



CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2024



Public Works

ODOT U.S. 101 Lincoln City Curb Ramps Project 2024-2025

About

Whether you drive, ride, walk or roll, we are committed to providing the best accessibility possible to all people using the transportation system.

One of the ways we are doing this is by rebuilding or installing ADA curb ramps in Lincoln City. We're adding textured plates at the curb ramps, called truncated domes. These allow pedestrians to feel, see and hear where the crossing is located and the direction they should go to safely cross the street.

Why are curb ramps important?

Curb ramps make it easier for people to move between the sidewalk and road. This can be helpful for those who have trouble stepping up and down high curbs. It's also helpful for people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, hand carts and bicycles.

By making curb ramps gently slope to the road, it improves accessibility and makes it easier for everyone to get around, whether they have a disability or not.

You can expect:

- Crews working Sunday night through Friday morning.
- Shoulder and lane closures as needed.
- Flaggers helping direct traffic as needed.
- Delays and construction noise.



Businesses to remain open during construction.

See which corners ODOT is looking at by [visiting ODOT's interactive map](#). They will update the map as the project progresses – some location may change. **Construction Activities:** They are starting at the south end of Lincoln Beach on the east side of U.S. 101 and will work their way north through Lincoln City.

Visit [TripCheck](#) for the most current traffic information. You can visit ODOT's U.S. 101 Lincoln City Curb Ramps Construction Phase for more information. <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22434>

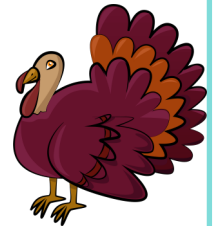
Mayor Wahlke

November has arrived and it's starting to feel like an Oregon coast winter. It is important at this time of year that winter shelters are available. As of November 1st a location is available in Newport and until a location is available in Lincoln City later this month, a van will be provided to take guests from Lincoln City to the Newport shelter. Those needing shelter should be in the parking lot behind 2125 NW Highway 101 by 6:30 pm to leave for Newport at 7 pm. It is my hope that we again have no weather related deaths this winter. I want to thank Lincoln County staff for all their work.

Lincoln City needs volunteers for several of our boards and committees. A list of boards and committees can be found on the City's website, under the "government" tab. If you see a committee that interests you, please send an application to the city recorder so that when an opening occurs, we can consider your application. The application packet can be found on the website, or call 541-996-1203 for more information.

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. 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!

Lincoln City Hall, the Police Department Administrative Offices, and Driftwood Public Library will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. The Community Center will have regular hours on Wednesday, November 27, be closed on Thursday, November 28 and be open on Friday, November 29.



Lincoln City Police Department

In honor of Veterans Day, LCPD would like to recognize our department members who are also U.S. Military Veterans:

- Sergeant Erik Anderson—Army National Guard
- Chief David Broderick—U.S. Air Force
- Sergeant James Burke—U.S. Marine Corps
- Dispatcher Kevin Casey—U.S. Army
- Officer KC Claunts—Army National Guard
- 911 Operations Manager Paul Compton—U.S. Marine Corps
- Code Enforcement Officer Craig Grabenhorst—U.S. Army
- Officer Sean Nieto—U.S. Army
- Officer Zachary Rigg—U.S. Marine Corps
- Officer Jaylan King – Army National Guard
- Executive Assistant DeAnn Wright—U.S. Air Force



Thank you for your dedication to protect and serve both our country and our community. And thank you to all who have served and sacrificed to protect our freedoms.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Wednesday, November 13 at 4:00pm
[Public Arts Committee—Regular Meeting](#)

Thursday, November 14 at 3:00pm
[Sustainability Committee—Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, November 18 at 5:00pm
[City Council—Executive Session](#)

Monday, November 18 at 6:00pm
[City Council—Special Meeting](#)

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm
[Planning Commission—Work Session](#)

Wednesday, November 20 at 2:30pm
[Parks & Recreation Board—Regular Meeting](#)

Monday, November 25 at 6:00pm
City Council—Regular Meeting—**Canceled**

Monday, December 02, at 5:00pm
[Joint City Council and North Lincoln Fire & Rescue Board](#)

Tuesday, December 03 at 6:00pm
[Planning Commission—Regular Meeting](#)

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Parks & Recreation

LC Parks & Recreation upcoming events:

- Progress continues on Schooner Creek Discovery Playground, and the 1st inclusive & accessible playground on the Coast. Look for a ribbon cutting and special playground opening this December/January!
- Winter Recreation Program Registration opens Nov. 22. Our global registration dates make it more accessible for all!
- Elks Hoop Shoot Nov. 23, 9am at Lincoln City Community Center
- Deck the Dock- Fri Dec 6, 5pm at Taft Waterfront – open to everyone! Come join us for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause!

Update:

- Spooky Stroll 5k- 82 racers registered. Despite the rain, 59 hardy souls participated. Participants reported they enjoyed the new course that included an open space trail.
- Youth Basketball- Many teams filled and on waitlists!

Swim Lessons are filled and waitlisted for fall with more scheduled for winter!



Explore Lincoln City

Holiday Lights: Save the date - December 6 at 5 p.m. is Deck the Dock, a special holiday celebration lighting up the Taft dock at 51st Street. Plan for a special appearance from Santa and other festive friends. On the other side of town, Light Up the Lake at Regatta Park includes the illumination of Sparky the Wish Guardian, the pavilion, and Jet Ski Santa. Keep an eye out for more special holiday lights around Lincoln City this season. Happy Holidays!



Planning & Community Development

FEMA and the Endangered Species Act

The City of Lincoln City is responding to a mandate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all Oregon cities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Participation in NFIP ensures that local property owners are able to purchase federal flood insurance. In exchange, Lincoln City is required to enforce floodplain management ordinances.

The City of Lincoln City is updating its Flood Development code to maintain compliance with the NFIP and the Endangered Species Act. The required updates will focus on ensuring there is no net loss in riparian vegetation, flood storage, and water quality for endangered species in the area. These changes only apply to areas of the City that are located within the Special Flood Hazard area as defined by FEMA.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 6:00 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. For additional information contact Richard Townsend, Planning Director, at rtownsend@lincolncity.org or at 541-996-1228.

Emergency Preparedness

During the winter season especially we can get storms that include High Surf. Be on the lookout in the future for signage like what you see here at beach accesses when a high surf advisory goes into effect.

A High Surf Advisory means that high surf will affect beaches, producing rip currents, sneaker waves and beach erosion. Stay well back from the water's edge and be alert for exceptionally high waves.

Keep away from large logs on the beach. Water running up on the beach can easily lift or roll logs which can injure or kill someone caught in their path. You can learn more at nlfr.org.



Explore Lincoln City

New Exhibit Celebrates 25 Years of Finders Keepers - Explore Lincoln City and the North Lincoln County Historical Museum (NLCHM) are celebrating the City's beloved Finders Keepers landmark anniversary with a commemorative exhibit, "25 Years of Finders Keepers." The "25 Years of Finders Keepers" exhibit opens with a public reception on Saturday, November 16 from 1-3 pm, and will feature light refreshments. Finders Keepers involves more than 3,000 handcrafted glass floats dropped along Lincoln City's seven miles of beach each year. The ongoing exhibit is free to the public and will display 25 different floats — one from each year of the program — original posters from each year, glass making tools and instruments, videos showing the glass making process, along with interviews and photos of artists who have been involved in the program. The exhibit opens November 16, 2024 and will continue for a year, ending November 15, 2025.

