



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2026



## Fourth of July Celebration

Lincoln City will be hosting three different events this Fourth of July to help celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America



The Lincoln City Parks & Recreation will be hosting: **Vets', Pets and Pies.** This event will be held at the Community Center from 10 am - 12 noon. Enter your best pie for judging, join the pie eating contest and walk your pet in the pet parade! Best pies and pets will receive a prize, Veterans receive free entry to the Community Center all day and a special gift from LCP&R.

Wave the flag in the Taft District at **Stars and Strips and Wildlife** to experience music, local flavors, and family fun celebrating the wildlife, ecosystems and natural beauty of Siletz Bay. Festivities start at noon with live music, a food truck, a beer garden, fun giveaways, and local partners on hand to share knowledge about Siletz Bay wildlife and the natural surroundings. Events will be taking place on SW 51st turn around area in Taft. [www.explorelincolncity.com/events/holiday/4th-of-July](http://www.explorelincolncity.com/events/holiday/4th-of-July)



Cap off the night with a professional **Fireworks Display Over Devils Lake.** The launch site will be near Regatta Park. Parking is very limited at the park, which will be closed off to vehicles at 6:00 pm. A shuttle service will be provided to Regatta Park, with parking available at the Lincoln City Community Center. The shuttle service will be running from 7:00 pm until 1:00 am. The display will begin at dusk. When launched

into the air, the fireworks should reach a height of 800 feet. There will be various other locations around town where you will be able to see the show. [www.lincolncity.org/residents/4th-of-July](http://www.lincolncity.org/residents/4th-of-July)

On July 5th, there will be a Beach and Community clean-up to help pick-up the trash and debris left over from the Fourth of July.

## Explore Lincoln City

**Lincoln City Welcome Center:** Work is underway at the D-River Wayside for the Lincoln City Welcome Center. This new visitor center is funded by lottery grant dollars from the state of Oregon and the reinvestment of local transient lodging taxes allocated for tourism promotion and will improve the experience at this extremely popular site for everyone. 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 our fine city. See Connect Lincoln City for more information. [www.connectlincolncity.org](http://www.connectlincolncity.org)



**Summer Kite Festival 2026:** The Summer Kite Festival is slated for June 27-28, 2026 and will be temporarily relocated to Chinook Winds Casino Resort during construction of the Lincoln Welcome Center. Expect the usual big kites, sport kites, music, contests, games and fun as always! [www.explorelincolncity.com/events/annual/summer-kite-festival/](http://www.explorelincolncity.com/events/annual/summer-kite-festival/)

## Mayor Wahlke

Community Days events in Lincoln City were amazing! Thank you to our community for showing-up and having a fun time! I want to thank those involved in the awards for honoring me with Leader of the Year award. I am involved in many organizations in our community, not just serving as mayor. I appreciate the recognition.



During our council meetings in April, we had presentations regarding tourism data, a housing production update, and the annual report from the MidCoast Watershed Council. City Council also awarded a wastewater treatment plant improvement contract, a street improvement construction project, and a tsunami siren replacement contract. We had a report from the Sustainability Committee and considered a Climate Action Plan for the City, which will return at a future meeting. In addition, we entered into an agreement with Pacific Power and an amendment to the Schooner Creek Discovery Park design-build agreement. On April 20th we held our first budget committee meetings. Our next budget committee meeting will be held on May 18th. The recommended budget will come before council in June.

My office hours for May will be limited. Please reach out to me at 541-996-1205 or send an email at [swahlke@lincolncity.org](mailto:swahlke@lincolncity.org). I will try to respond as soon as I can. Thank you for your understanding.

## Firework Safety

### FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN LINCOLN CITY

The sale, offer for sale, possession, and use of fireworks is prohibited everywhere within the City of Lincoln City—including all private and public property (such as beaches, streets, parks, and short-term rentals).

Violators will be fined and/or prosecuted for the use of any type of fireworks in Lincoln City. This includes sparklers and novelty devices.



## City Offices Holiday Hours

**Closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25:** City Hall, Driftwood Library, Explore Lincoln City, Police Administrative Offices. The Community Center will be open from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Closed on Juneteenth, Friday, June 19:** City Hall, Driftwood Library, Explore Lincoln City, Police Administrative Offices. The Community Center will be open from 9 am to 5 pm.

