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EMGO - DOWNTOWN EUGENE SHUTTLE IS HERE!

EMGo is Going!

LCOG has partnered with Lane Transit District (LTD), City of Eugene, Lane County and EWEB on a one year on-demand pilot project in downtown Eugene. This **FREE** service will provide on-demand rides within downtown Eugene using a downloaded app called TransLoc and you can download it [HERE](#)



EmGo cars operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service area is from Fifth Avenue to 13th Avenue, and from Charnelton Street to High Street. There are 70 pickup locations scattered throughout the downtown area, as well as an EmGo stop near the Federal Courthouse at 405 E. Eighth Ave.

The vehicles are zero-emission, electric, six seater vans. The goal with this project is to alleviate parking issues and to encourage use of public transportation to and from downtown Eugene. Check it out when you are in downtown Eugene!



Trial Run!

Clockwise from back left: Eugene City Manager Jon Ruiz, Lane County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky, LTD General Manager AJ Jackson, President & CEO Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce Brittany Quick-Warner, Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch, and LCOG Executive Director Brenda Wilson.

FLORENCE TO YACHATS AND FLORENCE TO EUGENE TRANSIT SERVICE

LCOG has taken over the management of the Florence-Yachats transit service. By the end of January 2020, LCOG will begin a Eugene to Florence transit service with 2 round trips per day. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting new project!

VENETA RECRUITS NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR

LCOG is providing recruiting assistance to the City of Veneta to help with their search for a new City Administrator, following the announcement that Ric Ingham will retire this year. The city hopes to have a new City Administrator take over in December.

Required Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree, preferred Master's degree in a related field; at least three years of public or private management experience is also required. Preferred, previous experience as a City Administrator / Manager in a city of comparable size and/or in a rural setting.

The salary range for this position is \$95,000 to \$120,000 per year along with a comprehensive Benefits package.

Interested parties should submit (1) a cover letter, (2) an Official City Application, Applications can be found at:

Application should be submitted either electronically to jobs@lcoog.org

Recruitment Timeline

- Filing Period: September 25 – October 23, 2019
- Recommendation of Candidates: October 28, 2019
- Finalist Interviews: November 14-19, 2019

If you need an alternate format of the application or assistance to participate in the hiring process please contact:

LCOG - Attention: Human Resources

859 Willamette Street, Suite 500

Eugene, OR 97405

Fax: 541-682-4099 Email: jobs@lcoog.org

THE 2020 CENSUS - COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE MEETING

LCOG is currently coordinating with the US Census Bureau to set up "Complete Count Committees". The Census Bureau wants 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.

The first meeting of the Lane County Complete Count Committee (CCC):

Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00

at LCOG, 859 Willamette Street, STE 500, Eugene

Purpose: The CCC will be charged with obtaining an accurate and complete population count for Lane County by:

- Educating and informing residents of the importance of the census to them and their community.
- Motivating and engaging residents, with a focus on individuals in historically undercounted census tracts, to self-respond online to the 2020 Census.

Importance:

- Distribution of more than \$675 billion annually in federal funds back to tribal, state, and local governments.
- Redistricting of state legislative districts.
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.
- Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans.
- Assisting local government in planning and implementing programs, services, and emergency response.
- Designating facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly and children.
- The State of Oregon could gain a U.S. House of Representatives seat.

Goals:

- A complete count is vital for Lane County because so much federal and state funding is based upon the Decennial Census' population count.
- Ensure an accurate count of every Lane County resident, including most likely undercounted communities.
- Make every Lane County resident aware of the Census, and the information

they provide for the Census is kept in complete confidence.

Strategies: The CCC will utilize the local knowledge, expertise, and influence of each member to develop and implement a census awareness campaign. Some ideas the CCC can undertake:

- Engage in community outreach efforts to communicate a unified brand and message of all Committee census activities.
- Work with stakeholders and community organizations to develop and coordinate targeted community outreach, education and census participation activities
- Incorporating census information in newsletters, social media posts, podcasts, mailings, and websites.
- Develop efforts to drive participation among those populations that have historically been undercounted.
- Increase the self-response rate for households responding online, by phone, or mailing back their questionnaire.
- Develop strategies for non-response follow-up.
- Hold kickoff meetings with media briefings.
- Participate in Census rallies or parades.
- Host events.
- Help recruit census workers when jobs become available.

It's up to all of us! If you are interested in assisting with getting a complete count in Lane County - please let me know! Email me: [Brenda Wilson](#)

DLCD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2019 - 2021

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has Technical Assistance grant funding that can be used to update comprehensive plans, modernize land use ordinances, or augment other planning activities. The form and instructions are available [HERE](#).

If you need more information, please contact the DLCD regional representative for our region: Patrick Wingard, (541) 393-7675 or [email](#)

Technical assistance grant applications are due **no later than October 1, 2019**.

THINGS GOING ON IN THE REGION

Bethel School District: Bethel School District adding 7 counselors with \$220k. [Learn more here](#)

Coburg: Trail's End Park is being enhanced! Look for additional parking spaces, wetland restoration and a new path. In the meantime, the park will be closed while the work is ongoing. [Learn more here](#)

Cottage Grove: Half Marathon and 10k – September 14. [Learn more here](#)

Creswell: Registration Open for Community Emergency Response Team training through Sept 13. [Learn more here](#)

Emerald People's Utility District: EPUD awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to five local students. [Learn more here](#)

Eugene: City Manager Jon Ruiz announces retirement. [Learn more here](#)

Eugene 4J School District: Kids Eat Free Breakfast at All Elementary Schools. [Learn more here](#)

EWEB: EWEB to participate in the EV (Electrical Vehicle) Showcase at the BRING Home + Garden Tour on September 8. [Learn more here](#)

Florence: Florence Festival of Books – September 27-28. [Learn more here](#)

Junction City: Fall Harvest Food Fest – September 29, a fundraiser for Junction City Local Aid. [Learn more here](#)

Lane Community College: LCC theatre students create new company addressing suicide prevention. [Learn more here](#)

Lane ESD: Lane ESD's Workshops Schedule: [Learn more here](#)

Lane Library District: Progress continues with Creswell Library remodel. [Learn more here](#)

Lowell: Northwest Nationals – Columbia Drag Boat Association – September 14-15, Dexter Reservoir. [Learn more here](#)

LTD: Students Ride for Free on LTD! [Learn more here](#)

Oakridge: Oakridge Triple Summit Challenge – September 27-29 - The second annual Oakridge Triple Summit Challenge will take runners on 50 kilometers of trails with nearly 8,000 feet of elevation gain. [Learn more here](#)

Springfield: PetFest – September 21 at Lively Park. [Learn more here](#)

Springfield Public Schools: Springfield School Board now accepting applications for open seat, Deadline Sept. 18. [Learn more here](#)

Veneta: Veneta Harvest Festival – September 14, 10 am-3 pm. [Learn more here](#)

Willamalane Park and Recreation District: Willamalane was awarded a three-year grant to increase water safety for youth. [Learn more here](#)



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