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"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"  
DECEMBER 2017 CITY NEWSLETTER

**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**  
90 North State Street  
Emergency - 911  
Non-emergency Dispatch  
229-7070  
Police Department Offices  
769-8600

**Fire/EMS**  
90 North State Street  
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)  
[www.facebook.com/lindoncity](http://www.facebook.com/lindoncity)



I appreciate this opportunity to address the citizens of Lindon City one last time. December will be my last month as a member of the city council. It has been a pleasure to serve with great people, both on the Planning Commission starting seventeen years ago, and more recently on the city council. I have great respect for and confidence in, those that will continue to serve our city. I know they want the best for our community and will make decisions that keep us in a good position financially while providing the necessary services to keep our lives flowing smoothly. Although my political career will soon end, the things I have learned help me to understand why things are handled a certain way in the city. Since most of you will never serve in an elected position, let me pass on what I learned which may help you understand why things are done a certain way.

**First:** We elected the Mayor and City Council because we trusted them to make the best decisions possible and represent us, that's the way our system works. Once I am no longer a member of the council my voice should not carry any more weight than any other individual citizen. For me to try to influence others using my previous experience as credentials for why my voice matters more than another's voice would be morally wrong. I had my time and it is now someone else's turn to govern. My opinion still matters, but no more than that of any other individual citizen.

**Second:** It is the council's job to uphold and follow city laws and codes, not to act on their personal or neighbor's feelings. If we want the codes or laws changed then we need to follow proper procedures and get them changed if the majority prefers a change. Every decision made by our city officials has the potential to please one citizen and upset another. There is no way to please everyone. The key is to find a balance between pleasing the majority and respecting the rights of property owners.

**Third:** Finding enough money to fix all of our roads is not currently possible. Although it seems strange, the best expenditure of limited city funds is on the roads that have not reached a need for replacement. Where the city might be able to do one full replacement of a certain road, that same money might keep for roads from needing replacement in the future. City engineers decide which roads are worked on based on that criteria; not elected officials' opinions. Although there may be a need to enact some sort of road utility fee in the future, I feel the best way to get more funds for roads is to pay off debt and free up money currently used to make bond payments.

**Fourth:** We are all in this together and need to share in the benefits and burdens. I hate it when I hear a citizen say, "that is a great idea, but not in my neighborhood!" We need to have some old fashioned "barn raisings" to bring this community together. Nothing brings people together like service.

In conclusion, we live in the best community, in the best state, in the best nation. Where else can you be out in your yard watching the horses next door graze in the pasture and feel like you are in a small country town, yet get in your car and within minutes be shopping at any number of stores providing needed items and services? Do we realize how blessed we are? I have never second guessed our decision to move to Lindon and my only regret is that I didn't buy stock in Home Depot first! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,  
Councilmember Dustin Sweeten



**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!**



## 2017 LINDON CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

The Lindon City Municipal General Election was held on November 7, 2017. Thanks to all the great Lindon voters who participated in the all Vote by Mail election that produced a 40.69% voter turnout! The election results were canvassed and certified on November 21, 2017 by the Board of Canvassers. The newly elected candidates will take the oath of office at the City Council meeting to be held on January 2, 2018. Congratulations to the successful Candidates!

- **Jeff Acerson: Mayor (4-year term)**
- **Jake Hoyt: Councilmember (4-year term)**
- **Van Broderick: Councilmember (4-year term)**
- **Daril Magleby: Councilmember (2-year term)**

Thanks to all candidates who ran a great campaign!

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



Come welcome the Christmas holiday in with Lindon City at our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony! Our event will be held at 6:30 PM on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lindon Community Center (25 N Main St). Join us for a short Christmas program on the front lawn followed by

the lighting of the tree. Music for the evening will be provided by Lindon Elementary. We'll have free hot chocolate, candy canes, and a visit with Santa Claus! We hope to see you all there!

Thanks to the Lindon Historic Preservation Commission, Little Miss Lindon Royalty, Erin Bailey & the Lindon Elementary Singers, Mayor Acerson, City Council, Parks & Recreation and the Lindon City Public Safety Department for their hard work in providing this wonderful Lindon Tradition!



