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A NEW WAY TO PAY

Inspiration – n.

1. an inspiring or animating action or influence.
 2. something inspired, as an idea
 3. a result of inspired activity.
- dictionary.com

You asked and we listened!

The City of Lindsborg is pleased to offer an online option for paying utility bills. To sign up and create an account, please visit <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/lindsborgks>. Once an account is created, customers will be able to view real time balances, payment amounts and bill due dates. Additionally, graphs detailing consumption history information will be

Save time... Pay ONLINE!

Our online utility billing application gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time – **with no waiting!**

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- Access your updated account instantly
- View real time balances, payment amounts and bill due dates
- View graphs detailing consumption history
- Optimized for mobile devices

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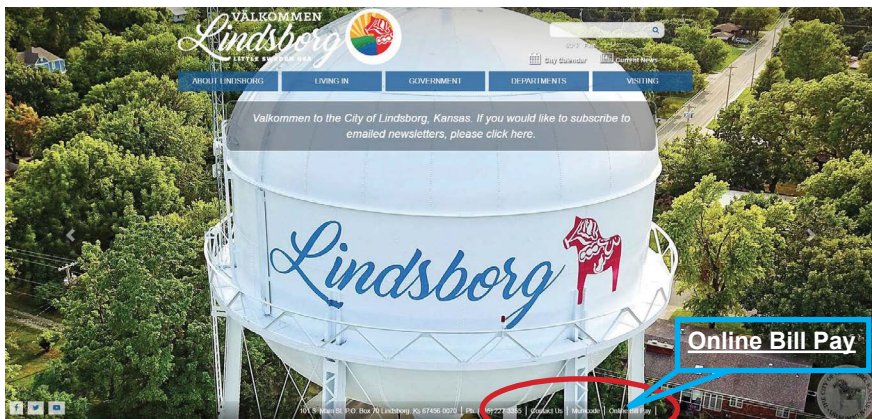
A \$1.25 convenience fee, imposed by the card processor, will be applied to each transaction.

Currently, online payments with a credit/debit card are only offered for utility payments and not recreation department programs.

Cash or check payments are still accepted at City Hall Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, through direct withdrawal from a check or savings account or at any time at the dropbox located on the North side of City Hall.

A link has been placed on the home page of our lindsborgcity.org website for your convenience.

For questions regarding online payments, please contact City Hall at 785-227-3355.




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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT . . .

Door-to-door sales

Lindsborg has some information about door-to-door sales that can make it easier to know who you're dealing with when you open your door. There is a difference between a canvasser/solicitor, a peddler and a transient merchant.

A Canvasser or Solicitor is any individual who conducts business by traveling from place to place or house to house, taking or attempting to take orders for sale of goods, merchandise, or personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, whether he or she is collecting advance payments on such sales or not.

A Peddler is any person traveling from place to place or house to house, carrying or transporting goods, merchandise, farm products or provisions, offering for sale, or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers.

A Transient merchant is any person who engages in a temporary business of selling and delivering goods and merchandise within the city, and who may, hire, lease, use or occupy any building, structure, motor vehicle, tent, or public room in hotels, lodging houses, apartments, shops or any street, alley or other place within the city, for the exhibition and sale of such goods, wares and merchandise, either privately or at public auction.

The City of Lindsborg has the authority to require Peddlers and Transient Merchants to obtain a license/permit to sell door to door. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that we cannot require Canvassers or Solicitors to have a license to travel door to door.

Consequently, if a peddler or transient merchant knocks on your door, they must have a permit issued by the City Clerk in order to do business within the city limits. If they cannot show you their permit, please contact Public Safety at 785-227-2988. If the person at the door is a canvasser or solicitor, they are not required to have a permit. Either way, it is your choice whether or not to do business with them.

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CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Community Conversation on Childcare

As we have conversations about the quality of life we want in our community—a place for our young people to return to, good jobs, local health care providers, great teachers—we are realizing that exceptional center-based childcare is an unmet need in Lindsborg and our region.

The lack of exceptional, attractive, center-based childcare is an obstacle to recruiting and retaining the doctors, nurses, schoolteachers, engineers, designers, and managers that we need in order to maintain our high quality of life. Each of us has a stake in this discussion whether we have children or not. *If Lindsborg continues to struggle in hiring these professionals, the community's future is threatened.*

Please join us on **Saturday, September 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center as we hear from Jeremy Fite and Mike Pisani from Hilltop Child Development Center, Lawrence, Kansas, about the Hilltop model (hilltop.ku.edu). There will also be presentations from the Sprout House board and a conversation about how the community can help to meet this need.

