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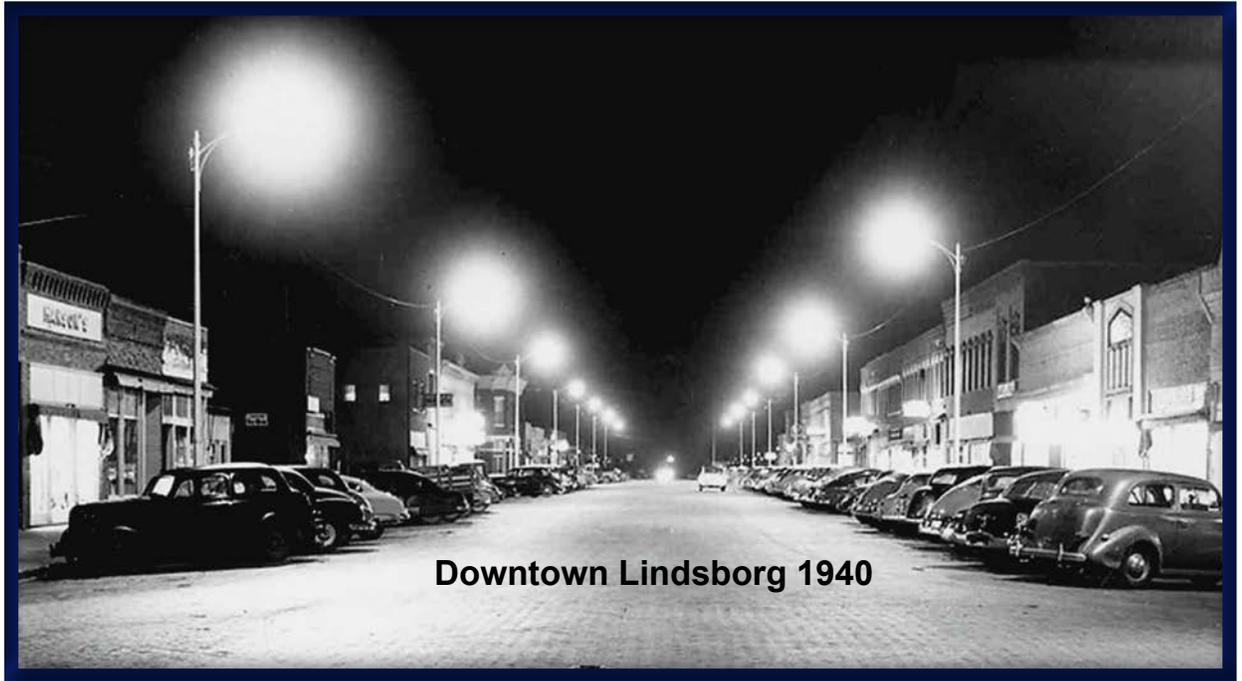
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DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

SUCCESS -- suc·cess noun \sək-'ses\
 --the fact of getting or achieving wealth, respect, or fame
 -- the correct or desired result of an attempt
 -- someone or something that is successful: a person or thing that succeeds

On June 4, 2013, the City of Lindsborg was notified by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) that its application for Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funding had been approved. The application for TE funding was for a downtown infrastructure project. The infrastructure items to be addressed are an old inefficient street lighting system, replacement of aging sidewalks, installation of a watering system and replacement of an inoperable sound system.

While the total estimated cost of the project is \$852,038, the TE program will pay for \$681,631 (80%) of the project's cost. The City of Lindsborg is required to provide a 20% match, or \$170,408. The City of Lindsborg's match will be \$116,435 in sales tax, \$15,000 in Electric Fund Reserve, \$25,000 in Energy Efficiency Reserve and \$13,973 in Water Fund Reserve.



Downtown Lindsborg 1940

Photo submitted by Smoky Valley Historical Association

What area is going to be impacted by Downtown Infrastructure Project? The area that will be receiving the improvements that have been approved by KDOT is Main Street bounded on the north by State Street and on the south by Grant Street, and Lincoln Street beginning at First Street, west to Washington Street.

