

**OMA 2016
Conference Planning Committee**

**November 11, 2015
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

**Call-in Number: 1-800-504-8071
Pin: 8410998#**

AGENDA

1. Brainstorm – What do we want to accomplish at the 2016 OMA conference?
 - Last year's conference program attached (p. 1-5)
 - 2016 Lincoln City Salishan original proposal (p. 6-29)

2. Input from the 2015 Conference/Review Evaluations
 - Final 2015 evaluations attached (p. 30-39)

3. Preliminary Ideas for Session Topics and Speakers
 - Brainstorm

4. Review Conference Cost Structure
 - 2015 Registration form and 2015 conference budget summary attached (p. 40-41)

5. Other?



Oregon Mayors Association Summer Conference Program

Village Green Resort, Cottage Grove
July 30 – August 1, 2015

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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| 12 Noon - 6:30 p.m. | Registration | <i>Village Green Resort Lobby</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | 9-hole Scramble Golf Tournament | <i>Middlefield Golf Course</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | 9-hole Trifecta of Golf
(Traditional Golf, Soccer Golf & Disc Golf) | <i>Grove Disc Golf Course &
Middlefield Golf Course</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Dorena Dam Hydro-Electric Plant and Pacific Yurts Tour
<i>Board the bus at the Village Green Resort. The bus will leave at 1:00 p.m.</i>

Join host city mayor Thomas Munroe on this tour of Cottage Grove's new hydro-electric plant and learn how it came to be. Followed by a tour of Pacific Yurts, the leading yurt manufacturer in the world, based in Cottage Grove. | |
| 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | OMA Board Meeting | <i>Boardroom</i> |
| 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Get-Acquainted Reception & Silent Auction
Mayors, spouses and guests are invited for a welcome reception and to participate in our annual fund raiser auction. This silent auction will feature gift baskets brought by mayors from all over the state. Sixty percent of the funds raised go to the host city mayor's designated charity and 40% go to the OMA scholarship fund. | <i>Cascadia Room</i> |
| 7:30 p.m. | Dinner on your own | |
| 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. | OMA President's Welcome Reception
Enjoy a nightcap and bring the evening to a close in the company of friends. | <i>Terrace Patio
(outside the Cascadia Room)</i> |

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** *Village Green Resort Restaurant*
- 7:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Registration** *Village Green Resort Lobby*
- 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. *Mayors walk across the street to the Cottage Grove Theatre. Look for the Cottage Grove crossing guards who will be stopping traffic to assist crossing.*
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Speaker** *Cottage Grove Theatre*
President: Scott Burge, Mayor, Scappoose; OMA President
Flag Ceremony: Cub Scout Pack 132
National Anthem: Libby Ladd, Cottage Grove High School
Invocation: Pastor Jim Marcus, Trinity Lutheran Church
Welcome: Thomas Munroe, Mayor, Cottage Grove
- Oregon Cities in an Improving Economy**
Oregon's economy is improving. The state budget outlook isn't. State Treasurer Ted Wheeler will talk about what this unique situation means for cities, and how mayors can take the lead to improve the lives of Oregonians.
Keynote Speaker: Ted Wheeler, State Treasurer of Oregon
- 8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Spouse/Guest Covered Bridges Tour** *(pre-registration required)*
Spouses/Guests board the bus at the Village Green Resort for this guided tour of the area's historic covered bridges, then join the mayors for lunch at Bohemia Park.
- 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *Mayors walk back to Village Green Resort.*
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **State Agency Directors Forum** *Cascadia Room*
Meet with state agency directors and Regional Solutions staff in small groups.
- 11:45 a.m. *Mayors board buses from the Village Green Resort Lobby for lunch at Bohemia Park.*
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Picnic Lunch & Golf Awards** *Bohemia Park Amphitheater*
Bohemia Park is a 14-acre heritage park built in the heart of downtown Cottage Grove on the site of a former railway storage yard. Hear the history of how the park came to be, the public/private partnership that made it happen and the future plans.
Speaker: Faye Stewart, President, Bohemia Foundation
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Spouse/Guest Cottage Grove Winery Tour** *(pre-registration required)*
Spouses/Guests board the bus at Bohemia Park for Saginaw Vineyard and Chateau Lorane tour and winetasting. Must be 21 years of age.

FRIDAY, JULY 31 continued

- 1:30 p.m. *Mayors and Spouses/Guests not going on the Winery Tour board buses to return to Village Green Resort.*
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **City Manager Performance Evaluations** *Cascadia Room*
A successful performance evaluation involves creating the right tool, developing the process for collecting data, using the tool and the actual delivery of the evaluation. Sharon Harris will guide attendees through the process from start to finish, including a mock city manager evaluation.
Speaker: Sharon Harris, Human Resources Senior Consultant, CIS
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. *Round-trip bus transportation provided to the Art Walk, Armory and back to the Village Green Resort. Buses will begin transporting to downtown Cottage Grove at 4:30 p.m. and will continue every 20 minutes until 6:00 p.m. Buses will begin transporting back to the Village Green Resort at 7:30 p.m. and will continue every 20 minutes. The last bus will leave at 9:30 p.m. Parking is also available downtown if you prefer to drive.*
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Cottage Grove Art Walk** *Downtown Cottage Grove*
Stroll the businesses in charming, historic downtown Cottage Grove and enjoy art, friends, music, activities and fun during the city's monthly Art Walk. Try your hand at panning for gold, chat with historians who will be dressed in period costume and see local Hollywood film history displays including a photo booth at the famous Deathmobile from National Lampoon's Animal House. Live music, a toga party, movie showings and more are planned so you'll want to get downtown early to see it all!
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Dinner in the Armory** *Cottage Grove Armory*
Built in 1931, the Armory was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. The large gabled building is a classic example of the Art Deco style and remains largely unchanged from its 1931 appearance. The evening concludes with dessert at several local establishments.
Please note cash-only wine and beer will be available for purchase during dinner.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

- 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** *Village Green Resort Restaurant*
- 7:45 a.m. **Registration** *Village Green Resort Lobby*
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **OMA Business Meeting** *Cascadia Room*
President: Scott Burge, Mayor, Scappoose; OMA President
Speaker: Lynn McNamara, Executive Director, CIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 continued

- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Oregon Scenic Bikeways** *Cascadia Room*
Bicycle-related tourism contributes \$400 million to Oregon's economy annually. Small and large communities benefit from this growing segment of the economy. This session will focus on the successes that communities are having through the Oregon Scenic Bikeways program and the investments Cycle Oregon makes during their rides and through their grant program. You'll also learn about the Bicycle Friendly Business program and the RideOregonRide.com website.
- Speakers:**
Alex Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Specialist, Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.
Natalie Inouye, Chair, Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee
Alison Graves, Executive Director, Cycle Oregon
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Spouse/Guest Cottage Grove Museums Tour** *(pre-registration required)*
Spouses/Guests board the bus at the Village Green Resort for a tour of the Historical Museum, Bohemia Mining Museum and Dr. Snapp House.
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Utilizing Economic Development Partnerships** *Cascadia Room*
This panel session features economic development organization representatives from around the state who will share programs and opportunities for increasing economic development and ways that cities can partner with these or other organizations.
- Speakers:**
Roger Lee, Executive Director, Economic Development for Central Oregon
Nick Harville, Business Retention & Expansion Manager, Strategic Economic Development Corporation
Ron Fox, Executive Director, Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc.
Chuck Daughtry, Executive Director, Columbia County Economic Team
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Student Contest Awards Presentation** *Cascadia Room*
Presider: Scott Burge, Mayor, Scappoose; OMA President
- 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. *Mayors/Spouses/Guests walk over to the Cottage Grove Airport. Look for the Cottage Grove crossing guards who will be stopping traffic to assist crossing.*
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **BBQ Lunch with Stearman Pilots** *Cottage Grove Airport*
Lunch will take place during the 37th Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Biplane Fly-In. Visit with the pilots and view their historic WW II planes while dining on a BBQ lunch.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 continued

- 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. *Mayors/Spouses/Guests walk back to Village Green Resort*
- 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Citizen Involvement Panel** *Cascadia Room*
How do we get citizens interested, involved and engaged in city government? Members of this panel session will share their successful programs, how they got started, how they function currently and how they benefit their city.
Speakers:
Denny Doyle, Mayor, Beaverton – Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board
Daniel Adatto, Intern, Dallas – Citizens’ Academy
John Walsh, City Administrator, St. Helens – What’s Your Waterfront?
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Break**
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Mayors Open Forum** *Cascadia Room*
Do you have current issues or problems facing your city that are in need of solutions? Are you a new mayor who values the experiences of your peers? Are you an experienced mayor willing to share your successes and failures for the good of other mayors? This moderated session is designed to be interactive. Bring your ideas and concerns and be prepared to ask questions and join the discussions.
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Reception** *Terrace Patio
(outside the Cascadia Room)*
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Awards Dinner & Mayors Leadership Award Presentation** *Cascadia Room*
President: Scott Burge, Mayor, Scappoose; OMA President
Enjoy dinner and casual conversation with your peers, spouses and guests. Following dinner, we’ll honor the recipients of this year’s Mayors Leadership Awards.



2016 OMA Summer Conference Host City Application Form

Please submit your completed Host City Application Form by Friday, May 30, 2014 to:

Ginger Harville, Training & Conference Planner

League of Oregon Cities

PO Box 928, Salem, OR 97308

E-mail: gharville@orcities.org

Phone: 503-540-6583 Fax: 503-399-4863

A fillable pdf of this form is available at www.oregonmayors.org.

Yes, our city would love to host the 2016 OMA Summer Conference!

Mayor: Richard Anderson

City: Lincoln City, on the Central Oregon Coast

Phone: 541-996-1205

E-mail: mayor.anderson@lincolncity.org

Please complete the following conference information about your city.

