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**"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"
CITY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016**

Mayor
Jeff Acerson

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

Fire/EMS
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

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www.lindoncity.org
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Mayor Acerson, the Lindon City Council and City Staff wish each of you a safe and joyful holiday season! Thanks for making Lindon a great place to live and work! Happy Holidays!

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

Believe it or not, Christmas is almost here! In this happy time of year I believe that the most important thing for us is to be with our loved ones, friends and neighbors as we enjoy the spirit of the season. However, as we rush about getting ready for the holidays, we should always remember that the bad guys out there know that we're busy and distracted too. The numerous holiday parties and get-togethers provide them with a lot of opportunity for easy victims. They know that Christmas parties mean a lot of cars which are easy pickings and just might contain purses, cash, and newly purchased packages. In addition, a lot of people are away from home most evenings to run errands, shop, or attend events.

Homes that appear to be vacant for the evening are the best targets for someone who wants to break in and have an early Christmas of their own. Always leave a TV or radio and a couple of lights on at home when you're gone. The thieves may pass you by, thinking that someone is in the house. A current trend is that the bad guys follow package delivery trucks as they make their rounds. They will then steal packages left on doorsteps where people are not at home. If you are expecting a package, make arrangements for a friend or neighbor to secure it for you or arrange to pick it up at the delivery terminal. It might save your Christmas!

Remember to watch out for your neighbors as well. Most of us know the regular cars and people in our neighborhoods. Pay attention and don't be afraid to call the police about something that you feel might be suspicious. Some little thing that you notice and report might save your neighbors from becoming victims. I remember well how the best burglar that I have ever known in Utah was caught at this very time of year, when an alert lady noticed a vehicle that simply looked a little out of place. Her phone call solved over 200 residential break-ins!

As always, be careful with your money, your credit or debit cards and PIN numbers and keep track of your wallet and ID at all times. Please always be aware of your personal safety as well. Bad winter weather is here and can mean traffic problems or even make walking a danger. Be careful crossing or walking on roadways or in snowy and icy patches and dress appropriately for the season. Have a blanket or two in your car and make sure that your cell phone is charged up. Going over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house, can sometimes result in stuck or crashed cars and frozen people! Please, if your parties include a few "adult beverages," be responsible and get a ride home, take a turn being the designated driver, or plan on staying over! I've seen far too many preventable holiday tragedies over the years.

The Christmas season is a special time. Please enjoy the many events that are planned here in our great city and try to create your own family traditions. Take a moment to commit a random act of kindness and try to get away without getting caught! Remember those who are less fortunate, for there are more people in need than you realize right here in Lindon. And, always remember that the men and women of the Lindon City Police Department are always out there watching over the community and please know that we wish you all a very happy holiday season!

Cody Cullimore
Chief of Police



Happy Holidays!



Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

WOW!! Over 350 guests joined us for our seventh annual Lindon Community Thanksgiving Dinner! It

was a wonderful celebration made possible by the many great people who donated and volunteered! **A BIG THANK YOU** to all of our great sponsors and the dozens of awesome volunteers that helped to make this event a success by generously offering money, time and food donations! We do have so much to be grateful for here in Lindon. We share a great community with great people! Thanks again to all of you who contributed to this wonderful tradition! You are appreciated!



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The 23rd Annual Lindon City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm at the Lindon Community Center (25 North Main St.). A short program will take place prior to the lighting of the tree

with music for the evening being provided by Rocky Mountain Elementary! Bring the whole family and enjoy hot chocolate and candy canes and a visit from Santa Clause! This is a fun, family oriented Lindon Tradition and makes a great start to the Holiday Season!

Lindon City Food Drive



It's time to open your hearts and brighten the holiday season for a family in need! Lindon City will be collecting food donations through November 30th for our City's annual food drive. Citizens that wish to

participate can drop off food item donations at the Lindon Community Center (25 N Main St), Monday-Friday from 9 am-3 pm. Following is a list of current needs at the food bank: Canned Meats, Spaghetti's, Corn, Canned Fruit, Stews, Beans, Jelly, Bottled Salad Dressing, Peanut Butter and Chili or any non-perishable food item. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



LINDON SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Weekly Activities & Classes

- ✚ Monday – Grocery Shopping: 11:00 am
- ✚ Monday & Wednesday – Family History Class: 12:30 to 1:30 pm
- ✚ Tuesday – Pickle Ball: 10:00 am
- ✚ Wednesday – TOPS: 10:30 am
- ✚ Thursday, December 1st – Card Making with Bernie 12:30
- ✚ Friday – Bingo 12:30 pm
- ✚ 3rd Friday of the month – Free blood pressure screenings 10:30-12:00

For more information about these events please contact the Senior Center Front Desk at 801-769-8625

The Lindon Senior Center will be closed on the following days for the Christmas Holiday and will not be serving lunch:

Center closed December 23rd & 26th

Merry Christmas

Center will also be closed January 2nd

Happy New Year

[Senior Center December Newsletter](#)

[Senior Center December Lunch Menu](#)

Senior Christmas Dinner!



