



Council Newsletter

2019: The Year in Review

As we look back on 2019 and look forward to 2020, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. From new construction projects, maintenance projects, affordable housing opportunities, to new parks and programs, the City spent 2019 working hard for you.

In 2019 the **Parks and Recreation Department** continued to pave the way for progress. They brought to our community new fitness opportunities, developed a new park at 3rd and Keel, made vendors permitted in all City parks, and much more. Here is a list of just some of the fun and new things Parks and Recreation implemented in 2019.

- Teen nights began Jan 2019
- Free Nature Walks in our Open Spaces began Spring 2019
- New corn hole boards, picnic table and benches added at Community Center Park
- Received a \$30k grant from the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Disney Corp. to install new trails and a Story Circle natural play area. Lincoln City Parks and Recreation is the first Parks & Rec agency in Oregon to be chosen for this grant.
- Added checker/chess tables and benches to Regatta Park lounge area
- Built new 8 foot sitting benches on the SW 51st dock
- Put up new bus stops at NW 17th, the new hospital, NW 47th, Kenny's IGA, SE Oar at Bi-Mart
- Started 'Commemorative Item' memorial program for patrons to buy bricks, benches or plaques to commemorate loved ones
- New musical equipment installed at Regatta— in partnership with Rotary
- Now vendors are permitted in all City parks through a vendor permitting system that was recently revamped.
- Boone Marker was awarded the 2019' Oregon Recreation and Parks Association New Professional of the Year award

The **Lincoln City Police Department** saw another eventful year in 2019 keeping our community safe and informed as well as preparing for the transition to the new building. Keep your eyes open! A new canine could soon join the amazing LCPD team as the K9 fund is within \$500 of its goal of \$75,000. Visit www.lincolncityk9.com to donate. LCPD Patrol Officers were issued body cameras and are wearing them as a standard part of their uniform.



2019 proved to be a strong partnership year for the **Lincoln City Finance Department**. The Finance Dept. partnered with the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce to give an informational class on Transient Room Tax. May 2019, the City hosted an Xpress Bill PayUser's Conference. The Conference was very well attended and brought many visitors to Lincoln City. In December 2019, the City and Xpress Bill Pay partnered to bring you the ability to sign up for new utility service online. Go to www.xpressbillpay.com and here you can either set up a new Xpress Bill Pay account or add your new utility service to your existing Xpress Bill pay account. Call the Finance Dept. at 541-996-2151 if you have questions or need assistance.

The **Planning Department** welcomed new faces to the team in 2019.



AnneMarie Skinner served as Senior Planner and was promoted to Planning Director. She has over 22 years of experience in both the private and public sector. She possesses a wealth of knowledge on many different jurisdictional codes and has had the opportunity to work on projects in many counties and cities in Idaho and Oregon, and even a

few in Washington. AnneMarie added, "I am very excited to bring my knowledge to my new role as Director of Planning and Community Development for Lincoln City." Working along side AnneMarie and the Planning Dept. team is newly hired Assistant Planner, James White. James spent 16 years in salmon recovery at the federal and local levels. James says, "I am excited to help you with your planning questions."



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The **Urban Renewal Agency and Economic Development Department** have been busy preparing an Urban Renewal Plan for the Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head area of Lincoln City. After the Plan is created, it may be adopted by City Council this summer, which would legally form the new urban renewal area. The City is seeking public input on the proposed plan through public forums and an online survey option. To learn more about this project and provide your input:

February 18th: Public Forum; Lincoln City Cultural Center; 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM.

Online survey will be posted on City's website if you are unable to attend a public forum event.

FMI, call 541-996-5365.

The City Council and Urban Renewal Agency will make available 25 tools as part of the City's Economic Development Toolbox. These tools encourage private business and property development and assist in public private partnerships, to help with affordable/workforce housing. These programs will become available in late May, 2020. For more information about available tools, contact the Urban Renewal Agency office or visit the City's Economic Development webpage at www.lincolncity.org/economicdevelopment and click on Economic Development Tools (Loans/Grants).

