



the Lindsborg City View

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Home is where you find light when all grows dark

By Kristi Northcutt, City Administrator

The holiday season is upon us, and this year's theme is "All Roads Lead Home." When I heard, the theme got me thinking about the quote, "Home isn't where you're from. It's where you find light when all grows dark."

Darkness settles in during the bleak MidWinter, when the winter solstice produces the longest night of the year (the calendar opposite of MidSummer). St. Lucia provides us with a winter celebration of light in Lindsborg (held this year on Dec. 10); according to Swedish folklore, the longest night was dangerous, with dark spirits out in force. Staying awake was paramount, and eating helped—a connection to the small feast associated with the St. Lucia celebration.



But darkness isn't always literal; it can also be figurative. The last few years have been hard, and many people are going through a time of darkness in life related to illness, family, financial burdens, careers, and more. Now more than ever, it seems, folks need a sense of place - they need *home*. It was about this time last year that all roads were leading me home to Lindsborg when the City Council voted to bring me back to my roots to serve as your City Administrator. Little did I know that I would need a guiding light through an unexpected period of sadness, loss, and grief for my family. Lindsborg has been that light.

The team of people who work day and night through the darkness and light to keep you safe, warm, the electricity on & clean water running, the streets plowed, your parks beautiful, your tax dollars spent wisely, and sharing the good news of our city to bring others into the fold deserve so much credit. You'll see some of them featured throughout this issue of *The City View*. They do so much more than their jobs; so it's only fitting in this season of gratitude and celebration that we recognize them for not only what they do, but who they are. Lindsborg is their home, and their hard work ensures that it will be here for generations to come. In fact, the city's vision statement that guides our work speaks to the theme of home: "People choose Lindsborg, Little Sweden USA, a welcoming, diverse, and sustainable community with a high quality of life where we embrace the arts, innovation, and lifelong learning so everyone can flourish. *Lindsborg is home.*"

May all roads lead you home to Lindsborg this holiday season and every day. May it be a place of light that you can turn to when all grows dark - literally and figuratively. We invite you to embrace all of the opportunities available to join the community during this time (see pg. 3 for a detailed list).

From the city staff to the citizens of Lindsborg, we wish you health, happiness, and hope.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register the Pups

Don't forget to renew or register for a dog license. The cost is \$5 for spayed/neutered and \$25 if the dog is not spayed/neutered. Call City Hall at 785-227-3355 for more information (or feel free to stop by).

Online Bill Pay is Available

Please visit www.lindsborgcity.org for a link at the bottom of the website's homepage that will take you to the online bill pay center. You may also Call City Hall at 785-227-3355 if you have any questions regarding online bill paying.

City Council Changes

In September, Mayor Shultz appointed Drew Smith to represent Ward 3, replacing retired Councilmember Rick Martin. Because Martin also served as Council President, City Council elected Councilmember Corey Peterson on Oct. 17 to serve in that role.

City Council is shown below right. Front row, L-R: Andrew Smith, Kirsten Bruce, Corey Peterson, Emile Gallant. Back row, L-R: Rebecca Van Der Wege, John Presley, Kristi Northcutt, Mayor Clark Shultz, Blaine Heble. Not pictured: Tanner Corwin.

City Staff Changes

Assistant City Administrator Lucas Neece will soon depart his role. We also bid farewell to Sundstrom Conference Manager Emily Howe, who joins the Red Barn Studio Museum. The city is better because of their many contributions! We welcome Communications Director Marcus Petty and Police Officer Mathew Pfannenstiel to the team. The search is currently underway for Emily's replacement.



The Lindsborg CVB was recently presented with a \$10,000 grant from KS Tourism & Dept. of Commerce for digital billboards to be placed in the Oklahoma City area. City staff/CVB Board are pictured.

