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www.cityoflindstrom.us/utility-billing



Area Compost Site- Last Day of Season

The [Lakes Area Compost Site's](#) last day of the season is **Saturday, November 18th, 2023, weather permitting.**

Compost Site Hours:

- Wednesdays: 2pm – Dusk
- Saturdays: 9am – 4pm
- Sundays: 1pm – 4pm

Officials operating the Compost Site want to remind the public that the Compost Site is CLOSED during rainy or

inclement weather to protect the access roads within the site. (During prolonged wet weather, vehicles have been stuck at the compost site.)

For Compost Site regulations, helpful information, driving



directions, and more, visit our website or scan the QR code below with your phone camera.

www.cityoflindstrom.us/public-works/pages/area-compost-site

[Lakes Area Compost Site](#)
[31501 Lofton Avenue](#)
[Chisago City, MN 55013](#)

Located next to the sewage treatment plant, on east side of Lofton Ave. (County Road 77)



2024 Budget & 10 Year Plan Open House

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

The 2024 preliminary budget was adopted in September, and

Council can make changes to it (but cannot increase it), before adopting the final 2024 budget in December.

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

Date: Thurs., Nov. 30, 2023

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

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

Questions?

Contact us at: (651) 257-0620 or contactus@cityoflindstrom.us

Lindström's New City Administrator

After a thorough search, the City Council voted to hire Daniel Udem as Lindström's new City Administrator. Dan started with the City in July of 2023, and has hit the ground running. He has been busy working with Council to address the City's Capital Improvement planning, budget, streamlining processes, and

more. Udem previously served as Forest Lake's Asst. City Administrator and brings over twenty years of public and private sector experience. He has a Master's degree in business administration from St. Mary's University (MN) and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University

of Minnesota, Duluth.

Welcome (välkommen), Dan!



2024 Pet Licenses

Dog and cat licenses purchased in 2023 will expire 12/31/2023. The license year runs from Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st.

New licenses and renewals are \$5 and can be purchased at City Hall.

A certificate of rabies vaccination is required at the time of application.



Celebration of the Lakes

Bundle up for the Chisago Lakes Chamber's Celebration of the Lakes! Feb. 9-11, 2024.



Many of last year's on-ice events were either cancelled or moved due to inadequate lake ice, but we're hopeful for this coming year. Racing and several other events are scheduled to take place on **South Lindstrom Lake in 2024.**

The Chisago Lakes Chamber is still in the planning stages for indoor, outdoor, virtual and other events. **Look for event registration and updates** on the Chisago Lakes Chamber website:

www.chisagolakeschamber.com

Open phone camera & scan QR code



and on the Celebration of the Lakes Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CelebrationoftheLakes

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We are anticipating that many of the events from recent years will be back, such as pond hockey, snowmobile races, dodgeball, turkey bowling, medallion hunt, bingo, snowmobile raffle, and many more.

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



More Upcoming Events



Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25th, 2023
Throughout Downtown Lindström

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



2023 Holiday Craft Fair: Shop All 3 Local Shows!

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

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



Tree Lighting Festival

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
4:30pm-6:30pm

[Memorial Park \(Next to CL Chamber\)](#)
30525 Linden St., Lindström

Enjoy a winter wonderland, and see **REAL LIVE reindeer!** Take pictures with Santa and give him your wish list, make a s'more, and have a freshly grilled hot dog or brat.

Enjoy live Christmas music, and stay warm with hot chocolate, coffee, and a bonfire!

All events will take place outdoors, so be sure to bundle up.

FREE admission. See you there!



Lindström Park Board Polka Party!

Saturday, Feb. 10th, 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!**

Visit our Community Events page for more info

www.cityoflindstrom.us



Swedish Phrase: "Ska vi fika?" (skå vee fee-kå?)

Use the above phrase to ask someone to fika! **Fika** is an important daily tradition in Swedish culture. It means making time for friends, family, and colleagues to share a cup of coffee and a treat.

For an **authentic apple and almond tart recipe** to enjoy for fika, scan the QR code or visit the website: <https://www.swedishfood.com/swedish-food-recipes-desserts/425-apple-and-almond-tart>



Lindström's New Fire Hall & Open House



Follow the Lindström Fire Department on Facebook for updates & LFD events! www.facebook.com/lindstromfire

We are pleased to announce that the Lindström Fire Department just finished moving into their new fire station!

LFD held an open house in conjunction with their annual Fire Prevention Week event on Saturday, October 14th, which saw incredible attendance.