Lodging Accommodations

Hotel Name: Salishan Spa and Golf Resort **# of Guestrooms:** 205

Address: 7760 Hwy 101 North, Gleneden Beach, OR 97388

Phone: 541-764-2371

Web Site: www.salishan.com

Contact Person: Maria Anderson, CGMP

Phone: 503-223-5001

E-mail: manderson@salishan.com

Conference Meeting Space

Same as above

Facility Name: Salishan Spa and Golf Resort **# of Meeting Rooms:** 15

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Phone: 541-764-2371

Web Site: www.salishan.com

Contact Person: Maria Anderson, CGMP

Phone: 503-223-5001

E-mail: manderson@salishan.com

Distance from lodging facility: On-site. Please see attached proposal detailing options

Meals, Tours & Events (Copy this page if you have additional locations to be considered)

1. Location: The Culinary Center in Lincoln City
Address: 801 SW Hwy 101, Suite 401, Lincoln City, OR 97367
Phone: 541-557-1125 Web Site: www.oregoncoast.org
Contact Person: Chef Sharon Wiest
Phone: 541-557-1125 E-mail: sharonw@lincolncity.org
Brief description of location or tour idea: The Culinary Center will host Thursday's
Welcome Reception or travel companion programs.

Transportation Required? Yes No

2. Location: Jennifer Sears Glass Art Studio
Address: 4821 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367
Phone: 541-996-2569 Web Site: www.jennifarsearsglassart.com
Contact Person: Kelly Howard
Phone: 541-996-2569 E-mail: khglass@gmail.com
Brief description of location or tour idea: View professional artists creating
beautiful glassworks. Guests may also blow their own glass float or make a
paperweight or sea creature.

Transportation Required? Yes No

3. Location: Please review the attached Travel Companion brochure.
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Web Site: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Brief description of location or tour idea: We will design any program of interest for the
group, including those listed on the attached brochure. We will provide any
necessary transportation to support selected programs, activities and tours.

Transportation Required? Yes No

Suggested Host City Contributions

Welcome Gift Bags for Mayors Yes, we can provide these. No, we're unable to provide.

Thursday Welcome Reception Yes, we can sponsor. No, we can't sponsor this event.

Other Suggestions (briefly describe): We will host guided tours of the Lincoln City area.

Lincoln City

Central Oregon Coast

TOURS & ITINERARIES—FOR GROUPS OF ONE OR MORE

#1: FINDING THE ARTIST WITHIN YOU:

Any Tour should start the day and end it, weather and ocean permitting, with a walk on the beach in Lincoln City. As a special added treat, from the middle of October until Memorial Day each year, Lincoln City places more than 2000 handcrafted glass floats on the beach for the lucky beachcomber to find and keep.

ALDER HOUSE III GLASSBLOWING STUDIO

611 Immonen Road www.alderhouse.com or hotglass@alderhouse.com

When your group visits Alder House III, you will be standing in Oregon' s oldest glassblowing studio. The original facility opened 38 years ago, and the current facility, tucked in a romantic wooded area, opened March 15, 1999. Alder House is open daily at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., from March 15 to the end of November. At Alder House your group can watch the artists blow glass art pieces or purchase pieces previously created. The artists are happy to share information about their art and techniques and frequently explain what they are doing as they create the pieces. Photography and questions are allowed and encouraged. Located about $\frac{3}{4}$ (1.21km) of a mile up Immonen Road just south of Lincoln City and a half-mile south of the Siletz Bay Bridge, Alder House III can be reached from anywhere in Lincoln City within 15 or 20 minutes. Admission is free, and a motor coach turn around exists just a short distance up Immonen Road. Groups of 25 or fewer can be accommodated comfortably or larger groups in shifts. Public restrooms are available. Recommended time allotment for your stay is 45-60 minutes. 541-996-2483

JENNIFER L. SEARS GLASS ART STUDIO

SW 48th and Hwy 101

541-996-2569 www.oregoncoast.org or www.jennifersearsglassart.com

At this glassblowing studio your group will have the opportunity not only to see glassblowing in progress, but also to experience the art. The studio opened in February 2005 and offers glassblowing demonstrations free to the public, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (summer hours are 7 days a week), exclusive of a few major holidays. In the winter, the studio may close before 6 p.m. Call ahead for reservations if you expect to be there later in the afternoon. The studio is closed for 2 weeks beginning New Years Day.

For a modest fee, the artists at the studio will also teach anyone in your group who wishes to blow their own glass float, make their own paperweight or bowl or sea creature. The work is ready for them to take home at noon the following day or can be mailed. Photography and questions are allowed and encouraged, and the artists make every effort to educate guests about the various techniques of glass art. Retail sales of glass art are available on premises and across the street at Volta.

Groups up to 45 can be accommodated. Public restrooms and visitor information about the area are available, and a wonderful deli across the parking lot at the IGA makes a great inexpensive lunch. You can even eat lunch while you watch glass art being created. If a number of people in your group plan on blowing their own float or making their own paperweight, it is best to call ahead for reservations. In the summer, everyone interested in blowing glass should call ahead for reservations. Recommended time allotment for your stay is 45-60 minutes plus 20-25 minutes for every person in the group who wishes to blow a float or make a paperweight.

MOR ART

4933 SW Hwy 101

541-994-2427 www.morart.net

Both a retail store and a working studio, Mor Art offers something for everyone. It's just down the block from the Jennifer Sears Glass Studio, on the other side of the North Lincoln County Historical Museum. Mor Art has classes in glass fusion, mosaics or painting on glass. Classes may be for as few as one student. Whether you make it, buy it, or watch it being made, Mor Art is a fun place to find – or make -- your special coastal treasure. There is a modest fee for the classes. Prior reservations are advised. Open hours and days: Tuesday - Sunday 10:00AM to 5:00PM (summer hours will be extended to later hours).

#2 JUST THE HIGHLIGHTS:

So this trip you have only a few hours. That means you have to come back to Lincoln City again soon. During your short time here, enjoy these highlights.

TAKE A WALK ON THE BEACH---ANYWHERE.

There are more than 17 public beach accesses in Lincoln City. Most areas would be drop off points for a full motor coach. Parking is limited, and only a few have public restrooms. A map depicting those is available through the visitors' center at 800-452-2151 or in the downloadable Activity Guide on the web at www.oregoncoast.org. Some beach accesses are more accessible than others, particularly when it comes to wheel chair riders. Visit our accessibility page to make sure you have good information. We have beach-friendly wheel chairs and walkers available for borrowing at Eleanor's Undertow, and the Siletz Bay Lodge. It's never a good idea for a wheel chair rider to go to the beach without a pal.

Never turn your back on the beach. Sneaker waves can come from nowhere and sweep you into the ocean. Strong currents and cold water make survival risky. And that's good reason not to walk on the beach after dark as well. Also never climb on the big beach logs. They can roll in the surf and crush you. They look immovable, but they got there with the ocean's strength.

Recommended time: Not less than an hour.

SHOP AT TANGER OUTLET STORES

1500 SE East Devils Lake Road

866-665-8680 www.tangeroutlet.com

Tanger Outlet has more than 50 discount stores with thousands of valuable items to offer. It is located at SE Hwy 101 and East Devils Lake Road, about 10 blocks south of the D-River State Wayside. Public restrooms; motor coach parking; handicap accessibility; food. Recommended time: at least an hour.

Winter Hours -- January 02-March 09

Sunday - Thursday 10:00am-6:00pm

Friday - Saturday 10:00am-8:00pm

Regular Hours -- March 10-December 30

Monday - Saturday 10:00am-8:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm

CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

1777 NW 44th Street

1-888-CHINOOK www.chinookwindscasino.com

The casino is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and is open 24/7

Chinook Winds has slot machines, keno, black jack, poker, live entertainment, children's arcade, and

several excellent restaurants. Restrooms, handicap accessibility, motor coach parking, and food. There' s no admission fee for anything other than the live entertainment, but...
Recommended time: at least an hour.

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MO' S RESTAURANT

860 SW 51st Street

541-996-2535 www.moschowder.com

If you stop for lunch or dinner at Mo' s, a traditional coastal favorite, you get the benefit of a great view of beautiful Siletz Bay, its wildlife, and maybe even that phantom ghost ship. Public restrooms, handicap accessible, food, gift shop, motor coach parking available nearby. Hours of operation: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m..

#3 SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Lincoln City also boasts a number of specialty stores that add spice to a gift-buying excursion. Many of them can be found in some of the historic districts of town and provide an enjoyable tax-free shopping spree.

At the north end of town, the Lincoln City Plaza and Lighthouse Square Shopping Center, across from each other at the intersection of Logan Road and Highway 101, sport a gourmet coffee house, jewelry, pet supplies, gift shops, beauty supplies & services, groceries, used and new clothing, and a large craft supply house, among other desirable items.

Oceanlake, a neighborhood from North 10th to North 25th on Highway 101 offers the shopper antiques, presents for pets, fine art and books, as well as T-shirts and shells, mineral and gem specimens, kite and garden décor, and much more.

Seven Gables Shoppe' s, a block and a half north of the D River Wayside has an amazing array of services to include a local barber and merchandise from quilts to handcrafted jewelry and seashells.

In the Delake neighborhood, near the D River State Wayside at the center of town where the lake meets the sea, find kites, beach toys, salt-water taffy and maritime gifts among the fare.

Just south of the D-River Wayside at South Highway 101 and SE East Devils Lake Road is the Tanger Outlet Center, with 65 shops selling clothing, beauty supplies, shoes, books, and kitchen equipment.

One of the quaintest shopping areas is Nelscott, a small region clustered around the intersection of 101 and South 32nd Street. Christmas ornaments, wine, luscious chocolate, and herbs are a few of the treasures found there.

If you continue, you can't miss the Taft neighborhood. There you'll find art, antiques, "retro" clothing, surfboards and wetsuits, along with a view of harbor seals and other residents of Siletz Bay.

