



the Lindsborg City View

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Lindsborg was named on February 20, 1869 and the Lindsborg Sesquicentennial Festival Committee has been working tirelessly to celebrate 2019 with the theme **Sweden to the Plains—Living the Legacy** throughout the coming year!

A very special Dala Horse (pictured), aptly named Legacy, was created by local artist Carla Wilson to honor the theme. Wilson's love for and dedication to the community is apparent in Legacy's fine details and artistry.

CHARACTER -- n.

1. the aggregate of features and traits that form the individual nature of some person or thing.
2. one such feature or trait; characteristic.
3. moral or ethical quality.

extended definitions at dictionary.com



The committee also commissioned Ed Pogue, Professor of Art at Bethany College, to create a bronze relief sculpture to honor 150 years of plains living by the immigrant Swedes in Lindsborg and the Swedish heritage Swedes and non-Swedes hold dear to their hearts. On February 20, 2019, Professor Pogue will pour molten metal into molds at the artist's college foundry. City officials will be on hand to observe. The finished piece will be installed near City Hall on Midsummer's Day.

February 20th will also mark the debut of *Kära Lindsborg Mitt Hem* (Dearest Lindsborg My Home). More than one hundred elementary and middle school students will perform music and lyrics composed by Mike and Rose Marie Wallen—their gift to the community in honor of the noteworthy birthday. The performance will be held at 7:00 pm at AJ Steinberg Auditorium with a cake reception to follow there is no admission fee.

Spring will bring the reveal of the Järnkors Project, a 10' tall järnkors crafted by local artist Brian Holdsworth. The traditional järnkors is an "iron cross" or "tree of life," and can be found in Swedish cemeteries to honor the life of an individual. The Järnkors Project is intended to embrace all current Lindsborg residents and businesses, both past and present. Järnkors Project leaves, plaza bricks, paths and fencing will all be supported by community donations. The Järnkors is to reside in Swensson Park and will be dedicated and installed in October.

With Summer comes the "Old Fashioned 4th of July." Join us for #livingdala2019 at 10:00 am on July 5th. For a modest price, purchase a tee shirt and gather at the intersection of Main and Lincoln to create a living Dala horse. Bring the entire family—there's no age limit! Dance to the sounds of ABBA by the NYC ABBA tribute, Dancing Dream, in Heritage Park in front of the 1904 World's Fair Swedish Pavilion at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available online at www.lindsborg150th.com. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs! On July 6th plan to enjoy Stan Hayes of CNN Heroes fame as he returns home to prepare BBQ for the celebration in Swensson Park, then head out to the high school's south practice field to enjoy fireworks—certain to be an epic display! Professional pyro technician Brent Foley, also a former Lindsborg son, will put on a customized show in the field across from Coronado Avenue.

Thanks to a grant from the Smoky Valley Community Foundation, you will be able to experience the American Swedish Institute flat plane carving traveling exhibition, August-October at the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery.

You'll want to follow the Lindsborg Sesquicentennial - 150th Facebook page for the latest information regarding the celebration of Lindsborg, Little Sweden, USA, all throughout 2019, or visit www.lindsborg150th.com.

The committee members who have dedicated countless hours to plan these events and others, are: Co-Chairs Betty Nelson and Susan Achenbach, Treasurer Matt Stula, Secretary Abby Ratleff, Marge Lloyd, Joyce Peterson, Joyce Pigge and Tim Stewart. (Photos by Tim Stewart)



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Meet Lucas Neece Assistant City Administrator for the City of Lindsborg

I am delighted to have come to Lindsborg to serve as the Assistant City Administrator, with a focus on economic development and general management. I bring to the position a passion to learn from all of you what makes Lindsborg so great, and how we can work together to make it even greater. After graduating from KU, I taught English in China, Western Europe, and D.C. I have also interned with the City of Topeka and Douglas County, and worked in Urban Planning Consulting in the St. Louis region. My wife, Larissa, and I then decided to return to Kansas in order to complete graduate degrees and start a family. Our daughter Nelle was born in 2016; we will graduate from KU in May. I will receive a Master of Public Administration, and Larissa will receive a Master of Speech-Language Pathology. She will join me in Lindsborg in June, and will find work close to Lindsborg as a speech therapist.