## Thanksgiving Day Dinner Follow-up

**WOW!!** Over 450 guests joined us for our eighth 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!

## LINDON SENIOR CENTER NEWS

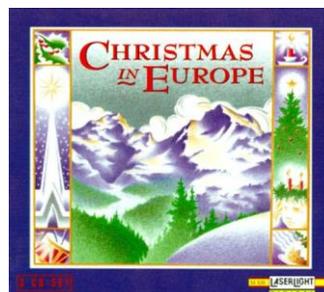


### Things to look for this month:

- ✚ Monday – Grocery Shopping: 11:00 am
- ✚ Mon. & Wed. – Family History Class: 1:00
- ✚ Tuesday – Pickle Ball: 10:00 am
- ✚ Wednesday – TOPS: 10:30 am
- ✚ Wednesday/3<sup>rd</sup> – Bunco 12:30 pm
- ✚ Wednesday/3<sup>rd</sup> – Yoga 11:30 pm
- ✚ Thursday/1<sup>st</sup> – Card Making 12:30
- ✚ Friday – Bingo 12:30
- ✚ December 14<sup>th</sup> – Senior Christmas Dinner
- ✚ December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas/Center Closed
- ✚ December 26<sup>th</sup> – Center Closed

### [December Senior Newsletter](#)

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



## Senior Christmas Party

Lindon Seniors! We would love to have you come and celebrate "Christmas in Europe"

with us! Dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided. Please call ahead or sign up at the Senior Center to reserve your spot. Call Cyndi for more information at 801-769-8627. Hope to see you all there!

**When: Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Where: Lindon Senior Center**  
**Time: 6:30 pm**

**SOCKS FOR SOULS**

Each year Mountainland RSVP volunteers organize a service project. This year RSVP is collecting new pairs of socks in any size and color and distributing them to those in need. The Socks for Souls sock drive will accept any donations from individuals or groups! Socks can be delivered to any location near you listed on our website: [mountainland.org/socksforsouls](http://mountainland.org/socksforsouls) or to Mountainland RSVP, 586 East 800 North, Orem, UT 84097 or call to arrange to have them picked up. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) works with volunteers age 55+ to meet important needs in our community.



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**SOCKS for SOULS**  
**DONATE HERE SOCK DRIVE**  
Give the gift of warmth this season.

**What**

New socks in any size, type or color will be donated to  
• Meals on Wheels  
• Tabitha's Way  
• Food & Care Coalition in Provo  
• Christian Center of Park City  
• Center for Women and Children in Crisis

**When**

Donations accepted through January 11, 2018

**Where**

Donations accepted at this location or at Mountainland RSVP 586 E 800 N, Orem

Contact: Bonnie at 801-229-3810

Find out more at [mountainland.org/SocksForSouls](http://mountainland.org/SocksForSouls)



Sponsored by Mountainland Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Contributions in recognition of MLK Day of Service



Volunteers Needed! Use your skills and experience to enrich other lives. Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

works with individuals 55+ to meet important needs in our community. RSVP matches volunteers with their ideal volunteer station. Areas of greatest need include: tutoring, transportation, veteran companionship, meal delivery, Tabitha's Way, and Habitat for Humanity. This FREE program includes benefits such as: flexible hours and days, supplemental insurance coverage, mileage reimbursement, Sharetix event tickets, and recognition events. Call today to find out how you can make a difference in your community. RSVP: 801-229-3810 or [mountainland.org/rsvp](http://mountainland.org/rsvp) [Click here](#) to view flyer.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**



The United Way of Utah County is currently recruiting volunteer tax preparers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

(VITA) program. Each year, this program completes over 3,000 tax returns for working families in our community as a free service. All necessary training is provided, and volunteers don't need to have any previous tax preparation experience. [Click here](#) to view the recruitment flier with contact information for those who want to learn more. For more information contact Claire Warnick, United Way of Utah County Volunteer Center Manager, at 801-374-2588 or [www.unitedwayuc.org](http://www.unitedwayuc.org) [volunteer.unitedwayuc.org](http://volunteer.unitedwayuc.org)

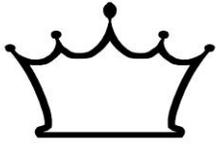
The **HEAT** program assists eligible individuals and families meet the higher costs of energy during the winter months. Eligible families and residents of Utah, Wasatch and Summit counties can apply for one-time assistance. If you have received a shut-off notice, you may be eligible for assistance through our Crisis Program. Contact number 801-229-3855 or [Click Here](#) for more information.

**Lindon City Offices Holiday Hours**

Lindon City offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be closed Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. We will be back in the office on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Wishing you all a safe and Happy Holiday!**



## Miss Pleasant Grove Scholarship Pageant

We are now accepting applications for young women interested in competing for the title of Miss Pleasant Grove. Contestants must be between the ages of 17-24 (at 17 you must be a senior in high school) and from Pleasant Grove or Lindon.

To prepare, contestants will participate in workshops covering interview skills; platform development; community service; personal brand; presentation; and more.

