



# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Recently a mayor colleague shared a conversation he had with a friend/voter. The mayor had told his friend it wasn't a lot of fun being a mayor right now to which his friend replied,

"I didn't vote for you to have fun. I voted for you to lead." I've thought about this a lot during 2020. Mayors have had to deal with the pandemic health crisis, the economic fallout from the response to the pandemic, financial strain on our city budgets, public safety and issues surrounding police brutality, devastating and catastrophic firestorms, increasing homelessness, demonstrations and protests, a New Civil Rights Movement,

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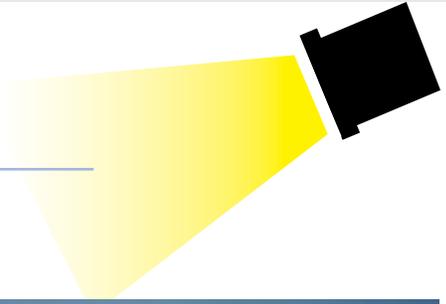
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# CITY SPOTLIGHT: SEASIDE

Submitted by Seaside Mayor Jay Barber



“The axis of the earth sticks out visibly through the center of each and every town or city.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Seaside, a bustling oceanfront community almost 7,000 strong, has one of the most compelling stories you’ll find anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. Widely known as a vacation destination with visitors enjoying the beach and Broadway on any given night, this colorful town has many layers.

Let’s start at the beginning.

In some ways our very first visitors were members of the Lewis and Clark expedition—including at times Sacagawea—in the winter of 1805-1806. The party set up a salt-making operation to build up supplies for the return trip home having reached their destination: the mighty Pacific Ocean. Our area was then home to people of the Clatsop and Tillamook tribes who assisted the salt makers and lived on fish, game and berries in the coastal lands around Tillamook Head as they had for thousands of years. Today a replica marks the spot of this historic event and re-enactors stage a live salt-making demonstration nearby each fall.

The City of Seaside has its roots in the opening of railroad magnate Ben Holladay’s “Seaside House” in 1870. Visitors came via Astoria often having traveled by stage-coach, riverboat, and train and they stayed for long spells in the summer on the luxurious grounds which featured a racetrack and fine dining. By the time our growing city was officially incorporated in 1899, thousands of people were vacationing here each year and shops lined a shell path called “Rubberneck Row” (present day Broadway) all the way down to the beach. Fathers who worked in Portland would often arrive on the famed “Daddy Train” each weekend, greeted by immense crowds of families on summer holiday and then shove off again just one day later as they returned to work.

Seaside’s iconic automobile Turnaround with its sweeping views and 1.5-mile concrete Promenade situated between beach sand and beach homes were both constructed in the early 1920s. A cultural explosion occurred in the ensuing years, resulting in bellwether establishments like the Times Theatre—which was recently renovated and reopened as a sports and film screening brewpub—and



the Seaside Aquarium, which was opened in 1937 in the repurposed building of an even older saltwater natatorium. Big name musicians like Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, and the Kingsmen came to town regularly to play lauded venues like the Bungalow Dance Hall and the Pypo Club.

Thanks to involved local organizations like the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, the Seaside Downtown Development Association, and the Seaside Historical Society Museum, our town plays host to a wide range of events year-round, ranging from small festive gatherings around holidays to large international draws like the Hood to Coast relay and our annual Beach Volleyball Tournament. Together with outdoor recreation, shopping opportunities, and amusements galore, this small coastal city welcomes approximately one million visitors annually.



In addition to the outsized tourism economy, Seaside is a city like any other with important infrastructure and improvement projects taking center stage for city staff and elected officials. Seaside School District voters passed a bond in 2016 to build a new campus in the hills above the tsunami inundation zone and that construction is now nearing completion. Relatedly, the city fast-tracked a new water reservoir project pulled from the long-horizon Master Plan to support relocating the campus to the east hills. The 2.5-million-gallon water tank will also improve water pressure to homes and a hospital nearby.

Work continues on a five-phase road improvement project for the downtown core that was begun in 2015. The project is embedding utilities underground while improving the street side aesthetics of important corridors of commerce into Seaside. Phase three was completed this summer and phases four and five will commence in the coming years.

