



Hampton, Kelly, Shine and Richardson Cap Among Award Recipients at 2004 Appreciation Dinner

More than 130 elected and appointed officials and active citizens were on hand to recognize award winners at Lane Council of Governments' 2004 Appreciation Dinner, held on January 27 at Lane Community College. In addition to the awards presentation, the evening featured an address by Lane Shetterly, Director of Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Springfield City Manager, **Mike Kelly**, a 37-year veteran with his city, was honored by LCOG as the Outstanding Public Employee for 2004. Lane County Administrator, Bill VanVactor presented the award to Kelly, citing his wisdom, talent, humor, and dedication to his community. He has "earned a reputation for high-quality service, fiscal responsibility and no-nonsense government," VanVactor said.

The Lane Metro Partnership and LCOG jointly recognized **Kelly Richardson** of Richardson Cap as the year's recipient of the Regional Award of Merit for Economic Enhancement. The Metro Partnership's President, John Lively, presented the award, which applauded the firm's steady growth to a national and international presence in the field of sports apparel.



Steve Moe, right, received the 2004 Civic Achievement Award from Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken

Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken presented the 2004 Civic Achievement Award to **Steve Moe**. Moe was praised for his exceptional leadership in the campaign to obtain voter approval of the city's public safety building bonds and the creation of an urban renewal district in Glenwood. Moe, a lifelong resident of Glenwood, served as treasurer for both campaigns. Included on an extensive listing of civic involvements and past recognitions, were Moe's service on the Lane County Planning Commission, the Glenwood Refinement Citizens Committee, the Private Industry Council, and in the 1980s on the Metropolitan Planning Advisory Committee.

Former Oakridge Councilor and Mayor and Lane County Commissioner **Don Hampton** was named as the year's Outstanding Elected Official. Oakridge City Administrator, Gordon Zimmerman, presented the award and drew chuckles, noting that, as Mayor, Don Hampton had hired him to lead the city's government and then immediately left to accept appointment to the Board of

County Commissioners. Having served at both the city and county levels and devoting countless hours

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LCOG Welcomes New Leadership Williams and Lanning Assume Office

At the December 9 meeting of the LCOG Board of Directors, Cottage Grove Mayor **Gary Williams**, and Eugene Water and Electric Board member **Patrick Lanning** were elected Board Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Williams and Lanning succeed Jerry Miller of Lane ESD, and Lowell Mayor Warren Weathers, who have served in their respective offices for the past two years. After the election, Mayor Williams presented Miller with a plaque and gavel in appreciation for his leadership of the organization in 2003 and 2004.

Gary Williams, a painting contractor, was re-elected to a third term as Mayor of Cottage Grove in November's general election. He

has represented his city on the LCOG Board and the Executive Committee, and on LCOG's behalf has participated with regional leaders from beyond Lane County on the Cascadia Mayors Council and the Western Councils of Governments organization. Patrick Lanning, in addition to his elected role as Chair of the Eugene Water and Electric Board, serves as the Interim Associate Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at Lane Community College.

Also at the December LCOG meeting, the Board formally confirmed Mayor Williams' appointments to the 2005 Executive Committee. In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, the Committee will include Commissioner Anna Morrison, Lane County; Mayor Warren Weathers, Lowell; Director Alan Laisure, Bethel School District; and Director Greg James of Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

Editorially, I want to say that Jerry Miller, during his two years as the agency's chief policy official, was great to work for and with. He managed Board and Executive Committee deliberations with skill and grace, and he provided a healthy measure of leadership, guidance and good counsel to the Executive Director. Thank you, Jerry.

My second editorial observation is prospective in nature. In addition to welcoming Gary to his new responsibilities and offering what-

ever assistance and support he finds necessary, I and the management team welcome Patrick and the balance of the Executive Committee members to their new roles. Under the operating procedures approved by the Board last year, the Committee is now bearing substantially greater responsibility for agency decisions. This six-member body will meet monthly, and will attend to appointments, oversight tasks and operational decisions that previously crowded Board agendas. Though elected by the voters to positions in their respective jurisdictions, LCOG's policy leadership has stepped forward to give of their time and talent to tasks in the regional arena. For that willingness, the regional community is grateful.

