



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

August, 2021

## Mayor Wahlke

I will maintain an office at City Hall with tentative office hours of 10 to 3 on Tuesday and 2 to 5 on Thursday, or you can make an appointment by calling 541-992-5572. Please come talk to me and let me know your thoughts.

## Public Works Update

- **NE 14th Sidewalk Project:** K & E Excavation continue to pour the sidewalk on the north side of NE 14th and installed the new sewer and stormwater lines
- **SW 29th Sidewalk Project:** Built retaining walls and installed stormwater and started pouring the sidewalk

## Plastic Foam Food Container Ban Reminder

On April 13th, 2020, Lincoln City's City Council adopted ordinance 2020-09 declaring foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) plastic food and other containers a public nuisance. The use of these containers has been prohibited. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the effective date of the ordinance was delayed by a year. This was done to give restaurants time to shift to environmentally friendly containers. We are approaching the end of the one-year postponement.

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 will be delayed by an additional 90 days.

After **July 13th, 2021**, the ban on foam polystyrene food containers will be 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, August 09**  
City Council — Executive Session

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City Council — Regular Meeting

**Monday, August 16**  
City Council — Workshop

**Tuesday, August 17**  
Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, August 18**  
Parks & Recreation Board — Regular Meeting

**Monday, August 23**  
City Council — Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, September 07**  
Planning Commission — Regular Meeting

**Monday, September 13**  
City Council — Regular Meeting

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

## Rental Property Fraud Alert

The Lincoln City Police Department has received multiple reports from citizens seeking rental property through individual parties over social media platforms which have turned out to be online frauds.

Renters are encouraged to utilize reputable property agencies and never to send money sight-unseen for property. If you feel you have been a victim of such a scam, please report the incident to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, located at <https://www.ic3.gov/>

## Face Coverings Required for all visitors to City Facilities including City Hall

The Lincoln City Manager announced all employees and visitors to Lincoln City facilities are now required to wear face coverings.

While Oregon has reached a 70% vaccination rate, you can still get your vaccination for free. Visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine>

## Lincoln County Complete Fire Ban To Take Effect August 13, 2021 at 8:00am

Visit [www.lincolncity.org](http://www.lincolncity.org) for more information.

## Central Coast Oregon State Parks Fire Ban including beaches in effect

All beaches and day-use areas (fires in campgrounds allowed) in Lincoln, Lane, Coos and Curry counties, from the Salmon River south to the Oregon border with California.

- Fire ban includes wood, charcoal briquettes, candles, tiki torches and other devices that emit flames or embers.
- Propane stoves and other cooking devices that have a shutoff valve are allowed.
- Fireworks are prohibited year round on all Oregon beaches.

Look for signs at all beach access points.

## Parks & Recreation

### In-person Fitness Classes

- ⇒ In-person fitness classes – Strength & Balance (Tuesday's) and Gentle Yoga (Thursday's) will return July 27. Classes will be at 1:00pm at the Community Center. Free with All-Access pass or a drop-in fee.

### Heritage Tree Dedication

- ⇒ Aug. 19 1-4pm at Regatta Park



### Paddle at the Beach Pickleball Tournament

- ⇒ Aug. 21 Mixed Doubles/22 Men/Women Doubles @ Dorchester Courts
- ⇒ Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Play for each division
- ⇒ Cost: \$50 per team, per event
- ⇒ Register at Lincoln City Community Center or call 541-996-1233

### Ocean's Edge 5K

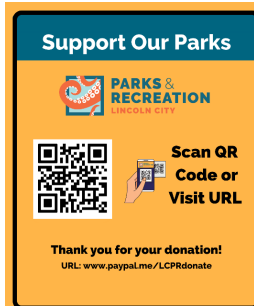
- ⇒ Aug. 28 @ 10am
- ⇒ 5K (3.1 mile) race on the beach at low tide starting at D River State Park to NW 34<sup>th</sup> St. and back
- ⇒ Prizes for top female and male finishers
- ⇒ Pre-Registration Cost: \$20, day of event \$25
- ⇒ Register at Lincoln City Community Center or online at [www.lincolncity.org/park](http://www.lincolncity.org/park)

Crystal Atkins with Active Arts will be painting ground murals in Lincoln City parks starting the week of August 9th.

