



the Lindsborg City View

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ELECTION

The Lindsborg City Council is the policy making body for the community. The eight members of City Council are elected by wards. There are four wards in Lindsborg with two representatives per ward.

Each council member is elected to a four-year term with elections being held the first Tuesday in November of odd-numbered years. The terms of the council members are staggered with one council position per ward up for election every two years. The Mayor is elected at large for a term of two years and presides at all meetings of the governing body.

More information on elections can be found at <https://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/151/ClerkElections>. More information regarding the City of Lindsborg City Council can be found at <https://www.lindsborgcity.org/city-government>.

Each candidate running for Council or Mayor was contacted via email to provide an answer as to why they were running for the elected position. It was optional as to if they would like to submit any additional information factoring in space in the newsletter. The responses, as they were received at press time, follow.

I am running for city council for the simple reason of feeling an obligation to give back to the city I which love, one that provided a wonderful childhood experience while growing up and one that currently provides an excellent business climate for which to successfully run a business. I enjoyed serving previously on the Council and appreciate the possibility of serving again. I look forward to opportunity to help keep partisan politics out of city hall and using my over 35 years of organizational and business experience to work for the people of Lindsborg. - Corey Peterson, Ward 4 City Council Candidate.

I have returned to Lindsborg where I have spent most of my life. I raised 3 girls, Laurie, Lesa, and Lynn who grew up here in a safe environment. The Swedish community has kept its ethnic background intact with the many Swedish celebrations and activities. As Mayor of Lindsborg I promise to maintain the Swedish heritage -- from the past to the future. Yes, change is inevitable to progress, but we must maintain the culture that we love so much and what makes Lindsborg "Little Sweden". With this promise, I hope to become your Mayor. - Allen L. Anderson

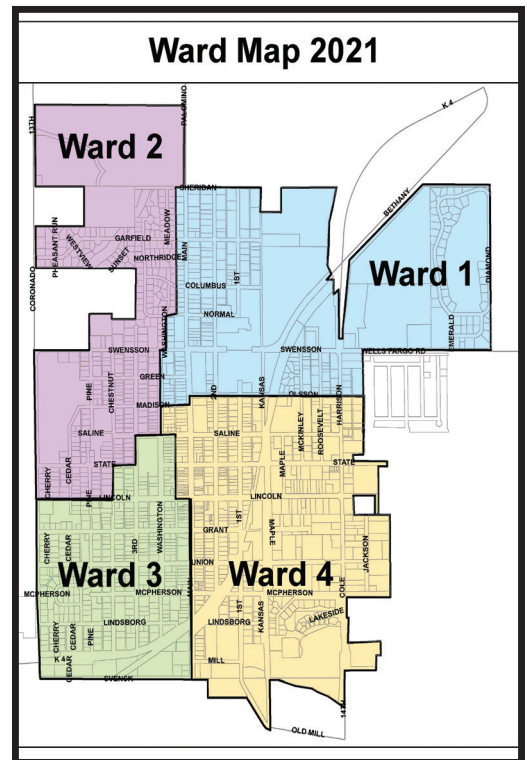
As your mayor I will concentrate on building a safe and healthy community by finding incremental ways to improve our streets, parks, and rich cultural traditions.

I've have served on the Svensk Hyllningsfest Committee, All School's Day Committee, Smoky Valley Board of Education, McPherson County Mental Health Advisory Committee, McPherson County Community Foundation, and as your State Representative and State Senator. These opportunities have provided experience in budget oversight, infrastructure knowledge, and effective tourism.

I want good working relationships where everyone is respected and where the citizens of Lindsborg are valued customers of city government. I would appreciate your vote on November 2. Thank you. - Clark Shultz

CHANGE - verb

1.) to make the form, nature, content, future course, etc., of (something) different from what it is or from what it would be if left alone: to change one's name; opinion; course of history. dictionary.com



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CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY OF LINDSBORG FACEBOOK - YOUTUBE

Administration issues with our City of Lindsborg Government Facebook page continue. Unsuccessful attempts have been taken to set up the correct people again as administrators on the account. This means that the City Council meetings will continue to be LIVE on our LindsborgCity YouTube Channel only. The meetings are held at 6:30 pm every first and third Monday of the month (holiday exceptions). Please call City Hall at 785-227-3355 if more information is needed.

Please follow the Lindsborg Recreation Department Facebook page for up to date Recreation information. Also download the Rainout Line app to receive notifications of cancellations, locations changes, and to stay up to date with Lindsborg Recreation activities and sports.

TIME TO HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY!

