



the Lindsborg City View

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URBAN CHICKEN FARMING

Urban chicken farming is a growing trend across the United States. That interest exists here in Lindsborg. A group of local citizens approached City Council and asked that the ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens be modified.

The existing ordinance did allow for the keeping of chickens, but it had a distance requirement from a neighbor's residence. That distance requirement said that chickens could not be "...closer than 200 feet to the dwelling house of another." This distance requirement limited the keeping of chickens to very few properties in Lindsborg. The request was that the distance to a neighbor's residence be closer so that it would allow more people to keep chickens in the community.

At the November 2, 2015, the ordinance for the keeping of chickens was changed. Ordinance Number 4945 was adopted by City Council and outlined new regulations regarding the keeping of chickens. The newly adopted ordinance does provide the opportunity for more property owners who would like to keep chickens to do so. It also added some new requirements for the management of chickens.

The prior ordinance had a 200 feet distance requirement. The new ordinance says that "...no chickens shall be kept closer than 35 feet to the dwelling of another." This allows more property owners the opportunity to keep chickens. But in addition, the following requirements were added. No residence may have more than six (6) female chickens. Roosters are

not allowed in the City. All chickens must be provided with an appropriate coop or shelter to protect them from weather or the elements. The yard or area where the chickens are kept must be enclosed to prevent their escape and to protect them from predators. The coop, shelter or yard for the chickens must be maintained in a clean, dry and sanitary manner. The accumulation of waste, noxious odors or the presence of pests, rodents or other vermin is not allowed.

If you chose to do urban chicken farming, you will need to get a permit from City Hall. There is a one-time \$5.00 permit and it states that you agree to abide by the terms of Ordinance Number 4975 for the keeping of chickens.



PARTNERSHIP -- n.

- 1.) the state or condition of being a partner; participation; association; joint interest.
- 2.) Law. a. the relation subsisting between partners. b. the contract creating this relation. c.) an association of persons joined as partners in business.

see more at www.dictionary.com



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2nd Annual CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINTER WONDERLAND



The City of Lindsborg is sponsoring the second holiday lighting display contest! This year's theme is Winter Wonderland! It will be so exciting to see the city all decked out in snowflakes and blinking lights! Light up your houses! Try and win the prize!



Contest Rules Include:

- Open to any single residence within the city limits of Lindsborg.
- Must submit a registration form to enter the contest. The form can be found on the city website at www.lindsborgcity.org or one can be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours.
- Deadline to register is December 4, 2015.
- Anonymous judging will occur between December 6 and 12, 2015. Prizes will be awarded on December 14.
- With permission of the home's primary occupants, those winning displays may be posted to our website, facebook page and the Lindsborg City View.



Best Residential Display: 1st Place = \$300 2nd Place = \$150 3rd Place = \$50
(Monetary awards will be in "Lindsborg Loot" which will be good at any business establishment in Lindsborg)

Downtown Business Owners

Please use **sand** on the new downtown sidewalks. **Ice Melt and salt will damage the new sidewalks.** Repair, maintenance and replacement of damaged sidewalks is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.



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HEALTHY STAFF = HEALTHY STATS



Lindsborg Golf Course Superintendent, Darrin Dohrman, and Chief of Police, Tim Berggren make quite the team as they assemble a healthy snack of Caprese Salad Kabobs.

In February of 2015 City Staff embarked on a “get healthy” quest. Partnering up with Comcare in Salina, which is part of Salina Regional Health Center, 12 participants began the journey. Each month “step goals” were met and caculated. This was done by wearing a Fitbit device and turning in their monthly step-count to personnel at Comcare. Over the course of nine months the participants attended four lunch-and-learn events. One of the favorite lunch-and-learn demonstrations was how to prepare a healthy meal. Two Comcare dietitians

explained how to prepare a Mandarian chicken salad, Caprese salad kabobs, hummus which was served with veggies, and a banana smoothie made with greek yogurt for dessert. These were all healthy options for a fulfilling lunch or dinner. Although this was one of the group’s most popular lunch-and-learn programs, the group also participated in a session that was dedicated to how beneficial adequate sleep is for individuals and how sugary drinks are unhealthy. There was also a session on the importance of exercise. Everyone learned a lot and were great to join in during the lunch-and-learn sessions.

