



the Lindsborg City View

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LINDSBORG

The Lindsborg Sesquicentennial Committee has been busy this year. The committee, Co-Chairs Susan Achenbach and Betty Nelson along with Matt Stula, Abby Rathlef, Joyce Peterson, Tim Stewart, Joyce Pigge and Marge Lloyd spent countless hours on planning detailed events originating around the Sweden to the Plains – Living the Legacy theme. They kicked off the year with the unveiling of the Sesquicentennial Dala Horse, Legacy, created by local artist Carla Wilson.

The celebration continued with a community group photo at the intersection of Main Street and Lincoln Street, creating the largest living Dala horse. Photos of the event can be found at #livingdala2019 and at www.lindsborg150th.com.

Many thanks go out to the artists that helped create such a momentous year in Lindsborg for our city's 150th birthday. Ed Pogue, Professor of Art at Bethany College, is among these artists as well. He created a beautiful bronze relief sculpture to honor 150 years of Swedish heritage Swedes and non-Swedes. His work is displayed on the planter in front of City Hall.



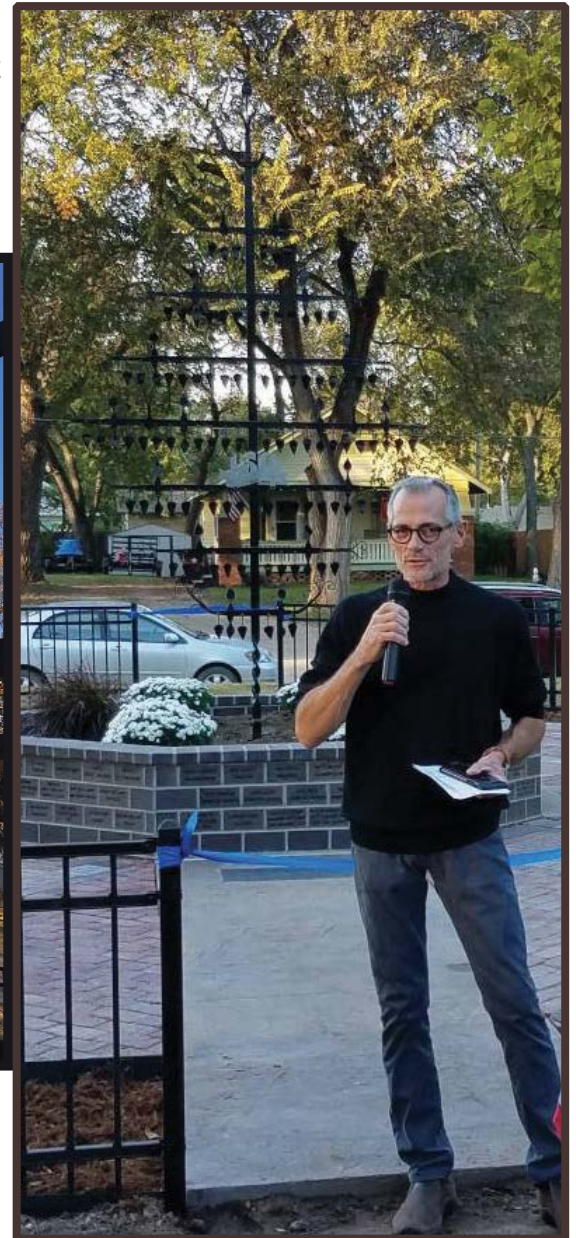
Community volunteers helped lay the bricks at the Järnkors Plaza.

FOCUS – n.

1. a central point, as of attraction, attention, or activity
2. Physics. A point of rays of light, heat or other radiation meet after being refracted or reflected.

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Järnkors Plaza and Brian Holdsworth



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Topping off the end of the year's festivities was the dedication and installation of the Järnkors Plaza at Swensson Park (pictures on the front cover). The Järnkors, ("iron cross" or "tree of life") was crafted by local artist, Brian Holdsworth. The hand-forged sculpture, nearly 10' tall, has 108 leaves, hand-hammered and attached with a ring.

