



LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL
Bimonthly watershed news and meeting notice
OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2008

Action
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Understanding

NEW INVADERS AND NATIVE SPECIES
Wednesday, October 29
Lorane Grange, 6:30 pm

***Pasture & Riparian Invasive Plants;
Early Detection and Rapid Response***

*Presented by Teresa Coble
Technician, Eugene Bureau of Land Management*

Native Riparian Plants & Getting Them Established

*Presented by Liz Vollmer-Buhl,
Coordinator, Siuslaw Watershed Council*

Doors open at 6pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

***This workshop is co-hosted by the Long Tom Watershed Council and Siuslaw Watershed Council.
Anyone is welcome, particularly people with pasture or creeks on their place.***



*Meadow Knapweed is considered
an early invader in the Lorane area*

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**OUR WATERSHED AND YOU:
QUALITY AND QUANTITY**

***A Spencer Creek Community Meeting
sponsored by Spencer Creek Grange and local
residents***

***Saturday, October 18, 2008
10:00 am-2:00 pm***

See inside for full details

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Our Watershed and You: Quality and Quantity

*A Forum offered to the local community by
Spencer Creek Grange*

Saturday, October 18, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Our Speakers:

Ryan Ruggiero, McKenzie River Trust

Michael Mattick, Watermaster of Linn and Lane Counties

Cindy Thieman, Long Tom Watershed Council

Lisa Arkin, Oregon Toxics Alliance

Dr. Todd Jarvis, OSU Institute of Water & Watersheds Faculty

Moderated by County Commissioner Chair Faye Stewart

How's YOUR well? Visit a neighboring rain-water catchment system, and enjoy lunch with your community while learning about our most precious natural resource.

Admission and lunch by donation.

Spencer Crk Grange is located at the corner of Lorane Hwy. & McBeth Rd.

For more information, call 541-341-1709

Welcome New Steering Committee Members



Kim Carson, At-Large

Kim is the current Regional Education Coordinator for Oregon Trout covering the Mid-Willamette Valley and also Coordinator for the Corvallis Outdoor School Program. She holds a Masters Degree in Art Education from the University of New Mexico and has served in the capacity of program coordination for non profit organizations for over 10 years.

Personal interests include a 50 acre restoration project in partnership with William L. Finley Wildlife Refuge on her property in the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Carl Harrison, Upper Long Tom

Carl was born and raised in Hermiston, Oregon. He went to college at University of Idaho where he earned his B.S. in Forest Products Engineering. Upon graduation he worked for the Nez Pierce Indian tribe in Lapwai, Idaho as a Forester, and then in 1989 went to work for McFarland Cascade in Eugene where he currently works as the Resource Manager.

Carl married his wife Debbie in 1997 and they are raising their two children along the Long Tom River in the Elmira area. Carl enjoys hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends. He is currently a member of the local volunteer fire department, member of the Society of American Foresters, former board member of Lane Small Woodlands Association (8 years), and can often be found helping coach his kids on the TSP fields.



**Would you like a presentation about the watershed and our Council?
Would your agency or organization like to talk about ideas for collaboration?**

Please call Dana Erickson at 683-6578



2008 Annual Report

Action through Understanding

Program Accomplishment Highlights

Watershed Restoration

We support private and public land managers in a range of restoration activities that improve fish passage, water quality, and habitat. We work on farms and woodlands as well as developed and natural areas. Projects are prioritized based on watershed data and the Council's Conservation Strategy.



- Completed 9 restoration projects of all types on private and public land.
- Initiated 7 new restoration projects and performed ongoing work on 8 others.

Sub-watershed Enhancement

We resolve known impairments to water quality and habitat by hosting learning and problem-solving sessions with landowners in each creek basin. As people determine the solutions that work best for them, we assist with funding, project implementation, and ongoing stewardship.

- Current outreach in Bear Creek
- Secured grant for Coyote Creek sessions

Monitoring & Assessment

Monitoring and surveying help identify issues and potential projects and will also track the Council's progress over time.

