



LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## LCOG - NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



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## LCOG IS HIRING!



Please help spread the word about new job opportunities at LCOG:

Assistant/Associate Transportation and Lane Use Planner; Finance Associate; Case Managers; Eligibility Specialists; Adult

Protective Services Specialist; Administrative Aide; and Minutes Recorders.

For more information, visit the LCOG Jobs Page [here](#)

## EUGNET!

Previously referred to as the “Downtown Fiber Project,” EUGNet is an “open access” fiber optic network. The fiber strands run underground from a central exchange to individual buildings. Open access means that the fiber strands are managed by EWEB, a public utility. Private internet service providers lease those fiber strands to serve individual businesses in the connected buildings.

EUGNet’s increased speed and reduced cost is expanding in downtown Eugene and has been super charged with backbone connections to Portland and Silicon

Valley.

For more information, videos, project updates - see [here](#)

## EUGNET COMMUNITY TEAM

Helping the community realize it's vision to be one of the best places in the country for internet access.



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# 144 DAYS UNTIL CENSUS DAY!- April 1, 2020 -

## HIRING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

500,000 Temporary Workers  
Across the Country will be  
hired.

Census takers will be hired to  
work in their communities and  
go door to door to collect  
responses from those who do  
not respond to the 2020  
Census online, by phone or by  
mail. These positions offer  
competitive pay, flexible  
hours, paid training and  
weekly paychecks.

Together, we can ensure  
that our community receives the  
resources it needs.

The logo for the United States Census 2020, featuring the text "United States® Census 2020" in white on a dark blue background.

Learn more at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

Apply [here](#), with one application to be considered for several positions, including  
census taker, recruiting assistant, office clerk, and supervisory staff.

The selection process for census taker positions begins in January 2020, with  
paid training occurring in March and April.

Lane County, Oregon Pay Rates Per Hour: \$13.50 - \$17.50

\* The pay rate above represents the range of pay rates for both office and census taker positions.  
Census takers also receive reimbursement for work-related mileage and expenses, where applicable.

Most households in the nation will receive invitations in the mail to respond

(online, by phone or by mail) in March 2020. The Census Bureau will begin advertising nationwide in January 2020 to increase awareness about the importance and benefits of participating in the 2020 Census.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years. Census data are used to determine congressional representation in the states and how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed to states and local communities every year for critical public services and infrastructure, including health clinics, schools, roads and emergency services.

## STATISTICS IN SCHOOL PROGRAM



Last month, the U.S. Census Bureau kicked off the Statistics in Schools Program for 2020 Census, highlighting new 2020 Census classroom activities for students to learn about the importance of having everyone in their families counted in the census next March.

Schools play a key role in getting an accurate count in their communities and could challenge students to get involved and help through interactive games and new classroom activities specifically designed for the 2020 Census. Every school district superintendent across the country will receive a letter from the Census Bureau inviting them and their teachers to join the

Statistics in Schools program for the 2020 Census.

Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham said “the Statistics in Schools program brings data and the 2020 Census into the classroom. This is a national call to action for every educator and student across the country. When students take home the message of how important the 2020 Census is, they help ensure that their household is counted.”

The SIS program offers K-12 educators free online activities, games and other resources to help them bring statistics into their classrooms. For the 2019-2020 school year, the SIS program — in partnership with teachers from across the country — created 67 new 2020 Census activities and materials, including a song, interactive videos, wall maps and more. The new activities also focus on English language learners including adults learning English as a second language. The more than 100 resources available year-round, help students use census data in interactive ways to build skills in a variety of subjects. All of the resources are free and available [HERE](#) with no registration required.

The 2020 Census materials are designed to be easily used in any classroom and are not tied to specific subject areas. The materials include activities that students can do at home to spread the word about the importance of completing the 2020 Census and counting everyone in the household, especially young children. An accurate count of all children is critical for educators and their

students because 2020 Census responses drive decisions about the distribution of federal funds for programs and services such as special education, teacher training, technology, school lunch assistance, Head Start and after-school programs.

For more information, see [here](#).

## COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

LCOG is currently coordinating with the US Census Bureau to set up "Complete Count Committees". The Census Bureau wants local jurisdictions to involve community groups that can help bring in response from everyone but especially from hard-to-reach segments of the community: elderly shut-ins, Hispanic and non-white communities, homeless and transitional-shelter population, remote rural population, university students, etc.

### Why it matters:

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

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

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## THINGS GOING ON IN THE REGION

**Bethel School District:** Seven Willamette students selected to the All State Honor Bands. **Learn more** [here](#)

**Coburg:** Save the Date: 2019 Coburg Light Parade – Sunday, December 8 from 7-8:30 p.m . **Learn more** [here](#)

**Cottage Grove:** Local recycling program unique to county - The Recycling Take-Back program, run by local nonprofit EcoGeneration, accepts a wide variety of plastics every Thursday at the South Valley Farmers Market, addressing a notable need for plastic recycling in the area. **Learn more** [here](#)

**Creswell:** Request for Proposal Consulting Services for System Development Charges (SDC) Rates Study; Deadline December 6. **Learn more** [here](#)

**Creswell School District:** Superintendent Michael Johnson will be hosting two community input sessions – November 6 and December 18. **Learn more** [here](#)

**EPUD:** EPUD on 2019 List of Best Non-Profits to Work for in Oregon – Number 10 for Large Organizations. **Learn more** [here](#)



**Eugene:** Sarah Medary Appointed City Manager Pro Tem. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Eugene 4J School District:** Construction to begin soon at temporary school site for Edison and Camas Ridge reconstruction. **Learn more [here](#)**

**EWEB:** EWEB's FREE Efficiency Education Program is available to customers who meet income guidelines or who might be at risk for disconnection of services. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Florence:** City to Celebrate Local Entrepreneurs on November 14. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Junction City:** Fall Clean Sweep Event - November 16. Bring your un-bagged lawn debris to JC Public Works. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Lane Community College:** Lane Annual Celebration of Apprenticeship – November 13. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Lane County:** Lane County and its partners set to host FREE Food Waste Workshop for food service professionals November 19. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Lowell:** Lowell Mayor Don Bennett and other local elected officials took a tour of the Youngs Rock Ridgon Landscape Project in the Willamette National Forest. **Learn more [here](#)**

**LTD:** LTD Introduces TouchPass Electronic Fares. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Oakridge:** Oakridge Gets EPA Money To Help Curb Smoky Air. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Port of Siuslaw:** Port Hosts Vintage Trailer Rally – Pictures: **[here](#)**

**River Road Park and Recreation District:** Holiday Food Drive November 1 - December 31. **Learn more [here](#)**

**South Lane School District:** Superintendent resigns for health reasons. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Springfield:** City Seeks Applicants for Historic Commission – Deadline November 15. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Springfield Public Schools:** Springfield Public Schools presents Student Success Act plan. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Siuslaw Library:** Art committee taking applications to display local art at library in 2020. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Siuslaw Valley F&R and Western Lane Ambulance:** Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority (WLFEA) officially begins. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Veneta:** City Launches Online Survey for Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Project; now through December 13. **Learn more [here](#)**

**Willamalane Park and Recreation District: Willamalane Celebrates**  
Completion of Dorris Ranch Improvements. **Learn more [here](#)**

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