Celebrate the Season with us!

When: Thursday, December 15th

Where: Senior Center Cultural Arts Auditorium

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Come enjoy an evening filled with good company, entertainment and dinner! Hope to see you there!

Provided by the Senior Center Staff

SENIOR CENTER MONTHLY OUTING!

Walker Sanderson Funeral Home presents its 3rd Annual **Live Nativity** with Patti Miner

Saturday, December 10, 2016
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
646 E. 800 N • Orem, UT

WAFFLE LOVE Food Truck

Bring non-perishable food item to donate to Food Bank
If you would like to be part of the Live Nativity, contact Tara @ 801-404-7300

Sponsor: **Aurora**

Sponsor: **WALKER SANDERSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**
WalkerSanderson.com

Sponsor: **ENVISION STRATEGIC PARTNERS**

Come and enjoy the Live Nativity at the 3rd Annual Walker Sanderson Funeral Home. There will be hot cocoa, warm friendships and frosty air! We will be meeting at the Lindon Senior Center and riding the bus to the event on Saturday, **December 10th**. Meet at the Senior Center at 6:00 pm. The activity length is approximately an hour and a half. Please dress according to the weather as this will be an outdoor activity. There are only 12 spots on the bus so those who can drive and could meet us there would be great!

Reminder: We have a bus!

Please contact us if you are in need of transportation to and from the center! Call 801-769-8625

Come and eat lunch with us at the Senior Center!

Please call or let the front desk know if you will be attending lunch by 1:00 pm the day before. This ensures that there will be enough for everyone! Call 801-769-8625 (\$3.00 donation is appreciated)!

Do you or someone you know need assistance with utility bills? The HEAT program may be able to help. The program is open for application November to April. For an appointment contact Mountainland Association of Governments: Email: HEAT@mountainland.org or call: 801-229-3855.



WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is here and the snow is coming soon! Just a reminder that residents are required by ordinance to keep parked vehicles off the roads between the hours of 4:00 AM and 4:00 PM each year from November 1 through March 15. This allows our snowplow operators to clear the snow off streets. We also ask that residents do not push snow into the streets.



Please keep your sidewalks clear and salted, and be willing to assist your neighbors with special needs with their snow removal as well! Lindon City prioritizes snow removal. First to be plowed are the main arteries, collector streets, and then local and residential streets. During a heavy snowstorm, most of our resources may be spent keeping the main arteries open, and your street may not be plowed until resources become available. Please be patient and know that we will do our best to keep our streets clear. Let's all help to make life easier for our great Snowplow drivers as they work to keep the roads safe for all of us! Thanks for your cooperation!

STORMWATER REMINDER



As we enter into our winter "wet" season, you can help minimize flooding problems by keeping the storm drains clear of debris. We can all help by keeping leaves and other

material out of the gutters, where it can be washed down and clog the drain and flood your street. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Republic Services will be providing Lindon City's Christmas tree pickup (undecorated/non-flocked) from January 30th to February 3rd, 2017. Trees must be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. to ensure prompt pickup. Service is limited to one tree per household. Thanks for your cooperation in advance!



MONTHLY RECYCLING FACTS



Keeping the Holiday Season Green!

With the increase in waste with the holiday season, remember that 70% of what we throw out is recyclable! Breaking down cardboard boxes and even milk jugs allows for more space in

your recycling bin. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about recycling.

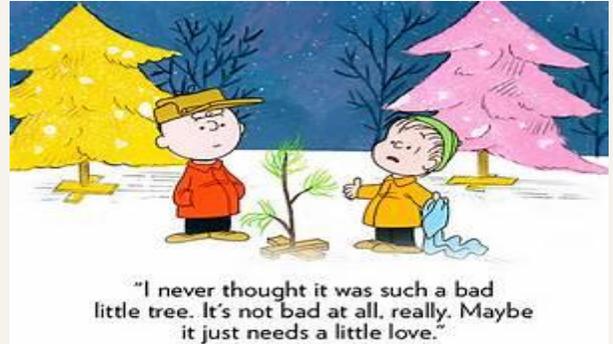
- Food containers do not need to be washed thoroughly or even rinsed out. As long as food containers are scrapped clean they can be placed in your recycling bin.
- Plastic grocery bags are recyclable but are best left out of your recycling container. These light plastic bags are difficult to run through the sorting machinery at the recycling facility. Most major grocery stores (such as Smith's and Wal-Mart) provide a drop off site for used grocery bags. Please recycle your grocery bags this way.
- The garbage and recycling truck looks the same—are my materials actually being recycled? Absolutely! On occasion, a driver may service a garbage route, empty his truck, and then service recycling containers. The same truck can service both types of cans (garbage and recycling) in the same day. The loads are never mixed, however, if you do see a driver dump a garbage can and a recycling container back to back, this is likely due to contamination in the recycle container. Please remember to follow the guidelines above.

