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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow Mayors!

Thank you all for your leadership, especially during this unprecedented time of responding to COVID-19. In the past weeks, as we have participated

on statewide calls and emails I have been so impressed with your sense of calm, insightful questions being asked, and your advocacy for your communities and front-line responders. Your passion, commitment, and leadership fill me with pride.

I'm equally proud of the Oregon Mayors Association, which is giving us the platform to support each other, connect with state level decision makers, and have direct access to those who can answer

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City Spotlight: ELGIN



OREGON MAYORS ASSOCIATION

CITY SPOTLIGHT: ELGIN - JEWEL OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Submitted by City of Elgin

When Jacki Phillips first arrived in Elgin after living more than 60 years in a large metropolitan area, she discovered something pleasantly unexpected. As she explored our small town—from the corner market, to the gas station, to the grocery store—complete strangers kept talking to her and smiling. The city girl wasn't used to that. Locals acted as though she were one of them.

"I was really blown away," she said.

So warm was Jacki's reception that she decided immediately to make Elgin her new and permanent home.

Indeed, if there's a word that sums up this rural town of 1,700 residents nestled in the far northeastern corner of Oregon, it's "friendly."

Here, in what we call, "The Jewel of the Blue Mountains," the feeling is laid back. Maybe it's the natural beauty surrounding this logging and farming town, or perhaps it's because people stick around for generations, but there's a real sense of community in Elgin, where neighbors help neighbors when times are tough. Everyone knows you, and even strangers become friends the moment they pull into town.

Elgin boasts a strong education system, with one high school—the "Huskies"—and one elementary school. Class sizes are small, and student/teacher connections are personal. The Elgin Public Library has a variety of programs to keep kids and adults mentally engaged, while a brand new health clinic takes care of their physical needs,



offering primary health care, physical therapy and dental services.

In wintertime, when the snowplows get a workout, a festive light parade rolls through town, delighting folks of all ages. And in summertime, Elgin plays host to numerous family-oriented events, including Riverfest, with a nostalgic classic car competition, and the long-running Elgin Stampede, a PRCA rodeo that brings out the area's cowboy culture in full Western galore. It's not unusual to see men in cowboy hats and neckerchiefs walking the streets year round, or residents stopping by the store still wearing the evidence of a long day spent working in the wheat fields, on the family cattle ranches or in the Boise Cascade plywood mill.

It's also not uncommon to glimpse locals donning more theatrical costumes. This is the proud home of the 107-year-old Elgin Opera House, famous for wowing audiences with musicals of such high caliber, they rival Oregon's biggest cities. The recently added Hale Turner Little Theatre puts on Shakespearean plays and dramatic thrillers inside a century-old building that once housed Model T Fords.



Another new cultural attraction with a very old feel is the Elgin Museum, where you can immerse yourself in the town's wild west past. In the next block, you can hop aboard the Eagle Cap Excursion Train for a leisurely ride alongside the sparkling Grande Ronde River. Watch out, though—the Gold Rush Bandits might be lurking in the pines!

At the end of the day, there are several quality restaurants at which to catch a prime rib dinner or other tasty fare, and excellent, locally-run inns. If visitors must leave, they'll do so with fond memories and new friends.

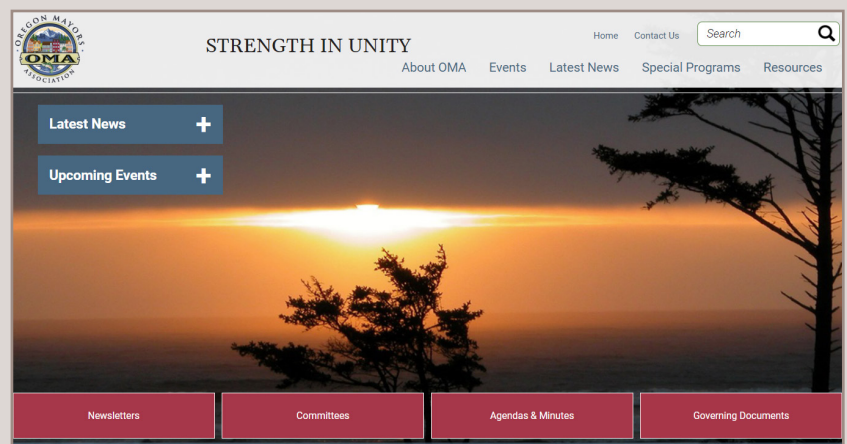
Or—like Jacki—they may never leave at all!

