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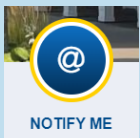
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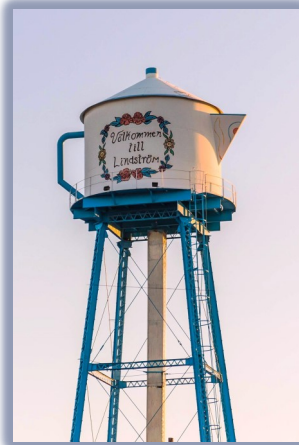


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New Resident Information Packet

NOTE: Words, phrases, websites and email addresses that are **underlined and bright blue** are clickable links in the digital version of this document. Scan the QR code for the [New Residents](#) page.



Dear New Resident,

Välkommen till Lindström (Welcome to Lindström)! Our Welcome Packet is a great resource for local services, licensing information, education, recreation, medical services, human services, and other useful information.

Browse our website (www.cityoflindstrom.us) for information on [City Meetings](#), [Community Links](#), [Visitor Information](#) (a great resource to be a "hometown tourist"), [Zoning](#), [Utilities](#), [Community Events](#), and more.

If there is anything further we can help you with, or if you have any questions, please call Lindström City Hall at 651-257-0620 or email us at contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Again, Welcome to Lindström. We're glad to have you here!

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About Lindström



Incorporated in 1894, Lindström, Minnesota was first settled by Daniel Lindstrom who left Sweden for America in 1853. Among the Swedish emigrants was Erik Norelius, whose personal journals (documented in part) formed the basis of Vilhelm Moberg's novels of the Swedish emigration to America. Moberg's fictional heroes, Karl-Oskar and Kristina Nilsson, are memorialized in statue at the west end of downtown as a tribute to the early Swedish immigrants whose descendants continue to populate our area. A photo of Karl and Kristina's statue is shown on page 1 of this publication. Additional statues of Lindström's historical figures are located north of Karl & Kristina, across the street at Oberstar Plaza (show in background of this page).

For a more in-depth history
visit our website
[www.cityoflindstrom.us/
about](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/about)



City Ordinances

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. ([Ordinance 72.02](#))
- **During a snow event**, please avoid parking on city streets until the plows have cleared the road.
- If you live 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](#).



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](#))

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- this 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!*



PET LICENSING

All dogs AND cats in the City of Lindström that are 6 months and older must be licensed annually. Licenses are valid through the end of the calendar year. New licenses and renewals can be purchased for a nominal fee at Lindström City Hall.

A current rabies **Certificate of Vaccination** document is **required** at the time of application, which provides proof of vaccination as well as the vaccination serial number.

A receipt or statement for rabies vaccination from your vet clinic **does not qualify** as proof of rabies vaccination.

The City of Lindström and the Lakes Area Police Department keep track of the numbered tags and licenses. If your pet strays or is found by others, having a tag assists in getting your pet back to you. If the City/LAPD detains an unlicensed animal, there will be additional costs to the owner to have Animal Control hold the animal until it is claimed.

Please be a courteous pet owner:

- Bring a baggie or other device to clean up should your pet make a deposit along the way.
- Animals in heat must be confined and kept away from other animals.
- Pets must be leashed **at all times**, unless confined inside an owner's yard.
- Don't allow your dog to bark repeatedly.
- Feces must be removed from the owner's property within two days during the summer, and within three days during the winter.
- Anyone with more than three dogs must obtain a Kennel License in addition to the regular dog licenses.

Please help us keep your neighbors and pets safe. ([Ordinances 92.04, 92.05, 92.06](#))

The City of Lindström also requires permits for the keeping of bees and chickens. ([Ordinance 92.15](#))



City Ordinances

STORAGE OF SEASONAL & RECREATIONAL ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

The City of Lindström has an ordinance regarding the outside storage/parking of vehicles and recreational equipment in residential areas. Please refer to [Ordinance 154.052](#) regarding unused vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, recreational equipment, location of stored vehicles, accessory buildings, street parking, and limited permits for guest vehicles, etc. If you have questions, please call City Hall at (651) 257-0620.

OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES, ATV'S AND GOLF CARTS

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. Between November 1st and March 31st, snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts may operate upon the most right-hand lane of a municipal street or alley and 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 are not allowed to travel on sidewalks, in city parks, or on private property without permission.

Please refer to [Ordinance 72.01 - 72.11](#) and [Ordinance 72.99](#) for more information.



For our complete City Code
visit our website
[www.cityoflindstrom.us/
government](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/government)



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

WEED ELIMINATION & GRASS CUTTING

Weeds and grasses are not allowed to exceed a height of **8 inches**. Any expenses incurred by the City when performing enforcement and/or cutting will be imposed on the property owner. [\(Ordinances 93.35 - 93.43\)](#)

[Noxious weeds and rank vegetation](#) (click for definition) are considered a nuisance according to [City Code](#). Property owners shall prevent the growth of noxious weeds and remove all noxious weeds on land outside of the traveled portion of any street or alley within city limits. If said weeds are not destroyed by the property owner, the City may remove them at the property owner's expense.