The breadth of merchandise in Lincoln City may surprise you. Those who come for a sandy beach weekend often find they've gotten their holiday shopping done, too. You' ll want to set aside at least two hours for each of these regions to give your shopping cells the proper fill. But don' t worry about running out of gas. Each of these areas has one or more great restaurants where you can replenish your energy.

#4 QUIET COMMUNING WITH NATURE

CONNIE HANSEN GARDEN

1831 NW 33rd Street

541-994-6338 www.conniehansengarden.com

One place not to miss is the Connie Hansen Garden located on NW 33rd. University of California botanist Connie Hansen created this 1 1/3 acre (.54 hectares) horticultural wonder during the last two decades of her life. Before her death in 1993, visitors from around the world came to enjoy her collection of unusual plants and to study the intricacies of her garden design. Since her death, a cadre of garden angels have continued voluntarily to develop it further and keep it open free of charge to the public. The garden has been featured in Sunset Magazine, The Oregonian, and the "Great Gardens" edition of Fine Gardening.

In the spring, more than 300 rhododendrons and azaleas set the show ablaze. But the garden is so well planned that something is in bloom at all times of the year. You can stroll down the grassy paths to view wonders just two inches tall or towering thirty feet above. And there, among the singing birds and rippling stream, you can pause to enjoy a box lunch, the aromas of nearby flowers, or an informative conversation with the volunteer gardeners.

Guided tours are available by advance reservation. Public restroom and some handicap availability. Motor Coach drop off and pickup at the parking lot entrance is possible. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. Open daily from sunrise to sunset. Volunteer gardeners are there on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

REGATTA PARK

NE 14th Street and West Devils Lake Road

Regatta Park, which fronts Devils Lake on NE 14th, boasts a state-of-the-art playground for the children, as well as a boat launch, walking trails, and an Interpretive Center. And you can't miss Sparky, The Wish Guardian at the entrance to the park. This site represents the closest, most easily accessible example of mature forest in the Lincoln City area. One 400-year-old tree is more than 200 feet (61 meters) tall and 35 feet (10.67 meters) around at its base. The nature trail is moderately difficult and ½ mile (.8 km) long starting at the north end of the park. Whether or not you elect to walk the trail, the beauty of this area and its voluminous bird life can easily be enjoyed merely from the picnic tables. Regatta Park is a great place for a picnic. Admission to the park is free. Public restrooms, motor coach parking, handicap accessible at the lower part of the park, picnic tables.

SPRING LAKE TRAIL

NE 14th Street and Port

The trail, just a few hundred feet (meters) from Regatta Park, is approximately 2.5 miles (4.02 km) long through a wooded area surrounding beautiful Spring Lake. The terrain is considered moderately difficult, although some of the trail is paved, creating limited handicap accessibility. The parking lot for this area is just north of east 14th on Port. Although the lot can accommodate a shuttle bus, it would not accommodate a full motor coach. With a full coach only pickup and drop off would be possible. Admission is free.

SILETZ BAY INTERPRETIVE KIOSK

SW 51st Street and Hwy 101

Just south of SW 51st Street on the ocean side of highway 101 is the Siletz Bay Park, with interpretive kiosk and picnic tables. The area offers a stunning view of Siletz Bay and its variety of bird species and other wildlife. The interpretive kiosk provides information about the wildlife in the Bay and the history of the Bay. It is admission free, handicap accessible, and has restrooms. The parking lot is small and would not be appropriate for a full motor coach, although smaller shuttle transportation could be accommodated.

#5 DISCOVERING YOUR CULINARY SIDE

THE CULINARY CENTER IN LINCOLN CITY

801 SW Hwy 101, 4th floor North

800-452-2151 www.oregoncoast.org

The Culinary Center focuses on the abundant foods and culinary heritage of the Pacific Northwest. Good, safe and wholesome foods locally grown, seasonally fresh and whole (or minimally processed) are not only more pleasurable to eat and prepare, but also minimize the negative impact on the environment. The Center is committed to teaching time-tested methods and skills, with special attention to strengthening the connections between farmers, fishermen, and other producers and the consumer.

The program includes cooking classes and demonstrations for individuals and groups with respect to all kinds of cuisine, not just Pacific Northwest. It includes a variety of invited chefs from other areas, regions and countries to deepen the value of the program.

Call Chef Sharon Wiest at 541-557-1125 or check our website (www.oregoncoast.org) to see what classes are offered during your stay in Lincoln City. Planning for a group, corporate party, bus tour, wedding or family reunion? We can arrange a class just for you! But call ahead. Regular classes nearly always sell out, and groups must be arranged around the regular classes.

CRABBING ON THE BAY ON SW 51st Street

Crabbing and clamming are great ocean activities for any group. Although crabbing is done commercially in the ocean, primarily during the winter, those seeking only a few can pursue them at any time of the year---and you do not have to get on the ocean to do it. Siletz Bay and Siletz River at the south edge of Lincoln City are prime spots for crabbing. The best time of day is an hour or two before or after low tide when the creatures are active and water currents disturb the crab gear least. All you need is a crab ring net, bait, license, and a measuring gauge, all of which can be obtained from Eleanor' s Undertow on SW 51st Street or Ace Hardware at S 101 and 49th. Regulations for crabbing are posted on the Taft Dock on SW 51st Street, next to Mo' s, the. Crabbing and clamming classes are taught in the spring, summer, and fall. Visit www.oregoncoast.org to locate times and dates on the calendar of events.

CLAMMING ANYWHERE ON THE BEACH OR IN THE BAY

Clamming is as simple as crabbing and equally satisfying. Most of the clams found in this area are either the smaller purple varnish clams or larger soft shell clams. Low tide is when you dig for clams. Look for soft shell clams in the mud flats on either side of the bay in the upper bay between Drift Creek and the Millport Slough. A round shaped show (or hole) identifies the clam located up to 18" below the surface.

Purple varnish clams are the dominate clam in the bay. They are located in the lower portion of the bay from Cutler City to near the entrance of the bay. The location of the clams located to depths of 14" below the surface of the sand are identified by numerous shows approximately 1/8" in diameter.

Clamming also requires a license.

Both of these activities can be enjoyed before or after your culinary lesson. The most important thing is making certain your group has accommodations with a kitchen so you can enjoy your catch as you try out your newly acquired skills.

#6 WILDLIFE WATCHING

HARBOR SEALS, BROWN PELICANS, GULLS, SANDERLINGS, AND EAGLES

Siletz Bay, SW 51st Street

As many as 150 harbor seals frequently can be seen sunning themselves on the Salishan spit in Siletz Bay on SW 51st Street. These mammals, reaching six feet (1.83 m) in length and 250 pounds (113.4 kilograms), dive as deeply as 60 feet (18.3 m) and stay under water an average of five minutes. If you see their pups lying on the beach, leave them alone. Their mothers frequently leave them for hours, even overnight, while hunting for food. If you touch the pups, the mothers will not return to them, and they will likely die.

Brown pelicans are one of six endangered species in the area. They inhabit the area from late spring through early fall after breeding in California and Mexico. Residents and visitors alike enjoy their fishing antics in Siletz Bay and on the ocean. They are noticeable for their rag-tag formations and their habit of folding their wings and collapsing into the water to catch prey.

Adorable flocks of sanderlings and sandpipers race along the beach, just ahead or behind the tide line, to catch their crustacean dinners, while large groups of seagulls swoop in to steal their meals from beached fish or even unsuspecting humans with lunch. There are a variety of kinds in the area.

You can watch wildlife in Siletz Bay as little or as long as you wish. Your only cost might be \$.50 for the viewing scope if you forget your binoculars. Restaurants, handicap access, motor coach parking and food are all readily available in the area.

DEVILS LAKE

North Hwy 101 and West Devils Lake Road

On the northeast side of Lincoln City, 680-acre (275 hectares) Devils Lake offers a lake view and short forest trails with easy access and abundant parking. The lake and forests should reveal at least two-dozen species with more possible depending on the time of year and your luck.

Devils Lake is also home to several thousand Chinese grass carp, many the size of miniature poodles. Schools of grass carp are easily seen at Blue Heron Landing, 4006 W. Devils Lake Road. Except for the possibility of needing to buy the binoculars you left at home, the only expense you might incur watching wildlife on Devils Lake is the rent for your group to take a pontoon ride or kayak trip on the lake. These are available at Blue Heron Landing.

WHALES

You can see them from anywhere.

Of course the largest mammals around are the whales. The grays are the most commonly seen, though pods of orcas also travel through on occasion. Gray whales were removed from the

endangered species list in 1994 and are best seen during their migration period from mid-November through mid-May. To view them easily, travel to an elevated place like Cascade Head, SW 40th Street, Roads End, or an upper floor of an oceanfront motel. They are most frequently seen during periods of migration in late December, mid-March, and early May, although about 200 of them live in the area year-round and are spotted almost daily. During some days of the last part of December and the last part of March, trained volunteers are stationed throughout the coast to help folks see and learn about whales and the migration.

If you wish to take an ocean whale-watching voyage, there are several charter boat companies in Depoe Bay, just eight miles (12.87 km) south of Lincoln City, which can take you on an hour-long trip for a nominal fee. Total time round trip from Lincoln City is less than two hours.

OTTERS & BIRDS

On the lakes and rivers of the area other varieties of wildlife may be present. Although Pacific sea otters were hunted to extinction here early in the last century, freshwater otters, reaching nearly three feet in length, still cavort in inlets and streams. Some are even occasionally seen on Devils Lake. Devils Lake also boasts colorful perching wood ducks, coots, loons, and, of course, the Great Blue Heron. The stately bird, which may be found also in Siletz Bay, is approximately four feet (1.22 m) tall at maturity. If you are lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of its elaborate and graceful mating dance.