Probably the most immediately visible recent project is the \$15 million renovation and expansion of the Seaside Civic & Convention Center. Originally opened in 1971, this latest update—completed just before the COVID-19 pandemic struck—contemporized the center’s aesthetics and technologies, widened the breakout opportunities available to meeting planners, and increased the overall size of groups able to be accommodated onsite. Currently the venue boasts nearly 24,600 square feet of meeting space with an additional 8,900 square feet of prefunction and mezzanine areas. The center sits among more than 700 hotel rooms in the immediate area and is just blocks from the Historic Gilbert District, all the attractions of Broadway, and postcard-worthy views of the Pacific Ocean in every direction.

Looking into the bright lights of the future, we invite everyone to share in a special experience with us next year. The Seaside Prom and Turnaround will celebrate a centennial in 2021 – that’s

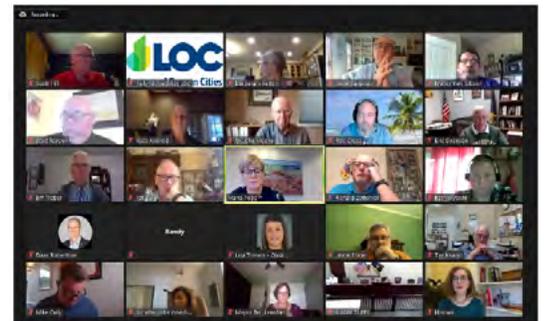
one hundred years of romantic walks, family strolls, early morning jogs, sunset bike rides and perfect days spent at the beach. We’ve welcomed visitors to this majestic landmark through previous pandemics and a world war and through remarkable occasions like solar eclipses and moon landings. Daily, too, we watch the weather continuously change from the Prom, the storms and the sunbreaks, and note the migratory birds and whales as they pass through their seasons. The Prom experience is unmatched and unforgettable.

From January through December in 2021, join us for this centennial celebration in Seaside. Our community has events large and small planned throughout the year, but you can experience the Prom at any time and in any season. We’ve even printed a limited edition commemorative booklet to help guide your way. See you on the Prom!



# OMA Summer Conference Goes Virtual

This year's OMA Summer Conference was virtual due to the pandemic of 2020. There were just under 60 mayors in attendance and with everything going on in 2020 it did not lack in success. A big shout-out to opening ceremony speaker Governor Brown, Keynote Speaker Governor Roberts knocked it out of the park! There were a variety of sessions: The three "Ds" of Depression: Economic Outlook in the Pandemic Era; City Charter; Community Preparedness and Lessons Learned; Race in Oregon a Historical Perspective; (REAL) Race, Equity and Leadership; and Importance of Connectivity in the face of COVID.



A big thank you goes out to the six sponsors of this year's conference who combined contributed approximately

\$7,000 to the event, which helps to offset the costs and make the conference more affordable to everyone. Thank you PGE, Pacific Power, Hayden Homes, Comcast, Walmart and Berry Elsner & Hammond.

Mark your calendars now for the 2021 OMA Summer Conference scheduled for July 29-31 at the Mill Casino...if in-person meetings resume.

## Thank You Conference Sponsors!



## OMA Raffle a Success!

With the pandemic of 2020, it was all but impossible to pull off the silent auction. Which led to a very successful raffle. Mayors and cities around the state contributed to the various baskets/items available. There were 10 baskets/items available, from air show tickets, shopping trips, games, to a Pendleton wool blanket and more. The tickets were \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for 5 tickets and all proceeds from the raffle will go towards next years scholarships.

Due to the affordability of this year's event no scholarships were needed. For next year the League of Oregon Cities Foundation will provides scholarships for elected officials to attend the Oregon Mayors Association and League of Oregon Cities conferences and trainings. For more information and to donate to the LOC Foundation, please contact Kelly Richardson at (503) 540-6587 or [krichardson@orcities.org](mailto:krichardson@orcities.org).

## Mayors Leadership Awards Presented During OMA Summer Conference

The Mayors Leadership Awards were presented during the closing ceremony of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) Virtual Summer Conference, held August 6-7.



**Halsey Mayor Jerry Lachenbruch** won in the small city category. Mayor Lachenbruch was appointed to his position in February of 2019. He has thrown himself into the role, with great commitment and energy. He has given selflessly of his own time, using all his vacation

from his job to attend city events, council work sessions, trainings and conferences. He spends his evenings reading and researching and educating himself on issues that impact Halsey, his region, and the state. He has led advocacy efforts with regard to regional wetlands issues, PERS reform, and rural economic development. He has represented Halsey on two local committees: The Central Linn Community Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Central Linn Recreation Center Committee.