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

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational 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. Recreational fires are not allowed when a burning ban has been officially declared. See [Ordinances 93.60 - 93.70](#) for more information.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

This information is important for **all residents**. Please visit our website for details (scan QR code on right), or contact City Hall: 651-257-0620 or contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

For [Seasonal Reminders](#)
visit our website
[www.cityoflindstrom.us/
public-works](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works)



City Services

CITY MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The [Public Works Department](#) is responsible for many services within the City of Lindström. The major service departments include: streets, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, parks, equipment, and facilities. To learn more about the department and to view informational videos, visit our website (see bottom of this section). To contact our Public Works Director call (651) 257-0610 or call City Hall at (651) 257-0620.

SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Fire hydrant flushing and street sweeping occurs in late April into May, in September into early October, and throughout the summer as needed. If “spitting” or discoloration from your tap occurs during hydrant flushing, run your water for a short period of time to clear the pipes in your home. Avoid parking on the street during street sweeping if possible, as this will result in cleaner streets.

REPORTING A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE



Nearly all of the street lights in Lindström are the responsibility of Xcel Energy, EXCEPT for the ornamental lights in downtown (shown in picture). To report an outage for the style shown in the picture, contact City Hall at (651) 257-0620 or contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

All other street light outages need to be reported directly to [Xcel Energy](#). You can report the outage using Xcel’s online reporting form. An update will be emailed to you upon request. You can also call Xcel to report the outage at 1-800-960-6235.

REPORTING A WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY

If a sewer backup occurs, or if you have a water-related emergency in your home, on your property, or observe what appears to be a water-main break, please call City Hall immediately at **651-257-0620**.

Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00am-4:30pm; Friday from 7:00a.m.-noon.

After hours, or on weekends, or Federal Holidays, call Chisago County Dispatch at **651-257-4100**. They will dispatch a City Public Works crew to assess the emergency water or sewer situation.

Visit the [Public Works](#) section of our website
www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works



BUILDING PERMITS

Apply for the following permits at Lindström City Hall:

Fences, Signs, Bees, Chickens, Impervious Surface (sidewalks, driveways, patios, etc.), Grading/Excavation/Fill, Dumpsters, and Zoning Compliance. For zoning questions, contact Lindström City Hall:

Phone: 651-257-0620 or contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Apply at the Chisago County Zoning Department for the following permits:

Roofing, Siding, Decks, Windows, Fireplaces, Mechanical, Plumbing, Pools (more than 24” deep and more than 5,000 gallons), Additions, Garages, New Construction, and Mobile Homes. For electrical or well permits visit their website or call them for more information (651) 213-8371.

Chisago County Government Center- Environmental Services & Zoning Department
[313 N. Main Street, Center City, MN 55012](https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/278/Building-Construction-Demolition-Permits)

Phone: 651-213-8371

<https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/278/Building-Construction-Demolition-Permits>

For our [Building Dept.](#) visit our website
www.cityoflindstrom.us/building-department



For our [Zoning Dept.](#) visit our website
www.cityoflindstrom.us/zoning-department



City Services

CITY WATER & SEWER SERVICES

The city has two wells and a half million-gallon water tower that was built in 1991. The tap water hardness is 100ppm (mg/l) or 5.8 Grains per Gallon, which classifies our water as “moderately hard” (see chart below). Our water pH is 8.1. Water and sewer rates are reviewed annually by the City Council and revised as needed. Visit our website for current rates (see bottom right of this page).

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 City Hall.

Water Hardness Scale		
Grains/Gal	mg/L & ppm	Classification
Less than 1	Less than 17.1	Soft
1 – 3.5	17.1 - 60	Slightly Hard
3.5 - 7	60 - 120	Moderately Hard
7 - 10	120 - 180	Hard
Over 10	Over 180	Very Hard

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.*

If you have a **sewer or water-related emergency**, contact City Hall **immediately** at (651) 257-0620 Monday - Thursday from 7am - 4:30pm and Friday 7am - noon. After hours, or on weekends or holidays, call Chisago County Dispatch at (651) 257-4100. They will send a City Public Works crew to assess the situation.

If you need to update your utility billing contact information, have general questions or if you have a sewer or water issue that is NOT an emergency, please contact City Hall during regular business hours (651) 257-0620.

Payment Options

Pay Online

To view or pay your utility bill online, [Click Here](#). You will be re-directed to our payment processor's website where you can register and make your payment. Future payments are just 3 easy steps. You do not have to pay online to view/receive your bill online.

- View or pay your utility bill online or on the app.
 - Sign up for E-bills; you will receive an email each billing cycle letting you know your bill is ready to view.
- Pay immediately or schedule a payment with a debit/credit card,

or checking or savings account. You can also set up Auto-Pay.