May this region, our nation, and the world find in 2005 both peace and prosperity.

LCOG's *Regional Focus* newsletter is distributed across Lane County to members and other interested parties, and is now available on our website at <http://www.lcog.org/rfnews.html>. We are conducting an ongoing review of our mailing list to cut costs associated with the distribution of the *Regional Focus*.

If you would like to stop receiving the *Regional Focus* by mail, please contact Ann Mortenson at (541) 682-4373, or by e-mail at amortenson@lane.cog.or.us.

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to multi-jurisdictional efforts to improve public safety and economic development, Hampton was praised for always working in the "best interests of his local community and the region."

Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson presented the year's Outstanding Citizen award to **Dennis Shine**. Noting that Shine had "invested endless heart, inexhaustible energy and countless volunteer hours," Sorenson highlighted a partial list of accomplishments, including service on the Lane Community College Board of Education, long-standing membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Civil Liberties Union membership, and participa-



Former Oakridge Mayor and Lane County Commissioner Don Hampton was honored as Outstanding Elected Official.

tion on the Lane County Human Rights Advisory Committee, LCC's Diversity Team and the 4-J School District's Equity Committee. Sorenson emphasized that Shine's commitment "serves as a model for others" and has "enriched and advanced our community."

Karl Morgenstern of the Eugene Water and Electric Board accepted the Outstanding Intergovernmental Team award on behalf of the **McKenzie Watershed Emergency Response System**, a 27-member partnership, which has addressed the prospect of hazardous materials spills in the McKenzie River watershed. EWEB Commissioner, Mel Menegat, presented the award and expressed appreciation for the high level of cooperation among the participating agencies, public and private. Menegat cited Morgenstern's leadership in creating a partnership that remains a recognized "model for intergovernmental cooperation."

Capping an evening which had also included a vocal performance by the "Shasta Session Jazz Choir" of the Bethel School District's Shasta Middle School, Oregon DLCDC Director **Lane Shetterly** offered thoughtful remarks on the challenges presented by the voters' approval of Ballot Measure 37. Shetterly reminded the audience of the 30-year history of the Oregon land use planning system and of the necessity for revisiting the "vision" that led to the passage of Senate Bill 100 in 1973.



Dennis Shine, right, was honored as Outstanding Citizen. Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson made the presentation.



Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Director Lane Shetterly addressed Appreciation Dinner Attendees.



The "Shasta Session Jazz Choir" from Shasta Middle School performed.

Citizen Advisory Committee Created



LCOG's Transportation Planning Program shifted into overdrive to produce three key products for adoption and to kick off a Citizen Advisory Committee for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Metropolitan Policy Committee, the MPO's decision-making body, adopted three updated documents in December—a long range transportation plan, a transportation improvement program, and an air quality conformity determination. LCOG staff took the lead in working with staff from other MPO



The committee has a diverse membership, and will begin its work by focusing on the MPO Public Involvement Plan at its first meeting expected to occur in late February. The committee will meet monthly and is advisory to



partner jurisdictions to prepare and process these documents. All are key products that are part of LCOG's operational responsibilities as the MPO for the metropolitan area that includes Eugene, Springfield, and Coburg.



The newly formed 12-member MPO Citizen Advisory Committee launched their work with a reception and field tour held in late January 2005. The Metropolitan Policy Committee appointed the committee in December 2004 after an intensive recruitment.

the Metropolitan Policy Committee. Commissioner Bobby Green will serve as a liaison between the Committee and the Metropolitan Policy Committee.

Creswell and Oakridge Adopt Telecommunications Fees

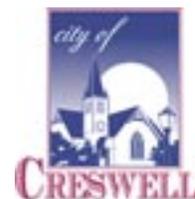
In December 2004, Creswell and Oakridge joined the small list of cities that have chosen to license and charge telecommunications businesses doing business within the city limits. The registration and licensing process is underway, with LCOG providing administrative assistance to each city.

