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**DECEMBER 2022**



# LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

## Monthly E-Newsletter



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### Is Your Utility Billing Contact Info Correct?

4th quarter utility bill postcards will be mailed the first week in January. Is your mailing address, phone number/s and email address up to date?



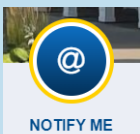
If you've recently changed any of your contact info, it's important to notify our Utility Billing department.

This ensures that you receive your bill on time, and helps us to contact you if there is an issue with your account.

Contact Krista at  
651-257-0621 or  
[klord@cityoflindstrom.us](mailto:klord@cityoflindstrom.us)

### 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.



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### Anonymous Santa & Food Shelf Collection

Santa is teaming up with the [Chisago Lakes Rotary](#) and the [Lindström Park Board](#) to assist local families in need this holiday season!

**Please bring an unwrapped new toy &/or non-perishable food item to:**

- [Chisago Lakes Chamber during business hours Nov. 14th - Dec. 2nd](#)
- [Tree Lighting Festival in Lindström's Memorial Park on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 4:30-6:30pm \(See LIVE reindeer! Details on page 6\)](#)



**Anonymous Santa donation ideas can include:**

- new, unwrapped toys (infant to teen)
- gift cards to retailers that older kids may enjoy
- Stocking stuffers: candy, breakfast bars, snack bars, granola bars, fruit snacks, toothbrushes & toothpaste

- Socks, mittens, gloves, & hats (infant to teen)

The non-perishable food items will be donated to the Chisago City Family Pathways Food Shelf.

If you are in need of services, Family Pathways is here to make sure you have food on the table. Call to make an appointment today.

[Chisago City Family Pathways Food Shelf](#): (651) 257-1308

[10586 Liberty Lane, Chisago City MN 55013](#)

### Properly Dispose of Your Medications

**Do you have expired, unused, or unwanted medications?**

You can dispose of them safely, anonymously, and for FREE at the Chisago County Sheriff's secure medication drop box, which is located **in the lobby\*** at the Lakes Area Police Department at [Lindström City Hall](#).

**Accepted items are:**

- Prescription drugs
- Over-the-counter drugs
- Animal drugs

**Sharps are not allowed.**

Please dispose of sharps at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) located at [39649 Grand Avenue in North Branch](#).



"The objective of the Chisago County Sheriff's Office Drug Take Back Program is to allow the citizens of Chisago County to deliver all of their unused, unwanted, or expired medications to law enforcement officials who will, in turn, dispose of the controlled substances in a safe and non-hazardous manner,

preventing the pills from contributing to an environmental hazard and/or falling into the hands of juveniles or into the illicit market in our community."

For more information, visit the Chisago County Drug Take Back Program website page:

<https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/218/Drug-Take-Back-Program>

**\* Please do not dispose of your medications in our outdoor City Hall drop box under any circumstances.**

Doing so can contaminate documents, and poses a health hazard to our staff.

*Thank you!*

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# Enjoying Winter in Lindström

Lindström and the Chisago Lakes area has a lot to offer for winter activities!



## Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing & Hiking

The 125-acre [Allemansrätt Wilderness Park](#) provides an abundance of trails with primarily hilly terrain. Explore Bull Lake, Anderson Peninsula, and more. Visit our city website's [Parks Department](#) page for more information.

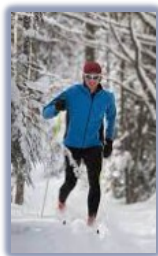
<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department/pages/allemanr%C3%A4tt-park>

[The Swedish Immigrant Trail](#) provides a beautiful, relatively flat terrain for snow shoeing, [fat tire biking](#) (when there's not too much snow), and winter hiking. The snowmobile trail runs alongside sections of the trail, so be sure to stay on the cycling and pedestrian side of the trail when exploring this local treasure.



<https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/481/Swedish-Immigrant-Regional-Trail>

The [Chisago Lakes Golf Course](#) provides and maintains a 2.1 mile groomed cross country skiing trail when there is enough snow. The trail is open to the public. Snowshoeing and hiking is only allowed on the **side of the trail**, not on the trail.



