



The Lindsborg City View

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CITY HALL Renovation

The first step towards City Hall renovation is complete. The planning and design process involved evaluating space needs, a work flow and an energy efficiency analysis, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, securing State of Kansas and National Historic status for the building and financing avenues for the project. The next step is the bidding and construction phase.

The Advertisement for Bids that was issued on June 5, 2009 drew the interest of 15 general contractors. These contractors secured plans to prepare bids for the renovation. On July 14th, nine of the general contractors submitted bids for consideration. The bids ranged from a low bid of \$996,443 to a high bid of \$1,461,105. In addition to the bid price, the contractors were also asked to submit the estimated time to complete the renovation. The range of days for completion ran from a low of 180 days to a high of 390 days.

Since City Hall is on both the

the Kansas and National Register of Historic places, the work done on the building must comply with the U.S. Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. To ensure that compliance with the standards is met, a questionnaire was sent to the lowest three bidders to determine their experience in historic rehabilitation and their ability to complete the job per the amount of their bid and in the estimated timeframe. Also, references were interviewed to check others experience with the firms.

After the questionnaires were reviewed and the references were checked for each of the general contractors, City Council awarded the bid to Hieb & Associates of Hutchinson, Kansas. Hieb & Associates bid \$996,443 and predicted it would take them 190 days to complete the work. The architect's estimate for the renovations is \$1,266,590. The work is scheduled to begin mid to late August.

The City Hall renovation will be financed via two methods. With City Hall being listed on the Kansas and National Register of Historic places, the project qualifies for historic tax credits. Historic tax credits make it eligible for reimbursement of 25% of the projects costs. The other piece of the financing is the issuance of general obligation bonds. Through the use of historic tax credits and bonds, the restoration of City Hall can be completed without an increase in the mill levy.

Periodic status reports will be provided as City Hall is transformed into an energy and work flow efficient facility, while preserving the historic qualities of the building. We look forward to the completion of this project and the opportunity to share the renovated City Hall with the community.

The public is invited to an Open House on Thursday, August 13, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 121 South Main (City Hall's temporary location and USD 400's Vision TEK).

CITY HALL
Temporary
Location

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, August 13, 2009
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
121 South Main

USD 400
Vision
TEK

Highlights

- RENOVATION
- CITIZEN COMMISSIONS
- CVB NEWS
- FLOOD PLAIN
- PUBLIC INFORMATION
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- CALENDAR INFORMATION

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Citizen Boards & Commissions

The next several issues of the Lindsborg City View will feature Mayor appointed and Council confirmed Citizen Boards & Commissions. Overviews will be given on specific responsibilities, commitment service terms, current membership, vacancies and group highlights.

Individuals who are interested in being a part of the Citizen Boards & Commissions are encouraged to fill out an Expression of Interest Form available at City Hall, 121 S. Main, or online at www.lindsborgcity.org. More information or questions? Contact City Hall at 227-3355.

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The City Planning Commission

Planning and Zoning is a nine-member citizen commission responsible for the City's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and making recommendations to City Council on matters such as annexation and growth. Each member serves for three years. Seven of the nine members must reside in the City, with two outside the City limits but within three miles of City boundary. The reason for this is a State requirement that allows extraterritorial zoning as long as a portion of the

commission represents the rural population.

The commission meets on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months, usually to hold hearings on re-zoning requests. At any given time, the commission can be found working on special planning studies or shaping the direction and path of our future. Recently, the group completed an annexation and community growth study which established guidelines for the future expansion of the city limits.

The Planning Commission current members and term expiration:

Karmon Almquist	4/30/10
Annette Johnson	4/30/10
Ken Swisher	4/30/10
Krishan Bhatnager	4/30/11
Jeff Kurtz	4/30/11
Toni Thompson	4/30/11
Blaine Heble	4/30/12
Jay Jensen	4/30/12
Niels Wilson	4/30/12

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board provides support and guidance to park and recreation issues within the community. The board consists of seven members and serve a four year term. Members are appointed by the mayor and approved by City Council.

The Parks & Recreation Board current members and term expiration:

Ervalene Johnson	4/30/10
Chase Ellis	4/30/11
Joel Weide	4/30/11
Terry Nation	4/30/12

Vacant (3) positions

P&R Advisory Board Members Needed!

Serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Fill out a Citizen Committee Expression of Interest Form available at City Hall, 121 South Main or online at:

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**"Perpetual OPTIMISIM
is a force multiplier."**

-Colin Powell



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Parks & Recreation Summer Intern



**Matt
Nipe**

"There are risks and costs to a program of ACTION. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable INACTION".