The Creswell and Oakridge systems, which are nearly the same, require businesses that are providing telecommunications services within the city – including telephone, wireless, long distance

and cable – to register with the city and pay a quarterly fee, based on the gross revenues obtained from business operations within the city. There is an exemption for small operators. The regulatory system is based on recognizing the business advantages provided by the city, a place where people choose to live and do business because of the particular advantages of each city.

Revenues are expected to exceed traditional franchise fees by significant amounts, and will include

revenues from newer users that have not been subject to the earlier fee system. Development of the Creswell and Oakridge ordinances drew from the experiences of the City of Eugene, which developed and successfully defended a system of telecommunications taxes and business license fees.



Alicia Kehoe Recognized for Work

In recognition of her commitment and dedication to protecting our most vulnerable Lane county Adults through advocacy and education, **Alicia Kehoe** was presented a "Certificate of Excellence" award by Ted Stevens, Director at Senior & Disabled Services in December 2004. Among the



*Alicia Kehoe is presented with a **Certificate of Excellence** award by Ted Stevens*

achievements for which Alicia was recognized was her appointment to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Elder Abuse Task Force, and her investigation of 200 cases of abuse and neglect of Elderly and Disabled Adults in Lane County in 2004.

Alicia has also been sought out as a trainer and speaker, participating at the 26th Annual Conference and Training for the Crime Prevention Association and as a keynote presenter at the Protective Services Investigator In-service training for those who provide Protective Services to clients who are case

managed by Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health. On a local level, she has provided 4 trainings to over 200 members of the Eugene Police Department, educating law enforcement officers about the needs of the elderly and disabled. Alicia is the facilitator for Lane County MDT (Multi Disciplinary Team). The Lane County MDT has become a state model, working collaboratively with community partners to successfully prosecute and hold perpetrators of abuse accountable.

Alicia has been employed with Senior & Disabled Services since November 1997, and for the last 6 years has worked as an Adult Protective Services Case Manager. Senior & Disabled Services responded to 1,400 referrals of allegations of abuse and neglect in Lane County during 2004.

To report allegations of abuse of the elderly or people with disabilities please call 541-682-4454 at Lane County Senior & Disabled Services.

New Faces at LCOG

Kay Bork was hired in January 2005 to perform data analysis and manage census, demographic and economic data for LCOG's Information Research, and Analysis program. The data is used by a variety of individuals and orga-



Kay Bork

nizations including the general public, LCOG member agencies, private agencies, and non-profits.

Before coming to LCOG, Kay worked as a long range and current planner with the City of Springfield, focusing on a variety of affordable housing and residential development issues. Prior to her work for Springfield, Kay worked as a transportation planner with Rogue Valley Council of Governments in Southern Oregon.

David Richey joined the LCOG Information, Research, and Analysis group

as a GIS Assistant in December, and is working on a range of mapping and analysis projects. David attended the University of Oregon, where he taught as both a Graduate Fellow and as Adjunct Faculty, as well as being a Research Fellow at the Institute for a Sustainable Environments GIS Lab.

Since graduating in 2000 with a Bachelor and Master in Landscape Architecture, David has had a variety of experience in landscape planning, design, and construction with local firms.



David Richey

LCOG Coordinates TMDL Effort

A draft version of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocations for the Willamette Basin was released by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in late October. This document specifies pollutant load reductions formulated by the DEQ to protect and restore beneficial uses of Willamette Basin water resources.

As a requirement of the TMDL Administrative Rule, Designated Management Agencies (DMAs) are required to develop Implementation Plans that explain how water quality standards will be achieved. At the direction of the regional managers, LCOG is coordinating a regional approach to TMDL Implementation planning amongst the DMAs in Lane County to minimize the burden and maximize efficiency. Preliminary work has gone very well.

