



Longtime City Administrator Greg DuMars Will Retire in December

EXPERIENCE - noun, verb
1.) n. practical contact with and observation of facts or events.
2.) v. encounter or undergo (an event or occurrence).
dictionary.com



With age comes experience, and with experience knowledge, expertise, and wise decision making. Knowing how to cope with everything a workplace can toss in, is the most desirable of skills. For the past 23 years the City of Lindsborg has benefitted from exceptional talent, experience, and wisdom in the form of our city administrator. Greg DuMars was hired in November of 1998 and although the office setting has changed and employees have retired or found different career paths in the last 23 years, he has remained a constant.

Throughout his career DuMars has overseen countless projects. Projects include the Westview Channel, Cow Creek, Välkommen Trail, downtown streetscape, the downtown infrastructure project, the establishment of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau formed as a city entity and so many more. He has experienced numerous bills within the legislature that have impacted city staff, the city budget, and the whole community. All these projects DuMars studied making the most informed decisions as to what was best for individuals and the community.

Mayor Becky Anderson stated, "Lindsborg has changed so much since 1998 when Greg DuMars became the city administrator. Being a visionary is a prerequisite for effective leadership. Greg has brought us to a good place in our history. We are so thankful for his work here."

The City of Lindsborg staff and Council do want to wish Greg DuMars all the best in retirement and all his future endeavors.

Thank you for your dedication and service to Lindsborg for 23 years Greg DuMars! A job well done.

City of Lindsborg welcomes Kristi Northcutt as the new City Administrator

After a nationwide search, City Council unanimously selected Kristi Northcutt to be hired as the next City Administrator for the City of Lindsborg effective December 22, 2021. Northcutt is originally from Salina, Kansas. She received her bachelor's degree from Bethany College and her master's degree in organizational leadership from Baker University.

Northcutt's career includes extensive experience in community management. She is heading back to Lindsborg after serving as the Senior Director of Community Relations for Anthem, Arizona. Anthem is a community of 29,000 residents north of Phoenix.

A full press release can be found on the City of Lindsborg Government Facebook page.



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CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register the pups!

Don't forget to renew or register for a dog license. 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.

Sewer Rate Calculations

Just a reminder about how residential sewer bills are calculated in the upcoming months. Residential sewer charges are calculated every winter based on the consumption during "dead" months of the previous winter. This charge is then static for 12 months. Those winter months used for calculation are November, December, January, and February. If you have any questions, please call Robin at City Hall.

Private Pool Party and Park Shelter Reservation Information

Private pool party bookings and Park Shelter reservations begin February 1, 2022. Call City Hall (785) 227-3355 for reservations.

When a pool party reservation is made, the \$200.00 balance is due at that time. If the city pool staff has to cancel due to weather or unforeseen circumstances; you will receive a complete refund.

If the reserving party cancels within 48 hours of the event, there will not be a refund given. If the reserving party cancels outside of 48 hours, all but a \$25.00 administrative fee will be refunded. All payments and reservations should be handled at City Hall.

TIME TO HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY!

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. Partial funding is still available 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. For more information on what funding is available, fill out an application or email Lucas Neece at lucasn@lindsborgcity.org

The application can be found at: <https://www.lindsborgcity.org/NeighborhoodPartyGrantInformation>

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VISIT LINDSBORG

Recently, I found myself reflecting on our family's move to Lindsborg, on a Hyllningsfest weekend, having NO clue what was going on and how difficult it would be to move into a Main Street home on Saturday. We still laugh about it. We have picnicked on Coronado Heights and explored the constellations from the same place while snacking on powdered sugar donuts and milk. We have hopped on our bicycles and explored every inch of both the Välkommen and Meadowlark Trail and have rented quadricycles from the Hemslojd for special occasions as our children begged for these memorable rides. We attended festivals as festival goers and graduated to festival worker, making moments that would be memorable for others. And, we now have the privilege of making many of these memories, ones that include so much of the rich Lindsborg heritage, with our grandchildren. It is truly magical.