In the words of the committee, this is "to symbolize the unending gratitude we owe to the struggle of our immigrant forefathers and the unbroken connection we have as one people on this earth." The Järnkors Plaza was supported by community donations and completed by City of Lindsborg staff and community volunteers.



Sweden to the Plains - Living the Legacy
 Founded in 1869 - Thriving in 2019
 Artist: Ed Pogue



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CITY OF LINDSBORG ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBER TO REGISTER THE FUR BABIES

Dog License - Don't forget to renew!
 Please visit City Hall, 101 S Main, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday - Friday.
 The cost is \$5.00 for spayed or neutered and \$25.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered.
 Licenses are valid for one year, January - December. Call City Hall at 785-227-3355 if there are any questions about registering your dog(s).

ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE

Please visit www.lindsborgcity.org for more information. There is a link at the bottom of the website's homepage that will take you to the online bill pay center. Please call City Hall if you have any questions regarding online bill paying.

How's the Tesla working out?

Sure—the Tesla is fun to look at, fun to drive, and has been a great learning experience as City staff thinks about the future of the electric utility and welcoming electric vehicle (EV) driving tourists to town. But what does it cost to drive? There are some things we don't know yet. The maintenance costs are expected to be much lower than an internal combustion engine (ICE) car as there are fewer moving parts. This means, for example, that there are no oil changes and no muffler to replace. The potential cost savings is something that we will continue to evaluate over the next several years.

We can report, however, on fuel cost savings. We have had the car for 2 months now; it has been driven 2,851 miles to meetings in the region and across the state. Adding up the cost of energy at the meter in Lindsborg (\$66 so far) and the cost of using fast chargers while out and about, we have spent \$118.75 on fuel. That's about four cents per mile.

For comparison, using today's gas price of \$2.29 per gallon, the driver of a small SUV that gets 25 mpg is spending nine cents per mile; in an Accord Hybrid with real world mileage of 37 mpg, you'd spend 6 cents per mile on fuel. Assuming no change in electric or gas prices, over 100,000 miles we should anticipate spending \$4,165 to fuel the Tesla; \$9,160 to fuel a small SUV; and \$6,189 to fuel an Accord Hybrid.

If you mostly drive long distances across the state, it might not be time to buy an electric vehicle yet. The charging infrastructure is still being built out. However, as City staff has been driving the City's EV, we have

come to the conclusion that for a household with two cars, with one driver commuting to Salina or McPherson, it could be quite attractive to replace one of those cars with an EV. Not only would a commuter enjoy fuel savings—they would also save time by charging their car at home overnight rather than needing to stop to get gas.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by City Hall to see the Tesla, please stop by and ask for Lucas.



FEATURING LINDSBORG

The 2019 celebration of Svensk Hyllningsfest has come and gone, and the holiday season is upon us. Are you ready for the holidays? Our answer at the CVB office is “yes,” we are preparing for the holidays and...the summer months of 2020. While it seems that every season is rushed in at big box stores—Christmas items are stocked before summer has ended—we know our marketing plans need to focus on the future. CVB staff are in contact with writers who are pitching article ideas to publishers months in advance of the date that a magazine hits the newsstands and we are required to feed them article content in hopes that Lindsborg will make an appearance in a well-read magazine, such as Midwest Living or Group Travel. Just this month, Group Travel Magazine did a feature on great stops in Kansas, an article featuring four Kansas communities; Kansas City, Manhattan, Wichita, and Lindsborg. We love these mentions as this provides advertising we do not have to pay for, outside of staff time and communication efforts.

Have a great article idea you want us to pitch? We encourage you to stop by the office, or drop us an email at cvbdir@lindsborgcity.org. Get this to us early and your idea may just be the next great pitch we make for Lindsborg!