ROOSEVELT ELK

Hwy 101 at the north end of Lincoln City.

Perhaps the largest mammal in the area, other than whales, is the Roosevelt Elk, reaching one thousand pounds (453.59 kilograms). They travel in large herds in the meadows around the Salmon River Estuary and Chinook Winds Casino Golf Resort, going down to the edge of Devils Lake for water. The elk are most visible during the winter months. In order to find food and water, elk and deer often need to cross Highway 101, so be alert and cautious when driving.

EXTENSIVE WILDLIFE WATCHING GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE

The Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau has bird and other wildlife watching guides for self-guided tours, featuring the best vantage points for viewing and photographing marine mammals and birds without harming the environment.

#7 HISTORY BUFF TOUR

Lincoln City has several highlights for history buffs.

PIONEER CEMETERY

Many folks have felt the presence of spirits at the Pioneer Cemetery. It is on the inland side of Highway 101, just across the road from the Inn at Spanish Head in the 4000 block of south Highway 101. Even if you don't feel the presence, the view is stunning and the gravestones interesting. Allow at least 30 minutes. No restrooms. Parking available at the site. Extremely narrow and steep road. Be particularly cautious if in a motor coach. Free.

NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

For those who love history or just "old stuff", the North Lincoln County Historical Museum is a real treat. The downstairs exhibit gallery includes: displays on Native American history with examples of baskets and beadwork; early settlement and homesteading displays that show early tools and household items; and dairy, fishing, and cannery displays with artifacts from those industries. The upstairs gallery focuses on tourism, celebrating the age of the automobile with information on the first cars and roads to the area. Roadside attractions, early tourism promotions like the notorious "Redhead Roundup", and one-of-a-kind businesses like the Pixie Kitchen are also exhibited. A hands-on children's corner will keep younger children entertained while their parents tour the museum. The museum is located in the historic Taft district of Lincoln City at 4907 SW Highway 101. Hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free in 2011, thanks to a grant from the City of Lincoln City. Donations are appreciated. Public restrooms. Handicap access. Motor coach parking on the street.

DRIFT CREEK COVERED BRIDGE

South Bear Creek Road, 1 mile (1.61 km) south of Hwy 18

Covered bridges have always been of historic and photographic interest in Oregon. One of Oregon's oldest, the Drift Creek Covered Bridge was originally constructed in 1914 on Drift Creek just south and east of Lincoln City, Oregon. Laura and Kerry Sweitz saved it from destruction in 2001.

The Sweitzes gave the bridge and the land upon which it rests to Lincoln County and embraced with open arms the opportunity to share it with visitors 365 days a year. It now stands as a memorial to its pioneer builders, from both this century and last, and a unique and serene place for visitors to enjoy.

For all they have given, the Sweitzes, who live only a few yards from the bridge, ask in return only that visitors respect their privacy and their need for quiet. To get there, travel east of Lincoln City, OR, on Highway 18. Approximately 3.5 miles (5.63 km) east of the Otis Café turn south on North Bear Creek Road. Proceed about one mile (1.61 km). The Bridge is on the left. Otherwise, enjoy it for a picnic, a photo expedition, or just for its simple wonder and the tale it tells of generosity and the human spirit

Restrooms, picnic area, handicap accessibility small coach parking. Allow at least two hours to travel and enjoy this bridge. Don't forget your camera. Admission is free.

SILETZ BAY INTERPRETIVE KIOSK

SW 51st Street and Hwy 101

Just south of SW 51st Street on the ocean side of the highway is the Siletz Bay Park, with interpretive kiosk and picnic tables. The area offers a stunning view of Siletz Bay and its variety of bird species and other wildlife. The interpretive kiosk provides information about the wildlife in the Bay and the history of the Bay. It is admission free, handicap accessible, and has restrooms. The parking lot is small and would not be appropriate for a full motor coach, although smaller shuttle transportation could be accommodated. Allow 30 minutes to an hour.

ANTIQUING

Throughout town.

For more than a decade Lincoln City has been the place to go on the Coast if you are interested in antiques and collectibles. With a variety of stores, the largest antique mall on the Oregon Coast, and over 80 dealers, Lincoln City usually has that specialty item for which you have long been searching.

To celebrate the quality of "antiquing" every February Lincoln City hosts Antique Week, a ten-day long event. Antique Week features city-wide antique store sales at which you can save as much as 35% on your purchases. In addition, although each Antique Week is a bit different from the others, it generally offers city-wide sales, exhibits, and an appraise-a-thon.

For a map and list of Lincoln City's antique stores, contact the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau at 800-452-2151. This tour is free until you find that item you just can't live without.

#8 JUST ADD WATER

SURF' S UP

Roads End and Nelscott Areas

Lincoln City has ten miles (16 km) of steady waves from Roads End at the north to Salishan at the south. Those swells encounter rocky reefs offshore, piling the water into mammoth waves just waiting for the rider. A popular spot is Roads End State Park. And if you need equipment or instruction, help is a short distance away at the Oregon Surf Shop, the Lincoln City Surf Shop, or Safari Town Surf Shop. In the winter months, the Nelscott area is known for its "Hawaii-like" swells intended only for the experts.

Motor coach access and restrooms available only at Roads End State Park. Recommended time: as long as the surf is up.

LAKE SPORTS

Devils Lake, Northeast side of Lincoln City

The 680-acre (275 hectares) lake is a popular spot for water skiers and jet skiers, particularly from Memorial Day through September when the weather is calmer and the lake is warmer. Other water activities include bumper boats, hydrobikes, swimming, a pontoon, motorboats, kayaks and canoes, all of which can be rented at Blue Heron Landing, 4006 W. Devils Lake Road, 541-994-4708.

RIVER SPORTS

The Salmon River to the north, Siletz Bay and the Siletz River to the south provide quieter water activities. On those waters you can take a swim or enjoy a peaceful kayak or canoe trip or a paddleboard experience. Kayaks for the rivers and Bay may be rented from the Oregon Surf Shop, 541-996-3957.

Motor coach parking, restrooms, and food are available at Siletz Bay and Devils Lake. Recommended time for any of these activities is not less than two hours.

#9 EEEEEKO TOUR: GHOSTS, SPIRITS, AND LEGENDS IN THE LINCOLN CITY AREA

It seems that spirits like living in and around Lincoln City as much as live humans do--- perhaps because of the rich coastal history, a variety of Native American sacred places, or simply the intense emotion of sea tragedies and storms. If you enjoy seeking out phantoms, you can take your own Eeeeeeko Tour. This tour can be self-guided for your group, or with advance notice the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau may be able to arrange step-on service. Call 800-452-2151 to arrange that service. 30 days notice is appreciated.

BREAKFAST WITH "MATILDA"

The Wildflower Grill at 4250 NE Hwy 101 has its own resident benevolent spirit, a woman they call Matilda. Although Matilda most frequently makes her presence known by opening and closing cabinets, she has made other, more personal contacts as well. On one occasion she rattled the locked doorknob of the employee restroom. When she didn't get a response as immediate as she wished for, Matilda simply pushed the door open without unlocking it. But she refused to make herself visible to the occupant. One of the owners has, however, seen Matilda, who walked past him in the restaurant and simply disappeared on its balcony. Maybe Matilda stays because the breakfasts at Wildflower are unbeatable. This is a great place to start your day and your tour off right! Public

restrooms available. Motor coach parking possible at the curb. Allow an hour for breakfast. Breakfast isn't free, but waiting to see if Matilda shows up while you eat breakfast is free.

PIONEER CEMETERY

Many folks have felt the presence of spirits at the Pioneer Cemetery. It is on the inland side of Highway 101, just across the road from the Inn at Spanish Head in the 4000 block of south Highway 101. Even if you don't feel the presence, the view is stunning and the gravestones interesting. Allow at least 30 minutes. No restrooms. Parking available at the site. The road is narrow and steep. Caution is advised, particularly with a motor coach. Free.

NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

More than one spirit frequents the North Lincoln County Historical Museum at 4907 SW Hwy 101. The former curator frequently heard "human" noises traveling about from room to room and felt the benevolent presence of someone, even though no other humans were in the building. Psychics have felt the presence of a group that occasionally meets around the conference room table on the second floor.

For those who love history or just "old stuff", the North Lincoln County Historical Museum is a real treat. The downstairs exhibit gallery includes: displays on Native American history with examples of baskets and beadwork; early settlement and homesteading displays that show early tools and household items; and dairy, fishing, and cannery displays with artifacts from those industries. The upstairs gallery focuses on tourism, celebrating the age of the automobile with information on the first cars and roads to the area. Roadside attractions, early tourism promotions like the notorious "Redhead Roundup", and one-of-a-kind businesses like the Pixie Kitchen are also exhibited. A hands-on children's corner will keep younger children entertained while their parents tour the museum. The museum is located in the historic Taft district of Lincoln City at 4907 SW Hwy 101. Hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free in 2011, thanks to a grant from the City of Lincoln City. Donations are appreciated. Public restrooms. Handicap access. Motor coach parking on the street.

SILETZ BAY SCHOONER

Some 150 years ago a sailing vessel washed up in Siletz Bay at the south end of Lincoln City, just two blocks south of the Museum on SW 51st Street. Seen as recently as 10 years ago, the vessel, likely a schooner or a brig, has been buried in the mudflats of the bay, which was a working harbor in the early part of last century. That vessel may be the source of a ghost ship, which has occasionally been seen sailing into the bay, though not on the water, and then vanishing into thin air. A bay area resident saw the phantom ship as recently as 2001 as it sped full-sail toward her living room window. Siletz Bay is a good place to view wildlife, stroll on the beach, and take photographs, so allow 30-60

minutes for your stay there. Public restrooms; motor coach parking; free. Some areas handicap accessible.

