



# CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2024

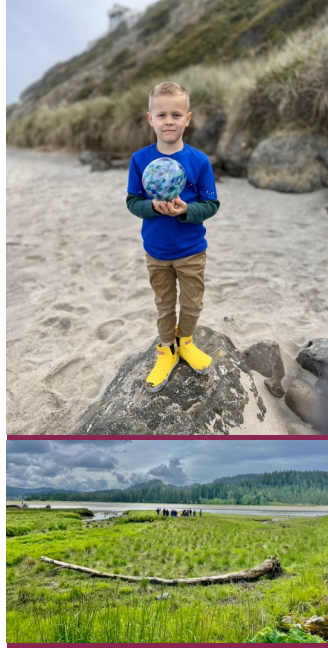


## Explore Lincoln city

**Make-A-Wish:** Explore Lincoln City had the privilege of helping Make-A-Wish Oregon make a dream come true for a 6-year-old boy battling a respiratory disorder. James dreamed of finding a glass float on the Oregon Coast as part of the Finders Keepers program and traveled all the way from West Virginia to see his dream come true.

See the newscast here. [KPTV](#) - Portland

**Cascade Head Biosphere Explorience:** Explore Lincoln City launched a new Explorience on May 1. This 90-minute walking tour guides visitors through Oregon's only UNESCO Biosphere Region, providing a 10,000 year snapshot of the natural history of this remarkable place where land meets the sea. Led by a trained naturalist, visitors will learn about the unique flora, fauna and geology of the Biosphere Region, the revolutionary conservation efforts on the Salmon River, and the history of the Nechesne peoples, the first inhabitants of the land. Events run through October. See <https://www.explorelincolncity.com/events/exploriences/biosphere-explorience/>.



**Fireworks Regulations:** As we head into summer, be aware of Lincoln City fireworks regulations. All types of fireworks are prohibited on all types of public property - including parks, the beach, parking lots, campgrounds, streets, and any other right-of-way. See <https://www.explorelincolncity.com/lincoln-city-fireworks-regulations/>.

**Tap and Brew Trail:** Experience Explore Lincoln City's new Tap and Brew Trail, which guides visitors to a dozen local sites offering craft brews on tap. Check in to the digital passport to all sites to register for prizes! Taste artisanal beers (non-alcoholic too!) and see unique destinations. See <https://www.explorelincolncity.com/blog/explore-lincoln-citys-new-tap-and-brew-trail/> for more information.

## Police Department

### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Each year during the week of May 15th, National Police Week recognizes law enforcement officers' contributions throughout the nation. Every day they put on their uniforms, not knowing what the day holds. They have answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated.

### HOW TO OBSERVE: #NationalPoliceWeek

Participate in National Police Week by honoring fallen peace officers in your communities and supporting survivors and their families. Other ways you can show your support include:

- Recognize and support the services provided by your local police departments.
- Turn on a blue light in support of law enforcement.
- Wear something blue all week long. You can also turn your social media profile blue to show your support.

If you see an officer out for dinner, buy their meal. You don't even need to let them know. Just flag the waitress or hostess, ask for their tab, and pay the bill before leaving.

Post a thank you note to their social media page. Share a positive story about a law enforcement officer you know. Use [#NationalPoliceWeek](#) to share on social media.

## Mayor Wahlke

Summer is just around the corner and it will be a busy one here in Lincoln City! With summer events, comes summer traffic. Please watch out for distracted drivers and pedestrians.

My calendar for May is also filling up. I'm looking forward to the Oregon Coast Economic Summit, and many exciting events over Memorial Day weekend. I have been involved with two committees through the League of Oregon Cities to develop legislative priorities for the 2025 legislative session. Yes, that's many months away, but the work has to begin early.

I maintain an office at City Hall with normal office hours of noon to 4 on Tuesdays and 2 to 5 on Thursdays, or by appointment. Call me at 541-996-1205 or send me an email at [swahlke@lincolncity.org](mailto:swahlke@lincolncity.org). You can also stop me when you see 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!

**TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

**SAT. JUNE 22**  
**12-2PM**

**PARKS & RECREATION**  
LINCOLN CITY

**LINCOLN CITY COMMUNITY CENTER**  
2150 NE Oak Pl  
lincolncity.org | 541-994-2131

## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Monday, May 13 at 5:00pm**  
[Joint City Council/URA—Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, May 13 at 6:00pm**  
[City Council—Regular Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, May 14 at 5:00pm**  
[City Council—Work Session](#)

**Monday, May 20 at 6:00pm**  
[Budget Committee—City—Regular Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00pm**  
[Planning Commission—Regular Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, May 22 at 2:30pm**  
[Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting](#)

**Thursday, May 23 at 3:00pm**  
[Sustainability Committee—Regular Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, June 04 at 6:00pm**  
[Planning Commission—Regular Meeting](#)

**Monday, June 10 at 3:30pm**  
[City Council—Regular Meeting](#)

Meeting & times subject to change. Please visit [www.lincolncity.org](http://www.lincolncity.org) for current information.