P&R Summer Intern Matthew A. Nipe is from Spring Texas. He is a senior at Bethany College and is working towards a Health & Physical Education degree. Matt spent the summer coordinating concessions for the pool and golf course, coaching t-ball, setting up coaches folders for recreational baseball and softball programs, and occasionally helped with pool supervision. When not at the pool, golf course or ball fields, Matt was in the office keeping the P&R Department organized and running smoothly. Thanks Matt! *City Staff*

-John F. Kennedy

Future CITY HALL Council Chambers



"CHANGE is the constant, the signal for rebirth, the egg of the phoenix."

-Christina Baldwin





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Are YOU Using Bank Pay Services?

Over the past several months, the City of Lindsborg has received a few calls from our customers questioning penalties applied to their utility accounts for late payment when they have paid their city bill through their bank bill pay service.

Based upon information received through the banks, we have found that even though you have entered the payment into their system, it will take 2-3 days for the bank to write a check and mail it to the vendor as directed. This means it will be 3-5 days before the City of Lindsborg receives the check from your bank.

Although the bank bill pay service looks to be electronic from the consumer's end by using a computer, it is not. To date all banks are cutting checks for each transaction entered and mailing them to vendors. This process is no different than if you would write a check and mail it to the City of Lindsborg.

The City is in no way trying to discourage the use and using the banks bill pay service. We want our customers to understand and plan for the lag time between entering the transaction and when the payment is actually received. The other electronic option

available to our consumers is the ACH debit option. This option will draw the payment directly from your checking or savings account as close as possible to the 10th due date on the bill.

If you have any questions about the electronic bill paying option or are interested in signing up for the ACH debit option, please contact the City Office at 227-3355.



**CITY HALL
Temporary Location
121 S. Main**

Reminder!

**Programmable
Thermostat
Rebate
Program**

**Contact
CITY HALL
For Details!**



City Wide Clean Up



1111 E. Swenson (Tree Station) Saturday, September 19, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Items not allowed in dumpsters:

- Ø **NO YARD WASTE** (grass clippings, dirt, leaves, limbs, weeds, straw, etc.)
- Ø **NO HAZARDOUS WASTE** (household chemicals or other chemicals, etc.)
- Ø **NO APPLIANCES** that could contain **FREON** (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.)
- Ø **NO LIQUID**
- Ø **NO BATTERIES**
- Ø **NO TIRES**



CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Labor Day - September 7
Veteran's Day - November 11
Thanksgiving - November 26 & 27



Community Happenings

August 22

King Midas Street Dance



October 9 & 10



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The CVB In Times Of Change

With a mission to bring more visitors to Lindsborg, the Convention and Visitors Bureau has experienced many changes in the last few months. The Chamber of Commerce's relocation was an almost historic event, given the close working relationship that the two organizations have had in the past. The challenge of finding the most effective roles and responsibilities will test both groups in the coming months. City Hall's relocation was another trial, but was surprisingly short lived. The Visitor Center was organized and operating on the first day of the move. Visitors started coming in for information as soon as the sign went up on our door. And they continue to arrive or call in growing numbers. The addition of Carla Wilson (see separate story) to the CVB staff has brought the level of energy to new heights in the office.

How does the CVB attract visitors to Little Sweden? To develop a plan, you have to first answer two important questions. Who is the target market? And just as importantly, what is it about Lindsborg that you're going to market? Our primary visitor market comes in one of four categories: the leisure traveler, tour groups, small specialty groups and meeting/conference attendees. Each category offers up its own set of selling strategies, which means our promotional and advertising efforts cannot be 'one size fits all.' What ties these strategies together are the four primary draws that are unique to Lindsborg: Swedish Culture, Bethany College, Arts & Culture, and Festivals.

In the days and years to come, the CVB will have to continually change in order to stay in tune with shifts in

the traveling population, as well as remain relevant to the future personality of Lindsborg. It will also change because some marketing ideas will work, and others will not. What will remain the same is the continued need to relentlessly promote, advertise, work directly with tour and meeting planners, and seek support from the community. A real challenge that has yet to be addressed is the need for a conference center accommodating 50 to 200 participants. This addition would have a revitalizing effect on retail and lodging establishments in Lindsborg. The CVB will work closely with the Community Development Department in order to make this dream a reality. Look for news in our next issue.



Lindsborg Visitors Center
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(888) 227-2227

(Wilson story featured on page 7)

Convention
 Center

Välkommen till

LINDSBORG

Ja!

Lindsborg Convention & Visitors Bureau

Little Sweden, U.S.A.

