendance is FREE!

Business sponsors are needed- contact the Chamber at 651-257-1177 or email info@chisagolakeschamber.com

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Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25th (All Day)

Throughout Downtown Lindström

Check off items on your holiday list by shopping in **downtown Lindström!** This annual holiday falls on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (the day after Black Friday).

- Antiques
- Vintage & Repurposed
- Art
- Gifts
- Specialty
- 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:
www.facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom



2023 Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 2nd
9am - 4pm

Lindström Community Center
13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström

Enjoy a fun day of shopping and community!

Local Cub Scout Pack #144 will be selling food. Wreaths, garland, and more will be for sale from the Boy Scouts.

See you there!

(Vendor spots are full for 2023.)

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Lindström's Annual Tree Lighting Festival

Saturday, December 2nd
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Memorial Park (next to Chisago Lakes Chamber building)
30525 Linden St., Lindström

Enjoy a winter wonderland, and see REAL LIVE reindeer! Take pictures with Santa and give him your wish list, make a s'more, and have a freshly grilled hot dog or brat. Enjoy live Christmas music, and stay warm with hot chocolate, coffee, and a bonfire! All events will take place outdoors, so be sure to bundle up.

FREE admission. See you there!



View City of Lindström events on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CityOfLindstrom/events

Visit our Community Events page for more info

www.cityoflindstrom.us



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Rise & Shine!



Lindström business owners are invited to the City of Lindström's annual EDA Business Breakfast!



When: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Time: 7:30am - 8:30am

Where: Lindström Community Center

Come and enjoy a FREE breakfast from Deutschland Meats, donuts from the Lindström Bakery, and coffee from Northwoods Roasterie.

Lindström's new City Administrator, Dan Udem, will present an update on what is happening in the City of Lindström.

The presentation features a Q&A session where business owners can have their questions answered.

This is also a great opportunity to network with fellow business owners in the City, as well as to meet new business owners.

7:30am-7:45am *Breakfast and networking*

7:45am-8:15am *City Updates and Q&A - Dan Udem, Lindström City Administrator*

8:15am-8:30am *Networking*

Please RSVP to Miranda Olson at
molson@cityoflindstrom.us or at 651-257-0620
by Wednesday, November 1st.

Please note that your business address must be in Lindström to attend this event.

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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)



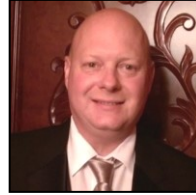
Member Merkel began her first 4-year term as a City Council Member in 2021.

**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**

October Monthly Meetings & City Hall Closures

Monthly Meetings

Oct. 2 (Mon.)	Park Board: 6:00pm
Oct. 5 (Thurs.)	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
Oct. 9 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Oct. 10 (Tues.)	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Oct. 16 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm
Oct. 19 (Thurs.)	City Council: 7:00pm
No Meeting	Police Commission: 6:30pm
No Meeting	Library Commission: 7:00pm (Chisago City Library)

- 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
- Click on the "**Agendas & Minutes**" button on the home page for more information.
- Click on "**Livestream Meetings**" on the home page to view a livestreamed meeting that is currently in progress, or to view a completed meeting that was previously livestreamed.

City Hall Closed

No Scheduled Closures (We are open on Columbus Day)

Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

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LINDSTRÖM
AMERICA'S LITTLE SWEDEN

Fall Notices & Reminders

Winter Parking Restrictions Begin November 1st

- 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

- Fall street sweeping generally starts in September, but could extend into October. 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

- Fall hydrant flushing begins in September, but could extend into October. 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 & Disposal Services

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 last page*

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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. (See [Ordinances 93.18, 130.02, 94.02](#))

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

Firearms & Hiking Safety During Hunting Seasons

It is unlawful to discharge weapons within City Limits (including all City parks and in [Allemansrätt Wilderness Park](#)). A weapon includes any firearm, air gun, pellet gun, B.B. gun, bow and arrow, crossbow or slingshot. ([Ordinance 130.01](#))

Please be aware that areas surrounding the City of Lindström and throughout Chisago County may not have such an ordinance. In fact, **it is quite common to hear gunfire during hunting seasons in the areas immediately surrounding Lindström.**

To ensure your personal safety, keep in mind a few simple things while using trails and parks during the hunting season:

- Be aware of trails that are closed during hunting season. For example, the [Swedish Immigrant Trail](#) closes during Firearm Deer Season. Check the [DNR website](#) for exact hunting dates.
- Know the hunting seasons in the region you are recreating. Check the [DNR website](#) for more information.
- Make yourself (and your dogs) visible. Wearing bright colors, such as orange, is always a good idea, regardless of the current hunting season. A brightly colored bandana or dog apparel for your pet is also a good idea.
- Keep your dogs leashed. Trapping seasons often coincide with hunting seasons, and dogs may be attracted to bait or scents used for trapping.
- Avoid trail and wilderness activities during high use hunting times such as: opening day, weekends, and morning/evening hours. Enjoy the outdoors in the middle of the day & middle of the week instead.

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Leaves & Raking

Do not put yard waste, such as leaves, twigs, branches and grass clippings in your trash. Please contact your trash hauler to see if seasonal curb side pick up for yard waste is available, or bring your yard waste to our Area Compost Site (see below). Please also avoid raking or blowing leaves into the street (see “Storm Drain Care” below).



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 \(CLID\)](#) website.

Thanks for being a good steward of our lakes!

Lakes Area Compost Site Closes Mid-November

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

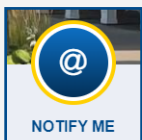
- **Allowed:** Grass clippings, leaves, and brush up to 3” in diameter
- **NOT Allowed:** Dimensional lumber, tires, appliances or household trash
- If available, wood chips, compost and black dirt are available for non-commercial use (for free!)
- No commercial businesses are allowed to haul to or from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



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

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

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