STATE OF MIND
plains and skies
KANSAS LOVES ITS HORIZONS
BY ELIZABETH HEY

Maybe the air is different in Kansas. On the state's western border, Kansas City hosts NASCAR races and major league soccer. Heading west on Interstate 70, Manhattan has been affectionately nicknamed the Little Apple and lies within the tallgrass prairie of the Flint Hills, one of the world's most endangered ecosystems. For a slice of Scandinavian culture, Lindsborg, known as Little Sweden, USA, boasts red-brick streets, European-style storefronts, working artist studios and shops filled with Scandinavian imports. And as the Air Capital of the World, Wichita's fascinating aviation legacy is just one of the many reasons to visit this diverse city.

Discover the diverse experiences available in these cities during your group's next journey to Kansas.

KANSAS CITY
Kansas City straddles the Kansas-Missouri line. Though the town shares of the city in Missouri, the Kansas side has no shortage of great group attractions. At its equivalent to Village West, built around the Kansas SportsHub, Village West offers destination shopping, restaurant and lodging options at Legends Clubhouse II. The adjacent Kansas Speedway features a one-and-a-half-mile racetrack that hosts NASCAR, plus more than 200 events that include the American Royal World Series of Barrel Racing. Your group can opt for a track tour and the NASCAR Racing Experience before or after a reception in the pit area or inside one of the grandstands.

Within Village West, the Kansas City T-Bones minor league professional baseball team plays at Jauris Field at T-Bones Stadium, where the farthest seat is only 50 feet from the field. A center field party area and party decks make great spots for pregame receptions or dinners. One of the fan clubs of Major League Soccer and the 2013 MLS Champions, Sporting Kansas City competes at Village West's Children's Mercy Park. This season of the art venue seats 18,500 fans under a canopy that covers every section. Nonstop action can be viewed on the park's massive high-definition video boards. Behind the scenes tours are available.

There's more to discover in other parts of Kansas City, Kansas. Celebrating many nationalities, the Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center is housed in an 1887 Victorian Queen Anne that was originally a private home. Another unique spot on historic South West Boulevard, Spicis Foods creates specialty sausages, salamis, snacks and dips for schools, retail and private label. At the tasting table, customers can try one of the company's 150 products manufactured under 11 different brands and purchase "seconds" at bargain prices that aren't available at retail.

Above the Kansas River bluffs at City Park, visitors can see nine step lines and reach peaks of up to 50 feet. Local bike options include team building on a guided hike through the

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LEAVENWORTH
Make HISTORY with your next group tour

Join the fun. The groups are divided into teams that rotate a different race every 15 minutes, where they play competitive games such as darts, pingpong, trivia and more.

LINDSBORG
Last year, the state legislature designated Lindsborg as the state's Five Arts Capital. Throughout the community, 49 pieces of original artwork decorate street corners, neighborhoods and building facades. Visitors can hike around town on a retired quadricycle that has four wheels, a sunshade, and two or four seats with pedals for everyone. Short trails were recently added for hiking into the countryside.

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largest zoo with more than 3,000 animals and nearly 800 species in settings that mimic their natural habitats. The zoo's largest exhibit is a 15-acre enclosure that houses the world's largest elephant herd, which contains the world's largest elephant herd, which contains the world's largest elephant herd, which contains the world's largest elephant herd.

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ALMA SWENSSON MEMORIAL GARDEN TO REPLACE FISH POND AT SWENSSON PARK



The Alma Swensson Memorial Garden will replace the fish pond in Swensson Park, at the exact location of the parsonage where Alma Swensson (founder of the Messiah tradition in Lindsborg) and Rev. Carl Aaron Swensson (founder of Bethany College) resided at the turn of the 20th century. The central feature of the 3,000 square foot garden will be a life-size sculpture of Alma Swensson, executed by sculptor Michaela Groeblacher.

The garden will include boulders of native sandstone; a decorative iron gateway; five landscaped beds of hardy, drought-resistant shrubs, trees, and perennials; paths; benches; and small plaques narrating Alma Swensson's life and the significance of her contributions.

Alma Christina Lind Swensson (1859-1939) in 1881 organized and rehearsed the first rendition of what became the oldest annual production of Handel's Messiah on the North American continent. In 1892 she was a co-founder of the Augustana Women's Missionary Society. She is rightly celebrated for her legacy of music, faith, and hospitality.

