



# the Lindsborg City View

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## STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2020

At the April 2, 2018 City Council meeting, the governing body voted to approve the proposed Strategic Plan for 2018-2020. The Plan was developed based on data gathered from the citizen survey in the fourth quarter of 2017. After a facilitated City Council retreat was held in February of 2018, the Plan was formed.



Strategic Plan 2018-2020  
City of Lindsborg, Kansas



### COMMUNICATION -- n.

- 1.) the act or process of communicating; fact of being communicated.
- 2.) the imparting or interchange of thoughts, opinions, or information by speech, writing, or signs.
- 3.) something imparted, interchanged, or transmitted.

extended definitions at dictionary.com

The Mayor and City Council established four strategic directions to guide City government's decision making and actions over the next three years. For each broad direction, this plan identifies key strategies to advance progress and a description of success.

## Strategic Directions for the Future

### 1. Facilitate community dialogue and decision making for a new community-owned recreation/wellness activity center.

- A. Convene representatives of community organizations including City government, school district, healthcare and the college, and tourism and business interests, and facilitate conversation about the need and support for a single, multi-functional, and community-owned recreation/wellness activity center.
- B. Join forces with community ad hoc task force to develop a concept, location, plan, and next steps toward creation of a community-owned recreation center.
- C. Develop community consensus regarding creation of a recreation district.
- D. As a plan advances, determine the role and contributions of City resources toward construction and operation of a community-owned recreation center.

Key Success Measures: Decision on recreation/wellness activity center regarding offerings, feasibility, location, ownership and management structure. Establishment of recreation district.

### 2. Create policies that advance community vitality and long-term growth.

- A. Update formal plan for utilities, infrastructure, and floodplain management for new residential subdivision.
- B. Evaluate the use of community growth tools and authority for advancing a new residential development.
- C. Define and approve incentives for attracting a new private housing developer.
- D. Expand communication and collaboration with the Planning and Zoning Board by convening an annual joint meeting with its members and the Mayor and City Council.
- E. Adaptive reuse of existing platted properties to their full value.
- F. Explore additional options for sister city relationships in Sweden.

Key Success Measures: New sub-division plans, groundbreaking for new households.



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### 3. Create new partnerships and avenues for the efficient and effective delivery of municipal services.

- Initiate sustained dialogue with other fire and emergency medical service entities within the county and later, with McPherson County government about possibilities and prospects for cooperation in service delivery.
- Expand the involvement of the Mayor and City Council in year-round state government advocacy.
- Organize an annual Lindsborg delegation to the Kansas statehouse during the legislative session.
- Engage in discussion with U.S.D. 400 about a broadband utility partnership.

Key Success Measures: New formal and informal partnerships for enhanced service delivery.

### 4. Match increase in demand for municipal services with expanded governing and administrative capacity.

- Promote opportunities to serve in City elective office and host an education forum for potential candidates before each municipal primary election.
- Create a new staff position responsible for economic development and assistant city administrator duties.
- Develop a succession plan for the City's key management positions.
- Adopt new technology applications to enhance citizen convenience, community engagement, and education related to City decision making and services.
- Create and recruit for a cross-functional, administrative position.
- Continue to invest in staff training and development.

Key Success Measures: competitive municipal elections, increased on-line services, enhanced business retention/development, high staff performance and employee satisfaction, and a workers compensation experience modification rate of 1.0 or less.

For further discussion on the Strategic Plan 2018-2020 please contact a member of City Council.



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## GARFIELD DRAINAGE PROJECT PROGRESS