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2022 Winter Events

All Roads Lead Home

- Through Nov. 12:** Artist-In-Residence at the Red Barn Studio Museum: Jim Simpson
- Through Jan. 8:** Holiday Gift Show at the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery
- Through Jan. 30:** Clara Hatton and the British Arts & Crafts Movement at the Clara Hatton Center
- Nov. 8:** SVHA Program: The Santa Fe Trail Lives On! 1821-2022 at Messiah Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10:** Make an Ugly Sweater Workshop at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 6-8 p.m.*
- Nov. 12:** Boy Scout Pancake Feed at Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 a.m.-noon
- Nov. 12:** Holiday Open House in downtown Lindsborg, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Nov. 17:** DIY Christmas Card Workshop at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 6-8 p.m.*
- Nov. 22-26:** Artist-In-Residence at the Red Barn Studio Museum: Daniel Ney
- Nov. 26:** Small Business Saturday (*photo, right*)
- Dec. 1:** Jewelry Christmas Tree Workshop at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 6-8 p.m.*
- Dec. 3:** Artists' Studio Open House
- Dec. 3:** Snowflake Parade, downtown Lindsborg
- Dec. 4-Jan. 28:** Artist-In-Residence at the Red Barn Studio Museum: Shin-hee Chin
- Dec. 8:** Paper Stars Workshop at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 6-8 p.m.*
- Dec. 10:** St. Lucia Festival
- Dec. 10:** Old Fashioned Christmas at the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum
- Dec. 11:** Holiday Tour of Homes
- Dec. 15:** Tomte Paint Workshop at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 6-8 p.m.*
- Dec. 17:** Cookies with Claus
- Dec. 17:** Christmas Carol-oke
- Dec. 22:** DIY Nature Wreath at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 6-8 p.m.*
- Dec. 25:** Julotta at Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 a.m.
- Dec. 26:** Annandag Jul at Bethany Lutheran Church



**registration required*



Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project Update

In November 2021, the City Council approved the purchase of new electric meters, water endpoints, and a new system for reading those meters. This replaces the current Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system with a new Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) system.

The process of replacing the electric meters and the water endpoints was scheduled to begin in the late spring of this year and continue through the early summer. Due to several issues out of our control, approximately 20% of the new electric meters have been installed as of this writing, and the crew anticipates the remainder of the meters will be installed by the end of January 2023. The water endpoints have not yet arrived, and the delivery date remains uncertain. Once they arrive and installation begins, it is estimated that the endpoints will take approximately six to eight months to install.

When an electric meter is replaced, an employee from the Electric Department will stop by each property to notify residents and allow them time to make any needed preparations. The meter change requires a very brief power outage of less than a minute while the meter is replaced. If there is nobody home at the time, the meter is simply changed out. When it comes time to change out the water endpoints, there will be no disruption to service as these endpoints are only the radio transmitters that relay the data from the water meters to the collection system.

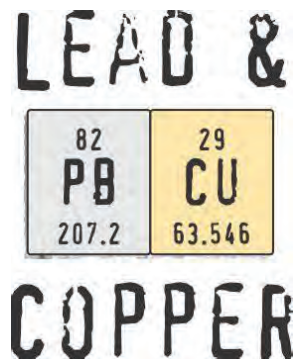
REVISED LEAD & COPPER RULE

Every three years, the city must test the public water supply for lead and copper as part of a mandated Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement that began in 1991. The EPA writes the rules, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) then enforces those rules in Kansas.

Although lead and copper seldom occur naturally in water supplies, they can be present in drinking water by leaching into the water from plumbing materials. If exposed, adults can suffer from several possible health problems, and children exposed can suffer neurological problems and developmental issues.

As a result of problems that occurred in Flint, Michigan in 2014, the EPA made several changes and now there is the Revised Lead & Copper Rule. One change requires all public water suppliers to complete a survey of every water connection in their city. This survey is not just for the city side of those connections, but also for the customer's side from the water meter to and including the inside of the property; this means the service line to the home, the type of water lines inside the home, and any type of treatment such as filters and water softeners.