The design and engineering for the project are now underway; a set of plans and specifications is expected by the end of 2019. Plans also include a fund-raising project and a groundbreaking event, to take place during Holy Week of 2020.

YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

City Council is asking for citizen interest in a yard waste pickup program to be operated by the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility (MASWU). Sticks, limbs, leaves, grass clippings and garden debris would be picked up on a weekly basis, using 90 gallon containers like the ones used for trash and recycling. The service is currently available to McPherson residents on a subscription basis. Estimated fees would be \$45-\$50 per quarter, about \$15-\$17 a month. MASWU would operate the service from March 1 through November 30, suspending the service through the winter months (December, January and February).

If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Gary Shogren at City Hall, 785-227-3355 or garys@lindsborgcity.org and get on the list. A minimum of 140 residential sign-ups will be needed to offer the service in Lindsborg. With sufficient participants, pick-ups will begin on or around March 1, 2020.

AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE CHIEF BERGGREN IS SET TO RETIRE

Retirement Celebration

Friday December 13, 2019
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center
102 N Main, Lindsborg, KS



After 34 years of putting criminals behind bars and dealing with code violations and misdemeanors, Chief Tim Berggren has decided to embark on a new path, retirement.

The days of chili cookoff taste testing and judging the contests as the Lindsborg Chief of Police will soon be over, but Berggren says he will always help out with food cooking contests even if he is just an average, retired citizen.

Things Chief will miss after he retires include, shopping for Blue Santa gifts, leading parades in the police car, his co-workers and peers. He will now have plenty of time to spend on the Lindsborg Golf Course trying for that hole-in-one. Please mark your calendars to attend the retirement celebration for Chief on Friday, December 13th at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center. This is a come and go event. Chief will be sure to have some entertaining stories for everyone. His leadership will be missed as Chief of Police but his presence around the Lindsborg community will remain, even after he retires.

S R O S R O S R O SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The SRO position is a cooperation between the City of Lindsborg and Smoky Valley USD 400, making this relationship even stronger! When school is in session, Officer Eric Kruckenberg is assigned to the schools. His primary responsibility is to provide for the safety and security of the students and staff of the schools. He is also teaching the D.A.R.E. program in USD 400 and is currently presenting it to the 6th Grade Class at Smoky Valley Middle School. When school is not in session, Officer Kruckenberg will resume his normal patrol duties at the Lindsborg Police Department.



Officer Kruckenberg was named the School Resource Officer in the spring of 2019. Since being appointed, he has completed a two-week D.A.R.E. Instructors Course in Pierre, South Dakota, and a School Resource Officer Course at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center located in Yoder KS.

Officer Kruckenberg believes this is a huge opportunity to build relationships with the students and give them and the staff a chance to get to know the people underneath the bullet proof vest. Officer Kruckenberg will act as a mentor, coach, and role model for the students. He is not at the schools to

be a disciplinarian, but to help the students feel safe and to assist in an already outstanding educational process. Officer Kruckenberg will spend time in all three schools, with his office located between the High School and Middle School.



TREE BOARD MEETS AND SHARES TIPS ON HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR TREES

The Lindsborg Tree Board is a 7-member working citizen advisory committee responsible for the development and administration of a comprehensive tree plan for the City. Meeting on a monthly basis, they provide assistance, support and guidance to the City Council and Parks Department staff, as well as to the community at large. The following information is provided by the Tree Board as an outreach effort to residents concerned about the health and care of their trees and shrubs.

How to Winterize Your Trees

Preparing trees for winter is an important step in the process of maintaining and growing a beautiful, healthy landscape for your home. Many factors affect the level of care provided to different types of trees and shrubs, but here are a few basic tips that cover the essential steps to good winterization.