Pouring the base



Earthwork in the channel



Pouring the walls



First deck pour

## City Communication

In 2017 The City of Lindsborg Councilmembers expressed interest in conducting more transparent City Council meetings. This directed City staff to explore options that would allow the meetings to reach a larger audience outside of the meeting room. One company in particular stood out among the rest that were reviewed. Boxcast submitted a strong presentation and provided exactly what the city was looking for when choosing a company to live stream meetings and events. The City Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at City Hall with meeting times subject to change depending on holiday schedules. The meetings are now streamed LIVE on Facebook and YouTube. Recently the Lindsborg Channel has been added to Boxcast apps such as Apple TV and Roku. This allows a larger audience to gain access to the meetings either by watching them LIVE or whenever it is convenient. Over the past year the Facebook Live stream has gained an average of over 547 views. These are just a few of the ways the City communicates with the public. We also publish the quarterly newsletter, post regularly on Facebook, and also publish information on the City of Lindsborg website. The website will be updated and revamped later this year. We invite everyone to stay up-to-date on current events within the City by viewing the Council meetings, visiting the City of Lindsborg Government Facebook page as well as our LindsborgCity YouTube Channel, [lindsborgcity.org](http://lindsborgcity.org) and on twitter @CityLindsborgKS.





# NEW YORK NEW YORK

In case you missed it, the Lindsborg Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to share with you a bit of our trip to New York City!



Staff spent three days sharing Lindsborg with editors and travel writers from Meredith publications, such as Midwest Living, Better Homes and Gardens, and Time. We feel like our travels will produce the connections that continue to ensure that Lindsborg is recognized in national publications. If you have questions about our trip, stop by the office or review the trip on Facebook. Just look for Visit Lindsborg!



*A marvelous morning at the Meredith Publications HQ!*

What great interactions we had with editors wanting to know more about Kansas tourism possibilities!

And, as you are planning your summer travels, don't hesitate to stop the CVB office, located at 104 E, Lincoln St., to pick up items to share with others along your travel route. We are happy to provide you with easy-to-pack postcards, photo cards or visitors guides that make sharing a bit about Lindsborg a breeze!



# SVHS PROM AT THE SUNDSTROM!



When scheduling prom in Kansas during the month of April one never knows what the weather will be like! In 2017 there was rain, 2018 brought rain and a few snowflakes! No matter what the weather conditions are on the outside, the Sundstrom Conference Center is always the right temperature for events such as prom! This year the conditions did not stop the brave, young men and women that attended the Smoky Valley Junior/Senior 2018 Prom festivities! The SCC staff looks forward to Prom 2019!



