



## S&DS Continues Serving Seniors and Disabled Persons Despite Reductions

A smaller and more centralized Senior & Disabled Services is now operational. Due to the State's continuing budget crisis, LCOG is facing a \$1.8 million deficit in its 2003-04 budget for the provision of long-term care, financial, and protective services to seniors and people with disabilities. In response to this deficit, LCOG closed its S&DS office in Springfield at the end of June



*The Schaefers Building in downtown Eugene now serves most metro S&DS clients after the recent closing of the Springfield office.*

and reduced the division's workforce by thirty positions. Most clients that had been served by the Springfield Office are now being served by S&DS' Eugene Office, and long-term care clients residing in Pleasant Hill, Dexter, Lowell, Oakridge and Westfir will now be served by the Cottage Grove Office.

Since February 1, 2003, approximately 1,500 clients of S&DS have lost services

due to cuts ordered by the State Legislature and the Governor. Resources to pay for the staff working with these clients—Case Managers, Eligibility Workers, Support Staff and Supervisors—have been reduced, as well. Prior to June 30, S&DS was able to avoid layoffs thanks to employees' willingness to take voluntary leaves without pay. The magnitude of the deficit for 2003-04 is so large, more dramatic actions were required.

Making the best of a bad situation, Senior & Disabled Services has reorganized to maximize the productivity of the staff that remain. The major changes involved the elimination of specialist positions, the reduction in the number of supervisors and clerical support staff, and the conversion of most Case Managers to generalists. Throughout this painful process of downsizing and reorganization, the goals of the division remain intact—to be responsive to the needs of both populations, and to maximize the dignity and independence of Lane County's most vulnerable senior citizens and adults with disabilities.

For more information on the reorganization of S&DS, contact **Ted Stevens**, Division Director, at 682-4432 or [tstevens@lane.cog.or.us](mailto:tstevens@lane.cog.or.us).

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## Appreciation and Best Wishes



by George Kloeppel

After some 30 years as a regional council executive, I must say that today's fiscal environment is absolutely unprecedented. So much has been said and written about the budgetary circumstances being faced by the public sector in Oregon that the words may now have lost much of their meaning. Let these words have meaning to the reader, because they are offered with absolute sincerity.

The staff of the Lane Council of Governments has been, and still remains, an extremely valuable resource to this region. "Our people" may not get headlines for their achievements and accomplishments, but they—individually and collectively—contribute much to the well being of our community. The staff always has been LCOG's

While in an organization of LCOG's size there will be constant "personnel actions" in the form of retirements and resignations, our present day experience is far in excess of what could normally be expected. And "normal" departures from the agency are typically followed by new hires. Such is not the case today. Both on the government services and senior / disabled services sides of the organization, the loss of decades of experience and dedicated service will be profoundly felt. Of course for some of our departing colleagues this "life change" can be set in a positive context. Several staff members who have resigned have accepted positions elsewhere that promise advancement and professional challenge. Likewise, some of the recent retirees have for years looked forward to this opportunity to write new chapters in their life stories. But those situations, which give cause for celebration, do not offset the reality of the involuntary departures of very good people—people with skills and energy to contribute.

I know, as does every reader of this column, that there are no guarantees and "life happens." However, let three points be very clear. First, the "COGers" to whom we are saying good-bye will be missed. Second, the value of their work—and the need for their skills and energy—has not diminished. And finally, the LCOG organization extends its sincere thanks to our departing colleagues and wishes each of them a happy "new chapter."

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greatest asset. So it is with genuine sadness that we part company with professionals who have given so much of themselves to the task of making this a better place. Twenty-five LCOG staff members are now being laid-off. In addition, "early retirements" have been taken by ten staff members, with five of those temporarily continuing their work on limited schedules under personal service contracts. Finally, the organization is dealing with three additional departures through resignation—at least in part driven by the severely constricted budget of the State.

## Board Profile: Marion Esty City of Veneta

**Marion Esty** moved to Veneta to enjoy retirement in a quiet, green rural area away from the traffic congestion that had been part of her 30 years of living in Los Angeles. She has found a busy retirement in Veneta as a City Councilor and LCOG Board Alternate.