City water personnel need your help in acquiring this information to allow them to complete the required paperwork for the new regulations. This is not a complicated survey and the responses do not need to be exact. The survey is available on the city website and will also be mailed out in an upcoming monthly bill. Please take five minutes to complete the survey and submit it online or return it to City Hall.



CDL Certification

Electric Lineworker Ethan Steinbruck passed his CDL in October. This certification was the culmination of training, classwork, and testing through the Kansas Municipal Utilities Training Center (KMU). Additionally, Electric Superintendent Rod Schrage serves as a driving instructor with KMU and Electric Lineworker Matt Lloyd served as a mentor to Ethan through the process. *See more staff recognition on page 6 & 14-15.*



WHY ARE MY ELECTRIC BILLS HIGHER?



Higher energy costs are impacting everyone, including utilities. In the last year wholesale energy prices have more than doubled in cost. Several reasons have contributed to that price increase. Here are a few of them.

Natural Gas



- Natural Gas prices have increased dramatically in 2022
- Natural gas accounts for an average of 38% of U.S. electricity
- War in Ukraine is disrupting trade in energy
- Increased Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports

Other reasons



- Inefficiencies moving power on the electric grid (congestion)
- Increased demand on electricity throughout 2022
- Challenges incorporating alternative energy into the market

HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILLS?



Seal it up. Check for leaks around windows, doors, and other openings to the outside. Seal these leaks with caulk to keep the warmth in.

Furnace Checkup. Have your furnace and heating system inspected annually to check for leaks or other problems.

Insulate. Wrap old water heaters with proper insulating jackets and set the temperature to 120°F (or lower). Insulate your plumbing.



Use mother nature. When it's cold outside but also sunny, open the blinds during the day to let the sun help heat your home.

Wash cold. Whenever possible, use the cold water setting on your washing machine.



Check and replace HVAC filters. New filters usually only cost a few dollars. Dirty filters cost more to use, overwork the equipment, and result in lower indoor air quality. The filters should be replaced regularly.

Control the temperature. Set the temperature to 68°F or lower in the winter. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.

Earn While You Learn: Hybrid EMT Academy



An exciting opportunity has opened up in Lindsborg. AMR (Lindsborg EMS) has a new program specifically tailored for

those with no experience in EMS, but who are interested in an exciting career that also serves their community.

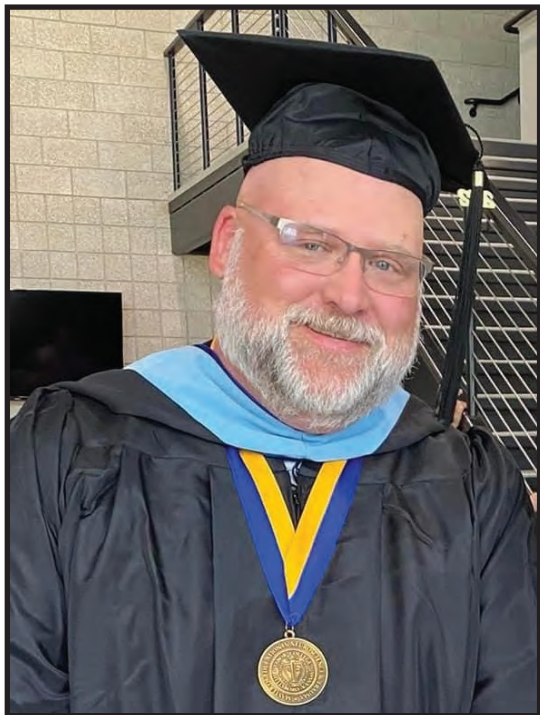
In this program, become an EMT while working for AMR full time. Since you'll be paid for going to EMT school, you don't have to worry about being certified on your own dime or time. At the end of the school, upon certification, you will be offered conditional employment (space permitting).

