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LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

Monthly E-Newsletter



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3rd Quarter Utility Bills Due Nov. 8th

To view or pay your utility bill, click on "Online Utility Payments" on our [website](#). You can also download the "PSN Payments" from the [App Store®](#) or [Google Play™](#).

For PSN phone payments, call 1-877-885-7968. Have your bill handy to provide your customer account number. On the first call you will register. Future calls are just four steps.

We can also set-up your utility bill account to automatically withdraw your payment from your checking or savings account on the due date.

Credit/debit cards, checks and cash are accepted in person at City Hall, or call City Hall to pay with a debit/credit card.

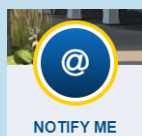
Checks are accepted by mail or in the drop box located at City Hall.

For questions about your utility bill, please contact Krista at 651-257-0621 or klord@cityoflindstrom.us

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NOTIFY ME



History of Our Lakes

At one time, Chisago Lakes was one large lake known by the local First Nation People (Ojibwe) as "Kichisaga" meaning "fair and lovely waters". The Swedish settlers, who arrived in the 1850's, called the body of water "Big Lake". Over time the name changed to Swede Lake then to "Chisago Lake".

The lakes were used for water, food, ice, transport, freight and recreation. With the advent of the railroad in the 1880's, resorts sprung up on the lakes and



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Rescheduled: City Budget & 10 Yr. Plan Open House

DATE & TIME CHANGE:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the City Budget & 10 Year Plan Open House has been rescheduled to the following:

Date: Thurs., Nov. 30, 2023

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

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

You're Invited!

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.

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!*

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

Get City Updates Via Email

Not subscribed to receive City emails about this and other events? Sign up here!

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History of Our Lakes (continued from page 1)

visitors enjoyed fishing, sailing, boating and passenger steamers carried guests on cruises across the water.

In winter, beginning in the early 1930s, Arne and Bernie Swanson hosted yearly ice carnivals as well as speed skating and figure skating contests. A 1935 event was the largest of all: approximately 1200 people arrived in Lindstrom for the Minnesota State Skating Championships.

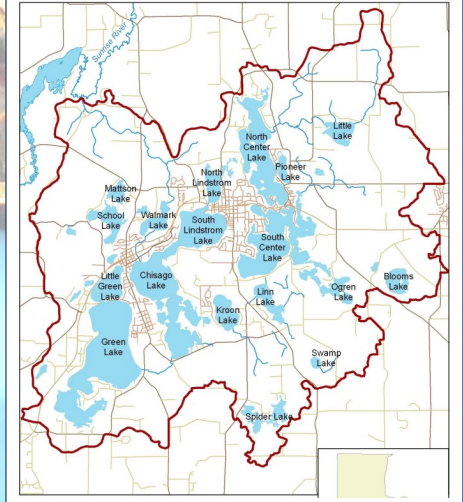
In 1948, the railroad closed, the railway bridges were removed and the channels filled in to carry the highway. The lakes were divided into five separate basins taking on the names of the towns they abutted: North Center Lake and South Center Lake with Center City; North Lindstrom Lake and South Lindstrom

Lake with Lindstrom; and Chisago Lake with Chisago City.

Today, the Chisago Lakes System is incorporated into the greater Chisago Lakes Watershed and includes 24 lakes. The Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed is about 10 miles long and 9.3 miles wide. **(Click on map for enlarged image.)**

Various connections between the lakes and a weir system control the water levels on the chain. The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID), established in 1976, is responsible for maintaining the ditches and weirs and regulating lake levels. The mission of the Chisago Lakes LID is to restore, preserve, protect and enhance the water resources of the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed.

Learn more about the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) here: www.chisagocountymn.gov/300/Lake-Improvement-District



Kladdkakans Dag “klodd-kahkahns däg” (Swedish Mud Cake Day):

This unofficial Swedish holiday is celebrated on **November 7th** each year. Kladdkaka (literally, sticky cake) is a very popular, chocolately and gooey cake that is often served at [fika](#). Apart from the timing it is very easy to make. It will puff up as it is baked, but it is deliberately undercooked which causes it to collapse when it cools. Get an authentic Swedish recipe here:

<https://www.swedishfood.com/swedish-food-recipes-biscuits-cakes/298-kladdkaka>



Event Recap: Trick or Treat on Main Street

The chilly and breezy day didn't keep the trick or treaters away! The Chisago Lakes Chamber handed out 858 goodie bags, and the total number of kids was estimated at around 900. Incredible!

