CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

April 16, 2020

COUNCIL CORNER

The City of Lincoln City along with all other government agencies, health care officials and authorities are continually monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City recognizes the immediate and long-term effects of the crisis.

On March 16, the City Council established a State of Emergency, moving further into action the City's Continuation Of Operations Plan. On March 23, Lincoln City along with the six other cities in the county and Lincoln County, closed vacation rental dwellings, short term dwellings, homestay lodgings, hotels, motels, RV Parks, Private Campgrounds and similar lodgings with some exceptions. The City moved further to close some local roads to nonlocal traffic.

The health and safety of the community is a top priority of the City and decisions are not taken lightly. Councilor Diana Hinton of Ward 1 has a message to share, "To those of you who are vacation rental and second homeowners and are choosing not to come to Lincoln City– thank you! To those who are visiting or plan to visit, please only come if your trip is essential. We are a small community with a beautiful new hospital that only has 14 beds. The beach will be waiting for you and we will take good care of things while you are home."

The City is also monitoring and responding to the immediate and arising impacts on our local economy. The City has suspended water and sewer turn offs. The City Council and City staff are exploring all possible efforts of relief for the community, given the limited resources we already face. But, we can and should come together as a community like we have been doing. Lincoln City is a strong and resilient community with kind people and we will get through this time by supporting each other and helping. Councilor Riley Hoagland has a message for fellow coasties, "Thank you for taking the time to read this. This is Riley Hoagland, Ward 2 Councilor. I want to give you all my personal cell phone number 541-418-1787, feel free to call with questions. I might not have any answers, but I will know who to ask, if that's the case. Please remember to wash your hands after going out (hand sanitizer is good too) and avoid touching your face when you go out (wear a mask if it helps you). With love and peace, Riley."

During this uncertain time, one certainty is that community support and kindness is needed and in our control. There are lots of people already helping one another. Please make sure to visit www.lincolncity.org to access the City’s COVID-19 Resource and Information page.

Are you having a mental health crisis and need to talk to a counselor?

Call 866-266-0288 (This call is FREE)

Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Director, Jeanne Sprague wants you to know, “We are still here for our community, just through alternative services! Our amazing staff is keeping our community healthy by offering workouts, art projects and other fun virtual experiences and keeping our Open Spaces maintained.” The class length varies depending on the workout or project. Classes will be released through a combination of platforms:

- YouTube links. Subscribe to our channel "Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department" and access workouts on-demand. Check our Facebook page for class announcements.
- Videos on Facebook. Like our page, "Lincoln City Parks and Recreation" and access a variety of fitness formats.
- Facebook Live. Tune in at a scheduled time for a live workout in real time. Follow "Lincoln City Parks and Recreation" for scheduled times.
- Zoom Dance Party. We’ve set up an invite for the community to attend our virtual party. More info to come.

Make sure to visit the links below to stay connected with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation. They do miss your faces but you can still exchange a smile via alternative channels.

- Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCityParksandRecreation/
- Lincoln City Parks and Recreation YouTube-https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyUND4_MzgbPmG_b7Y34sxA
EXPLORE LINCOLN CITY—UNUSUAL ROLE DURING UNUSUAL TIME

Explore Lincoln City finds itself in an unusual role during an unusual time.