Water

Proper watering is a crucial factor in winterizing trees. Desiccation, or drying out, is a significant cause of damage, especially to evergreen trees like pine, juniper and arborvitae. In the winter months, needles, or leaves, transpire moisture, especially during periods of strong winds and sunny, mild weather. Injury from desiccation is commonly seen as discolored, burned needles, particularly on the side facing the wind. And when extreme cold temperatures freeze the ground to a depth beyond the root system, the water supply is completely cut off from the tree. A deep soaking before the ground freezes is important, but so is watering during the occasional warm days from December to March. Keep a hose inside so it can be pulled out on a nice day. A slow trickle-drip is the best way to deep water a tree or shrub.

Prune

Winter is the best time to prune because it is easier to see the structure of the trees without their leaves. Pruning helps form and strengthen a tree. It encourages new, strong growth in the spring, minimizes future storm damage, and protects against over wintered disease and insects. Start by removing broken branches, then crossing branches, and finally, dead branches. Don't forget to remove branches that can touch the ground when loaded with snow. Also, remove newly grown sprouts that form on the base of the tree, or along stems and branches. Pruning during dormancy avoids the shock and stress that a summer trimming causes.

Protect

Putting a three to five inch layer of mulch down in late fall keeps soil temperatures warmer and prolongs conditions for root growth. Mulch can be as simple as semi-composted woodchips from the City boneyard, to more refined tree bark or cypress mulch provided by nurseries and garden centers. Mulch provides a protective layer for newly established tree roots while providing nutrients and creating a quality soil texture as it decomposes. It also helps store moisture in the soil by slowing down evaporation.

Fruit trees and newly planted trees benefit from tree wrap because of their sensitive, thin bark. Purchased at garden centers, tree wrap prevents damage from chewing and rubbing animals, and also reduces temperature variations caused by winter sunlight. Bark split often occurs to young trees when bright, sunny days are followed by cold, freezing nights. Damage usually shows up on the southwest side of the trunk.

Fertilize

Late fall is an excellent time to fertilize trees. Nutrients are slowly absorbed by the roots during the winter months and are then available to the plant as soon as spring returns. Fertilizer is not plant food. Plants use water, carbon dioxide, elements from fertilizer and energy from the sun to produce their own food. It is very important to wait until leaf drop before applying fertilizer because doing it too early can stimulate new growth if warm temperatures linger later than normal. New growth in late fall will not have time to harden off before especially cold weather, and will die. Fertilize by top dressing over mulch applied around the base of trees. Larger trees benefit from fertilizer placed out to the canopy's edge. Try to use a balanced formula, specifically labeled for trees and shrubs, or one with a relatively low concentration of nitrogen. Read the label for application instructions, as each formula is different.

UTILIZING THE TYMCO 600 AND OTHER IMPORTANT SEASONAL EQUIPMENT

The fall season tends to come quickly; we seem to go from 90-degree days to 50-degree days in a matter of weeks. This time of the year always brings an end to the mowing of yards and starts the cleanup and removal of all the fallen leaves. Windblown leaves tend to find their way into gutters and storm drains. Because of the accumulated leaves, larger rains can then cause backups in the storm drain system and lead to flooded streets. When you mulch and/or bag your leaves, this helps to keep them out of the gutters and storm drains. The Street Department spends extra time running the street sweeper throughout town during the fall to try and keep the leaves from accumulating in the gutters. Because Lindsborg has so many wonderful trees, this is a long process and the weather can play a factor. Crews work to try and have the gutters clear before any possible snow fall. This is important because when accumulated snow does melt, it needs to be able to follow the storm drain system. Snow melt that does not drain can cause issues if it freezes on the streets when temperatures drop below the freezing mark.

If this winter does see some snow fall, the following is the policy for when snow plowing begins.

- 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. 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.

Emergency Snow Removal Routes for Lindsborg:

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



Emergency routes will be plowed first, concentrating on the downtown, hospital, and schools, then radiating out. Once the major streets have been plowed, crews will start clearing residential areas and sanding of most intersections. In addition to what the City does in the event of a snowstorm, homeowners and storeowners also have responsibilities. Sidewalks must be cleared within 12 hours of the snow stopping. When cleaning snow off sidewalks in the downtown area, it is best to pile what you can around the trees. Any excess snow should be piled in an open area that provides at least 8 feet of clearance. Snow blowers may blow snow into the street in the downtown area until such time crews clear the street. The downtown area snow will be bladed to the center of the street. Removal depends on traffic conditions. Light traffic will allow crews to remove the snow during the day. If heavy traffic is observed, we will schedule snow removal for either late night or early morning hours. If snow is in the forecast and you normally park in the downtown area overnight, it becomes very helpful if during those times you can park in another location other than on Main Street.