LINDSBORG

LITTLE SWEDEN, USA

Ja!

A Destination For All Seasons!

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How Did I Get In The FLOOD Zone?

**"CHANGE
your
thoughts
and you
CHANGE
the world".**

-Norman Vincent Peale

In the last few months, several homeowners have received a letter from their mortgage holder or lender demanding flood insurance coverage because their house is in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Why me, and why now? This article will attempt to explain the situation and offer some solutions for residents near flood zones.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, obligates all lenders to require flood insurance for homes located in mapped flood zones known as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). A SFHA has a 1% chance per year of flooding. You may have heard it called the "One Hundred Year Flood." This insurance can cost a homeowner from \$500 to over \$2,000 per year. Lenders face severe penalties if they do not

comply with this federal law, so they pay close attention to areas that have recently been remapped. Lindsborg is such an area because a new floodplain map became effective on January 16, 2009. Flood boundaries along Cow Creek (*the Slough*) did not change, but an aerial photo layer was added to the map. It shows where individual structures are located, that is, whether they are in or out of the flood zone. What previously wasn't considered a one hundred year flood property, now may be.

What can I do?

The simplest thing a homeowner can do when faced with this situation is to contact an insurance agent and purchase flood insurance. There are those who say this is also the

smartest thing to do, except that the mapped flood zone was drawn with a very broad stroke. If you feel that your structure is actually higher than what typically floods, and that the map unfairly places you in a flood zone, then apply for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). A LOMA application process involves a licensed surveyor who establishes the lowest elevation where flood water will enter the home. If the entry point proves higher than the 1% flood stage, a LOMA is issued, usually within 6 to 8 weeks. The LOMA is free, the surveyor is not. It's a gamble that only pays off if you end up higher than flood stage. Contact Gary Shogren at City Hall for more information.



**NATIONAL
FLOOD
INSURANCE
PROGRAM**

Keep Our STREAMS Clean

We all know that dumping garbage within the City Limits is against the law. What's not so well-known is the ordinance prohibiting streambed dumping, specifically lawn debris, brush, fill and other organic material. By streambeds, the law means all ditches, channels and basins that carry or collect storm water, which includes Cow Creek, more commonly known as the Slough. Continued dumping of grass clippings, tree limbs and weed debris eventually causes the channel bed to rise and reduces its capacity to carry rainwater. This increases the potential for damaging floods. Please properly dispose of your yard debris and do your part to keep our streams clean.



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Backflow Prevention Source & Treatment

In 1989, the City passed an ordinance regulating cross connections, commonly known as backflow, to the municipal water system. A sudden leak on a water main, or the fire department discharging a large amount of water to fight a fire, can create a vacuum that could suck contaminants back into the water main from an unprotected cross connection. The purpose of this regulation is the prevention of contamination to our potable water from potential contaminants such as, but not limited to, chemical tanks, boilers, yard sprinkler systems, fire sprinkler systems, hospitals, mortuaries and clinics.

The ordinance requires the installation of an approved Backflow Prevention Device at any home or facility that has any contaminants and/or the potential for a cross connection with the City water supply.

Backflow Prevention Devices can range from a very simple air-gap in a discharge line, often used on water softeners, to the very sophisticated and expensive RPZ units that are required for high hazard contaminants. There are several levels of protection in between these two extremes, such as the PVB device or the double-check valve device.

No device can prevent a contamination incident if it is not maintained in good working order. They can get plugged or damaged in many ways so it is necessary that they be tested by a certified backflow device tester on an annual basis. As a courtesy, the City sends out an annual reminder when the testing is due.



Wilson Hired As CVB Assistant

Carla Wilson was hired on June 8 as CVB Assistant. She will serve as the first point of contact for inquiries and for visitors to the community at the Lindsborg Visitor Center. Her design talents, organizational skills and unbridled enthusiasm make her an excellent fit to the office. Carla's long standing ties to the community are an asset to the CVB and her professional experience has given her strengths in public relations, administration and tourism.