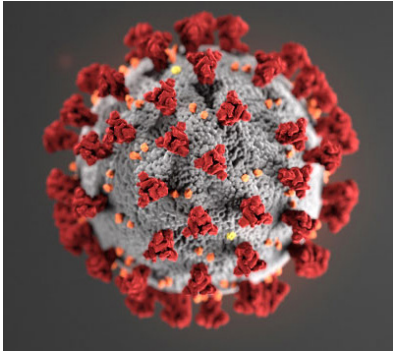


OMA's New Website is Live

OMA's new website is live! The new website is more modern, easier to navigate, and will allow for OMA's members to better connect with one another and other local government officials across Oregon and the nation. If you have not yet viewed the new website, the OMA Board of Directors encourages you to take some time to explore its features. Any feedback or comment on the new website are greatly encouraged and appreciated. Feedback can be provided to Kelly Richardson at krichardson@orcities.org.

Visit the website at www.oregonmayors.org.





Legal Guidance for Cities on COVID-19

Written by Beery, Elsner & Hammond

The OMA thanks Beery, Elsner & Hammond for making this guidance available to our members.

There are a multitude of issues arising out of the efforts being taken to contain and prevent the further spread of the novel coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19. We here at BEH want to share some information, which we thought might be helpful to you and your jurisdictions in addressing some of these issues.

Be safe, stay well, and keep washing those hands!

All the very best,

Your friends and colleagues at BEH

Public Meetings During Times of Emergency

A major concern for many clients is whether and how to conduct public meetings during a state of emergency. Below are summaries of advice regarding some of the most common issues that arise when trying to conduct public meetings during times of emergency.

Cancellation/Postponement. Consider cancelling and/or postponing regularly scheduled City Council, committee, task force, and other public meetings. Does the governing body really need to meet at this time or are there matters that can wait for action at a future regularly scheduled, or special meeting? If a meeting is absolutely necessary, try to limit the agenda items to only those that must be addressed immediately to limit the length of time of the meeting as well as the number of individuals who may be interested in the topics being discussed.

Notice of Cancellations. The Oregon Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.630-192.695) does not require notice to the public of cancellations, but it is certainly appropriate to provide notice so as not to inconvenience the public. The best methods to provide such notice include press releases, posting on the City's web site, Facebook page and on other social media. Posting notices outside of the meeting room is also appropriate.

Consider Holding Required Meetings Electronically.

If you must hold a meeting, it might not be possible (or advised) to have a quorum of a governing body attend in-person. As a result it may be necessary to set up a telephonic (or other electronic) meeting where all members of the governing body call in for a meeting. Please check your code/rules to ensure that they allow for this. If not, the governing body can usually vote at the outset for a suspension of those local rules in order to hold an electronic meeting.

Telephonic/Electronic Meetings Must be Open to the Public.

If a governing body must hold a meeting, ORS 192.630(1)-(2) requires that the meeting be open to the public, and that all persons are permitted to attend. In other words, the meeting cannot be held in private. As a result, if a governing body decides to hold a telephonic/electronic meeting, it also needs to provide a mechanism by which members of the public can call in to "attend" the meeting. Merely setting up a call in number to listen or a live-stream to watch/listen remotely is not enough.

The governing body must also provide a place where individuals who do not have access to a phone/computer can call-in/livestream the meeting as well. The governing body should provide notice of how the public can attend remotely. It can strongly encourage the public to attend remotely, particularly given the circumstances, but a governing body cannot prohibit a member of the public from attending in person at the location where a phone/live-streaming station is set up, even if the members of the governing body are participating remotely.

Other social distancing tools, such as requiring all of those who attend in person to remain six feet from each other, should be implemented.

Public Comment. The Oregon Public Meeting Laws do not require allowing the public to comment or otherwise participate in a public meeting (beyond attendance as

discussed above). However, many localities might have their own local rule/ordinances that allow for public participation, or the right of the public to comment might be required by statute (i.e. budget hearings; most land use matters) or charter requirements.

Generally speaking, a governing body can suspend their local rules during a time of emergency and not permit public participation. In addition, if public participation is only required due to a governing body's rule, the governing body may alter how and when public comment is taken. For example, the governing body may decide to take public comment on all matters at the very beginning of the meeting rather than waiting for each individual agenda item or to the end of a meeting for matters not on the agenda. This type of action would permit individuals to provide comment and leave if desired.

Conversely, when public participation is required by law, most likely by a state statute, the governing body will need to determine how it can best provide flexibility to address the concerns of COVID-19. For example, a governing body may permit and encourage written comments to be submitted in advance, or provide a means for individuals to call in to participate in the meeting. As with attending the meeting, the governing body should provide a way for the individual to participate (i.e making a telephone available, etc).

A governing body needs to remain mindful, however, that it likely may not limit participation to just written comments. For example, the state's land use laws require public hearings where individuals may submit evidence, arguments, or testimony. Arguably, this requires the acceptance of both written and oral testimony. In addition, federal laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), will likely require a governing body to accept oral testimony from those individuals who are not capable of providing written testimony.

If possible, the governing body should provide advance notice of the procedures it will use to accept public testimony on its meeting notices and also on its website. These notices can strongly encourage the public to use these alternative means rather than attending in person.

