Join me in welcoming Rainbow Water and Fire District as LCOG’s newest member! The District was established by a 1949 Lane County election, when residents voted to form the district for the purpose of supplying water for drinking and household use. In 1952, district residents empowered the district to also provide protection from fire.

Today, Rainbow Water (and Fire) District serves customers in north and west Springfield, primarily north of Hayden Bridge Road and west of Aspen. Indirectly, they also supply water for other north Springfield homes and businesses through our wholesale contract with the Springfield Utility Board. In addition, the district also contracts with Marcola, Deerhorn, and Shangri-La to provide assistance that ranges from processing bills to providing management and on call support services. Eugene-Springfield Fire provides district residents with fire protection and emergency services under a separate agreement.

The Rainbow Water and Fire District is served by a five-member Board of Commissioners, elected from residents living in both the water and fire service areas of the district. They district has appointed James (Jim) McLaughlin and alternate is Mary Beth Wilson to represent the District on the LCOG Board.
ANNUAL MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

SAVE THE DATE!

LCOG Annual Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, March 2, 2019

Lane Community College – Center for Meeting & Learning

Get Acquainted Hour: 5 - 6 pm
Dinner and Program: 6 pm

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!

Call for 2018 Nominations for LCOG Appreciation Awards

The Lane Council of Governments is accepting nominations for formal recognition of an elected official, a private citizen, a public employee, a public career, economic enhancement and an intergovernmental team as being notably outstanding in their service, leadership and commitment to the regional community. You are invited to submit nominations of candidates in any or all of the six award categories.

Anyone may nominate a person or group to be considered for any of the awards.

The procedure governing these awards sets forth the following criteria for award nominees. The candidate must be:

- A resident of Lane County or have a Lane County location as his/her principal place of employment or community service.
- Have a service, employment, or (in the case of Outstanding Elected Official nominees) a public office-affiliation with LCGO, 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.

A “screening committee,” comprised of the LCGO Executive Committee, will consider the nominations submitted and will identify a single recipient for each award.

Please consider submitting an application to recognize outstanding achievements in our region. Nominations should include a statement of no more than three pages in length describing the nominee’s contributions to the community, the nominee’s achievements, and the rationale for the selection of.
I ask that you submit nominations by Monday, January 28. Nominations can be sent to me at: Email Nomination or you can use this form: Nomination Form

Thank you in advance for your help with this!

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**Jobs at LCOG**

**Job Openings at LCOG:**

- **GIS Assistant** - ($21.50 - $29.31 per hour) Open until filled.
- **Minutes Recorder** - ($22.25 per hour) Open Until Filled

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**Things Going on in the Region**

**Lane County Courthouse Proposal Unveiled.** Learn more [here](#).

**Creswell School District:** VFW recognizes local students and teachers. Learn more [here](#).

**Eugene:** Housing Board wants to hear from renters via survey. Learn more [here](#).

**Eugene 4j:** School Choice Info Night – Jan. 15. Learn more [here](#).

**EWEB:** EWEB is extending its Clean Power Promotion. Eligible customers can receive $1,000 - $1,500 to help convert natural gas, oil or wood-burning systems to clean, efficient heat pump or heat pump water heater systems. Learn more [here](#).

**Florence:** Siuslaw Awards - Celebrating Business and Individuals! Jan. 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $35. Learn more [here](#).

**Lane Community College:** 2019 MLK Celebration with Bakari Sellers (CNN) – Jan. 15. Learn more [here](#).

**Lane County:** Lane County Leads Oregon in recycling rate. Learn more [here](#).

**Lowell:** Park and Recreation Master Plan Open House – Jan. 17th, 5 p.m. Learn more [here](#).

**Springfield Public Schools:** Thurston students provide free well water testing. Learn more [here](#).

**Springfield:** 21st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March & Celebration, Jan. 21: March at 1 p.m. starts at Springfield Justice Center; Celebration at 1:30 p.m. at Springfield High School. Learn more [here](#).
Western Lane Ambulance District: Retired paramedic published book about life on the job. Learn more here.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District: Riverside Chamber Symphony to perform at Willamalane – Jan. 18. Learn more here.