



CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Public Works Water, Sewer & ARPA Funding Facts

WATER

Lincoln City's water source is Schooner Creek, located southeast of the City. The U.S. Forest Service owns Seventy-seven percent of the approximately 20-square-mile watershed, the Bureau of Land Management or held privately.

Water quality from Schooner Creek is excellent. It is soft with a neutral pH. Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards. Lincoln City vigilantly safeguards our water supply and once again, we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. The Water Quality Report for 2021 is now available and accessible through the City's website (<https://www.lincolncity.org/departments/public-works/water-waste-water/water-quality-reports>) or call the Public Works Department at 541-996-2154 for a mailed copy.



Aerial Photo of the Water Treatment Plant

SEWER

Lincoln City's Wastewater Treatment Plant is located downstream of the Water Plant near Schooner Creek River Mile 1. This winter, we are completing a major project to install a new dewatering system. This system takes the solids produced during the treatment process and removes enough water to transport to the landfill in containers. In 2021, the plant produced 144 containers full of dewatered sludge.



Foundation for the receiving container



Screw Press inside the building

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

On March 22, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds, which together make up the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Lincoln City will receive \$2,035,648.67 in two payments. On September 27, 2021, the City Council heard recommendations on what projects to fund, based on eligible uses. Two projects were selected, the first is "Fiber to the Water Plant and the Wastewater Plant". This project will replace a 40+ year old copper wire, prone to degradation, and has caused communication failures to occur at both plants. The cost to bring fiber to the plants is \$270,000.00. This project is underway with the Waste Water Treatment Plant Fiber upgrade expected to be completed by the end of February 2022, while the Water Treatment Plant Fiber upgrade is expected to be complete by mid-June 2022.

The second project is the "Nelscott Wastewater Force Main" which is an estimated \$3.5 million dollar project, much needed as the main is undersized, contributes to sewer overflows, and has leaked recently at multiple locations. The City will combine existing funding of \$1 million with the Rescue Plan funds to complete the project. Final design is underway and we are planning to begin construction in the Summer 2022.

Driftwood Public Library Update

Driftwood Public Library and the Lincoln City Cultural Center are partnering to present this year's Oregon Legacy author series. The series takes place at 4 PM on Sundays in February at the Cultural Center. Masks and proof of vaccination are required. The upcoming authors and dates are as follows:

- February 13: Allison Cobb
- February 20: Eileen Garvin
- February 27: Alexandra Mason

Beginning Tuesday, February 8th, Driftwood Public Library is distributing free at-home COVID-19 tests in partnership with Lincoln County Public Health. Limit one kit (with two tests) per household member. These kits are being distributed through the library's curbside service by appointment. Pick-ups are available from 10 AM – 5 PM M-F, and 1 – 5 PM on Sundays. Call 541-996-2277 and press option 1 to schedule your pick-up, or if you have questions.

Mayor Wahlke

I maintain an office at City Hall with normal office hours of 10 to 3 on Tuesday and 2 to 4:30 on Thursday, or you can make an appointment by calling 541-996-1205. Please come talk to me and let me know your thoughts about what is happening in Lincoln City. You can also reach me at swahlke@lincolncity.org. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Do you know a student grades 4-12 who has thoughts about how the City should be run? The Oregon Mayors Association 2021-2022 "If I Were Mayor..." student contest has kicked off. Submissions need to be submitted by April 8, 2022. However, Lincoln City can only submit one entry in each category, so if we have more than one entry we will need to choose a winner prior to April 8th to be entered into the statewide competition.

There are three categories, grades 4-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12. There are different ways to enter for each category. Statewide winners will receive monetary prizes. Contact me if you would like more information. I would love to see what our students think about being mayor of Lincoln City!

Polystyrene Container Ban Reminder

The ban on foam polystyrene containers went into effect on **April 13th, 2021**. In order to give businesses additional time to use up existing foam container stock, enforcement of the plastic foam food container ban was delayed by an additional 90 days.

