



LINDSBORG REVIEW

From Mayor Clark Shultz

Founded in 1869 by Swedish immigrants, Lindsborg is a wonderful place to live and work. Your local government is here to serve you, and we are happy to report that for the second year in a row, we passed a budget that did not require a property tax increase. We are dedicated to making our city not only fun, but also affordable. I'm reminded every day that we have it all. Great homes, churches, and wonderful people. This is combined with great childcare, top notch public schools, our fantastic Bethany College, the 1898 Smoky Valley Roller Mill, and the world class Birger Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery. Add to that, excellent restaurants, incredibly fun shops, and one-of-a-kind experiences like the Millfest, Midsummers Day, and the absolutely wonderful Svensk Hyllningsfest. We have dedicated city staff that make sure our parks are clean and safe, our water and electricity turn on, and that our streets are kept in good condition. It's no wonder that the population of our city grew by about nine and a half percent over ten years, outpacing the national growth rate. Lindsborg is the place to be! It is my hope that this year you will get out and enjoy your town and what we have to offer. Hopefully you will invite your friends and relatives to come join us. Thanks for being a member of our community and let us know if you have ideas to make our town even better.



From Tanner Faust, City Administrator

It is with great pleasure that we present this annual review, providing a high-level overview of what we, as a community, have accomplished together. Adopting a revenue neutral budget two years in a row is not achievable without the creativity, flexibility, and sacrifice of our staff. In September, the City issued a request for proposals for a ground lease that allows for the hauling and land application of sludge from the wastewater treatment plant. This agreement is projected to save the City more than \$100,000 annually compared to previously explored contract hauling options. Additionally, our administrative staff refined utility shut-off procedures and updated the special event request process, improving efficiency and clarity for residents and event organizers alike. Lindsborg entered into an agreement with Municode to update the online municipal code—last revised online in 2017—enhancing transparency and streamlining access to City services. Staff began the process of applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the Kansas Department of Commerce, with the goal of supporting housing rehabilitation within our community. If awarded, \$300,000 in housing rehabilitation grants will be given out to eligible applicants. Looking ahead to 2026, we will continue important discussions and planning efforts related to flood control, land development, and the K-4 grade separation project. These accomplishments—and many more—would not be possible without the continued support of our community. I am proud to serve Lindsborg and look forward to celebrating these successes together.





PARKS

DEPARTMENT

2026 DOWNTOWN TREE POLICY UPDATE

In late 2025, two downtown trees were removed and replaced with new plantings. Two additional trees will be evaluated for potential removal in 2026, most likely in the fall.

The Parks Department will continue monitoring sidewalk conditions, tree grates, and nearby electrical box issues to ensure safety and long-term infrastructure health.

SCENTRAL BARK EXPANSION

Thanks to a generous donor, an expansion of the Scentral Bark Dog Park was funded and initiated. This project includes a new 150-foot by 50-foot enclosure, an oak shade tree, a pergola, and two benches. Construction is scheduled for completion in early 2026.



SWENSSON PARK ARCHWAY & SIGNAGE

A donation and collaboration with the Kiwanis Club led to the creation of a new park entry feature on the south end of Swensson Park along Swensson Street. This project repurposed existing native stone pillars from earlier park infrastructure. A new steel Swensson Park sign and archway were installed to match the design of the Alma Swensson Memorial Garden. Landscaping was added as part of this project, laying the groundwork for future park improvements.

SWENSSON PARK SIDEWALKS

The Parks Department was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the McPherson County Community Foundation to complete sidewalk improvements at Swensson Park. This funding allowed for the installation of new sidewalk sections connecting several key features within the park. The Main Street sidewalk was connected to Jarnkors Plaza, Viking Valley Playground, and the Alma Swensson Memorial Garden, providing safe and ADA-accessible pedestrian travel throughout the park. In addition, several sidewalk panels were ground down to eliminate trip hazards, while others were replaced as needed.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT

K-4 Overpass Project

Lindsborg's K-4 Overpass Project was selected by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), as one of the projects chosen that will receive funding to complete. These projects will go into the construction pipeline of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE Program). Lindsborg's overpass project is estimated at \$11 million dollars to complete which will come from KDOT funding. The overpass will be removed and K-4 will be realigned with Bethany Drive, creating a consistent flow of travel. Construction is slated to take place in fiscal year 2029.