Let the City of Lindsborg know whether you plan to attend this community conversation on child care by responding to the Evite: <https://www.evite.com/event/039C25KA53SC4EXCYEPJUSWHYJJ6HU/> We would appreciate your RSVP so that we can make sure there is space for everyone and to keep you informed of any changes to the agenda.

If you have questions, please email Lucas Neece, Assistant City Administrator, at lucasn@lindsborgcity.org.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2019.

8 AM to noon at 1111 E. Swensson (formerly the Lindsborg Tree Station).

Clean up includes general trash items and small construction items.

Items NOT accepted during the cleanup day include: tires, ammunition, batteries, yard waste, hazardous waste, large appliances, and any items that contain or did contain freon.

This cleanup day is for Lindsborg residents only. Please call City Hall at 785-227-3355 if more information is needed.



Recipes of Success

The CVB office has always subscribed to trade publications, but lately I am finding that I can squeeze in a bit more education by reading short blog posts or listening to a podcast while either cycling or taking a walk on the Välkommen or Meadowlark Trail.

Last summer, I had the joy of working with Matt Landau and his staff on a project to capture a week in Lindsborg for his program, the Vacation Rental Show. Matt was full of enthusiasm for just about anything and everything and he and his staff made planning for their week-long stay a whole lot of fun. Matt owns vacation rentals and now travels the world filming and sharing vacation rentals and destinations with a splash of what it is to live like a local. Lindsborg was featured in Season Two of the Vacation Rental Show and has captured around 40,000 views on YouTube. (You can find the link here: <https://www.vrmb.com/the-vacation-rental-show-lindsborg-kansas/>)

Today I want to share with you a few words of wisdom from Matt that, while directed at lodging establishments, I thought included good information for any business.

What's Your Recipe?

Recently I had the chance to talk with Chuck Schmidt of Dancing Bearfoot, a luxury cabin rental near the Great Smoky Mountains. Working for a large car manufacturer (his daytime job), Chuck knows big brands, which can be helpful in concocting one's own vacation rental blend.

Here's the recipe that Chuck uses to craft his business's identity:

1 Part Home (Personality and Charm)

The cabin must be equipped like a well-appointed home. This means a fully-stocked kitchen (not the flimsy stuff), a dishwasher that doesn't make noise, real/meaningful artwork that tells a story...etc.

1 Part Hilton (Standards and Predictability)

The cabin must fulfill the standards of a Hilton hotel room: cleanliness, USB charging stations by the bed, cable and streaming services...etc. This predictability is necessary to compete with the hotels down the block.

1 Part Disney (Experience)

A hat-tip to the experience-driven sensation one gets at a Disney resort, Chuck's cabin must transport guests to another place: making them truly feel (beyond amenities and standards) they are somewhere special.

I like Chuck's breakdown because it can be applied (in whatever ratios you choose) to any vacation rental business anywhere in the world. Go too heavy on the hotel standards and you may wind up creating an Extended Stay. Skimp too much on the home and you've got just another cookie-cutter place to sleep. It's more than just the mere presence of these 3 elements: it's their balance with one another that Chuck sees as vital.

What's your recipe?



Välkommen Trail Extension Nears Completion



Phase 2 of the Välkommen Trail is almost complete. Construction of the walkway extension began in April, 2019, and is expected to be complete by the end of August. The original 2.5 mile walking/biking trail was constructed in 2006. Phase 2 adds over 1.3 miles of new concrete walkway on the Trail's north end. Combined with a quarter mile of existing 10' sidewalk installed along Swensson Street in 2014, the addition completes a loop to Emerald Lake and includes a 750' segment to Elmwood Cemetery.

The City was the recipient of a \$582,730 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

in 2016. TA grants are federal grants administered by KDOT. Successful applicants must provide 20% matching funds. The total cost of the project was \$728,412. Pearson Construction of Wichita was awarded the contract to complete the work.