One aspect of the plan is to replace the current cobra head streetlights and poles with energy efficient LED street lights. Not only is the design to maintain street lighting, but the system will be more pedestrian friendly. When the lights are replaced, the overhead power lines to the lighting system will be upgraded and buried underground. This will include tree bed power outlets for Christmas lighting and other community events.

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BEFORE OPENING A BUSINESS IN LINDSBORG...

1. Zoning Regulations – Be sure to check at City Hall to verify that the type of business you wish to open is an allowable use in the area you are interested in.
2. Home based businesses are also subject to zoning regulations and require a special use permit.
3. If your business building will be located in the downtown (C-2, Retail Business District), any modifications you wish to do to the exterior of the building must be approved in advance by the Design Review Committee. Contact City Hall for further details at 785-227-3355.
4. SIGNS – ALL SIGNS (no matter how the property is zoned) MUST BE PRE-APPROVED – Any and all signs you may wish to use for your business must be pre-approved by the Design Review Committee. Be sure to contact City Hall BEFORE you build or purchase any signs.
5. Utility Service - The City of Lindsborg provides electric, water, sewer and trash service to residents and businesses in Lindsborg. To begin new service, you must apply in person at City Hall located at 101 S. Main, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to complete an application and pay the fee of \$15 for electric service and \$10 for water service. Information required on the application includes name/s on the account, phone numbers, place of employment, driver's license and social security number for all adult residents. Additionally, we require service deposits in the amount of \$75 for electric and \$25 for water.
6. Natural Gas Service - Kansas Gas Service is the local provider. Their contact number is 800-794-4780. Kansas Gas Service also requires a deposit for their service.



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM



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A friendly Reminder: Don't blow grass clippings into the street!

The City Nuisance Code prohibits 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 therefore includes city streets. Violators can be fined up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or jailed for each offense, and a separate violation occurs each separate day that the offense is committed. The City Police Department issues tickets for these offenses. Blowing grass and/or leaves into the street can clog catch basins which then prevent storm water from properly draining off the streets. Flooded corners can be traffic hazards and excessive storm water can find its way into basements and crawlspaces of your house or your neighbors.



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Downtown Infrastructure Project ... continued

The current system for watering the trees is to drag a hose up and down the street. Two options are being reviewed for a more efficient method to provide for watering in downtown. The first option is timed irrigation, which requires no labor, but would make water unavailable for any other purposes. The second option is to include water spigots in some of the tree beds. The advantage of this is water would be available for other purposes beyond irrigation. The downside is that this is much more labor intensive. Both options are being explored further to examine the difference in initial construction costs, required future maintenance and life of the system. The watering system will change, but to which system has not been decided.

The existing sidewalks will be removed and replaced. There are varying conditions in the quality of the sidewalk surfaces. Many are cracked, pitted and with different elevations between panels. Many of these panels are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and with sidewalk code. All sidewalks downtown will be replaced and new ADA ramps installed. To minimize business disruption, access to the front door of a business cannot be closed for more than 24 hours. Additionally, the contractor for the project will be required to give a business owner a minimum of 3 days notice prior to closing the access to the front door of the business.

Several years ago when you walked down the street, the sounds of Swedish music could be heard throughout downtown. The sound system that provided that music was old and finally stopped working. At that time, investigations into replacing the system were not fruitful. A key piece to this downtown infrastructure project is the installation of a new, more robust sound system so the sounds of Sweden will fill the downtown streets again.



Downtown Lindsborg 2013

Currently the project is in the engineering phase. The construction will occur during 2014, but a definitive schedule has not been developed. There are two approvals from KDOT in the process that must be received before the final schedule of bid letting and construction can be developed. The first of the approvals is for the field check plans which should occur no later than mid-December. The last step is approval of the final engineering design. The goal is to pursue this approval in early 2014. Status and progress updates will be provided on the City of Lindsborg's Facebook page. The city's Facebook page can be accessed at www.facebook.com/LindsborgCity.



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FAST FACTS ON FLOOD INSURANCE



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Facts to be advised on regarding federally-provided flood insurance and the risk of flooding:

1. Everyone lives in a flood zone, some are just higher risk than others.

- You don't need to live near water to be flooded.
- Floods are caused by localized storms, hurricanes, and water backup due to inadequate or overloaded drainage systems, dam or levee failure, etc.