**Jacksonville Mayor Paul Becker** won in the medium city category. At 90 years, Mayor Paul is arguably our state's oldest serving mayor, but he is so much more than that. A bit of history is in order. In 2011, after the sudden, unexpected resignation of the previous, recently elected

mayor, Paul was unanimously chosen by his fellow councilors to assume the mayoral duties. This decision proved fortuitous for Jacksonville whose citizens have returned him to the office ever since.

The reasons for Mayor Paul's strong support by Jacksonville citizens and for this nomination are many. From the beginning, Mayor Paul recognized the importance of a

competent and energized city staff for a healthy and functioning city. He quickly secured needed administrative changes with resulting significantly improved city services and, equally important, dramatic staff morale improvement.



**Silverton Mayor Kyle Palmer** won in the large city category. Mayor Palmer was appointed in 2017 by fellow councilors to fill a vacancy and then elected in 2018 to fill a full two-year term. Amongst his other accomplishments, he has served on the Budget Committee from

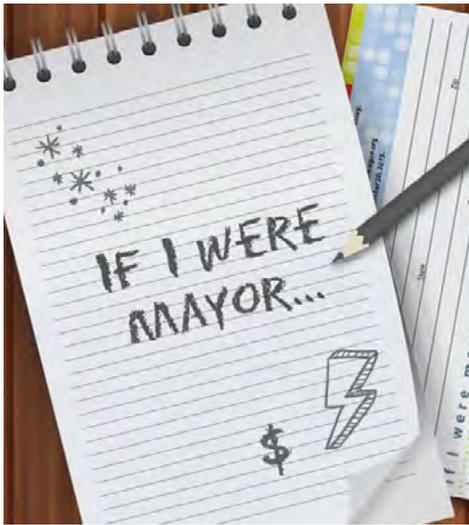
2005-present, Urban Renewal Committee 2005-2013 and 2015-present, Tourism Promotion Committee 2007-to present, Silverton Parks and Recreation Chair 2014-2019 just to name a few.

Under Mayor Palmer's leadership, the city has exemplified empathy and innovation in their response to the evolving COVID-19 situation. His convening of a regular community leadership conference call sets the tone for coordination among Silverton's local government entities (City, Fire District, Library District) and the variety of nonprofits that offer safety net services and weave a social fabric that makes Silverton special.



**Newport Mayor Dean Sawyer** received the Honorable Mention Award.

The mayors received their awards, were honored by their peers and the leadership of Oregon's 241 cities. Find more of their stories and pictures on the [OMA website](#).



# Engage Your Students In Your Community!

## Participate In The 2020-2021 “If I Were Mayor...” Student Contest

The “If I Were Mayor...” Student Contest has started! Each mayor is encour-

aged to promote a local contest by the same name over the course of the school year so that local entries can be submitted to the statewide competition in May. The OMA Board of Directors encourages you to speak with your local school district and youth to encourage students to submit entries in three different categories:

- Elementary School (grades 4-5). Students in these grades are encouraged to submit posters detailing what they would do as mayor.
- Middle School (grades 6-8). Students in these grades are encouraged to submit essays detailing what they would do as mayor.
- High School (grades 9-12). Students in these grades are encouraged to submit a digital media presentation (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) detailing what they would do as mayor.

Submissions to the statewide competition are due **May 7, 2021**. Only one submission in each of the three categories is allowed per city.

Mayors should have received a packet of information on how to participate via email. To assist students in creating their entries, the OMA Board of Directors created educational materials outlining the role of a mayor and listing the services typically provided by cities in Oregon. These materials, along with an entry form for use in local contest, can be found on the OMA website at [www.oregonmayors.org](http://www.oregonmayors.org).

Judging for the statewide competition will take place in June. First-place winners will be invited to attend the awards luncheon held during the OMA Annual Conference in North Bend, July 29 - 31 where they will receive their prizes.

For more information and examples of previous entries, please visit [www.oregonmayors.org](http://www.oregonmayors.org). Questions about the contest can be directed to Debi Higgins at (503) 588-6550 or [dhiggins@orcities.org](mailto:dhiggins@orcities.org).



