



CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2025



Community Survey

Help shape
Lincoln City's future-



take the community
survey!

Lincoln City is working with the [Coraggio Group](#) to develop a Strategic Plan for our city. As part of that process, we are gathering input from the community that will inform our work on the plan via a survey. Whether you're a resident, business owner, or someone who works in Lincoln City, your perspective is invaluable. Your responses will play a critical role in informing our planning process and ensuring that our focus aligns with what matters most to our community members. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey via the link below. The survey will be available through February 21.

[Community Survey](#)

Town Hall Meeting

Outside Agency Grant Program

Wednesday, February 19 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, February 22 at 12 noon.
Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar PL

Lincoln City's City Council members are asking for input from the public about the Outside Agency Grant Program. The city invites residents and business owners to one of the two Town Hall meetings to provide feedback on how the they would like to see the Grant Program move forward in the future.

The Outside Agency Grant program has been around for over 20 years. In the past, the grants have been used to protect and promote cultural resources, provide services for youth and the most vulnerable, foster community wellness and engage civic involvement of Lincoln City residents.

Explore Lincoln City

Retro Expo Coming Soon: Explore Lincoln City's longstanding February event Antiques and Collectibles Week has been rebranded to the Retro Expo! Look for fun ideas and maps to tour local vintage and collectibles shops and seek out your own treasure around Lincoln City during February 8-17.

Vintage Voyage Passport: Alongside the Retro Expo celebration week will be the launch of a new digital passport, Vintage Voyage, to help visitors explore local vintage shops year-round. This asset joins other ELC passports promoting the Art Trail, Open Spaces and Trails, Exploriences and local Tap & Brew.

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 enjoy the information provided six times a year in the industry newsletter. Sign-up today at www.explorelincolncity.com/industry

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 9th: Dan Shryock, author of *Cycling Across Oregon: Stories, Surprises & Revelations Along the State's Scenic Byways*

February 16th: John Larison, author of the novels *The Ancients* and *Whiskey When We're Dry*

February 23rd: Josephine Woolington, author of the Oregon Book Award-winning essay collection *Where We Call Home: Land, Seas and Skies of the Pacific Northwest*

Mayor Wahlke

Just like last year at this time, my daffodils were blooming in my yard before the winter weather arrived. After two "no school days" due to snow we are back to more "normal" February weather. Snow and ice are not the only emergencies we may encounter here on the Oregon coast, and I hope that your family is prepared to be self-sufficient for a period of time in the case of any emergency. Be sure to subscribe to Lincoln Alerts to get information when an emergency situation occurs.

During our council meetings in January we approved an alternative process to hire a contractor to install water meters and radios, granted Pacific Power an easement to accommodate the 3rd Street sidewalk project, adopted a city wide fee schedule, listened to the Public Arts Committee's annual report, heard from the Municipal Court Judge, had a presentation from the Lincoln County District Attorney, and an update regarding our Climate Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas Inventory. We also adopted an ordinance to comply with FEMA mandates, approved a supplemental budget and an amendment to the agreement for the Regatta Park playground update

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. 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!

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, and parks). Violators will be fined and/or prosecuted for lighting any type of firework here. This includes sparklers and novelty devices.

All are invited to view the Lincoln City drone show on the 4th of July at Taft Waterfront Park - featuring a choreographed display of 200 drones synchronized to music against the night sky.

Festivities and live music will kick off at noon, and continue all day. The drone show will begin at dusk. Overflow parking and a shuttle service will be available from Taft High School.

Scan the QR code below for more info on the event:



Parks & Recreation



Recreation

Spring/Summer Registration Opens:

Assisted Registration Event: Feb. 20 4-6:30 pm for scholarship recipients, English language learners or those with disabilities that need assistance registering.

Regular registration—Feb. 21, 10:30 am

Parks

MLK Jr Day of Service Project at Cutler City Wetlands. Removed ivy and spread mulch on nature path with over 50 volunteers.

Nelscott park strips on Hwy 101, removing old vegetation and replacing with zero maintenance landscaping.

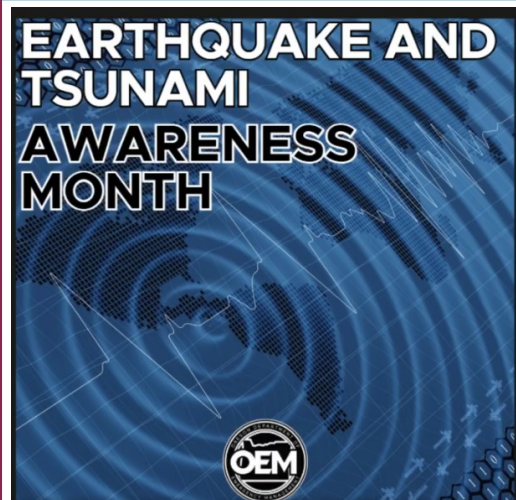
Kirtsis Batting Cage Improvements includes purchase and install new machine and painted the inside floor with non-slip paint.

In cooperation with the Lincoln County School District "Farm to Table", garlic has been planted in the Taft Community Garden for use in their program.

Trimmed and replaced planter boxes at the Taft Community Gardens.

Planted numerous native plants in all of our parks in cooperation with Tillamook Estuaries Partnership.

Created a pollinator garden in the Taft public parking lot.



February has been proclaimed Tsunami and Earthquake Awareness Month in Oregon.

Scientific evidence indicates that the State of Oregon is at risk for a large scale event associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone that is expected to generate strong ground shaking and a destructive tsunami, similar to the event that occurred in Northeastern Japan in March of 2011.

As a result, the Oregon Dept. of Emergency Management (OEM) will provide education and information about individual

preparedness for Oregon residents and visitors throughout the month of February. OEM will be doing a Tsunami Preparedness Roadshow that will be traveling to numerous coastal communities at the end of February. Check their website for preparedness tips and upcoming dates for the Tsunami Preparedness Roadshow. www.oregon.gov/oem/Pages/default.aspx

Upcoming Public Meetings

Monday, February 10 at 5:00 pm
[City Council—Executive Session](#)

Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm
[City Council—Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 12 at 4:00 pm
[Public Arts Committee—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](#)

Monday, March 3 at 5:00 pm
[City Council—Work Session](#)

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](#)

Monday, March 24 at 6:00 pm
[City Council—Regular Meeting](#)

City Offices Holiday Schedule

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

Community Center— Open from 9am to 5 pm

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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.



DANGEROUS CONDITIONS

CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DROWNING

WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT
LEARN MORE AT NLFR.ORG