Special Meetings. Generally a governing body must provide at least 24 hours' notice of any public meeting under ORS 192.640(3), however, the statute allows less than 24 hours' notice in the case of an actual emergency, but such meetings must be held only "as is appropriate to the circumstances" and the minutes for such a meeting must describe the emergency justifying less than 24 hours' notice. Whether an actual emergency exists depends on the facts and circumstances of each situation. In the event the meeting

is held with less than 24 hours' notice the governing body must attempt to reach interested persons and the news media (phone call or email) to notify them of the emergency meeting.

The Oregon Court of Appeals has indicated that it will scrutinize closely any claim of an actual emergency. Any claimed actual emergency must relate directly to the matter to be discussed at the emergency meeting. An actual emergency on one matter does not "justify a public body's emergency treatment of all business coming before it at approximately the same time." *Or. Ass'n of Classified Employees v. Salem-Keizer Sch. Dist.* 24J, 95 Or App 28, 32 (1989) (actual emergency concerning budget and levy problems did not "convert the contract approval deliberations into an emergency"). Nor do the work schedules of governing body members provide justification for an emergency meeting.

Large Meetings. While not many of our clients typically have more than 25 people present at a public meeting, please note that pursuant to the Governor's executive order, such meetings would be prohibited. If you run into such a situation, you will need to limit the number of individuals gathered at the meeting by taking actions such as setting up an overflow room for individuals to observe the meeting and requiring movement of individuals in and out of the meeting room as necessary to permit all who want to provide public comment an opportunity to do so (if public comment is permitted or required).

Emergency Declarations by Cities

Several cities have or are considering issuing an emergency declaration related to COVID-19. As you likely know, the Governor has already issued a statewide declaration of emergency, and a few counties, including Washington and Clackamas counties, have as well. So should a city also issue an emergency declaration?

The answer to this question depends on why a city desires to do so, as well as what powers or authority may come from such a declaration for a city.

As an initial matter, it is important to note that most actions related to curbing the spread of disease are under the control of county public health authorities. Under state law (ORS 431.003), counties generally act as the public health authority. In addition, state law (ORS Chapter 433) addresses "Disease and Condition Control; Mass Gatherings; Indoor Air" and grants certain powers to the local public health authority in carrying out the provisions of the statute. Given these state laws, typically counties will be the first line of defense on these issues, and their actions will supersede those of a city.

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Legal Guidance for Cities on COVID-19

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In addition, as mentioned above, the Governor has also signed an Emergency Declaration authorizing the State and relevant state agencies to act under the Declaration. She has also signed an Executive Order ordering Oregonians to stay at home, and requiring social distancing measures for public and private facilities and businesses. Under state law (ORS 401.309), the Governor's orders related to the declared state of emergency also supersede any actions taken by a city.

So what role does a city play as it relates to a declaration of emergency? First of all, under state law, cities are responsible for emergency services in their jurisdictions. Specifically, under ORS 401.035 "the emergency services system is composed of all agencies and organizations involved in the coordinated delivery of emergency services. The Governor is responsible for the emergency services system within the State of Oregon. The executive officer or governing body of each county or city of this state is responsible for the emergency services system within that jurisdiction."

Thus, even if a city does not declare its own state of emergency, it likely has obligations to assist the state and/or county with implementing measures that they have imposed to address COVID-19. For example, if a city becomes aware of any gathering that would violate the Governor's executive order cancelling all gatherings greater than 250, then the City would have a duty to give those gathered an order to disperse. If the individuals refuse to disperse, then they have violated a lawful order and can be cited accordingly.

In addition, under state law, a city governing body may declare its own state of emergency (ORS 401.309). Should a city declare its own state of emergency, it may impose additional restrictions or take other actions needed to address the emergency, as long as they do not conflict with the Governor's orders or those issued by the public health authority and are authorized by law.

Generally speaking, actions taken by a city under an emergency declaration are authorized through a city ordinance or state law. For example, many cities have emergency management ordinances, which provide a procedure for declaring an emergency and granting powers to a city manager, an elected official or the council as a body once the emergency is declared. Most such ordinances typically permit actions such as imposing curfews; closing streets or other public places; prohibiting the sale of certain items; as well as taking any other actions that are imminently necessary under the circumstances for the protection of life or property or to prevent or minimize danger to lives or property.

Equally important, once a declaration of emergency is declared, a city is generally exempted from public contracting

requirements and may directly award contracts as needed to address the emergency. (See, generally, OAR 137-049-0150.)

If your city does not have such an ordinance in place, it may certainly enact one on an emergency basis or merely rely on the authority and powers granted by ORS 401.309 to declare an emergency.