## OREGON FUN FACTS – Did You Know?

The Nike “swoosh” logo was designed by Portland State University student Carolyn Davidson in 1971 — several years after business undergrad Phil Knight and track coach Bill Bowerman founded the company they originally called Blue Ribbon Sports. Knight had rejected several of Davidson’s designs, and when picking the swoosh, said he didn’t love it, but that maybe it would grow on him. Ms. Davidson was paid \$35 dollars for her design. In the 1980s, Davidson would be given a more proper credit through stock in Nike.

There are nine lighthouses standing along the Oregon coastline. Five are still being used; the others are designated as historic monuments. The nation’s most photographed lighthouse is the Heceta Head Lighthouse located in Lane County.

## 2020 “If I Were Mayor...” Student Contest Winners

### Elementary Poster Results

- 1st Place winner – Happy Valley, Kate Janzen, Grade 4
- 2nd Place winner – St. Helens, Olivia Fantus, Grade 5
- 3rd Place winner – Forest Grove, Emily Jack, Grade 4
- Honorable Mention – Elgin, Isabella Fox, Grade 5

### Middle School Essay Results

- 1st Place winner – Scappoose, Megan Earl, Grade 8
- 2nd Place winner – West Linn, Tealia Jud, Grade 6
- 3rd Place winner – Elgin, Olivia Farris, Grade 6
- Honorable Mention – Silverton, Rieve Randall, Grade 8

### High School Digital Media Results

- 1st Place winner – Elgin, Mariah, Grade 11 | [Click Here to View](#)
- 2nd Place winner – Beaverton, Samyak Shrimali, Grade 9 | [Click Here to View](#)
- 3rd Place winner – Happy Valley, Yurie Han, Grade 11 | [Click Here to View](#)

All winners were interviewed by their Mayor at the 2020 OMA Virtual Conference and will be presented their prizes at a local meeting of the City Council.

## President’s Message

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election tensions and political divisions. Any of these situations would be a challenge. Together they almost defy description.

So how do we lead in times like these? I remind us of the wisdom that Governor Barbara Roberts shared with us at our summer OMA conference. While we all lead differently, good leaders:

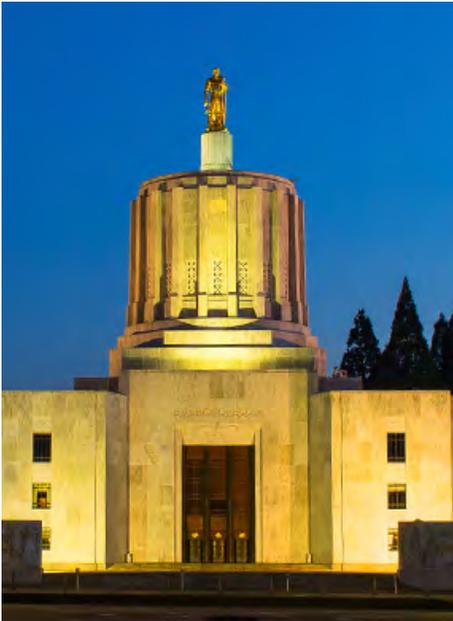
- Have the self-confidence to believe you can make a difference.
- The passion to believe that what we do matters.
- The courage to risk it all because we believe what we are doing does matter.

Gov. Roberts also taught us:

- If leading were easy anyone could do it, and it’s in tough times like now that people cry out for leadership.
- We can choose when to run but we cannot choose the backdrop before which we serve.

So, thanks to all Oregon mayors. Thanks for answering the call to lead. Thanks for leading with self-confidence, passion, and courage. While this may not be the backdrop that any of us would have chosen I am proud to share the stage with so many fine leaders.

Steve Callaway, Mayor of Hillsboro  
President of OMA



# 2021 LOC Legislative Priorities

By Jim McCauley, LOC Legislative Director

The selection of legislative priorities and the process used by the League of Oregon Cities can be an exhaustive process for the intergovernmental affairs (IGR) team and some 140 LOC members who

are part of the seven policy committees. If you're not familiar with the process, there are 3-4 meetings for each [policy committee](#) that run about 3 hours in length and take place in the spring of an even-year in advance of the odd-year full legislative session. LOC's process is truly a city driven effort and, in the end, covers a wide spectrum of issues are important to cities. For the 2021 legislative session, [26 policy issues](#) were identified with 6 selected as a [top priority](#) based on the full membership [vote tallies](#).