An introductory meeting was held in November to provide an overview of TMDLs and begin planning coordination. Following up on the issues raised at this meeting, LCOG coordinated a Gaps Analysis which was designed to compile water quality information from around the region and identify assets, gaps, and opportunities that should be addressed to ensure project success.

The response was outstanding, and many jurisdictions indicated support for continuing to look at how a regionally-focused effort will meet TMDL requirements. When the DEQ issues the final TMDL in the summer of 2005, the Gaps Analysis information will provide a solid foundation from which to construct local Implementation Plans and a coordinative regional plan.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Revolving Loan Fund Created

LCOG has received approval from the US Economic Development Administration for a \$500,000 grant to create Revolving Loan Fund in Lane County. The Revolving Loan Fund will be utilized to help small businesses create at least 50 new jobs within the first two years. The program is expected to be sustainable over the long term as early loans are repaid and subsequently relent.

The project also received matching funds from Lane County, the Benton Lane Lincoln and Linn Regional Investment Board

(BL3RIB), and from numerous local banking institutions. The strong level of cash matching contributions demonstrates the support that this LCOG project has throughout the community.

LCOG Assists Downtown Project

LCOG arranged Small Business Administration financing for the purchase and renovation of the building located at One East Broadway in downtown Eugene. SBA



One East Broadway

Financing was leveraged by loans from Summit Bank and from the City of Eugene. The project will lead to the creation of eight new jobs.

Oregon Project Independence Launches Hospice Program

LCOG's Oregon Project Independence (OPI) launched a six-month hospice pilot program in December to speed service assessments to within two days and to expedite service startup. In an effort to outreach to this special population, Senior & Disabled Services (S&DS), Sacred Heart Hospice, Cascade Hospice and Addus HealthCare staff collaborated to design this pilot program. Once hospice services begin, clients (a majority of whom are seniors) live an average of 40 days.

In order to achieve the goal of a two-day service startup, S&DS

hired two part-time OPI Hospice Program Case Managers, Erica Hernandez, MSW and Susan Ryan, MSW. Each of these case managers works half-time and coordinates the services in conjunction with the hospice agencies and Addus HealthCare, S&DS' in-home service provider. During the first month of service they conducted 19 OPI hospice intakes and admitted 15 individuals to service.

The program is part of an overall strategy to best use resources available to OPI, which is funded from the State General Fund. The

OPI program provides limited in-home services to people 60 and older who need help in order to continue living independently in their own homes. Some OPI services are also available to adults (over 18 years) with dementia. The goal of OPI is to promote quality of life and independence by preventing inappropriate or premature placement to a nursing home.

For additional information about the program, please contact Patti Little, S&DS Contract Planner at 541-682-4137 or plittle@lane.cog.or.us.

High-Quality Color Orthophotography Now Available

During March and early April of last year, a series of aerial imagery flights were flown, providing color digital orthophotography for most of Lane County. The ortho acquisition was a joint project among LCOG, Lane County, the cities of Eugene and Springfield, EWEB, the US Army Corps of Engineers and others.

Among the project deliverables are high (6" pixel) resolution digital ortho imagery covering the Eugene-Springfield metro area, the McKenzie River corridor, portions of the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette River and additional outlying areas. For several of these areas, 2-foot interval elevation contours were also mapped.

In addition, most of the county was also flown at a higher elevation to yield broad coverage of medium

(2' pixel) resolution color orthophotography.

These ortho products represent some of the best quality aerial imagery ever acquired in Lane County and will contribute to agency mapping efforts and project analysis. Some of the new color orthos are now available through the RLID Lane Maps application for viewing over the internet by RLID subscribers.

LCOG is also offering the imagery for sale in digital form or as custom prints to assist the project partners with cost recovery for the ortho acquisition costs. Interest has

already been expressed in regular ortho update flights in the future.

For more information contact Eric Brandt, RLID Program Manager, at (541) 682-4338.



Florence and Highway 101 on the Siuslaw River

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