Marion was first appointed to the Veneta City Council in 1992 to replace an outgoing councilor, and has remained in the position ever since, winning elections from 1994 to present. She enjoys the opportunity to interact with different people in her community and use her energy to get citizens actively involved in making Veneta a great place to live.

An alternate LCOG Board Member since 1994, Marion relishes learning about the various communities that comprise the agency, and how they work together to better the quality of life in the region. Marion is actively involved with LCOG's Senior & Dis-

abled Services, serving on the Senior Services Advisory Council and its Advocacy, Budget, and Nominations subcommittees. She also serves as Chair of the LCOG Budget Committee and is a member of the Region 2050 Policy Advisory Committee and the Lane County Planning Commission.

Before moving to Veneta, Marion worked as a director for the Westport School for Educationally Handicapped Children in Los Angeles, and as a field worker for the Family Treatment Program of the L.A. County Probation Department. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts (B.A.) and USC-Los Angeles (Masters-Clinical Social Work).

When not busy with her city council and LCOG Board work, Marion enjoys gardening, hiking, group singing, and kayaking with her nearby daughter, Sandy. She also has a daughter, Kim, who remains in Los Angeles.



*Marion Esty, City of Veneta*

## No Lazy Days of Summer in Veneta

While others wilt in the heat, the City of Veneta gears up for its busiest time of year. Activities at the Fern Ridge Reservoir, Veneta's new Saturday market, and the Oregon Country Fair are just a few events that make up a summer in Veneta.

While many come to enjoy Veneta's parks and recreation resources, the Oregon Country Fair, an Oregon institution running from July 11-13, remains the biggest draw. For those wanting to be close to the action, the city offers accommodations at Zumwalt

Campground, which has for the past few years served as temporary home base for up to 1,200 campers. The city provides food, entertainment, bonfires, transportation to the fairgrounds, showers, and sanitary services.

Many people are coming to Veneta on a permanent basis, as well. As of June 6, there were 19 new subdivisions so far in 2003, totaling 482 residential lots and 19 commercial/industrial lots. The city has been hard at work on improving

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## LCOG Develops the Junction City Downtown Plan

In March 2002, the state awarded a grant to Lane Council of Governments to develop a plan for Junction City's downtown. For this tight-knit community of 4,600 people, retaining a vital downtown is paramount. The Junction City Downtown Plan was guided by a Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC), a ten-member citizen committee appointed by the City Council and representing broad interests.

The Downtown Plan was designed to reestablish an identity for downtown Junction City and foster a downtown area that will be the center for business activity and a source of community pride. The plan was developed to improve access and aesthetics, to encourage local and regional foot traffic, to develop a plan for modernizing infrastructure and create a pedestrian-friendly area. The Downtown Plan also capitalizes on the downtown's assets, which include small-town charm, short blocks and interconnected streets, unique businesses and historic buildings, ample parking, murals and art, centralized local and federal government offices, parks, the annual Scandinavian Festival and service

organizations that actively support the community.

The project included a survey of existing conditions and redevelopment potential, a visual preference survey to identify enhancements and development patterns, a vision for 20 years in the future, objectives and strategies to achieve this vision and lastly, a map of desired improvements including street trees, planters, curb extensions, bicycle racks, benches, trash receptacles, decorative street lights, entry signs, colored or stamped concrete crosswalks, brick detailing, building awnings, and underground utilities.

The DAC met monthly for a year to create the Downtown Plan and in May 2003, the DAC forwarded its recommendations to the City Council and Planning Commission for approval and adoption. The Planning Commission recommended approval, and the City Council adopted the plan on June 24, 2003.

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## Staff Profile: Jan Silva Lane County Family Caregiver Support Program

Jan Silva joined Lane Council of Government's Senior & Disabled Services Program on February 18, 2003 and was hired as the Family Caregiver Specialist for the Lane County Family Caregiver Support Program. Jan provides information, assistance and training for caregivers in Lane County. When appropriate, Jan also arranges respite services for family caregivers.

