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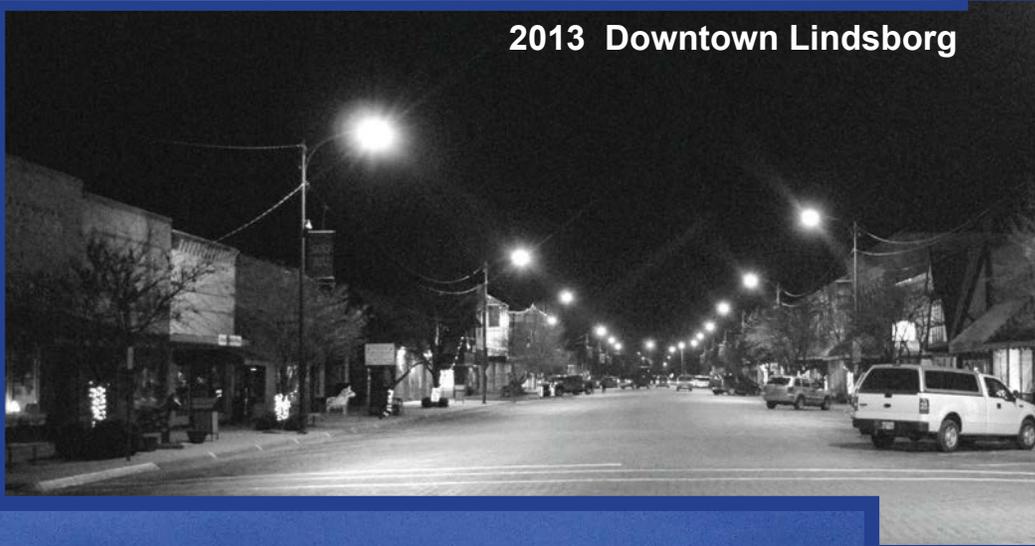
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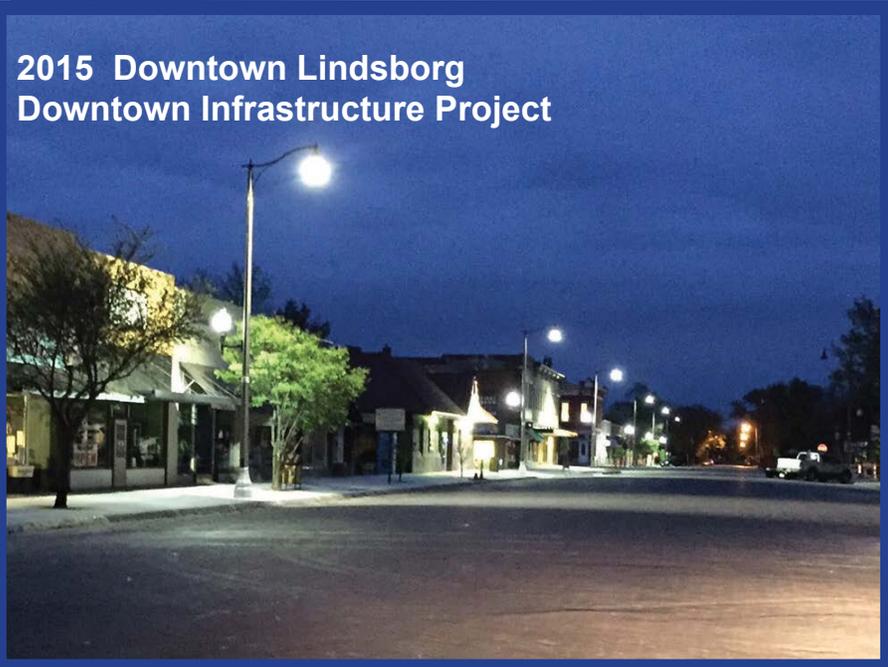


photo by Dale Hoag

2013 Downtown Lindsborg



2015 Downtown Lindsborg
Downtown Infrastructure Project



POSITIVE -- n.

