



DECEMBER 2015

"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY" 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

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

City Website

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!

Happy Holidays!

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**

LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The 22nd Annual Lindon City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, December 7th 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. Music will be provided by Timpanogos Academy and Aspen 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!

IF you completed the Healthy Lindon



"TAKE THE TIME FOR YOUR HEALTH" CHALLENGE!

Which includes getting the following checks done:

- Basic Health Checkup
- Blood Pressure Check
- Cholesterol Lipid Test
- Glucose Test

Go pick up your "Red Apple Pin" from the Lindon City Community Center. Any questions contact Valarie Diehl at 801-785-3540 or webefit@byu.edu

FRYER PARK NOW OPEN!

Lindon City's newest playground is finally open at Fryer Park located at 600 North Main Street. Drop by and check it out and have some fun!



LINDON SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Important Events to watch for in December!

- Lindon's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Monday Dec. 7th at 6:30 pm — Community Center
- Chair Fitness Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am
- FREE Card-making Workshop Dec. 10th at 12:30pm Come make your own holiday cards!

- Dec. 10th Trip to Temple Square. We will be riding the Front Runner Train. Leaving Senior Center at 4 pm. Sign up at front desk. \$4. Dinner will not be provided for this event.
- December 15th Evening Dinner and Christmas Concert at 5:30 pm at the Veteran's Hall. Sign up for this event at the front desk - \$6.00 per person.
- Free Hand Massages: 10am -12pm, Wed. Dec. 16th
- Center closed Dec. 23rd, 24th, & 25th
Merry Christmas
- Center will also be closed January 1st
Happy New Year

For more information see senior newsletter or contact the Senior Center Front Desk at 801-769-8625

[Senior Center December Newsletter](#)

[Senior Center December Lunch Menu](#)



Senior Center Christmas Evening Event!

Friday, Dec. 15th

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Christmas Concert: 6 pm

Dinner followed by a Christmas

Concert provided by the Utah Valley Skyline chorus!

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Please register at the Senior Center front desk by Friday, December 11th

Temple Square Visit

We will be riding the Fronrunner Train to Salt Lake City to visit Temple Square and see the lights!

Thursday, December 10th

Leaving Senior Center at 4 pm

Sign up in advance: Cost is \$4



Please sign up for January computer classes.

Free to Senior's in our community!!

- ✚ Family History classes available Monday-Wednesday!
- ✚ Computer Basics on Fridays!

Reminder: We have a bus!

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

HEAT PROGRAM

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:

Email: HEAT@mountainland.org **Phone:** 801-229-3855



Thanksgiving Day Dinner Follow-up

Wow! Over 350 guests joined us for our sixth 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 sponsors for their continued generosity. Dozens of volunteers helped to make this event a success by generously offering money, time and food donations! We share a great community with great people here in Lindon! Thanks so much again to all who contributed to this wonderful city tradition!

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

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, then collector streets and bus routes, and finally, 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. Thanks for your cooperation!



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STORMWATER REMINDER

As we enter into our “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.



This year the Lindon City Cemetery has been selected to receive commemorative wreaths to honor our deceased veterans. These wreaths will be on display Saturday, December 12th around the Veterans’ Memorial statue. Please take a minute to stop by with your family

members to honor the brave soldiers buried in our cemetery, and remember to thank all our veteran’s as well!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP



Republic Services will be providing Lindon City’s Christmas tree pickup from January 13th to January 21st 2016. Trees must be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. to ensure prompt pickup. Service is limited to one tree per household. Flocked trees cannot be picked up. Thanks for your cooperation in advance!

LINDON MONTHLY RECYCLE FACTS

- **December: Holiday Recycling Tips!**

During this holiday season remember to utilize your blue recycling bin. Before you toss, take a moment to determine what is recyclable! Remember to recycle boxes, wrapping paper, tissue paper, holiday cards and envelopes, and paper gift bags. Things like bubble wrap, ribbon, laminated gift bags, styrofoam packing material and anything found on your Christmas tree should be placed in the trash.

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

CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Lindon City offices will close at 12:00 noon on December 23rd and will be closed on December 24th and December 25th to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. We will be back in the office on Monday, December 28th. Closed Friday January 1st for the New Year.

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 (<https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/keys-to-pruning.cfm>).

- 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 <http://www.lindoncity.org/>. Thanks and good luck!

The Lindon City Tree Advisory Board



HOW I CAME TO LINDON....

Have you ever lived in Lindon for 50 Years? Gene and Shirley Maag have! Gene and Shirley Maag were married and living in Orem City in a large subdivision. Gene wanted to live in a place where it was quiet and had lots of farmland. They both decided on building a house in Lindon for farming and raising their children with extra room around them to explore. Gene became a teacher for 30 years in schools and in the army. Shirley's brother, Max Edwards Lived next door to them, they enjoyed each other's company. Gene's favorite memory is when he could go out to his backyard and shoot his limit of Pheasants, and quail during the bird season. Living in the same place, they have been in 2 wards. The Lindon 2nd ward and the Lindon 5th ward. Gene and Shirley are now retired. They have 6 kids that are all married with families. What they love about Lindon the most is how safe it is here and how quiet it is! One question I asked was, if someone were to move to Lindon what advice would you give them? Both said to become a part of the community!!

Article written by: Kaden Whiteley

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 residents, Gene and Shirley Maag and written by their grandson Kaden Whiteley. These articles are written to preserve Lindon's Historical stories and to honor the residents of Lindon City.

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
