



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

September 2025



## Explore Lincoln City

**Explore the Biosphere:** The last Cascade Head Biosphere Explorance of the season will be held Saturday, September 26. Join the Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative for a 90-minute walking tour guiding visitors through Oregon's only UNESCO Biosphere Region, providing a 10,000-year snapshot of the natural history of this remarkable place where land meets the sea. Led by a trained naturalist, visitors will learn about the unique flora, fauna and geology of the Biosphere Region, the revolutionary conservation efforts on the Salmon River, and the history of the Nechesne peoples, the first inhabitants of the land. Cascade Head Biosphere Explorances will meet in Knight Park at 10:30 am. This program hosted by Explore Lincoln City is free and registration is not required.



**Fall Kite Festival:** Fall Kite Festival is just around the corner, September 19 to 21. To commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival, Explore Lincoln City is excited to feature a lighted night fly. On Friday, September 19, join the fun



from 7 to 9 pm to experience a one-of-a-kind show. Tim Sorenson, a lighted kite enthusiast from Alaska, will bring lighted kites to the beach at D River State Recreation Area, including an octopus. Fall Kite Fest continues the next two days September 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with local vendors offering food and apparel, community partners offering games, and colorful kites filling the air with joy. See [www.explorelincolncity.com](http://www.explorelincolncity.com) for more information.

**Summer Occupancy:** Visitor numbers and the economic benefits of tourism in Lincoln City are holding strong this year. Lincoln City occupancy rates year-to-date show an increase for 2025 over 2024. January through August 2024 was at 61% average occupancy, while January through August 2025 is sitting at 64% average occupancy. Visitors contribute invaluable economic benefit to our community including millions of dollars in local spending and transient lodging taxes paid on overnight stays, funding that helps Explore Lincoln City create programs and infrastructure that benefits the entire community.

## Prepare Lincoln City

**LINCOLN CITY**  
**PREPARE FAIR**

SEPTEMBER 13, 11 AM - 2 PM | ST. CLAIR FIRE STATION - TAFT

FREE ENTRY AND LUNCH - EMERGENCY SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY  
COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES - RAFFLE DRAWING  
EMERGENCY FOOD SAMPLES - MINI CARNIVAL GAMES AND PRIZES

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## Mayor Wahlke



Fall is here and schools are back in session. Please be extra careful driving near our schools and near the school buses.

During our meetings in August we awarded contracts for the SE 51<sup>st</sup> waterline replacement and water plan update. We also interviewed applicants for the charter review committee, approved a design amendment for Phase 3 of Schooner Creek Discovery Park, and awarded a design contract for the Spring Lake water pump station.

Since Councilor Parsons resigned, we are currently accepting applications from Ward 1 to be appointed to City Council for a term expiring the end of 2026.

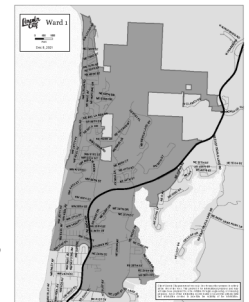
I maintain an office at City Hall with normal office hours of noon to 4 on Tuesdays and 2 to 5 on Thursdays, or by appointment. Call me at 541-996-1205 or send me an email at [swahlke@lincolncity.org](mailto:swahlke@lincolncity.org). I am always happy to hear your feedback.

## City Council Vacancy - Ward I

City Council is seeking applications to fill a vacancy representing Ward I. The vacancy follows the resignation of Councilor Mitch Parsons. The individual appointed will serve the remainder of the current term, which expires on December 31, 2026. **Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 5 PM.** Lincoln City's City Council will review submissions, conduct interviews, and make an appointment during its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6PM.**

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be registered voters and residents of Ward I in Lincoln City for the previous 6-months.

**How to Apply:** Applications can be sent to you by email or picked up at City Hall. Completed forms may be submitted by mail, in person, or by email to: City Recorder, City of Lincoln City -- City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Third Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367, 541-996-1203, [cityrecorder@lincolncity.org](mailto:cityrecorder@lincolncity.org)



## Water-Efficient Habits

Help our community save water!  
Take these actions to conserve water at home.