At Memorial Park, several costume wearing Chamber members set up their trick or treat booths with creative themes, Halloween props, and games.



Because the Lindström Fire Department moved into their new building (which is not on main street), the emergency services trick or treating station was set up at the St. Bridget of Sweden parking lot.



Thank you, St. Bridget of Sweden! The Chisago County Sheriff's Office, Lakes Region EMS, and LFD were all there handing out candy and other giveaways. *And thank you to the Lakes Area Police Dept. for assisting event goers with crossing streets safely!*

Empire Insurance won the 2023 Best Business Costume trophy with their



Ghostbusters theme.

Congrats!

Tons of our downtown businesses decorated their store-

fronts, dressed up, had photo booths and other fun activities, and handed out lots of candy and prizes.

Thank you all for making this event an evening to remember!



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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.
- Lindström Fire Hall:** See page 3 of the Lindström Ledger Semi-Annual Mailed Newsletter (Fall/Winter) [HERE](#).
- 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:** This project is now complete.
- 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 and boulevard restoration is complete.
- 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.cityoflindstrom.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.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Lindström has approximately 35 miles of sewer main, 24 miles of water main, and 27 miles of City road.



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



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.

Make a day of it and shop **three local craft shows, all within a 4 minute drive!**

Each location has a wide variety of craft vendors, bake sales, food options, and

special events and/or raffles, and more.

~ [Lindström Holiday Craft Fair](#)
9am-4pm
[Lindström Community Center](#)
[13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindström](#)

~ [CCFD Auxiliary Holiday Boutique](#)
9am-4pm
[Center City Fire Department](#)
[335 Burns Avenue, Center City](#)

~ [CL Lutheran Christmas Bazaar](#)
9am-3pm
[Chisago Lake Lutheran Church](#)
[1 Summit Ave., Center City](#)

Note: Vendor spots at Lindström are full for 2023.



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](#)

Explore 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!



Celebration of the Lakes 2024

February 9-11, 2024
Specific Event Times Vary

Throughout Lindström, Center City, & Chisago City

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area Celebration of the Lakes! The details are still getting finalized, so look for updates on the Chisago Lakes Chamber website. We look forward to seeing you there!

For updates, follow the "Celebration of the Lakes" Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CelebrationoftheLakes

Or visit the Chisago Lakes Chamber website: chisagolakeschamber.com



Lindström Park Board Polka Party!

Saturday, February 10, 2024
6pm - 9pm

[Lindström Community Center](#)
[13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström](#)

Kick up your heels at a good ol' fashioned polka party. If you don't know how to polka, we'll teach you!

FREE admission. Beverages, German beer & food from Deutschland Meats will be available for purchase. Fun for all ages!

A few of the details are still being finalized, so stay tuned for details:



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

November Monthly Meetings & City Hall Closures

Monthly Meetings

Nov. 2 (Thurs.)	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
Nov. 6 (Mon.)	Park Board: 6:00pm
Nov. 8 (Wed.)	Police Commission: 6:30pm
Nov. 13 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Nov. 14 (Tues.)	CANCELLED- EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Nov. 16 (Thurs.)	City Council: 7:00pm
Nov. 20 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm
Nov. 30 (Thurs.)	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

Nov. 10 (Fri.)	Veterans Day (Observed)
Nov. 23 & 24	Thanksgiving & Native American Heritage Day

Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

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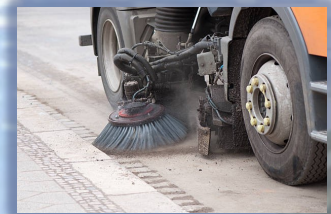
Fall Notices & Reminders

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**

*Compost Site info is
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.

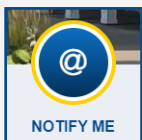
- **Allowed:** Grass clippings, leaves, and brush up to 3” in diameter
- **NOT Allowed:** Dimensional lumber, tires, appliances or household trash
- If available, wood chips, compost and black dirt are available for non-commercial use (for free!)
- No commercial businesses are allowed to haul to or from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