2. Flood damage is not covered by most homeowners' policies.

- You can protect your home, business, and belongings with flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a program backed by the federal government.

- You can insure your home with flood insurance for up to \$250,000 for the building and \$100,000 for its contents.

3. Contents coverage is separate, so renters can insure their belongings too.

- Up to \$100,000 contents coverage is available for homeowners and renters.
- Whether you rent or own your home or business, make sure to ask your insurance agent about contents coverage. It is not automatically included with the building coverage (except under the Preferred Risk Policy).

4. You can buy flood insurance no matter what your flood risk is.

- It doesn't matter whether your flood risk is high or low. You can buy flood insurance as long as your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which the City of Lindsborg does.
- And, it's a good idea to buy even in low- and moderate-risk areas: between 20 and 25 percent of all flood insurance claims come from these areas.

5. The low-cost Preferred Risk Policy is cost-effective for homes and businesses in low- to moderate-risk areas.

- Homeowners can insure buildings and contents for as little as \$129 per year.
- Business owners can insure building and contents for as little as \$1,016 per year.
- Residential renters can insure contents for as little as \$57 per year.

6. Flood insurance is easy to get.

- You can buy NFIP flood insurance from private insurance companies who sell the NFIP flood insurance and their agents. You can locate an agent in your area by checking with your own insurance agent, on the website: www.Floodsmart.gov or by looking through the phone book.
- You may be able to pay your annual flood insurance premium with a credit card, check or cash. Or the lender may include it in your escrow.

7. There is usually a 30-day waiting period before the coverage goes into effect.

- Plan ahead so you're not caught without flood insurance when a flood threatens your home or business.

8. Federal disaster assistance is not the answer.

- Federal disaster assistance is only available if the President declares a disaster, and usually it is in the form of a loan, which must be repaid along with any existing mortgage.
- Flood insurance pays even if a disaster is not declared. This means you'll be reimbursed for all your covered losses by insurance. And unlike Federal aid, it never has to be repaid.

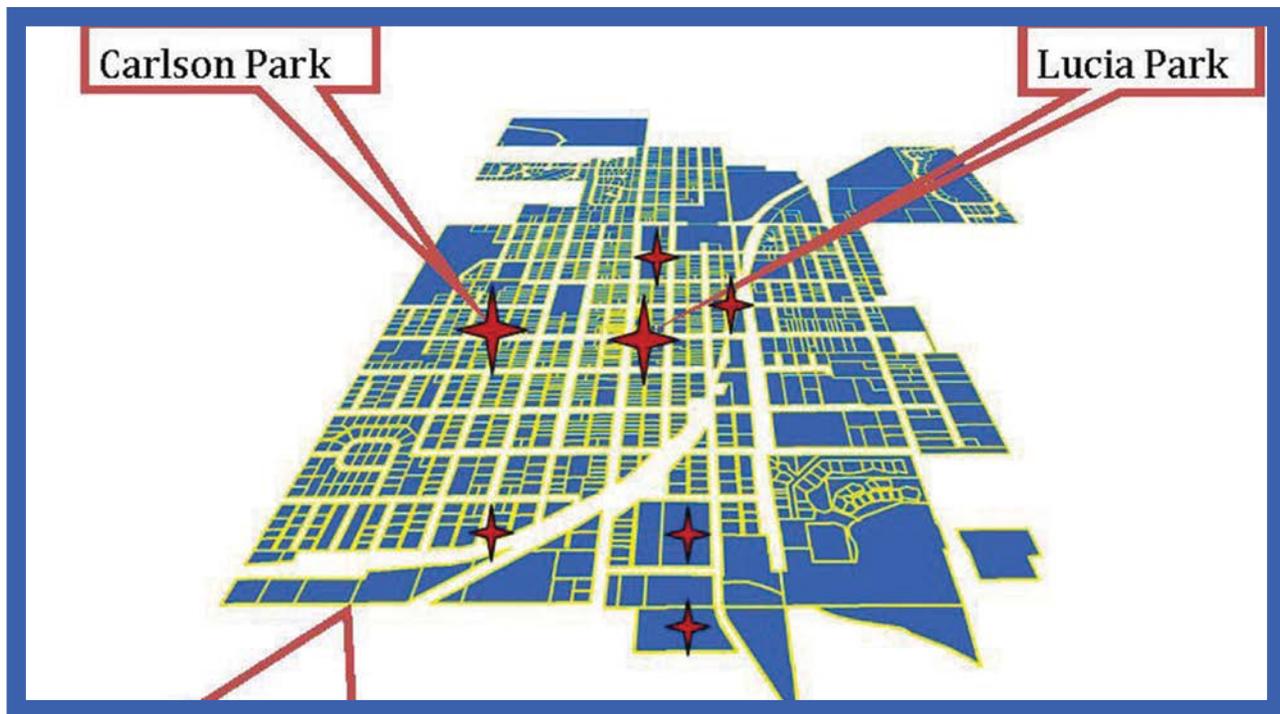
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a brief history of the Parks in Lindsborg