Let's get to know each other again! City Council would like to encourage neighborhoods to host block parties to create greater community and resident cohesion. As encouragement, they have set aside money to help neighbors throw a party.

The City will provide \$200 to a neighborhood for food, paper goods, and other non-alcoholic party supplies. It would require two neighbors to apply together as the hosts of the party. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis. Please find the application at

<https://www.lindsborgcity.org/NeighborhoodPartyGrantInformation>

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The reason I'm running for city council is I have always been interested in how local government is run.
- Tanner Corwin, Ward 1 City Council Candidate.

I had been considering requesting a return appointment to Planning and Zoning, when a friend pointed out that no one had filed for the Council seat for Ward 2. This seemed like an opportunity to serve in a different way than I had originally thought. Consequently, I made the decision to file. I look forward to learning and contributing in this role. - John Presley, Ward 2 City Council Candidate

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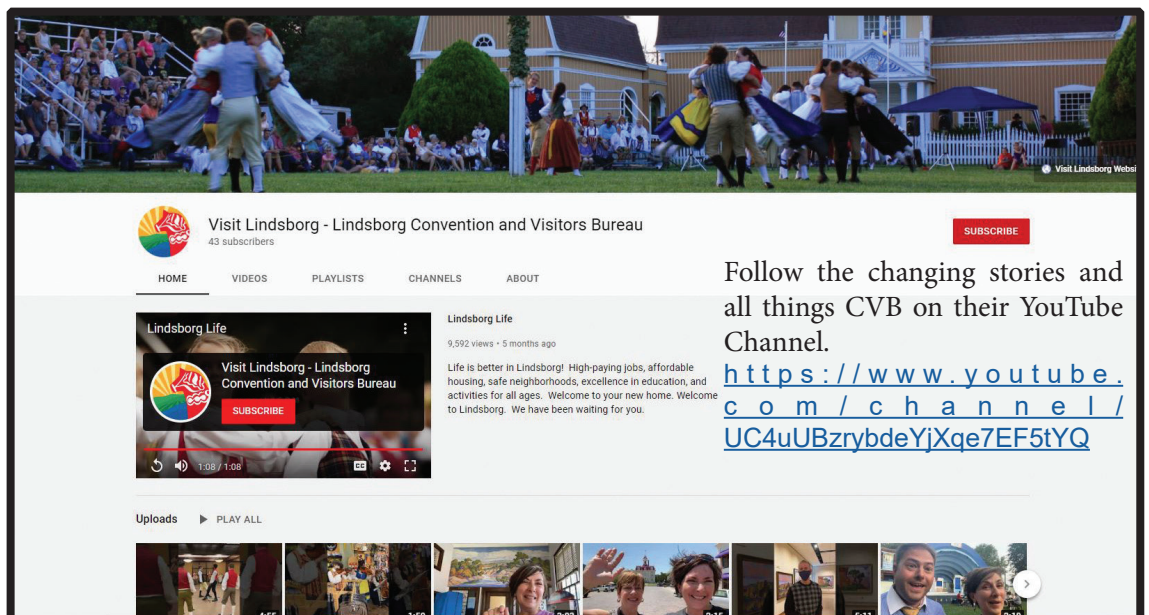
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CHANGE IS INEVITABLE SO KEEP ON EMBRACING THE CHANGES

My father always told me that change was the one thing in life you could depend on, and I have remembered his wise words many times in the past year. While change tends to be difficult at times, early on I determined to make somewhat of a game of this, rethinking many of the ways we do things at the CVB office. I cut back on some office tasks, as I was working in the office alone a good portion of the time and added efficiencies that I felt made better use of limited time. The CVB diligently watched leads from a free service we subscribe to that provides content to writers. Reaching out with information and leveraging content that was generated by travel writers that were brought to Lindsborg in a partnership with the Ad Hoc Roundtable, generated more than 40 stories written about Lindsborg during the COVID shutdowns. This has only provided more online content for potential visitors to find when using internet search engines to plan their next trip. Just this past week, a Florida film company found online content about Lindsborg and called the CVB office to establish connections to film an hour-long segment of a 13-part documentary series on immigration in Lindsborg. The woman we spoke was clear that “the remarkable amount of online information for a community of this size” was what led her to Lindsborg.