The Phase 2 Trail enhances the transportation system by serving to provide safe alternatives for travel to residents of Emerald Lake and Bethany Home assisted living. It is located near Bethany College, the sports



complex and north trailhead parking, as well as to the motels, restaurants and grocery store located on the Harrison Street commercial district. The trail will provide connectivity from existing and planned residential neighborhoods to these areas. An impact of the project will include wellness and recreation opportunities for trail users. The existing trail has twelve points of conflict with other modes of transportation, requiring bollards, signage and pavement markings for trail and vehicular roadway safety. These intersections interrupt the flow of use, especially for runners and bicyclists. The new trail extension, in combination with the north reach of the existing Välkommen Trail, will create a section of

pathway 1.25 miles in length without a single street crossing. This is a unique feature considering that this section is entirely within the city boundary.

Utilization of an abandoned railway corridor and safe-route access for families and senior citizens are primary considerations for the siting of the project.

The conversion of the abandoned Union Pacific railroad corridor for use as a trail will provide the opportunity to reclaim the overgrown right of way adjacent to Bethany Drive on its approach to State Highway K-4. The area will be regularly maintained by the city Parks Department to control weeds, prevent invasive species and provide erosion control.



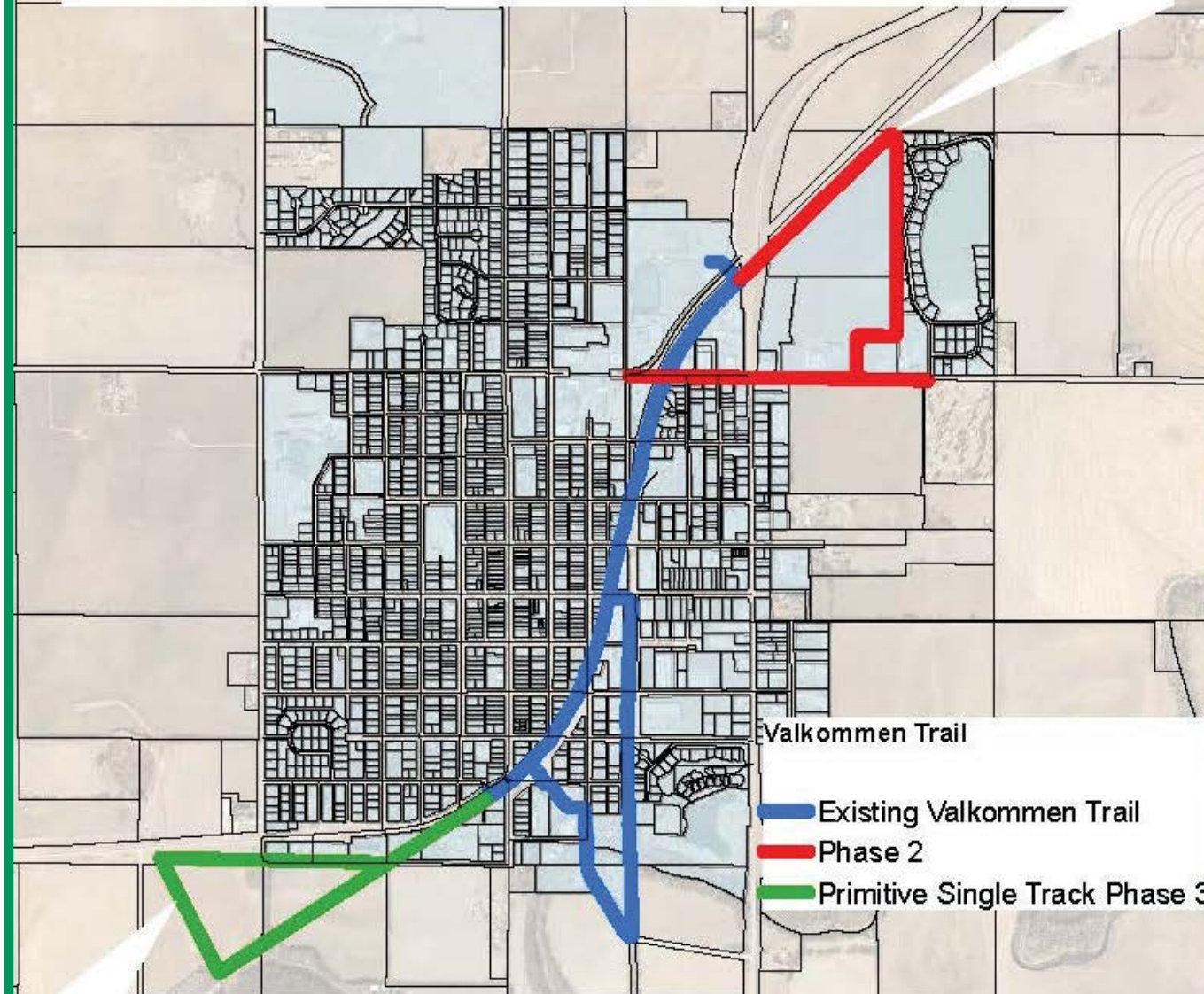
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Välkommen Trail Phase 2