LUNCH: While you are on Siletz Bay, there are three good opportunities for lunch, Mo' s Restaurant, Tiki' s, and Eleanor' s Undertow. All are near the end by the turnaround on SW 51st Street.

SPOUTING HORN IN DEPOE BAY

A more restless ghost spends his time near the bar in the Spouting Horn Restaurant in Depoe Bay, just 8 miles (12.87 km) south of Lincoln City. His appearances were so frequent that children of the owners and employees finally dubbed him Ralph to give him a more familiar identity. In the mid-eighties he appeared in a cook' s apron, arms crossed, and staring as if to suggest the humans he encountered were intruding on his territory. He frequently crosses the hallway to the dining room or streaks across the restaurant when only owners or employees are present. Public Restrooms, coach parking available. Allow at least 30 minutes to have afternoon dessert and chat with the staff about Ralph. You' ll need to pay for your dessert but not for a sighting of Ralph.

GHOSTS "NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"

A few haunted sites in Lincoln City cannot be visited by the general public. In a private home in the Roads End area, a young girl, seen only from the waist down, occasionally cooks breakfast for her father. Jealous of the current owners' grandchildren, the girl regularly turns the children' s pictures to face the wall. She is believed to be the daughter of a man who worked in the area until the early hours of the morning and later shot himself while standing at the edge of Cascade Head

The Devils Lake Fire Station in north Lincoln City houses the spirit of a former volunteer firefighter who makes as his home the first fire truck put into service at the station that is kept in the back bay. The bay area is always cold, even when the weather is hot and the doors are closed. A few of the volunteers have heard him walking up and down the stairs during the night, and one of the volunteers found him napping on the break room couch. But he vanished in an instant. Some of today' s volunteers believe that "Bob" still rides along with them to fires.

Although these apparitions may not be sought directly, the stories about them have been captured on film. To get the full experience of their tales watch the Oregon Ghost Explorer. A copy may be obtained from the Visitor and Convention Bureau. Call 800-452-2151 or 541-996-1274.

THE LEGEND OF DEVILS LAKE

Spirit? Monster? Devil? No one knows for sure. But as legend has it, a long-tentacled creature inhabits the 680-acre (275 hectares) fresh water lake on the northeast side of Lincoln City. The lake, formed by sand dunes and beach deposits which blocked the lower end of the valley 14,000 years

ago, empties into the ocean through the D River, at 120 feet long, recorded as the shortest river in the world. Centuries ago, when it was known as Indian Bay, many Siletz Indians vanished into its waters when they were pulled from their vessels by giant tentacles. On one particular occasion, so the legend goes, a Chief sent warriors across the waters in an effort to win a maiden from the warrior of her choice. The waters boiled, and giant tentacles wrapped around the warriors and pulled them from their canoes. In an effort to pacify the devil, feasts were regularly held on the shores of the lake and sacrifices were offered to the Lake Devil, whose hideous head rose high above the surface.

HAVEN' T GOTTEN ENOUGH?

If your appetite is just whetted, for more information on ghosts and legends, consult the Pioneer History of North Lincoln County found at the North Lincoln County Historical Museum or A Haunted Tour Guide to the Pacific Northwest by Jefferson Davis.

#10 ESPECIALLY FOR THE KIDS

Tide pooling at Roads End or NW 40th Street, combing the beach for agates and shells, hunting for glass floats, especially from mid-October through Memorial Day each year.

REGATTA PARK

NE 14th Street and West Devils Lake Road

Regatta Park, which fronts Devils Lake on NE 14th, boasts a state-of-the-art playground for the children, as well as a boat launch, walking trails, and an Interpretive Center. This site represents the closest, most easily accessible example of mature forest in the Lincoln City area. One 400-year-old tree is more than 200 (61 m) feet tall and 35 feet (10.67 m) around at its base. The nature trail is moderately difficult and ½ (.8 km) mile long starting at the north end of the park. Whether or not you elect to walk the trail, the beauty of this area and its voluminous bird life can easily be enjoyed merely from the picnic tables. Regatta Park is a great place for a picnic. Admission to the park is free. Public restrooms, motor coach parking, handicap accessible, picnic tables.

DEVILS LAKE

Northeast side of Lincoln City

The 680-acre (275 hectares) lake is a popular spot for water skiers and jet skiers, particularly from Memorial Day through September when the weather is calmer and the lake is warmer. Other water activities include bumper boats, hydrobikes, swimming, fishing, a pontoon, motorboats, kayaks and canoes, all of which can be rented at Blue Heron Landing, 4006 W. Devils Lake Road, 541-994-4708.

MOVIES

For those who want to sit quietly and be entertained, there is always a good movie showing at the Bijou Theatre in the Oceanlake District or Lincoln City Cinemas Six on South Hwy 101.

MINIATURE GOLF

For the more energetic group that needs a bit of wearing out before bed, several locations offer a variety of activities. All American Putt-N-Bat at 1255 NW Hwy 101 has miniature golf, video games and slow- and fast-pitch batting cages. At Neil's Pizza and Pool Hall at 1512 SE Hwy 101, you can grab a bite for dinner and watch your 12-year-old bring you to your knees in defeat behind a pool cue. And if that does not destroy your confidence enough, let that 12-year-old take you on for a line or two at Delake Bowl just south of the D-River Wayside. Or you can always take the kids to swim at the Community Center pool, east of Hwy 101 and just south of NW 22nd Street.

ARCADES:

1) CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

1777 NW 44th Street

1-888-CHINOOK www.chinookwindsgaming.com

Chinook Winds has a variety of arcade games to choose from and monitored childcare to protect your child while you all take a break.

2) ELEANOR'S UNDERTOW

869 SW 51st Street

541-996-3800

Eleanor's, famous for ice cream and hotdogs, has a kids game room and a great view of Siletz Bay.

SKATEBOARDING

Lincoln City has a spectacular skateboard park named one of the "gnarliest" parks in the United States. The 8,000 square-foot (743 square meters) facility in Kirtsis Park has more than 100 lines and a unique 9-foot (2.74 m) bowl to challenge boarders of all levels. A second park, only a short distance from the first, is covered to facilitate boarding in inclement weather. The new park, the Cradle, is 8600 square feet (799 square meters) with 5600 square feet (520 square meters) under a roof. Part of the park is dome shaped, called a cradle, and allows the boarder to skate upside down if his/her speed is sufficient. There are only 3 such cradles in existence in the world. Restrooms, small shuttle parking. Admission is free---and at your own risk.

#11 GREAT FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FOR GROUPS

JANUARY

JAMBALAYA COOK-OFF: To celebrate Mardi gras come taste the best Jambalaya Lincoln City has to offer. Held in the Culinary Center in Lincoln City, this event offers a live cooking competition, Jambalaya samples and a people' s choice award. A panel of judges will decide which is the most authentic dish, and one lucky NW Chef will claim first place!

FEBRUARY

ANTIQUÉ WEEK: Each year, in early February, Lincoln City celebrates antiquing during a 10-day long festival that includes activities like antique sales, appraise-a-thons, exhibits, workshops, celebrity appearances, and other good fun.

MARCH

FESTIVAL OF ILLUSIONS: Watch the Masters and learn tricks yourself.

APRIL

LINCOLN CITY COMMUNITY DAYS: This event is a celebration of our community, and we invite you to join us! Events include a pub-crawl, pancake breakfast, Mud-Flat golf tournament, Earth Day Celebrations, and more! Visit www.lincolncitycommunitydays.blogspot.com for a list of activities.

THE GREAT OREGON COAST GARAGE SALE: More than 100 individual and organizational garage sales occur on the same weekend and are combined with "in sidewalk" sales throughout the Lincoln City area to give everyone a whole shopping experience.

The sales are listed in a guide indicating dates, times, locations and directions. The guide is free at motels, some businesses, and other strategic locations in the City, including the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce 4039 NW Logan Road. Shop the coast to look for "the other man' s gold." This one is free until you find the items you just can' t walk away from. Allow at least a day to catch the sales most appealing to you---two days is even better.

SPRING LEARNING FEAST: This is a two-week program featuring an interesting collection of classes and seminars where you can come to Lincoln City and learn something new.

MAY

FISH TACO COOK-OFF: Lincoln City celebrates Cinco de Mayo at the Fish Taco Cook-off in the Culinary Center in Lincoln City. Included are a live cooking competition, fish taco samples, and a people's choice award. During our "Iron Chef" competition a panel of judges will decide which NW Chef deserves to claim first place for the "Best" fish tacos.

JUNE

MUTT MASTERS DOG SHOW & OLYMPICS: Lincoln City hosts Mutt Masters at the old Taft Elementary School, located at 1545 SE 50th Street. It's a day of exciting competitions, including physical sports, fun show categories and pure breed events. Pre-registration is recommended and limited by category. For humans there will be booths with pet information, gifts, and activities for the kids. Bring the whole family, even if you leave your mutt at home.

SUMMER KITE FESTIVAL: To round out spring and send you smiling into summer, the fourth weekend in June brings one of three annual Lincoln City kite festivals, the summer festival at the D-River Wayside. Here experts and novices alike fly hundreds of colorful and uniquely shaped kites, from giant octopuses, to enormous cuddly bears. The festival offers kite-making workshops, contests, demonstrations, and "beach food." Admission is free. Motor coach drop off available, handicap accessible, public restrooms.

JULY

FIREWORKS: Come celebrate Independence Day at the firework display located in the Historic Taft District overlooking the Siletz Bay. Fireworks start at dusk.

AUGUST

SAND CASTLE CONTEST: August is a great time to enjoy the beach. As an added beach activity, the Bay Area Merchants Association sponsors the annual Sandcastle Building Competition on Siletz Bay at SW 51st Street in the historic Taft District of Lincoln City. There you can eat more beach food and build the castle of your dreams. Public restrooms, food, handicap accessibility, motor coach parking nearby. Admission is free. To compete, bring a can of food for the Food Bank. For more information visit: www.taftbeach.com

SURF CITY CLASSIC CAR SHOW at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. FMI 888-CHINOOK.

