



LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER



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### SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PANEL DISCUSSION

Our Loan Program Manager, Sandra Easdale, will be speaking at a Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Program Panel Discussion on Wednesday, June 21 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Lane Community College SBDC, located at 101 W 10th Ave, Ste 133, Eugene, OR 97401.

She will speak about SBA Loans, lending criteria, common financing barriers, and how to get started with an SBA loan.

[Click here to register to attend.](#)

### CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS

Lane County is governed by a Home Rule Charter that establishes how the local county government operates. It can only be changed by a countywide vote. Every 10 years, a committee of residents is appointed to review the Lane County Charter and suggest changes to the Board of County Commissioners. This year, a committee of seven residents is reviewing the Charter. Committee members have created a survey to help them learn more about the priorities of residents.

Survey at [www.LaneCountyOR.gov/CharterReviewCommittee](http://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/CharterReviewCommittee).

The survey asks residents to weigh in on commissioner districts, local campaign finance limits, and more; it also includes opportunities to provide open-ended suggestions.

Past Home Rule Charter amendments recommended by a committee and approved by voters include reducing county commissioner terms from six years to four in 1972; required review of commissioner district boundaries every 10 years in 1982; and allowing more flexibility in County structure to provide services across departments in 2010.

[The current Home Rule Charter is available online.](#)

#### *More about the Home Rule Charter*

A 1958 amendment to the Oregon Constitution reserved the right for voters to adopt charters prescribing how their county governments should be organized, what powers they should have, and what procedure they should follow in administering county affairs. The Home Rule Charter for Lane County was approved by voters in 1962.

*Posted by Lane County on 05/22/2023*

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## **BOWLING TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP**

The results are in - we raised \$3,300 for LCOG's Senior Meals Program!

This will help provide 550 meals to seniors in our community. If someone receives 5 meals in a week, this equates to serving 22 seniors in one month. WOW!

A special THANK YOU to [Playground Sports](#) for hosting this event - we had a ball! And stay tuned for more opportunities to support this vital program.

If you or someone you know may be in need of assistance, please contact our Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Specialists at 541-682-3353 or visit [www.adrcoforegon.org](http://www.adrcoforegon.org).

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## **JUNE IS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**



## REPORT ELDER ABUSE

(541) 682-4140 [abuserreporting@LCOG.org](mailto:abuserreporting@LCOG.org)

Did you know:

- Studies have found that at least 1 in 10 community-dwelling older adults experienced some form of abuse in the prior year (National Center on Elder Abuse)
- As few as 1 in 24 cases of abuse are reported to authorities (National Council on Aging)
- Elder abuse can lead to serious physical injuries and long-term psychological consequences (World Health Organization June 2020)
- Lane County Adult Protective Services (APS) completed 5,968 screenings for abuse/neglect from July 2021 to July 2022 and 2,734 allegations of abuse were assigned for investigation (Local APS data)
- In 2021-2022, 22% of all allegations were found to be substantiated, meaning abuse/neglect were found (Local APS data)
- LCOG Senior & Disability Services' Adult Protective Services team investigates allegations including physical abuse, financial exploitation, verbal and emotional abuse, and neglect.

To report the abuse of a senior or an adult with disabilities in the Lane County area, call (541) 682-4140 or email [abuserreporting@LCOG.org](mailto:abuserreporting@LCOG.org).

## SAVE THE DATE FOR A RACE FOR THE REST OF US

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, we are hosting our fourth annual 0.5k hybrid (virtual and in-person) fun run called **A Race For The Rest of Us**. This "race"

will raise money for our Senior Meals Program, which provides food to Lane County seniors who might otherwise go hungry. New this year, we will also offer a virtual 5k. Put it on your calendars. We'd love to see you there. Registration link coming soon! We are also looking for sponsors. If you're interested, email Marisa Andrews at [mandrews@lcog.org](mailto:mandrews@lcog.org).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- June 10-11 - 1 Pass Launch Party from Willamalane ([link](#))
- June 14-August 30 - Cottage Grove Concerts in the Park ([link](#))
- June 23-24 - Mountain Bike Oregon ([link](#))
- June 24 - Children's Celebration and Pet Fest ([link](#))

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

In addition to this newsletter, LCOG hosts pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn where members can track and find information about what's happening in the region. Scroll down and click on hit the buttons below the log, and be sure to like and follow LCOG's pages.



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