



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

December 2025



## Local Non-Profit Grants

Lincoln City awarded a total of \$200,000 in checks to local non-profit agencies on December 9, 2025. Mayor Wahlke handed out the checks to the agencies at a ceremony held in the City Council Chambers. Below is a list of the recipients who received the grants.

Beach Buddies	\$5,000
Business for Excellence in Youth (Backpacks for Kids)	\$10,000
Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative	\$5,000
Central Coast Humane Society	\$5,000
Coastal Cheer Athletics	\$3,000
Community Services Consortium Head Start	\$10,000
Family Promise of Lincoln County	\$10,000
Fishing Poles for Kids	\$3,000
Food Share of Lincoln County	\$10,000
Fraternal Order of Eagles, North Lincoln Aerie and Aux 2576	\$8,000
Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County	\$10,000
Lincoln City Food Pantry	\$10,000
Lincoln City Swim Club	\$3,000
My Sisters' Place	\$15,000
Neighbors for Kids	\$10,000
Neskowin Chamber Music	\$3,000
North Lincoln County Historical Museum	\$11,500
Oceana Family Literacy	\$15,000
Oregon Coast Community College	\$10,000
OR Cascades West Senior Services Foundation Meals on Wheels	\$4,500
Salvation Army	\$4,000
Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation	\$10,000

The City receives funding requests from local non-profit each year as part of its budget preparation process. Once the City Council has approved a budget, City Council reviewed the applications and selected which agencies would receive the funds. The City received \$747,480 in grant request.

"I am grateful that our city budget has allocated \$200,00 for grants to non-profit agencies. These non-profits provide services to our community beyond the scope of what our city can do. This year we have been able to award grants to many local non-profits, which will assist them in their missions," said Mayor Wahlke



## Mayor Wahlke

Winter has arrived on the Oregon coast. Be prepared for power outages and flooding. We also will be experiencing King Tides again in 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.



It is important at this time of year that winter shelters are available. We now have a shelter location here in Lincoln City. If you need assistance, please call 541-270-1005 to learn how to access the shelter. It is my hope that we have no weather related deaths this winter. I want to thank Lincoln County staff for all their work.

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.

## Town Hall Meeting

**Town Hall Meeting - Fourth of July Celebration**  
**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm**  
**Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar PL**

Lincoln City's City Council members are asking for input from the public about what the City should do for the Fourth of July celebrations. The City invites residents and business owners to the Town Hall meeting to provide input on how they would like to see the Fourth of July celebrated.

Some questions the Council is looking for input on are:

What type of nighttime show should the City provide, if any?

Should it be a multiple day celebration?

Should the celebration focus on a certain part of town (Taft), or spread out across the city?

There will also be an opportunity for the public to ask questions of City Council members and staff.

## Explore 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.



**Holiday Cheer is On!** Have you noticed the holiday lights around town? The dock and pavilion in Taft, arches in Taft and Oceanlake, and plazas in Oceanlake and City Hall are adorned with festive lights. New this year are wreaths around town. This sense of joy brought to you by partnerships between Explore Lincoln City, Lincoln City Parks and Recreation and Lincoln City Public Works.



## City Offices Holiday Schedule

**Closing at 12 noon on Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24:** City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Explore Lincoln City. Closing at 1 pm Community Center. Closing at 2 pm Driftwood Library.

**Closed on Christmas, Thursday, December 25:** City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Explore Lincoln City, Driftwood Library, Community Center.

**Closing at 5 pm on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31:** Community Center

**Closed on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1:** City Hall, Police Administrative Offices, Explore Lincoln City, Driftwood Library. Community Center is open 9 am to 5 pm

## Deck the Dock Celebration



## Parks & Recreation

**Parks Update:** Set up the Holiday Tree at the Taft Dock

Installed low maintenance landscape at the NW 17 restroom and parking lot.

Helped hang Holiday wreaths throughout the city

Repaired shower and foot wash at multiple beach access locations

Removed graffiti from various parks and beach access points

**Recreation Updates:** Record crowds came down for the Deck the Dock Celebration. They were joined by the Clauses, Bigfoot, Thanksgiving Turkey, Yeti and Ollie the Octopus

Mushroom Hunt Hike had 30 people hunting mushrooms in Agnes Creek.

Winter Registration has started for classes and activities at the Community Center

### Upcoming Events

Sea of D'Lights - December 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

Siletz Bay Splash - January 17, 10 am **Free event**

Moving this iconic New Years event to avoid King Tides has made everyone happy from patrons to North Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Take a brief dip in the Siletz Bay to shed last year's habits and then share hot chocolate, Mo's chowder and community around the fire.



## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Wednesday, December 10 at 4:00 pm**  
[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, December 15 at 5:00 pm**  
[City Council - Executive Session](#)

**Wednesday, December 17 at 2:30 pm**  
[Parks & Recreation Board - Regular Meeting - Cancelled](#)

**Thursday, December 18 at 3:00 pm**  
[Community Sustainability Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm**  
[City Council - Regular Meeting - Cancelled](#)

**Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm**  
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

## Food Drive Challenge

**December 8 - December 31**

Lincoln City has accepted Newport's challenge to a Food Drive. Starting December 8 and going until December 31, Lincoln City will be accepting food donations for the Lincoln City Food Pantry. Food donations can be dropped off at City Hall, Driftwood Public Library, Community Center, and the Police Station. Most needed items: Peanut butter, cereal, rice, jelly, honey, syrup, canned fruit, pancake mix, biscuit mix, boxed (packet) oatmeal, canned meals such as spaghetti, ravioli, chili, etc.

## Police

### Tips for Busy Shopping Areas

During the holidays, many people are distracted and not paying attention to their surroundings. Take these steps to prevent crime:

- Park in a well-lit, well-traveled location
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Prevent pick-pocketing: use a purse with a secure closure, keeping it close to you or put a wallet inside a coat or front pants pocket
- Place shopping bags and purses in front of you when dining out to keep an eye on them
- Only bring the necessary cash and credit cards on your shopping trip
- Have a plan if you get separated from your kids
- Remember where you park and have your key ready before returning to your vehicle



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