



LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## LCOG - MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



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### SAFE LANE TRANSPORTATION COALITION NEWS

Earlier this year, Irene Ferguson, 70, was struck and killed on a northwest Eugene street. This narrow road has no sidewalks or crosswalks, but is a much-used shortcut for Beltline motorists who want to connect to River Road to avoid rush-hour tie-ups at the River Road interchange.

The Safe Lane Transportation Coalition - a partnership between the Central Lane MPO (LCOG) and Lane County, with support from ODOT, implements a vision laid out in the statewide Transportation Safety Action Plan and focuses on reducing fatal and severe crashes in our region through education, outreach, and enforcement efforts.



Two businesses, Delta Sand and Gravel and Knife River, are working with the Safe Lane Transportation Coalition to provide "slow down" yard signs and donated reflective vests for assisted-living residents along the corridor mentioned above. The Safe Lane Coalition, Lane County, and Lane Transit District's Point2Point program also are providing pedestrian safety education at assisted-living residential centers in the area.

Read more on this project here: [RG Article](#)

For more information on the Safe Lane Transportation Coalition and resources

## LCOG'S SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES - SENIOR MEALS RECEIVES DONATION FROM PENFED

Last month, PenFed presented S&DS Meals on Wheels Program with a check for \$5,000. The Meals on Wheels Program is available to homebound people over 60 and their spouses – regardless of their income. Volunteers deliver nourishing, freshly prepared noontime meals as part of the program.



These donations are part of PenFed's commitment to giving \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations in the Eugene area this year. Each quarter, PenFed's Eugene Service Center employees select local charities that align with the credit union's core values of giving back and making a difference in the communities PenFed serves.

Picture: PenFed Director of Service Center Operations, Tap Bowman, Northwest Battle Buddies (NWBB) service-dog-in-training, Journey, Director of Senior and Disability Services, Emily Farrell, Senior Meals Program Director of Senior and Disability Services, Heather Demsky, and PenFed's SVP of Regional Service Center Operations, Dave Silvey.

**\*Northwest Battle Buddies (NWBB) Program:** Tap Bowman is Journey's volunteer puppy raiser during a 12-month assignment at the Eugene Service Center. The Eugene Team will play a critical role in his early socialization and training as Tap prepares him for a very important mission later in his puppy life: to become a service dog for a veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

## THE 2020 CENSUS - COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LCOG is currently coordinating with the US Census Bureau to set up "Complete Count Committees". The Census Bureau wants local jurisdictions to involve community groups that can help bring in response from everyone but especially from hard-to-reach segments of the community: elderly shut-ins, Hispanic and non-white communities, homeless and transitional-shelter population, remote rural population, university students, etc.

## **THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:**

Oregon stands to gain a 6th Congressional District UNLESS we do a poor job of getting a complete count. The last thing we want is for some other state to do a better job at getting a complete count and steal our seat from us.

If you are interested in assisting with getting a complete count in Lane County - please let me know! Email me: [Brenda Wilson](mailto:Brenda.Wilson)

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## **THINGS GOING ON IN THE REGION**

**Cottage Grove:** Work Begins on Tiny Home Village. [Learn more here](#)

**Creswell:** Registration is open for entries for this year's Fourth of July parade. [Learn more here](#)

**Creswell School District:** Equestrians break record at district "super-meet" [Learn more here](#)

**Dunes City:** Dunes City is looking for volunteers to help during the 7th annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon on Saturday, June 8. They are looking for sponsors too! Call the office at 541-997-3338 to find out more.

**Eugene 4j School District:** South Eugene High School Drama to Perform at International Festival. [Learn more here](#)

**EWEB:** Hosts Emergency preparedness event. [Learn more here](#)

**Florence:** The City of Florence, along with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), have submitted a speed zone review request within the Highway 101 corridor between Munsel Lake Road and the city limits. [Learn more here](#)

**Junction City:** Function for Junction cruise downtown – May 3. [Learn more here](#)

**Junction City RFPD:** Junction City Fire Volunteer Association was honored with the 2019 Volunteer Team of the Year Award by United Way of Lane County. Congrats!

**Veneta:** Memorial Day Regatta (May 25-26) at Fern Ridge Reservoir. [Learn more here](#)

**Lane Community College:** Jon Fair - May 16. [Learn more here](#)

**Lane County:** Chief Deputy Cliff Harrold Selected to Lead the Lane County Sheriff's Office. [Learn more here](#)

**Lane ESD:** Hosting a Driver Education Instructor Training course May 4-July 21. [Learn more here](#)

**Springfield:** Looking for artists for UpStream Art. Deadline May 24. [Learn more here](#)

**Springfield Public Schools: High School students set high-five world record!**  
Learn more [here](#)

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