This is a hybrid course, with online learning, a skill bootcamp in St. Louis, and field rotations. Students will begin patient contact time, learn emergency vehicle operation, and operational readiness while working at AMR during their six months of training and schooling.

To qualify, you must live within an hour of Lindsborg. For more information, contact AMR Operations Manager Stacey Jordan at stacey.jordan@gmr.net.



Lindsborg Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Jordan Stiles and his wife, Emily, participated in the 9/11 Stair Climb in Salina as a way to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live. They climbed the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lindsborg Police Officer/School Resource Officer Eric Kruckenberg recently graduated with his Masters in Educational Neuroscience and Trauma from Tabor College. Officer Kruckenberg is one of two in the department and one of five employees on city staff with Masters degrees. He also became a Community Emergency Response Team instructor after a week of training in Texas this summer.

City Administrator Kristi Northcutt said, "In a city that is home to an institute of higher learning, we take great pride in all educational achievements. We are pleased to have such a wide variety of skills and strengths represented by our staff. Each employee brings their best, and we celebrate their success, hard work, and dedication to always reaching higher for the community they love, serve and protect."

See more staff recognition on page 14-15.

Legislative Changes to the Standard Traffic Ordinance



The Legislature made several changes to statutes affecting the Standard Traffic Ordinance this session. This article provides an overview.

Section 1 Definitions.

The following definitions were amended: All-Terrain Vehicle (SB 101), Electric-Assisted Bicycle (SB 101), Electric-Assisted Scooter (SB 101), Motor Vehicle (SB 101), Motorcycle (SB 101), and Motorized Bicycle (SB 101).

Section 10.1. Funeral Processions and Sec. 119. Parades and Processions.

The Legislature did not make changes to any statutes affecting funeral processions or parades. The League of Kansas Municipalities, however, added chief “of police or designee” to these sections to provide more flexibility for reviewing them.

Section 30. Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs; Penalties.

HB 2377, Section 4, amends the penalties for driving under the influence; allows courts to waive any portion of a fine, except for the \$250 required to be remitted to the state treasurer, if the individual completes a court-ordered education or treatment; clarifies that amending or dismissing a charge is permitted if there is not sufficient admissible evidence to support a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt; and modifies the definition for “imprisonment.”

Section 30.1. Driving Commercial Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs; Penalties.

HB 2377, Section 9, amends the penalties for driving a commercial motor vehicle under the influence; allows courts to waive any portion of a fine, except for the \$250 required to be remitted to the state treasurer, if the individual completes a court-ordered education or treatment; clarifies that amending or dismissing a charge is permitted if there is not sufficient admissible evidence to support a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt; and modifies the definition for “imprisonment.”

Section 30.5. Commercial Driver’s Licenses; Diversion Agreements Not Allowed.

HB 2377, Section 10, prohibits prosecuting attorneys from masking, deferring imposition of judgment, or giving an individual a diversion “that would prevent a commercial learner’s permit or commercial driver’s license holder’s conviction from appearing on the CDLIS driver record of a local traffic law that occurred in any type of motor vehicle.” This prohibition does not apply to parking, vehicle weight, or other vehicle defect violations.

Section 126.1.1. Display of License Plate.

Subsection (e) requiring law enforcement officers to issue a warning for certain violations expired on January 1, 2022, and has been deleted.

Section 135. Electric-Assisted Bicycles, Traffic Law Application.

SB 101, Section 9, amends the state statute on electric-assisted bicycles. The amendments clarify electric-assisted bicycles are allowed on streets, highways, etc. (subject to city codes). The bill provides that individuals do not need a driver’s license or vehicle liability insurance to ride an electric-assisted bicycle. The bill also exempts electric-assisted bicycles from the motor vehicle definition. The League amended the STO to mirror state law but, under K.S.A. 8-1592b(f) (2), a city may adopt an ordinance further restricting and governing the operation of electric-assisted bicycles on streets, highways, roadways, sidewalks, sidewalk areas, bicycle or multi-use paths, or trail or trail networks.



