



# "A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

## LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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### Mayor

James A. Dain

### City Center Offices

100 North State Street  
Upper Level  
785-5043

### Community Development

100 North State Street  
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](http://www.lindoncity.org)

## "Lions and Tigers and Bears... Oh My!"

One benefit of living next to a huge mountain range and an enormous fresh water lake is that we get to enjoy the scenery and the wildlife which lives "out there." Then we find that "out there" is located literally right in our city. Did you know that the Lindon City limits, on the east side of town, extends all the way to a federally appointed wilderness area or that the west side of the city also extends about a half mile into Utah Lake? Most people don't realize how large, in area, our city really is.

The natural environment of our area provides us with a lot of recreational opportunities, although a lot of people don't take advantage of our amazing trail systems which allow trail access into the mountains directly from your car, and in some cases from your front yard. If the mountains aren't for you, try a completely different nature experience as you explore the wetlands of the Utah Lake shore or take the kids fishing in an area that is both easily accessible and safe. But I hear voices asking, "Why am I telling you this?"

We must always remember that we are members of the natural environment and that we are not alone. Large animals of many varieties call our area home, and some of them believe that it all still belongs to them! Smaller wild mammals, amphibians, insects and reptile species live in every corner of our city. Most of the time you never know that they are there, but when the gopher snake or Diamondback shows up in the garage instant panic sets in.

All of the Lindon City police officers perform animal control duties, and recently we have gotten pretty close to the Officers from the State Division of Wildlife Resources who are responsible for large, wild animals. In part, due to extremely dry conditions in the mountains, wild animals recently are coming down into the neighborhoods in search of food and water. Neighborhood visits this September from a 250 lb. adolescent Black Bear and from a much larger Bull Moose have caused quite a stir. Both were safely and humanely removed and relocated by our Officers and the DWR, but it is a reminder that we live in their world.

Although these larger animals visit us less frequently, wild animals such as skunks, raccoons, rattlesnakes, (lots of other kinds of snakes), lizards, scorpions and tarantula's are an almost daily occurrence. Predators such as Bobcats, Cougars, Mink, Weasels and even birds of prey such as Hawks, Eagles and Owls are occasional visitors. Of course Mule Deer, Big Horn Sheep and Elk live right here in town and are constant neighbors and road hazards.

Please remember that due to the available food supply and water in the mountains, this could be a tough fall and winter for our wild friends. We expect to see more animals than normal in town if their conditions in the hills get desperate. Always remember to give wild animals a wide berth and never try to approach, corner or catch them. Every one of these critters can move faster than you think and cute and cuddly can turn into angry and defensive in a hurry!

Never approach an animal which appears to be acting strangely or to be sick or injured. Wild animals truly are usually more afraid of you than you are of them. If one is aggressive or menacing there is probably a pretty bad reason for it. The best approach is often to keep an eye on the animal from a safe distance, to call the police department, and to then provide information and directions regarding the animal's location and behavior to the Officers.

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police

## DRILL DOWN FOR SAFETY –WOW!!

Congratulations Lindon! 85% of you participated in the community drill! Lindon is a great place to live, and because of you, it's a little bit safer too! Thanks to the Committees and the Police Department for their hard work and service!