Jan brings over thirteen years of experience working as an Executive Director and Case Manager for a senior center.

She considers the senior population a challenge due to their many transitional lifestyle changes and obstacles they overcome, and she admires their fierce independence.

Jan resides in Oakland with her husband, John and they have twin boys, and two adult daughters. Jan enjoys working in the garden, raising livestock and being a 4-H volunteer.

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Jan Silva

## Family Caregiver Support Program

The Lane County Family Caregiver Support Program provides an integrated package of services that strive to help families take care of each other. Caregivers are seniors that assist eligible persons in taking care of themselves; including spouses, relatives, friends and neighbors. Many caregivers are also long-distance caregivers that work with agencies, physicians, and other family members to provide care for someone who needs daily assistance.

The Family Caregiver Support Program provides information about the availability of support services for caregivers and families and assistance in gaining access to current caregiver information and services, including assessing needs, developing care plans, authorizing services, arranging services and follow-up. The program also provides respite at home or at a day-care facility and training to prevent

caregiver burnout. Respite workers also provide personal care, a meal, and companionship. Additional services may include minor home modifications, maintenance and repairs, medical supplies, and adaptive equipment.

LCOG's Senior & Disabled Services Division is currently serving 96 clients with respite care and 13 clients with additional services through the Family Caregiver Support Program. Caregiver trainings on "Powerful Tools for Caregivers", "Falls Prevention and Home Safety", "Identifying Stress and Learning Coping Skills", and "Caregiver Health" are being held throughout Lane County.

Caregivers give assistance in personal care, household chores, assistance with finances, medical care, and help with arranging service such as doctor appointments, transportation, or meals.

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## LCOG Develops UGB Coordinated Population Projections

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Lane Council of Governments was given the task of coordinating the urban growth boundary (UGB) projections within the Lane County when the county transferred its role as "Coordinating Body" to LCOG in 1974. To comply with the state statute, LCOG obtained a small grant from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) in 2001. The purpose and product of the grant are to develop coordinated projections for all UGBs in Lane County, plus the population outside UGBs from 2000 to 2030 in five-year increments. The state requires that the Lane County population projections developed by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA) are used as the Lane County population control total. The population for all Lane County jurisdictions must total to the OEA Lane County projection.

In late February, all jurisdictions in Lane County received copies of the OEA preliminary projections for their review and comment. The 2003 OEA projections forecast lower population figures for Lane County than the previously released 1997 projections. The projections done in 1997 over-projected the 2000 Lane County population by approximately 2 percent. For Lane County, the 1997 projections forecasted an annual average increase of 1.13 percent between 2000 and 2030 while the 2003 projections forecast a .96 annual average percent increase in this same time period. Between 1990 and 2000, Lane County's annual average increase was 1.3 percent.

To develop the UGB coordinated projections, existing sources of projections and historic trends were used. LCOG staff reviewed 1990 and 2000 population figures and historic trends of the proportion the UGB population was of the total Lane County population. Projections from comprehensive plans and transportation system plans were also reviewed. Also, projections used for the Region 2050 project were included in the analysis. For the population outside of UGBs, Lane County staff provided information on the total potential for future dwelling units outside UGBs. The resulting projections countywide exceeded the 2003 OEA preliminary projections for Lane County and adjustments were made to control the OEA preliminary projections. The outcome is that the projections for some jurisdictions are lower than are presently in use. This is due to the fact that many of the projections presently in use by jurisdictions were based, at least to some extent, on the old 1997 OEA projections and as noted earlier the 2003 projections are lower. For example, in 2030, the 2003 projections are 33,757 persons lower than the 1997 projections.

