

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



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COBURG MAYOR RAY SMITH PASSES AWAY

LCOG would like to honor Coburg Mayor Ray Smith for his commitment to public service. Mayor Smith passed away Thursday, October 27, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ray Smith's career in local government spanned decades. He was elected to the Coburg City Council and began serving in 2013. He was appointed Mayor in March 2016 and elected for a two-year term in 2018 and 2020. He previously served as Chair of the Coburg Planning Commission in the early 1990s.

He also volunteered for more than 15 years with the Coburg Rural Fire District, retiring as their Assistant Chief in 2003. Ray worked for the Eugene Springfield Fire Department for more than 25 years, retiring in 2018 as a Fire Captain/Paramedic.

Ray was also a long-time member of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, working with the Central Lane Metropolitan Policy Organization (MPO), local government, state and federal agencies, and the public to improve transportation in the Central Lane County region. LCOG is grateful for Ray's many contributions to the Lane County community.

He always attended the Mayor's Roundtable, a group facilitated by LCOG, to share the latest news about Coburg with the mayors of Lane County. He served as a member of the LCOG Board of Directors since 2018.

"Mayor Smith was a dedicated public servant who cared deeply for our region and was passionate about making a difference in his community. Even with his failing health, he was still committed to carry out his mayoral duties and honor the trust the public put in him. He is gone far too soon."

Ray was an outstanding leader in the community. The City of Coburg thrived under his leadership. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial donations may be made to [Coburg Main Street](#) for the purpose of upgrading the IOOF Hall. This project was extremely important to the Mayor, and he was actively planning for it at the time of his death. The project will provide ADA access to the building and restrooms and upgrade the kitchens. The Mayor wanted this building to be available and useful for community events. Memorial donations may also be made to the [Pete Moore Hospice House](#) in Eugene, Oregon.

RLID 4.0

One of the many programs at LCOG is the Regional Land Information Database, also known as RLID.

The [RLID website](#) has been in place for 20 years and is used 2.6 million times per year by more than 4,000 users, both government and private sector, for a wide range of purposes including economic development, real estate transactions, and various analyses. RLID provides an easy-to-use interface for searching for properties and generating reports containing authoritative government-sourced data.

A project is underway to replace the RLID website with a brand new version (RLID V4) that will dramatically increase usability, will work on mobile devices as well as desktop computers, and will offer vastly improved reports that leverage a newly published RLID Data Warehouse. The new RLID website will better enable users to understand what is happening on a property, particularly the more complex properties that have multiple tax accounts, multiple addresses, multiple structures, and various other complexities. The RLID Team is currently completing the vendor-selection process and expects to begin the V4 development project in early 2023.

CIS MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE

Nearly two in three midsize organizations throughout the United States have suffered a ransomware attack in the past 18 months. Even more concerning is that 20% of them spent at least \$250,000 to recover from it. Oregon public entities have also been victims and continue to suffer through cyberattacks. Because the cyber insurance market has struggled, CIS (Citycounty Insurance Services) has made changes to its cyber program. Beginning July 1, 2022, cyber liability coverage will be under the property-line umbrella, rather than liability — and will give members three-tiered choices for coverage.

Options	Description
Tier One	\$50,000 in coverage; no application required

Tier Two \$200,000 additional coverage; application required,
assessment recommended

Tier Three Excess Cyber over \$250,000; application required

For more information see here:

<https://www.cisoregon.org/PropertyLiability/Cyber>

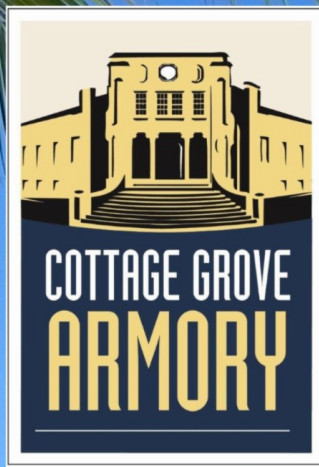
UNITY LENDING

LCOG's Loans Program has entered a new partnership with Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG), Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), and CCD Business Development Corporation to create Unity Lending.

This will allow us to work together to better serve a larger regional area in Oregon through our business lending programs. This will also streamline loan and marketing processes to meet the needs of our current and new business clients.

For more information about Unity Lending, contact Sandra Easdale, LCOG Loan Program Manager, at 541-682-3359 or seasdale@lcog.org.

COTTAGE GROVE MAYOR'S BALL



**MAYOR'S
ALOHA BALL
NOVEMBER 12, 2022**

6:00 PM ~ SOCIAL HOUR
7:00-9:30 PM ~ DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

POLYNESIAN STYLE ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

\$25 PER PERSON - RESERVATION REQUIRED

CONTACT MINDY ROBERTS AT (541)942-5501

CITYRECORDER@COTTAGEGROVE.ORG

The City of Cottage Grove is hosting the annual Mayor's Ball on November 12, 2022 at the Cottage Grove Armory. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and entertainment are 7:00-9:30 p.m. The theme is Aloha Ball, and Polynesian style attire is encouraged. Tickets are \$25 per person. A reservation is required.

To register, call Mindy Roberts at 541-942-5501 at the City of Cottage Grove or email cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org.

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a few weeks away (November 29)! We're thrilled to join thousands of organizations across the globe participating in the largest giving day of the year. Our Senior Meals Program has set a goal to raise \$1,000 in donations and receive five volunteer inquiries in just 24 hours. It'll be a group effort to get there, but the impact your donations will have is incredible.

[Go to our website](#) for more information on how you can donate.

SENIOR MEALS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We need YOU!

**Call 541-682-1366
to volunteer!**



Senior Meals
Café 60 / Meals on Wheels

Number of volunteers needed:

Coburg - 2	Florence - 9
Cottage Grove - 3	Junction City - 3
Creswell - 9	Oakridge - 8
Eugene	Springfield - 20
(various locations) - 40	Veneta - 9

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE LANE SENIOR SUPPORT COALITION (LSSC)

LCOG helped 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 (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 & Disabled Services to fill-in gaps where other funds are not available.

The LSSC is now registered with AmazonSmile to receive donations from purchases. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products available on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchase price to the LSSC or any other eligible charitable organization of your choice.

How does AmazonSmile work? When first visiting AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. If you are already an Amazon customer you can use your same log in and password. Just make sure you are on AmazonSmile when you shop! That is all you need to do! Here is a link to AmazonSmile where you can get started: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1202984>.

LCOG IN THE NEWS

Article: Dozens of volunteers needed to keep Senior Meals program running - NBC 16 ([link](#))

Article: Rural Internet inches closer - The Chronicle Newspaper ([link](#))

LCOG MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Save the date! Our LCOG Member Appreciation Dinner is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E Washington Ave., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Details coming soon!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- November 11 - Veteran's Day Parade - Florence - ([link](#))
- November 12 - Holiday Book Sale at Eugene Public Library ([link](#))
- November 20 - EWEB's Run to Say Warm ([link](#))
- November 24 - Eugene Turkey Trot ([link](#))
- November 29 - Acting Showcase - Lane Community College ([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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