

On The Record

Lane County services modified for physical distancing protocols

As Lane County continues to respond to COVID-19, county offices have made adjustments to how and when some services are available to the public.

These changes are intended to help safeguard the health of the people it serves, as well as the health of its employees.

A few key services that are typically in demand this time of year have made changes that allow them to continue operating, including:

- **Assessment & Taxation:** Limited in-person customer service hours will be held May 11-15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., leading up to the May 15 third trimester property tax payment due date.

Assessment & Taxation has also increased alterna-

tive payment options, including online payments or payments over the phone (1-833-819-5119).

Checks can also be mailed or placed in the Assessment & Taxation lobby drop box during normal business hours.

Changes were made to better protect customers during in-person visits, including sneeze guards at the payment and information counters and installation of a lobby phone for customers who wish to make phone payments on-site.

Phone: 541-682-4321 (M-F, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Email: assessor@lanecounty.gov Website: www.LaneCountyOR.gov/AT

(Note: Oregon property tax due dates are determined by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), and the

State Legislature has not made any changes to those dates.

- **Deeds and Records:** Marriage licenses are available by mail or appointment at the Deeds and Records Office, although civil ceremonies remain on hold.

Most other services are available by phone or online. Phone: 541-682-3654 Email: recording@lanecounty.gov Website: www.LaneCountyOR.gov/deeds

- **Elections:** While the Elections Office is closed to walk-ins, services are available online and by phone. If an issue cannot be resolved over the phone, an appointment will be made.

Voters can track the status of their ballots online at www.oregonvotes.gov. Voters

are encouraged to call the Elections Office with any concerns or questions about their ballots.

Phone: 541-682-4234 Email: elections@lanecounty.gov Website: www.LaneCountyOR.gov/elections

- **Land Management Division:** The Lane County Public Works Customer Service Center is temporarily closed to the public. The Land Management Division has expanded its message line and email response services.

Residents are still able to submit planning, building, sanitation and manufactured structures applications.

—Land Management

Message: 541-682-4065
—Building Safety Message: 541-682-4651
—Land Use/ Zoning Message: 541-682-3577
—OnSite Wastewater Message: 541-682-3754
—Code Enforcement Message: 541-682-3724

More information about adjusted Lane Management services is available at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/LMD.

- **Women, Infants, Children (WIC):** WIC provides food benefits, nutritional assessment and education, breastfeeding support and referrals to community resources.

WIC is open for business during the pandemic and serving Lane County fam-

ilies in the safety of their homes through appointments by phone. Want to know more and see if your family qualifies?

Call 541-682-4202 and leave a message with your contact information and WIC will return your call.

You can also email us at WIC@lanecounty.gov to find out more.

Customers who do make appointments or in-person visits to offices that are still open to the public are asked to wear masks while in the office, and practice physical distancing.

This request is to help protect the safety of visitors and staff.

BLM 2020 fire prevention order begins Sunday

Effective tomorrow, May 10, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is prohibiting the use of fireworks, target shooting with exploding targets, and firing tracer or incendiary devices on all BLM-managed public lands throughout Oregon and Washington. The prohibition will remain in effect until Oct. 31.

"BLM-managed public lands start to see more visitors in May due to the beautiful weather, especially during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. This annual fire prevention order reminds people to be fire-wise to reduce the number of human-caused wildfires in the Pacific Northwest," said Jose Linares, acting State Director, BLM Oregon/Washington. "In dry conditions, sparks can

spread quickly from fireworks or exploding targets, putting people, wildlife, and habitats at risk."

Those who violate the prohibition can be fined up to \$1,000 and/or receive a prison term of up to one year. In addition, people responsible for starting wildland fires on federal lands can be billed for the cost of fire suppression. An incendiary device is defined as any firebomb or device designed or specially adapted to cause physical harm to persons or property by means of fire, consisting of an incendiary substance or agent and a means to ignite it. Examples include, but are not limited to, flamethrowers, Molotov cocktails, or accelerants.

According to the current Northwest Coordi-

nation Center (NWCC) Seasonal Outlook, precipitation has been below normal in most areas except for western Washington and Northeast Oregon during the 2019-2020 winter. Drought designated areas are expanding and worsening across Oregon and eastern Washington.

Early Spring rains have temporarily suppressed fire danger in the dry spots east of the Cascades and in southwest Oregon but have not erased the overall moisture deficit. Spring and Summer climate outlooks portray warmer and drier conditions than typical for the region.

Higher-than-usual large fire risk is anticipated in sections of Oregon and eastern Washington.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
April 28	62	49	0.03
April 29	56	50	0.19
April 30	58	43	0.03
May 1	55	39	0.49
May 2	53	43	1.38
May 3	57	41	0.02
May 4	59	43	0.23

Rainfall Week: 2.37"
Month: 4.76" Year: 35.54"

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February 2020: 413.22 ppm

February 2019: 410.09 ppm

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The LCC board invites you to attend an upcoming online town hall meeting to learn more about Measure 20-306, which will be on the May 19th ballot.

Saturday May 9th 10:00 am

Saturday May 9th or 2:00 pm

Visit lanecc.edu/bond for information about participating.

Submit questions at bond@lanecc.edu

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Separating recyclables from your trash reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, saves energy, and reduces emissions!

Items that can go into your recycle cart are:
• Cardboard (flattened) and Paper (magazines, junk mail, newspapers, scrap paper, cereal boxes, egg cartons)
• Plastic milk jugs and transparent drinking bottles (rinse - no lids)
• Metal food and drink cans (rinse - no lids)

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- Urologist Dr. Bryan Mehlfaff attends.
- Tuesday Lunch Group (3rd Tuesday) 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. - Ichiban Chinese/Japanese Restaurant
- Urologist Dr. Roger McKimmy attends.

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