

CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter 2021

Water Conservation & the Summer That Was

We made it through the 2021 summer draught...thanks to voluntary conservation and the City processing our treated water over longer periods of time to allow more flow to remain in Schooner Creek. However, conservation will need to continue.

Why Conserve Water?

Saving water helps reduce water demand—which means we can meet more needs with the same amount of water. This is particularly important during summer months and droughts, when our water supply is stressed. Water conservation can also delay the need for costly water system expansions.

Rainfall and Summer Demands

Communities in Oregon's Mid-Coast region depend on rainfall to sustain our water sources, which are primarily rivers and creeks given that our local geology does not support substantial aquifers. That rainfall is critical to sustaining water supplies through the dry summer and early fall months when water demand peaks. In many places, summer water use can be double—or even more—than winter use because of irrigation of landscaping, increased tourism, and other economic activities. Consequently, we need to manage our water thoughtfully to make sure we have adequate supplies year-round for people and the environment. This means that everyone's help is needed in conserving water, whether or not we are experiencing a drought.

Outdoor Water Conservation

Our lawns, gardens, and landscaping need a lot of water in the hot and dry months. That's a major reason why we tend to use much more water in the summer than in the winter. Reducing outdoor water use can make a big impact in keeping demand balanced with supply. Don't worry, there are many ways to use less water without giving up greenery!

Indoor Water Conservation

There are many ways to use less water in your home. Water-efficient plumbing fixtures can be a big help. Many small devices can be easily installed in minutes and will keep saving water all year long. Water-saving models are available for many larger plumbing fixtures when you're ready to upgrade. Look for the WaterSense label on toilets and the ENERGY STAR label on dishwashers and clothes washers. Fixing leaks is another great water saver.

Saving Water by Stopping Leaks

Even a slow drip adds up! Fixing leaky faucets, pipes, and toilets could save hundreds of gallons. Check out the water conservation page at www.lincolncity.org for links to videos to learn how to detect and fix a toilet leak.

Light Up Lincoln City

In 2019, Explore Lincoln City presented "Deck the Dock," reviving the tradition of wrapping Taft Dock with holiday lights. However, plans to expand that program with more lights in more locations were put on hold in 2020 because of the pandemic.

For 2021, Lincoln City Parks & Recreation and Public Works are lending an assist, resulting in a major expansion of winter light displays.

- Double the lights on Taft Dock, plus a 12-foot holiday tree photo op
- Wrapping light poles along 51st Street with solar-powered lights
- Wrapping the Taft entry arch with solar-powered lights

Wrapping all the City-owned utility poles along Highway 101 with solar-powered lights

In order to literally light up the town, Explore Lincoln City is offering awarded funds to encourage businesses and organizations to create more light displays.

For this first year, Explore Lincoln City will make up to 30 awards of \$500 each to businesses and nonprofits. With Taft Dock as the anchor attraction, businesses along SW 51st street and then north along the Hwy 101 corridor beginning in Taft will have the first opportunity to purchase lights. The concept is to create a critical mass of contiguous lights for as far as the budget will allow.

The long-term goal is to light up all of Lincoln City, with an expansion every year, going north until every Lincoln City district along Highway 101 is included. From there, side streets and other opportunities will be explored.

If you are interested in a one-time award to purchase lights, contact Stephanie Hull, Event and Outreach Coordinator with Explore Lincoln City at: shull@lincolncity.org.

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!

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 19 at 3:30pm

Public Arts Committee — Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 20 at 2:30pm

Parks & Recreation Board — Regular Meeting

Monday, October 25 at 3:00pm

City Council — Work Session

Monday, October 25 at 6:00pm

City Council — Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 02 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 05 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 03 at 3:30pm

Library Board — Regular Meeting

Monday, November 08 at 6:00pm

City Council — Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 17 at 2:30pm

Parks & Recreation Board — Regular Meeting

Monday, November 22 at 6:00pm

City Council — Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 07 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

Monday, December 13 at 6:00pm

City Council — Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 15 at 2:30pm

Parks & Recreation Board — Regular Meeting

Tuesday December 21 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

Monday, December 21 at 6:00pm

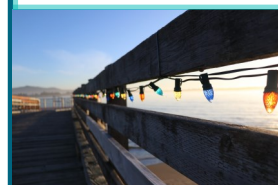
City Council — Regular Meeting

All Meetings are done remotely via Zoom until further notice. Meeting dates & times subject to change. Please visit www.lincolncity.org for current information.