This program was designed to help the participatieng employees become more healthy as well as become more alert, productive city staff. The results tallied by Comcare noted that the nine people that completed the quest were healthier after participating in the program. City staff is currently determining the next step in the Wellness Program.

For the main course at the lunch-and-learn the team watched as staff from Comcare prepared the ingredients. The main course was a Mandarin chicken salad served with poppyseed dressing. Everyone agreed the whole meal was very fulfilling and delicious.



OUR TOWN

OPPORTUNITIES



EQUALS

Partnerships often come about in ways that we least expect. At the CVB office we find that our best

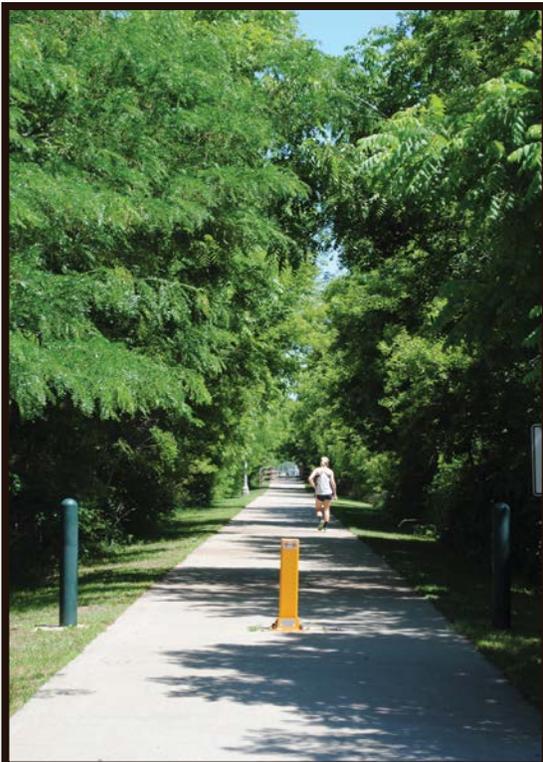
partners in marketing are those in our community that feel pride in what Lindsborg has to offer.

What would you say about “your town?” What does living in Lindsborg mean to you?

Well-rounded educational opportunities from preschool through college? Art galleries, musical and theatrical performances that showcase the talented people that call Lindsborg “home”? Historical sites that give us a greater appreciation of those that have gone before us? A beautiful downtown? Maybe it is the meandering trails and shady parks that give us a place to play and experience community? We have so much to enjoy here. In September a Texas tour group brought to our attention, once again, that Lindsborg is an anomaly. Communities this size simply don’t enjoy the many things we can take for granted, and those everyday things to us are the very things that keep our visitors coming again and again.



Thank you for partnering with us and sharing what you love about Lindsborg with others. We are grateful that you are the ones that make this community shine and give our visitors a sense of belonging. They keep coming back time and again because you make them feel that this is their community, too.