QUICK FACTS:

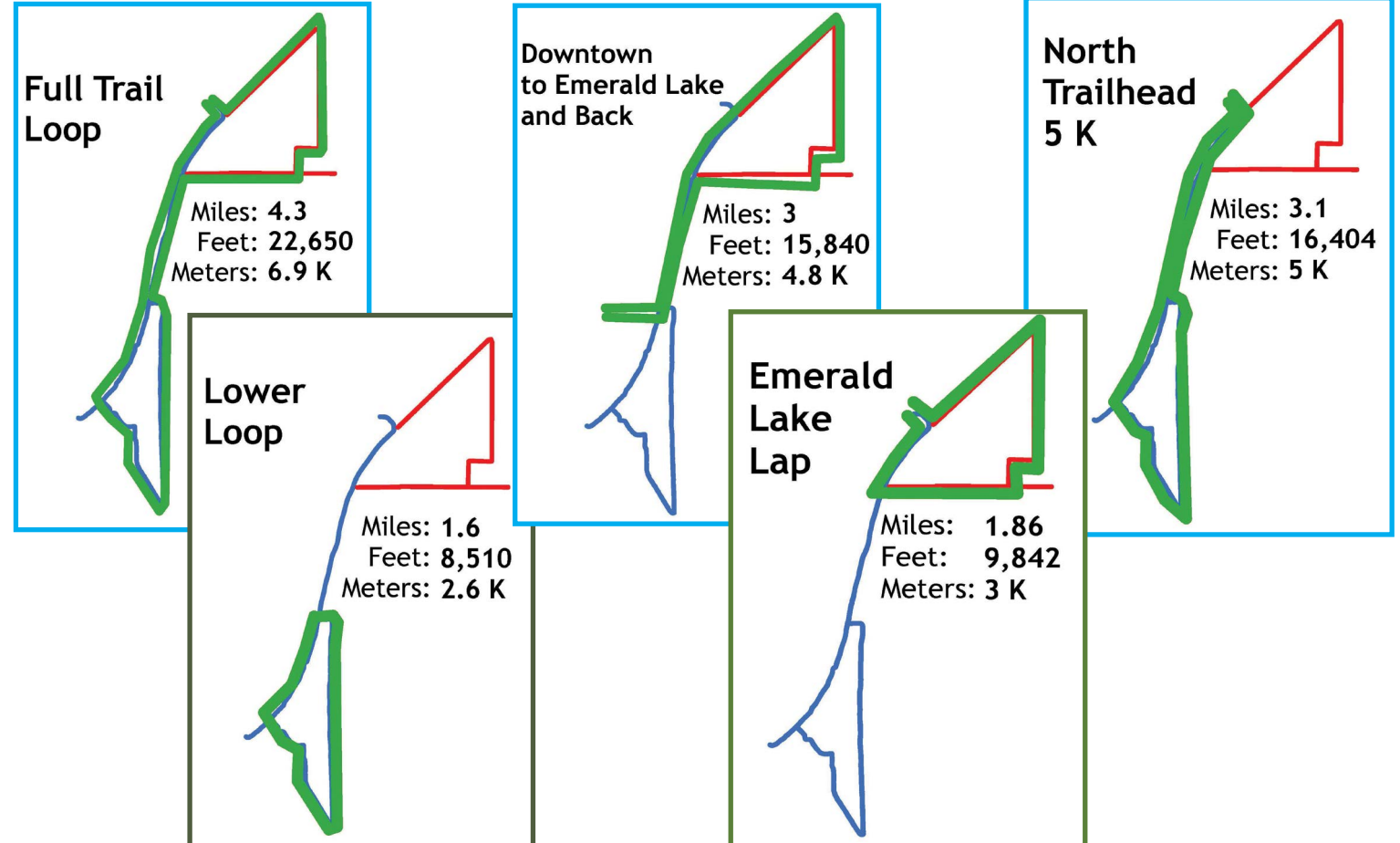
- 1.6 miles of hike and bike trail
- 10' wide ADA compliant concrete trail
- Estimated Total Cost \$860,000 (includes construction and engineering)
- Provides pedestrian connectivity to Emerald Lake Estates, Bethany Home and Elmwood Cemetery
- Portions of the trail utilize abandoned railroad corridor



Välkommen Trail
 — Existing Välkommen Trail
 — Phase 2
 — Primitive Single Track Phase 3

FUTURE PHASE 3:

Under construction in 2019, a 1.4 mile single track, crushed-rock trail to the river on rail banked right-of-way. Returns via stormwater drainage channel to K4 right-of-way, with final connection to unimproved Svensk Road.



