



LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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HOLIDAY FARM FIRE VIDEO



This video, created by **LCOG's Metro TV**, shows the Holiday Farm Fire from the first responder's viewpoint. Heartbreaking and heroic stories.

Watch video
[here](#)



Thank you to the first responders, community members, and volunteers who stepped up during this emergency

NOW TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR LCOG

ANNUAL AWARDS!

This has been a challenging year - but we know people in our region stepped up in amazing ways to face these challenges.

While this year's Annual Dinner will be non-traditional, a traditional component of this event is the formal recognition of outstanding service, leadership and commitment to the regional community.

We are currently accepting nominations for:

Outstanding Elected Official
Outstanding Citizen
Outstanding Public Career,
Outstanding Public Employee
Outstanding Intergovernmental Team
Regional Award of Merit for Economic Enhancement

You are invited to submit nominations of candidates in any or all of the six award categories.

Nominations of candidates for any of the awards must include a statement of describing the nominee's contributions to the community, the nominee's achievements, and the rationale for the selection of that nominee as the award recipient.

Please submit nominations for one or all of the awards **by Friday, December 11, 2020.**

Nomination Criteria:

- That a candidate be a resident of Lane County or have a Lane County location as their principal place of employment or community service.
- That a candidate have a service, employment, or (in the case of Outstanding Elected Official nominees) a public office-affiliation with LCOG, one or more of its member agencies or their associated programs and services.
- Demonstrated commitment to effective local government, regional cooperation and the welfare of the citizenry.

Nominations can be sent to Brenda via email: [Here](#)

**LET'S RECOGNIZE THE STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE
OF LANE COUNTY!**

SAVE THE DATE!

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**LCOG'S ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER**

**Friday, January 29, 2021**

## VIRTUAL EVENT!

I cordially invite you to spend an evening with us as we give thanks to our members and partners and recognize community leaders. This annual event is held to celebrate civic, economic, and regional accomplishments and formally recognize elected officials, private citizens, public employees, businesses, and intergovernmental teams for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the regional community.

### STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW THIS VIRTUAL EVENT WILL WORK!

**We hope you can join us!**

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## ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) will offer their Elected Essentials workshop for the coastal communities on December 1 and the rest of Lane County on December 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. **This is a free training**, which requires advance registration. For full details see [HERE](#)

The Elected Essentials program provides newly elected officials, experienced elected officials, and city staff with free training on the basics of municipal governance in Oregon. Each Elected Essentials workshop will start with an overview of these core municipal concepts: Council Responsibilities; Oregon's Ethics Law; Oregon's Public Meetings Law; and Oregon's Public Records Law. In addition, significant time will be devoted to a facilitated discussion of how to best achieve and maintain a high-functioning governing body.

Topics include:

- Council Responsibilities – attendees will learn about the council/manager form of government, the roles, and responsibilities of council and city managers and will seek to achieve a facilitated discussion that allows attendees to seek experienced advice on how responsibilities are shared between council and their administrator;
- Public Meetings – attendees will learn what constitutes a meeting for purposes of the state's Public Meeting Law, the legal requirements associated with public meetings, serial meetings, executive sessions, and free speech implications of public participation during meetings;
- Public Records – attendees will learn the purpose behind Public Records Law, what is considered and is not considered public record, the state's retention schedule, requirements related to the inspection and disclosure of public records, and legal challenges related to the denial of access to public records;
- Ethics – attendees will learn about how they are prohibited from using their office to their benefit, conflicts of interest, gifts, nepotism, outside employment parameters, restrictions on subsequent employment once they no longer work for or represent a city, and statements of economic interest.

## PSU OFFERS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP



Portland State  
Population Research Center

PSU's Center for Public Service is offering a one-day "Leadership Boot Camp" especially designed to help newly

elected officials navigate the challenges and opportunities of their new status. Others are also welcome to attend - such as currently serving officials, top-level administrators, or citizen advisory board members.

THE GOAL: As quickly as possible, help you to shine in your exciting new role as a local government official. Topics covered in this half-day, intensive virtual workshop include:

- Opportunities and Constraints: Understanding your role(s) as an elected board member;
- Ground Rules: Forging effective working relationships with elected colleagues;
- Your New Best Friend: Constructing an appropriate, working relationship with your city manager/county administrator;
- Lines that Matter: The key differences between policy and implementation;
- Effective Delegation: How to work with other boards, task forces, and advisory groups;
- Within the Fishbowl: Representing yourself and your board in public settings;
- Effective meetings: Everyone's responsibility, not just the presiding officer's;
- Keeping Faith with your Voters: Effectively promoting your own priorities;
- Building Consensus: How you can – and when you shouldn't try.

### PRICING:

- \$300/person for the first newly elected official from a given jurisdiction.
- Half price discount (\$150) for board members from small districts (annual budget less than \$2 million).
- Jurisdiction Discount: \$150/person (\$75 for small districts) when additional officials from the same jurisdiction - e.g. other newly-elected board members, veteran members, or city managers/county administrators - register for the program.

Contact [Josh Metzler](#) for a discount code.

For full event details and registration, see the [event webpage](#).

## STATE OF OREGON OFFERS FREE MASKS AND GLOVES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The State of Oregon has a program in place to provide masks and gloves to small business in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses with fewer than 50 employees that are headquartered in Oregon

with principal operations in Oregon are eligible. Business Oregon — the state's economic development agency — and the Department of Administrative Services are collaborating to create the order and distribution process. Businesses with fewer than 10 employees will receive a box of 200 gloves and 100 masks, with larger businesses receiving up to 500 masks and 800 gloves. For now, businesses are limited to one order, with additional orders possible at a later date depending on availability

In addition to the small business program, the Early Learning Division (ELD) is providing supplies such as gloves, disinfecting wipes, masks and more to child care providers around the state as part of the effort. The Governor set aside \$1.3 million from the federal Governor's Education Emergency Relief Fund to purchase supplies for this critical service. Child care providers have been operating under emergency conditions since March and are following increased safety and health guidelines. Child care providers approved by ELD to operate Emergency Child Care are eligible to order supplies and will need a license/provider number to do so.

**The order form is online and is now accepting orders. Businesses and child care providers can access the form [HERE](#).**

## INFORMATION LINKS

**COVID-19 Information - Find updates and information in English and Español: [Here](#)**



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