Pay Using Mobile App

You can also view and pay your utility bill by downloading “PSN Payments” from the [App Store®](#) or [Google Play™](#). If you registered online first, use those login credentials.

Pay Using PSN Payments Phone Payment System

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.

Other Payment Options

- Credit/debit cards, checks and cash are accepted in person at City Hall during regular business hours.
 - Checks are also accepted by mail (13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045) or in the drop box located outside of City Hall.
- Credit/debit cards are also accepted over the phone at City Hall 651-257-0620 during regular business hours.

Visit the [Utility Billing](#) section of our website
www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing



Other Utilities & Services

MAIL SERVICES

The Lindström Post Office is located at the corner of Park Street and 1st Avenue North in downtown Lindström, and is a full-service location. Services include mail delivery, post office boxes, stamps, package shipping, money orders, bulk mail services, greeting cards, and more. The Lindström location does not offer any passport services.

[12760 N 1ST AVE, LINDSTROM, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-257-5169 **Website:** <https://www.usps.com/> Click "Find USPS Locations" in the "Quick Links" tab.

ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS SERVICES (XCEL ENERGY)

Electric and natural gas services in this area are supplied by Xcel Energy. To stop, start, or change your electric or gas service, access your account, or to report a gas or electric emergency, use the following phone numbers and/or website:

Electrical Outage: [800-895-1999](tel:800-895-1999) **Gas Emergency:** [800-895-2999](tel:800-895-2999)

Residential Customer Service: [800-895-4999](tel:800-895-4999) **Business Customer Service:** [800-481-4700](tel:800-481-4700)

Website: <https://my.xcelenergy.com/customersupport/s/>

GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL (CALL BEFORE YOU DIG)

Before you dig in your yard, make sure you are not digging near buried gas, electric or phone lines. Call or put in a request online to have your utilities marked before you dig. There is no charge for this service.

Locate Service Phone: 811 or 651-454-0002 or 800-252-1166

Emergency Locate ONLY Phone: 1-866-640-3637

Website: <http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/> Click link to request a locate, search & status, resources, etc.

TELEPHONE, INTERNET & TV

Frontier Communications offers landline telephone, as well as internet and TV services.

Residential Customer Service: 1-844-205-7102 **Website:** <https://frontier.com/>

Business Customer Service: 1-855-801-0828 **Website:** <https://business.frontier.com/>

Midco (MidContinent Communications) offers landline telephone, as well as internet and Cable TV services (not available in all areas of Lindström). Contact them for exact service areas or visit their website.

Residential Customer Service: 1-800-888-1300 **Website:** <https://midco.com/>

Business Customer Service: 1-800-888-1300 **Website:** <https://business.midco.com/>

Dish TV offers satellite TV with a wide range of packages available.

Phone: 1-855-625-6453 **Website:** <https://www.dish.com/contact/>

DirecTV offers satellite TV with a wide range of packages available.

Phone: 1-855-399-9092 **Website:** <https://www.directv.com/>

GARBAGE SERVICES

The following licensed garbage haulers are available in our area and offer trash removal and recycling services:

Croix Valley Pick-Up

Phone: 651-257-6316 **Website:** <https://www.croixvalleypickup.net/>

Waste Management

Phone: 1-866-909-4458 **Website:** <https://www.wm.com/us/en>

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR OTHER TYPES OF WASTE DISPOSAL & COMPOST RESOURCES

Area Services

LAKES AREA COMPOST SITE

The cities of Lindström, Stacy, Wyoming and Chisago City operate an Area Compost Site. Residents may use the facility at no charge (proof of address may be required, such as a driver's license, water/sewer utility bill or a property tax statement). Non-residents may use the facility for a fee.

The Compost Site opens in mid-April and closes for the season in mid-November (weather permitting). The site may be closed on Holidays and during inclement weather. Follow the [City of Lindström on Facebook](#) and sign up for the City's [E-Subscribe](#) notifications for updates (*see page 1 to scan QR Codes*).

No commercial services will be permitted to haul to or from the site.

Seasonal operating hours are (weather permitting):

Wednesdays 2pm - 7pm (or dusk)

Saturdays 9am - 4pm

Sundays 1pm - 4pm

Accepted compostable materials are: leaves, grass clippings, and brush (up to 3" in diameter). Bags must be removed if they are not bio-degradable. Place materials only where designated. See website or call City Hall for more information.

Materials that are NOT accepted are: dimensional lumber, household trash, tires, appliances, etc. No dumping of any materials (trash or organics) outside of the fence.

Wood chips and black dirt are FREE, when available. Bring your own tools- gloves, shovel, etc. Assistance in loading and unloading is generally NOT available. Occasionally the Boy Scouts are there to help, but only intermittently.

Sometimes the site is very muddy. Please be aware of your vehicle's capabilities.