Changes to the Uniform Public Offense Code

The Legislature also made several changes to statutes affecting the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC). After changes occur, the League of Kansas Municipalities advises cities, and then City Councils adopt the changes. These changes, along with changes to the Standard Traffic Ordinance (pg. 7) were adopted by City Council in September.

Section 1.1. Definitions.

The League deleted the definitions for advance voting site, because it is in Sec. 7.14, and maliciously, because that term is not used in the UPOC. The definitions for controlled substance and law enforcement officer were also updated to mirror state law. Other definitions that were amended include: Dwelling (HB 2508), Motor Vehicle (SB 101), Possession (HB 2508), Public Employee (HB 2508), Vehicle Dealer (SB 101), Wildlife (SB 101), and Written Instrument (HB 2508).

Section 3.2.1. Sexual Battery.

The League updated the editor's note in light of *City of Shawnee v. Adem*, 214 Kan 12 (2021). There, the Kansas Supreme Court held the Kansas Offender Registration Act applies to any person convicted of sexual battery under Sec. 3.2.1. of the UPOC.

Section 6.1. Theft.

SB 483, Section 1, amends the theft statute to address the theft of remote service units. The League also amended the editor's note to include changes made by SB 408 and HB 2492.

Section 6.5. Criminal Deprivation of Property.

The League added the motor vehicle definition to this section to match state law.

Section 6.18. Motor Vehicle Dealers; Selling Motor Vehicles Without a License.

SB 101, Section 10, amends the definitions of vehicle and motor vehicle, exempting electric-assisted bicycles from those definitions.

Section 7.5. Distribution of Unattributed Applications for Advance Voting Ballots.

The League deleted this provision from the UPOC in light of *VoteAmerica v. Schwab*, 2021 WL 5918918 (D. Kan. 2021).

Section 7.14. Electioneering.

HB 2138, Section 7, clarifies that the electioneering offense does not apply to certain individuals, such as certain county election office employees while they are performing their duties as employees.

Section 7.15. Intimidation of a Witness or Victim.

The League added the definition civil injury or loss to match state law.

Section 9.9.5. Unlawful Possession of a Simulated Substance.

The League added the definition of simulated controlled substance to this section.

Section 10.30. Operating an Aircraft Under the Influence, Section

10.30.1 Same; Preliminary Breath Test, and Section 10.30.2. Same; Definitions. HB 2377, Sections 1-4 added a new offense for operating an aircraft under the influence. The League added this offense to Sections 10.30–10.30.2.

Section 11.8. Gambling.

SB 84, Section 20, excludes sports wagering from the definition of bet.

The Lindsborg City Council also adopted Ordinance No. 5387 on Oct. 3, 2022, updating the Disorderly Conduct Code. Under section 9.1, the following was added: "Willfully throwing, depositing, or placing any substance upon any property in which another has an interest without consent of such other person, when such action does not constitute criminal damage to property."



'TIS THE SEASON: SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES

Significant snowfall does not seem to play much of a role in our normal winters anymore. Indicators in the fall lead us to think maybe this could be the year, but then it doesn't snow. Just in case we happen to get one of those years when it does snow a lot, it is good to review policies for snow removal. **First, cleaning up leaves in the fall is very important to keep the gutters and storm drains clear.** This way any moisture that does fall in the winter can find its way into the stormwater system. If we receive a significant snowfall, below are the policies for when the city will act, emergency routes, and downtown snow removal.

City crews make plans on how to handle snow events based on forecasts. We are all aware of how hit-and-miss winter storms can be. It seems like there are times that significant snow is forecast, and we receive little to none. There are other times when a dusting is called for and we receive a foot. Good ol' Kansas! Crews do their best to prepare for what is forecasted and looks most likely, but in the end, they must simply react to what Mother Nature delivers. Thank you for your patience and cooperation - with whatever the weather delivers this year!

When does the city begin clearing snow?