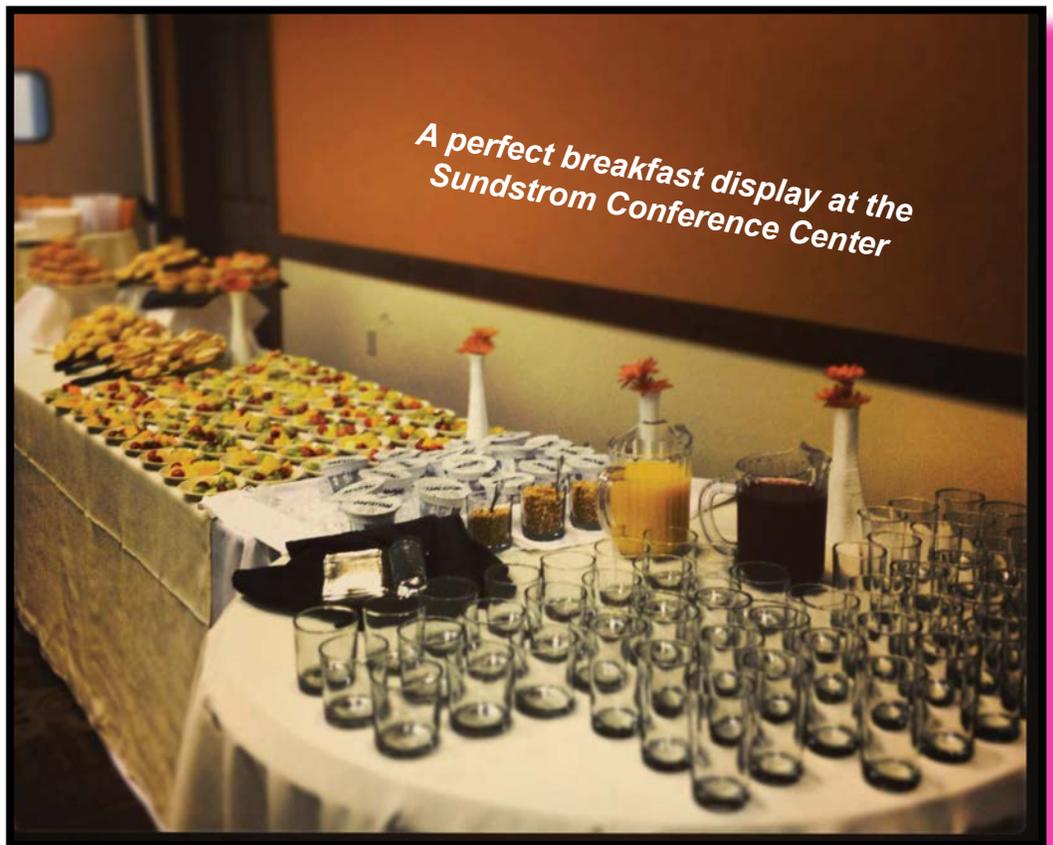




A Perfect One-Of-A-Kind Place to Meet!

A typical meeting in a typical conference center in a typical city may consist of being barricaded in a dull meeting space in the middle of a metropolis, never seeing daylight, not to mention local attractions. A meeting in Lindsborg provides so much more. The J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center is not your average meeting and special event facility. Located in “not your average” small town, Lindsborg offers refreshing meeting options. Partnering with locally owned shops, restaurants, galleries and museums, provides our clients with options that create a “not your average meeting experience.” A friendly walk-up window instead of a common city drive-through and relaxing spots for coffee with friends, an alternative to a rushed coffee pick-up are two of many “only found in Lindsborg” experiences. These personal touches lend themselves to a memorable visit not only to the conference center, but to the community.

A meeting re-imagined is what the conference center offers to each and every client. Clients are encouraged to utilize unique community spots to hold a small group brainstorming session within their meeting. Complimentary guided tours of Lindsborg and its attractions are available to guests of the facility for an afternoon refresher. Staff provides assistance in planning group activities outside of the conference center, such as private art classes. Incorporating local pairings of fair trade chocolates and artisan coffee or a traditional Swedish meal with entertainment from the Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers are always popular options for guests coming from out of town. In the quest to create this one-of-a-kind experience for our guests, the Sundstrom actively works with meeting planners on adapting standard meeting needs and incorporating new elements to create a complete, personalized meeting experience.



*A perfect breakfast display at the
Sundstrom Conference Center*

Be Prepared; Flood Awareness with the City as your Partner



NATIONAL
FLOOD
INSURANCE
PROGRAM

What is the Floodplain?

Floodplains are formed and modified by the dynamics of stream and river migration and periodic flooding. Although many floodplains usually flood during the spring, they can also experience multiple flood events within the same year with duration varying from hours to days.

