

## LCOG - MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



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### Community Leaders Honored at LCOG Member Appreciation Dinner on March 2, 2019

The Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) held its Annual Member Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, March 2, on the main campus of **Lane Community College** at the Center for Meeting and Learning. Over 130 elected and appointed officials, business and community members, and public employees from across Lane County attended the dinner. The evening's keynote speaker was **Carmen Xiomara Urbina**, the Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Education.

Each year, LCOG celebrates regional accomplishments for the prior year and recognize Elected Officials, Public Employees, Citizens, Intergovernmental Teams, Economic Enhancement work, and those that have dedicated their lives to public service.

The annual award for Outstanding Elected Official was given to Lane County Commissioner **Pat Farr** who has served as a Commissioner since 2013. The Outstanding Citizen Award was presented to **Dan Buckwald**, Executive Director of Veteran's Legacy. The City of Florence's City Administrator, **Erin Reynolds**, was recognized as the Outstanding Public Employee for her exemplary performance and service. The award for Outstanding Public Career was presented to **Gino Grimaldi**, Springfield's City Manager, who will retire this July after serving as the City Manager for 13 years.

Commissioner Pat Farr presented the award for Outstanding Intergovernmental Team to the **Lane County and City of Eugene Camp 99 Team**. Accepting the award on behalf of the 20 member team were **Lt. Doug Mozan** and **Linda Bravo**. Also recognized was Springfield's **Courtney Griesel** who received the Regional

Award of Merit for Economic Enhancement. Ms. Griesel was recognized for her dedication and advocacy on behalf of economic development in Springfield. Special recognition was given to **Sandra “Sandy” Larson**, former mayor of the city of Veneta. Mayor Larson passed away in January.

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## LCOG'S SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES TEAM HELPS WEATHER THE BIG STORM

This month, S&DS responded effectively to emergency snow conditions throughout Lane County. Our consumers were hit the hardest in Oakridge, Dexter, McKenzie River and Marcola areas. Brooke Emery, our Deputy Division Director assisted at the Lane County Command Center to reach out to S&DS consumers and respond to emergency concerns. The Command Center was comprised of representatives from the Red Cross, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Sheriff's Office, PeaceHealth hospital, and others.

S&DS maintains an Emergency Concern Report list for those consumers dependent on oxygen and power for their care needs, so we were prepared to coordinate with Emergency Responders in the event of an emergency. There were 130 consumers on that report and we personally reached out to all 130. Brooke Emery took the names of those individuals that were not able to be reached to Central Command and cross referenced those names with 911 calls that came in to determine whether those individuals had received emergency response. Welfare checks were performed on at-risk consumers and some were transported to warming centers and the emergency department where needed.

Due to the weather, our Senior Meals sites were closed on some days, though Meals on Wheels clients received emergency food boxes and frozen meals in the event hot meals could not be delivered. Volunteers in some rural areas also checked on consumers and delivered food to them to provide support during the emergency. We also opened our Olive Plaza Café 60 site on some days to provide additional modified meals during the emergency. The State Central Office also assisted us in reaching out to our 88 foster homes in Lane County along with our Facilities to ensure they were all able to support their clients.

While our Deputy Director was managing the emergency in Oregon, our Division Director, Emily Farrell attended the N4A Policy Briefing in Washington DC and worked with legislators at the national level to advocate for the work being done at home. This year, the Older Americans Act is up for reauthorization and the work being done during the snow emergency demonstrated the need for support and flexibility of these

programs so that we can continue to respond to emergency circumstances with support for our consumers. We will continue this work at both the local and federal level as we support members of the Lane County community!