One of the most fun events planned annually through the Lindsborg Recreation Department is the Mother/Son Carnival event. A lot of time and effort go into preparing for the event. The smiles on the faces in the pictures of the mothers and sons that attended the 2019 carnival show that the hard work and planning were well received. The Daddy/Daughter Dance is another popular event that is hosted by the Recreation Department every year as well. The 2020 event will be held in March 2020. More details will be available soon on the City of Lindsborg website under Recreation.



STAY UP TO DATE!

Live updates, notifications, and cancellations from the Lindsborg Recreation Department

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Call (785) 222-4069 for updates.



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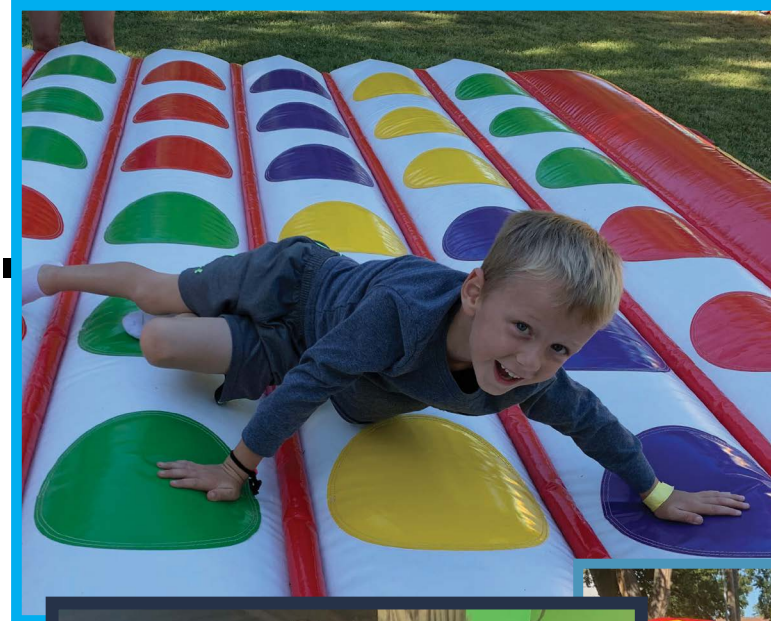


Stay up to date with the Lindsborg Recreation happenings. Download the Rainoutline App or check out the Rainoutline.com online. This free service will send reminder notifications for youth sports registration deadlines, adult fitness, golf course, swimming pool updates and cancellations. It is the quick and easy way to go!

Check the status of any game, program, or event!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Council Meetings -- Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17**
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting -- Dec. 17, Feb 18**
- Thanksgiving -- Nov. 28 & 29 (City Offices Closed)**
- Sandzen Holiday Gift Show -- Nov. 3 - Jan. 5**
- Red Barn Studio Toy Exhibition -- Nov. - Jan.**
- Small Business Saturday -- Nov. 30**
- Christmas Artists' Studio Open House -- Dec. 7**
- Snowflake Parade -- Dec. 7**
- Old Fashioned Christmas -- Dec. 14**
- St. Lucia Day -- Dec. 14**
- Cookies with Mrs. Clause - Dec. 21**
- Christmas Eve & Day -- Dec. 24 & 25 (City Offices Closed)**
- City View Newsletter -- Issue 53 (Feb. 2020)**
- Recycling Center -- (Open 24/7) Be considerate please**



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

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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| Police, Fire and Ambulance: | 785.227.2988 (non-emergency) |
| Water, Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3428 |
| Water, Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3469 (after hours, weekends and holidays) |