The National Flood Insurance Program defines the floodway as that area of the watercourse and adjacent floodplain necessary to carry the base flood without increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated amount (generally one foot). The base flood is the flood that has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in a given year. Communities are required to prohibit development within the floodway that would cause an increase in flood heights. This requirement has the effect of limiting development in floodways that in turn helps to maintain some of the floodplain's most important natural resources and functions.

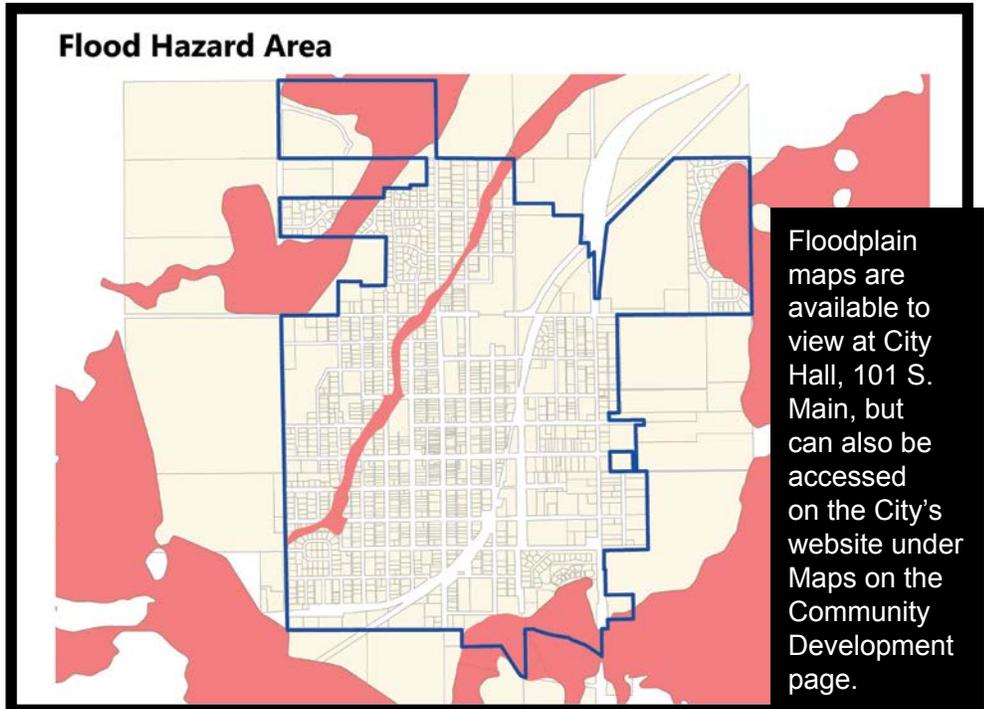
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Development Permit Requirements

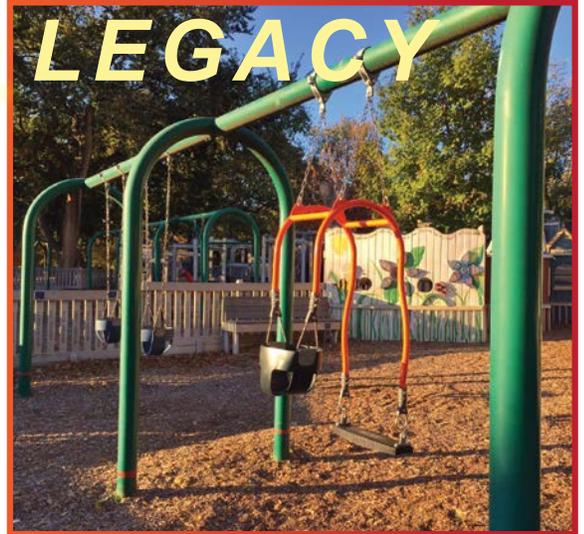
Any development, not just construction of buildings, in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) requires a permit. You must obtain a permit from the Public Works Department, 202 E. Lincoln St., before you build, alter, re-grade or fill on your property. Report any illegal floodplain development to City Hall, 785-227-3355.