<https://www.chisagolakesgolf.com/>

## Snowmobiling

There are many trails in the area for snowmobiling, which are primarily groomed and maintained by members of the [Wild River Snowmobile Club](#). Depending upon conditions, the trail may open later in the season than anticipated, and could also close temporarily after being opened for the season.

Please respect private property so we can keep the trails that we have. This includes staying on the trail **at all times**, as well as not utilizing the trails when private land owners have closed the trail gates. We rely ENTIRELY on private landowners for our trail system. Thank them by not trespassing.



For information on trail opening dates, temporary closures, trail maintenance, volunteer opportunities, and more, please visit WRSC's website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wildriversnowmobileclub/?pli=1>

To follow WRSC on Facebook, click [HERE](#).

For snowmobile tips, trail maps, regulations and certification, visit <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/index.html>

For City of Lindström ordinances regarding snowmobiles, please refer to the last page of this newsletter.

## Ice fishing

There are many lakes in the area to enjoy this popular winter pastime. Check out the DNR's website for license and safety info, programs and more.

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/ice\\_fishing.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/ice_fishing.html)

Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. To purchase a Minnesota fishing license online or to find out where



you can locally buy a fishing license, visit the Minnesota DNR's website:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/agents.html>

All non-portable ice shelters must be licensed. A portable shelter is defined as a shelter that collapses, folds or is disassembled for transportation. Portable shelters only need licenses and identification when left unattended, which is defined as all occupants being more than 200 feet away. For more information visit:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/shelter.html>

## Ice Safety

White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the below thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.



Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs, and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; make sure to check the ice at least every 150 feet. For more information, please visit the MN DNR's website:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html>

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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](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):

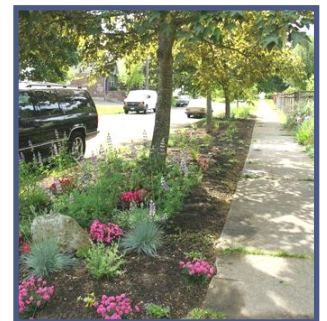
### What to do if your plantings are in the road right-of-way (ROW):

- 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](mailto: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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# City Projects & Development Updates

**Elms Estates:** The utilities are cut off. Only two trailers remain- one is prepared to be moved very soon and the other will be demolished on site very soon. The property is privately owned (**not** city-owned), and clearing and clean up of the property continues.

**Golf Estates:** Multiple homes are under construction, with one home occupied.

**Lindstrom Fire Hall:** Construction continues. Completion has been pushed back to 2023.

**Lindstrom Police Hall:** Preparations are being made for next year's bonding bill. Our lobbyist is in place and the project is still on with Minnesota's Management and Budget (MMB) office. We await next steps.

**Maple Street:** The City Engineer conducted a traffic study for Maple Street. Another neighborhood meeting will be scheduled in the Spring of 2023 to discuss the findings of the study.

**Meredees/Peninsula:** The developer did not meet the deadline to file the final plat, pay the required fees, and sign the development agreement by October 29, 2022. The developer must restart the application process if he wishes to continue to pursue this project.

**Morning Sun Phase 4:** Construction began in June. The first building permit for a single family home has been pulled.

**Newlander/Elm Street Reconstruction:** The project is complete for this year. The erosion control blankets on steeply graded areas and the dormant seed has been installed by the contractor. A few of the erosion control devices were left in place to protect from a quick thaw. The rain garden and punch list items will be addressed next year. To learn more about this project, click [HERE](#).

**O'Jay Juice Factory:** [DEED](#) awarded the City \$200,000 in Redevelopment Grant funds and the Chisago County EDA/HRA has committed to a 50/50 partnership up to \$300,000 for the purchase and demolition of the site. Staff met with the owner's representative and have made a preliminary agreement. The City Attorney is drafting a purchase agreement for the EDA and City Council to consider. If all is agreed upon, we hope to close in January 2023. Staff met with three potential land buyers with projects who are considering the site.

**Park Street Parking Lot Utility Undergrounding:** The survey is complete. This month both the park commission and EDA will review improvements to enhance the space for events. Following the recommendations of the advisory commissions the engineer will design a plan for City Council consideration and public comment.

**Twin Oaks/Lyman Court Phase Two:** Construction began in July.

**Veteran's Housing (Tingsryd Gardens):** The preliminary plat has been approved but the project has been put on hold until 2023.