Library now has Sunday Hours

Sunday: 1-5 PM

Monday-Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM



Parks & Recreation

Youth basketball sign-ups grades 1-6 – Nov. 1 – Dec. 10. Register online www.lincolncity.org/parksandrec, by phone 541-994-2131, or in-person at the Community Center. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor, bmarker@lincolncity.org or 541-996-1233

- ⇒ Price: \$50 resident, \$55 non-resident
- ⇒ RECKids Afterschool Program
- ⇒ Spaces still available for the school year
- ⇒ Mon-Fri afterschool care and non-school days
- ⇒ Contact our Recreation Coordinator, 541-364-1171 or svreden-burg@lincolncity.org for more information.
- ⇒ CommUnity Women's Circle – Nov. 5 (5-7pm), Dec. 4 (3-5pm)
- ⇒ Celebrate and experience CommUnity at the monthly Women's Circle. Explore a new theme in a safe and supportive group. Activities include discussion, journaling, music, and movement. Light refreshments are provided, FREE!

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Community Center – Dec. 9, 10am-3pm. Register at redcrossblood.org

Support Our Parks



Reliable Recycling Labels

It is probably fair to say that the recycling symbol on packaging can be confusing. The good news is that Oregon has passed legislation to work with producers on modernizing and enhancing recycling services over the next two years.

One of the first tasks in this effort is to better define the recycling symbol and how it may be used on products.

Unfortunately, right now a recycle symbol on a product does not actually mean that it can be recycled – and has led to creative uses of the symbol on packaging that ultimately causes confusion, contamination problems, and costs to the recycling system.

Starting in January a state taskforce will begin to address enhancing the recycling system, including developing guidelines for labeling. With that said, it will take time (a year or two) before any changes begin to take place.

In the interim, instances will likely continue where labels will make claims of recyclability, but where that item is simply not recyclable anywhere in Oregon, the West Coast, or even the whole country. To help, your local hauler has some tools to help you verify what can go into the co-mingled recycling bin.

North Lincoln Sanitary Service

Get the App – Search App Store for North Lincoln Sanitary – Dunn & Le Blanc, Inc.
Webpage – <http://www.northlincolnsanitary.com/>
Customer Service – (541) 994-5555

Curbside Recycling – Doing it right

The success of recycling is getting the product to market. Your hauler is the best resource for helping sort through what can go into (and what to keep out of) your curbside recycling. You can help make recycling a success by only placing accepted recyclable items into your co-mingled recycling roll cart.

- ⇒ Paper and Cardboard – Yes, put paper and cardboard into the recycling roll cart, but watch for items with wax coating, plastic layers, and that touch foods are generally not recyclable.
- ⇒ Plastic Bottles and Milk Jugs – Yes, only plastic bottles with a neck smaller than its base go into curbside recycling. At the curb, all the rest of plastics are trash. Even biodegradable plastics!
- ⇒ Metals and Cans – Yes, tin cans and aluminum cans. For safety and preventing damage to equipment, please keep wire and coat hangers out.

Remember – When in doubt, toss it out!

Fire Ban Updates

The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board and nine fire protection agencies announced the partial lifting of the complete burn ban throughout Lincoln County) effective at 1:00am on Sunday, September 18, 2021.

- Recreational Fires are permitted after 1:00 a.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021.
- This includes fires on the beaches and [day use park areas](#), commercial, private, and county campgrounds. Continue to use safety precautions.

The BURN Ban was lifted on October 01, 2021 for yard debris for the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District. A BURN permit is required. As a reminder, burning is prohibited in Lincoln City.

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations at Community Center

COVID-19 Vaccinations will continue every two weeks beginning 9/11 at the Community Center – 10am-2pm. COVID tests will resume every two weeks as well, just waiting on a confirmation on start date.

Face Coverings required for all visitors to City Facilities including City Hall and the Community Center.

Drug Take Back Drive By and Drop

If you have unwanted or expired prescription medications, then join us Saturday, October 23rd between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm for the National DEA RX Take Back. We will have a tent set up in our parking lot for you to conveniently drive by and drop them off with an Officer from the comfort of your vehicle.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} TAKEBACK Lincoln City Police Dept
1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd

**Saturday
October 23rd
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Pay Your Water/Sewer & Other Bills

Pay your bills using the mobile app from **Xpress Bill Pay!**

Now available for both Android and iPhone.

Scan QR code to download the app to your device.

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