We love Lindsborg's thriving downtown, lively arts scene, and the openness to the world evidenced by the Swedish heritage identity. If you see us out and about, please say hi—we look forward to becoming part of the community!

MORE CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•GET YOUR DOG TAGS

Stop by City Hall to pick up a dog tag for your pup today. Call City Clerk, Roxie Sjögren, at 785-227-3355 if you have any questions on the policy.

•AUTO DRAFT YOUR MONTHLY UTILITIES PAYMENT

Stop by City Hall M-F 8 AM to 4:30 PM to fill out the form

•CITY OF LINDSBORG GOVERNMENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Get up to date information. Follow our page, important information will be posted there first.

•EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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

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Police, Fire and Ambulance: 911

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

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ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

- Established new utility adjustment policy.
- coolSAVINGS program granted all allocated funds.
- Strategic Alliance group met monthly for collaborative community planning.
- The 2018-2020 Strategic Plan was approved by Council in April.
- Hired Assistant City Administrator.
- Jerry Lovett-Sperling and Gaylene Butler retired. New City Clerk and Utilities Clerk were hired.
- City and USD 400 partnered on ballfield development project.
- The City received the Voice of the People award for Transformation in Education and Enrichment.
- City website redesigned www.lindsborgcity.org.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Finalized easements and right-of-way acquisition for the Välkommen Trail Extension project. Bid award went to Pearson Construction. Construction to begin in spring 2019.
- Completed the first phase of Scentral Bark Dog Park, a crowd-funded initiative located on the Välkommen Trail at the Recycle Center.
- Tree Board celebrated Lindsborg's 33rd consecutive year as a certified Tree City USA. An Arbor Day tree was planted on April 29.
- Planning and Zoning approved a sketch plan for a proposed residential development plat, the first subdivision proposal in over 15 years.



The picture to the left shows where the next phase of the trail will begin.

The pictures below show kids and helpers at the Rec Dept. Mondays Are For The Kids Program.



RECREATION

- Increase in youth sports and activity programs – 1,316 participants total.
- Adult programs of Yoga, Suspension Strap Class, and Water Aerobics.
- 6th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance with highest ever attendance of 223 people.
- 1st Annual Mother Son Carnival held at Swensson Park with 103 people in attendance.
- Junior Golf with a total of 25 participants.
- New summer art class taught by local teachers. 40 participants.
- Golf Course had over 7,000 rounds played in 2018.



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PUBLIC WORKS

- Completion of the Garfield Drainage Project.

STREETS

- 24 blocks of street crack sealed.
- 24,840 sq. yards of asphalt were sprayed with Onyx which is designed to preserve asphalt and extend its life.

WATER

- 320' of old 4" cast iron pipe was replaced with new 6" PVC pipe in the 800 Block of N. Second Street.
- Inspection performed of the water tower and inspection and maintenance of country standpipe.

WASTEWATER

- Sewer line maintenance program cleaned 12,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer line.
- Researched replacement UV systems for disinfection.

ELECTRIC

- Replacement of 70 LED street lights.
- Animal mitigation measures continued with the installation of pole wrap and critter guards added in problem areas.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Conducted a Disaster Drill in conjunction with multiple agencies including U.S.D. 400 School District, Lindsborg Community Hospital, Bethany Home, McPherson Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Highway Patrol. The Disaster Drill involved an Active Shooter Scenario with multiple injuries and fatalities.
- Police officers and EMS personnel received training in the use of Narcan. Narcan is an opiate antidote that can be administered in overdose cases.
- Continued the "Coffee with a Cop" program.
- Continued the "Blue Santa" program to residents of our area.
- Police Department had 491 cases in 2018 compared to 480 in 2017 and 461 in 2016.
- Tickets written in 2018 totaled 339 compared to 308 in 2017 and 332 in 2016.
- 374 written warnings issued in 2018 compared to 204 in 2017.
- 44 traffic accidents in 2018 compared to 53 in 2017.
- The Fire Department received 50 smoke detectors through a grant funded by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Personnel assisted in installing these in homes within our community.
- In 2018 EMS had 584 runs compared to 524 in 2017 and 501 in 2016.
- Fire Department had 115 runs in 2018 compared to 112 runs in 2017 and 102 runs in 2016.



