



The Lindsborg City View

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Munkfors + Lindsborg = 15 Years



Munkfors, Värmland, Sweden and Lindsborg, Kansas, USA are celebrating a relationship of 15 years as sister cities. The highlight of the anniversary was a visit to Lindsborg from four dignitaries from Munkfors during Svensk Hyllningsfest. The visitors were Mayor Hector Vallejos, Deputy Mayor Bjorn-Olov Hallberg, Director of Education Eva Forsberg and Manager of Tourism Toni Jonsson. The goals of the visit were to recognize the 15 years of mutual partnership between the two communities; strengthen the ties between the sister cities; explore and discuss new opportunities for cultural exchange; explore opportunities for educational exchange; and a sharing of the tourism activities occurring

within each community. Their five days in Lindsborg were filled with sightseeing, Hyllningsfest activities, and meetings within the community. Mayor Neuschafer and her husband Gary, hosted the guests at the Smörgåsbord Friday evening and the Fab Four concert Saturday evening. The contingent also rode in the parade. The Munkfors visitors met with several different organizations to explore deeper communal relationships. Regarding education, the group met with Superintendent Glen Suppes and Curriculum Director Fred Van Ranken. The Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers, hosted a dinner in their honor to discuss the dancers' trip to Sweden and Munkfors in 2008. Sunday evening was

filled with dinner conversation of mutual prospects between the two cities. A laundry list of ideas was formulated that each group would review and develop focused efforts for the future relationship. Community residents Inga-Lill Eliason, Don and Maj-Britt Hawk; Marc and Anne Anderson; and John and Margaret Presley graciously opened their homes to host the group. Members of the Lindsborg Sister City Committee are Chair Maj-Britt Hawk, Secretary Ruth Peterson, Marc Anderson, Dean Anderson, Duane Fredrickson, Maleta Forsberg, Sharon Bruce, DeVere Blomberg, plus ex-officio members, Mayor Judy Neuschafer and Greg DuMars.



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Convention VISITORS Bureau



Hello from the new director of the Lindsborg Visitors Center. I am Chris Bauman and am familiar with community promotion having served as the chamber executive in Neodesha, Kansas for the past eight years. Prior to that position, I was in retail for twenty-five years. Yes, we are still located at 104 East Lincoln, but will be operating as the Lindsborg Visitors Center. We are still operating under the same telephone number at 227-3706. Our mission is still to promote tourism and

business development for the community; however our marketing focus is changing. The City of Lindsborg has been working with the Leadership Firm over the last seven months. During that time we have established a formal Convention & Visitors Bureau. A CVB Board of Directors comprised of lodging, restaurant and business owners who have a stake in the promotion of the Lindsborg business community has also been established. The Leadership Firm has also held a series of in depth

conversations through a five page survey process evaluating where the community has been and suggestions on moving into the future. Armed with this information, the Leadership Firm, in cooperation with the CVB Board has produced a marketing plan that has now been reviewed by the City Council. This document narrows the focus of what is being marketed, who is being marketed to and provides for a three year program to measure the progress of these efforts. I have come on

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Smoky Valley Community Foundation



The Smoky Valley Community Foundation is putting together a different kind of Gift-Giving Catalogue for the holiday season. The Make A Wish Come True Catalog is a new project to help link donors with the needs of local nonprofit organizations. The catalog will contain information about each nonprofit organization that has applied, as well as a wish list from that organization. Wish lists can be as different as the organizations, with everything from crayons to microwaves to vans to volunteers. Contact information for each agency

is listed, so individuals can contact them directly with questions or more information on how to make a wish come true! The Foundation hopes that the catalog will be an annual tool to promote giving in the Smoky Valley area. Some ways the catalog could be used:

- ◆ Families can select items that each child or the family as a whole could purchase and deliver to an organization.
- ◆ Businesses or small offices can purchase items to donate for the betterment of the community instead of exchanging gifts among the staff.

◆ Individual donors can tailor their annual gift to meet a specific need listed in the catalog.

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes. It is a public charity serving Lindsborg and the Smoky Valley. The Smoky Valley Community Foundation accepts contributions of any size.

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**“Good IDEAS
are not
adopted
automatically.
They must be
driven into
practice with
courageous
patience.”**

*Hyman
Rickover
U.S. Admiral
(1900-1986)*

City Hall Information Center

The City of Lindsborg provides a multiplicity of services to local residents and visitors. Factored into these services is the important component of communication. City Staff communicates information to the public on a daily basis. Front office personnel are well-informed with details associated with

the City and it's various facets. Their experience and knowledge helps customer relations and business operations run smoothly and efficiently. Relaying information is an essential part of customer service in assisting our valued citizens, visitors, and guests.

F.Y.I.