- 1.) *something positive*
- 2.) *a positive quality or characteristic*
- 3.) *a positive quantity or symbol*

See more at www.dictionary.com

Timeline to Completion of the Downtown Infrastructure Project

- 1.) Feb. 2, 2013: A Project Description was finalized for the Downtown Infrastructure Project (DIP)
- 2.) Feb 15, 2013: City of Lindsborg applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)
- 3.) June 11, 2013: KDOT announced Lindsborg would be awarded funds to complete the DIP. This project was scheduled to be finished in 70 days.
- 4.) Jan 14, 2015: The DIP begins with plumbing and electrical work on the south side of East Lincoln.
- 5.) Jan 21, 2015: Concrete removal & replacement begins
- 6.) Feb 25, 2015: Issues with light poles and water lines on Main Street are discussed. Issues are resolved.
- 7.) April 13, 2015: Footings for the light poles are dug and the first new light pole is installed.
- 8.) May 2015: The Downtown Infrastructure Project is complete! A fantastic improvement to the face of Lindsborg.



THE CITY OF LINDSBORG

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The "cool SAVINGS" air conditioning rebate program offers financial incentives to City of Lindsborg electric customers on replacement of older air conditioning units with new energy efficient models. Energy efficient units reduce energy consumption while maintaining the same level of comfort.

save energy.
save money.

REBATE Items

- Central Split Systems and Package Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps
- Mini-Split Systems Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps
- Window Air Conditioning
- Ground Source Heat Pump



\$50 \$300 \$500 REBATE PROGRAM

REBATE Guidelines

- Replacement for air conditioning units ten (10) years or older.
- Must be a City of Lindsborg electric customer.
- Energy Star® certified.
- Minimum SEER of 14.0 (seasonal energy efficiency ratio) and an EER of 11.0 (energy efficiency ratio).
- HVAC 1.5 Ton to 5.0 Ton units and Window air conditioner units are eligible.
- Rebates of \$50, \$300, or \$500 depending upon size and type.

For More Information Contact:
The City of Lindsborg
(785) 227-3355
or visit us at
www.lindsborgcity.org



REBATE Levels

Central Air Conditioners
Or
Heat Pumps
Residential
Existing Construction
&
Small Business

SEER 14.0 EER 11.0

Window Unit
Air Conditioners

EER	BTUs
10.7 EER & Above	<19,999 BTUs
9.4 EER & Above	>20,000 BTUs



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CITY - WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

- 8:00 AM to NOON
- FOR LINDSBORG RESIDENTS ONLY
- THE STREETS & PARKS FACILITY (formerly the Tree Station) - 1111 EAST SWENSSON
- ITEMS **NOT** ACCEPTED DURING THE CLEAN-UP DAY INCLUDE:
 - TIRES •AMMUNITION •BATTERIES
 - ITEMS THAT CONTAIN OR DID CONTAIN FREON •HAZARDOUS WASTE
 - YARD WASTE (GRASS CLIPPINGS, DIRT, LEAVES, LIMBS, WEEDS, STRAW, ETC.)
- PLEASE CALL CITY HALL AT 785-227-3355 FOR MORE INFORMATION IF IT IS NEEDED





SPRING
IS IN THE
AIR

Isn't spring a good thing? Attitudes become more cheerful as the days lengthen, the sun shines more frequently, the cold dispels and travelers begin to, once again, be a common sight on any given day. While Lindsborg has known for years the importance of tourism to our community, the Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to share information that will put actual numbers to the significance of each and every traveler.

In May 2014 a woman planning a trip for a group of cyclists approached the CVB with a need for travel planning assistance. Before she left the CVB office she offered the idea that her group would collect their receipts and provide us with information that would be insightful into the economic impact created by this group of 15 individuals. We were ecstatic as these are typically hard numbers to pin down without a group of willing individuals, and this group volunteered to figure it down to the penny!

Logging information from lodging, gasoline, food, gifts, incidentals, Millfest tickets, etc., the group spent a total of \$5,449.95 during their three night stay.

If you consider the economic impact multiplier of tourism dollars, the idea that this money in turn changes hands an average of seven times in our wider community, the economic impact of that one visit would be considered a bit more than \$38,000.

Hard numbers like these make each of us think a little bit more about the far reaching impact of tourism in Lindsborg. Positively good for ALL of us.

