

Lindon

CHARACTER

Connection



Community & Character

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*Good Character Is About:
Knowing the Good, Loving the Good, Doing the Good*

-Thomas Lickona

Community and Character

Character is defined as personal moral or ethical strength or reputation. It can refer to simply one person or a group of people and even an entire community. The city of Lindon, is a community of character.

Lindon is a city built on character traits of honesty, integrity and respect. Those character traits that we identify with as a city come from you, the people who live here. They reflect how each of you goes about your daily activities as you interact with each other.

As we see summer begin to wane we feel the excitement that comes with the beginning of a new school year. We can ask ourselves, "What can I do to make my community better?"

Here are a few suggestions;

Volunteer!

Reach out and help your fellow man through volunteer efforts. Utah is recognized nationally as a state that logs more volunteer hours than any place in the country. Keep up the tradition. Give some of your time to make the community better.

Be a good neighbor!

Get to know the people around you and help them when they are in need. A friendly greeting to a neighbor can make a more pleasant day for everyone.

Cooperate!

Everything won't always go the way you want it, or expect it. Agree to disagree agreeably, don't be offended, and move ahead in a positive direction.

Respect the laws and city ordinances!

The ordinances and laws of the city were put in place by councils and legislators made up of, we the people. There are no special degrees required to serve in government. Laws and ordinances are based on the collective knowledge of individual citizens doing their best to do what is right for the community. Respect law enforcement officers and more importantly get to know them on a first name basis. They are your friends.

Get to know the history and traditions of Lindon!

Lindon is rich in history and traditions. As we understand our history and the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, it teaches us respect and appreciation for what we have become. We have an active historical preservation committee that works hard to maintain traditions and keep us informed about our history. Lindon Day's activities, the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, and our Memorial Day celebration are a few traditional events available to each of us.

We live in, what I believe to be, the finest city in America. Lindon City is filled with people of good character. Enjoy every minute of life and don't let opportunity pass you by.

Sincerely,

Jim Dain

Lindon Mayor

The true perfection of man lies not in what man has, but in what man is."
~ Oscar Wilde ~

Book List



The Library *by Sarah Stewart*

The Gardener *by Sarah Stewart*

The Paper Dragon *by Marguerite Davol*

The Best Town in the World *by Byrd Baylor*

The Signmaker's Assistant *by Tedd Arnold*

Officer Buckle and Gloria *by Peggy Rathman*



Family Activities

****Ask children which character trait they feel is most important in business, in the family, in sports, etc.**

****Cut a paper chain of people. Label each paper person as a community member (policeman, librarian, student, etc.) Talk about how they work together to make a wonderful community. We are all an important "piece in the puzzle" or "link in the chain."**

****Community responsibility also means taking care of our environment. As a family: pick up litter, sponsor a recycling project, write to an appropriate business about an environmental issue, or make an art project out of recycled paper (used birthday wrapping paper, envelopes, etc.)**

****Have children draw a "coat of arms" illustrating positive character traits for which they would like to be known.**

****Label 3x5 cards with character traits or members of the community. Without bending or folding the cards, have the children see how tall they can build a card tower. Talk about the importance of good character in each member of a community.**

Definitions:

Community is a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government. It is a group or class that have common interests.

Character is the combination of qualities that distinguish one person, group, or thing from another. It is the combined ethical structure of a group. One's character is one's moral or ethical strength or reputation.

Here are some ways to be a good member of the community:

***Do your share to make your school and community better.**

***Be a good neighbor.**

***Cooperate.**

***Stay informed about community events.**

***Learn about and obey city ordinances.**

***Learn the history of the community in which you live.**

***Care for the environment.**

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