Since **July 13th, 2021**, the ban on foam polystyrene food containers is enforced. Violations will be Class C misdemeanors that include fines. Styrofoam is a major source of ocean pollution. It breaks down into microplastic pieces that literally take thousands of years to fully decompose.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, February 14 at 4:30pm
City Council—Executive Session

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

Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30pm
Public Arts Committee—Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00pm
Planning Commission—Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 16 at 2:30pm
Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 22 at 3:00pm
Sustainability Meeting—Regular Meeting

Monday, February 28 at 6:00pm
City Council—Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 01 at 6:00pm
Planning Commission—Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 02 at 3:30pm
Library Board—Regular Meeting

Monday, March 07 at 6:00pm
Budget Committee City—Training

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

Meeting dates & times subject to change. Please visit www.lincolncity.org for current information.

Parks & Recreation

- Free COVID testing and vaccinations at the Community Center – Feb. 5 & 19 – 10am – 2pm.

- Teen Center – On Jan 19th, Roby's held their service day at our Teen Center, painting all the walls and donating lots of furniture. Mar. 4 is the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting for the Teen Center. (see pic)



- Dog Park construction in progress! (see pic)

- Feb. 28th – Spring sports and RECKids Summer camp registration opens – in-person and online.

Open Space signage being installed the month of Feb. Dedication ceremony on Fri 2/25, 10am at The Knoll trailhead, NW West Devils Lake Blvd cul de sac. see pic)



DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

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Lincoln City
Planning Commission

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Community members are encouraged to participate in updating Lincoln City's Comprehensive Plan. A series of public input opportunities are planned, each addressing a key community issue.

HOUSING

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COASTAL SHORELANDS OPEN SPACES, SCENIC & HISTORIC AREAS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The first community input opportunity will address the important topic of HOUSING!

WHAT: Lincoln City Planning Commission Meeting
WHEN: March 15th at 6:00 pm
WHERE: City Council Chambers and broadcast live via Zoom.

Participate in person and/or email your comments to askinner@lincolncity.org

THANK YOU!

Planning Update

Commercial Construction Projects in Progress:

- O'Reilly Auto Parts at 2130 NE Hwy 101
- Pelican Brewing at 5911 SW Hwy 101
- 9-unit apartment building at 3610 NW Port Ave
- 18-unit apartment building at 3722 NW Port Ave
- NW Natural offices on NW 36th Ave
- The Pines Dine Food Truck Village at 5040 SW Hwy 101
- Building renovation of existing building at 1534 NE Hwy 101
- Building renovation of existing building at 2219 NE Hwy 101

Land Use Approvals Received:

- Lincoln Palisades Phase VI preliminary plat

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Utility Billing – Then and Now: Fun Facts

THEN: From 1965 to 1986, the city recorded utility accounts by hand in 3 ring binders. Billing was done in house, manually.

NOW: 2022, the city uses technology such as our website, utility billing software and outside source vendors for credit card payments, meter reads, printing and mailing to manage both account records and monthly billing.

THEN: 1995, the city began purchasing and installing the latest and greatest Sensus meters available. This allowed for touch reading and better leak detections.

NOW: 2022, the city has begun the process of establishing a radio read meter system.

THEN: 1993, 23 hand written three-ring meter reader notebooks were used to record 4784 meter readings for billing purposes.

NOW: 2022, 6,519 meters are read using a Solid State Interrogator (Handheld Device) and uploaded to each account monthly. The billing is created semi-automatically using utility management software from Caselle.

JANUARY 2022 PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT MANAGEMENT

Our property owners can now use Xpress Bill Pay to manage their Property Improvement Assessments (LID). They have the ability to see their monthly statements, pay the monthly contract amount, set up automatic payments and choose to omit their monthly paper statement.

ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE STAFF LONGEVITY

Milestone employment anniversaries for all four staff members. Michelle 5 years; Pam, 5 years; Charree, 1 year; and Sheri, 15 years.