**Carla
Wilson**

Visitors Center: 227-8687

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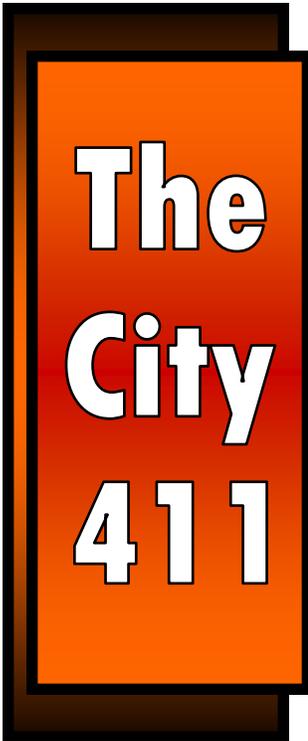




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Graduated Drivers Licensing

Graduated Driver's License
APPENDIX A



CURRENT POLICY	NEW POLICY
<p>PHASE 1 - Learner's Permit (AGE 14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Available starting at age 14 ◆ Permits teen drivers to drive when accompanied by a parent (or an adult age 18+) ◆ Must hold a learner's permit for at least 6 months if choosing to obtain a restricted license (OR) teens may opt to skip the learner's permit and obtain a full license at age 16 	<p>PHASE 1 - Learner's Permit (AGE 14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Same as current ◆ Same as current ◆ <u>Every teen must hold a learner's permit for 12 months before obtaining a restricted license or a full license.</u>
<p>PHASE 2 - Restricted License (AGE 15) <i>This phase is optional for Kansas Teens</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Available starting at age 15 ◆ Teen drivers must successfully complete a drivers education course to obtain a restricted license ◆ Permits teen drivers to drive unsupervised to and from work or school ◆ Allows teen drivers to transport siblings and adult passengers; may not transport non-siblings under the age of 18 	<p>PHASE 2 - Restricted License (AGE 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No changes to existing Restricted License phase 
<p>PHASE 3 - Full License (AGE 16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Available starting at age 16 ◆ No limits on passengers or late-night driving 	<p>PHASE 3 - Full License (AGE 16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Same as current ◆ <u>Limits teen drivers to no more than one non-sibling passenger under the age of 21 during first 6 months of full licensing</u> ◆ <u>Limits late-night driving to 9 p.m. during the first 6 months of full licensing unless driving to and from work/school</u>
<p>FARM PERMIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Available starting at age 14 to teens who live or work on a farm 	<p>FARM PERMIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No changes to existing Farm Permit

Changes to the law are indicated above in bold underlined



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Graduated Drivers Licensing (continued)

The bill also includes the following provisions:

WIRELESS DEVICES - Use of wireless communication devices are prohibited until teen completes the six-month period of passenger and late-night driving restrictions.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION - 30-day suspension of license for first offense; 90-day suspension of license for second offense; and one-year suspension of license for third offense. Penalties would apply to all teen drivers.

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE - Teens entering the licensing system prior to January 1, 2010, would fall under the current licensing guidelines rather than the GDL guidelines.

Four key changes to the existing licensing system:

- ⇒ **Learner's Permit.** Requires every teen to hold a learner's permit for 12 months before obtaining a restricted or a full license.
- ⇒ **Passenger limitation.** Limits teen drivers to no more than one non-sibling passenger under the age of 21 during the first six months of full licensing.
- ⇒ **Late-night limitation.** Limits late-night driving to 9:00 p.m. during the first six months of full licensing unless driving to and from work or school.
- ⇒ **Cell phones.** Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving until teens complete the six-month period of passenger and late-night driving restrictions. An exception is in place for reporting emergencies.

What doesn't change? This bill:

- ◆ **Does not** change the age at which teens may obtain a license
- ◆ **Does not** make any changes to the farm permit; and
- ◆ **Does not** make any changes regarding drivers education

2009 KPOA Law Enforcement Legislation Guide

"Nothing
endures
but
CHANGE".

-Heraclitus

Public Information Opportunities

Driving in Left Lane

This new law requires driver's to only use the left lane on multi-lane roadways outside of cities for passing, turning left, or compliance with another law such as moving over for emergency or maintenance vehicles.

Move It Law

Drivers are required to move vehicles involved in accidents from the roadway provided there are no injuries, the vehicle can be safely moved, and there is no haz-mat involvement. This law applies on interstate and federal highways and any other multi-lane or divided roadway.

Identity Theft

The new law provides a method for persons to "freeze" their credit information to help block identity theft. There are provisions for actions anyone can take and special provisions for those who have reported identity theft to law enforcement.



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Bicycle Safety

School will be starting soon and it is important to remember biking rules and safety guidelines. Tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) indicate that many bicycle related crashes resulting in injury or death are associated with the bicyclist's behavior, including such things as not wearing a bicycle helmet, riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign, and riding the wrong way in traffic. To maximize your safety, always wear a helmet AND follow the rules of the road.

The safest place for bicycle riding is on the street, where bicycles are expected to follow the same rules of the road as motorists and ride in the same direction.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

☉ Children less than 10 years old should ride on the sidewalk as they are not mature enough to make decisions necessary to safely ride in the streets.

