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LINDSTRÖM LEDGER

Monthly E-Newsletter



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Is Your Utility Billing Contact Info Correct?

4th quarter utility bill post-cards 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

Utility Billing Payments

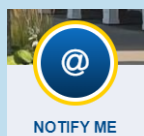
We have several options available. Please visit our website for details:

www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing

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Sign up to receive city news, events, public notices & emergency alerts via email!

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Cub Scouts Role Play As Council Members

In early November, Cub Scout pack leaders of pack #144 asked Mayor Judy Chartrand to assist the pack in learning more about local government and how city council meetings work.



Mayor Chartrand held a "swearing in" for the Cub Scouts, had them sit at the dais, and

conduct a mock city council meeting. The Cub Scouts were also asked to choose how they would spend city funds by placing stickers next to their selections on posters. Categories included public works, public safety, culture and recreation, and



administration. The Cub Scouts commented that it was one of their most fun meetings ever!



Mayor Chartrand had a wonderful time too. **Great job, Cub Scouts!** We hope to see you in leadership roles in the future.

Properly Dispose of Your Medications

Do you have expired, unused, or unwanted medications?

You can dispose of them safely, anonymously, and for FREE in the secure medication drop box located **in the lobby*** at [Lindström City Hall](#). This Chisago County Sheriff's Office program, accepts the following items:

- 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 Ave., 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: 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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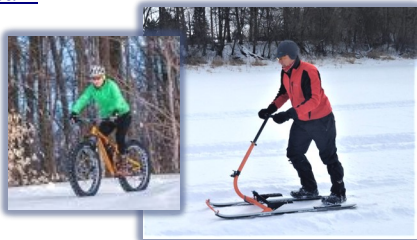
Enjoying Winter in Lindström

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:

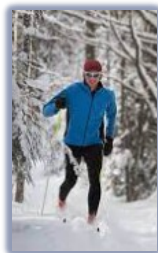
www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department/pages/allemanr%C3%A4tt-park



[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.

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.



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:

sites.google.com/site/wildriversnowmobileclub/?pli=1

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

For snowmobile tips, trail maps, regulations and certification, visit 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.

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:



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:

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, including specific ice thickness guidelines, please visit the MN DNR's website:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html

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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.

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: Phase two of this development is complete.

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.

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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>



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



Downtown Lindström

We have a lot to offer here in Lindström!

- Antiques
- Vintage & Repurposed
- Art
- Gifts
- Specialty & Scandinavian
- Food & Drink
- Boutiques
- Services

Shopping local keeps our downtown vibrant, increases local prosperity, is better for the environment, creates jobs, and so much more.

Follow “Downtown Lindström” on Facebook for special shopping events, sales, workshops, classes, and more:

www.facebook.com/DowntownLindstrom



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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.



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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](#)

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, meet the Chisago Lakes Ambassadors, 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

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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!

Polka music by the Bill Koncar Band!

Sponsored by: [Farmers Insurance- Joel Jordet](#)



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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Event Recap: Lindström EDA Business Breakfast

In mid-November, the Lindström EDA hosted their annual business breakfast for Lindström business owners and commercial property owners. Attendees enjoyed a complimentary breakfast. Lindström's City Administrator, Dan Udem, presented an update on what is happening in the City of Lindström, and answered questions during a Q&A session.

Business owners and property owners also had the opportunity to network with fellow Lindström business owners, meet new business owners, and get to know some of our City Council Members, EDA Commissioners, and City Staff.

Thank you to all who attended!



Are you a Lindström business owner or Lindström commercial property owner, but didn't receive a mailed invitation?

Email or call Miranda Olson at the City of Lindström to update your contact information:

molson@cityoflindstrom.us or (651) 257-0620

Receive future EDA Business Breakfast invitations, as well as other City news, via email!

Scan the QR code or click here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe



Virtual Lindström Budget Open House

The City of Lindström is currently hosting their first ever Virtual Budget Open House.

The following information will be posted on our website through **Thursday, December 21, 2023**. Scan the QR code or click here: www.cityoflindstrom.us/BudgetOpenHouse

- City government overview
- Streets and infrastructure
- Lakes Area Police Department's potential new facilities
- Long range planning (including the City's new 10 year plan)
- 2024 City budget
- City S.W.O.T. analysis information



We want to hear from you! Submit your feedback by **Thursday, December 21, 2023** using the link on the above website.

The final 2024 budget will be approved at the **Truth in Taxation meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:30pm at Lindström City Hall**. The regular City Council meeting will immediately follow at 7pm.

For meeting agendas, minutes and livestream meetings, click here:

<https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/home/pages/livestream-meetings-agendas-minutes>

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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

December Monthly Meetings & City Hall Closures

Monthly Meetings

Dec. 4 (Mon.)	Park Board: 6:00pm
Dec. 7 (Thurs.)	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
Dec. 11 (Mon.)	Cable Commission: 4:00pm (CLHS)
Dec. 12 (Tues.)	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Dec. 21 (Thurs.)	City Council (Truth In Taxation (2024 Budget)): 6:30pm
Dec. 21 (Thurs.)	City Council (Regular Meeting): 7:00pm
Dec. 18 (Mon.)	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm
No Meetings	Police Commission: 6:30pm & 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

Dec. 25 (Mon.)	Christmas Day
Jan. 1 (Mon.)	New Year's Day



Visit our Meetings, Agendas & Minutes page for more info

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AMERICA'S LITTLE SWEDEN



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phone camera
& scan QR

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!

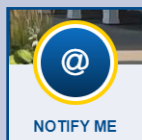


Snowmobiles, ATV's & Golf Carts

- 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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