



the Lindsborg City View

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Lindsborg Comprehensive Plan: Moving Forward Together!

KINDNESS - n.

The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

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While planning for the future can be challenging, especially during this time, the City of Lindsborg has a bright outlook as we move forward in collaboration with the community to update the City's comprehensive plan. The 20-year plan will address topics that touch the lives of residents every day — from housing and jobs to parks and community health.

“This is an exceptionally exciting time to live in Lindsborg,” says Mayor Becky Anderson. “We’re building on what Lindsborg already offers as we chart new opportunities for an even better city.”

The planning team and a community steering committee, representing many facets of the community, have worked diligently the past few months. While these activities are important, the community's involvement is equally significant in creating a shared vision, goals, and policies for Lindsborg's future. We are counting on participation from residents, organizations, schools, and businesses to achieve a community-based plan.

We want to hear from you! Get involved!

Lindsborg residents are asked to get involved and share big ideas for Lindsborg's future. Visit futurelindsborg.com to participate in community discussions and provide ideas and feedback on a variety of topics that impact our city. The online platform provides a quick, safe, and convenient way to share your thoughts and ideas about a range of topics.

Let's move the Dala Horse (and Lindsborg) forward!

Have you seen the Dala Horse yard signs around the city?

Let's get as many people involved as possible by moving the Dala Horses forward to a friend or neighbor so they too can participate in our engagement activities. Join the excitement of the Comprehensive Plan, take a selfie with the Dala Horse, and share on social media using the hashtag #FutureLindsborg.

We are excited to hear from you!

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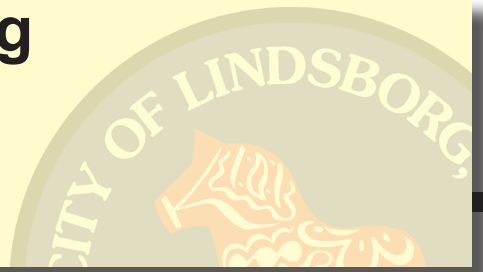
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CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register the pups!

Dog license: Don't forget to renew. The cost is \$5.00 for spayed or neutered and \$25.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. Call City Hall at 785-227-3355 for more information.

Utility Monthly Schedule

As a result of the timing involved from reading meters to calculating bills to the time the utility bill is due, customers are paying for utility service from two months ago. See below for a schedule to help understand the timeline and process.

- Utility meters are read on the first business day of each month.
- From the 1st of the month through roughly the 19th, staff works on checking for abnormal reads looking at consumption totals and then works on bill calculations.
- Bills get mailed around the 20th of the month and are due on the 10th of the following month. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, they will be due on the next business day.
- Late fees of 10% get applied the morning after due date. Late notices will also be mailed out at that time.
- If current bills are not paid by the due date, customers have until 10:00 am on the last Monday of the month to pay the delinquent portion in full. If bills are not paid in full, utility services will be disconnected. If you are unable to pay your bill in full, please contact the finance director at 785.227.3355 to see about the possibility of making payment arrangements.

If you have questions about your bill or if consumption amounts seem off, please contact the utility clerk at 785.227.3355.

Utility emergencies can be reported after hours by calling 785.227.3469.

The City of Lindsborg offers several options to pay your utility bill. You can pay online (<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/lindsborgks>), through auto-draft with your bank (sign up at City Hall), by coming into City Hall (check temporary COVID hours) or using the dropbox on the north side of City Hall.

A 2021 calendar can be found on page 3 with more details.

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CITY OF LINDSBORG UTILITY CALENDAR 2021

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Meter reads will be done on the 1st.

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Important dates

Utility meters are read.

Bills get mailed out.

Bill Due Date and ACH withdrawal date.

If payments are not received by 10:00 AM, utilities will be disconnected.

Holiday – City Offices Closed



Kindness

What has this looked like to you over the past 6 months?