Photo courtesy of Smoky Valley After Prom FB page

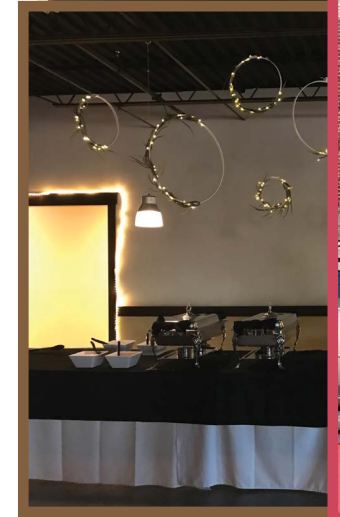


Photo courtesy of Smoky Valley After Prom FB page

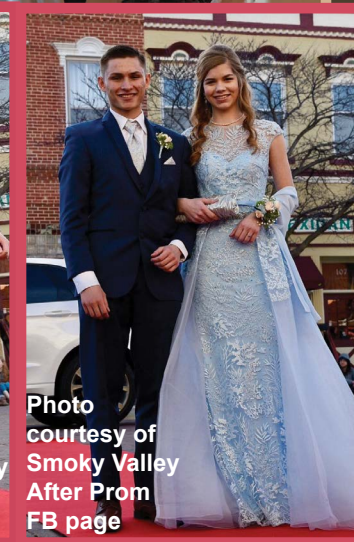


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		<b>Lindsborg</b> 101 S. Main Street, Lindsborg, KS 67456 Phone: (785) -22-7-3355 or Fax: (785) -22-7-3355		Control No # <b>LD-17-04-0011</b>	
<b>PERMIT APPLICATION</b> This is not a Permit for Construction		ALTERNATE CONTROL # 2017-9		PERMIT ISSUE DATE	
OWNER/APPLICANT City of Lindsborg Kansas/City of Lindsborg Kansas					
MAILING ADDRESS 101 S Main, Lindsborg, KS 67456 / 101 S Main, Lindsborg, KS 67456					
PROJECT ADDRESS 110 S 1, Lindsborg, KS 67456					
SUBDIVISION		RANGE		LOT #	
SECTION		TOWNSHIP		ACRES	
CONTRACTOR					
MAILING ADDRESS					
HOMEOWNER CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM LICENSURE: LSLBC Notarized affidavit required <b>No</b>					
PERMIT TYPE: Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial Residential					
PERMIT CATEGORY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction					
TRADE PERMIT: <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical					
COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY GROUP:					
Sprinkler Required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
TYPE					
PLAN REVIEW:					
Fire Marshal Project # _____ (NFPA 101 review)					
TOTAL SQ FT _____ LIVING SQ FT _____					
CONSTRUCTION COST \$ _____ REMODEL COST \$ 0.00					
TYPE OF FRAME: Structural Steel TYPE OF HEATING: TYPE OF COOLING:					
UTILITIES:					
TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY: TYPE OF SEWERAGE:					
APPROVAL # _____ TEMP _____ FINAL _____					
POWER COMPANY: _____ TEMP _____ FINAL _____					
<b>THIS IS NOT A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION</b>					
MANUFACTURED HOME INFORMATION:					
MH OWNER _____ MHPARK/LAND OWNER _____					
MAILING ADDRESS _____ LOT # _____ HUD # _____					
MAKE/MODEL _____ SERIAL # _____ MHC # _____					
FLOOD ZONE INFO:					
FIRM Panel # _____ Dated 1/1/0001 Flood Zone NR Base Flood Elevation _____					
Located in Floodway? No If yes, Engineered No Rise Certificate is Required No Rise Cert? No					
Structure to be placed in flood hazard area? No Fill to be placed on property? No					
If located in SFHA: Elevation Certificate: Construction Plans Under Construction Finished Construction					
Top of Bottom Floor _____ Lowest Adjacent Grade _____					
Comments:					
APPLICANT/AUTHORIZED AGENT SIGNATURE					
Total Fees: \$ 0.00					
Paid by:					
I, the undersigned fully understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in Act 12 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Session (La. R.S. 1730.21 et seq.), mandated January 1, 2007, local permitting and flood damage prevention ordinances, and all Parish & State Health regulations. The approval of this permit does not constitute an approval of any violation of any adopted construction codes, local, state, or federal laws.					
EXPIRATION: Permit is valid from date of issuance and shall become invalid if the work authorized is not started within 180 days of the issuance date. If the authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days, this Permit is void.					
All project work and previous inspections are subject to re-inspection at any given time by the inspector due to the continuation of work to verify all construction items remain in compliance.					
SIGNATURE: _____ Application date: 9/8/2017					
PROCESSED BY: Mark Manville					

# A Guide for Building Permits

Applications for building permits are processed at City Hall, 101 S. Main St., and fees are collected at that time. Most projects will require scaled drawings depending on their complexity. New construction will involve plan review and delay the issuance of a permit by about a week. An electronic copy of the plan will speed up the process. An appointment for a building permit application is not required, but recommended. Contact Gary Shogren 785-227-3355 at City Hall with any questions.

Homeowner or contractors can apply for permits. The types of projects requiring building permits are:

1. New residential housing
2. New commercial buildings
3. Additions or structural changes
4. Accessory buildings greater than 120 square feet
5. Decks
6. Electrical service changes
7. Fences (there is no charge for fence permits)
8. Swimming pools

The purpose of a building permit is twofold. The first reason is to ensure that building modifications comply with zoning restrictions of the community. Setback requirements, lot coverage and use limitations are some of the things that are reviewed when the application is initially processed. The second purpose is to ensure that the work is in compliance with all building codes and safety standards. The work will be reviewed by certified inspectors to ensure that professional standards are met. Both of these issues are critical to confirm that proper building standards are maintained for our homes and that the zoning and property tax records are kept up to date.

## Frequently Asked Questions-

### • Is a permit required to install/construct a deck?

If the walking surface of the deck is more than 30 inches above grade and/or will be covered, a building permit is required.

### • Is a permit required to put up a fence?

Yes, but there is no charge for a fence permit. The main purpose of a fence permit is to make sure that owners are aware of zoning regulations, such as placement near or on property lines, fence height limitations (6-1/2 feet), and front yard restrictions. Line of sight on corner lots is also a major concern.