SEPTEMBER

OREGON COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL: To show our support for diversity, Lincoln City celebrates its annual gay pride festival in mid-September. This colorful citywide themed event includes, live music, Flamingo Bingo, kid's activities, camel rides on the beach, and a street fair on SW 51st Street in the Historic Taft District with live performances and so much more!

CELEBRATION OF HONOR: The Celebration of Honor is a community-wide veteran appreciation weekend sponsored primarily by Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Lincoln City Mayor Hollingsworth declared the 4th weekend of September to be a celebration of our veterans. Enjoy military and memorial exhibits, special hotel rates and discounts, kids' games and more - all around town!

OCTOBER

MUSHROOM COOK-OFF: Located in the Culinary Center in Lincoln City, this event starts with a mushroom foraging tour and culminates in sampling mushroom dishes presented by NW chefs. A cooking competition adds spice to the mushrooms.

FALL KITE FESTIVAL: The third annual kite festival, held on the second weekend in October at the D River Wayside, is the Fall International Kite Festival. This event features professional kite fliers from all over the world. Experts and novices alike fly hundreds of colorful and uniquely shaped kites, from fierce dragons to enormous cuddly bears. The festival offers a kite-making workshop, demonstrations, and "beach food." Admission is free. Motor coach-drop off available, handicap accessible, public restrooms.

FINDERS KEEPERS: Each year Lincoln City celebrates its history of collecting Japanese glass fishing floats with Finders Keepers: from mid-October to Memorial Day, more than 2000 handcrafted glass floats are placed on Lincoln City beaches for lucky beachcombers to find and keep. 1000 glass sand dollars and crabs will be placed sporadically on special occasions throughout the year as well. Check our Calendar of Events for specific dates.

NOVEMBER

CHOWDER COOK-OFF: The comfort food of the Oregon Coast, prepared by some of the best chefs in the state, is yours for the tasting at the Lincoln City Chowder Cook-Off. Chefs from throughout the region will compete to take home one of two titles: Best Clam Chowder and Best Signature Seafood

Dish. The live competition, held at the Tanger Outlet Center, also includes the activities, food, culture of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

#12: DAY OR HALF-DAY EXCURSIONS:

Newport: Go south to Newport on Highway 101 to visit the Oregon Coast Aquarium and its newest exhibit, "Oddwater," along with many other marine birds, mammals and fish. It takes about 30-35 minutes to get there. For more information, hours of operation and admission price visit www.aquarium.org

Nearby is the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Built in 1965, the Marine Science Center acquaints visitors with marine species, marine research, and the coastal environment. Oregon Sea Grant manages this unique facility, which provides a valuable link between the public and the exciting world of marine research. The Marine Science Center is one of a handful of centers nationwide that teach, share research, and inform the public about our coastal and marine habitats. Donations only. No formal admission charge.

Marine Discovery Tours offers narrated ocean and bay cruises, including whale watching, with naturalist guides from docks along the Historic Bayfront District in Newport Oregon. The boat DISCOVERY is equipped with the latest audio-visual aids, including a big screen television for viewing microscopic marine life, satellite locator maps, and nature videos. Inside and outside seating insure comfort no matter what the weather. For more information, hours of operation and admission price visit www.anchorpier.com or call 800-903-BOAT

Along the Historic Bay Front are the Undersea Gardens, Ripley's Believe It Or Not and the Wax Works Museum. For more information, hours of operation and admission price visit www.marinersquare.com

Make it a day for lighthouses at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area (visitors' center, lighthouse, nature and tide pool walk) and in Yaquina Bay. After visiting the ghost in the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, drive east to the Coast Guard Station to see rescue craft. For more information about the two lighthouses in Newport visit www.yaquinalights.org

McMinnville: Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, located in McMinnville, OR, less than an hour east of Lincoln City. The facility is home to the Hughes Flying Boat Spruce Goose and more than fifty other historic aircraft (503) 434-4180 • www.sprucegoose.org. The Museum is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter. Please allow 5 hours to see the entire destination (Aviation Museum, Space Museum, IMAX). See the website for admission

fees. Tours: Museum Docents provide guided tours daily at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Groups must be booked 2 weeks in advance, scheduled with the Group Sales Dept. and must be 15 or more people to qualify for group rates. To Book Groups, call (503) 434-4068.

Pacific City: About 45 minutes north of Lincoln City on Hwy 101, Pacific City offers the experience of dory fishing, a century old tradition of fishing on a flat-bottomed boat for salmon, halibut, albacore and other bottom fish. Prices vary greatly depending upon the excursion choice and the fish sought. Call Haystack Fishing at 866-965-7555 or Eagle Charters at 877-892-DORY.

Tillamook: About 1 1/4-hour north of Lincoln City on Hwy 101 Tillamook is home to the Tillamook Cheese Factory, owned and operated by local dairy farmers. See cheese being made and packaged in the short self-guided tour. Don't forget to try the famous Tillamook ice cream before you leave! For more information, call (503) 815-1300 or visit: www.tillamookcheese.com. Open daily 8am-6pm (Labor Day to mid-June) 8am-8pm (mid-June to Labor Day)

On the way back to Lincoln City visit the Tillamook Air Museum, a former blimp construction hangar (the largest wooden structure in the world) that now houses World War II-era and other vintage aircraft. See one of America's finest collections of over 30 War Birds, including P-38 Lightning, F4U-Corsair, P51-Mustang, PBY Catalina and SBD Dauntless dive-bomber. Climb into a jet simulator! Explore the exhibit hall that features rare historical wartime and aviation artifacts including pieces of the great German airship the Hindenburg and a WWII Luftwaffe flight jacket
The museum is open to the public daily, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.

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2015 Oregon Mayors Association Summer Conference

Village Green Resort - Cottage Grove, Oregon

July 30 – August 1, 2015

1. Did you find this conference informative, productive and useful?

Answer	Response	%
Yes	40	98%
No	1	2%
Total	41	100%

2. General Comments:

Text Response

As always a great time to visit with other Mayors. Most important part was informal conversations....building upon presentations or speakers.

Great conference. Good opportunity to connect with other mayors and hear about their respective issues / solutions.

The conference ran smoothly and it was concise yet productive.

A fine conference in a very nice setting. Great staff work in reacting to the hot weather. Let's keep doing this, particularly focusing on ways to share information that is of real interest and usefulness to our communities. Well done.

The Conference was well organized and the sessions were helpful and useful.

I always like the Mayors' Conference. It gives us all a chance to spend time with other people who have the same jobs as each other. It's great to learn what is going on in other communities and to learn how other cities are dealing with community issues. I also enjoy touring other cities and experiencing the local culture.

Of course, networking with other mayor is the key event. Talks very good again this year.

Session on city manager eval most useful.

This mayor's conference was up to the usual high standards but the excessive heat necessitated many planned outdoor activities to be moved indoors or cancelled.

In general I would give the conference an A-. I would have liked for a representative from OLCC to attend. Attendance appeared to be short. Very well organized. Thanks for your hard work. Steve Lear Enterprise Hot weather was a problem that could not be completely overcome.

I felt the Cottage Grove City Manager went out of his way to insure that everything went as planned and the attendees were well taken care of. Of course, the vintage planes and pilots were a great highlight in the conference, but everything else was well managed. The sessions were good though I rated the Manager Performance Evaluation session as only fair because I felt there really wasn't much there in the way of practical on-the-job experience with some of the guidelines that were discussed. Over-all... a great conference.

Too much emphasis on larger cities and what pertains to them and not enough emphasis on items that pertain to the smaller cities. The Mayor's Forum really needs to be organized by location not just at random. I would have loved a round table discussion with other coastal Mayors to discuss traffic flow, tourism, earthquakes, tsunamis resilience planning and other disaster programs and solutions.

Very valuable for me. The exchange of ideas was so important. Looking forward to next year

Cottage Grove is lovely and it was nice to get the chance to get to know it a little. The opportunities we had to see the downtown were much appreciated. The food could have been better in a few instances but was pretty good by and large.

Good group of Mayors, treated very royally, the only thing I did not appreciate was the 4 who spoke on economic development that were part public - private, really; Most of the cities were on a smaller size, the city I am from, has learned to do their own economic development and has done well, but we are never recognized, even in our own county, other county cities do not like it when a small community gets a large business over them, oh well. I like the way the state seems to recognize the worth of Mayors, again my county does not. So our saying is "Don't bother me and we won't bother you." Not really good, but they don't seem to care.

This was a good conference despite the extreme heat. Changing plans and venues to keep us cool was done smoothly. Job well done, everyone!

As a freshman mayor, it was very helpful to learn from more experienced people and share ideas that help me grow in my job.

I want more attendees. It seems like only a few always show. How to get the other mayors to show?

The City of Cottage Grove went all out in hosting this conference and should be congratulated for their flexibility in changing venues due to the extreme heat. The Village Green Resort was delightful, and the businesses in Cottage Grove could not have been more welcoming.

The Conference seemed a bit unorganized at times. Directions on where to go at what times was not always clear, or where the next event was going to be. Community volunteers on some of the walking type events would have been nice. The police crossing did help across the highway. Would like to have known what the city baskets sold for at the auction, as a lot of effort was put into most of them. The opening night seemed like it needed more energy (such as the Pendleton one which was exciting and I enjoyed seeing the city council members and Round Up Staff members. Wheelchair access to the planes was not well thought out and very difficult to navigate and the seating was half in the sun and extremely hot, and not wheelchair accessible. It was on the grass with uneven ground and tent posts where you could not move around. Also there was no trash can at the airport lunch. Little things like that were a bit frustrating. Even the president was walking around and laughed about not being able to find a trashcan. The moving of events that would be in the extreme heat was well done and appreciated!