The site is located right next to the Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Plant, on the east side of County Road 24.

[31501 Lofton Ave. \(County Road 24\), Chisago City, MN 55013](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call City Hall: 651-257-0620 or email contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works/pages/area-compost-site>

Visit the [Compost Site](#) section of our website
www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works/pages/area-compost-site



CHISAGO COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY (HHWF)

Call or visit their website to learn more about what items are accepted. As the operation of this facility is funded in part by the solid waste management fee, Chisago County residents can participate at no charge, other county residents may be charged a fee (call or visit website for details).

[39649 Grand Ave., North Branch, MN 55056](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-213-8920

Website: <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/396/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

CHISAGO COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DISPOSAL

The service through this program is FREE, anonymous, and confidential. County residents may drop off: over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs and animal drugs. **NO Sharps** - please dispose of these at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (see above).

[Lakes Area Police Dept./City Hall: 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

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

VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#) OR CALL CITY HALL (651-257-0620) FOR ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL RESOURCES

Visit our [Resident Information](#) page
www.cityoflindstrom.us/resident-information



Area Services

LAKES AREA POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD)

The Lakes Area Police Department is a joint service provided by the Cities of Lindström and Chisago City. It includes 14 full-time sworn Officers, 6 part-time non-sworn reserve Officers and is headquartered out of Lindström City Hall (as of 2022). Lakes Area Officers are dispatched through the Chisago County 911 Center (located in Center City), and are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The Department responds to all police, fire, and medical emergencies within the city, and has staff dedicated to investigative and code enforcement assignments.

The Department encourages ongoing positive interaction between the Department and area youth. The Chisago Lakes School District contracts with the Department to provide two full time School Resource Officers who work within all the schools in the district, as well as Trio Wolf Creek Distance learning, and the Pathways to Change Program. Officers teach D.A.R.E. and National Child Safety programs in our local school system as well as partnering with the DNR to teach Hunter, Snowmobile, and ATV Safety classes. The Department also partners with other area law enforcement to teach Safety Camp for youth and Citizen's Academy for adults. To promote safe neighborhoods, the Departments also offers Lindström residents a chance to participate in National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, and Community Watch programs.

13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045 (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call the non-emergency phone number: 651-257-0622 **For Emergencies Dial 911**

Website: <http://www.lakesareapd.com/> **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/lakesareapolice>

LINDSTRÖM FIRE DEPARTMENT (LFD)

The Lindström Fire Department has been serving the community since 1855, and currently has approximately 25 Volunteer Fire Fighters. LFD is very involved in the local community, including Lindström's Karl Oskar Days town festival, October Fire Prevention events, and numerous other public relations events throughout the year.

The Fire Hall building is currently located at 12955 Lake Blvd., but the Lindström Fire Department will be relocated to their new building in late fall or early winter of 2022. The new Fire Hall is located just 1 block south of Lindström City Hall, and meets the growing needs of the area as well as providing the necessary space and upgrades for today's equipment and safety protocols.

New Fire Hall Location: **13290 Newlander Avenue, Lindström, MN 55045** (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Contact Chief Sellman (non-emergency ONLY): 651-248-7421 **For Emergencies Dial 911**

You may also contact Chief Sellman via email (non-emergency ONLY): ssellman@cityoflindstrom.us

Website: <http://lindstromfire.com/> **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/lindstromfire>

CHISAGO CITY DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)- DRIVER'S LICENSE/MN STATE ID

State law requires that when you change residences, you must change the address on your Driver's License or State ID within 30 days. The local Deputy Registrar is located adjacent to the City Hall in Chisago City. Services include vehicle title transfers, license renewals, as well as the purchase of license tabs for vehicles, boats, RV's and more. Please visit their **website** to confirm their posted business hours of: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm.

In some cases, tabs may be renewed online- check the [MN Driver & Vehicle Services](https://www.ci.chisago.mn.us/dmv) website for more information.

10625 Railroad Ave., Chisago City, MN 55013 (Click address for Google Maps)

Chisago City DMV Phone: 651-257-6578 **Website:** <https://www.ci.chisago.mn.us/dmv>

MN Driver & Vehicle Services Phone: 651-297-2126 **Website:** <https://onlineservices.dps.mn.gov/EServices/>

ARDEN HILLS DRIVER'S TESTING CENTER- LINDSTRÖM CITY HALL

The City of Lindström leases the Community Center (adjacent to City Hall) to the Arden Hills Driver's Testing Center on Tuesdays. Behind the Wheel testing is available every Tuesday **by appointment only**. Written testing is offered the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, **often by appointment only**. Visit their website or call them at the number listed below (not City Hall) for details.