Bike Share Program

In 2023, the City of Lindsborg enrolled in the KanCycle Bike Share program provided by OCCK in Salina, KS, joining nine other communities. The Bike Share program provides an opportunity for visitors and locals alike to travel the Valkommen Trail or simply cruise around town. Lindsborg remains at the top of the program with most amount of rides, beating the next city by 200 rides.

Simply follow these steps and you too can be off and riding:

1. Download the Movatic app.
2. Create a profile and add your financial information. The cost per ride is \$1.50/hour. Monthly and yearly memberships are also available.
3. Find a bike station, follow the prompted information from the Movatic app and unlock a bike.
4. The journey begins. Once you complete your ride, simply return to one of the bike racks. There are three locations: **Bethany College, City Hall, Fredrickson Family Fitness Park.**
5. Follow the information on the app to make sure you have successfully returned the bike to end the session.



Lindsborg hosted the KDOT event to announce new projects in the IKE Pipeline

New Business Updates:

The Sale BARn - established 2025

So-Sweetish - established 2025

Indigo Moo'd - location change to 118 S Main St.

The Tea Cup - established 2026

The Valley Nutrition - coming soon

Rides per Month in 2025					
Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
14	22	115	46	71	34
Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
40	80	91	125	86	32



RECREATION

DEPARTMENT

Important dates for 2026

Lindsborg Swimming Pool

Private pool party reservations will be accepted online starting Monday, February 2nd. \$200 for a 6pm-8pm party (available Friday-Sunday during the season)

- Must reserve online through your Recreation Account
- Once logged in, click the yellow "Facility Reservation" button and fill out the required information

The tentative opening date of the pool is Sunday, May 31.

Lindsborg Golf Course

Opening date is Monday, April 6. Current members should have received an email in mid-February to renew their membership for the 2026 season.

If you are not a current member, but you would like more information, contact Recreation Director Lauren Doak at recdirector@lindsborgcity.org or by calling City Hall at 785-227-3355.

Community Egg Hunt

Riverside Park
Saturday, April 4th 2-4pm

Youth Soccer

Registration began mid-February. Practices and games will be in March & April.

Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date Recreation or Golf related information!







CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

DEPARTMENT



The Lindsborg CVB supported the Svensk Hyllningsfest Committee by assisting with planning for the Swedish Ambassador's visit. Urban Ahlin spent a little more than 24 hours in Lindsborg, packed with appointments and opportunities to share about Sweden and learn more about Lindsborg. A favorite stop for the day was the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery where the Ambassador made connections between Sandzen and places he knew in Sweden.

Management of the Sundstrom Conference Center comes under the oversight of the Lindsborg CVB. Lisa Johnson continues to be the Sundstrom manager. 130 total events were hosted. This was the highest number of events since the Sundstrom opened in 2013, with a 47.7% increase in use over 2024. This total includes city sponsored, non-paying events, such as pickleball, association meetings, board meetings, and more. There were 5,922 guests in 2025. This 49.5% increase over 2024 equated in the highest post-Covid attendance in a calendar year.

The 2025 recipient of the Governor's Tourism Award was awarded to Lindsborg CVB Director, Holly Lofton. Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland presented this award during the 2025 Kansas Tourism Conference. This award is presented to an individual or organization that demonstrates cooperation, quality, sustainability, and accountability in their support of the overall growth of tourism in Kansas.