- If the correct conditions are met with the forecast, city crews will be out pretreating the streets with brine solution before the snow falls.
- If the forecast for snow is two inches or less, no plowing will be done. If necessary, sanding will begin when the snow has finished.
- If the forecast for snow is two to four inches, plowing will begin when the snow has finished.
- If the forecast for snow is greater than four inches, plowing will begin at the three-inch depth and continue as needed.
- If two inches of sleet fall, plowing will begin.

The following streets are the Emergency Snow Removal Routes for Lindsborg. These receive top priority, are cleaned first and will be maintained more frequently during significant snow events.

- Main St. from Sheridan St. to K-4
- Harrison/Cole from Swensson St. to K-4
- K-4 from Harrison/Cole to Coronado Ave.
- Lincoln St. from Harrison/Cole to Coronado Ave.

Following Emergency Routes, areas to and around the following locations will be cleared.

- Hospital
- Downtown (*Public Works' Bryan Giesen pictured at right*)
- High School area (depending on time of day)
- Bethany Home
- Soderstrom (depending on time of day)
- Bethany College
- Then all remaining north and south streets
- Then all remaining east and west streets



TREE MAPPING PROJECT UPDATE

The Parks Department, with support from the Tree Board and Community Development Department, is undertaking a tree mapping project. The Tree Board has been collecting data and Jordan Jerkovich aided in the setup of the software and hardware. Thanks to everyone for their support of this project.

So far, the project has mapped trees in the parks, downtown, and along the Valkommen Trail system; the current number of trees mapped is approximately 400. All this data collection will be used to create graphs and maps to interpret issues in the urban canopy. Canopy data can help cities achieve goals related to projects in stormwater management, air quality, community health programs, sustainability efforts, and overall community improvement. Specifically, data can be used to:

- Create short- and long-term budget projections to increase canopy coverage throughout the community;
- Plant and maintain (establish) trees along streets and in parks to fill canopy voids;
- Target tree establishment programs in neighborhoods where structures require shade or energy conservation; and
- Educate residents about the benefits of canopy coverage to encourage tree protection and new tree establishment on private property.

To view the map online, visit: https://www.kansasforests.org/community_forestry/urbantreecanopy.html



Viking Valley Art Project

Mural panels for Viking Valley in Swensson Park are being created by local artists including Pam Pender, Channing Wall, Noah Flores, Jenny Davis, Jennifer Krobb, Angela Rider, and Cal McNichols. It is exciting to see what these artists can do to help beautify our park!

Thanks to donors and the Kansas Endowment for the Arts for making this project possible.

Artist Spotlight: Cal McNichols

(Left) McNichols' mural sketch represents a Viking of Swedish lore, matched in SV school colors.



Alma Swensson Memorial Garden Continues to Take Shape

The Alma Swensson Memorial Garden in Swensson Park has been progressing. The hardscape has been poured and the irrigation lines were set. Concrete was chosen due to its ability to be manipulated to aesthetically appear like cobblestone. The hardscape was then stained to a brown ochre and sealed.

Benches and light poles are being fabricated and are planned to be installed over the winter. They will be placed in each corner of the garden space. This phase will be done soon, and the next phase in the spring will consist of planting shrubs and flowers and completing the irrigation system.

About the Garden

A well-known figure in Lindsborg history, Swensson began the tradition of performing Handel's *Messiah* as a way to help Swedish immigrants learn English, and she was instrumental in the community's growth. She established the *Messiah* oratorio chorus in 1881, which continues to perform today, and co-founded the Augustana Women's Missionary Society in 1882. As the wife of Carl Aaron Swensson, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church and president of Bethany College, she worked alongside her husband during the college and community's formation.



Local designer Lindy Nelson created the landscape design; Michaela Valli-Groebbacher created the statue. The project is the vision of a committee consisting of Becky Anderson, Karen Humphrey, Leah Ann Anderson, Linda Branch, Linda Lewis, Pamela Ash, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Ron Michael, Gary Shogren, Nelson, and Valli-Groebbacher.

