CITY COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER**

3rd Quarter 2026

Elections Information

City Council and Mayor Candidates Election Information
Election Date: November 3, 2026

Three council seats, one each from Ward 1, Ward 2, and Ward 3, and the mayor seat are up for election on November 3, 2026, with terms beginning January 1, 2027.

To be eligible for an elected city council position, a person must be a registered voter and have resided in the ward they seek to represent for six months (February 20, 2026). They must continue to reside in the ward throughout his or her term of office.

The candidate information and forms can be obtained from the City Recorder at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, 3rd Floor. For more information, please contact the City Recorder at 541-996-1203 or cityrecorder@lincolncity.org. It is preferred to schedule an appointment with the City Recorder.

Election Deadlines

August 19, 2026, 5:00 pm. Deadline for filing "Prospective Petition" SEL 101 for candidacy with the City Elections Official.

September 8, 2026, 5:00 pm. Deadline for "Candidate Information Statement" to be filed with the Lincoln County Clerk.

October 13, 2026. Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation.

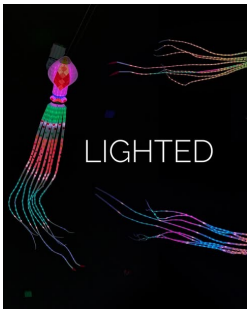
October 14, 2026. Ballots are mailed.

November 3, 2026. Election Day!

Explore Lincoln City

Lincoln City Welcome Center: Work is underway at the D River Wayside for the Lincoln City Welcome Center. The site will be under construction for the remainder of the year and will be transformed into a state-of-the-art destination for travelers and a community anchor for Lincoln City. See Connect Lincoln City www.connectlincolncity.org.

Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival: Save the date! Join Explore Lincoln City September 25—27 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort for the Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival. Thanks to Chinook Winds for hosting the festival while the D River Wayside is under construction. The fall fest will bring the return of the lighted night kite fly on Friday night. See www.explorelincolncity.com.



Explore Lincoln City Industry Newsletter: Do you have a tourism related business? Are you interested in what Explore Lincoln City does to promote economic development and create programs and destinations that benefit both visitors and residents in Lincoln City? Sign up for the Explore Lincoln City industry newsletter. See www.explorelincolncity.com/industry.

Mayor Wahlke

As I write this on July 2nd, I am hoping that we have a safe and fun Fourth of July weekend celebration. There are a variety of events planned this year to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.

Summer is now in full swing. Please be careful driving around town. Remember, our visitors are on vacation and probably paying more attention to our beautiful scenery instead of the cars and pedestrians on the street.

June was another busy month for your City Council. We started off with a special meeting on June 1st, an urban renewal meeting and city council meeting on June 8th, another city council meeting on June 22nd, another special meeting on the 24th, and a work session on the 29th! In addition we held the first of two town hall meetings about the status of the city hall/library building. We adopted the Urban Renewal and City budgets for the 2026-27 fiscal year, and discussed water/sewer rates.

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. I hope to see you at one or more of the fun events that are happening this summer.

Urban Renewal Agency

Local Program Support Grant

Program Goal: The goal of this program is to provide an annual financial assistance program for local organizations involved in Economic Development activities and provide services that support the mission and the economic development goals of City Council.

Applicant will be considered on its ability to:

- Provide business development information to area businesses
- Create new economic development programs available to area businesses
- Assist businesses to access local Business Advisors
- Provide scholarship funding to business owners and employees for training

Information on the Local Program Support Grant can be found (in English and Spanish) online here: www.lincolncity.org/departments/economic-development/economic-development-toolbox-loan-and-grant-programs

City Offices Holiday Schedule

Closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day - City Hall, Explore Lincoln City, Police Administrative Offices and Driftwood Library. Community Center is open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Police

Safe Summer Starts With Us

As summer reaches its peak, our parks, beaches, neighborhoods, and local businesses become busier with families, visitors, and community events. July is a wonderful time to enjoy everything our community has to offer, and we encourage everyone to make safety part of every adventure. Our officers remain committed to serving with professionalism, integrity, and compassion. We appreciate the support and partnership of our residents, who help make our community a safe place to live, work and visit.

Summer Safety Reminder

Lock It Up: Vehicle break-ins are often crimes of opportunity. Before leaving your vehicle: Lock your doors. Remove valuables or store them out of sight. Never leave keys or garage door openers inside. Remember to secure bicycles and other recreational equipment.

Heading Out of Town? Planning a summer getaway? A few simple steps can help protect your home while you're away: Use timers for lights. Have a trusted friend or neighbor collect mail or packages. Keep lawns maintained if you'll be gone for an extended time. Wait until you return home before posting vacation photos on social media.

Share the Road: Summer means more pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycles, and children enjoying the outdoors. Slow down in residential neighborhoods. Watch carefully at crosswalks. Give cyclists plenty of space. Stay focused and avoid distracted driving.

Community Partnership

Public safety is a shared responsibility. Whether you're reporting suspicious activity, checking in on a neighbor, volunteering, or simply looking out for one another, your involvement makes a difference. We are grateful to serve a community that values partnership, kindness, and civic pride.

On behalf of everyone at the Lincoln City Police Department, **THANK YOU!**

Parks & Recreation

Recreation:

Juneteenth—Had over 450 people attend, who enjoyed music from Jimi Hardin's Soul Providers, food from Pat E. Mac, dancing and an exhibit from Oregon Black Pioneers!

Pride in the Park—Had over 670 people participated over the course of the event with dancing, performances, food, art and, of course, rain and rainbows.

Ocean's Edge 1k & 5k, July 18, 10 am—Join this 5k walk/run on the beach with a prize wheel, self timed community race and limited edition t-shirts for sale. Only $10 to race!

National Night Out/Touch a Truck, August 4, 5-7 pm

Join us for fun and games at the Community Center celebrating community.

Parks Maintenance:

Trimmed all parks, Repaired stairs at Holmes Park, Cleaned-up graffiti throughout town, Repaired irrigation systems at all the parks, Installed new sign at SCDP,

Upcoming Public Meetings

Monday, July 13 at 6:00 pm
City Council—Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 15 at 2:30 pm
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 pm
Planning Commission

Thursday, July 23 at 3:00 pm
Sustainability Committee

Monday, July 27 at 6:00 pm
City Council—Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 29 at 4:00 pm
Public Arts Committee—Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 pm
Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 5 at 3:30 pm
Driftwood Public Library Board

Monday, August 10 at 6:00 pm
City Council—Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 12 at 4:00 pm
Public Arts Committee

Monday, August 17 at 6:00 pm
Joint City Council and Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Meeting

Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 pm
Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 19 at 2:30 pm
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, August 24 at 6:00 pm
City Council—Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 27 at 4:00 pm
Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 pm
Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 2 at 3:30 pm
Driftwood Public Library Board

Wednesday, September 9 at 4:00 pm
Public Arts Committee

Monday, September 14 at 6:00 pm
City Council—Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 pm
Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 16 at 2:30 pm
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, September 24 at 4:00 pm
Sustainability Committee

Monday, September 28 at 6:00 pm
City Council - Regular Meeting

Utility Billing Contact information

Have you changed your phone number recently? Do you have a new mailing address or changed your email from when you opened your water account? If Yes, then it is time to update your account information. Please call the Finance Dept. at 541-996-1211 or you can go online to www.lincolncityor.gov/departments/finance/utility-billing/utility-account-changes-form

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