The original Välkommen Trail was also the result of KDOT Transportation Enhancement funding. It took a long time to plan, engineer and build, beginning with the acquisition of abandoned Union Pacific rail corridor in the 1990s. The original grant application was submitted in November, 2002. Construction of the project did not begin until 2006.

The City held a naming contest for the new hike/bike path in early 2004. Sixty-eight submissions were judged, including some very original entries:

- Tomte's Highway
- Dala Brick Road
- Swede Trek
- Wild Dala Horse Trail
- Lingonberry Lane
- Lutfisk Loop
- King Oscar Walkabout

Lana Priddy was named the winner on June 10, 2004. Grand opening of the trail was still over two years away, on July 29, 2006.



VÄLKOMMEN TRAIL SYSTEM
 CITY OF LINDBOROUGH, KANSAS



PROTECTING THE CHILDREN



The Lindsborg Police Department is dedicated to providing the best possible service to the community. We are committed to making our city a safe place to call home.

Unfortunately, for too many children, home is where they are most vulnerable. They may be physically and emotionally abused in the name of “discipline,” or sexually abused. They may be exploited through cellphones and other digital devices by dangerous and manipulative strangers on the internet who pretend to be their friends. Our children need protection and help, and that’s why the Lindsborg PD is proud to collaborate with Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center, which serves communities in McPherson, Harvey and Marion counties.

Heart to Heart CAC leads the McPherson County Multidisciplinary Team that includes area law enforcement investigators, child protection specialists, victim advocates, medical and mental health providers who specialize in treating child abuse, the county attorney’s office and others to ensure that the needs of children are at the center of the efforts to prevent, investigate, treat and prosecute abuse.

Here’s how it works: When police or child protective services believe a child is being abused, the child is brought to Heart to Heart CAC — a safe, child-focused environment — by a parent or other “safe” adult. At the CAC, the child tells their story to a trained interviewer who knows the right questions to ask in a way that does not re-traumatize the child. Then, members of the MDT make decisions together about how to help the child based on the interview. This typically can include victim advocacy, medical exams, individual and family therapy, courtroom preparation and other services to help the child stay safe, heal and find justice. Heart to Heart CAC’s budget is a patchwork of grants, United Way allocations and donations from individuals and organizations like TACOL, The Associated Churches of Lindsborg. For more information on how you can support our CAC – or to request an educational presentation for your workplace, school, club or other group – go to HeartToHeartCAC.com or contact executive director L. Kelly at (316) 804-4603 or director@HeartToHeartCAC.com.

If you suspect a child may be abused, please call 911 and the Kansas Protection Report Center, (800) 922-5330.



The room set up to the left is at the McPherson Child Advocacy Center. Rooms like this exist in the cities and counties that are involved in the Heart to Heart CAC program. We thank the LPD for providing the best service to the community. Finding ways to keep our community and children within the community safe is of highest priority.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT FATS, OILS AND GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN

Does just one tablespoon of oil or grease down the drain really matter? YES.

Have you ever given a second thought to what happens when you dump the grease left from cooking supper down the kitchen sink? Have you ever thought about what happens when you throw the meat scraps down the garbage disposal and just turn on the switch? You probably haven’t. Fats, Oils and Greases are referred to as FOG. The Fats are mainly from meats, vegetables and dairy sources. Oils are mainly from oils used to prepare food while Grease comes from the melting of fats during cooking. What happens? Most commonly is while cleaning the kitchen; FOG is poured down the drain while as a warm liquid. The FOG then cools as it flows thru the sewer line and it begins to solidify and stick to sewer lines. Over time the FOG can build up to the point that it can cause a blockage that then results in a sewer backup. These backups can be very expensive to clean up and can cause exposure to potential disease-causing organisms.