As we wind down from yet another successful Svensk Hyllningsfest, and bound towards a busy holiday season, CVB staff encourages each of you to remember your Lindsborg story. In the CVB office, we frequently hear the stories of longing for Lindsborg and the many memories individuals have made here. Trips to grandparents' homes, staycations, family weddings, summer outings, Bethany College days, searching for Dalas, standing in the Höglund dugout, searching for records of ancestors...the list goes on and on. Take the time to remember the people, places, events, and experiences that have caused you to fall in love with this sweet place we call "home."

At the CVB office, we never tire of seeing the spark in the eyes of those experiencing the lighting of the Lucia candles for the first time, families taking pictures on the back of Big Red (did he even have a name before the pandemic?) at the Hemslojd, friendly interactions with local shop owners, children spending their allowance on their newly-found treasure at Trollslända, individuals sharing their amazement at finding beauty in the vibrant strokes of a Sandzen landscape, the intricacy of Raymer stars, or the belts of the Old Mill turning again.

We invite you to join us in making more of this same magic for others this holiday season.



Fraud and Senior Citizens

Law enforcement experience has shown senior citizens are the most common target of financial scams and fraud. According to Investor Protection Trust, one in five Americans over the age of 65 have been financially scammed. There are numerous reasons why seniors are commonly targeted by scam artists. They are most likely to have a significant amount of money in the bank, own their own home and/or have excellent credit – all of which make them attractive targets to con artists. They are also generally more trusting of others and less likely to report fraud because they don't know who to report it to, are too embarrassed at having been scammed, or don't know they have been scammed.

Common scams used to target seniors can include everything from phone or email scams to the involuntary transfer of property or financial assets to known caregivers. According to the FBI, they estimate seniors lose more than \$3 billion each year due to scams and frauds.

Here are some of the current scams being used:

- **Government imposter scams** – Scammers call unsuspecting victims and pretend to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration, or Medicare. They may claim you have unpaid taxes or threaten arrest or deportation if you don't pay immediately, or your Social Security or Medicare benefits are in danger of being cut off if you don't provide personal identifying information.
- **Medicare/Health Insurance scams** – Every citizen or permanent resident over the age of 65 qualifies for Medicare, so there is rarely any need for a scam artist to research what private health insurance company older people have to scam them out of some money. Perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information or they will offer bogus services for elderly people at makeshift mobile clinics, then bill Medicare and pocket the money.
- **Sweepstakes & lottery scams** – This simple scam is one that many are likely familiar with. Scammers inform their victim that they have won the lottery or sweepstakes of some kind and need to make some sort of payment to unlock the supposed prize. Seniors may be sent a check and asked to deposit it into their account. While the check is making its way through the banking system, scammers will ask you to send them money from the cashed check to pay for supposed fees or taxes on the prize, which they pocket while the victim has the "prize money" removed from their account when the check bounces.
- **Grandparent scam** – It's very simple and devious because it uses an older adult's most reliable asset, their heart. Scammers will place a call to an older person and say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma/Grandpa, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity without having done any background research. Once "in" the fake grandchild will ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (overdue rent, car repairs, jail bond, etc.) and will beg the grandparent not to tell anyone. Often, the scammers will ask to be paid via gift cards or money transfers, which don't usually require identification to collect, and the senior will likely never see the money again.

While senior citizens are targeted more often than most other groups, anyone of any age can fall victim to scammers and con artists. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to talk about it with someone you trust. You are not alone and there are people who can help. Doing nothing can only make it worse. Please follow some simple suggestions listed below to help protect yourself:

- **Don't give personal or financial information to unknown callers and don't provide such information to unsolicited email or internet messages.**
- **Never pay money to win a prize or enter a sweepstakes.**
- **Attempt to contact the sender using previously authenticated methods, such as their verified phone number, verified email or business addresses, or secure internet sites that start with "https" or have a "lock symbol."**

If you realize that you have been the victim of a scam or fraud, contact the Lindsborg Police Department immediately.