The Parks of Lindsborg, Part 1: The Neighborhood and Pocket Parks

LUCIA PARK... 105 S Main

At 1500 square feet, Lucia Park is the smallest in the City, about the size of an average 2-bedroom apartment. Lucia is a relatively recent addition to the parks system. It was designed and constructed on the vacant lot created by the demolition of an 1891 wooden frame structure that was “about to fall onto the sidewalk and kill somebody,” as one informed citizen put it. Sometime in the late 80s, the City Council voted to purchase and raze the old building which had originally been constructed as a paint store. The Park Board petitioned the City to plant trees, build an attractive brick walkway, and install benches for seating. Later, in 1993, the City constructed a public restroom on the rear half of the lot.



CARLSON PARK... 400 W Lincoln

This small neighborhood park was once part of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks OWLS Program. The park was planted with native wildflowers and grass to help increase student exposure to native wildlife and plant communities. The school has not used the land for the OWLS program for some time now and the property is an open green space with a few pedestrian benches and a four foot sidewalk on the south side of the park. The area is situated on the Cow Creek Floodplain which traverses the City from southwest to northeast.

THE SUNDSTROM CONFERENCE CENTER...

a league of its own



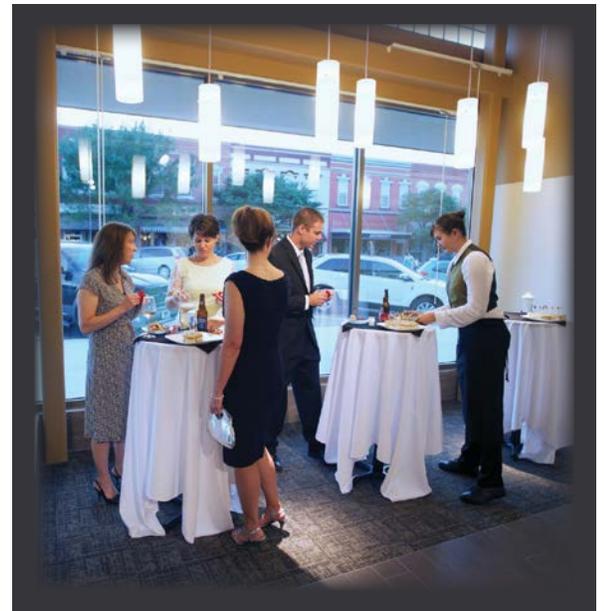
The Sundstrom Conference Center officially opened to the public on August 31, 2013, with a Grand Opening Gala event that provided an opportunity for the community to experience not only the beautiful interior of the new facility but to also enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by Lindsborg eateries. An open house occurred the following day where several hundred people attending the event that provided refreshments and tours staffed by

city council members, the mayor, and city staff. In the following weeks the Sundstrom has already provided a meeting place for several state organizations and has continued to book events into 2015. This is an exciting project in the history of our community, replacing a non-functional building that had become an eyesore in our community with a facility that promises to provide a much needed venue in Central Kansas for meetings and events. As the CVB shares information and gives tours of the Sundstrom Conference Center, we are reminded constantly by guests that there simply is not another facility of this caliber for miles around. Hats off to a community that continues to raise their own bar as they focus on the future!



The ribbon was cut, RoJean Loucks played the harp, champagne was poured, hors d'oeuvres were served and Lindsborg citizens mingled, it was a great opening at the Sundstrom Conference Center.