The CVB also stepped up our social media game, targeting audiences on Facebook and Instagram that we thought were still traveling, with paid ads. Visit Lindsborg followers increased drastically and we started adding a weekly video segment that focuses on interesting tidbits about Lindsborg. “Live from Lindsborg” videos generate anywhere from 500 – 3000 views per week. If you have missed any of these, we encourage you to check out the Visit Lindsborg YouTube channel where we have parked this content for future use and, better yet, for more eyes that are searching Google to find stories and factoids that continue to intrigue. We continue to receive requests for information from out-of-state visitors and the CVB office has seen travelers from across the US (not to mention Sweden, Finland, and other foreign countries) this summer. Just yesterday afternoon a young couple from Colorado made their way to our office to ask about what they could do while they were here for an overnight and ½ of a day. They were back this morning to lay out a map and ask for travel recommendations for their way back to Colorado. They have loved their trip to Kansas as it has been “peaceful”. We enjoy these opportunities to provide the change of pace that people have needed so much in a year that has provided nothing but change.

As COVID restrictions continue to evolve, we do too. We are looking to the positive and are determined to continue to do our best to keep traveling eyes on Lindsborg.



Follow the changing stories and all things CVB on their YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4uUBzrybdeYjXqe7EF5tYQ>



Changing EMS Services

Change can be difficult for some to accept, understand or cope with. Life is full of change; some change we experience is expected while at other times change can occur suddenly and unexpectedly. Many spend a great deal of time and energy avoiding change, but change will inevitably occur. Worrying about what the future will bring or what mistakes may happen might cause you to miss the positivity that can come with change and the opportunities that may arise.

For years, our volunteer service suffered the volatility that comes with continuous staffing shortages. These shortages caused substantial challenges for the city, our staff, surrounding EMS services and for this community and surrounding areas. As a community grows and changes, so should its public safety team so that it can better service its citizens. There is no match for our small team of volunteers whose greatest reward was serving their community. However, life moves fast. As jobs, families and our economy change, the ability of our service to keep up with and respond as frequently as is necessary to provide emergency medical services to those in need changes as well.

To better serve this community's need for emergency medical services and to ensure we have a sufficiently staffed and sustainable service, the City of Lindsborg moved to a full-time contracted emergency medical service starting August 1, 2021. At that time, our Lindsborg Volunteer Emergency Medical Service will have officially completed its mission and we will transition to a full-time contracted service with American Medical Response (AMR). We can expect full-time coverage and on-call back-up support for a second ambulance when significant emergencies require more help or with hospital transports. AMR can also provide more services to our community than our volunteer service could before like staffing stability, ground and air assets and proven experience serving Kansans. Many of you may even recognize some our new EMS team members as AMR committed itself to actively recruiting EMS positions from our existing local EMS workforce for those interested in continuing their service to our community through AMR.

As we begin this new EMS service with AMR, we can look positively on this new change as they have committed to providing our community and visitors with the highest quality of emergency care available today.



AMR Staff August 1, 2021



Tree Planting Cost Share Program

Trees are a valuable resource to the citizens of Lindsborg. To offset the loss of trees and to better the diversity of our urban forest, the Lindsborg Tree Board is presenting a tree planting cost share program to City Council for approval in September. These trees can be planted on street parking or on private land. The following stipulations will apply to the program:

1. The trees must be from the current city tree recommended list.
2. The tree planting location must be approved by the Tree Board.
3. Each landowner is allowed two trees per year.
4. The city will provide half the cost of the tree, up to \$50 for each tree.
5. The program is limited to available funds and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Once the program is approved, forms will be available online or at City Hall. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Tree Board. A member can recommend tree species and location. The tree can be purchased anywhere you like but be sure to keep a copy of the receipt.

Lindsborg Tree Board

The Lindsborg Tree Board is an advisory committee established in 1984. It consists of eight volunteers appointed by the mayor who have interest in keeping our community beautiful through dedicated tree care, maintenance and planting efforts. Lindsborg is recognized as a certified Tree City USA, now for 36 years.

2021 TREE BOARD MEMBERS

Karmon Almquist
Bob Ash
Keith Ferguson
Keith Kandt
David Reiswig
Steve Swensson
Parks Superintendent Noah Flores



Gary Shogren, Parks Director since 2011, turns over the management of Lindsborg Parks to Noah Flores, Parks Superintendent.



BE AWARE OF FLOODS



What is the Floodplain?

Floodplains are formed and modified by the dynamics of stream and river migration and periodic flooding. Although many floodplains usually flood during the spring, they can also experience multiple flood events within the same year with duration varying from hours to days.