Lindström Community Center: **13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045** (Click address for Google Maps)

MN Driver & Vehicle Services Phone: 651-284-1234 **Website:** <https://onlineservices.dps.mn.gov/EServices/>
(**Note:** It is highly recommended to **schedule your written or behind the wheel testing online** instead of over the phone. Online scheduling provides you with an email confirmation as well as a link to cancel or change your appointment.)

Human Services

CHISAGO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Visit Chisago County's website or call for more information on child services, adult services, veterans services, aging and disabilities information, financial assistance, mental health, public health and more.

Chisago County Government Center: [313 N. Main Street, Center City, MN 55012](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-213-5600 **Website:** <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/334/Health-Human-Services>

RISE

RISE provides people with disabilities and other barriers with the tools and resources they may need to reach their full potential in employment, housing, and personal growth.

13265 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045 (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-257-2281 **Website:** <https://rise.org/>

ARROWHEAD TRANSIT

The Chisago-Isanti County Arrowhead Transit provides affordable, safe, accessible public transportation and supports independent living and self-reliance. Call or visit their website for information and bus routes, monthly passes and more.

To schedule a ride: [800-862-0175](tel:800-862-0175) **Website:** <https://arrowheadtransit.com/county-schedules/chisago-county/>

FAMILY PATHWAYS

The non-profit thrift store is located in Lindström. The Family Pathways food shelf, aging services and domestic violence services are available just a few miles away in Chisago City. Call or visit their website for locations, resources, and volunteer and employment opportunities. If you are in a domestic violence crisis, you can call their hotline 24 hours a day.

Thrift Store Location: [30703 Lincoln Road, Lindstrom, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Thrift Store Phone: 651-257-7601 **Website:** <https://www.familypathways.org/thrift-stores/>

Schedule a food shelf appointment: 651-674-8040 **24-Hour Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-338-SAFE (7233)

Medical Services

M HEALTH FAIRVIEW

M Health Fairview is a partnership with the University of Minnesota, U of M Physicians, and Fairview Health Services. Services available at the Chisago City location include family medicine, pediatrics, physical therapy, mental health therapy, diabetes care and more. The nearby Wyoming location provides a wider array of services including hospital, emergency, urgent care, imaging, cardiac, physical therapy, occupational therapy, sleep medicine, cancer treatment, podiatry and more.

Chisago City Location: [11725 Stinson Ave., Chisago City, MN 55013](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Chisago City Phone: 651-257-8499 **Wyoming Phone:** 651-982-7000 **[For Emergencies Dial 911](#)**

Website: mhealthfairview.org

ST. CROIX REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Services available at the SCRMC Lindstrom location include cardiology, neurology, podiatry, counseling and psychological services, ophthalmology, respiratory care, sleep medicine, nephrology, orthopedics, and sports medicine.

Lindström Location: [12375 Lindstrom Lane, Lindstrom, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Lindström Phone: 651-400-2240 or 1-800-828-3627 **[For Emergencies Dial 911](#)**

Website: scrmc.org

Education, Libraries & Publications

PUBLIC SCHOOLS- CHISAGO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT #2144

The Chisago Lakes School District #2144 serves much of the southern third of Chisago County. The 165 square-mile school district is home to over 3,300 students (PreK-12). There are three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and a charter school included in the school district.

Known for high academic standards, the school district has been recognized for excellence by numerous statewide organizations. District test scores in reading and math are well in excess of the state averages, and are the best in the local area, as reported by the Star Tribune. In addition to their outstanding academic standards, the school district offers a wide array of activities and athletics. Visit their website or call the District Office for details, questions, and specific school phone numbers and locations.

District Office: [29678 Karmel Ave., Chisago City, MN 55013](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

District Office Phone: 651-213-2000 **Website:** <https://www.isd2144.org/>

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Chisago Lakes School District offers a wide variety of community education classes for a range of ages. These classes occur throughout the year, including adult and senior programs. For the most current list of classes or to sign up for the Community Ed Newsletter, call the Community Education Department or visit their website.

Community Education Office: [29330 Olinda Trail, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-213-2600 **or Email:** clcommmed@isd2144.org

Website: <https://www.isd2144.org/>

CHISAGO LAKES AREA LIBRARY

This public library is a part of the East Central Regional Library system. The Chisago City location serves the entire Chisago Lakes Area, and features a large selection of books, magazines, audio, board games and more. ECRL hosts events year-round for all ages, including book clubs, concerts, story times and crafts. WiFi, public use computers, faxing, printing, copying, proctoring services and public meeting spaces are also available. Call or visit their website for more information.

[11754 302nd Street, Chisago City, MN 55013](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-257-2817 **Website:** <https://ecrlib.org/chisago-lakes-area-mn-library/>

PUBLICATIONS

Chisago County Press is the primary newspaper serving Chisago County. Office is located in downtown Lindström.

Phone: 1-844-205-7102 **Email:** chisago@citlink.net **Website:** <https://chisagocountypress.com/>

Minneapolis Star Tribune is Minnesota's #1 local source for news, information and community events.