Prepare for Next Year's Weather

There are preventive measures that can be taken to minimize or eliminate potential flood damage to buildings. Sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber can be used to temporarily protect property. Moving furniture and other possessions to higher floors, if available, can reduce contents losses. Permanent flood proofing measures for flood prone areas are preferable to temporary ones. Contact the City Hall at 101 S. Main for publications on retrofitting, as well as flood insurance, flood protection, and floodplain management.



A COLORFUL FALL LEGACY



Expression Swings Installed in Parks

A new style of playground swing was introduced in Swensson and Riverside Parks this year. Game-Time's Expression Swing design allows adult and children to swing together with its patented face-to-face construction. It features a bucket seat for child under five and a comfortable adult swing seat that allows an adult and child to interact with each other and to experience one another's facial expressions while at play. The Expression Swing is based on play science and the principle of attunement – the bonding that occurs between adult and child when they engage in play while making eye contact. Parks employees installed the Swensson Park swing on an existing frame in the Viking Valley playground. Riverside Park's swing was mounted on a new frame adjacent to the Tomte playground, north of the municipal swimming pool.

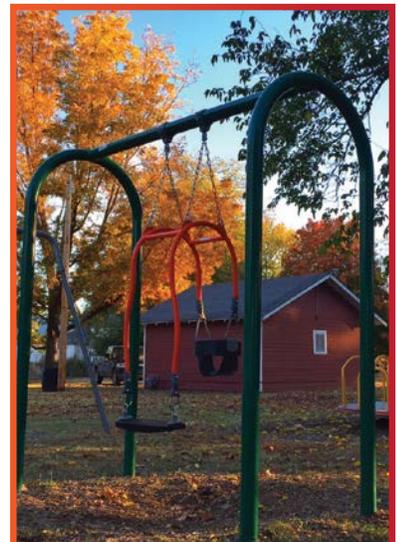
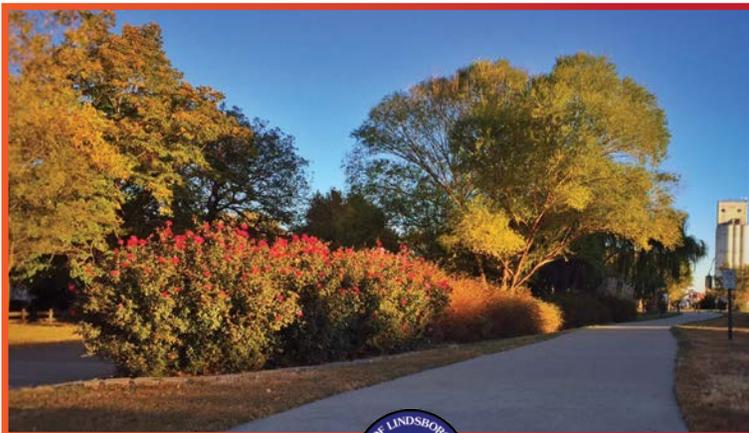
Tree Board News

It was a busy year for the Tree Board this year, as nearly 200 new trees were planted and maintained throughout the community. The year began with the planning of the downtown tree replacement project, part of infrastructure improvements that transformed the district's sidewalks. Arbor Day was commemorated with a tree planting in Riverside Park in April. In June, several Välkommen Trail trees were added in the area near the Recycling Station. Finally, sixty-five red cedars were installed on the east side of the Tree Station to provide screening from the neighboring homes.

The Tree Board lost a long-term member when Ann Keding passed away in October. A dedicated and committed volunteer for many years, Ann had a remarkable talent for growing, and created pockets of colorful plantings throughout the community.