A declaration of emergency may also provide a mechanism for a city to receive county, state or federal funding to assist with an emergency. Typically, federal funding is not available unless the state declares an emergency, and state funding is not available unless a county declares an emergency. To that end, in most emergency situations, such as a natural disaster, a city would submit its declaration of emergency to the county, which would then submit a declaration to the state, which would then submit a declaration to the federal government. With COVID-19, the state has already declared an emergency as have a few counties. To that end, it is not clear that a city will need to declare its own emergency in order to receive any funding that may become available. Cities that are in need of funding assistance to deal with COVID-19 issues should contact their county offices of emergency management or the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for assistance. OEM has also published guidelines for local emergency declarations, which may provide additional assistance to cities.

As a final note, in considering what additional actions a city may desire to take under an emergency declaration, jurisdictions should remain mindful that constitutional limitations may still apply to such actions. For example, a city may desire to implement restrictions on gatherings smaller than the state limit of 250 persons. In such situations, cities need to keep in mind the constitutional right under the First Amendment of "freedom of assembly" and how such a limitation would implicate that right. Generally, to be valid, the city's regulatory action would need to be "narrowly tailored" to address a "compelling government interest." Depending upon the facts of a specific situation, that test may be hard to satisfy where the Governor has already set a threshold of 250 persons. Nonetheless, in the event that a circumstance arises where neither the state nor the county act (or determine that they do not have the authority to act), the city could step in under its emergency authority to fill the void.

Additional Resources

LOC COVID-19 City Resource Center: <https://www.locities.org/resources/reference/coronavirus-resources/covid-19-city-leaders>



STAY HOME. SAVE LIVES.

We're All in This Together.

These are unprecedented times for cities and all Oregonians.

The LOC is here to help – as a go-to resource for the latest information on the COVID-19 pandemic. It's why we've created an online City Resource Center to provide a wealth of Coronavirus information, including guidance and resources on public meetings, leave laws, and sample policies, as well as links to the latest news from Governor Brown, the Oregon Health Authority, the White House, the National League of Cities and more.

www.orcities.org



Census 2020: It's Up to Local Leaders

In normal Census years, the US Census Bureau (USCB) would be sponsoring a robust field campaign with local governmental and nongovernmental partners to encourage every American to be counted. This year is, to put it mildly, different. COVID-19 has resulted in the cancellation of all field operations and employees are, at the time of this writing, social distancing. While the USCB will take information until the last day of July, it will not be possible to complete all workplans on schedule while the current difficulty persists.

Even while city leaders look to steward their communities during this difficult time, it's important to understand that census counts influence the distribution of federal resources for over 320 programs. It is also likely that future COVID-19 relief programs will also be distributed, at least in part, by census data.

Mayors continue to be among the most trusted voices. It's vital that mayors use the means they have still available to them to encourage their residents to complete their census forms. Mayors across Oregon are doing a great job of encouraging residents to comply with social distancing

while supporting local businesses and other challenges. The OMA asks that you include filling out the census as part of your existing messaging.

Every household should have received a letter from USCB with a unique identification number. Residents need to simply log on to the USCB website (my2020census.gov) and complete the instructions, which should take 15 minutes. Information is offered in multiple languages and households that misplace or don't have their identification number will have to complete a couple of extra steps.

Even though field operations have been suspended, the USCB will be providing updates on turnouts in the coming weeks and have those available electronically. Look for an announcement in the LOC Bulletin when this information becomes available.

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President's Message

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questions, and give us the most up-to-date information. As I've talked, texted, and listened to dozens of mayors it's clear that the network we share with each other transcends any geographical, philosophical, or political divide. The relationships we have with each other that have been created at conferences, workshops, and dinners are making a difference as we work to serve and support our towns and cities during this trying time. It's why we matter to each other and why the OMA is more relevant than ever. So, thanks for being an Oregon Mayor and a member of OMA!

Steve Callaway, Mayor of Hillsboro
President of OMA

Mayors Leadership Awards

Nominations will be open soon for the Mayors Leadership Award, a program of the Oregon Mayors Association which honors OMA-member mayors who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities which have contributed to lasting benefits in his/her city and the community as a whole.

Special consideration will be given to mayors who have:

- Shown considerable involvement in community affairs and intergovernmental relations;
- Shown exceptional skill in helping to facilitate productive relationships between the governing body and city employees; and
- Helped other Oregon mayors reach their full potential as community leaders.

Watch your inbox and the OMA website for nomination materials in April. Questions about Mayors Leadership Award can be directed to Kelly Richardson at krichardson@orcities.org or (503) 588-6550.



Coos Bay & North Bend

Don't Just Come for the OMA 2020 Summer Conference

Hopefully every Mayor in Oregon is planning on attending the OMA 2020 Summer Conference in Coos Bay. The Conference will be another great event for Oregon's mayors. OMA plans to provide plenty of networking opportunities, educational tours, and sessions geared towards helping Oregon's mayors ensure their cities remain vibrant and successful. But, while you're in Coos County for the conference, please make sure you experience some of the wonderful things Coos County, the city of Coos Bay and the city of North Bend have to offer you and your family.