### • Is a permit required to replace a roof?

No. Lindsborg does not require roofing permits, nor does it license roofing contractors performing work within the city limits. Always check references and look for an established company whose record and reputation you can check out.

### • Is a permit required to replace my water heater, furnace or air conditioner?

Not unless additional wiring to the panel or structural changes to walls or ceilings are required.

### • Are garden sheds subject to permitting?

A permit is required to build or install any detached storage structure larger than 120 square feet. Even if a permit is not required, the structure must still meet all building and zoning codes, including being tied down to prevent wind displacement, for example, carports.

### • Can a homeowner do work on his or her home?

If a person is the owner-occupant of a single family dwelling, he or she may do any work on that dwelling that would otherwise require a licensed or registered contractor. The owner-occupant is still required to obtain permits, inspections, and comply with the applicable codes.

# Keep Clippings Out of Streets

Blowing or sweeping grass clippings, fallen leaves, or other yard waste into the street or down the storm drain can cause flooding. Debris can clog the storm drain and back rain water into the street. Additionally, clippings and leaves that do make it into the storm channels eventually settle there, causing sedimentation and the slow but steady buildup of soil. Over time, less water is carried by the system, and more is backed up. This causes ponding, mosquito breeding, and more often in recent years, damage to property due to flooding. Clogged storm drains also cost taxpayers because the Lindsborg Public Works Department must spend time and money cleaning them out. These are tax dollars being spent on an avoidable problem, and not on more necessary items, like fixing potholes. Routine inspections and cleaning of storm drains are performed by city crews, but clogged storm drains can go undetected until it is too late and flooding has damaged property.

City ordinance prohibits streambed dumping, which specifically refers to all lawn debris, brush, fill and organic material. By streambeds, the law includes all streets, gutters, ditches, channels and basins that carry or collect storm water. Fines of not more than \$1,000 and/or jail time can be imposed upon violators. A separate violation occurs each separate day that an offense is committed.

So what should be done with grass clippings? Blow them back into the yard where they will decompose and fertilize naturally. Or rake and blow the clippings into a compost pile to decompose. This process is odorless and once complete, only fertilizer remains.

If you use a lawn maintenance company, please be sure they do not blow or dump yard waste into the streets. The debris eventually makes its way to storm drain inlets. The storm drains are designed to move large amounts of water away from streets, businesses, and neighborhoods – reducing the risk of flooding. Storm drains are not garbage disposals.





# Arbor Day! Tree City USA!



Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Becky Anderson, Mayor of the City of Lindsborg, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 as

## Arbor Day

In the City of Lindsborg, Kansas, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2018

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

The 2018 Arbor Day tree was planted in Swensson Park at the intersection of Main and Olsson Streets.



Courtesy photos - COL staff and Facebook posts



Members of the Tree Board attended the annual Tree City USA Recognition Day on March 29 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence. Lindsborg was recognized for their 33rd year in the program. Pictured here are Karmon Almquist, Warren Webster, Duane Fredrickson, Larry Biles, Kansas State Forester, Abner Vickrey, Keith Kandt and Bob Ash.

Every year the Smoky Valley High School students take part in a community-wide effort to clean up our city. Taking pride and offering help where it is needed within a community is one of the most rewarding tasks to accomplish. The City of Lindsborg wishes to thank all of the students and teachers who participated in this event this year!



# STAYING ACTIVE IN STAYING SAFE!

Sadly, recent national tragedies remind us that the risk is real; an active shooter incident can happen in any place at any time. To prepare for such an event it is important to mentally rehearse a number of things. First, if you see something suspicious, say something. Identify exits and good places to hide; learn and practice first aid skills and use of tourniquets. During an active shooter incident it must be about survival. The standard instruction is to choose between running, hiding or fighting. Weigh your options and be prepared. After an active shooter incident, it is important to help law enforcement, seek out medical help, help others survive if possible and seek psychological trauma counseling.

The Lindsborg Police Department is working with U.S.D. 400 in table top discussions and drills to prepare for an active shooter incident. The Police Department will also be working with Bethany College in setting up exercises and drills. If a business, school or house of worship has a plan, familiarize yourself with it. Lindsborg Police Officer Terry Reed is a certified instructor in training for active shooter incidents and can be scheduled to assist in training.