## Upcoming Events



### 2022 Holiday Craft Fair: Shop All 3 Shows!

Saturday, December 3rd  
9am-4pm, or 9am-3pm (see below)  
[Lindström Community Center](#)  
[13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindström](#)

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. **See the next page for additional details.**

~ [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](#)

### LINDSTRÖM'S ANNUAL Tree Lighting Festival



#### Tree Lighting Festival

Saturday, December 3rd  
4:30pm-6:30pm

[Memorial Park/CL Chamber](#)  
[13292 Sylvan Avenue, 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!

**Anonymous Santa & Food Shelf Collection:** Please bring an **unwrapped new toy &/or a non-perishable food item.** See website for more info. **Let's help those in need in our community!**



#### Celebration of the Lakes 2023

Thurs., Feb. 9th - Sunday, Feb. 12th  
Times Vary According to Specific Events  
Throughout Lindström, Center City,  
and Chisago City

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area Celebration of the Lakes! The events that previously took place on North Center Lake will be held on South Lindström Lake this year. **See page 7** for all confirmed outdoor, indoor, and online events!



### Annual Lindström Park Board Polka Party

Saturday, February 11th, 2023  
6pm-9pm  
[Lindström Community Center](#)  
[13292 Sylvan Avenue, 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](#) available for purchase. Music by the [Chmielewski Funtime Band](#). Fun for all ages!



Visit our Community Events page for more info!  
[www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us)



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**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

### **Holiday Craft Fair**

**9am-4pm**

**Lindström Community Center: 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045**

**Join us for a fun day of holiday shopping & community!**

**Local Cub Scout Pack #144 will be selling food.**

**Vendor entry fees support Lindström's Harmony in the Park FREE summer concert series!**

For more information call 651-257-0620 or visit website: [www.cityoflindstrom.us](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us)

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### **CCFD Auxiliary Holiday Boutique & Bake Sale**

**9am-4pm**

**Center City Fire Department: 335 Burns Ave., Center City, MN 55012**

**Craft show with several vendors, raffles, and more!**

**Lunch will be available for purchase.**

**All lunch proceeds will be donated to a variety of local residents in need.**

For more information visit the CCFD Auxiliary Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ccfdfirefly5k>

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### **Christmas Bazaar, Raffle & Bake Sale**

**9am-3pm**

**Chisago Lake Lutheran Church: 1 Summit Ave., Center City, MN 55012**

**Craft show, Bethlehem Bakery Bake Sale, raffles, antiques, and more!**

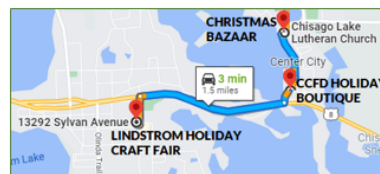
**Morning cinnamon rolls & coffee. Sloppy Joe lunch starts at 11am.**

**Supports church ministries. The Heritage Room will be open- be sure to check it out!**

For more information call 651-257-6300 or visit website: [www.chisagolakelutheranchurch.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheranchurch.org)

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**Open phone camera & scan QR code  
(or click [HERE](#)) for Google Maps  
directions to all 3 shows!**



Click [HERE](#) to view this event on Facebook, or click [HERE](#) for the website!



# LINDSTRÖM'S ANNUAL Tree Lighting Festival

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

**4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Memorial Park, 30525 Linden Street, Lindström**

- **Visit a winter wonderland,  
& see REAL LIVE REINDEER!**
  - **Take pictures with Santa  
(Santa will arrive at 5:15pm)**
- **Stay warm with cocoa, coffee & a bonfire**
- **Enjoy a freshly grilled hot dog or brat**
- **Make a s'more with Boy Scout Troop 159**
  - **Meet the KOD Ambassadors**
- **Live Music: High School Brass Ensemble &  
Santa Lucia Carolers**

**ALL EVENTS ARE OUTDOORS SO DRESS WARM!**

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**Food & beverages courtesy of: Deutschland Meats, Dairy  
Queen, Northwoods Roasterie & Lindstrom Bakery**

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## **Anonymous Santa & Food Shelf Collection**

**Please bring an unwrapped new toy &/or non-perishable food item to:**

- **Chisago Lakes Chamber during business hours Nov. 14 - Dec. 2**
- **Tree Lighting Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3rd**

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**Hosted by Lindström's Park Commission**

Click [HERE](#) to view this event on Facebook, or click [HERE](#) for the website!