This was my first LOC process to participate in, and I can say I was impressed with the detail and scope of the meetings as well as the involvement from members in the process. Once policy committees develop priorities, the top priorities from each policy committee are added to a ballot for the entire membership to vote and ultimately the LOC Board reviews and adoptions a final set of priorities.

The policy committees have a high level of expertise with many issues and there is a cross section of representation on the committees both in geography and size of cities across Oregon. There are also mayors, council members, and city staff on these committees. From my perspective, this process is about the collective of priorities that have impacts for all cities. As an example, this year's top priorities include advocacy for economic recovery efforts responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. This truly cuts across all cities statewide and we know the impacts of the pandemic have different health and economic impacts in nearly every community in Oregon. So, whether you're the city of Hillsboro, Lakeview or Lakeside you're going

to need some resources to recover from the pandemic. Our advocacy for affordable housing resources also takes on a different look dependent on the community, but we collectively advocate for additional technical resources needed in communities that don't have the resources and finding additional tools that will provide opportunities for developing affordable housing in all communities.

One thing that is for certain in the legislative process or even in our own priority setting effort is the ability to pivot and address the changing political landscape, but also respond to the unexpected. We are in this situation currently and find ourselves scrambling to identify legislative needs in response to the catastrophic loss in several communities due to the late season wildfire event. For the IGR team we are processing the response to the wildfire and will plug our team into the conversations taking place in Salem and at the federal level. We are borrowing from the extensive California experience of rebuilding neighborhoods, communities and cities with a wildfire season that has extended well beyond the summer and in some locations is almost an endless battle.

The other point I would like to make is that the IGR team's advocacy is not confined to the top 6 priorities or the 26 policy issues identified by members. A great example of this is the third-party building inspection issue that emerged in advance of the 2019 session. LOC has not stopped the fight and is currently getting closer to some resolution in an administrative rule making process despite the issue not represented in the priority setting process.

Finally, this session we are entering 2021 with an overall organizational priority that will focus on 1) Avoiding unfunded mandates, 2) Preserving local decision-making and problem-solving authority, 3) Preserving Local Revenue Streams, 4) Serving in a supportive role to provide local tools and resources, 5) Avoiding shifting of additional costs onto local government partners.

The League's advocacy does not stop with selection of priorities. It will take grass roots involvement from every city making sure they communicate directly with their state-level elected officials in order for cities to have a successful 2021 session. It will be a challenge and any help from Oregon's community of mayors will be incredibly helpful.

## See You There!

### OMA Annual Membership Meeting and Fall Workshop October 14, 2020 - Virtual



#### **OMA Fall Workshop**

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

#### **“First Steps – Next Steps” Racial Equity and Leadership in Our Cities**

Following up on the OMA August Conference, we will talk about the difficult conversations around equity, justice and opportunity in our communities, especially with residents of color. Are you having these types of discussions? Are you receiving push-back about them?

#### **OMA Annual Membership Meeting**

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



## **LOC Conference Going Virtual for 2020**

October 14-15, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the governor's orders, the LOC's 95th Annual Conference and Business Meeting will be a virtual event this year. This change allows LOC member cities to continue to receive the training, networking and professional development opportunities that are typically available at the annual conference, but also provides the safest environment for the event.

[Register now >](#)

We're excited to bring this event to our members and look forward to cities joining us from across the state for the first virtual LOC Annual Conference!

## **Save the Date: 2022 OMA Summer Conference**

Due to the pandemic of 2020, it was necessary for the board to cancel the in-person conference in 2020 which allowed 2021 to be held at the Mill casino in July 29-31. Which then allowed 2022 to be picked up and held in Newport at the Best Western Plus in August.

# Oregon Wildfire Recovery Links

Source: [wildfire.oregon.gov](http://wildfire.oregon.gov)

If you sustained uninsured losses or damage due to wildfires beginning Sept. 7, 2020, you may be eligible for disaster aid. Federal funds are available to help eligible individuals recover from wildfire in Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion Counties. Click here to learn about [disaster assistance civil rights](#) or click here for civil rights in [Español](#). To apply, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)



- TTY, call 1-800-462-7585
- 711 or Video Relay Service, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

Learn more by visiting the [FEMA information website](#) or apply online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov)

## Call 2-1-1 for assistance

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Call 2-1-1 to get connected with health and service organizations. They have bilingual staff and access to a 24/7 language interpreter service offering over 240 languages.