The National Flood Insurance Program defines the floodway as that area of the watercourse and adjacent floodplain necessary to carry the base flood without increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated amount (generally one foot). The base flood is the flood that has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in a given year. Communities are required to prohibit development within the floodway that would cause an increase in flood heights. This requirement has the effect of limiting development in floodways that in turn helps to maintain some of the floodplain's most important natural resources and functions

6 Flood Awareness Reminders

- **Know your flood hazard.**
 - o Call Jordan Jerkovich 785-227-3355 to find out the flood hazard for your property.
- **Insure your property for your flood hazard.**
 - o Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for flood damage.
 - o There is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so call your insurance agent now.
- **Protect people from the hazard.**
 - o Turn around, don't drown!
 - o Do not attempt to walk or drive in flooded areas. Six inches of floodwater is enough to knock you off your feet, two feet of water will float your car.
- **Protect property from the hazard.**
 - o Sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber can be used to temporarily protect property.
 - o Moving furniture and other possessions to higher floors, if available, can reduce losses.
- **Build responsibility.**
 - o Any development in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) requires a permit.
- **Protect natural floodplain functions.**
 - o Keep lawn debris and trash out of drainage channels.



Development Permit Requirements

Any development, not just construction of buildings, in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) requires a permit. You must obtain a permit from the Community Development Department, City Hall, before you build, alter, re-grade or fill on your property. Report any illegal floodplain development to City Hall, 785-227-3355.

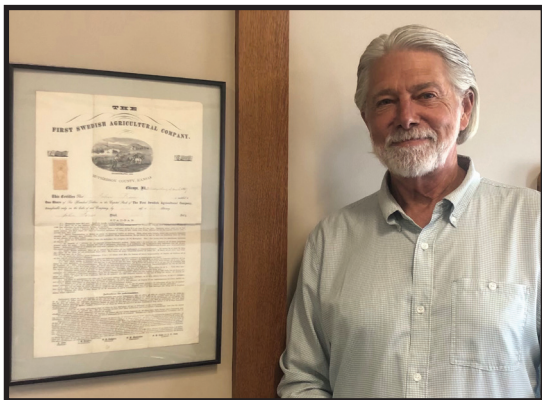
Floodplain continues on page 7.

Flood Maps Are Being Updated

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Lindsborg are being updated to provide more accurate information regarding property flood risk. The Kansas Dept. of Agriculture - Division of Water Resources (DWR), in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working with local community officials to conduct community review. The draft map will soon be available for public review and comment. The boundaries of many flood-prone areas within the watershed have changed from the boundaries shown on the current effective map that was adopted in 2009. The National Flood Insurance Program printed the first flood map for Lindsborg on May 15, 1978. Since then, only two revisions have taken place. The first revision was in December, 1997, and most recently, in January, 2009. When a community flood map is updated to reflect the current risk, requirements for flood insurance coverage and the costs of policies can also change.



The 2009 Map will be updated effective late 2022



Gary Shogren Retires

Gary Shogren was hired as Lindsborg's first Community Development Director in 2008, in charge of planning and zoning, floodplain management and construction permitting. He later became Director of Parks in 2011, managing the Tree Board and maintaining membership in Tree City USA, now for over 36 years. A retirement reception was held for Gary on August 20th at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center.

Meet Jordan Jerkovich

The City of Lindsborg welcomed Jordan Jerkovich as the new Community Development Director in June 2021. Jordan comes to the City having worked for and with local governments in Sweden (Länsstyrelsen Blekinge), Scotland (Stirling Council), and the United States (The City of Grandview, MO). He holds degrees from the University of Kansas (B.S. Business Management and Leadership; B.A. Environmental Studies) and Blekinge Institute of Technology in Karlskrona, Sweden (M.S. Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability). He is also a current City/County Management Fellow at the University of Kansas and will graduate with a Master of Public Administration in May 2022.

Jordan and his wife, Caroline, met in Sweden while attending university. They welcomed their son, Sam, in 2020 while living in Scotland, but felt a desire to return to Kansas to be nearer to family. When deciding where to work, their love for Swedish culture and heritage attracted them to Lindsborg. They are excited to integrate into the community and share in its unique culture and traditions. Where possible, they look forward to sharing their background and experience from big Sweden with Little Sweden, USA.



MEET THE LINDSBORG PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

THEY KEEP THE CITY RUNNING AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK!

Get to know your Public Works employees and what these individuals do to help keep the city running. Putting a face to these individuals may be helpful should you run across them around your property while they are working on city utilities. The Public Works Department has four separate departments that take care of the electric, water and wastewater utilities and the city streets. Each department has their own special set of skills and area of responsibilities; however, everyone of them will help wherever needed to get the work done.