For newspaper subscriptions call: 612-673-4343 **Website:** <https://www.startribune.com/>

For digital subscription access call: 612-673-7447 **Email:** digitalaccess@startribune.com

St. Paul Pioneer Press is Minnesota's first newspaper and winner of three Pulitzers.

Phone: 651-717-7377 **Website:** <https://www.twincities.com/>

Lindström Ledger E-Newsletter is the monthly City of Lindström newsletter delivered by email and available to view on our website anytime. A spring/summer and a fall/winter edition is also sent via mail to each household and post office box in Lindström. Stay informed of city news, community events, meetings, seasonal information and much more. Swedish phrases and Lindström history articles are also included.

Sign up on our website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/subscribe>

Questions? Call City Hall: 651-257-0620 **Email:** contactus@cityoflindstrom.us



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Business & Tourism Resources

CHISAGO LAKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chisago Lakes Chamber is a partnership with Chisago City, Lindström, Center City, Shafer, Taylors Falls, surrounding townships and neighboring communities- in an effort to serve, support, and promote the businesses and organizations in the Chamber community. Through active membership, businesses gain connectivity through valuable networking opportunities. Call or visit their website for membership information and upcoming events.

30525 Linden Street, Lindström, MN 55045 (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-257-1177 Website: chisagolakeschamber.com



LINDSTRÖM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)

Established in 2005, the Lindström EDA promotes growth and development of commercial, residential, and industrial concerns in the City of Lindström. We welcome you to attend EDA meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise posted) in the City Hall Chambers. The Annual EDA Business Breakfast generally occurs at the beginning of April, and provides a great opportunity to network with fellow business owners in the city, as well as to meet new business owners. Current city and county programs and projects, as well as other business-oriented topics, are generally presented at this event as well.

Is your business new in town? Please contact City Hall- we want to get to know you and learn more about your business.

Lindström City Hall: 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045 (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call City Hall: 651-257-0620 or Email: contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/economic-development-authority>



CHISAGO COUNTY HRA/EDA

The Chisago County HRA/EDA offers a wide range of assistance to public and private sectors, specializing in economic development, community development, housing development and rehabilitation, and small business development center services (SBDC). The SBDC provides free and confidential consulting services to businesses and those considering starting a business. Services include: access to capital and loan packaging, financial analysis and assessment, cash flow management, business plan development, general marketing, start-up assistance, expansion assistance, and relocation assistance.

38871 7th Avenue, North Branch, MN 55056 (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-674-5664 or Email: info@chisagocounty.org

Website: <https://www.chisagocounty.org/>



LOCAL TOURISM RESOURCES

Chisago Lakes Tourism Located in the Chisago Lakes Chamber building in downtown Lindström. A great resource for exploring the Chisago Lakes Area, including activities, historic sites, lodging, restaurants, events, trip planners and more. A variety of brochures are available in the lobby. Call or visit their website for more information and a calendar of events.

30525 Linden Street, Lindström, MN 55045 (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-257-1177 Website: <https://chisagolakes.org/>

Lindström Visitor Information & Tourism Be a “hometown tourist”! Get information on places to shop, stay, eat and things to do in Lindström and beyond. Swedish heritage tourism, a downloadable map of Lindström’s Historic Walking Tour, as well as area lakes and community events information is also available. A variety of brochures are available in the lobby at City Hall. Call or visit our website for more information and a calendar of events.

Lindström City Hall: 13292 Sylvan Ave., Lindström, MN 55045 (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call City Hall: 651-257-0620 or Email: contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/visitor-information-tourism>



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Recreation

WILDCAT COMMUNITY CENTER

Located at the Chisago Lakes High School, monthly and yearly memberships are available. Non-members can pay a daily user fee. The courts can accommodate volleyball, tennis, pickleball, basketball, and batting cages. Indoor walking track, cardio and weight rooms, fitness classes and more. Visit website for open gym schedule and membership information.

[29330 Olinda Trail, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-213-2600 Website: <https://www.isd2144.org/Page/1603>

CHISAGO LAKES AQUATIC CENTER

Located at the Chisago Lakes High School. Open to the public during open swim hours. Lap swims, swimming lessons and pool rental available. Locker rooms and showers available. Call or visit the website for the current schedule or to sign up for lap swimming or lessons.

[29400 Olinda Trail, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-213-2604 Website: <http://chisagopool.registryinsight.com/>

CHISAGO LAKES ICE ARENA

The arena is located next to Chisago Lakes High School, and is generally used for sporting events. To schedule ice time or purchase open skating, contact the Arena Manager. Call or visit the website for more information.

[29330 Olinda Trail, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-257-8694 or Email: chisagolakesarena@gmail.com

Website: www.chisagolakesarena.com

PICKLEBALL/TENNIS COURTS (LOCATED AT CHISAGO LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Located outdoors on the west side of the Chisago Lakes Middle School property, 1 block north of Highway 8. Multiple tennis and pickleball courts are first come, first serve, except for when they are reserved for school events.