Sources: NCPCC, NCOA, Scambusters.org

Alma Swensson Memorial Garden Begins Construction



The Alma Swensson Memorial Garden construction has recently begun in the center of Swensson Park. The center of the garden is where the larger-than-life-size sculpture of Alma Swensson is located. Local artist Michaela Groeblacher created the sculpture. A metal arbor has also been installed to the south of the sculpture. Large boulders fill out the rest of the garden space. The boulders were locally sourced and speak to the history of Swensson Park. Swensson Park has several structures



made from very similar stones. The structures include the old water fountain north of the

garden, the bandshell, the gazebo in the southwest corner, and the gateway south of the park. The gateway is important to the garden because the arbor and sculpture are in line with it. The boulders sit where planting beds are planned to be installed in the future. The rest of the planting beds are going to be finished next year.



Tips to winterizing your trees!



Protect

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

Water

Water your trees. Even during the cool winter months trees still need water. The dry Fall this year has stressed trees and as they go into dormancy water becomes vital. A proper amount of water is needed for a healthy growing season next year.

Prune

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

Fertilize

Fertilizing your trees in the late Fall is an excellent time. The absorbed nutrients are stored in the tree and are available for new growth in the spring. It is recommended that fertilizer be applied after the leaves drop. This prevents new growth if there are warm periods during the late Fall and Winter.



Community Development Update

Quarter in Review - The Community Development Department had a busy and exciting three months managing the routine and strategic responsibilities of the department while also transitioning responsibilities from Gary Shogren to Jordan Jerkovich. The responsibilities of the department include planning and zoning, strategic housing development, mapping, permitting and inspections, code enforcement, and floodplain management. With such a wide area of oversight, the department had a lot of work to do to adequately transition responsibilities while maintaining regular services and functions. Fortunately, a seven-week overlap period between Gary and Jordan proved to be the right amount of time for a successful handover. Two highlights from the last quarter include:

1. Developing knowledge, connections, and resources. As a learning-oriented department, Community Development has been busy developing knowledge, connections, and resources to facilitate the goals outlined in the strategic and comprehensive plans. This has included attending and participating in multiple housing, economic, and local government conferences, as well as community outreach and desk research. The department will continue to seek learning opportunities that can help facilitate development and prosperity within the community.

2. Alma Lind Swensson Memorial Garden. The memorial garden, located at Swensson Park, progressed rapidly over the last three months. The statue, arbor, and features of the garden were all installed on site. The dedication event, which took place during Hyllningsfest, was well attended and received with supporters from around the country in attendance. Funding, in the form of private donations and grant awards, has moved the project very close to full funding. More information about the memorial garden can be found in the Parks section of the newsletter.

Looking Ahead - The Community Development Department has ambitious goals for the next quarter. Two of these goals include:

1. Completing a draft Strategic Housing Development Plan. The availability of affordable and quality housing continues to be a major challenge for the development and growth of Lindsborg and the community. A Strategic Housing Development Plan will involve multiple stakeholders and look at all aspects of housing development, including the systems, definitions of success, strategic guidelines, actions, and tools, partners, and resources necessary to create a thriving housing ecosystem for owners, renters, and developers.

2. Modernizing the permitting process to increase efficiency, transparency and effectiveness for citizens, contractors, and staff. The department is seeking to modernize the permitting process by introducing a single online permit application with clear instructions and tracking to keep citizens and contractors updated throughout the process. This will decrease the amount of time spent applying for and processing permits, helping citizens and contractors get to work faster while increasing working efficiency within the Community Development Department. Upgrades for this process have been made available on the Community Development page on the City of Lindsborg website. <https://www.lindsborgcity.org/departments/CommunityDevelopment> Improvements include:

Permit quiz – this allows anyone to determine if they need a permit. It takes less than a minute to complete and will direct them to one of three outcomes (i.e. you don't need a permit!; You need a permit and here is the application form; Not sure, ask community development and here is how)

Permit application – this allows anyone to fill out a permit online. It takes less than 6 minutes to complete and uses logic to eliminate duplicate entries.

Question widget – this allows anyone to ask a question at any time using video, audio, or text. Jordan can then reply to your email with video, audio, or text. It's asynchronous communication that anyone can do from anywhere at any time. If you are too busy, tired or caught up in Netflix to make it to City Hall, you can just ask online and Jordan will answer with a video!

A visual graphic from the website is located on page 7.

Community Development

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Community Development

Home > Departments > Community Development




Do I Need a Permit?

