



LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## LCOG - AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



August already! I hope everyone is having a great summer! Here are a few things going on at LCOG and around the region.

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### Senior and Disability Services Office Changes



**Oakridge:** We have moved to the Uptown Building at 48310 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Cottage Grove:** We have opened a new office at the Community Sharing Program Office, 1440 Birch Street. Walk-in Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 Tuesday and Thursday. Closed for lunch from 12-1

**Creswell:** When we had to close the Cottage Grove office before, there was no other suitable space available in Cottage Grove, but we were able to find some office space in Creswell. Recently, we were contacted by the Community Sharing Program and told they had some space become available. We tried to find a smaller office space in Creswell, but have not been successful. My long-term goal is to have an office in Creswell, but until we can locate a space, we will serve South Lane out of the Cottage Grove office.

### Save the Date - LSSC Annual Fundraiser

The Lane Senior Support Coalition (LSSC)\* will be holding their 10th annual fundraising event, on **Friday, August 17, 2018**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the **Campbell Community Center, 155 High Street, Eugene**. The event will feature dinner, wine, dessert, and music. Prize drawings, silent auction, and

more.

Call to reserve your seat: 541-525-1474 or go to <http://www.lanessc.org/>. Tickets are \$25 each in advance or \$30 at the door.

\*LCOG set up the LSSC to find collaborative solutions that benefit Lane County low-income seniors maintain their well-being and independence. Their Senior Emergency Support Fund) contributes to the health, well-being and independence of low-income seniors in both rural and urban areas throughout Lane County, working with Senior & Disability Services to fill-in gaps where other funds are not available. The LSSC Board is comprised entirely of volunteers, and is supported by donations and grants. The organization receives no LCOG or other government financial support.

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## A Few Things Going on at LCOG

LCOG is leading an Oregon Department of Transportation funded study of public **transportation needs and options between Florence and Eugene**. This project began after hearing from community members within this corridor that affordable public transportation was needed but unavailable for job commute, personal needs, recreation and medical trips. [There is a survey here](#) to gather feedback about how, when, why and if public transportation would be used between Florence and Eugene. The results will be used to guide the project direction and will be included in the final project report.

Check out the **Metro TV [video on](#)** some of the **Eugene downtown walls project**. Eugene recently held a festival where renowned international and local artists created masterpieces on downtown walls from July 27th to August 3rd.

LCOG entered into an IGA with **Veneta for IS Managed Services**. LCOG offers an annual subscription for Information Services to provide services that fit the needs of our members while providing set costs. For more information on IS Managed Services, email our IS Manager, [Heidi Leyba](#) or call her at 541-682-4452.

LCOG is partnering with **LRAPA** on a web application for displaying collected data to the public.

LCOG will offer a new **Health Insurance** choice to its employees beginning January 1, 2019: An employee Health Insurance Advisory Committee looked at options and recommended that for 2019 LCOG should renew with our current plan (CIS), but with a choice of two plans for medical: The existing Regence plan; or a new Kaiser plan. The Regence plan is the current High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with an employer contribution into a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) at \$150 or \$200 per month, for a yearly total of \$1,800 or \$2,400, depending on plan option chosen. The Kaiser plan, which is a new option, is a co-pay plan that has no employer contribution into an HRA.

**Did You Know:** LCOG's **Business Loan Program** offers access to financing for new or existing businesses? We offer low- and below-market rate, long-term financing with loans ranging from \$40,000 to \$5 million! Have a business that needs financing? Email our Business Loan Program Manager, [Dan Betschart](#) or call him at 541-682-3359.

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## Things Going on in the Region

**Events:**

**Coburg:** [Head out to Pavilion Park Thursday evenings at 6 for concerts in the park!](#)

**Cottage Grove:** [Help Cottage Grove take back the world's record for the largest Toga Party! August 18](#)

**Springfield:** [Check out Springfield Night at the EMS - August 19.](#)

**Fern Ridge Library:** [Head out to the library for the Pints for Prizes Blood Drive - August 11; 11 to 5.](#)

**Willamalane:** [Is looking for volunteers for their Movies in the Park events - August 10 and 17.](#)

**Junction City:** [Head over to the Scandinavian Fest - August 9 - 12.](#)

**Oakridge:** [Head over to Oakridge for the Mountain Bike Festival - August 17.](#)

**River Road Park and Recreation:** [Head out for Thursdays in the park - August 16.](#)

## Member Updates:

**Creswell:** The Creswell Heritage Foundation (CHF) has received a \$20,000 grant from Oregon Heritage, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, for the restoration of Creswell's Old Schoolhouse. See more [here](#)

**Dunes City:** The Lane County Mayor's Roundtable was held in Dunes City on July 26. Dunes City Administrator, **Jamie Mills**, set up and prepared a wonderful dinner. Special thanks to **Boy Scout Troop #9 of Coos Bay** who performed a color ceremony to kick off the meeting and served dinner. It was truly special – thank you **Mayor Forsythe** for hosting!

**Florence:** Florence celebrated its 125th year as an incorporated city on July 27 with a block party on Bay Street. More than 1,500 people attended the event. See more [here.](#)

**Lowell:** The Blackberry Jam Festival Celebrated 24 years last month. See more [here](#)

**Veneta:** Veneta hosted a Transportation System Plan Open House last night. See more [here](#)

**EWEB:** EWEB is a proud supporter of STEM opportunities in our community. Last month they helped send a local student to Chelan County, Washington for a week-long hydropower and STEM career academy. See more [here](#)

**Lane Community College:** Is now offering a new hands-on course teaching food truck basics. See more [here](#)

**South Lane School District:** Opens September 5. More info [here.](#)

**Eugene 4j School District:** is set to receive \$2.2 million from the state Department of Education to help pay for its BEST after-school program. See more [here](#)

**Springfield Public Schools:** Hosts Project Hope: an annual outreach designed to serve schools and families before each new school year - August 26. See more [here](#)

**Lane Transit District:** Is looking for feedback on bus service. See info [here](#)



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