



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2025



## City Council



At the October 13 City Council Meeting, Nicole Petersen was appointed to the vacant Ward 1 City Council position. She is filling the seat of former Councilor Parsons who resigned back in July. Councilor Petersen's term will end on December 21, 2026.

Ms. Petersen, who has lived in Lincoln City for 9 years, owns two local businesses, Lincoln City Gifts and Lincoln City Ceramics. She is currently the President of the Kiwanis Club and Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce Board.

Ms. Petersen said that the reasons she wants to join the council are "because she cares about the people of Lincoln City and wants to be involved in making decisions that can help make the community continue to thrive."

## Mayor Wahlke



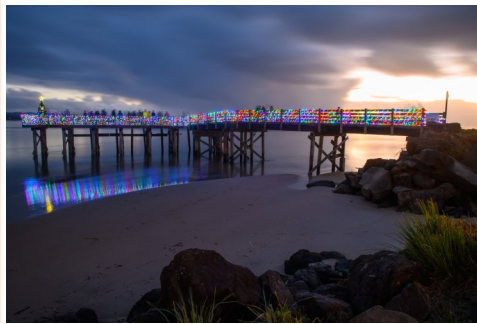
November has arrived, and so has the winter weather and the King Tides. Expect two more King tides in early December and early January. During these times of high surf, we need to stay off the beach and encourage our visitors to also. Remember to never turn your back on the ocean.

During our meetings in October, we hired Daniel Hunter as our pro-tem city manager (as we continue our search for a permanent city manager) and we also appointed Nicole Petersen to serve as city councilor representing Ward 1, to replace Mitch Parsons who resigned his council seat.

In October we also approved non-profit grants which I hope to be able to distribute soon. We received updates about the Welcome center at D-River Wayside, adopted a new System Development Charge for the Parks and Recreation System, and also adopted an ordinance for a new broadband franchise agreement.

I maintain an office at City Hall with normal office hours of noon to 4 on Tuesdays and 2 to 5 on Thursdays. Call me at 541-996-1205 or send me an email: [swahlke@lincolncity.org](mailto:swahlke@lincolncity.org) to make an appointment. I am always willing to listen to your concerns and hopefully together we can find solutions. I am also happy to hear what you like about what is happening in Lincoln City.

## Explore Lincoln City



**Deck the Dock!** Don't miss Deck the Dock, November 22 from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Taft District. (Rescheduled from Dec. 5 due to King Tides). Come and say hello to Santa and Mrs. Claus and see the lights turn on for the holiday season.

Throughout the season, holiday lights and décor will adorn Lincoln city at the dock and pavilion at 51 Street, as well as in the plazas and arch in the Oceanlake neighborhood, at City Hall and at other festive locations around town.

**Lincoln City Welcome Center Open House:** Join Explore Lincoln City, Public Works and members of the design/build team on December 9 from 4 to 6 pm in City Council chambers to learn about plans, process and status for the Lincoln City Welcome Center. This project, to be constructed at the D River State Recreation Site, will create an inviting place for visitors and residents alike to gather both indoors and out to learn about activities, culture and destinations in Lincoln City. Get up to speed about plans to improve one of the most popular beach access in Lincoln City.

**Lincoln City Welcome Center on Connect Lincoln City:** Curious about plans for the Lincoln City Welcome Center project but can't make the Open House? See [Connect Lincoln City](#) for information, project updates and engagement opportunities about this exciting project that will boost aesthetic appeal, visitor services and economic development in the heart of Lincoln City.



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## City Offices Holiday Schedule

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

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

**Closed on Friday, November 28 Day after Thanksgiving** - City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Explore Lincoln City, and Driftwood Library. Community Center is open from 9 am to 5 pm.

## Recycling

**Recycling**  
Your all-inclusive list of what you can recycle in North Lincoln County.

### Recycling Beyond the Curb

#### RECYCLING CENTER

1726 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367

NO CHARGE: Glass Bottles/Jars, Scrap Metal, Empty Propane Tanks, Athletic Shoes, Cooking Oil, Motor Oil, Paint, All Batteries, Electronics, Non-Refrigerated Appliances, Cardboard

CHARGE: Fluorescent Tubes/Lamps, Automotive/Hazardous Liquids, Shredding, Refrigerated Appliances, Full Propane Tanks

#### DEPOE BAY RECYCLING DEPOT

380 SE Shell Ave, Depoe Bay, OR 97341

NO CHARGE: Cardboard, Glass Bottles/Jars

#### SCHOONER CREEK REFUSE TRANSFER STATION

288 S Anderson Creek Rd, Lincoln City, OR 97367

NO CHARGE: Cardboard, Glass Bottles/Jars, Scrap Metal, Non-Refrigerated Appliances

CHARGE: Refrigerated Appliances, Tires

### More to Come...

Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) has Lincoln County on their list for a Hard-to-Recycle Item Depot in 2027. This will allow for even more items to be recycled through Responsible End Markets (REMs).