At the CVB office, we feel we have been the recipients of many acts of kindness. Many of you have reached out with leads that we have followed up on – ones that have led to stories about Lindsborg. You have given us alternative activities to market – ones that allow people to be in Lindsborg and still maintain social distancing. We have been given free ads and articles in large publications – resources that will continue to bring people to Lindsborg in the coming months. We have been given the trust of visitors who call for reassurance that they can safely stay in Lindsborg lodging – and lodging owners who have willingly given us what they are doing to maintain the safety of guests. We have seen business owners step up to implement masking, allowing visitors to the community to feel further reassurance that we are thinking of them.

As we look ahead into the coming winter months, we feel that we are entering this time with our cup overflowing with good things that have come from others. It is great to work in a community that works together, and for this we are truly thankful.



KINDNESS

AT THE SUNDSTROM CONFERENCE CENTER

The recent grant that the Sundstrom Conference Center (SCC) received from the Lindsborg Community Health Care Foundation has been a wonderful way to spread kindness to the community. This grant has allowed the Sundstrom to open its doors for groups and organizations that otherwise would not be able to meet right now due to COVID. Meeting at the Sundstrom has made groups feel comfortable since the Banquet Hall and Dansstalle are large enough to allow for social distancing. The Sundstrom has seen groups from the young of age to the young of heart attend gatherings. It is so great when they call and ask about the space/grant – they are hesitant – like it may not be real that they can use the space and get together. Then when staff tells them they can – they are like “OH MY GOSH! THAT’S SO NEAT!”

Just a few examples of groups that have met at the Sundstrom:

- Cub Scouts to hold their annual Pine Wood Derby race (a video of a race is posted on the Sundstrom’s Facebook page). Check out the video, the kids were SO excited!
- Lindsborg Community Hospital Auxiliary Club
- Quarterback Club
- A few local organizations have had their board meetings
- Book Clubs
- Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancer Fiddlers
- A local twirlers group that had been having practice outside but it rained all week so they could not meet outside.

What a fantastic way to spread kindness to the community! Staff has met many wonderful people and it is great that the building is being used!



The picture on the left: local book club discussion.

Below: cub scouts meeting on the second floor of the SCC.



Keeping busy in the Parks Department!

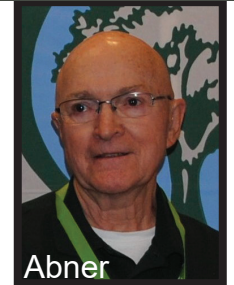
Parks Superintendent Noah Flores and members of the Tree Board planted shrubs and perennials at two landscape beds in Swensson Park in October. The perimeter bed of the Järnkors Plaza was finally installed and the area around the gazebo was completely renovated. Both sites will get some additional plant material next spring. Hardy grasses and crepe myrtles do not overwinter very well if planted in late fall. Once established, these plantings will be seasonally colorful and easy to maintain.



The Tree Board lost two members in 2020. Duane Fredrickson began service in May 2016, participating in the Välkommen Trail extension in 2019 and assisting with the Järnkors Plaza as well as numerous other planting projects. Abner Vickrey served on the board for over ten years, acting as chairman for the last six. He oversaw many important projects including the downtown tree planting during sidewalk reconstruction and the parks tree inventory of 2015. Their leadership will be missed.



Duane



Abner

Välkommen Trail Information

November marks the first anniversary of the completion of Phase 2 Välkommen Trail. The trail extension has been a popular addition to walk/bike activity. Recently, the Parks Department added shade trees on the path adjacent to Emerald Lake. More trees are planned for Wells Fargo after construction gets to a point at Stockholm Estates.

Photos taken in November 2015 of the undeveloped route were included in the grant application that would later be approved by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Here are some before and after images illustrating the improvements provided to the walking/biking community.



Steps to Winterizing Trees and Shrubs

1. Proper watering is one of the most important factors in winterizing trees and shrubs. Roots do not become dormant as quickly as stems, branches and buds, and roots are less hardy than stems. Moist soil holds more heat than dry soil, so frost penetration will be deeper and soil temperatures colder for sandy or dry soils. 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.

