



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Fourth Quarter 2024



## Public Works

### ODOT U.S. 101 Lincoln City Curb Ramps Project 2024-2025

#### About

Whether you drive, ride, walk or roll, we are committed to providing the best accessibility possible to all people using the transportation system.

One of the ways we are doing this is by rebuilding or installing ADA curb ramps in Lincoln City. We're adding textured plates at the curb ramps, called truncated domes. These allow pedestrians to feel, see and hear where the crossing is located and the direction they should go to safely cross the street.

#### Why are curb ramps important?

Curb ramps make it easier for people to move between the sidewalk and road. This can be helpful for those who have trouble stepping up and down high curbs. It's also helpful for people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, hand carts and bicycles.

By making curb ramps gently slope to the road, it improves accessibility and makes it easier for everyone to get around, whether they have a disability or not.

You can expect:

- Crews working Sunday night through Friday morning.
- Shoulder and lane closures as needed.
- Flaggers helping direct traffic as needed.
- Delays and construction noise.



Businesses to remain open during construction.

See which corners ODOT is looking at by [visiting ODOT's interactive map](#). They will update the map as the project progresses – some location may change. **Construction Activities:** They are starting at the south end of Lincoln Beach on the east side of U.S. 101 and will work their way north through Lincoln City beginning in October 2024.

Visit [TripCheck](#) for the most current traffic information. You can visit ODOT's U.S. 101 Lincoln City Curb Ramps Construction Phase for more information. <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22434>

## Explore Lincoln City

### Hiking Trails Passport

Explore Lincoln City, in partnership with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation, is excited to announce the launch of its new Lincoln City Hiking Trails Passport. This latest addition to the Adventure Passports collection invites visitors and locals alike to explore nine of Lincoln City's most scenic and diverse hiking trails. The Adventure Passports currently include digital passports for the Lincoln City Art Trail, Lincoln City Tap & Brew Trail, and Experiences Passport.



The Lincoln City Hiking Trails Passport is designed to be user-friendly and accessible. After completing a hike, participants can easily check in at each trail head location on their passport using their mobile devices, earning points towards fun prizes. Passport users who complete all nine trails will receive a free 12-ounce aluminum water bottle with attached carabiner, perfect for future hiking adventures!

For more information about the Lincoln City's Hiking Trails Digital Passport:

<https://www.explorelincolncity.com/hikingtrailspassport/>

## Mayor Wahlke

Lincoln City needs volunteers for several of our boards and committees. A list of boards and committees can be found on the City's website, under the "government" tab. If you see a committee that interests you, please send an application to the city recorder so that when an opening occurs, we can consider your application. The application packet can be found on the website, or call 541-996-1203 for more information.

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). You can also stop me when you see me around town. I am always willing to listen to your concerns and hopefully together we can find solutions. I am also happy to hear what you like about what is happening in Lincoln City!

## Finance Department

### Lodging Tax made EASY.

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## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Wednesday, October 9 at 4:00pm**

Public Arts Committee—Regular Meeting—**Cancelled**

**Monday, October 14 at 5:00pm**

Joint City Council/Urban Renewal Agency—Regular Meeting

**Monday, October 14 at 6:00pm**

City Council—Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, October 15 at 3:30pm**

Planning Commission—Special Meeting—**Cancelled**

**Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00pm**

Planning Commission—Regular Meeting—**Cancelled**

**Wednesday, October 16 at 2:30pm**

Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting

**Monday, October 21 at 5:00pm**

City Council—Work Session

**Thursday, October 24, at 3:00pm**

Sustainability Committee—Regular Meeting

**Monday, October 28 at 6:00pm**

City Council—Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, November 05 at 6:00pm**

Planning Commission—Regular Meeting—**Cancelled**

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## Parks & Recreation

### Lincoln City Parks & Recreation receives \$1 million from Oregon Parks & Recreation Department to construct new park!

[Lincoln City, OR, Oct. 7, 2024] Lincoln City Parks & Recreation (LCP&R) is receiving \$1 million from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept (OPRD) for the continued development of the new 6.71 acre Schooner Creek Discovery Park (SCDP) in Lincoln City. This funding was recently granted by the OPRD Commission, after a thorough vetting process with numerous Oregon agencies. This \$1 million in funding follows a 2022 OPRD grant award of \$750k to LCP&R, for a total of \$1.75 million in support from OPRD for the new park construction.