If you are interested in ordering a recycling can please contact the Lindon City Utilities Clerk at 801-785-5043 or by email at slaidler@lindoncity.org

Lindon City Offices Holiday Hours

Lindon City offices will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 22nd and will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. We will be back in the office on Tuesday, December 27th.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Holiday!



“Tis the Season” for Tree Pruning



The Lindon City Tree Advisory Board would like to remind you that the winter is the best season to prune your trees. Long-term management of pruning can ensure your trees continue to provide the aesthetic value and function they intended for. Proper, conscientious pruning can enhance the beauty and function of your trees, while reducing the potential for loss of limbs or other failures during winter storms. Pruning shade and ornamental trees during dormant season is ideal due to inactive growth and dropping temperatures. Dormant pruning helps trees and shrubs endure damage from severe winter weather, paving the way for healthy growth in the spring. When it comes to the health of your trees, the best time to consider pruning is late fall to early spring. According to Arborday.org, there are some Keys to Good Pruning.

- Begin visual inspection at the top of the tree and work downward.
- Use The 1/3 and 1/4 Rules of Pruning
- Never remove more than 1/4 of a tree's crown in a season
- Ideally, main side branches should be at least 1/3 smaller than the diameter of the trunk.
- For most deciduous (broadleaf) trees, don't prune up from the bottom any more than 1/3 of the tree's total height.
- Where possible, try to encourage side branches that form angles that are 1/3 off vertical that form “10 o'clock” or “2 o'clock” angles with the trunk.
- For most species, the tree should have a single trunk. Identify the best leader and later branches before you begin pruning and remove defective parts before pruning for form.

- Don't worry about protecting pruning cuts. For aesthetics, you may feel better painting large wounds but it doesn't prevent or reduce decay.
- Keep tools sharp. One-hand pruning shears with curved blades work best on young trees.
- For larger branches, cut outside the branch bark and ridge collar (swollen area). Do not leave a protruding stub. If the limb is too small to have formed a collar cut close.
- Make sure to avoid 'Topping' trees. Topping is the indiscriminate cutting of tree branches to stubs or to lateral branches that are not large enough to assume the terminal role. Other names for topping include "heading," "tipping," "hat-racking," and "rounding over." Topping is often used to reduce the size of a tree. A homeowner may feel that a tree has become too large for his or her property, or that tall trees may pose an unacceptable risk. Topping, however, is not a viable method of height reduction and certainly does not reduce future risk. In fact, topping will increase risk in the long term.

If you have further questions regarding tree care, please feel free to send us a comment on line on the Lindon City Web Page at lindoncity.org. Thanks and good luck!



HOW I CAME TO LINDON.....

Donald H. Holdaway was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on July 26th, 1938. His Father was Hugh VonLoy Holdaway and his Mother was Margaret Yocom. When Donald was just a child they moved to Provo, Utah and lived on the Springville road just one block north of the Provo Cemetery. The home they lived in was run down and falling down so they moved to Lindon when Donald was just nine years old. Lindon was a great place to grow up. There was just one ward and everyone seemed to know everyone. There are many people who helped Donald grow up and he learned to love the people. The roads were just dirt roads and there was no central sewer system and you could be safe to go any place in town.

Donald attended the Lindon Elementary School and then attended school at the Pleasant Grove Jr. High and High School. He attended Brigham Young University and Utah Valley Trade School where he graduated with a certificate of completion as a journeyman Iron Worker. His Father worked as a supervisor at Geneva Steel. His older brother and an uncle also worked there. Donald hired on at Geneva and became a journeyman rigger and worked there for 28 years. He retired when they sold Geneva. The week he retired he was called to serve as Stake President of the Lindon stake. This was a great learning experience for him. His mother worked as a reporter for the Daily Herald and both parents were active in the LDS church and in the Lindon Lions Club. They taught Donald to serve others and this has been a great blessing in his life. Most of the older people in Lindon helped Donald to become the person he is today. He loves the people of Lindon, as much as he loves his own family.

In 1957, Donald married his high school sweetheart, Gayle Mart in the Salt Lake City Temple, and together they have five children, twenty grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. There will be two more great grandchildren born this year. He has lived in Lindon for sixty-nine years and his advice to the new people who move here is to become active with the people of Lindon. This is a great place to raise a family. The people and the Lord will bless you. He loves his Savior, his wife and his family and believes that families can be together forever. He and Gayle served together for seventeen years in the Mount Timpanogos Utah Temple and he received the sealing power from President Monson. He is a high priest and holds the office of Patriarch in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His youngest son, Chad and his family live in Lindon. His oldest son, Mart is in the military and has made a career of it. His three daughters all live close by. He prays for the country and for the people. May the Lord continue to bless the USA.

These monthly articles are presented by the Lindon City Historical Commission featuring Lindon residents and titled "How I Came to Lindon". This month's article features Lindon resident, Donald H. Holdaway. These articles are written to preserve Lindon's Historical stories and to honor the residents of Lindon.

If you have a family member or friend, living in Lindon, who would like to be featured in an article, please email llamoreau@lindoncity.org