



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Council Corner

Meet Your Newly Elected



Diane Kusz-Lincoln City residents– thank you for the opportunity to serve you as City Councilor Ward II. I look forward to a very enlightened and productive 2019!

Just a little information on how I got here and who I am... In 1994 , I accepted a management position for the Outlet Center in Lincoln City and was still there after three ownership changes until I retired in 2018. I

have been involved in many local and regional destination marketing organizations and service groups such as; Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau, Central Oregon Coast Association, Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Lincoln City Chamber, Kiwanis, North Lincoln Fire and Rescue Support Team and many more which gave me a wealth of knowledge on the importance of tourism, community and the Oregon coast. I am married, have three children and five grandchildren. I had the privilege of watching four grandsons grow up here in Lincoln City and enjoyed many school sports, music and drama performances. Lincoln City is an amazing and interesting community and I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of its history.



Rick Mark– I am 66, semi-retired after a 30-year career at mid-sized newspapers in three states. I’m originally from Pennsylvania, but I also spent eight years in Indiana before moving to the Pacific Northwest in 2000. I was an editor at The Columbian in Vancouver, Washington, for several years until the Great Recession shortened my career. I went back to school in my 50’s to get an A.A. degree at Portland Community College and I am

now a certified Oregon paralegal. I came to Lincoln City in 2012 with my long-time partner, Britt Nelson. I work with Britt, who has run her law office out of our house for many years, and also with the law firm of Andrews, Ersoff, and Zantello in Lincoln City, specializing in their bankruptcy work. I am still an editor, working on a freelance basis online, and I do other contract work from home as well. A couple of years ago, I did a short stint as editor of The News Guard, which helped me understand some of the complications involved in running a beach town whose only industry is tourism. I had to give up that job for personal reasons, but the work piqued my interest in becoming more involved in the way the city runs. In my free time, I serve on the board of directors at Neighbors for Kids in Depoe Bay, which provides critical after-school, pre-school, and summer day care programs for children, including many from Lincoln City. I also volunteer once a week at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. I enjoy photography, birdwatching, and hiking, and I’m getting in shape for my third consecutive Lincoln City 10k run in March.



My name is Mitch Parsons. I’m the new councilor for Ward I. My wife and I, along with 2 of our children have lived in Lincoln City for over 6 years now. I am a stay at home dad. In my free time I enjoy volunteering and coaching youth sports. I’m here for you , so feel free to reach out anytime. My email is mparsons@lincolncity.org.

City Council Meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00pm. Meetings are traditionally held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the City’s website at www.lincolncity.org.



Mayor Dick Anderson- One of 4 sons born to an Episcopal minister and his wife. I grew up in Wallowa County, Oregon and Washougal, WA. My wife, Sue and I have been married for 48 years. We have 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren. We have lived full time in Lincoln City since 2006. I have a BA from Pacific University and graduate program certificates from the University of Washington, Duke University and I hold a

Certified Mortgage Bankers Designation. I have participated in several leadership programs including the American Leadership Forum of Oregon and Leadership Lincoln City. I recently completed the Lincoln City Citizens Police Academy. I retired from work in the financial services industry after having worked for the Federal National Mortgage Association, Interstate Bank, US Bank and several mortgage companies covering the Nation. In Lincoln City I have served on the Planning Commission, Budget Committee, City Council and as a past Mayor. I sit on many boards and committees including the Lincoln County Foundation, four Siletz Tribe Advisory Boards, two ODOT Transportation Boards. I have volunteered with several groups including Family Promise, B'naiB'rith Camp and Junior Golf at Chinook Winds Casino. My vision for Lincoln City is for a city that has developed housing, infrastructure and transportation where we can have a balance between its citizens and visitors. A city where there are service oriented jobs balanced by other businesses that support a diverse employment base, paying better than a living wage.