Take shorter showers.



Find and repair faucet and toilet leaks.



Regularly monitor your irrigation system for leaks.



Install water-efficient faucet aerators and showerheads.

## Driftwood Public Library



The Driftwood Library Foundation will sponsor our Dark & Stormy Night author series again this October. This ongoing series highlights authors from the Pacific Northwest who write genre fiction such as mystery, horror, suspense, fantasy/science fiction, and romance. The author talks start at 4:30 pm at the Driftwood Public Library

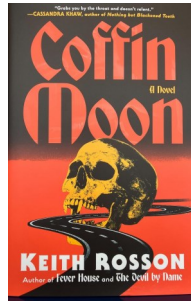
This year's line up is as follows:

October 2nd: Keith Rosson, author of *Fever House* and *Coffin Moon*, among others

October 9th: Gabriel Urza, author of *The Silver State*

October 16th: Neena Viel, author of *Listen to Your Sister*

October 23rd: Don Henwood, author of *Sherlock Holmes: A Baker's Dozen Demise*



## Parks & Recreation



### Schooner Creek Discovery Park

Phase 2 construction scheduled for completion in December, 2025.

Playground slide and bouldering wall signage installed.



**New Restroom at NW 17 Street Public Parking lot** - Completion is planned for October.

### Recreation Updates

Evidence Based Intervention class Walk With Ease, a partnership between Lincoln City Parks and Recreation, OSU Extension Services, and Connexion Fenix was full of adults striving to get back to movement.

National Night Out held at the LC Community Center on August 5 had over 1000 people attend the event.

Touch a Truck at the LC Community Center took place on September 6.

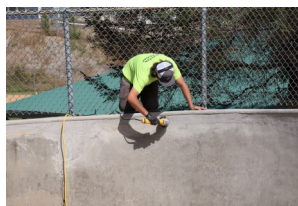
### Parks Updates

Worked with Dreamland Skateparks to repair the skatepark.

Pressure washed all the sports courts and prepared Dorchester Park's pickleball courts for the 6th Annual Paddle at the Beach Pickleball Tournament.

Installed a new drinking fountain at Dorchester Park.

Prepared all the parks and beach access points for the busy Labor Day Weekend.



## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm** at Lincoln City Cultural Center

[ENGAGE Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee](#)

**Wednesday, September 10 at 4:00 pm**

[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm**

[Planning Commission - Regular Meeting](#)

**Wednesday, September 17 at 2:30 pm**

[Parks and Recreation Board - Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, September 22 at 6:00 pm**

[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

**Thursday, September 25 at 3:00 pm**

[Community Sustainability Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

**Wednesday, October 1 at 3:30 pm**

[Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)

**Wednesday, October 8 at 4:00 pm**

[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, October 13 at 6:00 pm**

[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

## Urban Renewal Agency



Lincoln City / Urban Renewal Agency Staff and consultants (Apex) will host a community meeting and Baldy Creek wetland walk on **Thursday, September 18.**

**5:00 - 6:00 pm:** Community Meeting about wetlands and the Baldy Creek wetland report at the Eagles Lodge, 737 SW 32 Street.

Meeting Goal: Explain the purpose and value of conducting a wetland inventory, review findings, and discuss how results can guide future projects (e.g. building expansions, redevelopment, and eventual creek restoration).

**6:30 - 7:30 pm:** Baldy Creek Community Wetland Walk Bring your mud boots and meet at SW 32 Street Public Parking Lot/Restroom

Meeting Goal: Provide a hands-on look at the creek and wetlands discussed during the presentation.

More information found at:

[Nelscott Urban Renewal \(Tax Increment Finance\) Plan \(2023\) | City of Lincoln City, OR](#)

## Utility Billing Contact Information

Have you changed your phone number recently? Do you have a new mailing address? Is your email address different from when you opened your water account with the City? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then it is time to update your account information. Please call the Finance Department at 541-996-1221 or you can go online to [Utility Account Changes Form | City of Lincoln City, OR](#)

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Email: [kmattias@lincolncity.org](mailto:kmattias@lincolncity.org) and tell us you want to be added to the email list to receive monthly updates and announcements from the City.