She donated and planted many trees, shrubs and flowers on public grounds, never asking for compensation or credit. She was instrumental in estab-

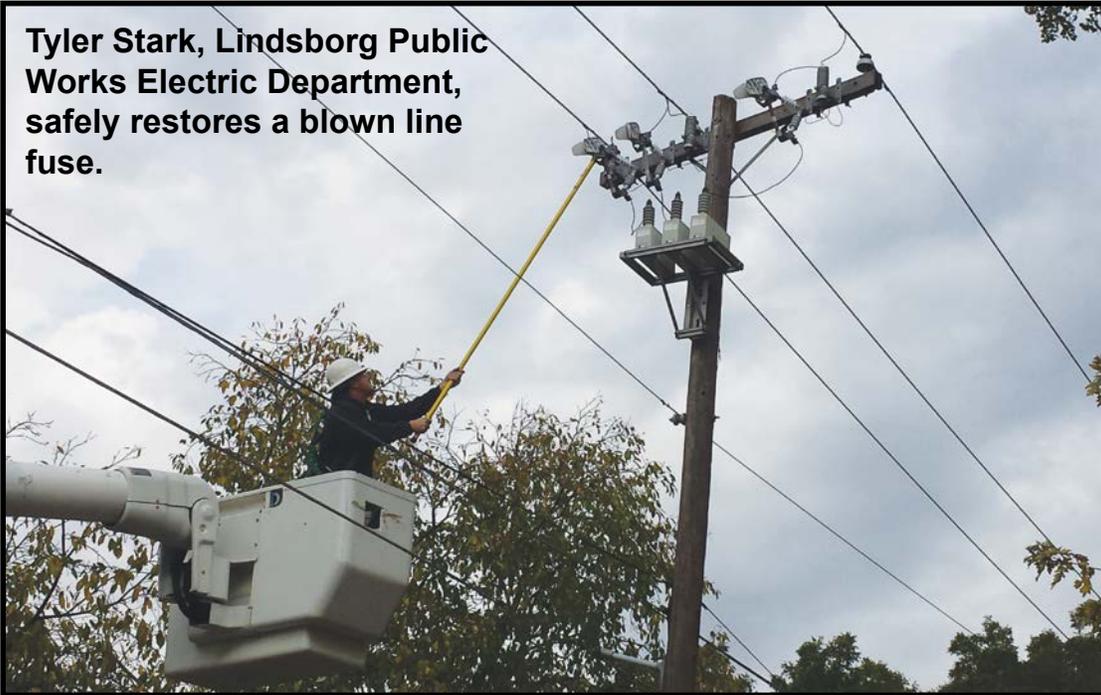
lishing the Memorial Garden in Riverside Park and the pocket park along the Trail on Grant and 1st Street. The Tree Board, Parks Department and community will miss her enthusiasm and support for Lindsborg.



Why is my electricity out for so long?

Lindsborg Public Works staff has the answer!

Tyler Stark, Lindsborg Public Works Electric Department, safely restores a blown line fuse.



Has it ever crossed your mind as to why sometimes when the power goes out it is restored in a short amount of time while other times it seems to take much longer? In the last City View Newsletter a few of the reasons for power outages and what you should check as

a homeowner were discussed. This issue will look at why sometimes it occasionally takes more time than others to get the power restored.

When something happens to cause a short or a ground on the circuit, the result most often is a blown line fuse. Generally, locating a blown fuse is not too time consuming. Once a blown fuse is located, crews must find the cause, which can take some time. If no-one calls in saying they saw or heard something in a specific area, crews must go out and drive the entire circuit to locate the problem. Alleys and streets must be driven looking for limbs on lines, dead squirrels or birds on the ground under lines, hanging wires or any number of other scenarios. This must be done in the interest of public safety. The main electrical distribution lines in town are 7,200 volts; this is a very significant amount of energy potential. The last thing crews want to do is replace a fuse and still have an issue with a line down on a garage/home or to have someone mistakenly come in contact with a line that is down and then a fuse activated. Any of these situations could result in fire, electrocution or even death and must be avoided. SAFETY is why sometimes it may take longer to get the power back on. Safety is the top priority for our citizens, their property, and for the electric linemen who are out working on the problem. There are numerous things that can happen in the electrical system to cause power outages but most of the time all of these systems work well together to bring you a very reliable source of electricity. Just remember, when things do happen to cause power outages, city crews will be working as quickly as they can to get the power restored keeping SAFETY first!

JOIN LINDBSBORG EMS!