Chief Berggren is not only Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety for Lindsborg, he is also the number one food taste tester. Have a chili cookoff contest and he will be right there to judge! He helped judge the annual chili contest at the Lindsborg Community Hospital this year!

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CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

- Video blogger, Matt Landau and film crew, resulting in a video that will release in late 2018/early 2019 featuring Lindsborg vacation rentals, the Lindsborg community and the surrounding area as travel destinations.
- Provided programs to market Lindsborg and the Sundstrom Conference Center to eight different organizations around the State of Kansas.
- 52.46% increase in page followers since December 2017 on the Visit Lindsborg Facebook page.
- 156.28% impression increase since December of 2017 on Twitter.
- Approximately 50% increase in followers since December 2017 on Instagram.
- 186.36% increase in average monthly users from December 2017 on Pinterest.
- Participated in the NYC Meredith Publishing event, meeting with travel writers and bloggers contracting with Meredith publications.
- Marketed Lindsborg outside the state of Kansas by partnering with local entities to provide paid advertisements and articles in 21 different publications.
- Participated in voting program offered by JHP, the advertising agency for the Kansas Dept. of Tourism and KDWP resulting in Lindsborg being included in the top 6 places to visit in the State of Kansas.
- New billboards designed promoting Lindsborg.



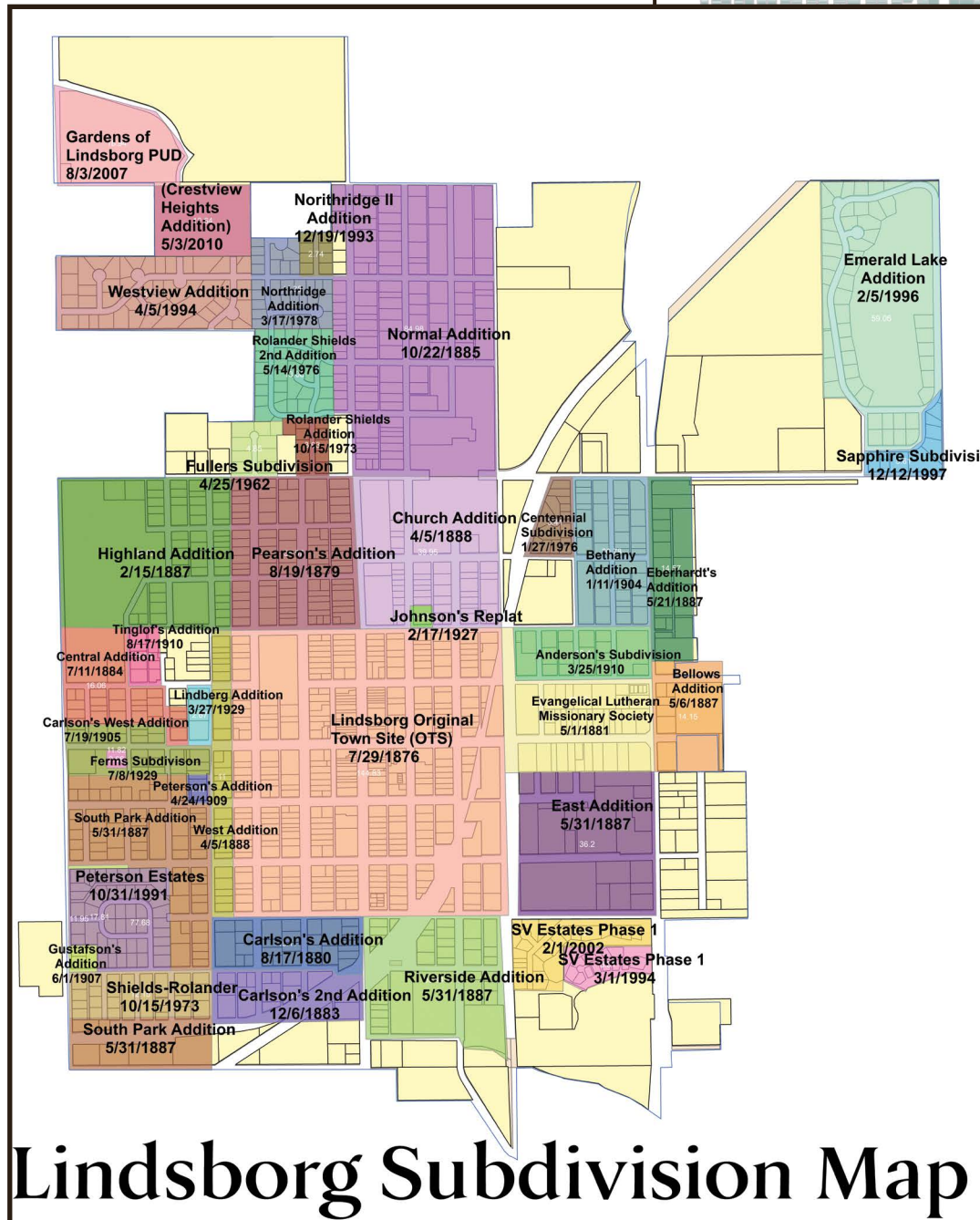
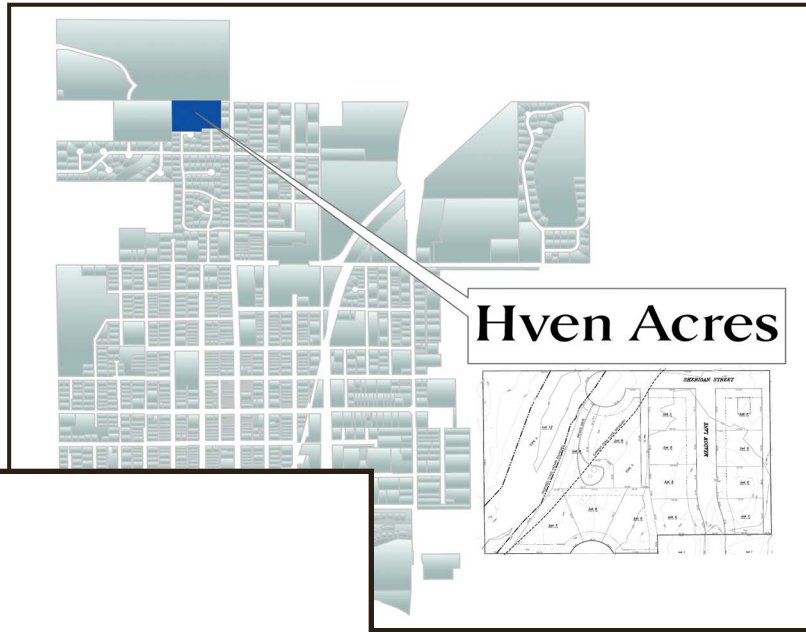
SUNDSTROM CONFERENCE CENTER (SCC)

