



The Lindsborg City View

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Welcome to The Lindsborg City View

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Lindsborg City View*. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it informative. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide, you, the community with information regarding City of Lindsborg services, programs, projects and departments. The newsletter will be produced quarterly during the months of February, May, August

and November. Each issue will contain a feature article on either a City department, program or project. Inside the newsletter you will find department specific information that we believe you will find of interest and benefit. On the back page of the newsletter you will find upcoming events and contact information. Our desire is that this newsletter

serves as an avenue of information from the City of Lindsborg to you, the community member. If you have input on the newsletter or other issues, please feel free to contact us with your ideas or suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Magnusson &
Lindsborg City Council*

Hometown Neighbors as Heroes



Imagine being on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. This is what a dedicated group of 41 of your friends and neighbors do as volunteers on the Lindsborg Emergency Medical Service and the Lindsborg Volunteer Fire Department. The dedication of these men and women goes beyond responding to emergency situations.

The EMS volunteers must take a 16 week training course and then pass a test administered by the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services to become certified to serve as emergency medical technicians. Volunteer firefighters receive Firefighter I and Firefighter II training as part

of their service to the department. But the training does not stop with the completion of these courses. Both departments meet monthly for continuing education training.

Training exercises have been planned and executed in collaboration with the Smoky Valley School District, Bethany College and Lindsborg Community Hospital. These exercises have included many different scenarios from mock accidents, fires, school shootings and terrorist attacks. These collaborative exercises have allowed the administrations of the respective institution to fine tune their

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Needs & Space Review for City Building

Lindsborg City Council has hired an architectural firm to conduct a Needs and Space Analysis of City Hall. The architectural firm hired to perform the study is C.F. Abercrombie Architects of Russell, Kansas. The two primary goals of this study are to increase efficiencies of city administrative services and to provide quality services to the community. Please provide your input if you have a suggestion for an improvement to City Hall. It is asked that the suggestions be made either in writing

and mailed to The City of Lindsborg, P.O. Box 70, Lindsborg, Kansas 67456-0070, or by sending an email to:

lindsborg@lindsborgcity.org



“In every community there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it.”
Marianne Williamson

Vehicular Accidents on the Rise

Early records show an increase in 2007 vehicle accidents. Although most of these incidents have been due to ice and snow packed roads, it still is an issue of concern. The most common excuse heard by police after an accident is, “I never saw him.” Virtually all accidents involve inattention by one or both drivers. Inattention can be caused by daydreaming, distractions (cell phones),

sleepiness, fatigue and talking. Most collisions occur within a short distance from home. We tend to let our guard down because we are familiar with the areas that we drive to on a regular basis. Conscientiously and continuously analyze your surroundings. Concentrate on what you are doing and what others are doing. For most of us, driving is the most dangerous thing that

we will ever do, and it deserves our full attention.



Summer Job Opportunities

Parks & Recreation:

~Recreation Intern

Applications due March 16

Parks:

~Parks Assistant

Applications due March 16

Swimming Pool:

~Pool Manager

Applications due March 20

~Head Lifeguard

~Certified Lifeguards

~Concessions/Slide Attendant

Applications due March 16



Sports Complex:

~Field Supervisors

Applications due March 16

~Baseball/Softball Umpires

Applications due April 13

For more information contact: Thad Morrill, Parks & Recreation Director

Waterline Replacement Program Results in Lower ISO Rating

After years of installing water mains in new subdivisions, a decision was made to rebuild the City's Waterline Infrastructure. The desired outcome was to have a grid work of interconnected water mains that would improve service to the community, reduce the possibility of low-flow stagnant water, and increase what is known as fire-flow. Fire-flow is the amount of water that can be made available to fire hydrants in the event of a fire. The City did have an existing grid work of lines, but many of the lines were old and only 4 inches in diameter. Mineral buildup in

the lines reduced the flow even further. In previous years, outside contractors were hired to do major line replacements. Although a large amount of lines were replaced at one time, cost of such projects were extremely high and funding was a challenge. It is within the City's annual budget to replace two to four block segments per year.

From the start of the program in 2000, the Water Department with assistance from Streets and Wastewater has completed seven projects of line replacements for a total of

17 blocks. Improved service and fire-flow has been achieved. The added and unanticipated benefit is the reduction of the City's ISO rating. The City's current rating is a 4. The Property and Casualty Insurance Industry calculates premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. Lower ratings equal lower premiums.

For more information contact: Tim Dunn, Public Works Director.

Why I Really Coach

He was my baseball coach all through Little League. When he passed away several years ago, at his funeral I saw several men who I hadn't seen since high school or even some since we had played Little League together. Each one was there because my dad as their Little League coach 30 years earlier had touched their lives in a way they never forgot. Several of them shared stories about how he had helped them or how as an adult they had remembered something he taught them or said to them that got them through difficult times. All things that I didn't know or just took for granted. When I saw the impact he had on so many

young people by just being a dad who was a volunteer baseball coach, I knew I had to follow his example.

This is one of the many reasons I am so passionate about what coaches do and say around players and the special treatment gifted athletes are given. Kids are impressionable and like it or not they do notice. Winning is important but it is not why kids should be playing and why coaches should be coaching. It is not the win/loss record that will have a lasting impact. Do I think any of the kids I have coached will show up at my funeral one day? I doubt it. But I would like to think that when one of them comes to a crossroads in their life (i.e.

rob the Smoothie King or not?) they will think about something I did or said and Make the right choice. Just like my Dad.