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO SOME SUMMER FUN!

Broadway
RFD

presents

"The Wizard of Oz"

"The Wizard of Oz" is the 2015 summer musical production and will be held "under the stars" on the Swensson Park Band Shell. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. on July 17, 18, 24 and 25.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate only. \$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under. Held at the Band Shell in Swensson Park, located at the 400 block of N. Main St.

The annual Street Dance will be held on August 22! Please make plans to attend. A good time is always had by all. The local band, King Midas, will keep you dancing in the street!

Midsummer's Festival is June 20th! A national Swedish holiday celebrated with Swedish food, music, dancing, art, games and the raising of the Midsommarstång (Midsummer Pole). This festival, held to celebrate the beginning of summer, is one of the most popular of all Swedish celebrations, and Lindsborg is proud to host this fun-filled family oriented Swedish-American festival in our beautiful downtown.

Photo courtesy of Jim Richardson





TIME TO HAVE A BALL....
IN THE SCC!



Whether it is a wedding event, a meeting event or even the exciting 2015 Smoky Valley High School Prom, a good time is always awaiting at the Sundstrom Conference Center!



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Lindsborg News-Record



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Tim Stewart



Planting Trees, Saving the Earth!



The Tree Board travelled to Topeka on March 26th, 2015, to receive recognition for 30 years as a Tree City USA. From left, Abner Vickrey, Karmon Almquist, Bill Roth, Keith Kandt, and Larry Biles, Kansas State Forester. Kevin Allton, Parks Department, also attended.

Arbor Day Tree Planting



On April 24, the Tree Board and Parks Department staff gathered in Riverside Park to plant the city's annual Arbor Day tree. A zelkova was installed in front of the municipal swimming pool, replacing a blue spruce that was removed a few years ago. Commemorating its 30th year as a Tree City USA, the Tree Board plans to plant over 200 trees this year, along the Välkommen Trail and the newly adapted Streets and Parks Facility (formerly the Tree Outgrowing Station). Also scheduled for new trees is the future Senior Fitness Facility, located at 1st and Union.



Introducing the NEW Downtown Street Trees

Greenspire Littleleaf Linden

(*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire')

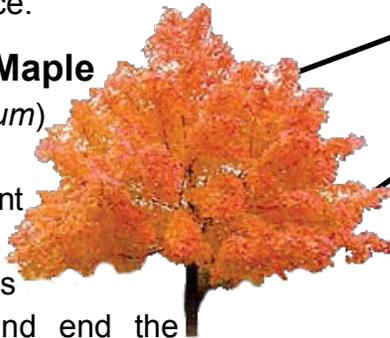
A slow-growing, dense pyramidal to oval tree with dark green leaves. Lindens are popular in Sweden. They are similar to Bradford pears, but without the splitting issues or fruit. The tree will eventually outgrow its space, but are slower to establish because of the tight sidewalk space.



Shantung Maple

(*Acer truncatum*)

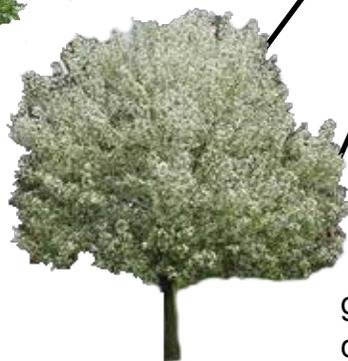
This hardy, drought-tolerant maple has delicate leaves that begin and end the season with rich orange and red colors. They are easy to shape, and have no pest or disease problems.



