

# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

September, 2021



## On the Anniversary of the Echo Mountain Complex Fire

As we mark the first anniversary of the Echo Mountain Complex Fire, I want to express my concern for the many people who remain unhoused. I rejoice with the families who have been able to return to their property, and vow to do what I can to work with the organizations that are trying to help those who remain without homes. I want to express my gratitude for the first responders who kept the fire from spreading further, and to those volunteers who fed, sheltered and helped to rebuild. My thoughts are with everyone who experienced loss a year ago. –Mayor Susan Wahlke

The most recent Explore Lincoln City newsletter featured a look back at the amazing job first responders and volunteers did during and after the devastating fire. <https://bit.ly/3BRQaXg>

They also commissioned Kelly Howard at the Lincoln City Glass Center to create commemorative floats that have a sprinkle of ash from the Echo Mountain Fire embedded in the glass. The floats were mailed out on the anniversary of the fire to each of the 33 fire stations and emergency service providers who fought the blaze as it threatened our town.

We just received the first response from the mailing. Firefighters in Adair Village, Oregon said, "We are extremely grateful for the gift to the department. We do the work because we enjoy helping others without the anticipation of reward. It's a wonderful piece of art to look at."



Thanks to everyone, near and far, who helped save our town and rebuild in the wake of the fire.

## 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.

### Central Coast Oregon State Parks Fire Ban, including beaches, remains 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.

**Lincoln County Complete Fire Ban Remains In Effect from August 13, 2021 at 8:00am**

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

## Mayor Wahlke

I will maintain an office at City Hall with office hours of 10 to 3 on Tuesday and 2 to 4:30 on Thursday, or you can make an appointment by calling 541-992-1205.

Please come talk to me and let me know your thoughts.

### Required public meeting notice for executive session: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

#### Authority:

- ORS 192.660(2)(e) (To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions).
- ORS 192.660(2)(f) (To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection).
- ORS 192.660(2)(h) (To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed).

#### Subjects:

- Real Property acquisition – update on property with limited access adjacent to city park - options
- Status of Note(s) / Trust Deed(s) / Construction Loans for 2020 real property conveyances – internal advisory communication

## Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, September 13 at 4:45pm**  
City Council – Executive Session

**Monday, September 13 at 5:30pm**  
Joint City Council and Urban Renewal Agency – Special Meeting

**Monday, September 13 at 6:00pm**  
City Council – Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, September 15 at 2:30pm**  
Parks & Recreation Board – Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00pm**  
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting

**Monday, September 27 at 3:00pm**  
City Council – Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, October 05 at 6:00pm**  
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, October 06 at 3:30pm**  
Library Board – Regular Meeting

All Meetings are done remotely via Zoom until further notice. 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/>

## Parks & Recreation

On Aug. 19, the Oregon Heritage Tree and Historical Marker Program awarded LCP&R with the honor of designating our Regatta Park tree Nuu-k'wii-daa-naa--ye', as the official 79<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree of Oregon. Our City has been trying since 1999 for this tree designation. We could not have done this without our partners:

- ⇒ Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
- ⇒ Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- ⇒ Originators of tree name Nuu-k'wii-daa-naa--ye':  
City Councilor Riley Hoagland and Tim Stuart
- ⇒ Lincoln City City Council
- ⇒ Lincoln County Historical Museum
- ⇒ Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Board



Thank you all for your support!

Community Art Murals project – LC Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Activate Arts, Crystal Meneses, local artists, and local youth, created 6 new murals in LC, placed at:

- ⇒ Community Center, artist Krista Eddy
- ⇒ Josephine Young Park, artist Katia Kyte
- ⇒ 51<sup>st</sup> St/ Taft, artist Crystal Meneses
- ⇒ 25<sup>th</sup> St beach access, artist Brian Nichols
- ⇒ Wecoma Park, artist Crystal Meneses
- ⇒ Kids Park, artist Crystal Meneses (still being created)



Thank you Activate Arts, local artist and youth!

During the 9 weeks of summer camp, with funding of \$12,377 from the United Way wildfire recovery grant, we were able to offer 39 full day RECKids camp scholarships (for free) to our Echo Mtn wildfire survivors. Lincoln County School District worked closely with P&R staff to register these survivors for camp. Thank you LCSD and United Way!

We currently have 186 youth participating in youth sports starting this week 9/7.

- ⇒ Soccer – 142
- ⇒ Volleyball – 33
- ⇒ Middle School Cross Country – 11

NEW CLASS! Pickleball Basics class beginning Sept. 18-Oct. 23 (9-10am) with 16 participants signed up. In partnership with Lincoln City Pickleball Club, the class will cover the basics of Pickleball, strategy, and game play.

Solve Beach clean-up, Sept. 25 – 10am at NW 15<sup>th</sup> St. Beach Access

**Support Our Parks**

  
**PARKS & RECREATION**  
LINCOLN CITY



**Scan QR Code or Visit URL**

Thank you for your donation!  
URL: [www.paypal.me/LCPRdonate](http://www.paypal.me/LCPRdonate)

## Five Tips for Families with Children Heading Back To School

For families with kids heading back to the classroom, the Oregon Department of Education has released the following five straightforward back-to-school tips:

1. Make a plan to vaccinate all eligible household members
2. Wear a face covering in public and in carpools
3. Limit gatherings with other households
4. Move any social activities outside
5. Make a plan in case your child needs to miss school

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

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 Online

Pay your bills using the mobile app from

**Xpress Bill Pay!**

Now available for both Android and iPhone.

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## Trash Tips

Keep Flammables Out Of Your Trash



Never place fire hazards into garbage, recycling, or composting roll carts.



### Batteries

Even if you think they are dead, batteries and electronic devices containing batteries can become fire igniters when damaged. (Especially lithium batteries).



### Fuels

Propane, gas, and other fuels are obvious fire igniters.



### HHW

Household Hazardous Waste (with product labels: Poison, Toxic, Danger, Flammable) can mix with other materials in the garbage and create dangerous reactions. (Especially oxidizers).



### Hot Stuff

Hot ash and BBQ briquettes are obvious fire igniters. Please burn completely and soak overnight in water if they are to be placed into the garbage.

Batteries, electronic devices, and many other materials are accepted year-round at local recycling depots and in addition there is an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held each summer. Please help us keep our community safe and call your hauler with any questions.



A Cooperative Program of the Lincoln County Solid Waste District, the cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport, and Yachats; Dahl Disposal Service, North Lincoln Sanitary Service, Thompson's Sanitary Service, and Lincoln County.

PHONE (541) 574-1285

## Public Works Projects

### SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project

The project is complete. The project built sidewalk on the north side of SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street from SW Coast to Hwy 101. This included constructing a curb ramp at SW 29<sup>th</sup> & Coast. The project also included repaving that the section of SW 29<sup>th</sup> and adding eight parking spaces on the south side of SW 29<sup>th</sup>.

### NE 36<sup>th</sup> Drive Street Improvement Project

The project is complete. The project included grinding and re-paving the east section of NE 36<sup>th</sup> Drive and a portion of NE West Devils Lake Road. It rebuilt the curb ramp at the corner of NE 36<sup>th</sup> Drive and West Devils Lake Road.

### NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project

The project is essentially done with a few minor items to be addressed. The project included installing a five-foot sidewalk from Hwy 101 to NE Port on the north side of NE 14<sup>th</sup>. It also included installing a low pressure sewer line on NE 14<sup>th</sup> between NE Oar and NE Port.