- 76 events in 2018 with 7,339 people attending.
- Utilized Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts to market to a larger audience.
- Planning Pod, an online event management and venue software was implemented for customer efficiency.
- Established a new source of digital communication that created a sales funnel to targeted individuals that expressed interest.
- Participated in advertising opportunities, such as area bridal focus newspaper inserts or special issues, that focused on SCC use for wedding parties.
- Enrolled in Wedding Wire to allow wedding planner or bride-to-be online 24/7 access to information.

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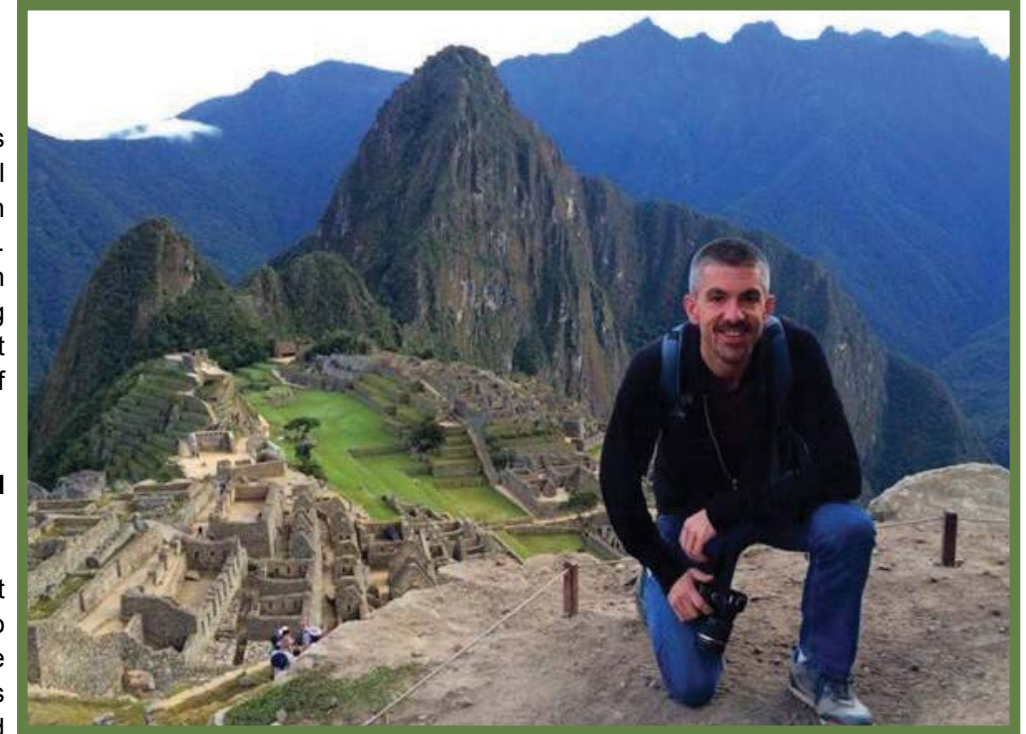
A new neighborhood is in the works, the first residential development to be considered in Lindsborg since 2002. The Planning Commission has given preliminary approval to a 12-lot subdivision on the city's north side. The 8-acre tract would extend Meadow



Lindsborg Subdivision Map

Get out and TRAVEL

Have you ever considered curiosity as a character trait? According to travel blogger Matt Long, it is the keystone on which a quality travel experience is built. Matt enjoys sharing his thoughts with Lindsborg, and our hope at the Lindsborg Convention and Visitors Bureau, is that you consider ways to pique the curiosity of visitors each and every day!



Five Personality Traits Every Good Traveler Should Have

Matt Long --- www.landlopers.com

Everyone travels differently; we all visit different places in different ways and no two people or travel experiences are the same. Even with all these differences though, there are a lot of unexpected commonalities, including the hallmarks of what constitutes a good traveler. This is just my opinion of course, but here are some personality traits I've found to be important whenever and wherever I travel.

- Curiosity** – I consider curiosity to be the keystone upon which any quality travel experience is built. Sure, you can buy a ticket and visit any country in the world without being intellectually motivated, but it's only half an experience. In order to really learn about a new place, you have to want to know everything there is to know about the people, the cities, the food – everything that makes the culture tick. This is also what makes travel an addiction for me personally. Since I was a little kid, I've wanted to know all there is to know about every country in the world. It's a lifelong mission without a doubt, but it also means life is exciting and unpredictable.
- Honesty** – If travel has taught me one thing it's that no matter where you go in the world, no matter how far away from home you are, people everywhere are basically good and honest. But this happens only through the unwritten rule of always being truthful, honest and helpful when you travel. It can be the smallest of actions, like correcting a cashier who hands you the wrong change but combined, these actions of human kindness make life so much more enjoyable.
- Patience** – Travel is oftentimes fun and exciting, but that doesn't mean it's always easy or without the occasional hiccup. Bad travel experiences are just part of travel and you need to be patient when necessary, never losing your temper or being unrealistic. You will have to wait hours sometimes in immigration lines and you will miss flights, trains and buses. It's during the most trying of travel times when we are truly tested, and patience is a vital personality trait for any great traveler.
- Perseverance** – Just as patience is key when bad things happen on the road, so is perseverance. It can be tempting to just give up when seemingly insurmountable odds begin to stack up, but just as with patience you must also keep trying. It also takes perseverance to make our travel dreams a reality in the first place. I've always wanted to travel the world, but for a long time that was an experience well beyond my reach. Then in college I decided to take five part time jobs and save as much money as possible so that after I graduated, I could get out there and see the world. It wasn't easy, but I did it and I spent an incredible few weeks trekking out on my own.
- Humility** – Humility does not come easily to most of us, unless you're a true Mother Teresa type. When we first begin to travel overseas especially, our egos come to the forefront and we think how much better we are than most other people in the world. Pretty quickly though those egos are correctly tamped down, and we begin to realize how insignificant we as individuals truly are, no matter how important we may be in our own minds. Humility isn't just a good personal trait to have in general, but it also makes the travel experience much richer. When we are humble, we are more likely to engage with locals and learn about them and their lives. It is when we are humble that we admit we don't know everything and are willing to accept help. It is when we are humble that the world opens its doors so we can really see it for what it is; a wonderfully exciting and beautiful place.

