

## LCOG - NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



### November is National Family Caregivers Month

The LCOG Board of Directors has adopted a Resolution in support of and recognizing November as National Family Caregivers Month.

Nearly 90 million Americans today are family caregivers for loved ones, half of which are unpaid. These family caregivers spend on average 24.4 hours a week providing care with nearly 25% providing 41 or more hours of care per week; and a large number find themselves providing care 24-hours a day/7-days a week. 6 out of 10 family caregivers work full or part-time while caregiving, juggling everyday life tasks such as preparing children for school and managing household responsibilities while caregiving. Thank a family caregiver today!

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## Message from Executive Director, Brenda Wilson

### VETERAN'S DAY

On Nov. 11 each year, the United States formally honors the service and sacrifice of more than 20 million living American veterans through their service.

No matter how you feel about the military - our veterans deserve our gratitude. They, for the most part, represent the best of America. Coming from every background and every walk of life, they represent the rich tapestry of our nation and the multitude of cultures that make the United States unique.

On Veterans Day, we have an opportunity to thank those that served for what they have done, and to thank those still in uniform for what they continue to do for the United States every day. Take time to thank those who have served our country!

More info on Veteran's Day and a [list of events](#) around the state.



## Town Hall for Senior and Disability Services Issues

Reminder - LCOG S&DS and members of LCOG's S&DS Advocacy Committee will be hosting a legislative Town Hall on **Saturday, November 10.**

This will be an opportunity to meet with local legislators and learn about their positions on issues that are important for People with Disabilities and Older Adults in Lane County. There will be a period for Questions and Answers.

### **Legislative Town Hall**

**Date : Saturday November 10th, 2018**

**Time: 10:00am- 12:00pm**

**Location: Hilyard Community Center  
2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene, 97405**

**Audience: Older adults (60+), adults with disabilities, their caregivers, and stakeholders**

*Sponsored by the community Advisory Councils of Senior & Disability Services (S&DS), a division of Lane Council of Governments*

## New Senior and Disability Services Division Director and Deputy Director

**S&DS Division Director Recruitment** - Jody Cline, the current S&DS Division Director, will retire December 31, 2018.

After an extensive recruitment, we ended up with 2 excellent candidates who each had different skills and experience. After giving it much thought, thinking about the direction I wanted for the Division, and discussing the direction and vision with the LCOG Executive Committee - and because the 2 candidates were both so perfect for each part of the position I was looking for: more community engagement and partnership building; more statewide and legislative advocacy; all while keeping the high level of service we provide and support of our staff; I decided we needed both candidates.

I am excited to announce we have hired a new **Division Director and Deputy Division Director!**

**Division Director - Emily Farrell:** Emily comes to LCOG from her position as an Associate Director at the UO School of Law and has worked in a number of management, legal, and advisory positions throughout her career. She has worked continually to provide service to underrepresented individuals in Lane County, having volunteered with Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center's Senior Law Clinic, the UO Committee on Community and Inclusion, the UO Domestic Violence Clinic, HIV Alliance (Board Chair), and the Pride Foundation. In addition, she has served on several state-wide committees including the Oregon State Bar Quality of Life Committee and the UO School of Law Committee for Community and Inclusion. Emily has also worked with the Oregon State Legislature for many years, including serving as an advisor to state Representative Nancy Nathanson.

**Deputy Director - Brooke Emery:** Brooke has nearly 20 years in the Human Services field and has been with LCOG's S&DS Division for over 14 years, holding progressively responsible positions throughout that time. For the last 5 years, Brooke has served as the S&DS Medicaid Program Manager and has been a vital part of the operations of S&DS. She has served on numerous state-wide steering committees and has been the point person with our Coordinated Care Organization. Brooke values collaboration, customer service, and is a strong leader; and she believes strongly in the S&DS mission and genuinely cares about our employees and the individuals we serve.

Join me in welcoming Emily and Brooke! We are very excited to have them on the LCOG Team!

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## Things Going on at LCOG

**LCOG Employee on World Stage at NYC Marathon -** LCOG Database Administrator - Bob Clayton - made his way to New York City last week to play guitar to the participants of the NYC Marathon. See story here: [Marathon Man](#)

### Job Openings at LCOG:

[Case Manager](#) - Closes November 14

[Minutes Recorder](#) - Open Until Filled

[Network Supervisor](#) - Open Until Filled

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## Things Going on in the Region

### New Requirement for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Grants

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If you hope to receive an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) grant in the future, the following information is **very important**.