2. Cover roots of newly planted trees and shrubs with 3 to 4 inches of shredded wood mulch. This keeps soil temperatures warmer and prolongs conditions for root growth. Create a donut of mulch by pulling it away from the trunk about 6 inches. Check new plantings for cracks in the soil and fill them in where needed.

3. Fruit trees and some newly planted species (cherry, crabapple, honey locust, linden, maple, plum) are susceptible to sunscald, and may benefit from tree wrap to protect sensitive, thin bark. Older trees are less subject to sunscald because their thicker bark provides insulation and is cold hardy. Use a white commercial tree wrap or plastic tree guard. Do not use brown paper tree wrap or black guards as they absorb heat from the sun. Put the wrap on in the fall and remove it in the spring after the last frost.

4. 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.

PRUNING GUIDE

First cut part way through the branch at A, then cut it off at B. Make the final cut at C - D. (Do not cut along line C - X)

Arbor Day Foundation®

MULCH GUIDE

- Mulch insulates the soil helping to provide a buffer from heat and cold temperatures.
- Mulch retains water helping to keep the roots moist.
- Mulch keeps weeds out to help prevent root competition.
- Mulch prevents soil compaction.
- Mulch reduces lawn mower damage.

Incorrect

Excessively mulched tree

Correct

Mulch should not come in contact with tree trunk



Crack Sealing

During the first week of October, the Street Department spent the week sealing cracks on the newer asphalt streets and on Harrison/ Cole Street crack sealing is an important part of street maintenance that utilizes a hot rubberized sealant which penetrates the cracks and prevents moisture from eroding the subgrade material and creating soft spots in the subgrade. Once the subgrade has been compromised, the surface will be subject to failure. Not keeping cracks sealed can lead to problems in asphalt streets, but it can also cause issues with concrete streets as well. The City has done several paving projects in recent years and crews are performing proper maintenance to help get the most life out of the paving.



BONEYARD REMINDER

PLEASE OBSERVE AND
FOLLOW THE RULES



Just a friendly reminder that scrap wood and wood debris from construction is not allowed to be dumped at the Boneyard. Too much scrap wood from wood shops and home projects is ending up in the debris pile and could cause issues for the facility in the future. The disposal site is regulated by City Code, Section 48-205, which states that “grass, leaves, lawn and garden vegetation, tree limbs and trimmings, and shrubbery are allowable materials to be left at the site. Disposal of any other material is hereby expressly prohibited.” Prohibited items include construction debris, especially boards with nails, screws, and other hardware. The metal does not burn and causes tire damage for both work crews and residents. Trash, garbage, and paper products are occasionally a problem. Also prohibited are garden hardscaping items, like timbers, edging, rock, and especially railroad ties. The dumping of prohibited debris forces city crews to spend extra time and resources to remove and dispose of the debris.

This is how the Boneyard works: there are two disposal areas, the first for grass clippings, leaves and dry vegetation. Material from this pile is gathered into wind rows and worked with a compost turner until decomposed. The product is available to residents and provides rich compost for use to amend garden soil, aerate lawns, and even fill flowerpots. The second pile is for cuttings from trees, fallen limbs, shrubs, vine plants and pampas grass. The pile is ground into wood chips and mulch whenever possible, but more often it is simply burned in place.

Please give thought to what you are bringing to the Boneyard because too many repeated violations can cause an issue with the Kansas Department of Environment which permits the facility. If they see consistent problems on inspections, they could pose fines on the City or even close the site. The Boneyard is not a dump, it is a yard waste disposal site. Please observe and follow the rules to help prevent problems.



Holiday Season Crime Prevention Tips

The holiday shopping season is quickly approaching and this time of year; especially during the pandemic, it can become a peak time for crimes such as home and vehicle burglaries, and thefts. Residents need to always be alert, aware, and prepared to reduce the risk of becoming a crime victim at home, on the road, or while shopping.

Criminals know that homes become mini goldmines as families begin to make online and store purchases for holiday gifts. The items most desired by burglars and thieves are also those most desired by intended gift recipients. Small electronics such as phones, tablets, laptops, digital music players, game consoles and various jewelry items are amassed in many homes during this holiday period.