[30600 Block of Irene Ave., Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call: 651-213-2500 Website: <https://www.isd2144.org/Page/1236>

LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION (LARA)

LARA provides the opportunity for school-age Chisago Lakes area children to experience affordable, supervised sports activities, including baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, flag football, soccer and lacrosse.

Website: <https://www.lakesarearec.org/> Email: lara.chisagolakes@gmail.com

RECREATION SAFETY COURSES

ATV Safety Certification & Safety Courses Available for ages 6 to adult. See website for ATV Safety Certificate details.

Questions? Call: 651-296-6157 Website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html>

Snowmobile Safety Training/Certification Required by law for residents born after December 31, 1976.

Phone: 651-296-6157 Website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/snowmobile/index.html>

Firearms Safety/Hunter Education Certificate Required by all persons born after December 31, 1979 in order to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota.

Questions? Call: 651-296-6157 Website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/index.html>

Boat & Water Safety Education Available for youths (ages 12-17) and adults. Additional courses available.

Questions? Call: 651-296-6157 Website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/education.html>

Parks & Trails

LINDSTRÖM CITY PARKS

The City of Lindström owns and maintains several parks throughout the city. Beach Park is located on the west end of downtown and features a sand swimming beach, sand volleyball, play structures, a fishing pier, picnic tables, grills, bathrooms, and a pavilion picnic shelter that is available for rent. Lions Park is located next to City Hall and is the home of the [Harmony in the Park](#) summer concert series. This park features play structures, bathrooms, grills, and a paved walking trail, as well as a pavilion picnic shelter, bandshell, and peninsula/island that are all available for rent. Several smaller neighborhood parks can also be found throughout the city. Call or visit our website for park use and rental information. An interactive park map can be found on the “Park Details & Information” page.

Questions? Call City Hall: 651-257-0620 or Email: contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department>



ALLEMANSRÄTT PARK- LINDSTRÖM'S SWEDISH HERITAGE WILDERNESS PARK (CITY OWNED)

“Allemansrätt” translates to “every man’s right” in Swedish, and is the Swedish philosophy of the right to public access—which includes an implicit responsibility to protect and conserve. In the spirit of Allemansrätt, we welcome you to walk, ski, snowshoe, run, canoe/kayak or camp (in designated spots). Allemansrätt Park is approximately 125 acres and has several miles of trails, over 10,000 feet of shoreline on three lakes and showcases unique ecological features. Restrooms and benches are available. It is a “carry-in, carry-out” park. For additional park details, volunteer information and park maps, visit our website or stop by City Hall.

Bull Lake Entrance: [31125 North Lakes Trail, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Olinda Trail Entrance: [31316 Olinda Trail N., Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Questions? Call City Hall: 651-257-0620 or Email: contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/parks-department/pages/allemansratt-park>



CHISAGO LAKES WATER TRAIL

Explore 10 lakes with 100+ miles of shoreline & 5,000 acres of water, pristine shorelines, islands & peninsulas. A popular kayaking and canoeing trail. For trail maps and information visit their website or stop by City Hall for a brochure.

Website: <http://www.chisagolakeswatertrail.com/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChisagoLakesWaterTrail>

SWEDISH IMMIGRANT REGIONAL TRAIL

A popular cycling trail for all ages. This 20-mile, multi-use, hard surface trail provides a safe route for recreation while interpreting and celebrating the Swedish Immigrant History of Chisago County. A few segments are still awaiting completion. The Lindström segment of the trail runs through portions of downtown.

Lindström Trail Segment Map: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/visitor-information-tourism/pages/parks-trails>

Questions? Call Chisago County’s Parks Office: 651-674-2345

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

KI CHI SAGA COUNTY PARK & KARL OSKAR HOUSE

The centerpiece of this 98 acre county park is the Karl Oskar House, an original 19th century Swedish Immigrant House that was recently restored. Concerts and interpretive tours of the home are available throughout the summer.

Karl Oskar House Tours: 651-257-1177 or 651-257-5310 or Email: friendsofkarloskarhouse@gmail.com

Karl Oskar House Website: <https://friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org/>

Questions about the park? Call Chisago County’s Parks Office: 651-674-2345

Park Website: <https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/467/Ki-Chi-Saga-County-Park-Lindstrom>



Lindström Municipal On-Sale & Off-Sale Liquor

The City of Lindström owns Municipal On-Sale and Off-Sale Liquor stores. Profits from sales at these facilities are used for capital expenditures, and the profits are also transferred into the General Fund for operating expenses that otherwise would have been paid for from increased property taxes. Pull tab proceeds from the Municipal On-Sale benefit the Lindström Volunteer Fire Department.

The parking lot between the On-Sale Bar and Off-Sale Liquor Store is the location for the street dance during the city's *Karl Oskar Days* festival. For more information on this annual Swedish heritage celebration click below.

