



## AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels is one of two programs that is part of LCOG's Senior Meals Program. Meals on Wheels are delivered in Eugene, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Veneta.

## Who May Be Eligible

- People who are age 60 and over who are homebound and who are unable to shop for or safely prepare meals on their own.
- The spouse or disabled dependent child of any age who resides with an older adult who is eligible under this criteria, if it is in the best interest of the homebound consumer.
- People under age 60 may be eligible if their Case Manager has authorized meals as part of their Medicaid Long-Term Care Service Plan or State Planned Personal Care.

**To request Meals on Wheels Service call 541-682-3353, toll free 1-800-441-4038, or TTY 541-682-4567.**

Meals are available as funding and our capacity to deliver meals allows. Funding for Meals on Wheels is partially funded by Lane County Intergovernmental Human Services Funds.

For more information, go to <https://www.lcog.org/sdslane/page/senior-meals-program>

## Donate to the Senior Meals Program:

Our Senior Meals Programs are vital to combating increasing food insecurity while promoting independence and the ability for seniors in Lane County to live in their own home. Most of our participants live on low, fixed incomes. Some can make a contribution for their meals, but others are unable to make even a minimal contribution. No one who is age eligible is ever denied a meal due to an inability to pay.

Café 60 and Meals on Wheels are only partially subsidized. The cost of food, labor, and transportation continues to increase at alarming rates, widening the gap between our operating costs and limited public funds. This program relies on community donations to fill these gaps and deliver this critical service to seniors in need.

We invite you to make a tax-deductible contribution to our Senior Meals Program to help ensure that nourishing meals can be served to our older neighbors who need them. Ways your generosity may support the Senior Meals Programs include:

- \$10 supplements a senior's own meal contribution
- \$50 provides one week of meals to a senior
- \$100 provides two weeks of meals to a senior
- \$250 provides one month of meals to a senior
- \$1500 feeds a senior for six months
- \$3000 feeds a senior for an entire year!

[Click here to donate online.](#)

For more ways to donate, go to <https://www.lcog.org/sdslane/page/donate-senior-meals-program>

LCOG Senior and Disability Services invites you to give back to your community through our **Senior Meals Wish List**. Items on this wish list are commonly used or may also improve and supplement our delivery of services. You can purchase and donate an item from our Amazon Wish List anytime and at your convenience. Note your email address in your order and upon delivery we will send you a donation receipt for your charitable contribution.

Amazon Wish List Link:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NHZFNE6N43VJ/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NHZFNE6N43VJ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

## BUSINESS LOANS PROGRAM



LCOG's Business Loan Program helps small businesses to utilize various government loan resources including local, state and federal programs such as the U.S. Small Business Administration.

These programs can offer numerous benefits including an attractive rate of interest, higher loan-to-value, and easier access to capital.

### Loan Eligibility Analysis

Loan eligibility information will be used by Lane Council of Governments to determine your potential eligibility for any of our government

loan programs for small businesses.

If we determine that you may be eligible, we may ask you to submit a formal application including an application deposit. Please complete both parts 1 and 2 and fax to Sandra Easdale at 541-682-4099.

For more information, go to <https://www.lcog.org/loans>

## TEMPORARY MAPLETON LINK LANE STOP



Link Lane's Mapleton bus stop is temporarily located at Mapleton Middle School, near the entrance to the parking lot next to East Mapleton Road. Service began there July 19.

The bus will no longer stop at 10756 Hwy 126, effective immediately.

We apologize for any inconvenience and will keep you updated.



At this year's Annual National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference in June, LCOG Executive Director Brenda Moore was elected to the NARC's Executive Directors Council as an At-Large Representative.

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) serves as the national voice for regions by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues.

NARC members include regional councils, councils of governments (COGs), regional planning and development agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and other regional organizations. Members work collaboratively with their communities – large and small, urban and rural – to address their citizens' needs and promote a regional approach to planning for the future.

### Eugene and Springfield Seek Input on HUD Citizen Participation Plan

The Cities of Eugene and Springfield encourage active participation in preparation of the Eugene-Springfield Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, amendments, and Performance Reports by all residents who are affected by federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. The Citizen Participation Plan is a requirement of the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The plan outlines local responsibilities to provide opportunities for resident involvement.

Proposed changes to the Citizen Participation Plan include:

- Changing the name of the Citizen Participation Plan to Community Participation Plan
- Replacing the terms, "citizen" and "resident" with "community" and "community members"
- Increasing the notice period for public hearings from 7 days to 14 days
- Increasing the notice period for changes to the Citizen Participation Plan from 5 days to 14 days
- Removing the reference to a 5-day notice for public hearings, which is an expired HUD waiver, but still allowing for a shorter notice when allowed by HUD, and,

- In addition to using The Register-Guard to publish notices, The Chronicle may be utilized.

The [proposed amended Citizen Participation Plan](#), which will be known as the Community Participation Plan, is available for review, as is the current [Citizen Participation Plan](#). Written comments on these recommendations may be submitted until 5 pm on August 8, 2024, to Teresa Kennedy, Planning and Development Department, 99 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97401, or [TKenendy@eugene-or.gov](mailto:TKenendy@eugene-or.gov), or to Erin Fifield, Development & Public Works, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield Oregon, 97477, or [EFifield@springfield-or.gov](mailto:EFifield@springfield-or.gov). [The published notice](#) includes the changes and is available for review.

