



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2026



## City Manager



### Daniel Hunter Selected as City Manager

City Council voted unanimously Monday, January 26 to select Daniel Hunter as the City Manager. He has been the city manager pro tem since October 13, 2025.

Hunter arrives in Lincoln City with 11 years of local government experience in Oregon. He comes from the City of The Dalles, where he was hired as an Administrative Fellow. He was promoted twice, while with The Dalles, up to Human Resource Director.

After graduating from Oregon City High School, he spent time in Montana, before joining the United States Air Force, being stationed at Fairfield AFB, near Spokane, Washington.

Following his military service, he moved back to Oregon to attend Linfield College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. From there, Hunter returned to Montana to work for the Montana Department of Transportation. While in Montana, he completed a Master's degree in Public Administration, and after graduation he was hired by the City of The Dalles.

Mayor Susan Wahlke shared, "since Daniel Hunter has served for the last few months in a temporary capacity, Council and staff have been able to get to learn his leadership style and how it works for Lincoln City. He has been able to get to know us and is happy here. On January 26th Council agreed to hire Daniel Hunter as our next City Manager. I look forward to Mr. Hunter being a part of our community."

Daniel Hunter expressed, "Lincoln City is a beautiful community with an engaged population. It is the kind of place city managers hope to end up. It is my honor to serve this community and the City Council as your City Manager."

## Explore Lincoln City

**Retro Expo:** Lincoln City's celebration of all things vintage, antique and retro hits the town February 6 - 16. A special drop of antique glass floats is part of the celebration. Discover hidden gems, uncover trendy treasures, and indulge in a nostalgic journey that's perfect for any vintage enthusiast. See the map, find the shops, and check out the year-round Vintage Voyage online passport to local vintage shops here: <https://www.explorelincolncity.com/events/annual/retro-expo/>

**New Visitor Guides Are Here!** The 2026 Explore Lincoln city visitor guide is packed full of information about this wonderful destination and freshened up with a new, modern design. The guide will be distributed locally and around the Pacific Northwest throughout 2026. See a digital copy and order a delivery for your business here: <https://www.explorelincolncity.com/plan/official-visitor-guide/>



**Tourism is Economic Development:** Recent research by Travel Oregon reveals that \$2.5 billion is generated in annual direct travel spending to the Oregon Coast. In 2024, tourism on the coast generated 26,000 jobs, #124 million in state and local tax revenue and 17.9 million overnight stays. In Lincoln City, spending by visitors fuels the local economy, and revenues created by lodging taxes are reinvested into our communi-

### ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM ON THE OREGON COAST 2024

Direct Travel Spending	\$2.5 billion
Jobs	26,250
Employee Earnings	\$949 million
State & Local Tax Revenue*	\$124 million
Overnight Stays	17.9 million

\* State and local taxes include income taxes, gas taxes, rental car taxes and transient lodging taxes  
Source: Dean Runyan Associates

ty in significant ways including infrastructure that benefits both visitors and the community, like improvements coming soon to the D River wayside. For more information see: <https://industry.traveloregon.com/about/tourism-in-oregon/the-value-of-tourism/>

## Mayor Wahlke



Again this year my daffodils are blooming before winter has ended. These past few weeks we have had beautiful weather, but spring is not here yet. I hope that your family is prepared to be self-sufficient for a period of time in the event of any emergency. Be sure to subscribe to Lincoln Alerts to get information when an emergency situation occurs.

During our two council meetings in January we passed a resolution condemning the Department of Homeland Security's decision to relocate the Coast guard rescue helicopter, held public hearings about sewer force main inspections, wastewater plant improvements, a utility and access easement, and a supplemental budget. We also passed a resolution regarding a hazard mitigation plan. During a joint City Council/Urban Renewal meeting we heard updates on our urban renewal plans and were presented with the fiscal year 2024-25 audited statements. On January 26th we agreed to hire Daniel Hunter, who has been serving temporarily since mid-October, as our new city manager.

I want to thank everyone who attends our meetings and gives us public comment. Remember you can also send your comments to: [publiccomment@lincolncity.org](mailto:publiccomment@lincolncity.org) Those messages are sent to Council prior to our meeting.

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) You can also stop me around town. 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.

## Driftwood Public Library

Oregon Legacy 2026. Sundays in March, 3 pm.

Join the Driftwood Public Library for the longest-running literary series on the Central Oregon Coast on Sunday afternoons in March.

**Oregon LEGACY**

Justin Hocking	Elizabeth Mehren	Leni Zumas	Joel Mayward	Scott Nadelson
3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29

Sundays in March, 3:00 pm  
Driftwood Public Library

[www.driftwoodlib.org](http://www.driftwoodlib.org) (541) 996-2277

Sponsored by: Friends of Driftwood Public Library, Pelican Shares, Spinning Glass, and others.

## City Offices Holiday Schedule

**Closed on Presidents' Day Monday, February 16:** City Hall, Explore Lincoln City, Driftwood Library. The Community Center will be open from 9 am - 5 pm.