At this point, the coordinated projections are preliminary. A meeting was held June 18 with all jurisdictions to discuss the projections and procedures for modifying these and future coordinated projections. It is important to note that once these projections are adopted and forwarded to the state, they will serve as the 20-year UGB population projections for comprehensive land use plans, facility plans and

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infrastructure to support new development, including the 8<sup>th</sup> Street/126 connector, a.k.a. Pete Kilger Bridge, with \$2 million in funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The city received \$252,389 from Lane County for the construction of east frontage road, and \$558,400 from Lane County Capital Project Partnership Program funds for west frontage road. A grant from Oregon Housing and Community Service Department's Small Community Incentive Fund will soon make fiberoptic services available to area residents and businesses. A sewer expansion project, which includes a hybrid poplar plantation using spray irrigation of treated effluent, has been completed and went online at the beginning of June. Water system improvements are slated to begin this June including a one million gallon storage tank to be constructed on Bolton Hill Road, an iron removal treatment plant, and a new source well. These improvements will increase water pressure throughout the city.

Summer in the city will be even more active with the 2.5-acre park along Territorial Road that was completed in November 2002 with City Urban Renewal Funds. The park has a state-

of-the-art skate park facility, basketball courts, walk/jog path, a large play structure, and a boulder-climbing wall. Veneta also has plans to create an old-town feel in the West Broadway area. Historic street lights, benches, and streetscaping will be introduced to the area. The city has introduced another recreational activity with the Veneta Saturday Market, offering food and arts and crafts from local artisans.

Veneta has been busy on a regional scale as well. The city has been heavily involved in Region 2050, a project that is coordinated by LCOG to sustain quality of life in the Southern Willamette Valley through regional collaboration. Keeping an eye on the future while holding the past near-and-dear is a balance the city has been working diligently to maintain. The relocation of the Crow-Applegate

## City of Veneta



Museum to downtown Veneta and the passing away of Bill Smigley, the longest-serving mayor in Oregon when he retired, are markers of Veneta's past. A growing and vibrant community marks the many potentials and challenges of Veneta's future.

transportation system plans. As part of this endeavor, LCOG is prepared to process and adopt these projections using the LCOG Board on which all jurisdictions are represented. Over time, LCOG is prepared to obtain population information such as yearly

population estimates, decennial census counts, and other relevant population studies; and will review this information in relation to the coordinated UGB population projections.

## OPI 2003 Fostering Community Innovations in Planning



*Robin Green,  
OPI Keynote Speaker*

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For the past 25 years, Lane Council Governments has hosted the Oregon Planning Institute Conference (OPI), a gathering of professionals from planning and related fields throughout Oregon who come together to talk shop and increase their knowledge base. For the past five years, LCOG has partnered with the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) to provide conference participants with emerging information in the field, as well as an opportunity to learn from the experiences of other professionals. The 2003 OPI will be held at the University of Oregon on October 1-3, and will feature tools for overcoming the gaps in knowledge and communication that hinder collaboration and effective action in the planning realm. Special workshops will focus on developing supervisory skills, learning to write findings, using geographic information systems, and reviewing and updating planning basics.

Robin Green will be this year's keynote speaker. Robin will discuss the founding of Hidden Creek at the Darby, a rural community in Ohio that

has received national recognition for combining residential development and nature preservation. Jack Roberts, director of the Lane Metro Partnership, will open the conference. Jack has held the statewide office of Labor Commissioner and was formerly on the board of Lane County Commissioners. Russell Sadler, local political commentator, will be the conference theme speaker. Russell will comment on the changing definitions of community and how this manifests in Oregon.

The first day of OPI is a day of workshops that focus on updating skills and in-depth examinations of issues and challenges facing planners and related professionals. The remaining two days of the conference cover a broad range of topics, including but not limited to natural resource protection, transportation issues, and public process. In addition to workshops and presentations, the conference includes longstanding OPI components featuring the OAPA awards ceremony, the annual OAPA business meeting, tours of innovative Eugene-Springfield area projects, and two evening receptions.



## Dune City Celebrates 40th Birthday

*Dune City mayors, past and present, gather for Dunes City's 40th Birthday celebration. From left to right they are Nancy Johnson, Bob Petersdorf, Jim Baumeister, Rob Ward (current mayor) and Bob Read.*

## Junction City and Coburg Smart Development Code Update

In January 2002, the city of Junction City received funding from the State of Oregon Transportation Growth Management Program to audit and update the city's existing zoning code. Lane Council of Governments has managed this project for the city since that time, working with a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) of approximately 10 representatives from the planning commission, city council, and the city at large.