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR TREES AT HOME

Protect: Mulch the base of the tree. Putting a thick layer of mulch down at the base of the trunk keeps the ground insulated during the cold winter months. It also keeps the soil at a consistent moisture level. This is especially important for newly planted trees.

Water: Even during the cool winter months, trees still need water. The dry fall this year has stressed trees and as they go into dormancy water becomes vital. A proper amount of water is needed for a healthy growing season next year. Just don't overdo it, as water conservation is important too. It's about balance!

Prune: A good time to prune your trees is during the winter. A bare tree is easier to prune because you can see the structure of the tree better. Pruning allows you to inspect the tree for damage and shape the tree. You can also prune to prevent future damage.

Fertilize: Late fall is an excellent time. The absorbed nutrients are stored in the tree and are available for new growth in the spring. It is recommended that fertilizer be applied after the leaves drop. This prevents new growth if there are warm periods during the late fall and winter.

Fall Sports Wrap-up

Lindsborg Rec had a great fall sport season that took place from Aug. 21-Oct. 4. We continue to play in the Mid Kansas League, where we are able to play as teams of Lindsborg against surrounding towns. The towns that were a part of fall sports were: Burrton, Goessel, Canton-Galva, Halstead, Haven, Hesston, Inman, Lyons, Moundridge, Lindsborg, and Sedgwick. By playing in this league, we are able to focus our teams together with an adequate number of players and learn to start playing outside entities.

This year over 80 kids participated in flag football from 1st-6th grade, including a 4-year-old/Kindergarten two-day football clinic, and over 40 participants on volleyball teams, from 3rd-6th grade.

All of the teams did a fantastic job, and we are so proud of the hard work that was put into each week's practice and games. A huge thank you to our coaches, the time and effort that they continue to put into our kids, the kids for always being ready to go, and the parents, friends and family that are willing to support their kids and coaches through the season.

Visit www.lindsborgrec.org for all things recreation in Lindsborg.



2023 FAMILY SERIES PREVIEW

We are excited to share our new four-event Family Fun Series that will be taking place throughout the year to bring families and our community closer together. The series will include a Winter Wonderland Dance in January, a Color Run in April, a Back-to-School Sock Hop with root beer floats and ice cream sundaes in August, and a fall family event in October/November (TBD).

These events will be open to everyone, and will provide a great time to focus spending time with each other while doing something that isn't offered every day. The goal is to provide community events where we share the joy of Lindsborg and our youngest residents can grow up looking forward to the next one. Registrations and more details will be available at www.lindsborgrec.org or on our Lindsborg Recreation Department Facebook page. We hope you'll join us in creating some new traditions.

Recreation Director Beth Ferguson
785.227.3333 | www.lindsborgrec.org



"There's no place like home." — L. Baum

Lift Up Lindsborg! Transforms a Home

The Community Development is excited to announce *Lift up Lindsborg!*, a volunteer-led program helping Lindsborg residents in need with yard maintenance, exterior home repairs, and to repaint the exterior of homes using colors inspired by those commonly used on home exteriors in Sweden. *Lift up Lindsborg!* is a partnership program between the city, the McPherson Housing Coalition, and the Kansas Civic Network.



Volunteers assembled over two weekends to prepare the property; those who helped included Bethany College students, city staff, and the homeowner's family. Landscaping was completed, resulting in four truckloads of yard waste going to the Boneyard. The house was power washed and prepped for painting, the sidewalk was restored, and the house was nearly completely primed.

Nominate a property or apply to volunteer: <https://lindsborgcd.typeform.com/LiftUpLindsborg>



Teamwork for the win!



Bethany students came in force to volunteer.



The house after some primer is added.