1. The Umpqua Dunes are of the Siuslaw National Forest. You can bring your OHV to explore the dunes, or for those who prefer to stand on their own two feet, you can hike the dunes and walk to the beach to view the ocean.

2. South Slough Reserve. If you enjoy hiking, canoeing or kayaking, check out the South Slough Reserve to explore

open water channels, tidal and freshwater wetlands, riparian areas and forested lands.

3. Golden and Silver Falls State Natural Area. Love waterfalls? Then take a short drive from Coos Bay to Golden and Silver Falls State Natural area to hike through scenic canyons to witness waterfalls that plunge 100 feet to a series of boulders.

4. Cape Arago State Park. If you like watching waves crash against the rocky Oregon coast, then make sure you visit Cape Arago. Take some time do a bit of whale watching as well.

5. Shore Acres State Park. If you love botanical gardens then Shore Acres is a must see. The park has a formal garden, a Japanese-style garden and two different rose gardens.

Summer Conference Scholarships Available

Each year scholarships are offered for mayors of small cities to participate in the OMA Summer Conference through the OMA Scholarship Program. Mayors from a city with a population up to 5,000 can apply for the scholarship.

More information and an application form will be included in the conference registration mailing in mid-April, and will be posted on the OMA website at www.oregonmayors.org.

Oregon Mayors Head to Washington, D.C.

In January of this year, many of Oregon's mayors traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Two of these mayors, Denny Doyle from Beaverton and Stan Pulliam from Sandy, sat down to discuss their experience with LOC for its podcast, *City Focus*. Below is a brief summary of what these two mayors shared during the podcast.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is a non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more and its Winter Meeting provides mayors with the opportunity to network with one another, identify strategies for solving municipal problems, and meet with U.S. Representatives, Senators and the President to discuss how the federal government can partner strategically with local governments across the country.

As a first-term mayor, this was Mayor Pulliam's first time attending a U.S. Conference of Mayors event. Mayor Pulliam noted that since Sandy is a smaller city it does not have the resources to pay for a lobbyist, Mayor Pulliam saw his attendance at this event as an opportunity to present Sandy's needs to Oregon's federal delegation. He noted that the event allowed him to network and collaborate with other mayors. Mayor Pulliam saw the event as a way "to make the learning curve a little less steep."

Mayor Doyle attended the event for the ninth time. He noted that he likes the U.S. Conferences of Mayors event because it's a smaller venue than events hosted by the National League of Cities and its singularly focused on mayors. Mayor Doyle finds the event solidifies how unified mayors truly are, that the problems mayors face across the country are universally the same. Coming together at the U.S. Conference of Mayors event allows him to "borrow ideas" from other mayors to help ensure Beaverton's success as a city.

Both Mayor Pulliam and Doyle noted that they believe the federal government does listen to the U.S. Conference of Mayors. By combining forces as a large group, mayors from across the country are able to speak

with one voice about major municipal issues to garner the attention of both Congress and the President. As an example, Mayor Pulliam noted that the Conference provided one big overview of infrastructure and then the individual mayors were able to solidify that story with real life hometown stories about local infrastructure needs. Because Mayor Doyle believes mayors can make a difference while in D.C., he noted that he hopes more Oregon mayors will attend the event in the future.

For more information on this year's Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors please listen to the 35th episode of LOC's *City Focus* podcast, available on the LOC's website: www.orcities.org. If you're interested in learning more about the U.S. Conference of Mayors or in attending any of their future events, please visit their website: www.usmayors.org.



OREGON TRIVIA

Question: Which city in Oregon owns and operates the only municipally owned railroad in the state of Oregon?

Answer on back page

Mayors in D.C.

At the beginning of March, nearly 100 Oregon elected officials, staff and youth councilors attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference (CCC). CCC is hosted in the nation's capital, is considered "America's largest legislative conference for local leaders" by NLC. During the conference many important policy discussions were had, networking happened, and a spot-light was shone on the power of cities.

Typically, the first three days resemble a traditional conference. The last day, however, is Capitol Hill day where attendees from each state are encouraged to meet with their congressional delegation. This year at least one mayor was present at every one of the congressional delegation meetings that the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) helped coordinate for Oregon attendees. They met with Senators Merkley and Wyden, and Congresspersons Walden, DeFazio, Bonamici and Schrader. Oregon mayors that attended included OMA President Steve Callaway, Denny Doyle, Frank Bubenik, Peter Truax, Russ Axelrod, George Endicott and Tom Ellis (see picture at right of them trying their best Charlie's Angel pose on the Capitol's steps). They along with other Oregon attendees advocated on housing and homelessness, restoring local control to the rights-of-way, and infrastructure investment.