Excellent conference. Great sessions and networking.

Well organized and presented. Expected a larger turnout including folks from various agencies. I enjoyed the networking with other Mayors. I especially enjoyed Sharon Harris and Ted Wheeler presentation. The extracurricular activities were excellent. The OLCC should have been represented.

I was impressed by the wide variety of State officials in attendance. I learned many things that I was able to bring back to my City/Council.

I would like to thank everyone who came >

Any time you can get together with fellow mayors is time well spent!

Village Green facilities as far as conference room and restaurant/bar very good. Rooms not up to standard for this type of conference. Grounds terrible. Would have liked to see more breakout sessions in various rooms. Round Tables for Open Forum was not very good in same room. Too much noise. Conference administration very good again. Great check-in process, etc. I think a survey of members should be done to see what State Agency Directors they want to talk to and only have top 4-5 come. Of course ODOT can always use 2-3 staff. Regional Solutions should also play bigger role.

The location was fantastic. All of the activities planned were very enjoyable. The City of Cottage Grove and all those involved in planning and modifying did a marvelous job of adapting to the hot weather.

3. Please evaluate the following sessions:

Question	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not Attend	Total Responses	Mean
Dorena Dam Hydro-Electric Plant and Pacific Yurts Tour (Thurs. 1:00 p.m.)	6	8	1	0	26	41	3.33
Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Speaker (Fri. 8:00 a.m.)	30	9	0	0	2	41	3.77
State Agency Directors Forum (Fri. 10:00 a.m.)	12	16	9	2	2	41	2.97
City Manager Performance Evaluations (Fri. 2:00 p.m.)	12	19	4	1	5	41	3.17
Oregon Scenic Bikeways (Sat. 8:30 a.m.)	7	12	5	4	13	41	2.79
Utilizing Economic Development Partnerships (Sat. 10:15 a.m.)	3	16	14	5	3	41	2.45
Citizen Involvement Panel (Sat. 2:15 p.m.)	8	18	5	1	9	41	3.03
Mayors Open Forum (Sat. 4:00 p.m.)	16	13	0	2	10	41	3.39

4. Session comments:

Text Response

Ted Wheeler provided lots of meat. I enjoyed hearing his perspectives. It was an excellent start to the conference because he talked about a number of major issues. He also set the stage....in that this was about important stuff....not just a feel good opportunity where folks didn't accomplish much. Consider Agency Forum change: some folks dominate an agency persons time....not allowing others to get in. Consider: agency folks spread out during the day(4 in the morning, 4 in the afternoon, etc. - would also allow for more folks to connect with more agency people-and to LISTEN to others) ...or have a moderator.

Perf eval was too involved - outside the scope - and the promise of a skit never occurred. Need a different presenter in the future. Scenic Bikeways team did not want to hear what the mayors had to say about financial contributions by the biking community. Poor respect for the mayors! Econ Dev was good. 4 were too many and redundant. Mr. Lee would have been enough as a representative sample of Econ Dev.

Treasurer Wheeler was personable, informative, and very knowledgeable. Economic development could have focused more on how we can accomplish tasks rather than on individual qualifications and accomplishments. It was good, but one speaker took too much time in his presentation. As always, it is wonderful to get together with other mayors and discuss our issues and help one another.

Sending information paper via e-mail with details. (Note – see attached)

We seem to be drawing fewer State Agency Directors, and more 2nd and 3rd in commands. Still a good thing, but this event seems to have dropped in importance to those we most wish to speak with. Every other year in short session years?

I liked the sessions. They were educational. The City Manager session ran a little long, but had good information. It would be wonderful to have access to the PowerPoints that were presented. The City Manager presentation did have the PowerPoint in paper form, but having all of the PowerPoints available online would be great. Thanks

The EDP people needed to follow the format you told them to use. They altered to their own agenda and became boring.

The State Agency Directors Forum was very useful as were the comments from fellow mayors during discussion with the agency directors. The Oregon Scenic Bikeways session was among the best I've attended.

The sessions that were good were exceptional. Specially Ted Wheelers talk and Sharon Harris presentation.

The Mayor's session remains the best of all. It alone is reason enough to attend the conference.

Power point presentations that just follow the printed handouts are boring. We can read. I think the printouts should only be for discussions and not just read verbatim. Mayors Open Forum - see above.

All were great

Ted Wheeler was excellent and more Q&A time with him would have been great. The State Agencies Director forum was also useful and could have lasted an entire day. I did not get to have several conversations I wished to have. The Mayor's Forum had potential but should have been organized differently so that a given table was intending to converse about a specific topic. I ended up at tables in conversations that were completely irrelevant to me.

Enjoying talking to Dept. heads, that is the only chance a small city talk to them.

The Open Forum was great and very beneficial. I do like the changing tables format. It makes for better communication. At one table we were able to help a new Mayor with some issues we had all dealt with before. Very gratifying.

Economic development partnerships had no handouts or takeaways for the mayors. Also, they repeated the same topic 4 different ways. Needed to have maybe two of them, and coordinate speeches before the presentation.

The information on economic development partnerships was helpful but too much lecture and not enough discussion. Scenic bikeways was good but a little ironic after the discussion with State Treasurer Wheeler about the shift from manufacturing and timber well-paying jobs to lower-wage retail and hospitality jobs. The Mayors Open Forum and State Agency Directors were the sections I got the most out of.

Thought all sessions where worthwhile

The Mayors open forum seems to be controlled by a few. I want an open dialogue. When different opinions are given, there seems to be a reluctance to listen to new ideas.

I learned much more from the sessions on Friday.

The economic development partnerships was interesting for a couple of the speakers. It was very boring and repetitive when some of the speakers just read off their bullet points and list of stuff they do. The best one was the waterfront talk and I got a lot out of that one and enjoyed the information. I heard this same comment from several other mayors. The Mayor's open forum was awesome and worth the whole weekend.

All sessions were interesting, helpful and well presented.

Enjoyed them very much

The session on economic development was terrible. There was nothing to take home. I do not need a sales pitch for what is great somewhere else. What I need is something to take home that works and can help my city.

Very good information. I always enjoy the Mayors Open forum.

Consistent value. Well done. The Open Forum was a bit noisy and hard to hear but otherwise quite valuable, as usual.

Oregon Scenic Bikeways turned into being more of a bickering session between Mayors and Presenters. Cycle Oregon, etc., was not comfortable answering questions that applied to the use of Fuel Taxes and at times got very defensive and negative toward Mayors present. I also felt that they were trying to market Cycling events and promote cycling tourism. Opening remarks by Treasurer Wheeler and presentation was terrific. He is great speaker and did a very good job of answering questions.

5. What did you like best about the conference?

Text Response

The awards was made to be very fun for all.

Enjoyed the downtown desert tickets that helped get us downtown and seeing things. The Cottage Grove people were wonderful...they worked hard to be flexible - accommodating as necessary in the heat. The mayor's forum worked very well. Lots of good conversation-each group covered different ground. I really like going to smaller communities-I enjoy the flavor.

Networking, common issues and solutions among the mayors.

Air conditioning ... lol. Beautiful accommodations, good food, convenience, friendly and helpful environment and a good staff that made everything seem so smooth. Of course, Mr. President Scott Burge was delightful, but I'm prejudiced.

The chance to commune with my fellow mayors, share stories, commiserate regarding our challenges and cement our friendships.

Scenic cycle ways

The sessions. They were meaty and most helpful.

Seeing all of what Cottage Grove has to offer.

Always my favorite breakout is the agency directors. They each give an explanation of what they do and an update from the legislative session. Having time to talk with them one on one, and more than one all at the same time is very helpful. Thank you for coordinating this session.

State Agency Roundtables. Ted Wheeler's talk was excellent as well. Mayor group time is always important.

The best thing was being awarded the Leadership Award!!!!

The air conditioning.

Networking opportunities.

Networking and discussing similar issues and concerns with other Mayors.

MEETING MAYORS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

I liked the state agencies participation and the chance to visit with other mayors about how they operate

The Keynote speaker was one of the best I've ever heard in any conference. He covered a range of topics in depth both in his formal address and with follow-up questions.

The venue was excellent and the resort did a wonderful job of making us feel welcome. The city of Cottage Grove did an excellent job of coping with and dealing with the excessively hot weather.

The chance to meet other mayors and compare experiences, to learn from those mayors with years of experience.

Ted Wheeler's talk and the Directors forum.

the socializing

Meeting other Mayors, I have been a Mayor for years and I was truly treated well by everyone.

Interaction with other Mayors. It is always enjoyable to see old friends and make new ones in the "Mayor world".

Time to meet and collaborate with mayors.

The Mayors Open Forum, Agency Directors, the Art Walk, and time to relax and visit with folks.

State agency directors and Mayors open forum

The opening greet with the silent auction, the wine tour and the economic development and citizen involvement sections.

The Village Inn, the visit to the Yurts plant, Ted Wheeler as keynote speaker, the session on City Manager Performance Evaluations

Dinner at the civic center and the music was very nice and the awards dinner was also very nice. The Mayor's open forum is probably the best thing of the conference for me. The networking, questions and answers are very helpful and everyone has good questions and answers.

Meeting and talking to other mayors.

I left taking with me helpful information and contacts for me to follow up on.

Harris and Wheeler presentations along with net working

Small personal setting and the state agency forum was very good

Being surprised by my family and staff and getting the award.

The program for spouses and guests was much better this year.

Networking and Ted Wheeler. Staff at the hotel were great.

In addition to the many state officials, it gave me a chance to exchange experience and get input to assist about current problems.

Location and Old friends

Meeting old friends and making new ones!

Pacific Yurts Tour and meeting with other Mayors both formally and informally. Cottage Grove Mayor was very cordial and did a great job of coordination.