2018 Year in Review—Council Accomplishments

- ◇ Explore Lincoln City expanded their marketing campaign to include; “Seven Miles of Smiles,” Finders Keepers 20th Anniversary,” and “Beachside Bites.” Their efforts continue to improve the TRT revenue and the City’s economy.
- ◇ The Urban Renewal Agency completed the undergrounding of electrical lines at D-River Wayside. They currently have 9 City properties under exclusive negotiation for development .
- ◇ The Lincoln City Police Dept. is fully staffed for the first time since 2015. Construction began in December for their new building and is expected to be completed in December 2019.
- ◇ Lincoln City Parks & Recreation completed the Regatta Park playground.
- ◇ Driftwood Public Library eliminated overdue fines, expanded the Library’s Spanish language materials and received grants and contributions allowing them to purchase new, diverse children and teen materials.
- ◇ The Public Works Dept. repaired the historic Taft Dock, completed sewer expansions throughout local improvement districts, placement of a second sewer line under Schooner Creek expanded the sewer capacity to the treatment plant and eliminated the need to turn out sewage during high rains and replaced main water lines at West Devils Lake Dr. and Highway 101.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Jan 19th-Hands-on Spice Cabinet Class at the Culinary Center in Lincoln City from 11 AM – 2 PM. Join us for this highly flavorful class where we will be exploring the world of spices. \$75 per person. FMI, call 541-557-1125 or visit their website.
- ◆ Jan 19th-50s Glow Bowl Party at Olde Line Lanes + Kitchen. 6 – 8 PM. Knock your socks off and bowl to the swingin’ music of the 50s under glow lights! FMI call 541-614-1650.
- ◆ Jan 20th-Dye Your Own Silk Scarf at Artists’ Studio Association classroom. 1 – 4 PM. FMI call 541-996-4442 or visit AsaArt.net.
- ◆ Jan 22nd-Teen Night at the Community Center 4-7pm, free admission, transportation provided, grades 7th and up, FMI call 541-921-2768.
- ◆ Jan 26th-Hands On Seafood Class at the Culinary Center in Lincoln City from 11 AM – 2 PM. Join us for this fun and tasty class. \$75 per person. FMI, call 541-557-1125 or visit their website.
- ◆ Jan 28th-Paint a Cabin in the Snow at Artists’ Studio Association classroom. 12 – 3 PM. FMI call 541-996-4442 or visit AsaArt.net.
- ◆ Feb 9th-18th-Antique & Collectibles Week featuring citywide sales and deals, events and an antique float drop on the 7 miles of beach in Lincoln City! FMI, call 541-614-0250 or visit LincolnCityAntiqueWeek.com.
- ◆ March 3rd-10th Annual Lincoln City Half Marathon & 10K starting at Taft High School at 9 AM. The course is out and back on the beautiful Schooner Creek Road. Sign up or call the Lincoln City Community Center at 541-994-2131.
- ◆ March 23rd-SOLVE Spring Beach Cleanup. We need your help to keep Oregon beaches clean! Local cleanup sites include: D River Wayside, SW 51st Street, Chinook Winds Resort, Road’s End State Park, and Gleneden Beach. 10 AM – 1 PM. FMI, visit SolveOregon.org or call 503-844-9571 x332.
- ◆ March 23rd-31st-Spring Whale Watch Week on the Oregon Coast. Watch as majestic gray whales and their babies migrate north to their cold water summer feeding grounds. FMI, visit OregonStateParks.org or call 541-765-3304.
- ◆ Sundays in February , 3:00pm Oregon Legacy Authors at the Driftwood Public Library. FMI call 541-996-2277
- ◆ February 6th , 6:30pm Free Adult Science Night at Black Squid– FMI call 541-996-2277.

Lincoln City Hall Offices will be closed on the following days:
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Monday, January 21st
 President’s Day– Monday, February 18th

Looking for child care during spring break?

Check out the special RecKids camp. Participants enjoy swimming and organized group activities. Snacks are provided and children bring their own lunch. Camp is held from 7:45am-6pm at Oceanlake Elementary School
 Full day: \$24 Half day (five hours or less): \$12
 Stop by the Community Center to register or call 541-994-2131.