During Phase One of the project, the existing zoning code was audited in relationship to the smart development principles, which promote efficient use of land, reduced traffic congestion, safety, and pedestrian friendly design. The CAC then reviewed and customized the audit recommendations and held a joint planning commission/city council work session in September 2002. The final recommendations from this work session were packaged into a Code Concepts Report.

Phase Two of the project kicked off in January 2003. The focus of this phase has been to incorporate the recommended code concepts from the Code Concepts Report into final clear and objective code language. This process with the CAC has been completed and two joint planning commission/city council work sessions were held on

May 20 and 28 to review and refine these updates. On June 10, the Planning Commission public hearing was held and the code updates were recommended for adoption. The code amendments were adopted by the City Council at a public hearing on June 24.

The City of Coburg also received state funding to convene a CAC and conduct an audit of its Comprehensive Plan, subdivision ordinance and zoning code based on smart development principles. After completing its audit and summarizing this information into a Code Concepts Report, Coburg began Phase Two.

Phase Two for Coburg is a little different than Junction City. Coburg focused its work into three distinct sections: (1) writing clear and objective code amendments for selected sections of the Comprehensive Plan, subdivision ordinance and zoning code; (2) identifying issues that are of concern but that need further study before being incorporated as code language; and (3) the recognition of ideas that although not identified in the audit or Code Concepts Report, are worthy of future consideration. Coburg's final report will include these components. Having this information, the community is well positioned as it undertakes a complete rewrite of its ordinances and codes for periodic review.



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## CALENDAR

### July

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|----|------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 8  | 1:30 p.m.  | Senior Services Advisory Council     | Hilyard Community Center                    |
| 10 | 11:30 a.m. | Metropolitan Policy Committee        | Springfield Library Meeting Room            |
| 10 | 1:30 p.m.  | Transportation Planning Committee    | Springfield City Hall - Jesse Main Room     |
| 11 | 1:30 p.m.  | Disability Services Advisory Council | Ed Luczycki Conference Room                 |
| 21 | 11:30 a.m. | Lane Economic Committee              | LCOG 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conf. Room |
| 24 | 5:30 p.m.  | LCOG Board                           | Cottage Grove                               |

### August

|    |            |                                      |   |
|----|------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 7  | 7:00 p.m.  | Boundary Commission                  | City of Eugene Council Chambers             |
| 8  | 1:30 p.m.  | Disability Services Advisory Council | Ed Luczycki Conference Room                 |
| 12 | 1:30 p.m.  | Senior Services Advisory Council     | Hilyard Community Center                    |
| 14 | 11:30 a.m. | Metropolitan Policy Committee        | Springfield Library Meeting Room            |
| 14 | 1:30 p.m.  | Transportation Planning Committee    | Springfield City Hall - Jesse Main Room     |
| 14 | 3:00 p.m.  | Public Safety Coordinating Council   | Juvenile Justice Center                     |
| 18 | 11:30 a.m. | Lane Economic Committee              | LCOG 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conf. Room |

### September

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|----|------------|---|---|
| 9  | 1:30 p.m.  | Senior Services Advisory Council          | Hilyard Community Center                    |
| 11 | 11:30 a.m. | Metropolitan Policy Committee             | Springfield Library Meeting Room            |
| 11 | 1:30 p.m.  | Transportation Planning Committee         | Springfield City Hall - Jesse Main Room     |
| 12 | 1:30 p.m.  | Disability Services Advisory Council      | Ed Luczycki Conference Room                 |
| 22 | 11:30 a.m. | Lane Economic Committee                   | LCOG 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conf. Room |
| 18 | 5:30 p.m.  | LCOG Executive Committee                  | LCOG 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Small Conf. Room |
| 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Special Transportation Advisory Committee | LTD Board Room                              |
| 25 | 7:00 p.m.  | LCOG Board                                | Florence                                    |
| 29 | 1:30 p.m.  | Regional Executive Group (REG)            | LCOG 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conf. Room |