



CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter 2025



Boards And Committees Volunteers Needed

The City of Lincoln City is accepting applications for the listed volunteer board and committee positions below. Applications are accepted or available to print at www.lincolncity.org/government/boards-and-committees You can also request more information by contacting the City Recorder at cityrecorder@lincolncity.org or 541-996-1203.

Applications are always accepted for any committee. The deadline for considerations of current vacancies is: **Open until filled.**

- **Budget Committee - Two (2) three year term, coming up 1/1/26 for City Residents** - A seven-member committee, which make recommendations to the City Council on the City's budget. Meets in the spring of each year.
- **Driftwood Public Library Board - One (1) youth position** - Provides and makes accessible to all residents of the city, library, and information services suitable for people of all ages.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Two (2) three year terms, coming up 1/1/26 for City Residents** - An advisory board empowered to study and recommend to the city council on matters related to the City's Parks projects and Recreation Programs.
- **Planning Commission - Two (2), four-year terms, coming up 1/1/26 for City residents** - A seven-member citizen advisory board, responsible for assisting the City Council in developing and revising the City's comprehensive plan and development standards that implement the plan (such as the zoning and subdivision ordinances). The Commission also makes decisions on land use matters such as subdivisions, conditional use permits, planned unit developments, and variances.
- **Public Arts Committee - One (1) Youth Position, One (1) three-year term, coming-up 1/1/2026 for city residents, One (1) partial term** - An advisory committee to the City Council on matters of art, the acquisition of public art, as well as to expand the experience of the City's residents and visitors through public art.
- **Sustainability Committee - Two (2) three-year term, coming up 10/7/2025 for City residents/UGB** - Members may provide important knowledge and resources to the City Council for the purpose of the adoption of ordinances, rules, regulations, policies, implementation, strategies, and funding related to an adopted sustainability plan.

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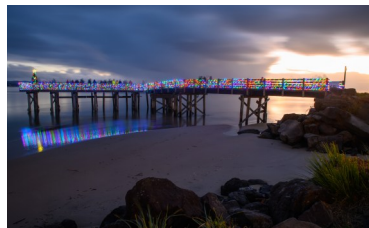
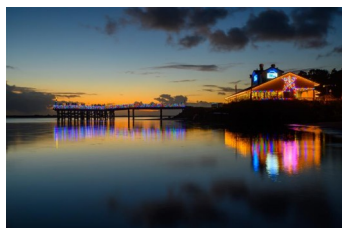
Occupancy and Visitation | Summer 2025 Recap

Tourism is Lincoln City's number one industry, delivering over \$200 million in direct spending to the community each year. This year has delivered strong numbers thus far. Lincoln City's occupancy rates year-to-date average 65%, up from 62% during the same period in 2024. Fourth of July weekend remained consistent at 73% year over year, while summer peaks in late July and mid-August climbed as high as 83%, a few points higher than last year. The Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival, held on September 19-21, drew nearly 3,000 people to the newly added Friday night lighted kite fly alone. Occupancy that weekend rivaled the summer's busiest stretches, with Friday at 88.7% and Saturday at 87.2%.

Visitor spending, meanwhile, reflects a slightly different story. Spending is down in 1.76% from last year, to \$218.26 spent per person per trip, largely on accommodations, dining, and retail. As for demographics, 57% of visitors come from Oregon, with another 21% from Washington.

Save the Date for Deck the Dock!

Don't miss the Deck the Dock, December 5 from 5 to 6 pm in the Taft District. Throughout the season, holiday lights will adorn Lincoln City at the dock and pavilion at 51st Street, as well as in the plazas and arch in the Oceanlake neighborhood, and City Hall this season.



Mayor Wahlke



Fall is here and so far we have had mostly beautiful weather. Winter will arrive soon, so be ready. Halloween falls on a Friday this year, and the kids will probably be out late that night. Please be sure your costumes are visible in the dark, it could be a dark and stormy night.

During our meetings in September we appointed a charter review committee and reviewed the non-profit grant applications, interviewed pro tem city manager candidates, heard presentations from the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County and from our planning director about updating the local wetlands inventory. We also entered into an intergovernmental agreement with other libraries in the area for the Chinook Library System, and made decisions about the SE 19th Street sinkhole.

We are hoping to appoint a councilor to represent Ward 1 this month. We are close to hiring a pro tem city manager and are well underway in the process of hiring a full-time city manager.