A few Oregon mayors were asked what value they found in the CCC event and hill day.

OMA President and Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway said the value comes in three things – learning, camaraderie, and connection. "Every time I come to this conference I learn. I learn what other cities are doing all around the country. Next, on the hill there is a sort of mutual camaraderie built because both me and the congressional delegation are elected officials and we are both trying to work hard for our constituents. Lastly, there is a connection that is built connecting our city back home to the federal delegation and giving cities a voice at the national level. "

Tualatin Mayor Frank Bubenik valued the face time with the congressional offices, saying "the 2-3 minutes we



spend face to face with our congressional delegation are more impactful than any letter or email we send trying to advance our message."

West Linn Mayor Russ Axelrod said "the CCC provides not only workshops and key topical information useful to cities, it's a forum for city leaders to meet and discuss our issues in the most meaningful way - personal connections. Add to that the opportunity to discuss and advocate for our issues with our congressional delegation and you have a perfect recipe for a successful conference."

Next year the Congressional City Conference will be back in Washington, DC on March 7-10 for those who want to attend. If you attend, you might get a chance to participate in a cool picture on the capitol steps, too.

Meet Your 2020 OMA Board of Directors

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President
Steve Callaway
Mayor, Hillsboro

Mayor Callaway was elected to the Hillsboro City Council in November 2010, re-elected in 2014, and became mayor in 2016. His previous experience includes the city's budget committee, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee and the city's planning commission. Additional community involvement includes the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve Board, the Hillsboro Library Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club and the Hillsboro Schools Foundation. Mayor Callaway earned his undergraduate degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego and a master's degree at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. He recently retired from his position as a principal at Tobias Elementary School in Hillsboro.



President-Elect
Beth Wytoski
Mayor, Dayton

Mayor Wytoski has served the city of Dayton since 2008 and is a third generation member of the city council. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon where she played trumpet in the marching band, campaigned for local housing standards, and worked on public safety plans and a master's degree from Pacific University. She teaches Government and Economics at Dayton High School. Mayor Wytoski is married and has three young children. She is passionate about responsible, meaningful, effective policy formation and improving public participation in civic processes.



Past President
Brian Dalton
Mayor, Dallas

Mayor Brian Dalton is a fifth generation Polk County resident, serving on the Dallas City Council since 2001 and as mayor since 2011. He obtained a master's degree in public administration, then pursued a career as a Regular Army Officer serving in many locations throughout the world. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993. In that year, with his brother, he founded Dalton Rock, Inc., which has become a major source of aggregate material in the region. The rock company was sold in 2008 and Brian has since devoted his energies to managing his forestland and to the community of Dallas. One of his hobbies is to restore and fly 1920s vintage antique airplanes.

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Allan Duffy
Mayor, Elgin

Mayor Duffy has been a Elgin resident for 11 years. He started his public service with an appointment to the planning commission and then was appointed to a vacant seat on the council. Mayor Duffy ran for re-election and two years later ran for mayor and now has served two terms. He is now running for a third term as mayor and hopes to continue to serve his community. He is married and has three children.



Jeff Gowing
Mayor, Cottage Grove

Mayor Gowing was elected mayor of Cottage Grove in 2106, after serving two terms as a city councilor. He was born and raised in Cottage Grove, and is a fourth generation graduate of Cottage Grove High School. He is a U.S. Army Veteran and an active member of the American Legion. Mayor Gowing also spends time involved with the National Veterans Awareness Organization as they ride motorcycles from California to Washington D.C. to help veterans. Mayor Gowing is married to his wife Celia, and has three grown children and four grandchildren. He and his wife also own the Gray Cat Inn Bed and Breakfast. He has worked at Weyerhaeuser since 1989 and currently works as a millwright there.

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Christine Lundberg
Mayor, Springfield

Born and raised in Springfield, Mayor Lundberg is the city's 37th mayor, an office she has held since 2010. Prior to public office, Mayor Lundberg volunteered to help pass bond measures in the city that resulted in the construction of two new elementary schools and a new fire station. She also helped pass a measure to restore the Mill Race, a key component of Springfield's timber industry. Mayor Lundberg was first elected to the Springfield City Council in 1999 and served the Gateway area for more than a decade. During that time, the Peacehealth Hospital at Riverbend was built, and transportation improvements to Interstate 5 and Beltline were planned. In addition, the first bus rapid transit, known as EmX, became a reality, providing a route from downtown Eugene to downtown Springfield.

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W. John Moore
Mayor, Yachats

Mayor Moore is serving his first term in Yachats. He previously chaired the City's Parks and Commons Commission for 2 years, chaired the Public Works & Streets Commission for a year and a half, served on the Finance Committee for 4 years, and the Budget Committee for the last 3 years. Prior to public service, he spent 20 years in residential lending and bank management, then started his own company, the Senior Finance Center, that he ran for over 10 years prior to retirement. He has been a Rotarian for over 26 years, and has

been involved in numerous non-profit agencies over the years. He is married, and his wife Sara is an active volunteer at the Yachats Public Library.