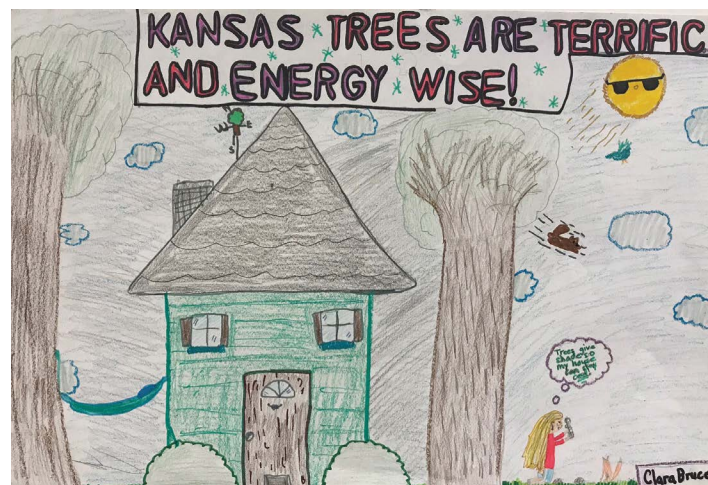
What are some traits you think are important for a good traveler?



Tree Poster Contest Winner



The Lindsborg Tree Board judged 60 entries in the annual Tree Poster Contest, selecting Magdalene Reidel's artwork as this year's grand prize winner. Thanks go to Jennifer Burgardt, 5th grade science and technology teacher at Lindsborg Middle School for her assistance and support of the program. The winning poster will be sent to the Kansas Forest Service and entered into the State contest. Other finalists in the 5th grade competition were First Runner Up, Taron Johnson and Second Runner Up, Clara Bruce. The Tree Poster Contest is one of several activities sponsored by the Tree Board, an eight-member advisory board appointed by the Mayor. It was formed to promote tree maintenance, preservation and planting in the community, and meets once a month.



Scentral Bark Dog Park Update

Installation of fencing for the dog park began in December and will continue as weather permits. The end result will be a 7,800 square foot area for large breeds, and a 6,000 square foot pen for small breeds. Double gates provide secure entry and exit from the areas. Hats off to the Scentral Bark volunteers for raising over \$13,000 to make it all possible. Future fundraising is planned for benches, shade structures and canine agility equipment.



FRIENDLY FLUSHABLE REMINDER



Have you given a second thought to the use of flushable products in your home? Whether it be for personal hygiene or cleaning, flushable products continue to cause sewer problems. Flushable wipes can travel miles and spend hours in the sewer system. They can go through multiple pumps and still arrive at the wastewater treatment plant completely intact. Although wipes are easily flushed, most do not break down in the sewer the way that toilet paper is designed to and it is easy for them to get hung up in the sewer line. Because there are so many flushable wipes in the system, plugs are becoming more frequent. More frequent plugs increase the odds that at some point a sewer backup caused by "flushable wipes" could affect you. This type of plug is one that you as a homeowner really can help reduce by simply not putting any wipes down the toilet. The only items that should be going down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper. Your household sewer and the public sewers are not designed to handle all of the modern products available to consumers.

Manufacturers are starting to make flushable products that are also biodegradable, but there is still some concern as to how quickly these products will actually break down.

