

Applications open for Master Recycler program

Lane County Waste Management Division is offering a free course this winter that provides comprehensive training on local solid waste issues. Hear from local experts, tour local facilities and learn why things are (or are not) recyclable.

The Waste Management Division hosts this course to help Lane County residents and businesses reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink waste habits.

Winter classes will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 8 through March 5, 2019, at Lane Community College's Florence Center, 3149 Oak St.

Applications are available at www.lanecounty.org/masterrecyclers or by calling 541-682-2059. Completed applications may be submitted by fax, email or regular mail.

Retirees, folks new to the area, teachers, green job seekers, parents, high school and college students studying sustainability, business owners and employees tasked with reducing solid waste in the workplace all find common purpose in the Master Recycler community.

"The Master Recycler program provides valuable and necessary waste reduction education to our community, generating inspired and engaged program graduates who provide outreach and examples of practical sustainability during our events, at our schools and in our neighborhoods," said Deveron Musgrave, Waste Prevention and Green Building Program Coordinator at City of Eugene, who took the program in 2014. "Our local Master Recyclers not only inspire those around them to waste less — they encourage their friends and neighbors to do more."

The Master Recycler training course includes

35 hours of classroom instruction: nine consecutive Tuesday evening classes, a Saturday compost demonstration and two Saturday multi-site field trips to area solid waste and recycling sites.

Instructors are local experts in solid waste from business, government and non-profit sectors.

The course is free for those who volunteer 30 hours to educate and assist their communities in the year following the training.

For more information, contact Kelly Bell at 541-682-2059 or kelly.bell@co.lane.or.us.

Apply now for Western Lane Community Foundation grants

In this time of Thanksgiving, Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) is very thankful to offer the 2019 grant cycle to eligible applicants.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local nonprofit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of Western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts and social and civic services.

In 2018, over \$73,000 was awarded to several of these worthy causes. The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

Grant requests for the 2019 grant cycle will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2019. The application may be downloaded at WLCF's website.

It is highly recommended that applicants review the Grant Guidelines included there.

Please submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439, or by email to wlcfc@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or received no later than close of business on Jan. 15.

Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a Board Member for an interview regarding

the request for funds. Grants will be selected in February and then awarded in late March.

Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant report by Aug. 31, 2019.

Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need, and benefit to the community at large. Grant requests and award amounts vary greatly, but are usually between \$100 and \$5,000, depending on the nature of the grant project and funds available for distribution.

For more information, contact WLCF at the address above or by calling 541-997-1274.

BLM, Siuslaw Watershed to host forest management meeting

The Siuslaw Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management is partnering with the Siuslaw Watershed Council and the Big Bear Camp in Walton, Ore., to host a public meeting to discuss and receive feedback on a forest management project for some of their Late-Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve lands north of Highway 126 and throughout the Siuslaw Watershed.

This meeting will be a great place to learn more about the groups' guiding forest management plan and provide valuable feedback about its proposal, which includes thinning and restoration activities in stands of trees and adjacent streams on BLM lands to support the restoration of late-successional complex stands spotted owl habitat.

For anyone who wants to have a voice in managing public lands, this is a great place to be.

People are invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Big Bear Camp in Walton, 89480 Nelson Mountain Road.

The public scoping period for this management plan is set to begin on Dec. 3, allowing the public 30 days to comment.

"Come to this event to learn more about how your public lands will be managed and provide valuable feedback to our partners at the Bureau of Land Management," said Karen Skulley with the Siuslaw Water-

shed Council.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council, based in Mapleton, supports sound economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin.

The council encourages cooperation among public and private entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.

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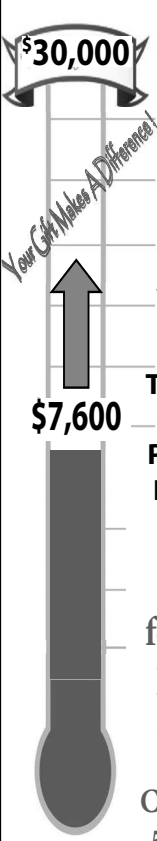


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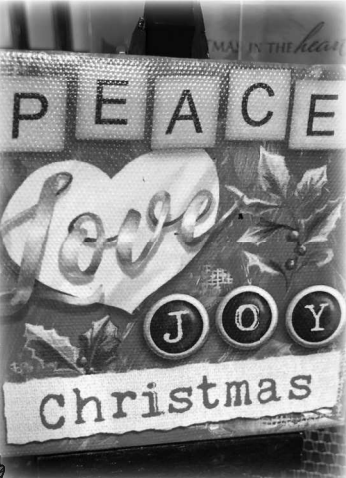
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