☉ Sidewalk Riding Information:

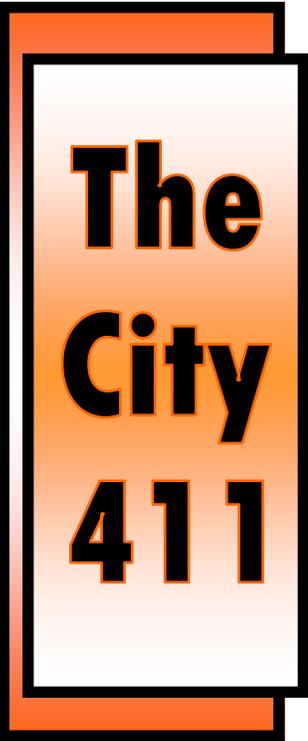


☉ DO NOT ride bicycles in the downtown area. It is against the law and a hazard to pedestrians.

☉ Watch for vehicles coming out of or turning into driveways.

☉ Stop at corners of sidewalks and streets to look for cars and to make sure the drivers see you before crossing.

☉ Enter a street at a corner and not between parked cars. Alert pedestrians that you are near by using a bell or a horn, or by saying...“Excuse me” or “Passing on your left”.



RECREATION Program Updates

Youth Cross Country Clinic

FREE program for Boys and Girls grades 1-6 with a focus on stretching and running form. Registration deadline is August 23. Clinic date TBA.

Youth Volleyball

For Girls and Boys grades 4-6. This is an instructional program that combines skill development and actual game play. Registration deadline is August 20. Clinics will be held on Monday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Youth Flag Football

For Boys and Girls grades 1-6. Teams will be divided into three different age groups. Registration deadline is August 20. Games will be played on Saturday mornings.

Youth Basketball

League divisions will be Girls grades 3-4, Boys grades 3-4, Girls grades 5-6, Boys grades 5-6. Registration deadline is September 17.

Instructional Basketball

An instructional program for Boys and Girls grades K-2. Participants will meet one hour each week, Saturday mornings for activities and games that focus on basic basketball skills. Registration deadline is September 17.



**Fee for Recreation Programs:
\$25 residents, \$30 non-residents**

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Lindsborg GOLF Course

Lindsborg Golf Course Superintendent, Austin Murphy, has the course in great shape. The greens have recovered from last season and rough has been added in a few special places. Everyone is invited to come out to the course and test their skill. *LGC* staff would love to see you!

While enjoying the course, check out the noticeable improvements. Harlan Shogren, Bud Benson, Mark Lysell and the Men's Golf Night crew deserve a special "Thank You" for their donations and hard work to the clubhouse and other areas.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

August 23 - Lindsborg Golf Course Championship

August 29 - Alan Weis Tournament

September 12 - Bethany Alumni Tournament

For more information:

Contact Clubhouse Staff at 227-2244

LGC
Open Daily
Memberships
Ten Play Card
Five Play Card
Gift Certificates
Golf Merchandise



TRAIL Reminder & Rules

Please remember to follow **TRAIL RULES** and to be courteous to those enjoying Lindsborg's award winning Trail and scenic surroundings.



VÄLKOMMEN TRAIL RULES

1. No motorized vehicles (*electric wheelchairs, emergency vehicles and maintenance vehicles only*)
2. Obey Trail and Traffic signs
3. Be considerate of Trail users
4. Cyclists and skaters must yield to pedestrians
5. Keep to the right and pass on the left
6. Move off Trail pavement whenever you need to STOP
7. Give audible warning before passing
8. Respect private property
9. Keep dogs on a leash and remove their waste
10. Dispose of trash properly
11. Trail Curfew for those under 18 years of age is between 12:00am and 5:00am
12. No alcoholic beverages



RECYCLING Center

OPEN 24/7

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USD 400
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Upcoming Events & Contact Information

Calendar of Events 2009

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)

- City Council Meetings 
(September 8 – Tuesday), (October 8 – Thursday), November 2
- Recycling Center (OPEN 24/7) 
- King Midas Street Dance (August 22) 
- Labor Day (September 7) *City Offices Closed* 
- CITY WIDE Clean Up (September 19) 
- Hyllningsfest (October 9,10) 
- Happy Halloween (October 31) 
- Veteran's Day (November 11) *City Offices Closed* 
- Thanksgiving Day (November 26) *City Offices Closed 26, 27*
- City View Newsletter-Vol. 12 (mid-November) 

Mayor & City Council Contact Information

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