- Fish Barrier Assessment (2008-09)
- Project monitoring (ongoing)



Community Involvement

The Council is a diverse and inclusive group representing all perspectives in the basin. We hold regular discussions on watershed health and aim to turn understanding into action. People say their involvement with the Council helps build community among neighbors and do the right thing.



- Hosted tours of 6 projects and held 3 watershed meetings on small dam removal, water quality in small cities, area history, and current land and water issues.
- Involved 89 volunteers in planting and mulching, 27 volunteers in research and committee work.

Who we are

Formed in 1997, the Long Tom Watershed Council is a 501c3 non-profit citizens' group comprised of people from all perspectives, and guided by a diverse Steering Committee. The Council has a successful track record of addressing local land and water issues in a proactive and positive manner.

Where we work

Amazon Creek
Bear Creek
Coyote Creek
Elk, Noti, Poodle Creeks
Fern Ridge Tributaries
Ferguson Creek
Lower Amazon Creek
Lower Long Tom River
Spencer Creek
Upper Long Tom River

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Dana Erickson
Executive Director

Cindy Thieman
Restoration & Monitoring

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Funding and Support

Fiscal Year July 2007—June 2008

Board Members 2007-08

Lower Long Tom

Jim Pendergrass,
Chair
Eric Freepons,
Secretary
Tony Stroda

Upper Long Tom

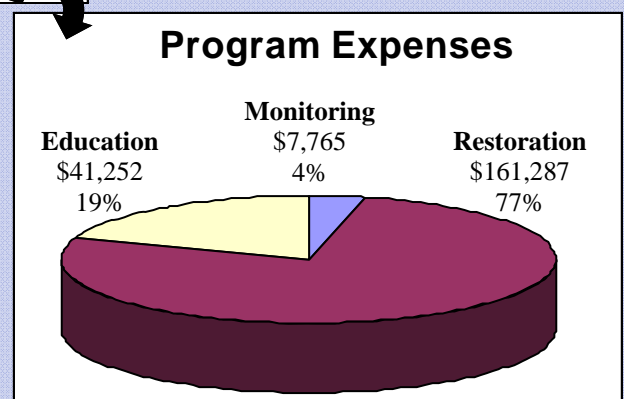
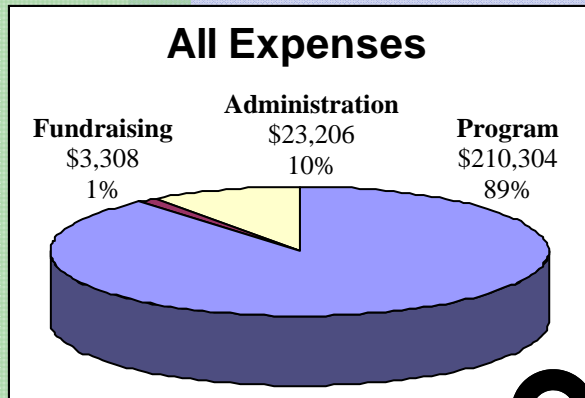
Patti Little
Tina Fenley,
Treasurer
Ric Ingham,
Vice-Chair

Amazon

Peg Boulay
Eric Wold
Brad Taylor

At Large

Ryan Collay
Rich Reeves
Corey Johnson
Kat Beal
Will Bondioli



Major Funding Partners

Public

Bureau of Land Management
City of Eugene
City of Veneta
DEQ
Lane Council of Governments
OWEB

Private

Lane County Small
Woodlands Association
Oregon Trout
Reerslev Farms, Inc
Roseburg Resources Co.
SureCrop Farm Services
Swanson Group, Inc.

Fast Facts

- 89% of all spending supports program activities.
- Individual donations help the Council leverage approximately \$150,000 per year in state watershed enhancement funds, and help the Council compete for many other grants.
- Over 85% of the Council's grant funds are spent in Lane County.
- Every hour of staff time leverages an hour of volunteer time.