The Electric department currently has three employees, Rod Schrage is the Electric Superintendent, Matt Lloyd is a Journeyman lineman, and Ethan Steinbruck is an Apprentice lineman. Together these individuals operate the electrical distribution system. They are responsible for maintaining the substation, primary electrical distribution system, electrical metering, streetlights, tree trimming, festival preparation as well as many other duties. These individuals are also the main crew that is out in all possible weather conditions working to get your power restored after a storm event.

The Water department has two fulltime employees. Lynn Johnson is the Water Superintendent and Dakota Graham is a water operator. The two are responsible for the city wells and transmission line into town, water distribution system, metering, maintaining proper disinfection levels, water sampling, flushing and painting fire hydrants, installation of water services and repairs to broken water mains. They also maintain the mechanical side of the swimming pool during the summer.

The Wastewater Department also has two fulltime employees. Denny Walker is the Wastewater Superintendent and Cutler Croomes is a wastewater operator. They are responsible for operating and maintaining the wastewater treatment plant and the sewer collection system. Their duties include process control, sampling and testing, state and federal reports, maintenance at the wastewater plant and supervision and maintenance of the sewer collection system.

The Street department has three full time employees. Jeff Peters is the Street Superintendent while Cody Weibert and Billy Moon are the equipment operators. Their primary responsibilities are street maintenance, curb and gutter and storm drain maintenance and repair, snow removal, paint striping, tree trimming, festival preparation and compost site maintenance. This is the department that is responsible for the spraying of mosquitos during the summer and running the street sweeper. This crew also gets tasked with a lot of those odd jobs that come into the city that just need done.

Together, each one of these individuals works to keep the critical parts of the city's infrastructure working properly. Things do happen which interrupt those services and the crews respond to those issues all hours of the day, night, weekends and holidays to restore services as quick as possible. They are a small crew that wear many hats and they work hard to give the citizens of Lindsborg the quality of service they have come to expect.

Lynn Johnson 25 years

Denny Walker 22 years

Jeff Peters 16 years

Matt Lloyd 13 years

Cody Weibert 7.5 years

Cutler Croomes 5 years

Billy Moon 3.5 years

Dakota Graham 2.5 years

Rod Schrage 1.5 years

Ethan Steinbruck 9 months

As this article was being prepared for printing, Public Works employee Billy Joe Moon passed away unexpectedly. Billy was a great employee who showed up to work every day with a jovial attitude and enthusiasm to tackle any job that was on the schedule. His lighthearted and unique personality brought a lot to the department, and he will be missed.

Pictures of the Public Works employees on page 9.

PUBLIC WORKS - AUGUST 2021



As remembered... Billy Joe Moon

Top left picture left to right:
COL Electric Department includes Ethan Steinbruck, Matt Lloyd, and Rod Schrage.

Top right picture left to right:
COL Streets Department includes Billy Joe Moon, Jeff Peters, and Cody Weibert.



photo credit: Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home FB page

Bottom left picture left to right:
COL Water Department includes Dakota Graham and Lynn Johnson.

Bottom right picture left to right:
COL Waste Water Department includes Cutler Croomes and Denny Walker.



SUMMER REC ACTIVITIES WERE IN FULL-SWING THIS YEAR!



Visit the Lindsborg Golf Course!

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Clubhouse hours: Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday/Sunday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES SUMMER 2021

Youth programming and sports were back for the 2021 Summer. We have had a fun filled summer of enjoying all things normal. June was busy with Youth Baseball/Softball, Junior Golf Camp, Tennis Camp, Mini Skills Camp, Bike Riding, and Tumbling. July was full of STEM classes, Cookie Decorating, Tea Parties, Model Airplane Making, Basketball Camp, Esports, Outdoor Play, and Swim Lessons. It has been a busy couple of months, but oh what fun we have had!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Offices Closed - September 6 (Labor Day)
- City Council Meetings - Sept. 7 (Tues) & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1 & 15
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - October 19
- Red Barn Studio - Makers Street Busking - September 10
- Svensk Hyllningsfest - October 8 & 9
- Coronado Heights Run - October 9
- Falun Classic 34 Mile Bike Ride - October 10
- City Offices Closed - November 11 (Veterans Day)
- Red Barn Studio - Makers Street Holiday Gift Walk - November 12
- Holiday Open House - November 13
- City Offices Closed - November 25 & 26 (Thanksgiving)
- Small Business Saturday - November 27
- Christmas Artists' Studio Open House - December 4
- City View Newsletter – Issue 59 (Nov. 2021)
- Recycling Center – (Open 24/7) Be considerate please



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

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

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)