Take the quiz!

⌚ Takes 1 min

Start

About Community Development
Department information and primary functions.

Need a permit?

Fill out an application!

⌚ Takes 6 min

Start



A visual graphic of the information located on the Community Development webpage on moderizing the permitting process.

Stockholm Estates Update

Stockholm Estates is off to a great start. After a short infrastructure delay during Covid in 2020, (in part due to state offices being closed and in part due to supply shortages), we were able to start selling lots in 2021 as planned. Our business model was set up to sustain itself on 5 lots being sold per year (10 year sell out), though we hoped to sell 10 lots per year (5 year sell out). In our first 9 months of 2021, we sold 20 lots. This is especially exciting as many experts in real estate told us that it would take 2 to 3 years before we saw any significant volume in lot sales. We still expect to see an increase in demand once completed homes are occupied, but could not be happier with the way it has started. The sooner homes get built, the sooner we can move on to Phase 2, which is now planned to be about 80 lots.

Stockholm Estates happened because of the effort made by the City of Lindsborg. We first met with Gary Shogren, and he was accommodating and excited to help. As we met with more people in the process, each one was positive and excited to help. Greg DuMars, Becky Anderson, the Council, and everyone else helped move the process along. In many towns, the process loses steam because the city creates more roadblocks than they do solutions. This is why Lindsborg has over 20 new homes currently being built and so many cities nearby are still just talking about housing needs.

-- From Derek Lee, Developer, Stockholm Estates

STOCKHOLM ESTATES

NOW BUILDING HOMES!



Call Mari Loder 785-452-5314 stockholmstates@gmail.com

Reminder on Snow Removal Policies



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

When does the city begin clearing snow?

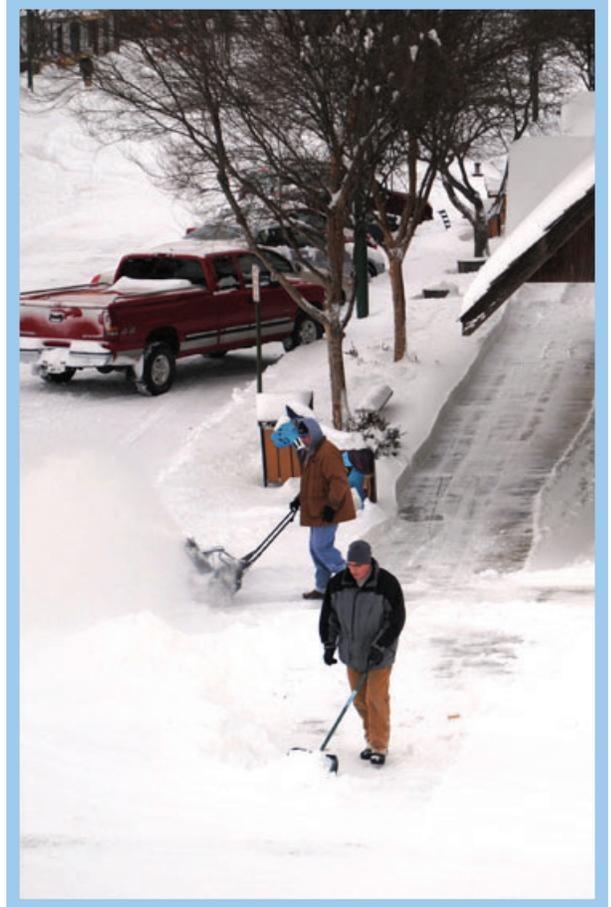
- If the correct conditions are met with the forecast, city crews will be out pretreating the streets with brine solution before the snow falls.
- If the forecast for snow is two inches or less, no plowing will be done. If necessary, sanding will begin when the snow has finished.
- If the forecast for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

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

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

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

- Hospital
- Downtown
- High School Area (depending on the time of day it snows)
- Bethany Home
- Grade School (depending on the time of day it snows)
- Bethany College
- Then all remaining north and south streets
- Then all remaining east and west streets





Downtown Snow removal is required within 12 hours of the end of the event.