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.

Lincoln City Grant Awards

Lincoln City has been awarded two grants from the State of Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development: The North Lincoln City Refinement Plan and a Housing Planning Assistance grant.

The North Lincoln City Refinement Plan - This \$250,000 grant will build on regional partnerships to create a shared vision and development plan for North Lincoln City. The Plan will consider the housing and transportation needs of neighborhoods within the northern reaches of the UGB in an effort to stimulate development of new mixed housing types and incorporate bicycle, pedestrian, vehicular and transit modes.

Housing Planning Assistance - This grant will specifically address Lincoln City's land availability to meet local housing needs for the next 20 years and plan for a balanced variety of housing types in a landscape primarily of detached housing units.

Public Works

SE 51 St. Water Pipe Line Installation Project: 70 % complete, full completion in November.

SW 10 St. Improvement: Paving is scheduled for October 17.

NE Holmes Road Pump Station: Completion is expected by mid-November.

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Oregon Implied Crosswalk Law: What Drivers and Pedestrians Need to Know

In Oregon, every intersection is legally considered a crosswalk - whether it's marked or not, unless posted otherwise. Pedestrians have the right of way when they show intent to cross, such as stepping off the curb or extending a cane. Drivers must stop and remain stopped until the pedestrian has cleared their lane and the adjacent lane. Pedestrians, in turn, must obey signals and look for traffic before crossing. Failing to yield -

whether you're behind the wheel or on foot - can result in fines and jeopardize safety. Let's all do our part to keep Oregon's roads safe and respectful.

Parks & Recreation

Upcoming Recreation Events:

- Spooky Stroll 5k, October 11 at 10 am. Join this spooky run/roll, stroll starting at the Community Center and looping through Friends of the Wildwood. Prizes for best costume.



- Mushroom Hunt Hike November 8, 10 am. Register in advance to meet at Agnes Creek for a short hike through the forest learning about mushrooms from an expert.
- Deck the Dock, December 5, 5 pm. Ring in the lighting of the dock with treats, music and community.

Recreation Update:

Youth theater classes offered from musical theater to theater immersion
Adult swim lessons kicked off with full classes
New yoga classes offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Parks Update:

Organized a 300 person volunteer event at 11 park sites.



Repaired the dock at Holmes Road Park
Cleaned graffiti throughout the city
Replaced light posts at SW 33rd beach access

Utility Billing Contact Information

Have you changed your phone number recently? Do you have a new mailing address? Is your e-mail address different from when you opened your water account with the City? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then it is time to update your account information. Please call the Finance Department at 541-996-1221 or you can go online to [Utility Account Changes Form | City of Lincoln City, OR](#)

Upcoming Public Meetings

Monday, October 13 at 5:00 pm

[Joint City Council and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting](#)

Monday, October 13 at 6:00 pm

[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 pm

[ENGAGE Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee](#)

Wednesday, October 15 at 2:30 pm

Parks & Recreation Board - Regular Meeting - **Cancelled**

Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm

Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - **Cancelled**

Thursday, October 23 at 3:00 pm

[Community Sustainability Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, October 27 at 6:00 pm

[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, November 5 at 3:30 pm

[Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, November 10 at 6:00 pm

[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, November 12 at 4:00 pm

[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 pm

[ENGAGE Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee](#)

Wednesday, November 19 at 2:30 pm

[Parks and Recreation Board - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, November 24 at 6:00 pm

City Council - Regular Meeting - **Cancelled**

Thursday, November 27 at 3:00 pm

[Community Sustainability Committee - TBD](#)

Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30 pm

[Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, December 8 at 6:00 pm

[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, December 10 at 4:00 pm

[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, December 17 at 2:30 pm

[Parks and Recreation Board - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm

City Council - Regular Meeting - **Cancelled**

Thursday, December 25 at 3:00 pm

[Community Sustainability Committee - TBD](#)

City Offices Holiday Schedule

Closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices and Driftwood Library. Community Center—Open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Closed on Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Driftwood Library and the Community Center.

Closed on Friday, November 28 Day after Thanksgiving - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices and Driftwood Library. Community Center - Open from 9 am - 5 pm.

Closing at Noon, Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Driftwood Library. Community Center - Open from 6 am - 1 pm.

Closed on Thursday, December 25 for Christmas - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Driftwood Public Library and the Community Center.

Closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices and Driftwood Library. Community Center - Open from 9am to 5 pm