The 2025 Lindsborg Convention & Visitors Bureau's Annual Report highlights CVB marketing efforts, public engagement, and meaningful projects. The Annual Report can be found by going to: www.visitlindsborg.com/annual_reports

As we close out 2025, we are celebrating yet another year of record-breaking transient guest tax, successful tourism programs, and continued growth in volume of information requested from the Visit Lindsborg office. Lindsborg continues to realize tourism as a successful economic driver that positively impacts our small business community and the growth of the community in general. This year, articles featuring Lindsborg could be found in places such as USA Today, Midwest Living, Kansas Magazine, and more. The Visit Lindsborg website saw more than 41,000 unique users in 2025 logging in for more than 104,000 sessions, clicking on 265,000+ pages.

CVB staff used social media to reach new audiences and reached new interaction records with a 354.703% increase in post views in 2025. Comparatively, the Visit Lindsborg Facebook page has significantly more page likes and engagement per capita than many communities across the state, to include those of a much larger size. The CVB will continue to focus in 2026 on growing younger audience engagements across social media platforms.



The Lindsborg CVB was awarded a David J. Nutt Grant in the amount of \$6,000, in late 2024, to assist with funding the new Chalk the Välk event that took place in conjunction with the 2025 Messiah Festival of the Arts. 69 artists participated in this new event that was the result of a working partnership between the City of Lindsborg, Bethany College, and the Lindsborg CVB.

The Lindsborg CVB supported application efforts for Lindsborg entities that qualified for the Sunflower Summer admission reimbursement program. Five Lindsborg entities participated in this program, educating families across Kansas about Kansas history, art, theatre, science, nature, parks, and more. Results of this program in Lindsborg were: Tickets Sold: 1,255 Total Reimbursements Issued: \$12,685 Top benefits from this program went to Broadway RFD and the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum.



PUBLIC SAFETY

DEPARTMENT

The past year marked a significant period of transition, rebuilding, and strategic investment for the Public Safety Department. Across Police, Fire, and EMS, the department experienced leadership changes, retirements, and meaningful improvements in equipment and systems that will strengthen service delivery moving forward.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department underwent notable leadership and staffing changes in 2025. After being named Interim Police Chief and Public Safety Director in December 2024, the position was made permanent with the appointment of Terry Reed as Police Chief and Public Safety Director in April 2025. This transition provided continuity and stability during a challenging staffing period.

RECRUITMENT

Despite ongoing recruitment challenges, the department has made important progress. Officer AJ Elmer was hired in May 2025 and was promoted to Sergeant in December 2025 in recognition of performance and leadership. Officer Trevor Mosher was hired in November 2025. Officer Carson Garceau was hired to be the School Resource Officer (SRO) in December 2025. Three additional part-time officers Jason Achilles, Carrington Orr, and Jordan Baxter were added, bringing the total number of part-time officers to five.

RECORD MANAGEMENT

Work began on transitioning the Record Management System (RMS) and the current mobile system to Tyler Technologies. This upgrade will include: mobile access in patrol vehicles, digital ticketing capabilities, digital evidence room management.

These improvements will increase efficiency, accuracy, and accountability while reducing administrative burden on officers.

In addition to staffing and technology improvements, the Police Department has taken an important step toward long term recruitment and retention. As the department closed out 2025, it transitioned sworn officers from KPERS to the Kansas Police & Fire Retirement System (KP&F). This change aligns the department with other law enforcement agencies across the state and strengthens benefits for officers, supporting both current personnel and future hiring efforts.

These changes reflect a continued commitment to supporting public safety personnel while modernizing operations and positioning the department for long-term stability and growth.

Fire Department

The Fire Department also experienced both transition and growth in 2025. Two long-serving firefighters, Delwin Koons and Jay Jensen, retired, marking the end of dedicated careers in public service.

To maintain staffing levels and prepare for future needs, the department welcomed three new firefighters: Alex Osmun, Aiden Ewing, and Logan McNett.

Operational enhancements were also made to improve safety and communication. The department added wireless headsets to fire apparatus, allowing operators to communicate clearly with each other and with dispatch during emergency responses.

In preparation for the arrival of a new fire truck scheduled for 2026, the department proactively purchased new fire hose, ensuring readiness once the apparatus arrives and can be placed into service.