Stay tuned for more information as we get closer!

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## Local Social Services Available

Due to the Federal Government shutdown impact on Lincoln City residents, below is a list of social services agencies that provides assistance to residents of Lincoln City and Lincoln County.

[Lincoln City Food Pantry](#) located at Coast Vineyard Church, 1505 NE 6 Drive, provides emergency food in North Lincoln County for people who need it.

[Food Share of Lincoln County](#) provides an Emergency Food Assistance Program. Their website contains the Lincoln County Services Pocket Guide that provides information about other services provided in Lincoln County.

[Angels Anonymous](#) mission is to provide immediate and basic services for those in need in the North Lincoln County area. Those who need assistance should contact one of the organizations listed on their website under FAQ.

[Community Services Consortium](#) offers a comprehensive suite of wrap-around services in Lincoln County to meet the basic needs and achieve long-term goals in the communities that they serve.

## Driftwood Public Library

- **Programming Break:** All youth and family events are cancelled during the month of November. Our usual programming will resume in December.
- **Solstice:** The library's annual Solstice program will take place on Monday, December 22 at 6 pm. Interested in performing? Contact Mark Irmischer at [mirmscher@lincolncity.org](mailto:mirmscher@lincolncity.org)
- **Children's Room Renovation:** The work on the Children's Room is progressing well. The room is not yet open to the public, but staff are able to safely



retrieve materials upon request. The hope is that the room will be fully open by mid-November; stay tuned!

## Parks & Recreation

**Schooner Creek Discovery Park - Phase 2:** Half way through the construction. Phase 2 includes Entry Plaza, Promenade, Art Mural, special event stage and lawn, and restrooms.

**Phase 3:** Design will start in Fall 2025 with construction to be completed by Fall 2026/Winter 2027. Phase 3 will include covered multi-sports court, permanent pickleball courts, turf multi-sports field, walking paths and final native planting. 27,000 plants, shrubs and trees from Tillamook Estuaries Partnership will be planted at SCDP to restore native wetlands area and provide greenspace.



### Parks Updates :

Removed the Mobi-mats from the beach accesses for the season. They will be re-installed just before Memorial Day weekend.

Landsaped the entirety of the NW 17 restroom plaza with weed matting and river rock.

Removed graffiti from various parks and beach access points. Planted 20 magnolia trees along Hwy 101 between SW Bard Rd. and SW 32 St.

### Recreation Updates:

Winter registration opens: Assisted Registration is Nov. 20 from 4 to 6:30 pm for English language learners, people with disabilities and those eligible for scholarships. Registration for all opens Nov. 21 at 10:30 am

Spooky Stroll 5K had over 60 participants brave the wind and the rain.

Winter Co-Ed Basketball. Register Nov. 21 for this skill building league.

Sea of D'Lights. Dec. 19, 5 -7 pm FREE Event. Kick off winter break with a famous penguin centric movie, activities and fun lights in the pool and enjoy breaks with treats and more in the community room.



## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Monday, November 10 at 5:00 pm**  
[Joint Urban Renewal/City Council 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 3:00 pm**  
[Community Sustainability Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

**Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 pm at Lincoln City Cultural Center**  
[ENGAGE Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee](#)

**Monday, November 17 at 5:00 pm**  
[City Council Work Session](#)

**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 - Rescheduled**

**Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30 pm**  
[Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, December 8 at 5:00 pm**  
[Joint Urban Renewal/City Council Meeting](#)

**Monday, December 8 at 6:00 pm**  
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

## Police

Package theft is a constant in our community. Unfortunately, these thefts typically increase during the holidays given an uptick in purchases and deliveries to doorsteps and the continual growth of online retail sales, especially during Cyber Monday.

But there are several steps you can take to prevent package theft:

- Arrange to pick up packages at the carrier or retail establishment.
- Require a signature on deliveries. Ship packages to a locker where this service is available.
- Ensure that no shipment will be delivered while you are out of town.
- Report crime and suspicious activity in your neighborhood such as someone stealing a package or tailing a delivery truck by bike or car.

Call 9-1-1 for immediate threats to life or property or crimes in progress.

If it is not an immediate threat, contact the police non-emergency number at 541-994-3636.

Although camera surveillance is beneficial to home security, it often does not deter package thieves. Package theft prevention may not be as convenient as delivery to the door, but can spare residents from the violation that can impact the good cheer of the holidays

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