## LTD, Community Members Comment On State's Transportation Needs



*(Courtesy of Lane Transit District)*

On July 17, state lawmakers heard from community members and agency leaders, including Lane Transit District's Chief Executive Officer Jameson Auten, about how to best improve Oregon's transportation system.

The lawmakers, including Representative Nancy Nathanson (D-Eugene), are members of Oregon's Joint Committee on Transportation (JCT). Yesterday's meeting in Eugene was one of about a dozen being held around the state as part of [the Statewide Transportation Safety and Sustainability Outreach Tour](#). The goal of the tour, which concludes in late September, is to "help legislators understand the needs of Oregonians and the challenges of maintaining a safe, accessible, and reliable transportation system" in advance of the legislature's 2025 transportation package.

Committee members started their day on an LTD bus, touring the area's

transportation infrastructure. They examined Beltline Bridge to consider its seismic vulnerability, visited Springfield's Island Park, and traveled up Highway 126E to check out pavement conditions and fire recovery areas.

Auten was invited by the JCT to participate in a mid-afternoon roundtable with other local leaders and government officials. This group included Laurie Trieger, Lane County Board of Commissioners; Brenda Moore, Executive Director at Lane Council of Governments; and Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis. "LTD is identifying local priorities and how we can tie into those when we plan our services. We're landing on access to housing, healthcare, education, and jobs," said Auten. "People are using mobility systems in different ways now. Ridership is important, but there's also a value to things like aging in place, reducing food insecurity. Transit has a role to play here."

Later, public testimony was heard at Lane Events Center. Dozens of community members spoke in support of LTD, including LTD Board Member Pete Knox (Subdistrict 5). In testimony submitted after the event, Board President Gino Grimaldi wrote, "The bright future of our community relies on a strong transportation network with equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and housing. Continued – and enhanced – investment in mobility solutions and collaboration with service providers can amplify the successful outcomes demonstrated by LTD in current and past Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund cycles."

Written comment was accepted until July 19.

The next stop on the JCT road trip is in Coos Bay, on August 7.

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## ECC/CCAN FIRST FRIDAY

Please join us for our August Lane County Equity & Community Consortium (ECC) and Communities of Color & Allies Network (CCAN) First Friday event on August 2 from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the: **Black Cultural Initiative, 1695 Jefferson Street, Eugene, OR 97401**. Our goal is to create a safe space that fosters friendships and networks for people of color, social justice allies, and equity workers in the local area.

Sign up to join our ECC/CCAN First Friday distribution list:[link](#)

# FIRST FRIDAY

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK BUSINESS MONTH!

Hosted By: Lane County and in collaboration with the Black Cultural Initiative



**AUGUST 2, 2024**  
**4:30-6:30 PM**



The People's Collective  
**1695 Jefferson St.,**  
**Eugene, OR 97401**

Learn about the Black Cultural Initiative & experience community:

- Free food
- Networking opportunities
- Family-friendly environment
- Support local Black businesses



**COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND ALLIES NETWORK (CCAN):** OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A SAFE SPACE THAT FOSTERS FRIENDSHIPS AND NETWORKS FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR, SOCIAL JUSTICE ALLIES, AND EQUITY WORKERS IN THE LOCAL AREA.



**Lane County Equity and Community Consortium (ECC):**  
[lanecountyecc@gmail.com](mailto:lanecountyecc@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code to Sign-up for the First Friday email list



**ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE.**

# FIRST FRIDAY

ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN LA CELEBRACIÓN DEL MES DE LAS EMPRESAS NEGRAS

Organizado por Lane County y Black Cultural Initiative



**2 DE AGOSTO**  
**4:30-6:30 PM**



The People's Collective  
**1695 Jefferson St.,**  
**Eugene, OR 97401**

Infórmate sobre Black Cultural Initiative y viva la comunidad:

- Comida gratis
- Oportunidades de networking
- Ambiente familiar
- Apoya a las empresas Negras



**RED DE COMUNIDADES DE COLOR Y ALIADOS (CCAN):** NUESTRO OBJETIVO ES CREAR UN ESPACIO SEGURO QUE FOMENTE AMISTADES Y REDES PARA PERSONAS DE COLOR, ALIADOS DE LA JUSTICIA SOCIAL Y TRABAJADORES POR LA EQUIDAD EN LA COMUNIDAD LOCAL.



**Lane County Equity and Community Consortium (ECC):**  
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Escanee el código QR para inscribirse en la lista de correo electrónico del Primer Viernes.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND LANE COUNTY!

- August 3 - SPIN Senior Health and Wellness Fair - Eugene ([link](#))
- August 4 - Concert at Awbery Park - Eugene ([link](#))
- August 8-11 - Junction City Scandinavian Festival ([link](#))
- August 11 - A Race for the Rest of Us 0.5k - Springfield ([link](#))
- August 17 - Veneta Celebration Run ([link](#))
- Wednesdays until August 28 - Cottage Grove Concerts in the Park ([link](#))

## SHOP AT THE LCOG STORE

We have a new swag store! Show your support for our programs with shirts,



hats, mugs, and more! Check it out at [https://www.zazzle.com/store/lcog\\_store](https://www.zazzle.com/store/lcog_store)



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

In addition to this newsletter, LCOG hosts pages on social media where you can find information about what's happening in our region.

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- [LCOG Senior & Disability Services](#)
- [Link Lane](#)
- [Central Lane MPO](#)
- [Safe Lane Transportation Coalition](#)
- [Metro Television](#)

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