



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

First Quarter 2022

## Plastic Pollution & Recycling Modernization Act: SB582

This Act, passed at the last Legislative session, updates Oregon's recycling SYSTEM by leveraging producers to create a system that works for everyone. The law goes into effect January 2022 with programs and changes to start in July 2025. It will take a number of years to educate and prepare for its effective launching. (And you thought affordable housing is taking a long time! Wheels DO move, and forward.)

This Act requires producers of packaging, paper products and food service ware to share responsibility for effective management of their products AFTER use. They will finance improvements to the recycling system and assist in making Oregon's recycling programs convenient, accessible and responsible. Local governments will maintain their local role in overseeing collection and education in their communities. The "Education" component of Act is already being set in motion through the work of the Regional Sanitary Waste Advisory Committee (R-SWAC) in Lincoln County. This group is composed of representatives from each of the three County Waste haulers, (North Lincoln Sanitary Service) and a local city representative (Councilor Casper.)

The Regional SWAC is primed and ready for interaction with the Lincoln County Community through a new educational program, "Coastal Characters" that will be initiating radio, newspaper, and social media ads about the importance of recycling. Recycling is something that residents and businesses can all participate in – the goal is to educate ourselves and visiting tourists about what little effort it is to keep our coast clean, if we just all DO IT. In Canada there are signs that suggest people deposit garbage in cans—and they DO IT. In Iceland, there is NO GARBAGE laying around – they pride themselves in NOT having any rogue garbage.

For further information, or Q and A about SB 582, check this website: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/Modernizing-Oregons-Recycling-System.aspx>

By the way: YES, OREGON IS THE FIRST STATE TO INTITIAE THIS TYPE OF COMMITMENT TO A RECYCLING ISSUE. We have public beaches and public trash cans----let's use them!!

## Driftwood Public Library COVID-19 Update

In response to the increase in cases and the transmissibility of the omicron variant, as of Sunday, January 9th, face shields and bandanas will no longer be acceptable face coverings in the library.

Driftwood staff will switch to wearing a KN95 or N95 mask.

The library will re-promote our curbside services as an alternative for those who are practicing social distancing or who are unable to wear a mask.

DPL is also in contact with Lincoln County Public Health as a possible distribution site for free at-home COVID-19 tests. This is a role libraries throughout the country have played. Should we receive tests, we will stipulate that people experiencing symptoms of illness should not come into the library to pick up their test kits.

## 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## New Childcare Ec Dev Tool

Lincoln City (or Lincoln City City Council) added a new Ec Dev Tool to the Toolbox to specifically address the need for childcare in town. Interested childcare businesses can apply for assistance by completing the application, available online at: <https://www.lincolncity.org/departments/economic-development/economic-development-toolbox-loan-and-grant-programs>.

Funding for this program is first-come, first-served with completed application. The first funding request for this new Ec Dev Tool will be in the next fiscal year budget.

With budget approval, applications could be processed starting July 1, 2022 and if approved, funding could be available late August/early September. Additional questions can be directed to the Economic Development Coordinator, Jodi Mescher: [jmesher@lincolncity.org](mailto:jmesher@lincolncity.org), 541-996-5365.

## Parks & Recreation January 2022 Events

- ⇒ Jan. 15 – Youth Basketball games begin at Community Center
- ⇒ Jan. 20 – American Red Cross Blood Drive – 11am-4pm @ Community Center Large Meeting Room
- ⇒ Jan. 22 – Intro to Wellness – Exploratory workout featuring Strength & Balance, Gentle Yoga, Aqua Deep/Shallow workouts. \$10 and registration is through Oregon Coast Community College.
- ⇒ Jan. 25 – Taft HS swim team home meet @ Community Center pool – 3:30-6pm

Youth Basketball has 175 participants on 18 teams. Big thanks to our sponsors! We have \$10,250 in team sponsors for our 2021-22 fiscal year thus far. Practices began the first week of January with games starting Jan. 15.



## Winter Cleaning Include a Garage Sale?

Yes, you need a permit! Per city code LCMC 5.8 to have a garage sale in the city limits you must have a permit. The purpose of requiring the permit is to limit the number of garage sales per year at one location. This prevents flea markets and other such businesses from being established in residential neighborhoods without the proper hearings, variances and permits.

Garage sales shall be allowed twice each calendar year for a maximum of fourteen (14) days. All signage for the sale must follow LCMC 17.72.030. All signs must be removed within one (1) day after the sale completion.

This permit is **free** and easy to obtain. The application can be found on our website [www.lincolncity.org/documentsandforms](http://www.lincolncity.org/documentsandforms) or by contacting the Finance Department at 541.996.1211. To read the codes in their entirety please go to: <https://www.lincolncity.org/government/city-charter-and-laws>

## Public Works Winter Update & Service Request Form

With winter upon us, street crews have been busy maintaining our streets and storm system. While we strive to keep up, after an event the crews need time to respond safely. We ask that people be very careful when driving, walking and biking.

Lincoln City has five street crew personnel and often it will take time to respond to events.

- In icy or frosty conditions we apply a liquid de-icer (magnesium chloride) however if the pavement is wet, it will wash away immediately so we only apply this treatment during times of cold, dry weather.
- One recent event was icy and wet, the de-icer would not have been effective. When there is ice on the roads we apply sand; however Lincoln City has one truck and it takes time to reach all of the icy streets. Even with sand applied, roads, especially hills and curves, will remain icy.

Reporting hazards can be done through a number of ways. Please use this link to the City's website. <https://www.lincolncity.org/residents/service-request-form>

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Email [mphillips@lincolncity.org](mailto:mphillips@lincolncity.org) and tell us you want to be added to the email list to receive monthly updates and announcements from the City.

To view meeting agendas and minutes visit: [www.lincolncity.org](http://www.lincolncity.org).

## Pay Your Water/Sewer & Other Bills

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, January 12 at 3:30pm**  
Library Board Meeting – Regular
- Tuesday, January 18 at 3:30pm**  
Public Arts Committee – Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, January 18 at 6:00pm**  
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, January 19 at 2:30pm**  
Parks & Recreation Board – Regular Meeting
- Monday, January 24 at 3:00pm**  
City Council – Work Session
- Monday, January 24 at 6:00pm**  
City Council – Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, January 25 at 3:00pm**  
Sustainability Committee – Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, February 01 at 6:00pm**  
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, February 02 at 3:30pm**  
Library Board – Regular Meeting
- 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
- Tuesday, March 15 at 3:00pm**  
Public Arts Committee—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00pm**  
Planning Commission—Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, March 16 at 2:30pm**  
Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting
- Monday, March 28 at 6:00pm**  
City Council—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, March 29 at 3:00pm**  
Sustainability Committee—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, April 05 at 6:00pm**  
Planning Commission—Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, April 06 at 3:30pm**  
Library Board—Regular Meeting
- Monday, April 11 at 6:00pm**  
City Council—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, April 19 at 2:30pm**  
Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, April 19 at 3:30pm**  
Public Arts Committee—Regular Meeting
- Monday, April 25 at 6:00pm**  
City Council—Regular Meeting

Meeting dates & times subject to change. Please visit [www.lincolncity.org](http://www.lincolncity.org) for current information.