Council Members cut the ribbon above. Pictured L-R are: W.R. Chestnut, Becky Anderson, Betty Nelson, Rick Martin, Mayor Bill Taylor, Kelley Menke, Emile Gallant and David Higbee.

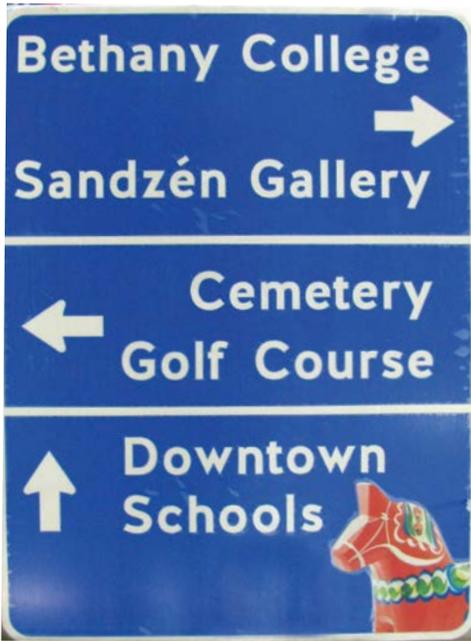


NEW & IMPROVED



In 2011, after a great deal of planning, photo taking, map making and placing requests for bids from signage companies, community wayfinding signage appeared to be a future project that would only occur as extra funds were available to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. While it was no secret that new wayfinding signage was needed to replace the outdated and weather-worn signage that had been installed in the 1970s, it seemed to be a reality that the cost of replacement would put this plan on a back burner for some time. The CVB office took another look at this project in October of 2012 and with some creativity, put together a package that would utilize the McPherson County Sign Shop, the Kansas Department

of Corrections Sign Shop and a local vinyl signage vendor to produce wayfinding signage that not only provided easy to read, reflective signage, but signage that would also help with branding our community's Swedish heritage. And, this was done at a fraction of the cost that had been bid by sign companies in 2012. After providing a plan to each of the necessary entities, sign manufacturing and installation took place quickly! Visitors and community members alike have taken notice of the new wayfinding signage and their comments have been positive!



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Save the date

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CONFERENCE CENTER

New Year's Eve Event

Details arriving soon at www.sundstromevents.com



JOHNSON RETIRES

Daryl Johnson is a native of Lindsborg. He graduated from Lindsborg High School. After serving four years in the Navy he returned to the area and made a choice in 1985 to join the Lindsborg EMS to help the community as a special volunteer. Daryl is married to Kola Malm Johnson and has two children, Garrett and Kaitlyn. Daryl was appointed the Director of EMS in August of 2000 and continued in that position until his retirement from EMS service in August with 28 years as a volunteer. Thank you Daryl Johnson for your dedicated service to our community and the Lindsborg Ambulance Service!



EMS DIRECTOR



Chris Matthews lives in Lindsborg with his wife Bonnie and three children, Hannah, Allison and Felicity. He has served as the Pastor of the Smoky Valley Baptist Church in Lindsborg since 2005. In 2010 Chris saw an article in the Lindsborg Newsletter about the Volunteer Fire Department. Wanting to serve the Community, Chris submitted an application and completed the required Fire Training. After a few years Chris felt that he wanted to expand his ability to serve and asked to take the EMT class. Chris completed the EMT class in December of 2012 and began answering calls in a dual role of Fire fighter and EMT. In October of this year Chris was asked to serve as the Assistant Director of EMS under the new leadership of Director Stan Fields. Chris accepted the position and continues to serve the people of the Lindsborg area.



FIELDS HIRED

Stan Fields is a Paramedic who is currently residing in Salina, Kansas. Stan has several years of experience managing in this field and he and his wife, Karyn, operate "Life Touch EMS" which is a private ambulance transport service located in Salina. Stan also fills in part-time with Riley County EMS when they are short staffed. In September of this year Stan was appointed to the position of Director of the Lindsborg EMS. During his first month of employment at Lindsborg he studied Lindsborg EMS protocols, procedures and also met the staff! Stan's approach to the service is very professional and the City is confident Stan will be an asset to the Lindsborg EMS and the patients they serve.