### [Volunteer or make a donation](#)

## Resources by topic

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### Current conditions

[Office of Emergency Management RAPTOR fire map](#)

[Oregon Department of Forestry wildfire blog](#)

[Road closures and conditions](#)

[Air quality map and information](#)

[What to do in smoky, hazy air](#)

[Wildfire smoke & health FAQ](#)

### Stay updated & be prepared

[Get county information and alerts](#)

[Get FlashAlerts from Oregon Emergency Management](#)

[Evacuation levels](#)

[What to pack](#)

[Two weeks ready information](#)





## Resources by topic

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### Food & emergency shelter

[Food pantry locations](#)

[Red Cross shelter locations](#)

[Free pet boarding in Salem, Keizer, Eugene and Springfield](#)

[Find a hotel](#)

[Report price gouging](#)

### Resources & information

[Unemployment resources for those affected by wildfire](#)

[Utilities - find utilities that serve your property](#)

[Vital record replacements](#)

[Voting information for those displaced by wildfire](#)

### Tips for after the fire

Report [yourself safe](#) or [search](#) the Red Cross registry

[Register for federal disaster aid](#)

[Make a plan before returning to your property](#)

[Returning to a home that survived a fire](#)

[Well water information](#)

### Property owners & business owners

[Small business owner's navigator hotline can help, call 833-604-0880](#)

[Homeowner insurance & wildfires information View\(1\)Translations](#)

[Filing a homeowners claim after the fire](#)

Insurance advocates are available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily at 888-877-4894

*For the most updated wildfire information,  
visit **wildfire.oregon.gov***



## Listserv Rules and Code of Conduct

The Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) listserv was established as a means for support and information sharing between OMA members. The listserv is currently hosted by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and a member of LOC staff monitors the listserv. Policies are established by the OMA Board of Directors.

Access to the listserv is provided to all OMA members. Access to the listserv is a privilege and not a right of membership. Failure to follow the listserv rules may result in sanctions up to and including removal from the listserv.

Forwarding listserv messages to outside parties should be done judiciously and within the spirit and intent of these rules.

### **COURTESIES & COMMON SENSE (aka “THE RULES”)**

*Keep Your Posts Clean, Short and Succinct:* When replying to a message, keep the part of the message you’re responding to, and delete the unnecessary material. Keep them short and succinct!

*Watch the Subject Line:* When you post, and the subject line no longer has any relevance regarding your topic, please change it to reflect whatever you are talking about. For example, if the subject line reads “Re: COLAs” and the message has started talking about “Job Descriptions,” change the subject line.

*Prohibited Messages:* Chain letters, urban legends and virus warnings. Keep these limited to your private mail outs only! Also prohibited: messages with bias against a protected class.

*Privacy:* This is a restricted listserv. Use of the membership listserv for marketing or other purposes not related to the purposes of OMA is considered a serious violation of the Rules.

*Flaming and Mud Slinging:* Flaming, mudslinging and bashing or attacking other listserv members is not allowed. Please allow everyone to speak their mind in a friendly way and respect the fact that we can’t all agree all the time.

*Off-Topic Posts:* This listserv is about management of local government and professional support, sometimes our conversations stray off topic. If you are talking about anything that isn’t related, please indicate that in the subject line by typing “OT” (off-topic) in the subject line. That way, those who wish to skip the off-topic thread can do so easily. Better yet, please take it from the listserv and e-mail the person privately.

*Questions:* If a listserv member has any questions regarding this policy and how it might affect information contained in a post, he/she should contact the President before posting the message.

*Violations/Penalties:* The President may impose sanctions on a member who violates the rules governing the use of the listserv. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Warning
- Reprimand
- Suspension of listserv privileges for up to 60 days
- Termination of listserv privileges

*Appeal of Penalties:* A person may appeal the imposition of a suspension or termination of his/her listserv privileges by submitting a written notice of an appeal of the President’s decision. Such appeal shall be sent to the OMA Association Manager at 1201 Court St. NE #200, Salem, OR 97301. The appeal shall be heard by the OMA Executive Committee within 30 days of the receipt of the notice of appeal. The President shall not participate in the appeal hearing as a member of the Executive Committee and

shall not vote. The President shall present such information as he/she deems appropriate during the informal appeal hearing. The appellant shall present information and testimony regarding his/her appeal of the President's imposition of penalties.

