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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Friday 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.



Christmas Tree Pick Up:
December 31
January 7 & 14

2026 Trash Schedule
Now Available



Scan for City
meetings, events & more!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Warm Welcomes to...
Officer Smith
to the LPD!
FF Burke
to the LFD!



Linden Fire Dept. is seeking PAID
On-Call Firefighters!
Must live within 3 miles of the
City & be 18+.
Training provided!
Scan for the
application & email:
fire@lindenmi.us



2026 WINTER NEWSLETTER

YEAR IN REVIEW



2025 was a year of visible progress in Linden, from major infrastructure projects, to events & initiatives throughout the city & our downtown! Our DDA Board seemed especially busy this year, as they saw through the completion of the Mill Pond sidewalk project, which included installation of new stamped concrete walkway along with upgraded electrical infrastructure to better support events, lighting & future enhancements. The completion of the planter on the north side of the Mill Pond walkway only added further beautification to the area! We also saw additional Downtown Parking Signage installed to clarify parking options for residents & visitors.

The DDA & Fenton-Linden Chamber of Commerce worked together to promote our businesses through memberships, additional support & welcomed Evers & Ollie, Jack's Record Stache, Mae Designs XO & Wylde Child! A DDA-sponsored ribbon cutting was also held for Houndstooth & Harlequin, celebrating its opening & contribution to the Linden business community! Additionally, Linden eateries participated in Restaurant Week in conjunction with the Chamber & supported community events through sponsorships. The DDA expansion upon downtown marketing & social media presence to promote businesses, was a focus over the course of the year. We were even selected to have our social media taken over by MI Downtown Association for their significant platform of followers! The DDA wrapped up the year with its first ever Christmas Tree Program & decorating contest for participating businesses!

Together with our residents, businesses, partnering organizations & ALL volunteers serving on city boards & commissions, who shape our community, we made 2025 a great year! Special thanks to you all & stay tuned for all great things yet to come in 2026...

DECODING YOUR ANNUAL NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT...



It's that time of year again. In mid-February, residents will receive a Notice of Assessment in the mail. Please note, this is not a tax bill! This notice will present the Assessed & Taxable Values to be used for the 2026 tax year, as well as the prior year's values. Residential parcels will also indicate your Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) percentage. The notice will also include the Board of Review meeting information, as well as the process for appealing an assessment. A property owner who makes an appeal must provide documented evidence as to why the assessment is inaccurate or incorrect. Evidence may include an appraisal, a list of sales in your neighborhood that are similar to your home, or pictures of damage or deterioration that may exist, among other things. Here are some tips to help to decode your Assessment Notice:

- ↳ Assessed Value: approx. 50% of your property's cash value (market value)
- ↳ Taxable Value: used to calculate your property taxes & is the lesser of Capped Value or Assessed Value.
- ↳ Capped Value: the value you pay tax on each year is capped at the prior year's Taxable Value times the Consumers Price Index (CPI).

A Taxable Value "uncaps" the year following a transfer of ownership. It will be uncapped & equal to the Assessed Value for that year. The increase of Assessed or Taxable Value shown on your notice does not mean you will pay that much more in taxes. There is a box on the notice that shows the approx. amount your annual tax obligation will increase/decrease. Please review this information to ensure its accuracy. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact our Assessing Department!

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Lindenwood Neighborhood Improvement Project

The Lindenwood Project is considered complete at this time. City inspectors and staff will continue to monitor landscape repairs for settling and to ensure appropriate turf establishment in the spring.

West Rolston Road Reconstruction Project

The West Rolston Road Project has been completed and is fully open to travel.

Safe Routes to School Project

The Safe Routes to School Project along Stan Eaton Drive and Hyatt Lane started in late October. The intent of the project is to provide safe pedestrian connections to Hyatt Elementary from W. Broad Street and S. Bridge Street. Prior to the onset of cold weather, the contractor was able to install the new asphalt pathway along Stan Eaton between S. Bridge Street and Hyatt Elementary School. They also began working on the installation of new sidewalks along the east and west sides of Hyatt Lane to make connections to W. Broad Street. Unfortunately, early winter weather brought progress to a halt in the first week of December. The contractor is expected to return in early spring to complete the project. The new sidewalks and pathways are expected to be opened once construction is completed and the areas are relandscaped.

The Linden Mill Rehabilitation Project

Work continues on the Linden Mill Rehabilitation Project. Contractors are currently working on exposing and rehabilitating the original stone foundations on the east and south sides of the building. This portion of the project is proving to be a slow and tedious process as structural engineers carefully examine, design, and direct the appropriate repairs. This activity is expected to continue for many weeks as the contractor works to slowly expose and stabilize small sections of the foundation. This procedure is critically important to ensure the long-term structural stability of the building before proceeding with other rehabilitation efforts.

SAFE SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

The DPW would like to share tips to make snow removal easier & safer:

- No on-street parking (November 1 - March 31 from 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.)
- Please remove trash cans from the roadside.
- Ensure your mailbox post is sturdy, straight & securely attached! Wet, heavy snow weighs hundreds of pounds when rolling out of a plow & the force can snap a compromised post or knock a poorly attached box from its mount. Make sure your mailbox is the proper distance behind the curb to prevent damage from plows. Helpful installation info can be found on the USPS website:
<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>
- Be strategic with snow removal efforts to reduce the amount of snow rolled into your driveway. The depiction below provides helpful advice on how to reduce or avoid repeating your snow removal efforts.
- It's unsafe & illegal to push, throw, shovel, plow or snow blow snow into the roadway.
- Keep children from playing in snow piles near the roadway.

To ensure safety & walkability, City Ordinance requires clearing sidewalks (in front of & adjacent to) from snow & ice to facilitate pedestrian use. It is asked to be cleared within 24 hours after it has fallen or accumulated (§151.26). Thank you for your safe, snow removal efforts!

Avoid the "Second Shovel"

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."



CLERK'S DEPT.

ATTENTION VOTERS!!

Taking effect for 2026 elections, your Early Voting Site & Election Day Polling Location have been relocated to:

Loose Senior Center
707 North Bridge St.
(in Linden)

Postcards with your updated voter info will be mailed. Contact the Clerk's Office with any questions!



Cooking with Ming
January 5
9:30 a.m.

UFOs Over Michigan
May 4
1:00 p.m.

How to Tap Maple Trees
February 23
1:00 p.m.

THESE ARE FREE EVENTS
Limited seating available!
Please Register at:
www.thegdl.org/events

CITY HALL CLOSURES
NYE/DAY DEC 31 & JAN 1
MLK,JR. DAY JAN 19
PRESIDENTS' DAY FEB 16