Applications are due by Wednesday, January 18, 2018. Pageant will be held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information please call or text (801) 824-8836 or email [info@misspleasantgrove.com](mailto:info@misspleasantgrove.com)

*Scholarship*

*Success*

*Style*

*Service*

### Pet of the Month



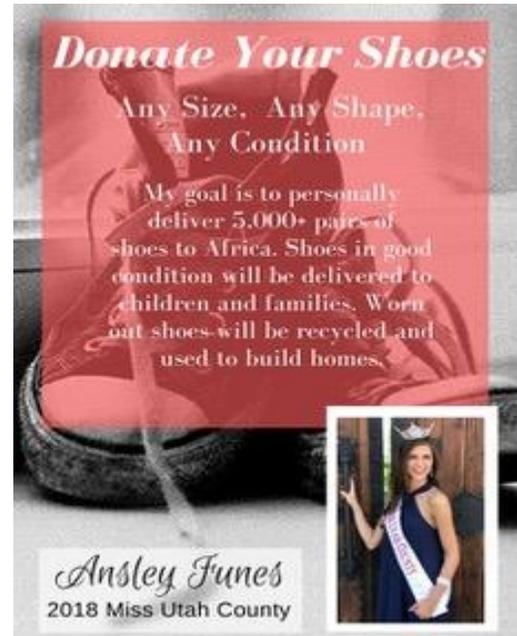
The North Utah Valley Animal Shelter has many fantastic animals waiting for loving homes. One such pet is this handsome male The North Utah Valley Animal Shelter has many fantastic animals waiting for loving homes. One such animal is this Border

Collie/Lab Mix named Ghiradelli. Ghiradelli is about 1-2 years old and considered a medium dog. He has been up for adoption since 10/18/2017. He is very sweet but sometimes acts scared as if he may have been abused. He is very energetic and nice. His adoption price is \$132.00. For more information on Ghiradelli, or any of our other outstanding pets, contact us at (801) 785-3442 or [Click here](#) to visit our website. We are located at 193 N 2000 West in Lindon, UT.

### MISS UTAH COUNTY - FUNDRAISER

Ansley Funes, 2018 Miss Utah County and Lindon resident, is doing a fundraiser along with the Miss Utah/Miss America Organization who has established a truck to deliver gently used shoes to Africa. Shoes in good condition will be used by families in Africa and worn out shoes will be

recycled to build homes. Ms. Funes is personally trying to collect 5,000 pairs of shoes to be donated. She has placed a box at the Lindon City Center Building for donated shoes (the drive will run through March). [Click here](#) to view the flyer for more information.



## 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](mailto:slaidler@lindoncity.org)*

### UNITED WAY OF UTAH COUNTY SUB FOR SANTA

The United Way of Utah County would like to encourage anyone who is in need of help to apply to the Sub for Santa program. We know there are many families in need and we would love the opportunity to help those in need throughout the county. Due to the generosity of local schools, businesses, church groups, and many others, families throughout our community are often helped more than once during this season.

Our goal is to ensure every family in need is reached through a united effort! This way families are gifted what they truly need, we can provide a greater opportunity to serve, and everyone can feel empowered! Together we can make a difference this holiday season! [subforsanta.org](http://subforsanta.org)

**SUB FOR SANTA**

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TO APPLY: CALL OR VISIT 801.356.6200  
PARA APLICAR: LLAME AL O VISITAR [www.subforsanta.org](http://www.subforsanta.org)



United Way of Utah County



### 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 1st through March 15th. 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!

### Public Works Pointers

The Lindon City Stormwater division would like to thank all of you for your efforts in helping us remove leaves from your yards and gutters in an effort to minimize flooding danger from clogged stormwater inlets. We would also like to thank you for your efforts to bag only leaves (no garbage or yard waste). All bags were taken to a local landscaper, emptied, composted and will be turned into mulch.

We appreciate the hard work of Public Works employees, as well as assistance from Mayor Acerson. Last year we gathered 4,464 leaf bags and 35 sweeper truckloads. This year we gathered approximately 9,000 leaf bags and 36 loads in the sweeper truck!

If you see any illegal dumping into the stormdrains or have any other stormdrain concern, please call Public Works at 801-796-7954 or email [stormwater@lindoncity.org](mailto:stormwater@lindoncity.org). If it is an emergency, call 911. Thanks again for your efforts!

## “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](http://Arborday.org), there are some Keys to Good Pruning.

- Begin visual inspection at the top of the tree and work downward.
- Use The  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Rules of Pruning.
- Never remove more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a tree’s crown in a season.
- Ideally, main side branches should be at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  smaller than the diameter of the trunk.
- For most deciduous (broadleaf) trees, don’t prune up from the bottom any more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the tree’s total height.
- Where possible, try to encourage side branches that form angles that are  $\frac{1}{3}$  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](http://lindoncity.org). Thanks, and good luck!