The Executive Committee, after the conclusion of its informal hearing, shall either sustain, modify, or reverse the President's imposition of penalties. The Executive Committee's decision shall be based on its findings relative to whether there has been a violation of the listserv rules and in the case it has found a violation, the reasonableness of any penalty imposed.

*Reinstatement of Persons Whose Privileges Have Been Terminated:* A member in good standing of OMA whose listserv privileges have been terminated may petition the Executive Committee of OMA for reinstatement no sooner than one year after the date the member's privileges were terminated. In the petition for reinstatement, the member shall indicate the reasons why the member should be considered for reinstatement and the member's commitment to abide by the rules governing the use of the listserv. It shall be solely at the discretion of the Executive Committee whether to reinstate a member's listserv privileges.

If you receive any other listserv related e-mail, privately or publicly, which you consider offensive or inappropriate, please bring it to the attention of the President or the Association Manager immediately to be dealt with accordingly.



## Calendar of Events

**October 13, 2020**

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

OMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Virtual

**October 14, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

Fall Workshop  
Virtual

**October 14, 2020**

**11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Annual Membership Meeting  
Virtual

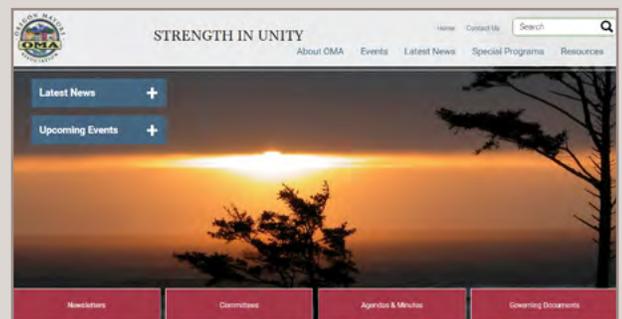
**October 14-15, 2020**

LOC Annual Conference  
Virtual

## Have You Visited OMA's New Website?

The OMA launched their new website earlier this year and contains information about OMA programs, upcoming events, Board of Directors, and more. Any feedback or comment on the new website are greatly encouraged and appreciated. Feedback can be provided to Kelly Richardson at [krichardson@orcities.org](mailto:krichardson@orcities.org).

Visit the website at [www.oregonmayors.org](http://www.oregonmayors.org).



Answers on back page



## 2021 OMA Committee Solicitation

The OMA Board of Directors is soliciting OMA members who are willing to serve on an OMA Committee in 2021. The Board will make 2021 committee appointments during their annual retreat in January. A list of committees and their objectives is below.

Please complete and return this form **by December 7, 2020** if you're interested in serving on one or more committees beginning January 1, 2021.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more	Committee
	<b>CONFERENCE PLANNING</b> Plan the annual summer conference typically held at the end of July or early August. In addition, determine scholarship recipients to attend the conference. This committee typically meets 3 – 5 times via conference call between March – June.
	<b>MAYORS LEADERSHIP AWARD</b> The Mayors Leadership Award recognizes the valuable contributions made by mayors throughout Oregon in their communities. This committee reviews nominations and determines recipients of the award. Membership on this committee is limited to those who have received the award previously. This committee typically meets once via conference call in May/June.
	<b>NOMINATING</b> Review applications and recommend a board slate for the following year. This committee is limited to no more than three past presidents of the association. This committee typically meets 1 -2 times via conference call between June – August.
	<b>STUDENT CONTEST SELECTION</b> The student contest is announced at the summer conference with local submissions due to the OMA by early May. This committee is responsible for determining statewide winners for each of the three categories: poster (grades 4- 5); essays (grades 6 – 8); and digital media presentations (grades 9 – 12). This committee typically meets once in person in June.
	<b>CONSTITUTION &amp; BYLAWS</b> This committee's purpose is to review and propose changes to the OMA's governing documents which include the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. These changes must then be approved by the OMA board and membership. This committee ad hoc and only meets as needed.

I am flexible and would like for the OMA Board of Directors to assign me to \_\_\_\_\_ (# of committees) that have the most need.

Return completed form by December 7<sup>th</sup> to Kelly Richardson at [krichardson@orcities.org](mailto:krichardson@orcities.org).



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