Lindsborg EMS is in need of volunteers. We offer free education and certification to become an EMT, financial stipend for shifts and calls, free ongoing training and re-certification, first class equipment and supplies, and the opportunity to make a difference in your community. For more information please contact Chris Matthews at 785-227-2988 or LindsborgEMS@lindsborgcity.org

LOCK YOUR VEHICLES!

A reminder to residents of Lindsborg to keep your vehicles and residences locked at all times. Our City has had a string of thefts lately where someone has been entering into unlocked vehicles and open garages and stealing items.



New to the Lindsborg Police Department, Eric Kruckenberg, graduated from Bethany College in 1996. Moving back here from the Fort Worth, Texas area, Eric, his wife and two children have quickly settled in. Eric is scheduled to attend the Police Academy in February of 2016.



“Fighters & Survivors” 5th Annual Battle of the Buses!

The Lindsborg Community Hospital hosted a health fair this year downtown as well as the 5th Annual Battle of the Buses. Teams of ten galthered together to pull the pink fire truck down Lincoln Street to raise money for breast cancer awareness. The Lindsborg Fire Department has had a team each year. Way to go Lindsborg Fire Department! Fighting for the survivors as well as those who have lost the battle with cancer. Remembering Dan Carlson and Kevin Snyder. Thank you to LCH for sponsoring such a great day of events in Lindsborg.



READY.....SET.....GO.....

PLAY GOLF!



Lindsborg GOLF Course

1541 Svensk Road (785) 227-2244

Open Daily to the Public

Reasonable Green Fees

Golf Car Rentals

Sundays & Holidays (call for Tee times)

Lindsborg Golf Course Superintendent, Darrin Dohrman, has been very busy making improvements at the course this summer. He completely replaced the fairway on hole #9 by replanting it with burmuda grass. When describing how it is to hit off the new fairway now he says, "It's like your ball is already teed up!" Go check it out folks! Improving the bunker on hole #6 was also one of the major projects Darrin completed this summer.

Clubhouse Winter Hours:

Open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (weather permitting with temperatures above 55 degrees). Take advantage of the nice days during the winter months and play a few rounds! It's a great course and the welcoming staff would love to see you!



Lindsborg Golf Course...where you want to PLAY!

Lindsborg

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Upcoming programs in 2016!

- Itty Bitty basketball in February
- Daddy Daughter Dance in March
- Spring youth soccer

Don't forget that youth basketball begins in late November and goes through January 2016. Call the Rec Dept. for more info at 785-227-3333.



LRD will start taking reservations for private pool parties beginning on February 1, 2016. The fees are: \$100 for the first hour and \$50.00 for the second. Parties can be scheduled from 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Monday, Wednesday & Friday or 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Deposits are required. Please call the LRD at 785-227-3333 for more information or to make a reservation after February 1.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Council Meetings -- Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 4 & 18, Feb. 1 & 15
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting -- Dec. 15, Feb 16
- Thanksgiving -- Nov. 26 & 27 (City Offices Closed)
- Christmas Artists' Studio Open House -- Dec. 5
- Old Fashioned Christmas -- Dec. 5 & 12
- Lucia Day -- Dec. 12
- Christmas Eve -- Dec. 24 (City Offices Closed)
- Christmas Day -- Dec. 25 (City Offices Closed)
- Raymer's Printmaking Exhibition -- Feb & March (visit: www.lesterraymer.org)
- Red Barn Studio Toy Exhibition -- Dec. 1, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016
- New Year's Day -- Jan. 1, 2016 (City Offices Closed)
- Chocolate Lover's Affair -- Feb. 13
- Valentine's Day -- Feb. 14
- City View Newsletter -- Issue 37 (February 2016)
- Recycling Center -- (Open 24/7) Be considerate please

For more scheduled events please view the calendars at www.visitlindsborg.com and www.lindsborgcity.org



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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| Police, Fire and Ambulance: | 911 |
| Police, Fire and Ambulance: | 785.227.2988 (non-emergency) |
| Water, Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3428 |
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