Here is a simple question: Would you flush paper towels or a hand towel down the toilet? Basically, that is what you are doing when you flush wipes. Flushable wipes will go down the toilet when flushed, but so do a lot of other things. The next time you go to the store, please think about the products you are purchasing and more importantly, how you dispose of them. Remember "Flushable" does not mean it will break down, it simply means it will go down. "Biodegradable" means it will break down over time. If you do purchase wipes, try to find the products that are labeled "Biodegradable." Manufacturers are making products that complement our busy lifestyles to make our lives easier. As consumers, we buy these products and assume that there should be no issues caused by using them, this is not always the case. There are many lawsuits filed against the manufacturers of wipes and products marked "Flushable." Many of these lawsuits have been filed by municipalities because of the problems created in sewer and pumping systems. Remember you can help reduce the possibility of a sewer back up by not flushing wipes; please take the time to dispose of wipes properly. With a little research on the internet you can learn more about the problems millions of dollars spent dealing with problems caused by products marked "flushable."



Lindsborg PD Always Helping Others!

Blue Santa Program - Such a GIFT to the Smoky Valley Area

The Lindsborg Police Department received \$1500 from different organizations including Kiwanis, Masons and individuals for the Blue Santa Program in December of 2018. LPD delivered presents to over 20 kids within the USD 400 school district. This program is ongoing. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Chief Berggren at 785-227-2988.



NEW RADIO SYSTEM

McPherson County recently signed a contract and is starting the installation of a new "Dispatch" radio system using the P-25 system. P-25 is the accepted radio system nationwide that is designed to meet the growing demands of public safety digital radio communication. Of all the problems experienced during disaster events, one of the most serious is poor communication due to the lack of appropriate and efficient means to collect, process and timely transmit important information. The P-25 system was developed so that public safety responders can communicate with each other and, thus, achieve enhanced coordination, timely response and efficient and effective use of communication equipment. Because they are interoperable, outside agencies are able to respond and communicate with us through this P-25 system.



Unfortunately, Lindsborg's current radios, which are almost 20 years old, will not function on a P-25 frequency, requiring the replacement of all of its radios. In November of 2018, Lindsborg City Council approved the purchase of radios for Police, Fire and EMS. Not all of the radios needed were purchased, but enough were to enable Lindsborg to operate on the system when it goes live. Additional radios will be required as we draw closer to the "go live" date.

MONDAYS ARE FOR THE KIDS

Lindsborg Swimming Pool Party Reservation Information

Party Days/Times:
 Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 7 PM - 9 PM
 Friday: 8 PM - 10 PM
 Monday/Wednesday: No Private Parties

Dates for summer parties can now be reserved. New rules and regulations for the 2019 pool season are as follows:
 Full payment of \$150.00 is due the day the reservation is made. A full refund will be given if the pool staff cancels due to weather or unforeseen circumstances and another day is not available to be scheduled for either group (city or reserving group). If the party is cancelled by the group reserving within 48 hours of the party, they payment will not be refunded. If a party is cancelled before 48 hours of the event, \$125 will be refunded, city staff will charge a \$25.00 administrative fee.
 Please call Recreation Director, Beth Ferguson, at 785-227-3333 if you have any questions.



Check out all the Rec Department has to offer on first Mondays of the month, when school is out! Visit www.lindsborgcity.org>Recreation

STAY UP TO DATE!

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

3 ways to sign up and/or check for updates.

☆ Download the free Rainout Line Mobile application.

OR

Go to rainoutline.com and log in.

OR

Call (785) 222-4069 for updates.



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

SIGN UP FOR YOUR CHOICE OF EMAIL AND TEXT NOTIFICATIONS.

7th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance "Under the Sea"

Saturday, March 2, 2019
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 Doors open at 6:15 PM

Registration Deadline: Feb. 19th

\$30.00/couple
 \$5.00/additional children

For more information, check out www.lindsborgcity.org under Recreation tab or call (785) 227-3333





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council Meetings – March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – April 16
Våffeldagen-International Waffle Day – March 23
121st Annual Midwest Art Exhibition at the Birger Sandzén Art Gallery – March 31 - May 26
Jazz Walk – April 12
136th Messiah Festival of the Arts – April 11 - 21
Good Friday – April 19 (City Offices Closed)
Passion According to St. Matthew – April 19
136th Messiah Performance – April 21
Lindsborg In Bloom – April 27
Millfest – May 4 & 5
City View Newsletter – Issue 50 (Aug. 2019)
Recycling Center – (Open 24/7) Be considerate please



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

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