Residents can protect their homes by ensuring they lock doors and windows at all times, and by not displaying gifts and other valuable items where they can be easily seen from a window or a doorway. Make thefts more difficult by storing small electronics and jewelry items in a safe or in a place that is not conspicuous like a basement until you are ready to give the gift to the intended recipient. When not at home, always activate your alarm (if you have one) and/or turn on a radio or television so the house looks occupied. If you go out of town for the holidays, use an automatic timer for your lights and ask a neighbor or trusted friend to watch your house, pick up your mail and newspapers and allow them to park their car in your driveway from time to time.

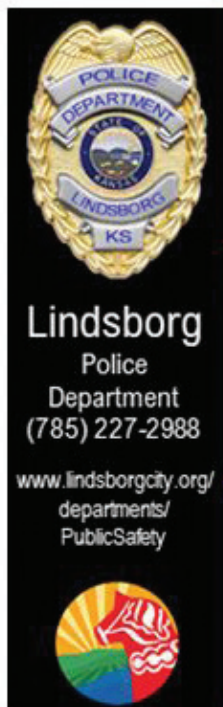
After the gifts are opened, try not to advertise your new electronics and/or other new valuables by putting empty product boxes out on the curb for the garbage collectors. Break the boxes down and fold or cut them so they can fit in a closed trash container.

While out shopping, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you. Make sure you have your checkbook, wallet, identification card and credit cards secured after every transaction. Sometimes people get so excited about a purchase, they walk away or forget to collect these items from the register counter. If you notice any item missing, contact your bank or credit card company immediately to stop any illegal activity, and then contact the police department. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late. Never park your car in an unlit area, no matter how convenient it is.

Criminals know that cars parked in shopping centers are likely to contain valuables. Lock your car doors and windows even if you are only going to be away from your car for a few minutes and NEVER leave shopping bags, purses, backpacks, or any items of value visible through your car windows.

Criminals usually walk from car to car in parking lots and neighborhoods, checking car doors and looking for any visible valuables. When they see something they want, they will break the window (they use tools to make that quick and quiet) and take the valuables. Lock items in the trunk or keep the items with you as you go from store to store.

Follow the above tips and help us reduce crime in our community. Also, remember: Have a safe and joyful holiday season – from the Lindsborg Police Department.



The poster consists of three horizontal sections. The top section is red with the text 'LOCK YOUR VEHICLE' in large white letters and 'CIERRE SU VEHICULO' in smaller white letters below it. The middle section is green with the text 'TAKE or HIDE VALUABLES' in large white letters and 'Esconda o lleve Consigo Sus Objetos de Valor' in smaller white letters below it. The bottom section is blue with the text 'DON'T BE A VICTIM' in large white letters and 'NO SEA VICTIMA' in smaller white letters below it.

RECREATION - NOVEMBER 2020



Due to COVID-19 regulations, the 2020 Recreation season saw many alterations in schedules and procedures. Many of the usual summer recreation activities were cancelled. We were fortunate to be able to have a volleyball and flag football season. The golf course also remained open throughout the summer. The open golf course was an added bonus for young golfers who were not allowed to enjoy other Rec camps and activities over the summer.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Hall business hours are subject to change due to the pandemic and case numbers. Limited access is now in effect. Please call City Hall at 785-227-3355 for details.

City Council Meetings - December 7 & 21, January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15

City Offices Closed - November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving

Small Business Saturday - November 28

Snowflake Parade - December 5

Artists' Studio Open House - December 5

City Offices Closed - December 24 & 25 for Christmas

City Offices Closed - January 1, 2021 - New Years Day

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Recycling Center – (Open 24/7) Be considerate please



Due to the COVID19 Pandemic - scheduled events are subject to change. If more events are scheduled they will be posted at: <https://www.visitlindsborg.com/lindsborg-calendar-of-events>

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Police, Fire and Ambulance:	911
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)