



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

August 2025



## Explore Lincoln City

**Sign Up For the Explore Lincoln City Industry Newsletter:** Explore Lincoln City is the tourism department of the City of Lincoln City and the official Destination Management Organization (DMO) for the Lincoln City area, serving as a resource for Lincoln City's tourism industry and promoting economic development through tourism marketing, destination management and stewardship initiatives. Explore Lincoln City is funded by transient lodging tax paid by visitors for overnight stays. See [www.explorelincolncity.com](http://www.explorelincolncity.com) for more information and to sign up for the Industry Newsletter, packed with information to benefit local tourism businesses, partners and stakeholders.



**Fall Kite Festival:** Fall Kite Festival is just around the corner, September 19 to 21. To commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival, Explore Lincoln City is excited to feature a lighted night fly. On Friday, September 19, join the fun from 7 to 9 p.m. to experience a one-of-a-kind show. Tim Sorenson, a lighted kite enthusiast from Alaska, will bring lighted kites to the beach at D River State Recreation Area, including an octopus. Fall Kite Fest continues

the next two days September 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with local vendors offering food and apparel, community partners offering games, and colorful kites filling the air with joy. See [www.explorelincolncity.com](http://www.explorelincolncity.com) for more information.



**New Park and Beach Access Signs:** Have you noticed the new signs going up around town? Explore Lincoln City reinvested transient lodging tax, paid by visitors on overnight stays in Lincoln City, into the community by funding new signs for parks, beach accesses and public parking lots. Look for more new signs to appear around town throughout the fall.

## Mayor Wahlke

School will be starting next month and the annual school supply drive "Stuff-a-Bus" will take place from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday, September 5th at Lincoln City Outlets. School supplies should be on sale soon, so please pick up some things that students need and donate them on September 5th. This community event really helps our local families.

During our meetings in July, we heard a presentation from North Lincoln Sanitary Service, adopted an ordinance to update the rules for locating mobile food units, awarded contracts for design of the inflow and infiltration project at SE 2nd, and two street improvement projects. We had a work session and special meeting on July 21st, and at our July 28th meeting we heard a presentation from the local Small Business Development Center, appointed two students to our Parks & Recreation Advisory committee, and reluctantly accepted the resignation of Councilor Parsons. We are currently accepting applications from Ward 1 to be appointed to City Council for a term expiring the end of 2026.

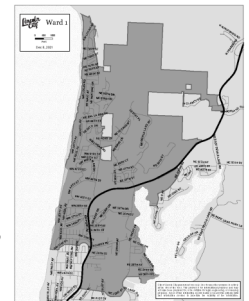
I maintain an office at City Hall with normal office hours of noon to 4 on Tuesdays and 2 to 5 on Thursdays, or by appointment. Call me at 541-996-1205 or send me an email at [swahlke@lincolncity.org](mailto:swahlke@lincolncity.org). I am always happy to hear your feedback.

## City Council Vacancy - Ward I

City Council is seeking applications to fill a vacancy representing Ward I. The vacancy follows the resignation of Councilor Mitch Parsons. The individual appointed will serve the remainder of the current term, which expires on December 31, 2026. **Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 5 PM.** Lincoln City's City Council will review submissions, conduct interviews, and make an appointment during its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6PM.**

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be registered voters and residents of Ward I in Lincoln City for the previous 6-months.

**How to Apply:** Applications can be sent to you by email or picked up at City Hall. Completed forms may be submitted by mail, in person, or by email to: City Recorder, City of Lincoln City -- City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Third Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367, 541-996-1203. [cityrecorder@lincolncity.org](mailto:cityrecorder@lincolncity.org)



## Ask Lincoln City

Have you seen something in town, heard a rumor in the community, or just curious about something going on in Lincoln City? Go to our engagement platform, [Ask Lincoln City](#), to ask questions and to get information about projects in the city.

**Question:** *I participated in the SOLVE cleanup after July 4. I joined the group at Roads End. It was very nice that the new city manager came by to say hello and see how we were doing! Our group collected more than 420 pounds of trash, almost all of it from fireworks, casings, etc. I understand Lincoln City has made fireworks illegal, and the drone show was fantastic! What can the city do to enforce no fireworks, most of which probably came into town by tourists?*

**Answer:** Thank you for reaching out to Ask Lincoln City. We are glad to see that you are utilizing our new Engage Lincoln City platform.

The Lincoln City Police Department enforces fireworks laws as much as is possible, staffing permitting. During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, the Lincoln City Police Department has every officer employed by the department working during the city hosted. We had two beach patrol ATVs staffed by officers enforcing fireworks laws on the beach, as well as officers on foot in the Taft and D River area.

LCPD seized 144 pounds of fireworks this year, mostly from the ATVs on the beach. There were 142 calls for police services on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, including 44 calls for service of fireworks, 4 disturbances of various types, two warrant arrests, and several traffic-related issues (disabled vehicles, etc.) They also conducted one arrest, under the Oregon criminal statute, for unlawful possession of fireworks; however, most of contacts made involving fireworks resulted in a cooperative person surrendering their fireworks to the officers.

Due to staffing levels, traffic, and priority calls, LCPD Officers aren't always able to be on-scene immediately to address fireworks, but each call for service gets an in-person response by an officer. This means that, by the time an officer is able to arrive in the area, it is likely the fireworks have either stopped or moved to a different area.

Our officers will continue to respond to all fireworks calls and enforce them as much as possible throughout the year.

## Water-Efficient Habits

Help our community save water!  
Take these actions to conserve water at home.



Take shorter showers.



Find and repair faucet and toilet leaks.



Regularly monitor your irrigation system for leaks.



Install water-efficient faucet aerators and showerheads.