The URA and Economic Dev. Dept. completed many projects in 2019.

- Cutler BayWalk Sidewalk Gap Section (south of Schooner Creek Bridge)
- URA & Public Works Partnership project– Cutler SW Jetty (SW 61st St.) Realignment
- Property Development– 9 publicly-owned properties are under negotiations for mixed-use and residential construction projects (estimated 80-100 units of workforce housing for 2 of the properties)

Visit the URA and Economic Dev. pages on the City website at www.lincolncity.org for continued updates and more projects.

Make sure to check out the new **Explore Lincoln City Website** at www.oregoncoast.org. The new site debuted in 2019. Here you will find your one-stop-shop for events, activities, and experiences in Lincoln City. 2019 was also the year when Lincoln City's new brand came to life through new marketing campaigns and media placement.



The Lincoln City Culinary Center became the City's Restaurant marketing arm. In 2019 *Beachside Bites* made

its on screen debut with host Donna Riani of the Culinary Center where she strives to make stars of local chefs and impart a degree of fame to Lincoln City's unique dining opportunities. Make sure you check out all the delicious episodes at www.oregoncoast.org/beachside-bites.



The **Driftwood Public Library** checks out Wifi hotspots in 2019. Each hotspot offers unlimited cellular data and acts as a wireless router. Hotspots can be checked out by any DPL cardholder for two weeks. The library announces its upcoming Oregon Legacy Author Series returning February 2nd!. Visit driftwoodlib.org for exciting news and more information.

2019 Public Works Highlights:

The following projects are currently under construction:

- **West Devils Lake Road Water Main (NE 21st to NE 28th St)** – This project is upgrading the existing water main in West Devils Lake Road.



- **Hwy 101 Sidewalk (SE 19th to SE 23rd)** – This project is construction of a new sidewalk along Highway 101 between SE 19th to SE 23rd.



- **Lincoln Square ADA Improvements & US 101: SE8th –SE 14th PED Ramps Projects** – This project will improve the ADA ramps along Hwy 101 from the Burger King intersection to the SE 14th intersection and upgrade the ADA access into City Hall with a new parking area.
- **Bard Road Sanitary Sewer LID.** This project will add sanitary sewers along SW Bard Road from SW Harbor Ave. south 1,300 feet.

Following Projects currently under design:

- **High School Drive (Hwy 101 to Spyglass)** – This project is to improve the southeast corner of the intersection of High School Drive and Hwy 101 to accommodate bus and truck movement.
- **Hwy 101 (Taco Bell to Holmes)** – This project will add sidewalks, storm sewers, and a retaining wall at the Sea Echo Hotel along the east side of Hwy 101 from Taco Bell to Holmes. The design is completed and waiting for ODOT comments.
- **NE 14th Street Sidewalk** – This project will add sidewalks along the north side of NE 14th from Hwy 101 to NE Port. The design is completed and waiting for ODOT permit.
- **Hwy 101 Neotsu to WDLR Bike/Pedestrian Improvements** – This project will add a sidewalk and boardwalk along the south side of Hwy 101 from West Devils Lake Road to the Post Office. This project is being managed as a design-build project. The Request For Proposal is currently being advertise and submittals are due January 30, 2020.
- **City Sewer LIDs** – This project is compiling unsewered areas throughout the city, estimating costs to provide service, and identifying potential barriers to construction.
- **SW 3rd Crossings and Plaza**- This project includes bringing all corners at intersections up to ADA compliance along with a traffic island with a traffic beacon, a raised crosswalk and a pedestrian plaza. Project will integrate the Head to Bay Trail.
- **Update LCPW Standard Details**- Updating City Standard Details to follow a consistent appearance and reference convention. Details will also be updated to reflect materials and facilities now more frequently used.

For a complete and detailed list of all of the projects visit www.lincolncity.org and click on the Public Works Dept. or call 541-996-2154.