**Jerry Lovett Sperling
Gaylene Butler
Kathy Peterson**

**City Offices
CLOSED
THANKSGIVING
November 22 & 23**



**City Offices
CLOSED
CHRISTMAS
December 24 & 25**



**City Offices
CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S
January 1**



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Festivals & Special Events

Festivals and Special Events go hand in hand with the Community of Lindsborg. The planning of these unique celebrations require tremendous amounts of time, energy, and manpower. The City of Lindsborg is one of many entities that play an intricate role in the success of these festivals and events. Departments and their divisions are involved with specific responsibilities, before, during, and after the scheduled occurrences. The City's experienced staff performs event requests

effectively with precision orchestration and timeliness. The entire community is fortunate to be a part of and to benefit from our local festivals and events. Individuals, organizations, and city staff are commended for their continued dedication, hard work, and the extra effort put forth. Well done!

Early submission of detailed requests, diagrams and maps of Events are appreciated by City Staff



PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC WORKS

PARKS & RECREATION

Lindsborg TOMORROW

A total of 22 Countries were represented by (Community and College) participants who shared their favorite Ethnic Tastes, Talents, and Table décor at the 2007 Community World Fair. Lindsborg Tomorrow Action Teams conveyed information updates on team goals and accomplishments. Attendance for the event was just under 300.



www.lindsborgtomorrow.org

CVB Director

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board at just the right time! The task at hand has been identified as well as the game plan to work from. My job success has increased many times over as a result. So to those who have come before me, to those

volunteers working alongside and to those interested in promoting the assets of this very charming community into the future my thanks. *I think I am gonna like it here a lot!*



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Fire Safety



Perhaps you didn't know that more people die in fires than hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, or any other natural disaster. Or that every year, children start close to 100,000 fires. October was Fire Safety Month, but planning and practicing fire safety should take place all year-round. Fire safety for children should be a lesson provided by teachers, day-care providers, and parents as a group effort. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), around 4,000 Americans die in fires and approximately 25,000 are injured every year. The message we want to send is that kids of all ages know about fire safety and that families and businesses are prepared in case of a fire. The Lindsborg Fire Department,

on an annual basis, sets up the "McPherson County Fire Prevention through Education Mobil Training Simulator." Students at Soderstrom Elementary K-4th practiced escaping from a burning building/home. The Holidays often bring with them glowing candles, extra lighting, and more plugged in items such as warming trays, decorations which includes extra paper and materials around the home. With this also comes an increased risk of accidental fires in a home or child care setting. Special attention should be given to ensuring that outlets are not overloaded, candles are out of reach of children and are not left burning, and that paper items are not placed in the areas that could be easily ignited. Be aware of fire

safety when plugging in lights and decorations, and as a part of decorating, be sure to add in a reminder to children about fire safety. Remember that anyone's home can fall victim to a fire, and while eliminating fire hazards is one important sign, it is critical to have an escape plan. After all, planning and preparation may save your life or the life of loved ones.



New Addition to LPD



The Lindsborg Police Department added a new member to its ranks this year. Officer Terry Reed, who previously worked on staff at Bethany College, began his duties on April 30, 2007. Officer Reed completed 14 weeks of training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and upon graduation was assigned to

an 8 week Field Training Program before his solo duties began on the streets of Lindsborg. Terry is also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and an EMT with the Ambulance Service. He resides in Lindsborg with his wife, Alexa, a teacher at Soderstrom Elementary School, and two children.



Officer Terry Reed



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LPD MISSION STATEMENT
 Our mission is to provide services in a professional and ethical manner that is designed to protect life and property, thereby improving the quality of life within the City of Lindsborg

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Snow Season Is Coming

It won't be long until the temperatures drop enough for snow and ice to become a major concern. The City of Lindsborg Snow Removal plan for plowing is as follows:

- If the forecast for snow is two inches or less, no plowing will be done. 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.

Major routes will be plowed first, concentrating on the areas around the downtown, hospital, and schools, then radiating out. A recent development has the McPherson County Public Works Department assisting the City with a salt pretreatment of the highways as well as Main, Lincoln and Coronado Streets. Once the plowing is in hand, sanding of most intersections will begin. In addition to what the City does in the event of a storm, homeowners and storeowners also have responsibilities. **Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of the snow stopping.** When cleaning snow off of 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 area being bladed.** Following a heavy snow, we 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. On a final note, if snow is forecast and you have the option, please do not park in the street. This will help to facilitate and expedite the snow removal process.



HERITAGE CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 1 & 8



Swedish Pavilion

Christmas Artists Studio Open House



December 1 10am-5pm

St. Lucia Festival



December 8 A Gift of Music & Tradition

Community Happenings

Bridge Lighting Ceremony November 24 5:30pm





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Get A Clue at the Lindsborg Community Library

The Lindsborg Library spent the summer of 2007, "Lining up the usual suspects" for a great Summer Reading Camp of Family Fun. There were crafts, treasure hunts, and puppets shows.

