



CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter 2025



Drought Conditions

Mayor Wahlke

DROUGHT DECLARED IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County declared a drought emergency on July 2, 2025. Help us relieve pressure on our shared water resources:

- Look for and repair leaks
- Minimize irrigation
- Use an efficient irrigation system, like drip irrigation
- Install water-efficient fixtures, like showerheads and faucet aerators
- Avoid using water to wash vehicles and pavement



Visit midcoastwater.org for more information.



On July 2, Lincoln County declared a drought emergency because of low streamflows, low precipitation, and poor soil moisture conditions affecting communities, economic sector, and local ecosystems.

Lincoln City water supplies remain strong despite Lincoln County drought declaration. Schooner Creek, the City's primary water source, is flowing at levels comparable to last year.

Although Lincoln City is not experiencing significant lower than average streamflow as of now, we support efforts to educate the community about the benefits of water conservation and being mindful of consumption, especially in the summer.

- Water plants early in the morning or late at night when it's cooler.
- Limit lawn watering to once a week. Or, try letting it go dormant for the summer.
- Use tools and devices to save water, like weather-based or timed irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, or drip irrigation systems.
- Avoid washing cars, driveways, or equipment.

July arrived with a drone show, rodeo, and fireworks over the lake. So many things happening in town for the 4th of July weekend. I have received lots of feedback about the drone show. Please send your comments to:

publiccomment@lincolncity.org



The application period is now open for the city's non-profit grants. Deadline to submit applications is July 31st.

During our council meetings in June we said goodbye to our city manager Daphnee Legarza and wished her well with her future plans. We welcomed our city manager pro-tem, David Benson. Council reappointed two people to the library board, approved the purchase of a new street sweeper, and adopted the 2025-26 budget.

I maintain an office at City Hall with normal office hours of noon to 4 pm on Tuesdays and 2 pm to 5 pm on Thursdays, or by appointment. Call me at 541-996-1205 or send me an email at swahlke@lincolncity.org. I am always happy to hear your feedback.

Public Works

SE High School Drive and SE 48th Place Closure for Sewer Main Improvements

Starting July 7, SE High School Drive from Taft Elementary School to SE 48th Place will be closed completely. Once that phase of the road construction is complete, SE High School Drive will reopen. The road work will then move to SE 48th Place. That section of road will be closed completely between SE High School Drive and SE Jetty Avenue. The road closures should last up to Labor Day weekend.

Dust Abatement on Gravel Streets

City crews will be grading an estimated five miles of local gravel roads across the city in preparation for a contractor's application of dust abatement treatment. Lignosulfate, a naturally occurring polymer found in wood, is the treatment method the City uses to help reduce dust generated by traffic in dry months. Lincoln City uses lignosulfonate because of its effectiveness, and it has been shown that it is not harmful to plants, animals or aquatic life when properly applied. The application is to be completed by July 11.

Engage Lincoln City

We are happy to announce Engage Lincoln City is live!

www.engagelincolncity.org

We know better decisions are made when our community provides input, and we want to make that easy. Contribute your ideas and take the opportunity to influence decision-making on local issues and projects that matter to you.

You will want to go to www.engagelincolncity.org and register to join our online community. We're excited to hear from you!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection



Household Hazardous Waste

Is Your Home Toxic-Free?

Please carefully consider the purchasing choices you make everyday and never place hazardous/toxic waste into your trash or recycling carts

HHW Collection Event

July 26, 2025 10:00am-2:00pm

North Lincoln Sanitary Service
1726 SE Hwy 101 - Lincoln City

- **Corrosives** - acids, bases, & reactives
- **Flammables** - solvents, gasoline, automotive fluids
- **Heavy Metals** - mercury & products containing elemental mercury
- **Oxidizers** - pool chemicals
- **Poisons** - pesticides, herbicides, fungicides & other poisons

NO CONTAINERS LARGER THAN 5 GALLONS

Non-Profit Grant Program

Lincoln City is accepting applications from local non-profit agencies. The City recognizes the essential role of non-profits in helping serve the most vulnerable populations and in return strengthen our community. It is through the Nonprofit Grant Request Program that Lincoln City is able to provide resources to these vital organizations.

The application can be found on the City's website at <https://www.lincolncity.org/government/nonprofit-grants>

Deadline is July 31, 2025 at 5 pm

Lincoln City's Vision & Mission

Vision: We envision a future in which Lincoln City is a thriving, welcoming, and livable coastal town guided by stewardship of our environment and a small-town sense of community.