You may be thinking, wait one minute, there is only a little grease in the pan that amounts to maybe one tablespoon, “what can that hurt?” While this may be true in your household there are 1500 more households that may be thinking the same thing. It takes 256 tablespoons to make one gallon and if there are 1500 households, that makes almost 6 gallons. That’s almost 2,200 gallons a year. Now that is a lot of FOG. The things we do to save ourselves a few minutes of cleanup time in the kitchen are creating issues within our sewer system.

The evidence shows up in the four lift stations around town, in the sewer lines when they are cleaned and in the wet well at the wastewater treatment plant. Please take a few extra minutes and follow these simple steps to help reduce this growing problem.

- 1) Never pour grease and oils from cooking down the sink or into toilets. Dump cooking grease and oils into containers and dispose of in the trash.
- 2) Scrape grease and food scraps from cooking and meals into containers and use them in composting piles or dispose of in the trash.
- 3) Treat garbage disposals as a device only used to clean up the residue left in the sink, not as a way to get rid of the leftovers from a meal. Grinding up meat scraps in a garbage disposal on a regular basis will increase your chances to have sewer problems at some point.

If everyone does their part to help reduce FOG, we can reduce the possibility of sewer backups that can cause the potential to disease-causing organisms, foul orders and an unpleasant expensive clean-up.

Two chunks of grease compared to a one gallon jug. These are just two small chunks taken from a lift station that was cleaned out. It is not uncommon to clean 20 gallons of solidified grease from a lift station 3 to 4 times a year.

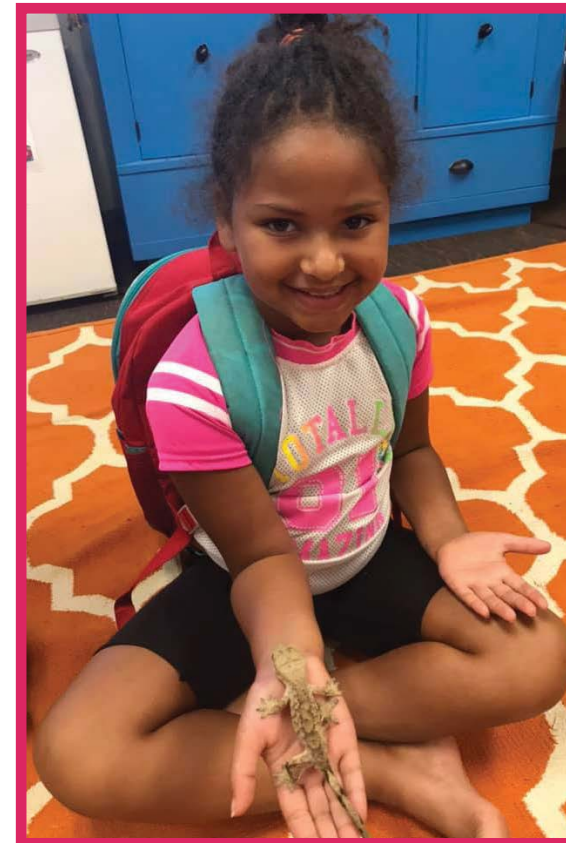


CITY OF LINDSBORG RECREATION 2019 SUMMERTIME FUN!



This summer was busy for the kiddos involved with the Recreation Department! Painting masterpieces kicked off the fun-filled days of the 2019 summer months!

Camp Dala Days had children of all ages participating in activities such as visits to the sno cone shack, Bethany College campus, the McPherson Water Park, tours of the Lindsborg Public Safety Center, traveling to the Sunset Zoo and Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kansas and so much more. Science camps were introduced this year through the Rec Dept. The kiddos learned a lot about leaping lizards, slimy snakes, and marvelous mammals. Other science camps offered included 3-D Printing, Girls in STEM, and Coding/Robotics. Junior Golf was offered again this year and it was a big hit as well!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Offices Closed - September 2
City Council Meetings - Sept. 3 (Tues) & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - October 15
Makers Street Art Walk - September 13, October 11
Discover Your Swedish Roots - Old Mill - September 28 & 29
Falun Classic 34 Mile Bike Ride - October 13
Svensk Hyllningsfest - October 18 & 19
Coronado Heights 15K and 5K Run - October 19
Holiday Open House - November 9
City Offices Closed - November 11
Small Business Saturday - November 23
City View Newsletter – Issue 52 (Nov. 2019)
Recycling Center – (Open 24/7) Be considerate please



For additional events, please view the calendars at www.visitlindsborg.com and www.lindsborgcity.org

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Water, Sewer, Electric, Streets:	785.227.3469 (after hours, weekends and holidays)