



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2025



## Explore Lincoln city

## Mayor Wahlke



### Finders Keepers 25th Anniversary

2025 is the 25th anniversary year of Lincoln City's signature float-finding program Finders Keepers. Keep an eye out for special celebrations and float drops all year long. Don't miss the exhibit commemorating this big year at the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, running through November. This year's commemorative poster is on display around town now.

### Industry Newsletter

What can Explore Lincoln City do for you? Local businesses, partners and anyone interested in the significant economic benefit of tourism to Lincoln City will benefit from the information provided six times a year in our industry newsletter. Sign up today at [The Explore Lincoln City Webpage](https://www.explorelincolncity.com).

For 25 incredible years, hand-blown glass floats have been hidden along the beaches of Lincoln City. Each float is a unique treasure, waiting to be discovered. Join us in this special milestone and experience the joy of the hunt!

2025 GLASS ARTISTS

Rider House Glassblowing - Lincoln City, Oregon    Ocean Beaches Glassblowing - Seaside, Oregon  
Hobbes-King Art - Seaside, Oregon    Lincoln City Glass Center - Lincoln City, Oregon  
Aerial Glass - Seaside, Oregon    Kelly Howard Glass - Lincoln City, Oregon  
Studio Glass - Eugene, Oregon    The Glass Forge - Grants Pass, Oregon

**Events Updates:** Just around the corner is Lincoln City's annual celebration of the search for vintage finds, antiques and collectables. February 8-17, join a weeklong tour of all things classic and wonderful, Retro Expo. Look for the launch of Vintage Voyage, the digital passport to help visitors tour local collectables shops year-round. Stay tuned for more details.

2025 has arrived and after January 13th we will have one new councilor join our 7-member city council. Councilors Barker and Hoagland were re-elected and Kevin Hohnbaum was elected to replace Councilor Casper, who decided after serving 8 years on council and about 6 months as acting mayor, that she would not be running for re-election. Her many contributions are appreciated and she will be missed.

It is important at this time of year that winter shelters are available, and a location is now available Lincoln City. It is my hope that we again have no weather related deaths this winter. I want to thank Lincoln County staff for all their work.

During our final council meeting of 2024 on December 9th, we listened to an update from Lincoln County Transit staff, approved the November general election canvass of votes, made two appointments to the budget committee, awarded a construction contract for a security gate at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and approved the purchase of equipment for the next phase of the advanced metering system which allows water meters to be read using radio rather than a meter reader visiting each meter.

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!

## Lincoln City vs Newport Food Drive

Newport challenged Lincoln City to a food drive during the month of December. It was a hard fought battle between the two cities, with Santa's reindeer dropping off food in Lincoln City and a magic Christmas tree making a donation for Newport. In the end though, Newport squeaked out a victory over Lincoln City. Newport donated 1373 pounds of food, while Lincoln City donated 1268 pounds of food. For a grand total of 2641 pounds of food donated. All donations are going to Food Share of Lincoln County and the Lincoln City Food Pantry.

## Lincoln City Police Department

January 9, 2025, marks National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, a day dedicated to recognizing the hard work and dedication of law enforcement officers across the country.

In Lincoln City, the Police Department (LCPD) stands out as a beacon of excellence and commitment. The officers of LCPD work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Their dedication to preserving peace, enforcing laws, and protecting lives and property is truly commendable.

Chief of Police, David Broderick, expressed his appreciation for the unwavering support from the community. "The support we receive from the residents of Lincoln City is invaluable," said Chief Broderick. "It motivates our officers to go above and beyond in their duties. We are grateful for the trust and cooperation we have with our community."

As we celebrate this day, let's remember the sacrifices made by our law enforcement officers and acknowledge the vital role they play in maintaining the safety and security of our community. The Lincoln City Police Department exemplifies the dedication and professionalism that National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day seeks to honor.



## Driftwood Public Library

### The Oregon Legacy Author Series returns on Sundays in February!

All events take place at 3:00 PM in the library's Reading Room, and are free and open to the public.