EMS (AMR)

EMS leadership transitioned mid-year when Stacey Jordan stepped down as EMS Director in June 2025 to pursue a career in nursing. Janice Boland assumed the role of EMS Director, providing continued leadership and oversight for emergency medical services through AMR.

Lindsborg EMS also made a significant equipment upgrade with the addition of a Stryker EZ-Load system to one of the ambulances. This system enhances patient and provider safety by allowing for safer, more efficient loading of patients into the ambulance.



LOOKING AHEAD

While 2025 presented challenges related to staffing, and leadership transitions, it was also a year of meaningful progress. Investments in personnel, technology, and equipment across all divisions position the Public Safety Department for continued improvement and enhanced service delivery in the year ahead.



PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT

WATER/WASTEWATER

The Water/Wastewater Department overcame several challenges and achieved key improvements. At the chlorine building, failing ejector valves caused damage to the gas chlorinator system. The team managed to maintain safe chlorine levels for over a month by piecing together old parts while awaiting replacements.



Numerous leaks were repaired, and new water services installed, aided by a new punch machine and locating tool for improved efficiency. The department also installed and plumbed a new pool filter and pumps, added a new scale at the chlorine building, and worked through issues with the new spiral screen at the wastewater treatment plant.



Progress on meter change-outs and upgrades to Nighthawks were delayed due to defective parts. Routine tasks such as hydrant flushing and valve exercising were completed. Finally, the valve vault bladder was inspected and serviced, and the solenoid valve replaced, ensuring continued reliability of the system.



ELECTRIC

The Electric Department made substantial progress in modernization and upkeep. A complete transformer inventory was conducted, creating a database with details such as company number, size, serial number, and location. Additionally, all three-phase poles with improper phase rolls were identified, marked with placards, and mapped for future reference.

The North Substation was cleared of old materials, its fence removed, and grass planted to improve the site. Meanwhile, the Union Substation was finalized with inspections, oil containment, lighting, and breaker adjustments.

The Sundstrom lighting project replaced failed lights with LEDs, including security and exit lighting, which saved labor costs for the facility. Two interns were trained during the year, gaining valuable experience while assisting with labor tasks. Maintenance remained a top priority, with numerous service and transformer rebuilds completed across both old and new systems.



STREETS

The Street Department focused on improving and maintaining city streets. Streets were chip sealed to ensure durability, and major storm sewer drainpipe damage was repaired at First and Union as well as First and Olsson.

The team also managed significant snow removal during major storms, keeping roads clear and safe. Routine maintenance was performed including repairing streets with crack seal and mastic seal, as well as replacing curbs and gutters on several streets.

Beyond roadwork, the department composted grass clippings and burning tree branches at the boneyard. They also provided setup and removal of bleachers, barricades, and picnic tables for Hyllningsfest. Seasonal tasks included sweeping and hauling leaves in the fall, painting crosswalks, curbs, and parking stalls, and replacing street signs and posts as needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
Friday, July 3: Independence Day
Monday, September 7: Labor Day
Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day
November 26-27: Thanksgiving
December 24-25: Christmas

Important Utility Notification for Lindsborg Residents

To ensure you receive timely assistance, please use the following contact method for after-hours, weekend, or holiday utility issues: **785-227-3469**
Additionally, if the City becomes aware of a power outage or other significant utility disruption, updates will be posted on the City's official Facebook page:

City of Lindsborg Government

We encourage residents to follow the page to stay informed during service interruptions.

2026 EVENTS

Våffledagen (International Waffle Day) – Saturday, March 21, 2026

Messiah Festival of the Arts - March 27 & March 29, 2026

Jazzwalk – Friday, April 10, 2026

Chalk the Valk – Saturday, April 11, 2026

Lindsborg in Bloom – Saturday, April 25, 2026

Millfest – Saturday, May 2, 2026

Midsummer's Festival – Saturday, June 20, 2026

Old Fashioned Fourth - Saturday, July 4, 2026

Broadway RFD – July 17-18 & July 24-25, 2026

Coronado Heights Run – Saturday, October 24, 2026

St. Lucia Festival – Saturday, December 12, 2026



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