# Celebration of the Lakes- *New Location*

**February 9th - 12th, 2023**

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Area [Celebration of the Lakes!](#) The events that took place on North Center Lake in previous years will be held on [South Lindstrom Lake](#) in 2023.



## Thursday, February 9th

10:00 AM *Celebration of the Diva Shopping Event* - Downtown Lindstrom  
Ends 4:00 PM Sunday *Photo Contest*

## Friday, February 10th

All Day *Celebration of the Diva Shopping Event* - Downtown Lindstrom  
4:00 - 8:00 PM *Dogsled Rides* - Allemansratt Park, Lindstrom  
5:30 - 9:30 PM *Candlelit Hike* - Allemansratt Park, Lindstrom  
6:00 PM *Puzzle Contest* - Online  
7:00 - 10:00 *Bags Tournament* - The Uncommon Loon (register here: [events@uncommonloonbrewing.com](mailto:events@uncommonloonbrewing.com))

## Saturday, February 11th

All Day *Celebration of the Diva Shopping Event* - Downtown Lindstrom  
9:30 - 4:30 *Ice Car Racing* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
10:00 *Medallion Hunt* - Throughout the Chisago Lakes Area  
10:00 - 4:00 *Vintage Snowmobile Show* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
10:00 - 4:00 *Radar Run* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
10:00 - 4:00 *Kids Pro Snowmobile Races* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
10:00 - 4:00 *Ice Carousel* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
4:00 *Snowmobile Raffle Drawing* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
4:00 - 6:00 *Lasagna Dinner to Go* - Chisago Lake Lutheran Church  
6:00 - 9:00 *Polka Dance* - Lindstrom City Hall, Lindstrom  
7:00 PM *Fireworks* - Paradise Park, Chisago City  
7:30 - 10:30 *Dance* - Frankie's, Chisago City



## Sunday, February 12th

Ends at 4:00 PM *Celebration of the Diva Shopping Event* - Downtown Lindstrom  
8:00 - 11:00 *Pancake Breakfast* - Trinity Lutheran Church  
2:00 - 5:00 *Family Bingo* - Trinity Lutheran Church  
9:30 - 4:30 *Ice Car Racing* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
12:00 - 3:00 PM *Dodgeball Tournament* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
10:00 - 4:00 PM *Kids Pro Snowmobile Races* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom  
1:00 - 3:00 *Ice Fishing Tournament* - South Lindstrom Lake, Lindstrom



Please note: Schedule may be subject to changes. Visit website for details: [chisagolakeschamber.com](http://chisagolakeschamber.com)



**Come and enjoy great food and refreshments, fresh air, fun people, and the wide variety of festivities- *we look forward to seeing you there!***

For event registration, visit the Chisago Lakes Chamber's website: [chisagolakeschamber.com/events](http://chisagolakeschamber.com/events)

Open your phone camera & scan QR code for more info



Click [HERE](#) to view Celebration of the Lakes events on Facebook!

# Annual Lindström Park Board **POLKA PARTY**

**Saturday, February 11th**  
(During Celebration of the Lakes)

**6pm — 9pm**

**Lindström Community Center**

13292 Sylvan Avenue

Lindström, MN 55045



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ADMISSION**



Joel Jordet  
651.337.8600

Food for purchase by Deutschland Meats  
Brats/Sauerkraut \* Shredded Pork Sandwiches  
Pretzels & Cheese \* German Beer \* Pop & Water

*Sponsored by: City of Lindström and Farmers Insurance*



All skill levels  
welcomed-  
if you don't  
know how to  
polka, we'll  
teach you!



Fun for all ages.  
see you there!

Click [HERE](#) to view this event on Facebook, or click [HERE](#) for the website!



# Community Garden Payments Due By January 1st

If you are on the 2023 list for a community garden plot or raised bed, please have your **registration form and payment completed by January 1st.**

Registration forms are available at City Hall, or on our website <https://www.cityofindstrom.us/resident-information/pages/community-garden>

Please mail or drop off your payment & registration form at City Hall.