Frontier Elm

(*Ulmus* 'Frontier')

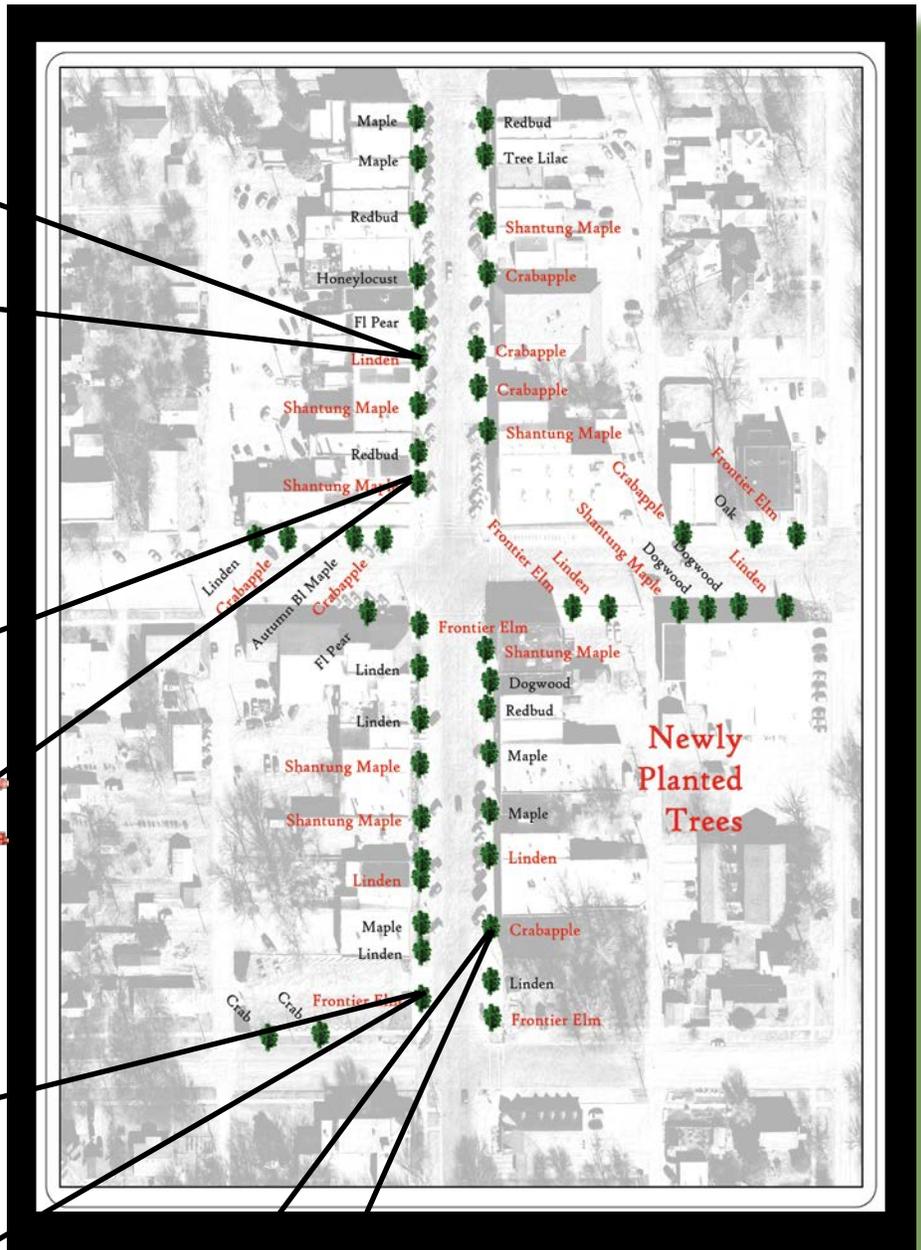
The Frontier hybrid elm has a high level of tolerance to Dutch elm disease, with red-purple fall color. Its drought resistance and adaptability to urban conditions makes it an ideal street tree.



Spring Snow Crabapple

(*Malus x Spring Snow*)

This small tree produces a showy display of pure white flowers in the spring, but produces no fruit like many other crab varieties. The dense, oval crown grows to about 25 to 30 feet, ideal for the downtown setting.



IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE CAN CAUSE FLOODING

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 pot-holes. 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.