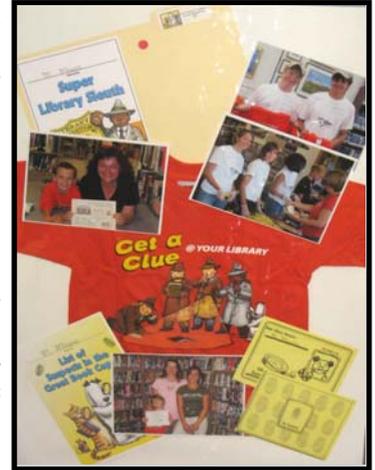


The final night included a visit by the K-9 unit of The Salina Police Department. A German Shephard named "Ronnie" showed his skills as kids and parents sat very still and quiet.

Several Local Businesses provided gifts for our campers. The Hemslöjd

provided Quadricycle rides, and Linda and Vern Hubalek provided passes to their Smoky Hill Bison Company Pumpkin Patch. Michelle and Barry McMillian donated Snow Cone Coupons and Pizza Hut generously donated Free Personal Pan Pizza Coupons. Each camper went home with a case file full of goodies, a T-Shirt provided by the Friends of Lindsborg Library, Inc., and great memories of Family Reading fun!

This was our 2nd Family Reading Camp and we are already planning for summer of 2008 with the Theme of "Catch the Reading Bug at your Library". We hope to see you there! The Lindsborg Community Library is open 10-6, Monday through Saturday.



Teenage Volunteers
A Big THANKS goes out to the high school students who helped throughout the Camp. They are shining examples to the younger children!



Parks & Recreation Participation Report



The City of Lindsborg's Recreation Department offers 19 Youth and 6 Adult Programs throughout the year. Participant numbers are tracked annually with consistent reports favoring youth programs of Baseball/Softball, Soccer, Swim Club, Basketball, and the Back to School Bash.

In 2007, Baseball/Softball had a record number of 238 participants. Adult programs topping the participatory list are Drop-In Volleyball, Men's Softball and the Trail's Vandringssklubb.



Parks & Recreation
Youth & Adult Programs
Join the FUN!
Contact: Thad Morriscal



The City 411





Tree Board Information On Scots Pine

The Lindsborg Tree Board is asking all home owners with Scots Pine to please monitor their trees for Pine Wilt. The goal is to avoid losing a large population of Scots Pine in our community. The Kansas State Extension agency recommends that if pine wilt is suspected to be the cause of a tree death, it is important to confirm the presence of the pinewood nematode. Early confirmation will allow the owner to act quickly to

prevent the spread of the pinewood nematode to nearby pine trees. An adequate sample is either a branch sample, at least two inches in diameter, collected near the trunk of the tree, or a wedge of wood from the lower portion of the trunk. The best time to acquire a sample is late summer/early fall due to high nematode populations. Pinewood samples should be placed in a plastic bag as soon as it's

collected and mailed early in the week, preferably by Wednesday. There is a \$10.00 fee for the test. County fees are an additional charge.



Mail Samples to:
Plant Disease
Diagnostic Lab
Throckmorton Hall
Room 4032
Kansas State
University
Manhattan, KS 66506

Recreation Fall & Winter Programs



Coed Drop-In Volleyball

For Men and Women, age 18 and over. Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m. at LMS Gym, starting on January 6th and running through February 10th. Cost is \$1.00 per Sunday. Participants must wear court shoes. No street shoes will be allowed on the gym floor.

Adult Coed Volleyball

For Men and Women ages 18 and over. Cost is \$100 per team. The registration

deadline is February 18th. Team Registrations can be downloaded online at www.lindsborgcity.org.



Floor Hockey

For Boys and Girls Grades 3rd-6th. Saturday mornings during January and February. Teams will be separated and play will begin. Registration form and

fee of \$25 is due on Friday, December 21st.



Youth Soccer

For Boys and Girls ages K-6th. Games will be played on Saturday mornings Mid-March and running through the first week of May. Deadline for registration form and fee of \$25 is Thursday, February 14th.



Recycling Dates:
November 17
December 1, 15
January 5, 19
February 2, 16
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



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

Christmas Tree Recycling
Trees may be dropped off at Lindsborg Street north of the large Shelter House thru January 15



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The Lindsborg City View Upcoming Events & Contact Information

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(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 (December 3, January 7, February 4)
- Recycling (December 1, 15, January 5, 19, February 2, 16)
- **Veteran's Day** 
(City Offices closed November 12)
- **Happy Thanksgiving** 
(City Offices closed November 22, 23)
- Heritage Christmas (December 1, 8)
- St. Lucia Fest (December 8)
- **Merry Christmas** 
(City Offices closed December 24, 25) 
- **Happy New Year** (City Offices closed January 1)
- Lindsborg City View Newsletter-Vol. 5 (mid-February)

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