They will be located at:

- Community Center gym exterior wall (artist Krista Eddy)
- Josephine Park (artist Katia Kyte)
- 26<sup>th</sup> beach Access (artist Bryan Nichols)
- Public plaza next to Mo's (artist Crystal Atkins)
- Wecoma Playground (artist Crystal Atkins)
- Kids Park in Cutler City (artist Crystal Atkins)

There will be a celebration of these murals at the Oregon Children's Musical Festival on August 21 at SW 51st and Taft Park from 12-9pm, with live music, free ice cream and free art classes plus more.



## Lincoln City Water

In 2021, the Mid-Coast has experienced minimal rainfall and dwindling streamflows, which has led Lincoln County to declare a drought emergency.

Water use spikes in the summer, due in part to the irrigation water used to keep lawns and gardens green, as well as the influx of visitors. This increase in demand at a time when streams are running low challenges communities throughout the region. Careful water management and conservation benefits residents, businesses, visitors, and fish and wildlife.



Here in Lincoln City, our water comes from Schooner Creek. As of August 09, 2021, Schooner Creek was flowing at 40% below average for this time of year. As of this moment we have enough water available without implementing serious curtailment measures, however we are projecting Schooner Creek will reach concerning levels in the late summer until fall rains return.

**We are asking our citizens, businesses, and visitors to reduce water consumption, here are some ways to help:**

Outdoor water use is a major contributor to water demand in the summer, so it's a great place to start conserving. Here are some simple tips to get you started:

- **Check for leaks.** Fix dripping faucet connections, broken sprinkler heads, and leaky hoses. Even a slow drip will waste a lot of water over the course of the summer.
- **Know when to water.** Watering in the early morning reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation. Avoid watering when it is windy, or if the soil is still moist from the last watering.
- **Keep it low.** Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are efficient ways to send water right where it's needed. If you use sprinklers, make sure they don't spray driveways, decks, or fences.

Indoor water conservation helps, too!

- **Be efficient.** High-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators are inexpensive ways to reduce water use.
- **Save at the sink.** When washing dishes or brushing your teeth, minimize the time the faucet is running.

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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).

## Lincoln City announces Supplemental LIFT Program Funding for Innovative Housing, Inc. Affordable Workforce Housing Development

Lincoln City has announced the Oregon Housing Stability Council approved supplemental funding through the State's LIFT Program which will help to fund a development partnership that will help tackle the affordable workforce housing crisis.

The Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Program will provide \$13.5 M to the City's development partner, Innovative Housing Inc. (IHI). The project will construct approximately 100 apartment homes on property owned by the City and Urban Renewal Agency on NE 25th Street, immediately north of St. James Episcopal Church & Santiago School.

Lincoln City and the surrounding area face a crisis in the availability of housing options for their workforce and residents. According to the City's 2017 Housing Needs Analysis, the median household income in Lincoln City is \$35,524. About 55 percent of residents in the county are rent burdened, paying more than 30 percent of household income for housing costs (2011 Lincoln County Workforce Housing Needs Assessment). At the same time, employers struggle to hire and/or retain their workforce because of the demand for attainably priced housing.

IHI responded to the City's 2018 Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for the 25th Street site and other publicly-owned parcels. IHI has over 35 years of development experience and operates nearly 1,000 affordable units in Oregon. IHI designs apartment communities to address local needs in creative and effective ways, and pairs housing with wrap-around support services, including: eviction prevention, resource referrals, budgetary assistance, academic support and afterschool programs. Now that IHI has secured full funding sources for the project, it's expected the design phase will begin this fall with construction anticipated to begin in summer 2022.

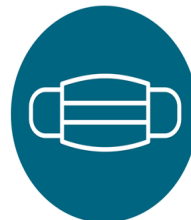
For more information about either the City or the URA, or with regard to this development project, please visit [www.lincolncity.org/propertydevelopment](http://www.lincolncity.org/propertydevelopment).

## Explore Lincoln City In The Summer

In June, Lincoln City welcomed the return of Finders Keepers and glass floats on the beach. For the past year, Explore Lincoln City provided a Home Edition for residents and guests to participate in. Once again you can find over 3,000 floats placed on beach to find and keep. You can find them every day, year-round. Floats are always placed above the high tide line and below the beach embankment during daylight hours. Explore Lincoln City asks that everyone spread the love by only keeping one float per person, per year. Share the news, and happy hunting! To find out more about Finders Keepers, visit [ExploreLincolnCity.com](http://ExploreLincolnCity.com).



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## Pay Your Water/Sewer & Other Bills Online

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