Schooner Creek Discovery Park is the 1<sup>st</sup> community park to be built in Lincoln City in over two decades, while also being the first community park in the historic Taft District (southern area of Lincoln City) alone. The park is stated as the #1 goal of the 2016 Lincoln City Parks System Plan and will address a recreation gap in the southern part of Lincoln City. SCDP will offer many new amenities to residents and visitors including an accessible and inclusive playground, multi-sports courts and turf fields, covered event stage, picnic areas, accessible walking paths and other gathering spaces.

Phase 1 construction of SCDP is currently occurring, with the creation of an inclusive and accessible playground. Plans are to finish the playground are weather dependent due to material specifications, including the surfacing of the playground. LCP&R's goal is for playground completion this Fall or in early summer 2025 at the latest.

The OPRD funding of \$1 million will assist in Phase 2 construction of SCDP, planned for 2025. Phase 2 construction will complete a covered outdoor stage, covered picnic areas, restrooms, promenade, lawn area and new parking spaces. Total square footage of stage and lawn is 27,767 ft with total capacity of 1,850 persons.

Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke: "Thank you to OPRD for their continued support of our Schooner Creek Discovery Park, and for funding a total of \$1.75 million for this park development. Their recent grant of \$1 million to construct Phase 2 of the park is greatly appreciated, and will help to make this new community park in Lincoln City a reality for all to enjoy!"

Jeanne Sprague, LCP&R Director, comments on the recent new OPRD funding:

"We are thrilled! Thanks to OPRD for their continued dedication in funding park facilities for the public. Their goals align with ours in providing more accessible and varied outdoor recreation opportunities to all. We're getting closer to our goal of completing this park, thanks to OPRD."

This \$1 million in funds come from a voter approved, State lottery funded grant program administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Typically, the program awards over \$5 million annually to qualified projects, and has awarded over \$80 million in grant funding since the program began in 1999. This year, OPRD allocated \$31.6 million in grant funds for 50 proposals from cities, counties and parks districts from across Oregon.

For continued updates on the Schooner Creek Discovery Park in Lincoln City, see <https://www.lincolncity.org/departments/parks-recreation/schooner-creek-discovery-park-development>

### Overall Park Site Plan - Phasing



### From Parks:

Schooner Creek Discovery Park playground construction in full swing! Concrete and surfacing is being poured, with equipment being installed.

NW 17<sup>th</sup> public restroom remodel is in planning stage – planning to construct in spring/summer 2025.

Fall aerification occurred at all Kirtsis outfields

Trimmed Community Center landscapes and all north center islands on 101

Trimmed Cutler City Trail system

Repaired gates, water leaks, drinking fountains at Kirtsis, Canyon, Dog and Regatta Parks

Pressure washed public courts

Supported local Girl Scout to build a bridge in Cutler City Wetlands for her Gold Award

Installed anti-human trafficking stickers in all public restrooms

### From Recreation:

#### Upcoming:

Spooky Stroll 5k starts at the Lincoln City Community Center on October 26th at 9:00am.

- Prizes for runner and pet costumes
- Self-timed and low barrier!
- Youth Basketball Registration opens Oct. 29.
- Winter Program Registration opens Nov. 22.
- Elks Hoop Shoot Nov. 23.

#### Update:

Summer program net revenue was \$109,745.70. This includes grant for free summer camps, swim lessons and events.

509 people participated in summer programs: 292 in-city & 217 out-of-city.

Commemorative paver campaign for Schooner Creek Discovery Park started Sept. 30: [Schooner Creek Discovery Park - Amenities & Commemorative Items \(givebutter.com\)](https://www.givebutter.com)



### Driftwood Public Library

Trick or Treating at the Library! -- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 3-5 PM. Stop by for candy, crafts, and spooky stories for all ages.

Día de los Muertos – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-8 PM Music, dancing, crafts, and a community meal to celebrate this Latin American holiday.