Mission: We improve the quality of life for our residents, visitors, and ecosystem by effectively managing resources, providing exceptional services, ensuring public safety, and preserving the natural environment.

Police



Join LCPD for our 13-week Academy that fosters communication and understanding between our agency and the community we serve

BENEFITS

- Meet and connect with Officers and agency members in a positive and engaging environment
- Learn about the functions of the LCPD
- Participate in classroom and hands-on experiences
- Gain a deeper interest in the issues of your community

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Age 21 or older
- Live in North Lincoln County (between Otis and Depoe Bay)
- Pass a criminal background check
- Commit to 10 of the 13 classes
- Receive approval from Academy Director

CLASS DETAILS

Academy begins
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
6:00-9:00 pm
Lincoln City Police Department
1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd

TO APPLY:

Contact Tami Williams
 (541) 994-3636
 Or email
 twilliams@lincolncity.org



Safety Tips from LC Police:

- Whenever you plan on using alcohol, designate your sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;
- If you're impaired, call a taxi or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
- Wearing your safety belt or using protective gear on your motorcycle is your best defense against an impaired driver;
- And remember, Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Upcoming Public Meetings

- Monday, July 14 at 5:00 pm**
[Joint City Council and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting](#)
- Monday, July 14 at 6:00 pm**
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)
- Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 pm**
[Planning Commission - Regular Meeting](#)
- Monday, July 21 at 5:00 pm**
[City Council - Work Session](#)
- Wednesday, July 23 at 2:30 pm**
[Parks and Recreation Board - Regular Meeting](#)
- Thursday, July 24 at 3:00 pm**
[Community Sustainability Committee - Regular Meeting](#)
- Monday, July 28 at 6:00 pm**
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, August 6 at 3:30 pm**
[Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)
- Monday, August 11 at 6:00 pm**
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, August 13 at 4:00 pm**
[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, August 20 at 2:30 pm**
[Parks and Recreation Board - Regular Meeting](#)
- Monday, August 25 at 6:00 pm**
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)
- Thursday, August 28 at 3:00 pm**
[Community Sustainability Committee - Regular Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, September 3 at 3:30 pm**
[Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)
- Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm**
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, September 10 at 4:00 pm**
[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, September 17 at 2:30 pm**
[Parks and Recreation Board - Regular Meeting](#)
- Monday, September 22 at 6:00 pm**
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Parks & Recreation

OCEAN'S EDGE 5K

JULY 12
 10AM
 \$10/person
 Kids under 5 are free

541-994-2131
www.lincolncityparksandrec.org



Schooner Creek Discovery Park pile driving - Starting July 7, construction personnel will be pile driving in preparation for the foundation for the new stage. The work should be done by July 11.

Lincoln City Dog Park re-opens - After much hard work from our Parks Maintenance crew, the Dog Park re-opened to the public on July 2. Improvements included: grading the park to level the ground and remove unsafe holes, repairing lawn structure (including aeration, seeding, fertilizing), repairing the fence, removing damaged vegetation and adding safety signage.

SUNRISE & SUNSET YOGA

at Canyon Drive Park



ON THE BEACH - FRI 7PM	IN THE PARK - SAT 7AM
July 11	July 12
July 25	July 26
Aug 8	Aug 9
Aug 22	Aug 23

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Taft Waterfront Park

New U.S. flag at Taft Waterfront Park

City staff has secured a new flag to fly atop the 44-foot flagpole in Taft Waterfront Park. The flag is 8 feet x 12 feet, a more suitable size for the flag pole, and is in line with federal flag standards.

The flag flies at the end of SW 51st Street at the Taft turn around area.



City Offices Holiday Schedule

Closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day - City Hall, The Police Department Administrative Offices and Driftwood Public Library. Community Center—Open from 9 am to 5 pm

City Charter Review Committee

The City is seeking applications to serve on its Charter Review Committee. The committee will include three Council Members, one from each ward; and three community members, one from each ward.

The primary function of the City Charter Review Committee is to review the existing City Charter to determine if it will adequately serve the Lincoln City community into the future. If necessary, the committee will recommend draft amendments to the City Charter. The proposed charter amendments will ultimately be reviewed by the City Council for placement on the ballot for the voters of Lincoln City to approve or reject.

Please go to www.lincolncity.org/government/boards-and-committees for more information about the Charter Review Committee and for a Board/Committee Member