Lindsborg Police Department Staff: Back Row L-R: Derek Bartlett, Brad Smith & Terry Reed. Front Row L-R: Chief Tim Berggren, Michael Wessel, Sue Bartholomew & Scott Wolf.



EMS Staff L-R: Angela Hattabaugh, Terry Reed, Ryan DuMars, Sandra Champlin, Assistant Director Chris Matthews, Rob Ferguson, Carrie Bellah, Darren Ebling, Director Stan Fields. Not pictured: Steve Adams, Jane Brunsell, Nate Finch, Tim Gadde, Lori Scott, Chris Venables, Angela Venables.



Michael R. Wessel began work on September 2, 2013 for the Lindsborg Police Department. Mr. Wessel is originally from Emporia, Kansas. He worked for seven years as a Lyons County Deputy and was previously employed as a police officer in Council Grove, Kansas. He has moved to the area and is eager to learn more about the community that he will be protecting and serving.

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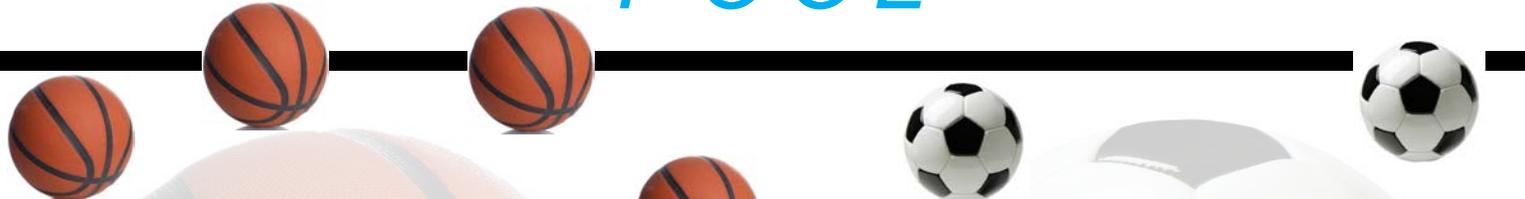
In all likelihood, most citizens have seen the old orange dump truck that the City bought from State Surplus about 10 years ago. It was 13 years old then. In the winter it's our snow plow and sand spreader, and the rest of the year it hauls dirt, concrete and asphalt. It's indispensable. Unfortunately, in today's economy, it is just about impossible to replace. That's why last year, we started going through the truck, replacing bushings and kingpins, drag links and tie-rod ends and so on. At that point, we realized the truck needed a lot more work, including the replacement of the entire cab. After making inquiries into probable costs for the known and unknown required work, we budgeted \$35,000 to make it whole again. We truly believed we were going

to have to have one of the heavy truck specialists in Salina find a cab for the truck and rebuild it at those "premium shop rates". Early this year, while visiting a salvage yard to pick up an exhaust manifold for the truck, two of the Public Works employees spotted what appeared to be the exact cab that would replace the one we had. It turned out to be one year newer than our truck but close enough that it would probably work. After a lot of discussion, and honest self-appraisal, the Street Department felt that it could take on the project of restoring our dump truck. As luck would have it, we were able to purchase the used cab for approximately a fourth of the price of any that we had seen on the internet. Well, it wasn't always easy and it wasn't always quick, but due in most part to the efforts of Paul Dinkel and Jeff Peters, (with excellent advice from Lynn Johnson), the City now has a renovated, indispensable dump truck. So what did it cost? After all of the work that was done by City employees, as well as having it commercially aligned, we spent under \$6,000.



RECREATION

GOLF POOL



ITTY BITTY YOUTH BASKETBALL

A program for boys and girls in pre-kindergarten. Registration deadline is January 31st. Cost of the program is \$25 for in-town residents. \$30 for out-of-town residents.

YOUTH SOCCER

A program for boys and girls four year olds – sixth graders. Registration deadline is March 8th. Cost of the program is \$25 for in-town residents. \$30 for out-of-town residents.

PRIVATE POOL PARTY RESERVATIONS

We start taking reservations for private pool parties on February 1st.

*\$100.00 for the first hour

*\$50.00 for the second hour.

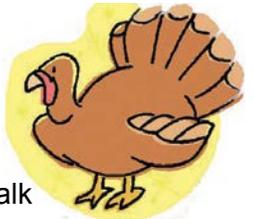
Time: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday

Please Call 785-227-3355 for more information or to make a reservation.