- When cleaning snow from sidewalks, 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 only if the sidewalks are cleared prior to the downtown area being bladed.
- Following a heavy snow, crews will only blade the downtown area one time so that we can concentrate on the residential areas.
- Downtown area snow will be bladed to the center of the street. Removal depends on traffic conditions. Light traffic will allow us 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.

Removal of snow for residential sidewalks:

- City code requires any owner and/or the occupant of any lots abutting upon any sidewalks to remove any accumulated snow or ice within 12 hours from the time the event ends. If the event ends during the nighttime, removal must be made within 12 hours after sunrise on the following day.

City crews make plans on how to handle snow events based on forecasts. We are all aware of how hit and miss a weather forecast can be. It seems like there are times that significant snow is forecast, and we receive little to none. There are other times when a dusting is called for and we receive 4 inches. Crews do their best to prepare for what is forecast and looks most likely, but in the end, they must simply react to what mother nature delivers.



PICKLEBALL IS HERE!

As most of you know, the Recreation Department applied for and was awarded grants to resurface the tennis courts at Riverside Park into four brand new pickleball courts. The update has really brightened up the park and brought new excitement to the area.

Don't know what pickleball is? Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. It can be played indoors or outdoors on a badminton sized court (20 ft x 44 ft) and a slightly modified tennis net. It is played with paddles and a plastic ball with holes, can be played by singles or doubles, and can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels.

Rules of Pickleball:

The Pickleball Serve:

1. Serves are made diagonally, starting on the right-hand service square and alternating each serve. The ball must clear the non-volley zone, including the line. A serve that hits the non-volley zone line is considered out.
2. The serve must clear the seven-foot non-volley zone in front of the net and land in the diagonal service court.
3. Serves should always be done underhand with the paddle below the waist, and the server must keep both feet behind the back line when serving.
4. The server is not allowed to bounce the ball and hit it off the bounce.
5. At the start of each new game, the 1st serving team is allowed only one fault before giving up the ball to the opponents.
6. When the receiving team wins the serve, the player in the right-hand court will always start play.

Volleys

1. A volley means to hit a ball in the air without first letting it bounce. This can only be done when the player's feet are behind the non-volley zone line. It is a fault if the player steps over the line on his volley follow-through.

Double Bounce Rule

1. Each team must play their first shot off of the bounce. That is, the receiving team must let the serve bounce and the serving team must let the return of the serve bounce before playing it. Once these two bounces have occurred, the ball can either be volleyed or played off the bounce.

Fault

A Fault is committed when the ball:

1. touches any part of the non-volley zone on the serve (including the line)
2. is hit out of bounds
3. Does not clear the net
4. is volleyed from the non-volley zone
5. is volleyed before a bounce has occurred on each side.

Scoring

1. A team shall score a point only when serving. A player who is serving shall continue to do so until a fault is made by his/her team. If playing doubles, each player on a team shall keep serving until their team makes a fault, then the serve moves to the opposing team – this is called a Side-Out. The game is played to 11 points; however, a team must win by 2 points.



What does this mean for Lindsborg Recreation? Our hope is for community members of all ages to come and enjoy this new exercising space. We plan to start lessons in the spring, for those wanting to learn, camps will be held in the summer, and staff hopes to be able to start a local league in 2022. Staff is very excited for the possibilities and opportunities this provides.

Equipment Needs? You are able to purchase pickleball paddles and balls locally or regionally to always have your own on hand. City Hall does have sets of 4 paddles with 6 balls available to rent for 24 hours – 48 hours. Call (785) 227-3355 to reserve and begin your exercise now!

Recreation Department offered Volleyball and Flag Football for 2021 Fall Sports!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Council Meetings - December 6 & 20, January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21
- City Offices Closed - November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving
- Board of Zoning Appeals - November 29
- Planning & Zoning - November 30
- Small Business Saturday - November 27
- Snowflake Parade - December 4
- Artists' Studio Open House - December 4
- St. Lucia Festival - December 11
- Cookies with Claus - December 18
- City Offices Closed - December 24 & 27 for Christmas
- City Offices Closed - December 31, 2021 for New Year's Day (NYD is on a Saturday)
- City View Newsletter – Issue 60 (Feb. 2022)
- 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)