## Recycling

### Mixed Recycling Cart

### Contamination

Yes! These CAN go in your recycling roll cart.

No! These are contaminants. If it's a NO, it can't go!



Plastic Bottles  
Plastic Tubing  
Plastic Buckets  
Rigid Plant Pots  
All items must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger.



Flattened Cardboard  
Packaging Boxes  
Food Cartons  
Beverage Cartons



Aluminum Cans  
Steel Cans  
Scrap Metal  
Less than 10 pounds & less than 18 inches.



Paper & Mail  
Newspaper  
Magazines  
Egg Cartons  
Paperback Books  
Paper Bags



No glass (drop-off only)  
No plastic bags or stretchy plastics  
No foam  
No batteries  
Set Motor Oil beside garbage roll cart.

### Recycling Center Drop Off

### Additional Items



#### Glass Bottles & Jars

Office Recycling Center  
1726 SE Hwy 101  
Schooner Creek Transfer Station  
288 S Anderson Creek Rd  
Depoe Bay Recycling Depot  
380 SE Shell Ave



#### Cardboard

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#### Scrap Metal

Office Recycling Center  
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Schooner Creek Transfer Station  
288 S Anderson Creek Rd



#### Batteries, Paint, Electronics, Auto Liquids, Tires, & more!

Office Recycling Center  
1726 SE Hwy 101  
Schooner Creek Transfer Station  
288 S Anderson Creek Rd

(541) 994-5555 | Information@northlincolnsanitary.com | Visit www.northlincolnsanitary.com for a full list of accepted materials, locations, and hours.

## Parks & Recreation

**Lucky Leprechaun 5K**  
Mar 21 10am \$10  
Kids 5 & under are FREE!  
NW 40th ST On the beach!  
Chinook Winds CASINO RESORT  
541.994.2333  
www.lincolnparksandrec.org  
Accessibility: ADA parking, flat and hard surfaces, paved ramp to soft sand



Spring Propagation Fair, Sat. March 28, 10 am at the Community Center. Bring starts, clippings and seeds to share with the community.



Pride Dive-In movie, Fri. Feb. 20, 5 - 7 pm at the Community Center. Watch an iconic LGBTQ + and celebrate being authentically you.

- Siletz Bay Splash had over 540 people attend to either splash or watch others take the plunge.
- MLK Jr. National Day of Service had over 50 volunteers remove invasives and weeds at Taft Community Garden and Schooner Creek Discovery Park.
- The World's Shortest Park Trail at Schooner Creek Discovery Park was featured on KGW for being a tiny trail with a BIG claim. [Click here to watch the video.](#)
- Received three grants/sponsorships for the Schooner Creek Discovery Park since the start of 2026, including a \$30K grant from OR Dept. of Land Conservation & Development.



### Parks:

- Cleaned-up graffiti throughout town, including the skatepark
- Removed large home debris from SW 51st beach access point due to the landslide along Hwy 229
- Cleared and removed downed trees in the Spring Lake Open Space trail system

## Upcoming Public Meetings

Monday, February 9 at 6:00 pm  
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00pm  
[ENGAGE Lincoln City Ad Hoc Committee](#)

Wednesday, February 11 at 4:00 pm  
[Public Arts Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 17 at 3:30 pm  
[Charter Review Committee - Regular Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 pm  
[Planning Commission - Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 18 at 2:30 pm  
[Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, February 23 at 5:00 pm  
[Joint City Council and Urban Renewal Agency](#)

Monday, February 23 at 6:00 pm  
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 pm  
[Planning Commission - Regular Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 4 at 3:30 pm  
[Driftwood Public Library Board - Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, March 9 at 6:00 pm  
[City Council - Regular Meeting](#)

## Police

### Traffic Safety Reminders for February

- Short Days, Long Shadows

February still brings early sunsets and low-angle glare that makes it harder for drivers to see pedestrians, cyclists, and crosswalks. LCPD encourages everyone to slow down near intersections, scan twice before turning, and keep windshields clean to reduce glare.



- Pedestrian Visibility Matters

Dark clothing blends into winter evenings. Remind residents to use reflective gear, carry small lights, or chose brighter outerwear when walking near roadways. Drivers should expect pedestrians even when they're hard to see - **especially** in implied crosswalk areas.

- Winter Road Conditions Linger

Even when the weather looks clear, overnight frost, black ice, and wet pavement can turn a routine drive into a hazard. Remember the basics: increase following distance, brake earlier, and avoid sudden lane changes.

- School Zones Stay Busy

February brings full school schedules, early morning drop-offs, and after-school activities. A quick reminder to slow down, watch for crossing guards, and avoid distracted driving will go a long way towards keeping kids safe.

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

Email: [kmattias@lincolncity.org](mailto:kmattias@lincolncity.org) and tell us you want to be added to the email list to receive monthly updates and announcements from the City.