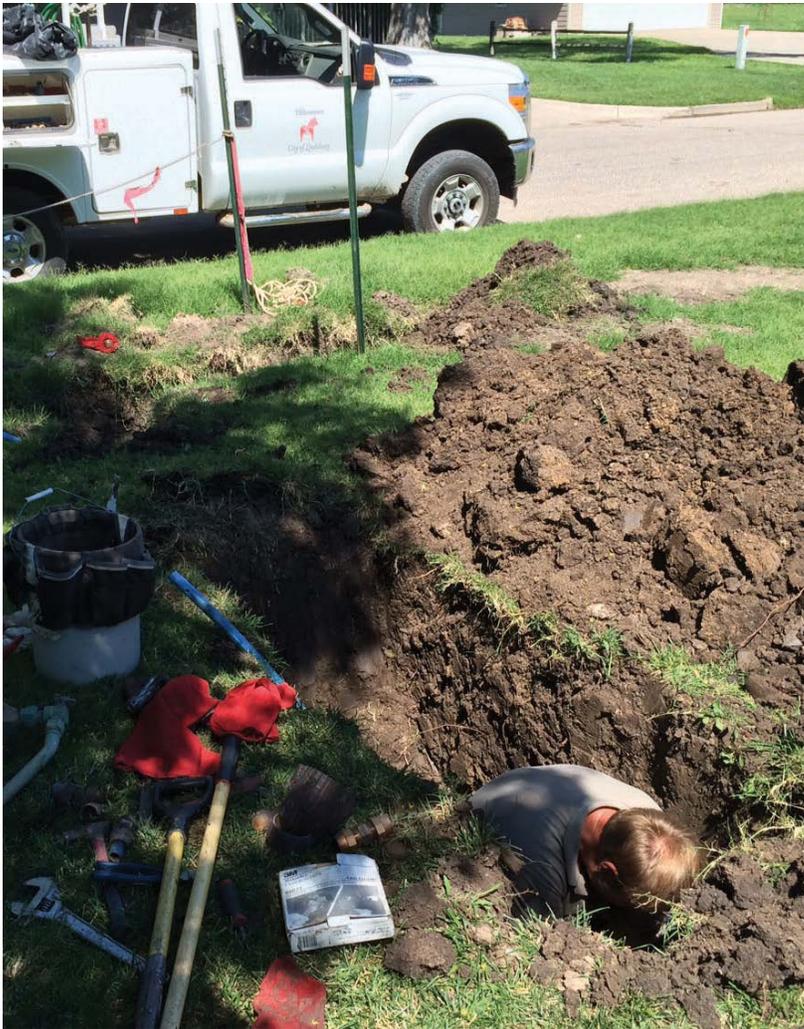
City ordinance prohibits streambed dumping, which specifically refers to all lawn debris, brush, fill and organic material. By streambeds, the law includes all streets, gutters, ditches, channels and basins that carry or collect storm water. Fines of not more than \$1,000 and/or jail time can be imposed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

Water Line Replacement Program

In 1993, the City of Lindsborg undertook a massive water line replacement project, encompassing seventeen blocks of line replacement, and costing many hundreds of thousands of dollars. This was at a time before street boring was common so sixteen street crossings were torn out and replaced and the disruption to local traffic and neighborhoods was significant. Many, many complaints were received by the Public



Works Department in response to the construction. As a result, a new strategy emerged whereby, rather than pay a company huge sums of money in overhead and profit, rather than disrupt countless neighborhoods for extended periods, let the small, two-man Water Department replace a few lines at a time. The lines in question, 4" cast iron pipe that had been in the ground for 60 to 80 years, were still functional as far as service to a household, but they were not sufficient to provide enough flow to a hydrant in the event of a fire. Since that time, our Water Department has replaced 2, 3 or 4 blocks of water line every summer until now. In 2015, only one more segment of line on North Kansas Street remains to be replaced. This has been done on a minimal budget with nothing going to overhead and profit for some com-

pany that doesn't live and work here. We now can boast of one of the finest grids of water lines around, with fire protection that achieves the highest ISO rating available to a town of our size.