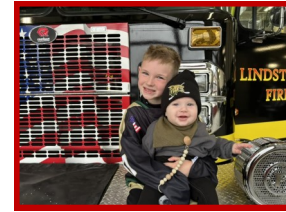
Kids enjoyed fire truck rides, a bouncy house, took pictures with Smokey the Bear, and more.



Fire prevention materials for all ages and giveaways such as kids fire hats were handed out. Attendees toured the facility and talked with emergency responders such as LFD, Lakes Area Police, Chisago County Sheriff's Office, Lakes Region EMS and the MN DNR Wildfire crew.



LFD fire fighters demonstrated some of their rescue equipment, such as their new cutters and spreaders. These powerful



new tools are waterproof and have rechargeable batteries. This allows LFD to easily utilize them for

emergencies in difficult locations without having to be near their truck.

The new fire station is located at the corner of Akerson Street and Newlander Avenue, just one block south of Lindström City Hall.



Unwanted Holiday String Light Disposal

Holiday string lights **contain glass, plastic, copper, and even lead**, all of which can harm the environment. Please dispose of unwanted holiday string lighting at the [Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility \(39649 Grand Ave., North Branch\)](http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/resident-information), every non-holiday Monday 12-7pm. Other unwanted holiday lighting such as candles or figures should go in the trash.

To learn more visit: <https://www.cityoflindstrom.us/resident-information> (Scroll to "Compost Site & Disposal Resources" section.)



Mailbox Requirements

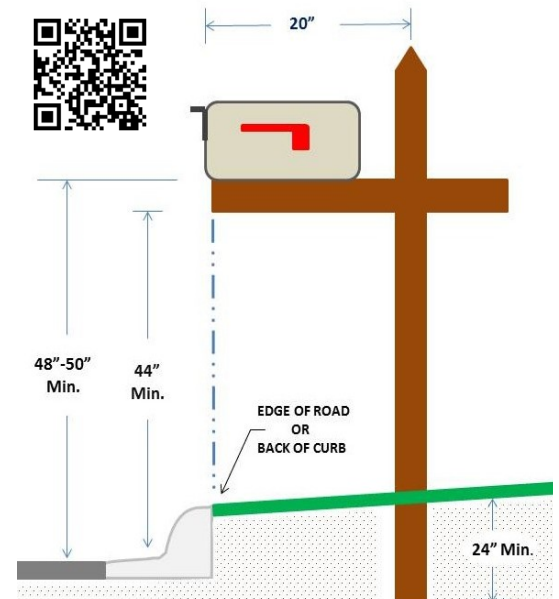
Mailboxes that protrude into the street are hard to avoid when plowing. Follow these tips to prevent damage to your mailbox.

- The base of the box should be 48"-50" above street level, the mailbox should be secured to the base and post, and the post should be in good condition.
- The post must be 20" back from the curb. The face of the mailbox should line up with the curb.
- The snowplow wing needs the 48" height clearance to avoid hitting the box and the 20" from the curb to clear the post. The city does **not** assume liability for mailboxes

damaged during plowing operations, unless it is determined the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that is properly installed using the standard 4 x 4 post and metal box requirements.

- There should not be any plastic newspaper tubes or attachments to the mailbox below the 44" minimum height requirement.
- 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.

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>



Winter Reminders

Open your phone camera & scan QR code for more info



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.



Snowmobiles, ATVs & Golf Carts

- Snowmobiles, ATV's and golf carts are not allowed to travel on sidewalks, in city parks, or on private property without permission.
- 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 shall only be allowed to travel on city streets during the winter season, beginning November 1st through March 31st of each year.

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/lindstrom/latest/lindstrom_mn/0-0-0-970



Snow Plowing

- Consider replacing your mailbox with a swing style post. This helps prevent it being broken by the weight of the snow.
- 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. **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.**



Winter Shoveling

- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- Property owners are responsible for the sidewalks that are adjacent to their property.
- Help your neighbors out, especially if you know they are gone or are elderly. Consider clearing their sidewalks and driveways. Thanks for being a good neighbor!



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.

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!**



Clearing Your Neighborhood's Storm Drain

Storm drain systems are designed to move excess rain and ground water from paved streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and walking paths. These storm drains are usually fed by street gutters, which are often fed by excess water flow coming from guttering systems on both houses and commercial buildings. In order to help prevent yard and street flooding, please periodically check the storm water drains in front of your house for debris and clear off as needed.