An Active Shooter Drill was recently conducted at Smoky Valley High School. There were approximately 50 U.S.D. 400 staff members and 25 students who participated in the training.



Photo courtesy of Dan Carr



# NEW FACES HAVE JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department has four new employees who have started in 2018. With the addition of these individuals, all four of the Public Works Departments are 100% staffed. It has been several years since that has been the case. These new employees bring knowledge and experience to their respective fields.

Derrick Dusin began work as an electric lineman on March 21. Derrick is a graduate of Smoky Valley High School and has returned home after working in Fairbury, NE. for the last 2 1/2 years as a lineman with the Fairbury Electric Department.

Ed Tvrs started with the City as the Electric Department Superintendent on March 19. Ed brings 26 years of electric system experience working his way up the ladder to a superintendent role for much of the last decade. Ed most recently served as the Electric Superintendent for the City of Alliance, NE.

Doug O'Conner began work for the City on January 29 in the Water Department. Doug has a strong mechanical background and experience with electrical controls.

Billy J. Moon started work in the Street Department on January 2 of this year and brings years of experience working with concrete, driving trucks and operating and maintaining equipment.



From Left to Right- Derrick Dusin, Ed Tvrs, Doug O'Conner and Billy J. Moon

They are a welcome addition to Public Works and are helping to provide a well-balanced crew with youth and experience as we move forward. With the retirement of some key individuals over the last number of years, Public Works has been steadily rebuilding itself. Our goal is to continue to provide reliable utility services and maintaining our streets for the citizens of Lindsborg.



# SUMMER RECREATION JOIN THE FUN!



## Camp Dala Days

A fun four day camp that will keep your children busy and enjoying their summer! We will include outdoor and activity time, arts and crafts, field trips, pool trips, and much, much more! Camp shirt included! Explore, Educate, Enjoy!

Cost: \$65/child and \$50 for second child

Time: 8 AM — 4 PM for sessions 1, 2 & 3

Session 1: Ages: K — 3rd Grade:

June 4th — 7th

Session 2: Ages 4th — 8th Grade:

June 18th — 21st

Session 3: K — 8th Grade:

July 23rd — 26th

Bonus Session: 4 — 5 year old:

July 10th — 11th

Time: 9:00 — 12:00 AM Cost: \$15.00



## SAVE THE DATE!

MOTHER / SON EVENT  
AUGUST 4, 2018

More information to come!



In 2017 glow soccer was the game! What will Beth be kickin' up this year? Stay tuned!



## SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT!



Grab a team of 6 and enjoy the outdoor competition!

Must have at least 3 girls.

Prizes included!

Registration Deadline: July 6th

Ages: 16 and older

Cost: \$100.00 per team

Day: July 14th, 2018

Times and Location TBA

Visit the Lindsborg Golf Course this summer!

\*7 & 7 on Mondays! Play a round (18 holes) and get a cart for \$7 & green fees for \$7!

\*50% off green fees on Wednesdays! \*Excludes holidays.

1541 Svensk Road. [golf.lindsborg.com](http://golf.lindsborg.com) or [lindsborgcity.org](http://lindsborgcity.org)

Check out our new SUMMER BROCHURE located on the City website under Recreation Department. It is filled with lots of activities and information to fill up your 2018 summer calendar!







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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**City Council Meetings -- June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20**  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting -- June 19, August 21**  
**Midsummer Festival -- June 16 - Riverside Park/Downtown**  
**Old Fashioned 4th of July -- July 4**  
**Broadway RFD "Annie" -- July 20, & 21, 27, & 28**  
**Smoky Valley Classic Car Show -- August 4**  
**Bethany Home Annual Ice Cream Social -- August 12**  
**Lindsborg Annual Downtown Street Dance -- August 25**

**City View Newsletter -- Issue 47 (August)**  
**Recycling Center -- (Open 24/7) Be considerate please**

For more scheduled events please view the calendars at [www.visitlindsborg.com](http://www.visitlindsborg.com) and [www.lindsborgcity.org](http://www.lindsborgcity.org)

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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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)