

LCOG - OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Here are a few things going on at LCOG and around the region.

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Town Hall for Senior and Disability Services Issues

LCOG S&DS and members of LCOG's S&DS Advocacy Committee will be hosting a legislative Town Hall event in November.

This will be an opportunity to meet with local legislators and learn about their positions on issues that are important for People with Disabilities and Older Adults in Lane County. There will be a period for Questions and Answers.

Legislative Town Hall

Date : Saturday November 10th, 2018

Time: 10:00am- 12:00pm

Location: Hilyard Community Center

2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene, 97405

Audience: Older adults (60+), adults with disabilities, their caregivers, and stakeholders

Please share this event with your networks and communities.

Sponsored by the community Advisory Councils of Senior & Disability Services (S&DS), a division of Lane Council of Governments

A Few Things Going on at LCOG

S&DS Division Director Recruitment - Jody Cline, the current S&DS Division Director, will retire December 31, 2018. We have been working with an outside

recruiter to conduct a nation-wide search for this very important position. Interviews will begin Tuesday, October 9.

Job Openings at LCOG:

[Minutes Recorder](#) - Open Until Filled

[Network Supervisor](#) - Open Until Filled

Things Going on in the Region

Lane County Travel Spending Continues to Grow

According to the State of Oregon Employment Department, spending in the travel and tourism industry continued to grow in 2017 in Lane County after dropping off in 2008, increasing \$24.0 million, or 2.8 percent from 2016 to 2017.

The report breaks down the spending in 2017:

- food service (28.8%)
- accommodations (19.6%)
- retail sales (13.5%)
- arts, entertainment, and recreation (12.4%)
- local transportation and gas (9.5%)
- food stores (9.4%)
- visitor air transportation (6.8%)

Most travel spending occurred in eastern Lane County, which includes the Eugene-Springfield area, at \$817.7 million (85.7%). The remaining \$136.9 million of travel spending occurred on the Lane County coast.

No Lane County Population Update in 2018

The Portland State University Population Forecast program (PRC) is on a multi-year cycle, by region, and as some of you might recall, Lane County was included in the first year of the first cycle (2016). As they proceeded around the state, however, they decided to revise the way they had the regions mapped, and Lane County was impacted by that change. And as a result, we are supposed get a new forecast in 2019, and then another in 2021.

From their [website](#): In an effort to transition to a four-year cycle of population forecasts and to balance the workload of the forecast program, the Population Research Center, in consultation with DLCDC, has developed a schedule for forecasting Oregon's counties and sub-areas. We have divided the state into four regions moving forward (see map) instead of the three regions used during the first forecast cycle. As a result, Lane County has been removed from Region 1 and will not receive an updated forecast in 2018.

Instead, PRC will include Lane County with Region 4 but forecast Lane County with Region 2 (Eastern Oregon) in 2019 on a one-time basis to meet the four-year deadline described in ORS 195.033, as the County's former forecast was issued in 2016. In addition, PRC will update Lane County's forecast once more in 2021 with Region 4 to reset the County's four-year schedule. Subsequently, Lane County will receive an updated forecast every four years after 2021.

Member Updates:

Eugene: Results of the Community Safety Survey can be found here (click on Community Surveys to access results): [here](#)

Florence: Is conducting a plastic bag ban survey. Find survey [here](#)

Junction City: Governor Brown visited Junction City High School to tour their growing CTE program. See more [here](#).

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue: Chief Jim Langborg is leaving SVFR in the near future. he will be replaced in the interim by Steve Abel. We wish Chief Langborg well and thank him for his service to our region!

Springfield: The Springfield Arts Commission, which promotes visual and performance arts to enrich cultural awareness in Springfield, is seeking applicants with strong interest in the arts who are willing to help the commission promote arts activities in our city. The deadline to apply is **5 p.m., Monday, October 8**. Interested? Learn more [here](#).



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