L-R: Avery Dauer, Bethany College President Beth Mauch, Mayor Clark Shultz, and Ryan Holt

Over the fall semester, the City of Lindsborg hosted two Bethany College interns, Avery Dauer and Ryan Holt. Avery served in the CVB office and Ryan interned in Community Development. Here are their reflections of their time spent in City Hall.

Ryan: "Having an office job is different than I thought. I've had my management and collaboration skills put to the test and my confidence has gone up. It's been beneficial for me as a person and as a student who is still trying to figure my life out!"

Avery: "Every day is different. I have the mindset to come in prepared to do anything, from designing brochures to event contracts to editing websites. I am constantly learning and that is my favorite part!"

The city was proud to partner with Path to Your Purpose and looks forward to hosting more Bethany College students in the future.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



LYNN JOHNSON
Water Superintendent
****25 YEARS****



LT. SCOTT WOLF
Police Department
25 YEARS



DELWIN KOONS
Fire Dept. (Capt.)
25 YEARS



SGT. TERRY REED
Police Department
15 YEARS



HOLLY LOFTON
CVB Director
10 YEARS

Indicates Retirement



Leaving Their Earthly Home

We remember those we lost this year.

DARREN EBLING, Lindsborg Fire Department
JANE BRUNSELL, Lindsborg EMS

*“Don’t cry because it’s over,
smile because it happened.”*
– Dr. Seuss





Lessons for the Future: A Convening of Practitioners

Community Development Director Jordan Jerkovich recently represented Lindsborg on a national scale when he participated in Local Government 2030, which brought together 50 delegates under the age of 40 who represented cities, counties, and regional councils around the U.S. to help shape the future of local governance. The event was held at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Jordan also completed his Masters in Public Administration at the University of Kansas earlier this year.

CCMFOA Master Academy Scholar

City Clerk Roxie Sjogren has been selected to receive the Master Academy scholarship awarded by the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association (CCMFOA) of Kansas. The Master Academy takes place Nov. 15-16, 2022 in Wichita.

Last year, Roxie received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation, and is pursuing her Master Municipal Clerk designation.



A Leader Among Young Professionals

Recreation Director Beth Ferguson was selected to serve on the Board for the Kansas Recreation & Parks Association Young Professionals. The goal of the Board is to help students at Kansas colleges and universities obtain quality internships and jobs by providing valuable education focusing on the steps needed to begin a career in the Parks & Recreation industry. Beth has been participating in events statewide and speaking to groups along the way.

Rising Star Scholar

Finance Manager David Hay was awarded the Rising Star Scholarship from the Kansas Association of City/County Management (KACM). Since 2018, KACM has offered a scholarship annually to encourage people currently working in the public sector to advance their careers in city or county management in Kansas.

This scholarship provides David with tuition reimbursement dollars towards the completion of his degree at Fort Hays State University.



Certified Public Manager

City Administrator Kristi Northcutt successfully completed a 12-month graduate certificate program in Public Management through the University of Kansas. She adds this to her Master of Liberal Arts degrees in Organizational Leadership and Psychology (Baker University) and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Communications and English (Bethany College).

She defended her capstone in November and will graduate on Dec. 2 at the State Capitol. Next, she will pursue ICMA-CM credentialing.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

www.visitlindsborg.com/lindsborg-calendar-of-events
www.lindsborgcity.org

City Council Meetings: Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 3 & 16; 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Meetings are streamed on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

City Offices Closed: Nov. 11 (Veterans Day); Nov. 24-25 (Thanksgiving);
 Dec. 23 & 26 (Christmas); Jan. 2 (New Year's Day)

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting: Nov. 22 & Dec. 27, 6 p.m. at City Hall

Tree Board: Nov. 15 & Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m. at City Hall

Winter Wonderland: Jan. 21, 6-8 p.m. at the Sundstrom (see page 12)

Recycling Center: Open 24/7; please be considerate with noise levels.



Scheduled events are subject to change.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Police, Fire and Ambulance:	911 or 785.227.2988 (non-emergency)
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