Each community garden member is expected to donate time in



supporting the garden. A Master Gardener will be available on site during the growing season.

If you missed out on getting a garden plot or raised bed for the upcoming growing season, we have a few spots left on the waiting list.

Depending upon demand and funding, more beds may be added this spring.

Contact Sue Kirchner with any questions at 651-271-0513 or via email at [suekirch@gmail.com](mailto:suekirch@gmail.com)

*We look forward to another great growing season!*



**Svenska Köttbullar “Svenskå Schet-bool-ar” (Swedish Meatballs):** Widely thought of as Sweden’s national dish, both the meatballs and cream sauce are easy to make. Serve at Christmas, or anytime! Traditional Swedish side dishes include mashed potatoes, pressed cucumber, and sweetened lingonberries. To get an authentic Swedish meatballs with cream sauce recipe, click here:

<https://www.swedishfood.com/swedish-food-recipes-main-courses/44-meatballs>

## December Meetings & Closures

### Meetings

- Dec. 1 **Planning Commission: 6:30pm- CANCELED**
- Dec. 5 **Park Board: 6:00pm**
- Dec. 6 **City Council Budget Work Session: 2:00pm**
- Dec. 12 **Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)**
- Dec. 13 **EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am**
- Dec. 15 **City Council: 7:00pm**
- Dec. 19 **Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm**

**Library Commission: No meeting this month.**

**Police Commission: No meeting this month.**

- View our “City Calendar” on our website’s home page for a complete schedule: [www.cityofindstrom.us](http://www.cityofindstrom.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

- Dec. 26 **Christmas Day (Observed)**
- Jan. 2 **New Year’s Day (Observed)**



Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

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## Winter Notices & Reminders

### Winter Parking

- 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](#).



### Protect Your Mailbox

- Mailboxes that protrude into the street are hard to avoid when snowplowing. Please make sure that your mailbox is the appropriate distance from the curb. Click [HERE](#) for specific USPS mailbox requirements and measurements.
- Most mailbox damage occurs from **the weight of the snow**- not from being hit by the plow blade. Consider replacing your mailbox with a swing style post.



### Snow Plowing

- If your lot is curved, please place reflective markers near the curb to help guide the snowplows.
- DO NOT plow or shovel snow across streets or into a Right of Way. This is referred to as **“snow-pushing”** and it is **illegal**.
- Any personal property located within the Right of Way, including garbage cans, are subject to plowing damage. ***Garbage cans need to be placed in the driveway, not in the street.***

### Snow Plow Safety Tips

Driving too close to snow removal equipment can be extremely dangerous. Follow at a safe distance (at least 5 car lengths away), yield to snowplows, never drive into a snow cloud, and do not use cruise control on wet or icy roads. Avoid passing snowplows, and be patient. Plows travel slower than posted speeds. Stay alert— a snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car! Assume plow truck drivers cannot see you. During a snow event, please avoid parking on city streets until the plows have cleared the road.

*Thank you!*

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## Keep Your Fire Hydrant Cleared

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please keep a 3-foot path cleared of snow around the hydrant, clear the hydrant of ice and snow, and keep a path shoveled from the hydrant to the street- and is the responsibility of the Property Owner.

Firefighters need to be able to **locate AND access** the fire hydrant quickly in case there is an emergency. Do your part and reveal the red. *Thank you!*



## Winter Shoveling

- **Property owners** are responsible to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow and ice **within 24 hours** of a snowfall event. For the benefit and safety of all pedestrians, please adhere to this [City Ordinance](#) (Ordinances 93.01 & 93.18).
- Help your neighbors out, especially if you know they are gone or are elderly. Consider clearing their sidewalks & driveways.  
*Thanks for being a good neighbor!*

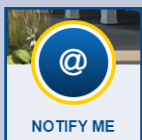


## Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts are not allowed to travel on sidewalks, in city parks, or on private property without permission. Click [HERE](#) for complete City Ordinance information.
- Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts may operate upon the most right-hand lane of a municipal street or alley & may, in passing or making a left turn, operate on other lanes which are used for vehicle traffic in the same direction for purposes of going to or returning from a non-highway area of permissible operation by the most direct route.
- Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts shall only be allowed to travel on City Streets during the winter season, beginning November 1st through March 31st of each year.



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