Hank Williams
Mayor, Central Point

Mayor Williams has been mayor of Central Point for 16 years. An Oregon native, and son of Oregon natives, he was born in Klamath County and grew up on the family farm. He has a BS degree from Sacramento State University. Mayor Williams was a banker/lender with Production Credit Association, First Interstate Bank, Western Bank and PremierWest Bank. He resides in Central Point with his wife, a retired teacher. They raised 3 daughters. Central Point, during the past 16 years, has grown from 13,000 to over 19,000 with many

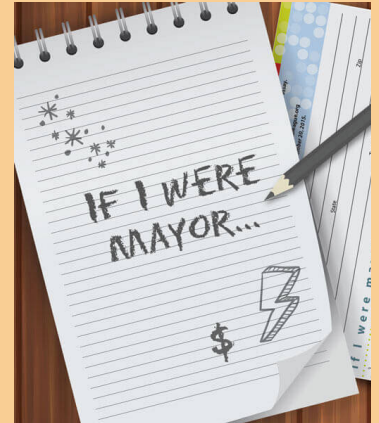
new businesses and is the safest city in Southern Oregon.

"If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest

The 2020 "If I Were Mayor..." student contest will soon be underway in cities across Oregon. The contest is designed to get students thinking about community needs, public service and to come up with creative ways to solve issues in their cities. The contest

has categories for elementary school students (who submit posters), middle school students (who write an essay) and high school students who submit digital media presentations). One first place and second place winner will be selected from each category. By participating in this contest, students learn about the role of the mayor and about services cities provide.

Questions about OMA Student Contest can be directed to Debi Higgins at dhiggins@orcities.org or (503) 588-6550.



Calendar of Events

April 17, 2020

OMA Board of Directors Meeting
Hillsboro or via Conference Call

August 6, 2020

OMA Board of Directors Meeting
The Mill Casino, Coos Bay/North Bend

August 6-8, 2020

OMA Summer Conference
The Mill Casino, Coos Bay/North Bend

October 14, 2020 | 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

OMA Board of Directors Meeting
Salem Convention Center

October 15, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

OMA Annual Membership Meeting and Fall Workshop
Salem Convention Center

October 15-17, 2020

LOC Annual Conference
Salem Convention Center

Bike Recoveries Made Easy

By Portland Police Officer Dave Sanders

100,000 bikes registered. That's our goal for Portland in 2023. A lofty number when you're talking about bike registration, but one we need desperately to hit. The reason?

10,000 bikes are stolen in Portland (just Portland!) every year. It would be an understatement to say that we have a massive problem on our hands. Fortunately, we've halted the rise of this \$10 million/year problem, and have begun to see a decrease in Portland bicycle theft.

The good news? We've gotten really good at returning bikes to their owners. During their normal patrol duties, a group of about eight Portland Police officers with the Bike Theft Task Force recover about 300 bikes a year, returning approximately 75% of those bikes to the rightful owners. Not many cities can boast these numbers—likely none—and for good reason.

The weakest link to bike theft has always been a lack of knowledge. Most cyclists don't know their serial number. Most don't know that they need to record it so that they can prove ownership to police, which leads to discouragement on both ends. Police are discouraged when every suspected stolen bike that they encounter comes back "clear" by serial number. Citizens are discouraged because "What's the use in reporting a stolen bike if police are never going to find it?"

Bike registration closes the loop and gives hope. Statistics show that you are twice as likely to get your bike back if it's registered. Local bike registries were a good start a couple of decades ago but today, cross-agency cooperation is crucial: law enforcement agencies express frustration with the fact that today's black market for bicycles works across postal codes versus 20 years ago when most of the black market happened where bikes were stolen. Today, with online marketplaces and high-end bikes, many sales (and many recoveries) happen outside of the jurisdiction.

Bike Registration in a simple way to record what you have. Project 529 (founded by Microsoft's "father of the Xbox") has developed a North America bike registration database that cities are able to implement quickly. Bike registration for cyclists is free, fast, and effective using the 529 Garage app or Project 529 website. Portland has taken it a



step further and has accessed the customizable fee-based services that the company offers to increase our effectiveness within the community. We've loved the results and see this as a key component to our comprehensive response to bike theft.

As police, we are constantly under pressure to use our limited time effectively. Project 529 gives the officer instant feedback on who is missing a bike, potentially saving the officer hours of their time that they would otherwise spend investigating ownership. The information entered in this database is shared across police jurisdictions. Project 529 also gives the owner control to inform the larger public community of their stolen bike, if they choose.

Police cannot solve bike theft on our own. We need the community's help, and Project 529 is the best crime fighting tool to unify efforts and improve bike registration, reporting, and successful recoveries.