- On March 12, Explore Lincoln City stopped all advertising and created a page on their website to communicate the latest on the COVID-19 pandemic to visitors. Their social media messaging stopped promoting events in Lincoln City. They have worked with other departments in the City to develop mailing lists to lodging properties to ensure important messaging can be shared with them quickly and efficiently.
- They are currently moving through the Explore Lincoln City website removing the links to the online booking engine.
- You will start to see some new messages from Explore Lincoln City on their social media channels. They will be featuring regular Virtual Vacation features. Videos of sunsets, walks on the beach and other virtual experiences until it’s safe for visitors to return and enjoy them personally.
- They’re talking to local residents like Bryan Nichols at the Zuuh Life Surf Shop, who can provide point of view GoPro video footage so you can see what it’s like to catch a wave here. They also want to do videos of local musicians and work with the Cultural Center to showcase local artists. Explore Lincoln City wants to let people know that our vibrant town will still be here with all its beauty, fun experiences and fascinating people waiting for them.
- They are also looking for stories about the good things happening right now in the midst of trying times. KOIN and KATU just featured a local act of kindness. Explore Lincoln City’s role is to help City management communicate to the citizens. It’s also their role to position Lincoln City for a quick recovery when COVID-19 finally fades. Explore Lincoln City wants people to remember them as a place that shared its beauty, showcased its amazing citizens and gave hope during a time of darkness.

LINCOLN CITY POLICE—THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

The Lincoln City Police Department would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the community for their support of our medical and first responder personnel. Locals have pitched in and provided hand sanitizer from Rogue Brewery and Station 3 Embroidery. Councilor Riley Hoagland, Chinook Winds Casino Public Relations Manager Heather Hatton and other kind community members produced washable/reusable face masks complete with playful themes. Love the community partnerships!

CITY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Planning & Community Development Department:
- For specific questions pertaining to ordinance amendments, current land use cases in process, or issues, please contact AnneMarie Skinner, Planning Director at 541-996-1227 or askinner@lincolncity.org.
- For general questions pertaining to setbacks, allowed uses in a zone and zoning inquiries, please contact James White, Assistant Planner at 541-996-1232 or jwhite2@lincolncity.org.
- For questions regarding applying for a vacation rental dwelling license, please contact Weston Fritz, Assistant Planner at 541-996-1226 or wfritz@lincolncity.org.
- All building and mechanical permit applications are being submitted online through ePermitting. Inspections for building and mechanical permits are taking place only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and must be requested through ePermitting 24 hours in advance. For questions regarding use of ePermitting or status of an existing permit application, please contact Amanda Gustafson. Building Permit Tech at 541-996-1231 or agustafson@lincolncity.org.
- Pre-application conference requests may be submitted via email by completing the request form and credit card authorization payment form and emailing both forms along with the site plan to planning@lincolncity.org. Pre-application conferences will be scheduled remotely and take place as a conference call.
- Land use applications may be submitted via email by completing the appropriate application forms and the credit card authorization payment form and emailing the forms and documents to planning@lincolncity.org.

Urban Renewal Agency & Economic Development:
- Economic Development has their existing loans and grants available.
- Additional business assistance and resources are available through the Lincoln County Small Business Development Center, through the State at Business Oregon and through the State’s Oregon Heritage/Main Streets Programs.

Lincoln City Finance Department:
- Water service will not be disconnected at this time for nonpayment or delinquency.
- There will be no penalties on any past due balance.
- Please call 541-996-1211 for questions.

Driftwood Public Library
Driftwood Public Library now has a YouTube channel! Here you will find virtual story times with Miss Teena. Coming soon: Science Night videos from Rachel Humphert, and Book Talks from Kirsten! Subscribe here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU1jvts3m5Xd3sL8q0vYAvA
DPL is offering an increased variety of online resources, ebooks, and audiobooks. If you don’t have a library card, you can apply for a Closure Card on our website here: https://www.driftwoodlib.org/closure_card.php, or you can email us at librarians@lincolncity.org.

Newsletter Referenced Resource Links
- Urban Renewal Agency & Economic Development: https://www.lincolncity.org/economicdevelopment
- Visit the City’s Website at www.lincolncity.org. In the upper right hand corner click on the COVID-19 Information and Resources page.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- cdc.gov
- Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCityParksandRecreation/
- Lincoln City Parks and Recreation YouTube- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyU3ND4_M2gP5M-GbYIjYaxA
- Lincoln City Police Department Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCityPolice/
- Planning Department forms and applications- visit www.lincolncity.org and select Planning and Community Development from the left side bar.