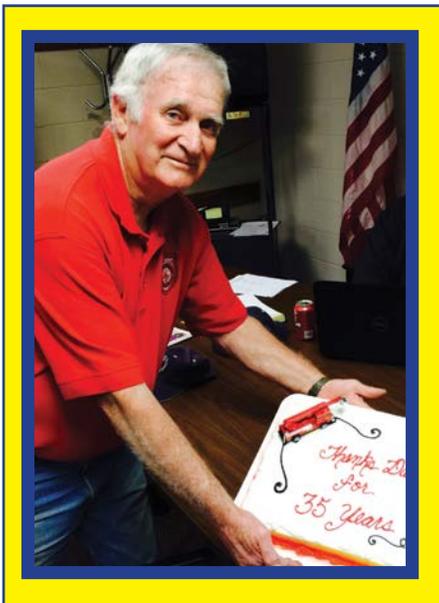
BE AWARE

Fraud and Scams

Fraud isn't limited to ethnic background, gender, age, education, or income. That said, some scams seem to concentrate in certain groups. For example, older people may be targeted because the caller assumes they may live alone, have a nest egg, or may be more polite toward strangers.

Always ask yourself who is calling... and why?

- If they ask you to pay a fee to win a prize or cash...it's a scam. Free is free. If you have to pay, it's a purchase, not a prize or gift.
- Do not give out any personal information like your checking account number or social security number.
- By law telemarketers can only call between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. check what time this person is calling you.
- If someone sends you a check and asks you to forward some of it to another person or company, wait until the check has cleared with your bank because these checks are fictitious and it is a scam.
- Do not send money by messenger, overnight mail or money transfer. Beware of the use of green dot cards and if they ask you specifically to use them. Once these are used you may lose your right to dispute fraudulent charges. The money will be gone.
- If someone continues to call and you don't want them calling anymore, look into blocking the number through your telephone service provider. If it is a business, you can register your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry. If they call back, they're breaking the law.



Daniel Koons retired from the Lindsborg Fire Department after serving 35 years. Thanks for your service Dan!



For more information on how you can serve on the Lindsborg Volunteer Fire Department please call Fire Chief Kent Ebling at 785-227-2988.

Camp Dala Days - Coming Summer 2015



Camp Dala Days -- are coming back this summer! July 2015 -outdoor activities and a field trip to wrap things up! Ages K-5th grade will be welcome to attend Prices & details will be available on the City of Lindsborg Facebook Page and the City website at www.lindsborgcity.org



Youth flag football and youth volleyball registration deadlines are August 7, 2015!

Lindsborg Golf Course

1541 Svensk Rd
Lindsborg, KS
Call the clubhouse at 782-227-2244 to ask about specials!

The first annual **Mommy and Son Cookout** will be on July 31, 2015! The evening of activities will be held in Riverside Park and will include eating & swimming! Call Kate Elliott, Recreation Director, at 785-227-3333 for more details!



Youth Tennis Clinic begins June 1st!



Lindsborg Golf Course will be a busy place this summer! Come out and join in on the fun! Check out the Lindsborg Golf Course Facebook page for details on Mens Night, Ladies Night and Couples Night!

POOL INFORMATION

2015 Pool Season: May 23 - August 16
Hours of operation: 1:00pm to 7:00pm (M-Su)
7:00pm to 8:00pm (Adult Lap Swim M-W-F)
Pool Parties-Water Aerobics-Swim Lessons-Free Baby Programs

POOL PARTY RESERVATIONS:

\$100.00 for the first hour and \$50 for the second hour.
\$40.00 deposit to hold the date.
Time: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
Reservations can be made at City Hall or call 227-3355





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Council Meetings -- June 1, July 6, August TBD
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting -- June 16, August 18
- *Midsummer Festival -- June 20
 - *Fun Run/Walk - 7am
 - *Kubb Registration - Midsummer's Classic Golf Tournament - 8am
 - *Kubb Tournament begins - Art/Crafts/Food Vendors open - 9am
 - *Gates open at Heritage Square - 5pm
 - *Doors open at Sundstrom Conference Center for The Blades Concert - 8pm
 - *Midnight Swim begins - 10pm
- Broadway RFD "Music Man Jr." - June 19 & 20
- Broadway RFD "The Wizard of Oz" - July 17, 18, 24, & 25
- Smoky Valley Classic Car Show -- August 1
- Lindsborg Annual Downtown Street Dance -- August 22
- City View Newsletter -- Issue 35 (August)
- 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 |
| Water Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3469 (after hours, weekends and holidays) |