Something we've learned along the way about bike registration? The community loves it and the thieves hate it.

Want to help us control bike theft in Oregon? Adopt Project 529 and engage the community!

Officer Dave Sanders

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Portland Police Bureau Bike Theft Task Force

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OMA's Listserv – Helping Each Other Succeed

The OMA's listserv, which provides a means for support and information sharing between OMA members outside of in-person gatherings, has been active for several months. Several key issues have been discussed.

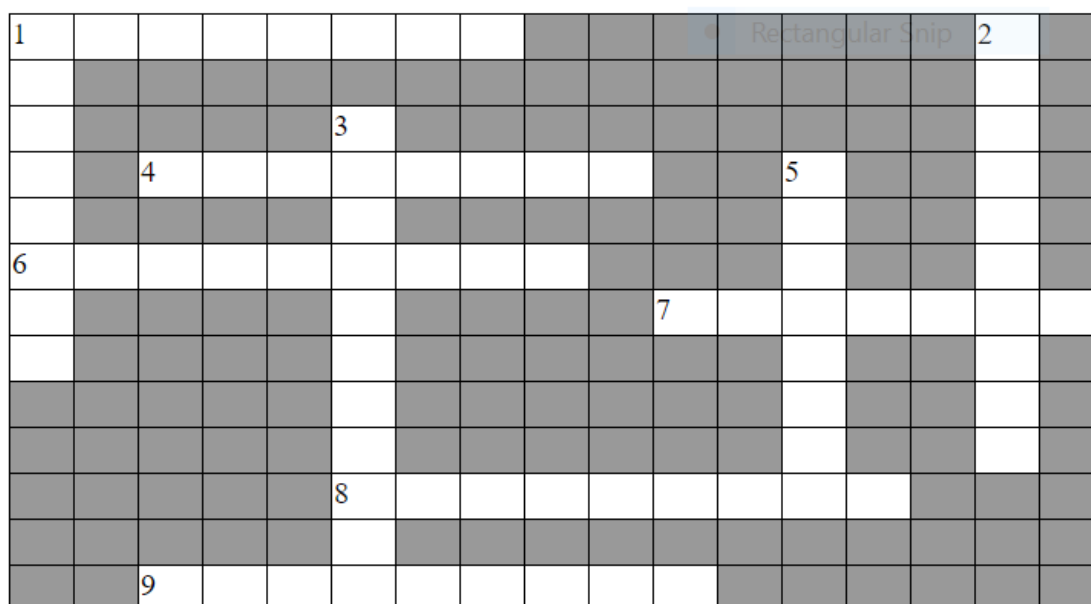
In December, the Mayor of Warrenton asked the membership for any information on cities, or their area partners, processing wild game and donating that game to food banks or citizens in need. The Mayor of Lincoln City was able to connect the OMA membership with a Lincoln County Commissioner who provided a wealth of information on the subject.

During the month of January, two mayors used the listserv as a way to find examples of what other cities in Oregon are doing regarding processes and procedures. The Mayor of Falls City needed to review council rules

of procedure for his city to use at it considers creating its own governing policies. And the Mayor of Maywood Park needed examples of community engagement surveys. Their fellow members were kind enough to supply.

In March, the Mayor of Newport was looking for advice on how other cities handle public comment during council meetings. Several cities provided information on how their community handles public comment and some were kind enough to share their respective written policies with Newport.

The Listserv has become a valuable resource for OMA members. If you have any questions about the listserv, please contact Lisa Trevino at ltrevino@orcities.org or (503) 588-6550.



ACROSS

1. 2020 OMA Board President
4. City closest to the Painted Hills
6. Southernmost Oregon City
7. Film location for Goonies
8. Monty the Mountaineer calls it home
9. Population of two

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1. Host of 2020 OMA Summer Conference
2. Known for kite surfing
3. Hosts an annual UFO Festival
5. Home of the world's smallest park

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Don't Forget to Renew Your OMA Membership

There is still time to renew your membership in the Oregon Mayors Association for 2020. Membership forms are available on the OMA website – www.oregonmayors.org.

Encourage your neighboring mayors, especially those who have been in office for a short time, to enroll if they are not already members of OMA. It's their opportunity to join over three-quarters of their fellow mayors in Oregon in making the OMA a strong voice for their city and a collaborative resource for mayors. Remember, one of the most valuable benefits of the OMA is the opportunity to meet and network with your fellow mayors. Sharing ideas, problems and issues with others can lead to solutions that work for your community.

Trivia Answer (page 10):Prineville

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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| 1. Steve Callaway | 6. La Grande |
| 2. Coos Bay | 7. Mitchell |
| 3. Brookings | 8. Portland |
| 4. McMinnville | 9. Astoria |
| 5. Greenhorn | 10. Hood River |