

On The Record

Lane County seeks to fill Health Advisory Committee position

The Lane County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the advisory committee listed below.

The committee advises the Board of Commissioners on a wide variety of topics and issues.

Public Health Advisory Committee:

Makes recommendations to the Public Health Administrator and advises the Board of Health and the Board of Commissioners on matters of public health, planning, policy development, control measures, funding, public education and advocacy. It also acts in a community liaison capacity to provide a link between the community and the Public Health Division.

Meeting schedule:
Meetings are held the

second Monday of the month from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Vacancies:

- 1 position designated to be filled by an at-large community member, "informed on and interested in public health matters";

- 1 vacancy designated to be filled by a person "licensed by this state as [a] health care practitioner."

Term:

Both vacancies are for a complete term of four years (commencing upon appointment and ending on Aug. 31, 2024).

Membership:

Consists of 12 members with a broad public health interest and concern, not limited to single interests or issues.

Committee representation shall include geographic, socioeconomic and professional interests.

Membership shall include: 5 persons "licensed by this state as health care practitioners" and 7 "persons who are informed on and interested in public health matters." (ORS 431.477).

Public members with diverse backgrounds are preferred; county employees are not eligible for membership.

The committee seeks to have membership that reflects the diversity of Lane County, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, gender, age, socioeconomic and geographical diversity.

We also strive to meet the goals set out by the Lane County Board of Commissioners to acknowledge and address the root causes of inequities in Lane County services and outcomes, work with community

members and staff to invent or find antiracist policies that can eliminate the racial inequities that exist and use an antiracist and racial equity lens to assess current and future policies and programs.

Application Deadline:
Monday, Aug. 27, at 5 p.m.

Applications are available on line at www.lanecounty.org/volunteer and in the Board of Commissioners' Office located on the 2nd floor of the Public Service Building, 125 East Eighth Ave. in Eugene.

To request an application by mail, call 541-682-4203.

You can return your application to the Board of Commissioners' Office or via email to Kalle Pierce at kalle.pierce@co.lane.or.us.

DEATH NOTICES

LYMATH—Richard "Rich" D. Lymath of Yoncalla died July 23, 2020.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Yoncalla Church of Christ.

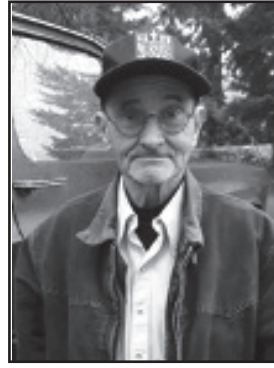
Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills

Funeral Chapel.

BOWERS—Phyllis L. Bowers, 94, of Creswell, Ore., died May 31, 2020.

A memorial service will be held at the Creswell Church of Christ in Creswell Sunday, Aug. 14, beginning at 2 p.m.

George McKown July 12, 2020



George McKown, 71, of Drain Oregon, died unexpectedly on July 12, 2020 at a Portland Hospital, of complications of a medical procedure and underlying health conditions.

George is survived by Travis McKown, Shannon Koehler, ex-wife of 16 years- Diana Fish, 5 grandkids, 6 great grandkids and dear friend Jessica Kisling, all of Oregon; and his mother Myra Brandt, sister Shannon Rowson, 1 nephew and 3 nieces in California, Virginia, Georgia and Colorado. George

was predeceased in death by his father, Wayne McKown, stepfather Loren Brandt, and two brothers Terry and Kevin Brandt.

A Memorial service will be held August 2nd at 1 PM at Gateway Family Fellowship Church of the Nazarene located at 337 C Avenue, Drain, Oregon. A mask must be worn for those in attendance. You can also participate via the church's Facebook page.

There will be a private graveside service at a time TBD in Springfield, Or.

George was very active as a volunteer preparing and distributing meals to the community, with Meals on Wheels and also the Living Hope Outreach Program at Gateway Family Fellowship Church of the Nazarene. In lieu of flowers it would honor George if you wanted to donate to either of those programs.

Oregonians to continue receiving increased food benefits in August

The Oregon Department of Human Services has received approval by the federal Food and Nutrition Service to continue in August to provide increased food benefits and waive the interview requirement for new applicants — making it faster and easier for Oregonians to access benefits.

This will result in an additional \$30 million to eligible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in August 2020.

"As the pandemic continues, access to food has worsened greatly," said Self-Sufficiency Programs Deputy Director Claire Seguin. "Providing another month of emergency assistance will help ease the threat of chronic hunger in Oregon."

SNAP households will automatically receive the additional allotment in the

same way they receive their current benefits.

For most customers this is an EBT card. The additional benefit amount will be disbursed on a schedule to all eligible SNAP households.

No additional action is needed from Oregonians already enrolled in SNAP. The increase brings all households to the maximum SNAP benefit. Households that already receive the maximum benefit will not receive any additional benefits.

This allotment will not permanently change a household's monthly benefit amount. It is a temporary supplement to help during the current health crisis.

The Department of Human Services will not be sending individual notices to households about the emergency allotments.

In addition, Oregon re-

ceived approval to continue to waive the requirement to complete an interview for new SNAP applicants. This change will allow us to process applications faster and better serve those Oregonians hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff will still reach out to new applicants to offer additional resources, explain requirements and answer questions.

Learn how to apply for SNAP and other benefits online or by phone at <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/COVID-19/Pages/Home.aspx>.

SNAP customers can contact their local SSP or AAA office for more information. Find a local office at: oregon.gov/DHS/Offices/Pages/index.aspx

For other ways to connect with DHS, contact 211 info:

- By calling 2-1-1 from any phone
- Text your zip code to 898211
- By email at help@211info.org
- 211info.org

Find other food resources at <https://oregonhunger.org/covid-19>.

Over 60 or have a disability?

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Contactless county tax payment options available

Lane County Assessment & Taxation will reopen its service counter on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning this past Tuesday, July 21.

Employees assisting customers at the service counter will wear face coverings.

Customers will also be required to wear face coverings.

Disposable face coverings are available for customers who do not have their own.

Additionally, employees and customers will be separated by a glass barrier.

"We have statutory deadlines that we must meet and part of our ability to do so relies on being able to work with our residents," said Lane County Assessor Mike Cowles. "Not everyone has access to online services, and not every question or issue can be resolved from a distance."

"We are doing everything we can to provide services in a safe way."

There are also several contactless options to receive service. The Assessment & Taxation phone assistance hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Questions can be submitted via email to assessor@lanecountyor.gov. Tax payments can be made by telephone at 1-833-819-5119, as well as online at www.lane-county.org/AT.

If needed, appointments are also an option.

By the end of July, Assessment & Taxation will also have completed the installation of a permanent property tax payment box on Pearl Street in Eugene between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

The box, next to the ballot drop box, will allow residents to make their payments without entering the building.

For more information about the services offered by Lane County Assessment & Taxation, visit www.lanecounty.org/AT.

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