A \$40 deposit must be received within two weeks of booking a party or the reservation will be cancelled and the evening made available to someone else. The deposit will be applied to the cost of the party or refunded if party is cancelled by the pool staff due to weather or an unforeseen pool problem. Payment for remaining balance can be made at the pool at the time of the party. Deposit is non-refundable if person who scheduled party cancels the party with less than 48 hours notice.

Don't Forget: TURKEY TROT



The 5K Turkey Trot & 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk is scheduled for November 23rd! Registration closed as of Nov. 4th! This is a reminder for those who are signed up! Call LRD for more information if needed.

LINDSBORG GOLF COURSE



LGC winter hours are in effect. The Clubhouse is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



(weather permitting with temperatures above 55 degrees). LGC staff invites you take advantage of the great fall weather and play a few rounds.



The LRD is offering a Text Messaging Service to notify parents and participants about rained out games, cancellations, and upcoming program announcements. To sign-up: Access the following website: www.rainedout.com 2) Search for Lindsborg using the search box 3) Select Lindsborg Recreation Department 4) Opt-in by entering your cell phone or email address 5) Validate your phone or email. If you need assistance or do not have access to the internet but do have a cellular phone, please contact the LRD at 785-227-3333.

City Hall information continued...



The City of Lindsborg has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides Lindsborg officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire city.

CodeRED, Lindsborg's Emergency Notification system, is only as good as the telephone number database supporting it. If residents and businesses do not register their phone numbers they will not be called in case of an emergency. One of the reasons CodeRED was selected was the fact that businesses and individuals will be able to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database; this is an extremely important feature.

Please sign up at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BFB7CC4C6C0A> or follow the link provided on our City site at www.lindsborgcity.org > About Lindsborg > E-Services page.

Those without Internet access may call City Hall at 785-227-3355, Monday through Friday, (8AM-5PM) to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number.

More information on the CodeRED system is available at www.ecnetwork.com.

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9. Elevating a building higher = Greater Savings

- *The higher up a property owner raises their structure above the base flood elevation in high risk areas (to a certain limit), the lower their insurance premiums will be. A property owner could save as much as 50% in premium payments by going 2-3 feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE).*

10. Grandfathering offers savings.

- *When a new flood hazard map moves a structure from a low- or moderate-risk zone to a high-risk zone, flood insurance will be required for mortgages held by federally-regulated lenders. Consequently, flood insurance costs may rise to reflect the true (high) risk.*

- *The NFIP has "grandfathering" rules to recognize policyholders who have built in compliance with the flood map in effect at the time of construction or who maintain continuous coverage. Therefore, property owners can possibly pay a lower premium by purchasing a policy before the new maps take effect.*

- *If there is no loan in place, the property owner should still seriously consider protecting their investment by purchasing flood insurance. FEMA statistics show that there is a 26% chance of a building flooding versus only a 9% chance for a fire over a 30-year period.*

Resources for Flood Insurance Article:

-NFIP FloodSmart Website (Homeowners, Business Owners) www.floodsmart.gov
Risk Calculator on this website uses the current effective maps, not the new preliminary maps, and may not show the correct risk for your property.

-NFIP FloodSmart Website for Insurance Agents
www.agents.floodsmart.gov

-NFIP Technical Website (Lenders, Surveyors, Local Officials)
www.fema/business/nfip/





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Council Meetings -- Dec. 2, 2013 ~ Jan. 6, Feb. 3, 2014
- Recycling Center -- (Open 24/7) Be considerate please
- Thanksgiving -- Nov. 28 & 29 (City Offices Closed)
- Snowflake Parade -- Dec. 7
- Artists' Studio Open House -- Dec. 7
- Old Fashioned Christmas -- Dec. 7 & 14
- Lucia Festival -- Dec. 14
- Christmas Eve -- Dec. 24 (City Offices Closed)
- Christmas Day -- Dec. 25 (City Offices Closed)
- New Year's Day -- Jan. 1, 2014 (City Offices Closed)
- February 14 -- Valentine's Day
- City View Newsletter -- Issue 29 (mid-February)



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- 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)