## Police



### 2026 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Join LCPD for our 13-week Academy that fosters communication and understanding between our agency and the community we serve

#### BENEFITS

- Meet and connect with Officers and agency members in a positive and engaging environment
- Learn about the functions of the LCPD
- Participate in classroom and hands-on experiences
- Gain a deeper interest in the issues of your community

#### APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Age 21 or older
- Live in North Lincoln County (between Otis and Depoe Bay)
- Pass a criminal background check
- Commit to 10 of the 13 classes
- Receive approval from Academy Director



#### TO APPLY:

Contact Tami Williams  
(541) 994-1481  
or email  
twilliams@lincolncity.org

#### CLASS DETAILS

Academy begins  
**Thursday, September 3, 2026**  
**6:00-9:00 pm**  
**Lincoln City Police Department**  
**1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd**

## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Monday, May 11 at 5:00 pm**

[Urban Renewal Agency](#)

**Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm**

[City Council—Regular Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 pm**

[ENGAGE Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee](#)

**Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00 pm**

[Public Arts Committee](#)

**Monday, May 18 at 5:00 PM**

[Budget Committee](#)

**Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 PM**

Planning Commission— **Cancelled**

**Wednesday, May 20 at 2:30 pm**

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

**Monday, May 25 at 6:00 pm**

City Council— Regular Meeting—**Cancelled**

**Tuesday, May 26 at 3:00 pm**

[Charter Review Committee Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, May 26 at 5:00 pm**

[Urban Renewal Agency](#)

## Recycling Information

### Mattress Recycling Event Free Drop Off



When: Saturday, June 6th from 10am - 1pm

Where: NLSR Recycling Center  
1726 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367

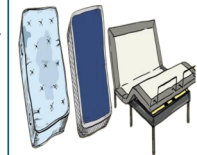
Contact: (541) 994-5555  
information@northlincolnsanitary.com  
www.northlincolnsanitary.com

Rules: Residents of Lincoln County only  
5 Unit Maximum

**Yes!** These are accepted for the no-cost drop off event.

**No!** These do not qualify for no-cost drop off.

#### Mattresses & Box Springs



- Air mattresses
- Car beds
- Collapsible roll-away beds
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futon mattresses/frames/bases
- Crib mattresses
- Adjustable Bases (not covered in fabric)
- Mattress pads/toppers
- Metal bed frames

This event is held in collaboration with The Mattress Recycling Council's, ByeByeMattress Program. For more information, visit ByeByeMattress.com.

## Parks & Recreation



### NATIONAL Diabetes Prevention Program

Info Session  
**MAY 20 - 4PM**  
Sessions Start  
**MAY 27 - 4PM**

Lincoln City Community Center

541-994-2333  
www.lincolncityparksandrec.org



#### Recreation:

**Pickleball Basics**, May 17, 9:15 am at the Community Center. Learn to understand the game and practice skills in this basic class.

**Mushroom Hunt Hike**, May 30, 10 am at Agness Creek. Learn about mushroom foraging, then take a hike to hunt for them. An experienced forager will teach the basics of fungi and unique features of identification while out in our open space.

**Mindfulness Walk**, May 30, 2:30 pm at Cutler City Wetlands. Improve your health and reduce stress with mindful walking. An experienced guide will teach the basics of mindfulness and then lead you on a walk through the wetlands to experience the trail with your whole being.

#### Parks:

Cleared the Knoll trail for downed trees

Installed all the Trail Challenges signs at eight trails

Cleaned graffiti throughout town

Repaired steps at Kirtsis Park.



## Utility Bill Drop Box

With the parking garage at City Hall closed due to maintenance issues, the Utility Payment Drop Box has been relocated from inside the parking garage out to the exit access route for the traffic signal at City Hall. You can also drop off your utility payment to the Finance Department front window on the third floor of City Hall during business hours of Monday—Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.



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**Dungeons & Dragons**  
One Shot Adventure  
**May 18 5:30pm**

58 or FREE with YAC membership  
Adults & ages 13+  
Advanced Registration Required  
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accessibility: ADA parking, ADA restrooms, paved & flat surfaces