Having Ted Wheeler as the speaker on Friday was great. All the informative sessions had value. The Economic Development session could have been structured to be more of "how" can Mayors and cities really partner with the organizations.

6. Additional Comments:

Text Response

The OMA Board needs to consider if it wants to take make public policy statements. The last few years we haven't addressed any major issues. Might want to consider, if nothing more, than an orientation to the major issues. Lots of Mayors don't really have a full understanding of property tax as an example. Consider a session on being the spouse/family of a Mayor. Have the spouses and Mayors attend. This has been done 10+ years ago. Folks found it helpful. Lets the other half of the family hear from others, provides practical advice on how to deal with members of the public...how to help keep life in balance. Suggest efforts be made to find out why more mayors aren't attending. Is it price, topics, has no one called and invited or informed them (when I was first elected was told it was just a bunch of old boys who sat around and drank--with no real business - I've found this not to be true :-). An intern/staff on the phone to a mayor would help drive up attendance--helping more folks do well for their community.

I think Ginger Harville did an excellent job along with her coworkers in planning and administering this conference. I felt very much at ease, welcomed, and enjoyed her enthusiasm. Many thanks to the owners of Buster's who offered gift certificates and gave us an opportunity to enjoy their food and atmosphere. The charm bracelet idea is a great one for getting to know the community better.

See my information paper. (Note – see attached)

This is the 2nd time for the Village Green and Cottage Grove. While the hotel improved markedly since last time (air conditioning good!) it simply doesn't measure up. I could feel the bed-springs. The roof over the parking looked ready to collapse. It is a two star facility at best.... three star should be a minimum expectation. I understand that there are fewer bids being submitted... if so, perhaps the OMA should consider following the LOC model and have rotating conventions... and that could bring more areas of the state into the rotation: Corvallis, Eugene, Astoria, Lincoln City, Newport, N. Bend/Coos Bay, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Redmond, Pendleton, Baker City, Ontario, The Dalles, Hood River... all large enough to have hotels of sufficient size and with the facilities needed.

All in all I had a wonderful time and learned a lot. I do have a couple of suggestions. It would be helpful if we had more information about the mayors who are attending, such as phone numbers and email addresses. Not everyone has cards, or brings cards. Also, I could have used a small tablet to take notes. Thanks

It's such an open and informal conference with just enough organization to keep the flow moving. Let's keep it that way.

Can't anticipate what every city may want or need to learn more about so sessions, over all, were a good mix. Would like to have had a tour of the medical marijuana dispensary just across from our hotel.

Friday evening meal prepared by culinary class was outstanding, even after having to be moved indoors.

PLANNING ON ATTENDING NEXT YEAR

Looking forward to next year's meeting. May I suggest a new session to review and/or discuss new ways of finding revenue for cities... especially smaller ones like Jacksonville. Given our tax restrictions with 50 and 5 what are some other cities doing apart from instituting meals taxes or parking meters, etc.?

It seemed as if there was a very limited amount of time to interact with other Mayors.

One little improvement, On our name tags, could you put the name of City in bigger print. That's usually what you remember, and it's hard to see across a table, just a suggestion.

Ginger did a great job with organizing and keeping everything on track. Good job, Ginger.

Thanks for making adjustments to venues due to excessive heat.

I am looking forward to next year at Salishan.

This was my first Mayor's conference and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you.

I just like more time to talk to other mayors individually about what they experience.

In the past 3 years, I have not gotten a lot out of the State Directors session. I think it could be done in about half the time and with just a couple of times moving to the tables. The best part was listening to what happened to their depts. in the last session. It is nice to network with the agencies, but it just seems like it could be done with a lot less time and have some other helpful sessions. I would like to have seen more sessions like last year. Things like the Drone Session and Social Media, those were really good sessions and helpful (I know there were more, but I cannot remember them all. Thank you for all your hard work on the conference, I know for a conference of this size it takes a lot of work to put it on.

Looking forward to next year. I thought Ginger did a wonderful job. Thank you for a great event.

Thomas Munroe Mayor Cottage Grove

Again, the facilities were not up to par for those attending. I was really disappointed in the Village Green.
VERY GOOD JOB GINGER!!!!

Looking forward to next year.

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: FEEDBACK ON OMA CONFERENCE JULY 30-AUGUST 1, 2015

Session Comments

The State Agency Directors Forum was a very important aspect of the Conference but was not particularly well done for the following reasons:

1. Way too much time was spent on introductions. Some of the agency heads went on and on with information that was essentially useless to this group.
2. It was almost absurd listening to these agency heads brag about how much larger their bureaucratic staffs had grown due to legislation. This is not necessarily good news to the cities and was not universally welcomed.
3. The room was too small for the breakout sessions so it became crowded, noisy and a bit chaotic. These breakout sessions should be conducted in calmer circumstances.
4. One idea that came up that makes sense is to query the members in advance as to which agencies they would like to visit with at the Conference. Then you can invite those agencies to participate with the lure that they would be popular with the group.
5. I would have liked to have seen more agency heads there instead of their subordinates. I doubt that their subordinates will adequately transmit negative information to their bosses.
6. Clearly, ODOT needs to send several representatives as they are by far the most popular agency at the table. There seems to be lots of complaints directed to ODOT so they should send staffers who can deal candidly with the kinds of questions that come up.

The Utilizing Economic Development Partnerships was mildly interesting but included few "takeaways" for use back home. The speakers, though earnest, seemed very uncoordinated and thus repetitive – each speaker tended to till the same ground. Also, some of the PowerPoint slides were long laundry lists that were a bit overwhelming.

The Citizen Involvement Panel was quite good with good takeaways.

The Mayor's Open Forum is a **great** tradition at the Conference. Here are some thoughts:

1. The room was quite crowded and therefore noisy. A bigger room or using two or three breakout rooms would be better so that we can interact in more intimate groups.
2. Having stationary group leaders/facilitators is a great idea. Make sure they are briefed in advance as to the methods and objectives of the sessions. One large group, the way we used to do it, remains a bad idea.
3. If anything, there is too little of it. I would go another half of an hour.

I would have liked to have seen a short update on the legislative session as it relates directly to our cities. No details but again some useful high points on such things as marijuana, transportation funding, water issues, etc.

Other Comments:

The hotel was fine and easy to get around in. However, (minor problems) the beds/pillows were hard and the air conditioning was noisy. The food was abundant and very good.

As I say every year, we need to get a new machine to make the name tags that allows for making the **CITY** name on the tag easily readable. The way it is now, we all are very interested to know where folks come from but because of the small print on the tags we have to squint close to their chests to catch their city, sometimes in embarrassingly obvious ways.

Some of us are older and don't always hear perfectly. When speaking, some folks don't properly use their microphones or worse, don't use a microphone at all. This is not ideal. Also, sometimes some of the microphones and speaker systems are of poor quality which also is part of the problem. These were all issues this weekend.

Next Year

For next year here are some topics to consider:

1. Aviation in Oregon – becoming a really big deal
2. CERT teams (Community Emergency Response Teams)
3. City-County relations (a big problem in some counties)
4. City Gas Taxes

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REGISTRATION FORM

Due by JULY 16, 2015

Name _____ Mayor of _____
(One registrant per form, please)

Billing Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ Email _____

*Spouse/Guest Name (if attending any conference meal or event) _____

REGISTRATION FEES	COST	QT	TOTAL \$
Member Registration	\$170		\$
Non-Member Registration	\$210		\$
Late Registration Fee (add after July 16)	\$50		\$
*Spouse/Guest Registration	\$25		\$
THURSDAY, July 30			
9-Hole Scramble Golf Tournament (w/cart)	\$20		\$
9-Hole Trifecta of Golf (w/cart)	\$20		\$
Hydro-Electric Plant & Pacific Yurts Tour	<i>Complimentary</i>		
Get-Acquainted Reception	<i>Complimentary</i>		
FRIDAY, July 31			
Continental Breakfast in the Restaurant	<i>Complimentary</i>		
Covered Bridges Tour	<i>Complimentary</i>		
Picnic Lunch – Bohemia Park	\$20		\$
Winery Tour – <i>must be 21 years of age</i>	\$15		\$
Cottage Grove Downtown Art Walk	<i>Complimentary</i>		
Dinner at the Armory	\$30		\$
SATURDAY, August 1			
Continental Breakfast in the Restaurant	<i>Complimentary</i>		
Cottage Grove Museums Tour	<i>Complimentary</i>		
Lunch with Stearman Bi-Plane Pilots	\$20		\$
Annual Awards Dinner	\$40		\$
TOTAL TO BE PAID			\$

Round-trip transportation will be provided for off-site events.

Payment Options

Please check one:

- Check enclosed
- Bill me
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*To pay by credit card, call (503) 588-6550.

Changes & Cancellations

must be emailed by to kmarecek@orcities.org by 5:00 p.m. on July 23, 2015

No refunds will be given for cancellations after the deadline. No-shows will be billed.

If you have additional questions, please contact Kristie Marecek at (503) 588-6550.

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Summary of 2015 OMA Conference Budget

Income

The 2015 OMA Conference took in 28,555.00 in revenue.

Expenditures

2015 Expense	Budgeted	Actual
Administration	11,500.00	11,500.00
Entertainment / Golf	550.00	260.00
Hotel-Catering	17,090.00	12,914.23
Postage/Printing	300.00	1,171.58
Travel	1,700.00	161.25
Silent Auction	1,500.00	1,765.00
Speakers	0.00	
EXPENSE TOTAL	32,640.00	27,772.06

Notes: 2015 was quite a bit less expensive than 2014, total costs for 2014 were approximately \$37,000, which went well over budget. Cottage Grove paid for some of the transportation in 2015 (or personal vehicles were used). Transportation can be one of the big expenditures that adds up quickly (\$500-\$1500 for one transport). The budget for the 2016 conference will be prepared and submitted to the OMA Board at the January retreat.