Follow Karl Oskar Days on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KarlOskarDays>

Karl Oskar Days Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/karl-oskar-days>



LINDSTRÖM MUNICIPAL ON-SALE BAR

Our On-Sale bar features a large bar-seating area and a variety of table seating. A cozy 2-sided fireplace is centered between the back room and the bar seating area. The back room may be reserved for small groups. Contact the On-Sale Liquor Manager for details. The limited food menu includes snacks & pizza. A pool table, several large TV's, traditional pull tabs, as well as modern games such as electronic dart boards, a juke box, and E-tabs are available. The back patio is adjacent to [Kaffe Kanna Park](#) under our famous coffee pot water tower. A separate patio overlooks Highway 8.

[12860 Lake Boulevard, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-257-0626 Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/liquor-store>

Follow on Facebook (search Lindstrom MUNI): <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057609273212>



LINDSTRÖM MUNICIPAL OFF-SALE LIQUOR STORE

Lindström Liquors provides an affordable selection of top-shelf wine, liquor, and beer. Established in 1947, our liquor store has proudly served Lindström with premium products, diverse price points, and impeccable customer service. Whether you need to buy beer or wine for a small gathering or to ensure you have enough libation for a large party, we have everything you need in one convenient location. Follow on Facebook for specials, tasting events, and more.

[12838 Lake Boulevard, Lindström, MN 55045](#) (Click address for Google Maps)

Phone: 651-257-0826 Website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/liquor-store>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LindstromLiquors>



Lindström's Sister City: Tingsryd, Sweden

Tingsryd, Sweden is Lindström's Sister City for a variety of reasons. It is of similar size, demographics and population to Lindström, and is also surrounded by many lakes.



Tingsryd is considered to be "the whole of Småland in one place".

Most of the immigrants that settled in Lindström during the mid to late 1800's originally came from the region of Småland, Sweden.

What is a Sister City?

A sister city or twin town relationship begins for a variety of reasons. Generally, partner towns have similar demographics and size. They may arise from business connections, travel, similar industries, diaspora communities, or shared history. For more info on the history of Lindström and links to Tingsryd,

Sweden, visit our website: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/about>



The Chisago County Historical Society in downtown Lindström is also a great resource, and has a research library.

<https://www.chisagocountyhistory.org/>





Interested in learning a little Swedish? Our monthly E-Newsletter has a Swedish word or phrase in each publication. Learn Swedish greetings, funny phrases, what is “fika”?, Swedish Waffle Day (Våffeldagen) recipes, & more. **Friends of the Karl Oskar House** hosts Swedish speaking events and meetings <https://friendsofthekarloskarhouse.org/> and the **Chisago Lakes Chamber** has “Friday Fika” once a month. <https://business.chisagolakeschamber.com/events> (enter “fika” in the calendar search bar)

Voting & Election Information

Lindström is located in Chisago County. Your voting precinct, if a resident of the City of Lindström, is in the Lindström Community Center, adjacent to Lindström City Hall.

[13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindström, MN 55045](#)

Are you a registered voter?

You can wait until Election Day to register in Minnesota. However, we encourage you to register before Election Day - it will save you time

at the polling place. The deadline to Pre-Register is 21 days before the election.

When are elections?

Federal, State, and City Elections are held in even years every two years.

- **Primary Elections** are the second Tuesday in August.
- **General Elections** are on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

For more information visit the Chisago County website:

<https://www.chisagocountymn.gov/139/Voting-Election-Information>

Or call the Chisago County Auditor-Treasurer office at 651-213-8500



City Meetings

[Monthly Meetings*](#)

First Monday:	Park Board: 6:00pm
First Thursday:	Planning Commission: 6:30pm
Second Monday:	Cable Commission: 4:00pm
Second Tuesday:	EDA (Economic Development Authority): 7:30am
Third Monday:	Chisago Lakes Joint Sewer Treatment Commission: 5:30pm
Third Wednesday:	Beyond The Yellow Ribbon (BTYR): 6:30pm
Third Thursday:	City Council: 7:00pm

[Bi-Monthly Meetings \(Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.\)*](#)

Second Wednesday:	Police Commission: 6:00pm
Last Thursday:	Library Commission: 7:00pm

* Holidays, scheduling conflicts or other reasons may cause a meeting date to change. Notice will be given in accordance with state statute requirements. Meetings may be cancelled without notice, however, cancellations generally are posted on the City's social media, City Calendar, and website's News & Announcements page. To view the current year's meeting schedule, visit the “Government” section of our website and click on “City Policies, Reports & Schedules”, or contact City Hall.

- View our “City Calendar” on our website’s home page for a complete schedule, including annual meetings, Fire Relief Association meetings and other 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.
- To receive Public Hearing Notices and other City Notices, subscribe to our City emails (see page 1).



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