

CITY COUNCIL E-NEWSLETTER

March 10, 2020



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Sidewalk Project- connecting sidewalk along Hwy 101 from SE 19th street to SE 23rd street: The construction crew is finished installing storm water pipes

and the majority of the sidewalks are poured. They are currently working on pouring the driveway aprons to the businesses and installing gutters. The paving and striping will soon follow and the project is anticipated to be completed by the week of March 23-27.



West Devils Lake Road Water Main Replacement - from NE 21st street to NE 28th street: The water line is installed, water service connections completed and the water line has been tested and passed. The paving will fol-

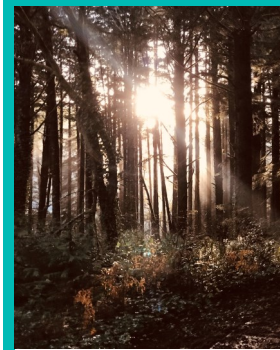
low and the project should be completed the week of March 9-13.

If you have questions about these projects or other Public Works projects please call: 541-996-2154 or visit www.lincolncity.org.

FAILING TO PLAN- PLANNING TO FAIL

In light of the public health emergency declared for the Novel Coronavirus it is important for the public to be aware that while the U.S. Government considers this a serious public health concern, the CDC maintains that the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus is thought to be low at this time. It is also important for our community to know that the City is always preparing to be one step ahead of any kind of emergency and urges our citizens on an individual level to be preparing too. This is a good reminder for all of us to review our [emergency preparedness plans](#), no matter what kind of emergency. For example, if you were to be quarantined to your home would you have enough supplies to get you through a week? What about 2 or 3 weeks? Do you have emergency cash in case of a long term power outage? Lincoln City's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Ken Murphy asks for your help, as a community member you can take steps to prepare yourself and your family. We can all work on this together and help ensure that Lincoln City is prepared. For resources relating to the Coronavirus visit www.lincolncity.org and for emergency preparedness tips visit [Ron's Report](#).

EXPLORING SPRING



Thursday, March 19th marks the beginning of Spring and what a better way to explore Spring then through the various parks, trails,

beaches and open spaces that Lincoln City is home to. Whether you desire a peaceful walk through nestled nature, a morning beach stroll spent hunting for glass floats, shredding it up at one of the "gnarliest" skate parks or peacefully waiting to catch a glimpse of the Western Gull, Lincoln City is the place to experience Spring. You can find a multitude of [maps](#), pictures and informational resources on the [Lincoln City Parks and Recreation webpage](#) to help guide you along your way. Happy Trails.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, March 16th

City Council Work Session at 9am
URA meeting at 12pm

Tuesday, March 17th

Visitor & Convention Committee Special mtg. at 6pm
Planning Commission mtg. at 6pm

Wednesday, March 18th

Public Arts Committee mtg. 4:15pm
Parks & Recreation Board mtg. at 5pm

Monday, March 23rd

City Council Executive Session at 4:30pm
City Council Regular mtg. at 6pm
URA meeting at 5:30pm

Tuesday, March 24th

Sustainability Committee mtg. at 3pm

Monday, March 30th

City Council/URA joint Work Session 9am
To view meeting agendas and minutes visit: www.lincolncity.org.

DON'T FLUSH THAT: WHAT REALLY HAPPENS TO "FLUSHABLE" WIPES?

LINCOLN CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



You find some of them in the same aisle as toilet paper and almost all of them say "flushable" but are they really flushable and what happens to them when you send one through the sewer system? The truth is that "flushable" wipes are not flushable despite what their labeling may claim. Sure, they may break down over time and they go down the toilet when you flush them. Out of sight, out of mind, right? Wrong. These wipes; baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, makeup wipes, mop refills and many more clog the pipes that extend between your home and the sewer in the street, which can lead to

expensive homeowner repairs. As they flow intact down your pipes and out to the street, they get caught up in the wastewater pump stations and slow down or completely stop the pumps from working (see above photo). They just don't biodegrade quickly enough to avoid clogging the pipes. This creates two issues. First, during winter storm events they may clog up a pump, thus backing up the pump when there is a need for more than one pump to be running. Secondly, this is leading to crews needing to clean them out on a regular basis to prevent sewer backups. These occurrences are happening much more frequently and we need the help of the community to stop flushing these items down the toilet. Toilet paper is really the only thing that should be flushed. Anything else should be thrown in the trash. Please contact the Lincoln City Public Works Department at 541-996-2154 with questions.



Membrane air rack at the main treatment tank. It delivers oxygen into the tank. Pictured is the air rack covered with wipes hindering it from functioning properly.

The Lincoln City Sustainability Committee was established to increase awareness and actions that foster a more sustainable living agenda for residents and visitors to thrive economically, socially and environmentally.

The volunteer Committee consists of five members from the community: Dave Price, Dawn Villaescusa, Sara Hill, Kathryn Shanti Ariel and Mitch Gould. These individuals have varied backgrounds in sustainable living, environmental education and protection and an overall passion to assist Earth. These members meet regularly to discuss ideas and methodology, which foster sustainable living. They present those recommendations before Council and Council then decides on how best to incorporate those strategies into the community.

At the February 10th City Council Meeting, the Sustainability Committee recommended three initiatives: plastics reduction, sustainable landscaping and a sustainable food event. The Plastics reduction proposal is centered on marketing Lincoln City as "Oregon's Greenest Beach" by eliminating the use of certain materials such as PSF (polystyrene foam—Styrofoam and similar) to-go containers, and encouraging the use of sustainable packaging materials. The proposal further suggested the city could consider offsetting the cost of switching to paper products (for a limited time) to reduce the burden on small businesses. The committee's sustainable landscaping ideas included encouraging the practice of utilizing locally adaptive and native Pacific Northwest plants which foster and preserve natural resource functions by means of minimal human or chemical intervention. Sustainable food events would promote and celebrate locally sourced, fresh and healthy foods in the community via a week-long event that might attract locals and visitors alike. These three recommendations will be discussed in greater depth at the upcoming City Council Work Session on Monday, March 16th at 9am at City Hall.

COFFEE WITH MAYOR ANDERSON

Monday, March 9th 9am at 60s Café
Friday, March 20th 9am at Hilltop
Thursday, March 26th 9am at 60s Café
Tuesday, March 31st 9am at My Petite Sweet

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