

On The Record

Lane County Public Health issues latest COVID-19 update

(Issued March 10)

Testing update:

• Lane County has had no positive COVID-19 tests as of 8 a.m. on March 10.

Common questions

• **Is Lane County planning to declare an emergency?**

Yes, if it becomes necessary. Over this last weekend, the Governor's Office declared a state of emergency. This opens up a funding stream for resources and assistance through Oregon Health Authority, which is leading the response efforts with Oregon Emergency Management.

We have prepared declara-

tion documentation so that we can move quickly if we start seeing cases locally or the disease spread changes.

• **Can Lane County Public Health provide a work release letter for me or my employees?**

No. If you are an official Person Under Monitoring (PUM) for the COVID-19 investigation, Lane County Public Health can work with your employer to clear you to return to work. For all other individuals, Lane County Public Health cannot provide clearance for return to work.

Contact your medical

provider. Only your medical provider can order testing for COVID-19.

• **Should people avoid large gatherings or public spaces?**

Currently, Lane County Public Health is not advising community members to avoid large gatherings or public places. We are currently asking people to use the same caution they would use during flu season when it comes to public spaces.

Individuals with a condition that affects their lungs or breathing (like asthma or COPD) or individuals who are 65+ should always exer-

cise caution regarding large gatherings this time of year.

Prevention:

• We recommend all residents take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of many respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza:

• Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.

• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

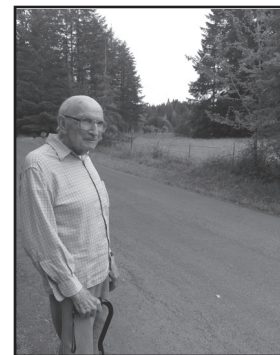
• Clean and disinfect sur-

faces that are often touched.

• Consult CDC's travel website for any travel advisories and steps to protect yourself if you plan to travel outside of the U.S.

Paul Robert Boehner

December 18, 1925 – February 28, 2020



Paul R. Boehner, 94, passed away February 28, 2020. Born in Philadelphia, PA, Paul joined the Marines at 17 and served in WWII as a radar operator on Okinawa and Tori Shima. After finishing his bachelor's degree at Penn State, Paul taught at public schools for 35 years, and was a Lincoln Junior High science teacher for 22 years in Cottage Grove, Oregon; known for weekly labs and field trips for his CONECO class (Conservation and Ecology). He was also active in the teacher's union and other educational organizations. Eagle Scout honoree, Paul served as scoutmaster for several troops for over 20 years. Combining his passion for nature and education, Paul worked diligently to help save a remnant of old growth forests from logging to use for education and research, called Boehner Woods (www.forestweb-cg.org/saving-boehner-woods), where he had taken students and near where he completed his Master's degree research project. He wrote and published songs including a musical, "Yellowstone," a tribute to where he worked many summers in his youth. He lived 56 years in Cottage Grove. Paul was preceded in death (by only 5 months) by his beloved wife of 40 years, Frances

(Basset) Boehner, also a local teacher and comrade-in-arms for charitable giving and caring for all living things. Paul met his first wife, Katherine (Griffus) Boehner (deceased) when they worked at Yellowstone NP during the summers and raised four children together: Paula (deceased), Peggy, Guy and Patricia. Paul is survived by daughter Peggy Boehner (Robert) and grandchildren Shelby and Kodi (Mike) and great-grandchildren Christian and Charlotte; son Guy Boehner; and daughter Patricia (Bahman, deceased, and partner Mark) and grandchildren Ashkon and Ryan. Paul's stepchildren are Lyn (Val deceased, grandchildren Vanessa and Gabriel); Jagat Joti Singh (Kartar Kaur); and Nancy (Coghan). His extended family are spread throughout the United States. Paul and Fran's remaining rescued felines are Penelope, Whiskers, and Ashley Wilkes. A memorial is being planned for a future date. Condolences can be made online at www.aspenaftercare.com. The family welcomes donations to Forest Web as an expression of sympathy instead of flowers. Forest Web, P.O. Box 1026, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or at www.forestweb-cg.org/donate.

Town hall to address local climate change action

Climate Action Cottage Grove, Forest Web and Sustainable Cottage Grove will be hosting a Climate Action Town Hall this Saturday, March 14, at the Cottage Grove Armory (628 E. Washington Ave.), for community members and local officials to participate in a forum on ways the City of Cottage Grove can reach the goal of being carbon neutral by the year 2030.

The event will include speakers, information tables and discussion sessions to work on possible solutions.

Speaking at the event will be Tao Orion of Resilience Permaculture Design, LLC, and author of Beyond the War on Invasive Species: A Permaculture Approach to Ecosystem Restoration and Matt McRae, Climate Policy Strategist for Our Children's Trust. They will be discussing topics such as the science of climate change, the impacts of climate change, and how to

develop the climate actions and policies necessary to achieve a stable climate.

Organizers describe the town hall as an interactive event where the residents can participate in a community conversation on how Cottage Grove can become a more resilient, greener community, learn about Climate Change and discuss what it means for Cottage Grove. Activities will include presentations on climate impacts on the Willamette Valley, Transition Towns, Climate Action Plans and grassroots projects. A significant portion of the day's schedule will be for attendees to participate in breakout sessions to brainstorm ideas to improve our cities carbon footprint and become more resilient in the face of a changing climate.

The Climate Action Town Hall is the culmination of a series of events which began with the Climate Strike and March held

in Cottage Grove last September. Since then, the organizing groups have held a monthly educational series of films and lectures on the environmental issues facing the planet at this critical time. More events, work-

shops, and presentations will follow in the months to come.

For more information, contact Climate Action Cottage Grove at climateactioncottagetrove@gmail.com.

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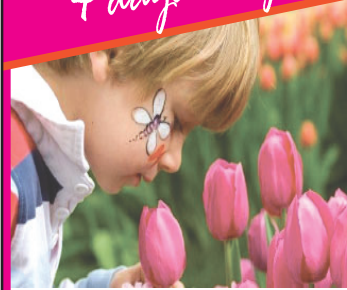
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