



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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City Center Offices
100 North State St/Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development
100 North State St/Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works
946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court
100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police
100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center
60 West 60 North
610-4160

Community/Senior Center
25 North Main
769-8637/769-8625

City Website
www.lindoncity.org
www.facebook.com/lindoncity

LITTLE MISS LINDON PAGEANT

The 2014 Little Miss Lindon Pageant will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Oak Canyon Jr. High School. Come out for a night of entertainment and fun! Hope to see you there!

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

A committee made up of City Staff, interested persons, and experts from the community are in the beginning process of creating a bicycle and pedestrian master plan for Lindon. A big part of this effort is to seek out feedback from the public as this vision of bicycle and pedestrian transportation and recreation comes together. It is important that this master plan provides, for the future, a safe and practical structure in which cars and trucks using our streets can safely and efficiently "get along" with other forms of transportation such as walking and cycling for commuting, recreation and fitness. The plan should also provide means to make bicycling or walking an efficient and effective way of commuting to schools, shopping, or jobs.

There are a number of reasons that we should explore safe alternative transportation. We all know that it's currently inversion season in Utah, and it is easy to see and feel the effects that airborne pollutants, a large part of which come from automobiles, has upon our air quality. Traffic has steadily increased on our streets, and Utah County air is consistently rated as some of the worst in the nation at this time of year. In the most recent air quality data gathered in January, the Lindon monitoring station registered the highest (worst) readings in the country, yes, in the entire country! The inversion is a fact of nature where we live, and while we can't make it go away, we can do things to lessen its effects. Using automobiles less is one of them. An effective plan for alternative transportation may help us all be healthier! In addition, gas prices remain high, and for many people the price of owning, maintaining, and operating a car is a financial burden. This plan needs to help provide a future community for people who, for various reasons, may choose to walk or bike for their main mode of transportation.

Finally, Lindon City residents and, in fact, people in the whole state of Utah, are known for high levels of fitness, activity, and outdoor recreation. Many of us bike, walk, or run, for fitness, recreation or stress relief. Some of us even wear spandex to do it! As we hit the streets to sweat, enjoy a casual walk with family or friends, or just to get outside to move and be in nature, we need to be able to do so safely. Every year, pedestrians and cyclists are hit and killed in Utah County. This plan needs to also address safety for all involved. An important part of safety is knowledge and education. As a component of the master plan process, education needs to be able to reach drivers, bikers, walkers, runners, parents and children. One way this is being attempted is through the Road Respect Program. The Road Respect Program is a part of UDOT's "ZERO Fatalities" effort and is dedicated to promoting safety by educating both drivers and cyclists about the rules of the road and encouraging mutual respect so that everyone gets home safely. Lindon City is currently exploring becoming a "Road Respect Community" to further our commitment to bicycle and pedestrian safety. More can be learned about the Road Respect Program at www.roadrespect.utah.gov.

There are several things that you can do to help and learn about the plan in more detail. First there is an on-line survey that will take about 10 minutes of your time and through which your ideas and thoughts regarding cycling and walking in Lindon City can be heard. This anonymous survey can be found via a link from the city website www.lindoncity.org. There are also printed paper copies of the survey available at the Community Center. The survey was created to learn where people in Lindon bike and walk, where they'd like to bike and walk, and what types of facilities they'd like to use. Please take the time to thoughtfully fill out the survey and to make your feelings known about the future of transportation in Lindon. Please go on-line and learn about the Road Respect Program. There appears to be many benefits to Lindon participating and committing to be a "Road Respect Community". We would like to know how our citizens feel about the program and how we should proceed. In addition, there will be a series of open house events held to discuss the progress of the master plan and to receive fact to face information from the community.

The first open house for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will be held on February 12, 2014 at the Lindon Community Center, 25 North Main Street, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The project team would love to hear your feedback about how to improve Lindon! Come meet us and fill out your survey at the open house! Please see the attached flyer!

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police