OPRD is developing a web portal on the Oregon Parks and Recreation grant

program website to allow recreation providers across the state to run level of service analysis. The project is a component of the 2019-2023 Oregon Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

Grant program scoring criteria comes from the Oregon SCORP. Applications for the upcoming Local Government Grant Program and Land and Water Conservation Fund will be using the 2019-2023 SCORP scoring criteria. OPRD will be utilizing the level of service analysis from the web portal in when scoring grant applications. Any entity whose information is not in the database will be unable to run the level of service analysis that will be a scored component of future grant applications.

A request was emailed to local jurisdictions by Terry Bergerson. If you haven't already done so, please complete and submit the spreadsheet previously provided. If you don't have the email with the spreadsheet and instructions, contact Terry via email at [terry.bergerson@oregon.gov](mailto:terry.bergerson@oregon.gov) and he will provide you will a replacement spreadsheet. **In order for your information to be included for use in upcoming grant cycles, you must submit your information no later than November 26, 2018.**

### **Oregon Passenger Rail Draft EIS is now available**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has studied ways to improve the frequency, convenience, speed, and reliability of intercity passenger rail service between the Portland urban area and the Eugene-Springfield urban area. The project has reached an important milestone with the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS compares four alternatives: No Action Alternative, Alternative 1, Alternative 2, and Alternative 2 with Central Albany.

ODOT and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) have identified Alternative 1 (which follows the existing Amtrak Cascades passenger rail route, with proposed track, signal, and communication improvements) as the Preferred Alternative.

Review the DEIS: Online: Review [the DEIS](#) and [its appendix](#).

#### Ways to Comment on the DEIS

- Online Comment Form: You can [comment anytime](#).
- Online Open House: Participate in an online open house between Nov. 28 and Dec. 18, 2018. Stay tuned for more details.
- In person: ODOT is holding five open house and public hearing events.
- Email: Send your comments to [info@oregonpassengerrail.org](mailto:info@oregonpassengerrail.org)
- Mail: Mail your comments to Oregon Passenger Rail, 1110 SE Alder St. Suite 301, Portland, OR 97241
- Contact: Jennifer Sellers, ODOT Passenger Rail Program Manager, (503) 480-5556

The public is invited to participate in an online open house between November 28 and December 18, 2018. There will also be an in-person Open House in Eugene on Dec. 6 from 5 to 7pm at the Eugene Public Library Main Branch. [More Info here](#)

**Cottage Grove:** Veteran's Day event at Armory: Learn more [here](#).

**Eugene:** Light up Downtown! - November 16, 5:15 to 6:30 pm. Join family and friends in the Park Blocks for the fourth annual Light Up Downtown tree lighting event. Special guests, live entertainment, food trucks and festive cocktails. Learn more [here](#).

**Fern Ridge Library:** "Ready To Rent" event - November 20. Learn more [here](#).

**Florence:** Annual Holiday Tree Lighting - November 24, 3:30 to 7pm. Learn more [here](#).

**Junction City:** Public Works Sweep - November 17. Learn more [here](#).

**Lane Community College:** The Student Productions Association of Lane Community College presents the 2018 "Turkey Shorts," a world premiere of seven new works for the theatre written by Lane theatre students and local playwright Russell Dybal. Learn more [here](#).

**Lane ESD:** New Driver Education Initiative has overall goal to bring Driver Education courses to all of the high schools in Lane County through partnerships between private driving schools and school districts. Learn more [here](#).

**Lowell:** Downtown Master Plan Open House - November 14. Learn more [here](#).

**Port of Siuslaw:** Floating Holiday Lights - November 24. Light up your boat! Learn more [here](#).

**Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue:** Interim Chief Director **Steve Able** officially began his new job at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) on Oct. 10. Learn more [here](#).

**South Lane School District:** Carousel clears major hurdle. Learn more [here](#).

**Springfield:** New 35 unit apartment building opens. Learn more [here](#).

**Western Lane Ambulance District:** Chief of Operations **Matt House** received recognition last month for his leadership as the recipient of the 2018 Emergency Systems Administrator of the Year Award from the Oregon Health Authority. Learn more [here](#).

**Willamalane Park and Recreation:** The Turkey Stuffer 5K - November 22. This community tradition is a run or walk of a flat course that loops through a beautiful and quiet residential neighborhood and is open to all ages. Learn more [here](#).



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