-Author unknown.

-Excerpt from Why I Coach, from the website Where Life is Simple



**Youth
Program
Information
Contact:
Parks &
Recreation
Department**



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Be Prepared and Informed

“Tornado Season” is just around the corner. Siren testing begins in March on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (weather permitting) at 11:00 a.m. Do not rely solely on the siren. You may not be able to hear it while indoors. Tune in to local radio and television channels for up-to-date severe weather information. If Lindsborg is in a “tornado warning” or the siren activates, remain indoors and move directly

to the basement or the smallest room near the center of the house. Your safety is our number one concern. Have a good Spring and be prepared!



Public Safety Department

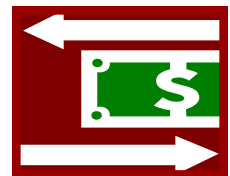


Tired of Writing Checks or Getting Late Fees?

City bills can be paid conveniently and automatically by bank draft from a checking or a savings account. Setting up a bank draft is an easy process. Stop by or call City Hall (785) 227-3355, to receive a form. Simply fill it out and attach a voided check or deposit slip (for account and routing number verifi-

cation). After one additional utility billing cycle, your City bill will be drafted automatically from your account until you notify us that you no longer wish to participate. Accounts are drafted on the 10th of each month or there about depending on banks being opened for business. No late fees are incurred.

The billing information you receive in the mail will reflect the date and the exact amount that will be drafted from your account.



Price Appointed as Municipal Judge



The Lindsborg City Council appointed Gary L. Price Jr. to the position of Municipal Judge on January 2, 2007. He also serves as Assistant County Attorney to Ty Kaufman for the McPherson County District Court. He and his family reside in Mount Hope, Kansas.



Election Q & A

(Q) Do I have to register before every election?

(A) NO - Once registered, you remain registered *unless*: you move, your name changes or you do not vote in two (2) state general elections. The Monday, two (2) weeks before every election, voter registration closes at 5:00 pm.

(Q) Where do I register?

(A) City Clerks Office at City Hall 101 S. Main

McPherson County Courthouse – County Clerk’s Office or call the McPherson County Clerk at 620-241-3656 to request a form. Mail the completed form to: McPherson County Clerk P.O. Box 425, McPherson, KS 67460

Driver’s License Bureau
Department of Motor Vehicles

2000 E. South Front St.,
McPherson – 620-241-5153

You must be a United States citizen and 18 years of age or older on the date of the election.

(Q) When and how do I vote?

(A) Advance vote three (3) weeks prior to every election. You do not have to be absent from the county on Election Day to Advance Vote. You may Advance Vote in Person at the County Clerk’s office (117 N. Maple) between the hours of 8:00 & 5:00 p.m. weekdays. In-person advance voting ends at **noon** the day before

the election.

You may advance vote by mail. Call the County Clerk’s office 620-241-3656 to request a ballot or visit their website at www.mcphersoncountyks.us

(Q) Where do I vote?

Ward 1-Villa Ro

(Community Room)

421 E. Saline

Ward 2-Bethany Cottages

321 N. Chestnut

Ward 3 -Senior Center

(west door) 116 S. Main

Ward 4-Safety Center

(east door) 102 S. First

**Election
Day
Tuesday
April 3**

RECYCLING
Volunteers still needed!
Sign up now!
CONTACT:
The Parks & Recreation
Department



Recycling Dates:
February 17
March 3, 17, 31
April 14, 28
May 12
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Hometown Heroes

emergency preparedness plans and identify areas of improvement.

The training pays off. When the call comes, these volunteers respond with the utmost in professionalism. In 2006, the volunteer EMT’s responded in a time of need 315 times. The volunteer firefighters respond to calls

both in the city and in the rural areas in cooperation with Rural Fire District No. 8.

In 2006, the Fire Department responded to 27 calls within the city and 43 calls in the rural area. The response of these dedicated individuals comes not only with professionalism, but with a caring

concern for their neighbors.

Please take the time to say thank you to the Emergency Medical Service and Fire Department volunteers for their selfless service to the community.

For a complete list of these volunteers, visit the City of Lindsborg website address:

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www.lindsborgcity.org/index.asp?nid=222.



www.lindsborgcity.org/index.asp?nid=188.



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Upcoming Events & Contact Information

City Contact Information

Phone: 785-227-3355
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Web: www.lindsborgcity.org
Email: lindsborg@lindsborgcity.org

Emergency Contact Information

Police, Fire and Ambulance: 911
Police, Fire, 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)

Calendar of Events 2007

- City Council Meetings (March 5, April 2, May 7)
- Recycling (February 17, March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, May 12)
- Tornado Siren Testing (March 7, 21, April 4, 11, May 2, 16)
- Annual Tree Trimming-Kansas to Main (March 12-19) (*tentative schedule*)
- Babe Ruth Baseball (March 19 registration deadline)
- Election Day (April 3)
- Youth Baseball (April 11 registration deadline)
- T-Ball (May 4 registration deadline)
- Lindsborg City View Newsletter-Volume 2 (mid-May)

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