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

Email [mphillips@lincolncity.org](mailto:mphillips@lincolncity.org) and tell us you want to be added to the email list

## Emergency Preparedness

May is Wildfire Awareness Month, and the Oregon State Fire Marshal is encouraging all Oregonians to get prepared for the upcoming wildfire season. Creating defensible space is one of the most important things you can do to protect your home and increase the chances it will survive a wildfire. "Creating defensible space might feel overwhelming but taking it one project at a time can go a long way in protecting your home," Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said. "May is a great time to tackle these projects before the heat of summer arrives."

A few projects you can consider this month include:

- Space and prune trees.
- Remove leaves, needles, wood, bark mulch, and other debris from within 100 feet of buildings or to the property line.
- Remove leaves, needles, and other debris from roofs and gutters.
- Move flammable material away from the outside of your home, including mulch, flammable plants, leaves, and needles.
- Prevent plants from growing directly under the eaves; a minimum of five feet away is recommended.
- Keep firewood piles and lumber at least 30 feet from any structure.
- Maintain the plants in your yard. Clean out old leaves or pine needles from your plants and prune away dead parts.

For a detailed guide on how to create defensible space at your home, [click here](#).

During Wildfire Awareness Month, the OSFM, along with our partners, is encouraging, empowering, and informing Oregonians to help prevent and prepare for wildfire. For more resources and information, [visit the OSFM's Wildfire Awareness Month webpage](#).



**JUNETEENTH**  
Amplify Black Voices

**Celebration**

Enjoy food, music and inspiration to celebrate Freedom Day as a community!

**Sat. June 15th**  
Starts at 11am

Friends of the Driftwood Public Library  
Lincoln City Cultural Center  
PARKS & RECREATION LINCOLN CITY



**LINCOLN CITY NATURE EXPLORERS**

*Become a NATURE EXPLORER*

EXPLORE all seven of Lincoln City's Open Spaces

THE KNOLL  
FRIENDS OF WILDWOODS  
REGATTA PARK  
SPRING LAKE  
AGNES CREEK  
SPYGLASS RIDGE  
CUTLER CITY WETLANDS

Join in on the fun by downloading or picking up your own Nature Explorers Activity Booklet to complete with your child.

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## Parks & Recreation

### Many events coming up!

- Open House for Sandcastle Playground – May 25, 10a-12p at Regatta Park. We are seeking public input on the replacement of the Sandcastle Playground, after 32 years of play! Join landscape architects and Parks & Rec staff to discuss what you'd like to see in the new playground!
- 'Take a Hike!' class at Oregon Coast Community College with Director Sprague, May 30 and June 1. Hike will be at Spyglass Ridge, sign up at <https://oregoncoast.edu/>
- Pickleball Season Kickoff event! – May 31, 5p at Dorchester Park. In partnership with the LC Pickleball Club, enjoy an evening of playing pickleball, winning door prizes, and enjoying yummy snacks! FREE!
- Free Fishing Day at Regatta Park – June 1, 10a-1pm. In partnership with Devils Lake Water Improvement District, come fish for free and enjoy free food, prizes, and games!

### From Parks Maintenance:

- It's mowing season! We've trimmed and mowed the street park strips, parking lots, parks open spaces, around public art and more!
- Placing landscape bark around trees and shrubs is important this time of year, as bark protects our native species.
- A new bench has been added to the Lincoln City Dog Park! Our new city benches are weather resistant, beautiful and made by the OR Dept of Corrections. You'll see new benches sprouting up around town!

### Upcoming From Recreation:

- Juneteenth Celebration- June 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's event theme of Amplify Black Voices will include vendors, an educational exhibit from Oregon Black Pioneers, live music and more!
- Touch a Truck- June 22<sup>th</sup>. This community event will allow fun with all kinds of trucks and community partners! Free ice cream treats from Tillamook Creamery and Kirtsis Park's birthday cake will top off the celebration.

### Update:

- Youth soccer is in full swing with over 240 kids participating!
- Lincoln City's Tree City designation celebrated with the Arbor Day event at the Lincoln City Community Center.
- Our Silent Auction & Social Hour event kicked off our fundraising campaign for the new Schooner Creek Discovery Park, with almost \$10k in net revenue raised!