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## THE 2020 CENSUS

In January, LCOG staff compiled the annual Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) submittal for 2018, which is how changes to City Limits are reported to the Census Bureau. LCOG serves as the Consolidated BAS Liaison for all cities in Lane County. Also currently underway is the once-per-decade Census geography program known as the Participant Statistical Area Program (PSAP). LCOG staff and the Census Bureau have reviewed the existing Census Tract boundaries for Lane County, and a handful of Census Tracts which have grown too large will each be split into two Tracts for the 2020 Census. This review is conducted prior to every Census, and the Tracts which are flagged to be split are typically found in the fastest-growing parts of the County. For example, Tract splits are needed to accommodate significant growth in the Chase Gardens area, the Crescent Village area, the Gateway area, and the Bethel-Danebo area.

Next steps include finding out if any of our Cities (or the County) are setting up their own "Complete Count Committee". The Census Bureau will want local jurisdictions to involve community groups that can help bring in response from everyone but especially from hard-to-reach segments of the community: elderly shut-ins, Hispanic and non-white communities, homeless and transitional-shelter population, remote rural population, university students, etc.

### **THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:**

Oregon stands to gain a 6th Congressional District UNLESS we do a poor job of getting a complete count. The last thing we want is for some other state to do a better job at getting a complete count and steal our seat from us. I WILL BE REACHING OUT TO COMMUNITIES FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. Stay Tuned!!!

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## LCOG OFFERS OFFICE 365 TO MEMBERS AT PARTNERSHIP COST!

LCOG has entered into an agreement to offer OFFICE 365 and other services at a reduced cost.

The following services and products will be available to all LCOG members through this partnership:

- Office 365 deployment and support
- All Office 365 license SKUs
- DataCove (e-mail archiving solution)

All LCOG members can receive:

- A 15% discount on services when entering into an individual agreement with our vendor.
- Preferred pricing on Office 365 licensing (minimum 10% below list price)

- A 10% discount on DataCove list pricing (for appliance, virtual machine, and cloud hosted)

For more information, please contact LCOG IS Program Manager Heidi Leyba: [Here](#)

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## Things Going on in the Region

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**Bethel Schools:** Willamette Culinary Teams Wins State Title. Learn more [here](#).

**Coburg:** The city is going to host a document “shred-a-thon” and food drive on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Coburg City Hall. Learn more [here](#).

**Cottage Grove:** Was awarded a grant to celebrate 25 years as a Tree City USA! Learn more [here](#).

**Creswell:** The Creswell Municipal Code is now online! Learn more [here](#).

**Creswell School District:** Public gives input on Superintendent Search. Learn more [here](#).

**Dunes City:** Is looking for volunteers to help during their 7th annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon on Saturday, June 8. They are looking for sponsors too! Call the office at 541-997-3338 to find out more.

**Eugene:** Feature story on EPD’s female police officers “Women’s History Month: The Women in Blue.” Learn more [here](#).

**Eugene 4j Schools:** District to host School Rebuilding Plan Community Meeting on April 10. Learn more [here](#).

**EWEB:** System resiliency projects to begin in late spring. Learn more [here](#).

**Florence:** Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica on display in Florence April 4 - 7. Learn more [here](#).

**Junction City:** UO Police Department moves dispatch operations to Junction City. Learn more [here](#).

**Lane Community College:** Annual Lane Pow Wow April 6. Learn more [here](#).

**Lane County:** Plastic Roundup April 7 in Glenwood. Learn more [here](#).

**Lowell:** Collegiate Cover Bridge Regatta - April 6 – Free! Learn more [here](#).

**LTD:** New electronic payment system coming to buses. Learn more [here](#).

**South Lane Schools:** District revises school boundaries map. Learn more [here](#).

**Springfield:** Is searching for participants for a new program to empower under-represented leaders in Springfield to better understand and participate in their

local government. Learn more [here](#).

**Veneta:** The community is invited to meet Mayor Weiss and Sgt. Sieczkowski at Robbie's Window Box Caffe on Wednesday April 3, 2019 from 11:00am until about 1:00pm. Learn more [here](#).

**Willamalane Park and Recreation District:** Willamalane ready to rekindle Arbor Day tradition. Learn more [here](#).



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