CITY COUNCIL
E-NEWSLETTER
May 22, 2020

Thank you so much for doing the hard work of staying home (sheltering in place), wearing face covering (mask) when out, washing your hands for 20 seconds, and social distancing. It is working, we’ve kept our case numbers down. Keep up the good work! Our businesses have suffered so please consider them when you don’t know what’s for dinner, as most provide take out. The short-term rentals have taken a heavy hit as they continue to be closed for business throughout May. Our students have done the hard work of adjusting to not huddling with their friends and have taken on a new task of educating at home. A shout out is needed for the employees of our grocery stores, medical facilities, pharmacies, post office, assisted living, and others! And thank you to citizens who have made and delivered meals, made masks, and checked on your neighbor.

City provides financial aid. Council approved making available $635,000 in purchases from lodging and small businesses. $400,000 is to be used for non-lodging businesses and $235,000 for lodging industry. The ‘gift cards/certificates’ (yet to be determined) will be provided as incentives to bring visitors to Lincoln City at appropriate times and will be available for a long period of time. The funds are from the taxes paid by the lodging businesses and can legally only be used for the vacation industry. Council has also made your water/sewer bill available to be deferred over three months, in addition to waiving late fees and not turning off water for non-payment.

Randomized testing. Governor Brown’s office is working with OHSU to conduct randomized COVID-19 testing. If you receive an invitation beginning May 11 to be tested please consider saying yes. This will help to understand the virus and provide results by location to help inform decision making. Lincoln City staff and Council have made the open spaces available to local residents for those extended walks. We will want to be careful to not encourage out-of-town visitors to those sites as we want to keep our case numbers down. See flyer for guidance. As Governor Brown is slowly opening up Oregon, we want to continue to do the good work of Staying Home. Wearing a Mask, and Washing Hands!

Diana Hinton

CITY UPDATES

- Lincoln City is currently in phase 1 of reopening. Find phase one reopening information for businesses here.
- For Oregon State Parks resources and information please visit state.parks.oregon.gov.
- Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties Community Services Consortium (CSC) Resources and information click here.
- The City of Lincoln City’s Lodging Reopening Application is available by visiting www.lincolncity.org.
- Each lodging establishment that will reopen on June 1, must submit a plan detailing how they will meet the requirements in Order 5-20-136 which includes Exhibit A (criteria for reopening).
- The required signs for lodging establishments to reopen can be accessed here.

Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Updates

The Parks and Recreation staff have been creating a library of virtual workouts including Gentle Yoga, Strength and Balance, Tai Chi, Cardio Circuit and more.
- Visit the Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Facebook page for event updates and to access the workouts or check out their YouTube Channel, “Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department.”
- Make sure to check out Story Time with Miss Sarah as well.

Thank you First Responders and Frontline Workers

The City of Lincoln City wants to thank all people serving on the frontlines of COVID-19 in essential services. We are all extremely grateful for your services to our community during this extremely difficult time. Thank you from the City of Lincoln City.
Driftwood Public Library
Summer Reading Club 2020

Imagine

Driftwood Public Library’s Summer Reading Program Begins May 1st!
The library staff has been working hard devising innovative and creative new ideas for Summer Reading Club 2020. All ages can participate in the library’s 2020 Summer Reading Program, “Imagine Your Story”, by signing up and setting reading goals. You can then play a fun Bingo game or track reading, earning either a cool interactive t-shirt or, for adults, a printed tote bag. Just by signing up you will be entered into drawings for grand prizes at the end of summer.
The easiest way to register is by visiting www.driftwoodlib.org.
The Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the Friends of Driftwood Library, The Driftwood Library Foundation and Lincoln County Library District.

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Email cliberato@lincolncity.org and tell us you want to be added to the email list to receive monthly updates and announcements from the City.

A Home Repair Program operated by DevNW is expanding to help low-income homeowners in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties make repairs to their homes through zero interest loans with no minimum monthly payments.

To qualify for a home repair loan the borrower must be low-to moderate-income (80% area median income or less). Individuals interested in qualifying should fill out a preliminary assessment that can be found on DevNW’s website.

EXPLORE LINCOLN CITY BRINGS TO YOU...
- Open For Business – local dining options updated on a weekly basis.
- Dashboard Dining with Donna – Culinary Center Manager, Donna Riani gets dinner to go.
- What’s Cooking Lincoln City – Culinary Center Manager, Donna Riani shares and creates recipes with you.
- Explore Lincoln City Virtually
- Finders Keepers: Home Edition – Explore Lincoln City is giving away five signature Finders Keepers glass floats every week.
- Share Your photos of Lincoln City Memories

A MESSAGE FROM LINCOLN CITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR, KEN MURPHY

In these times of uncertainty with Coronavirus we should be reminded of the importance in preparing for all types of disasters. Individual and community preparedness is fundamental to our success for future disasters.
The coronavirus pandemic is exacting a huge toll on individuals, families, communities and societies across the world. Daily lives have been profoundly changed, economies have fallen into recession and many of the traditional social, economic and public health safety nets that many people rely on in times of hardship have been put under unprecedented strain. We must make every effort to ensure that preparedness is a way of life, not a sudden, spectacular program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Tuesday, May 26th
Sustainability Committee Meeting at 3pm

Tuesday, June 2nd
Planning Commission Meeting at 6pm

Wednesday, June 3rd
Library Board Meeting at 3:30pm

Monday, June 8th
Urban Renewal Agency Meeting at 5pm
City Council Regular Meeting at 6pm

Friday, June 15th
Urban Renewal Agency Special Meeting at 5pm
To view meeting agendas and minutes visit: www.lincolncity.org