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Emma Pattee, author of the novel *Tilt*
- February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Dan Shryock, author of *Cycling Across Oregon: Stories, Surprises & Revelations Along the State's Scenic Byways*
- February 16<sup>th</sup>:** John Larison, author of the novels *The Ancients* and *Whiskey When We're Dry*
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Josephine Woolington, author of the Oregon Book Award-winning essay collection *Where We Call Home: Land, Seas and Skies of the Pacific Northwest*

### City Office's Holiday Schedule:

- City Hall, The Police Department Administrative Offices and Driftwood Public Library**— Closed on Monday, January 20 for MLK Day
- Community Center**— Open from 9am to 5 pm
- Driftwood Public Library**—Closed Tuesday, February 11 for staff training
- City Hall, The Police Department Administrative Offices and Driftwood Public Library**— Closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day



# 2024 by the #s

## LINCOLN CITY COMMUNITY CENTER NOW OPEN SUNDAY

**7258** square feet of NEW CARPET & TILE in the Community Center

**1864** New memberships sold to the Community Center

**271** Kids in swim lessons



Community Center now OPEN over **79** hours per week  
 OVER **2k** WEEKLY VISITORS  
 ROCK WALL included in membership for **ZERO** extra \$



## 2024

**3** New INSURANCE Membership PROGRAMS added for a total of **4** programs with

**449** members!!!!

OVER **\$66k** SAVED IN FEES

by the public in insurance programs and scholarships



## PARKS CREW OF 8 MAINTAINS:

- **35** Parks and Open Spaces
- **28** public beach accesses
- Cleaning over **50** public sites daily
- Installed new stairs at NW 41st in partnership with Chinook Winds Casino Resort
- Construction of new NW 17th restroom
- Planted 2700 plants and trees in Schooner Creek Discovery Park



## HOSTED 30+ EVENTS!

• Over **10K** people of all ages participated!



- National Night Out
- 5k Run/Walk/Roll Series
- Siletz Bay Splash
- Deck the Dock with ELC
- Explorance Hikes with ELC
- Touch-a-Truck
- Juneteenth with community partners
- Concerts in the Park
- SOLVE Beach clean-ups AND MORE!

## SCHOONER CREEK DISCOVERY PARK

### PHASE 1 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND OPENED!

- Held **3** public open houses to gain input
- Hosted **3** park celebrations
- Now working on Phase **2**!



RECEIVED OVER **\$3.6** MILLION IN FUNDING FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm  
 Planning Commission—Regular Meeting—**Cancelled**

Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 pm  
 Public Arts Committee—Regular Meeting

Monday, January 13 at 5:00 pm  
 Joint City Council & URA—Executive Session

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

Wednesday, January 15 at 2:30 pm  
 Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 pm  
 Planning Commission—Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 23 at 3:00 pm  
 Community Sustainability Committee

Monday, January 27 at 5:00 pm  
 Urban Renewal Agency—Regular Meeting

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

Monday, February 3 at 5:00 pm  
 City Council—Work Session

Wednesday, February 5 at 3:30 pm  
 Library Board—Regular Meeting

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

Wednesday, February 19 at 2:30 pm  
 Parks and Recreation Board—Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, February 27 at 3:00 pm  
 Community Sustainability Committee—Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 5 at 3:30 pm  
 Library Board—Regular Meeting

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

Wednesday, March 19 at 2:30 pm  
 Parks and Recreation Board—Regular Meeting

## Emergency Preparedness

During the winter season especially we can get storms that include High Surf. Be on the lookout in the future for signage like what you see here at beach accesses when a high surf advisory goes into effect.

A High Surf Advisory means that high surf will affect beaches, producing rip currents, sneaker waves and beach erosion. Stay well back from the water's edge and be alert for exceptionally high waves.

Keep away from large logs on the beach. Water running up on the beach can easily lift or roll logs which can injure or kill someone caught in their path. You can learn more at [nlfr.org](http://nlfr.org).