FY'08 Income and Expenses

Income

Grants	341,895
Donations-transferred	60,201
Contract Service Income	36,000
Events	5,802
Donations	1,262
Interest	345

Total Income \$ 445,505

Expenses

Personnel	134,372
Restoration services/ materials	89,095
Travel/Mileage	4,052
Professional Services	2,581
Education Supplies	2,447
Insurance	1,642
Office/Occupancy	1,144
Training	903
Misc.	300

Total Expenses \$ 236,536

*Part of FY08 income is restricted for grant expenses to be incurred in FY09 and FY10.
Financial statements available upon request.*

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Annual Celebration Thank You!

Much Appreciated Special Thanks to..

- **Representative Brian Boquist** for presenting the Watershed Awards
- **Local speakers Bob Stroda and Jupe Holm** for making the Long Tom History come alive
- **Greg Taylor** for an informative presentation on how to address fish passage barriers
- **Most gracious hosts the Stroda Family and Stroda Brothers Farm!**
- **Kelly Stroda** for his outstanding culinary contribution at the barbeque!
- **Eric & Adele Freepons** for the scrumptious local lamb! The Freepons bring their local, farm fresh lamb to market under Umpqua Valley Lamb, available in New Seasons Markets in the Portland area.

The Council is honored to thank everyone who made our 11th Annual Celebration a spectacular event!

What made it memorable for you?

"The hayride & farm tour—I went twice!"

"The local history storytellers really made it interesting, we should do that every year"

"Lots of room to socialize without feeling cramped"

"THE FOOD!!"

"Beautiful outdoor setting on a beautiful day!"

"Friendly, casual atmosphere"

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Our Gratitude To

Conser Quarry

For supporting the Annual Celebration this year!

Special thanks to owner Kathy Kling for her work in partnering with the Council.

AUCTION DONOR SUPERSTARS!

Benton-Lane Winery

Peg Boulay & Bruce Newhouse

Kat & Jim Beal

Jean Jancaitis

Winter Green Farms CSA

Dan & Barbara Gleason

Tina Fenley

Lynn Boone

Support your Watershed Council

Help Bring new Grant Funding to the area!

We have the opportunity to apply for a Council Support grant from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). This is the core funding that keeps the Council going – supporting our work in outreach, education and connecting neighbors on land and water issues. The funding would start June '09 and last for two years. The application is due January 31. **Your donation by December 15th would make a tremendous difference in showing a diversity of solid community support for the Council's work.**

The Council has a track record of success in bringing these funds to the watershed; consistently ranking in the top tier of all watershed councils in Oregon. Thanks in part to your energy, knowledge, willingness to participate and donations - we're doing a great job here in the Long Tom River watershed.

Your donation will help the Council's application look its best. OWEB needs to see the community dedication to learning about and solving natural resource issues. We hope this will include your name, or your organization's name. The Council has a 10-year history working with watershed residents and we just hit a milestone of 30 completed restoration projects. Since most of the land in our watershed is privately owned, much of this education and restoration work involves developing relationships with private landowners and supporting their efforts to be stewards of their land. **Please see the Annual report in this newsletter for some highlights of recent accomplishments.**

With your support, we can continue to create the partnerships that help everyone participate in enhancing and restoring the ecology of this watershed.



Yes, I'd love to help with a tax-deductible donation to the Long Tom Watershed Council to improve water quality and the watershed in my community!

Your name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email (optional): _____

Note: The Council will not release your personal information to other organizations.

☐ Check here if you'd like to receive our newsletter and other announcements via email

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make your donation check payable to **Long Tom Watershed Council**. Send completed form and tax-deductible donation to:

Long Tom Watershed Council
751 S. Danebo Ave.
Eugene, OR 97402

THANK YOU!

Questions?

Dana Erickson, Executive Director
683-6578



Opportunities & Calendar

Council Events

Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 13; 6:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, January 29; 6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

****new date****

Contact: Dana Erickson, 683-6578;
coordinator@longtom.org

New Invaders and Native Plant Species

Wednesday, October 29; 6:30 p.m.

Lorane Grange—doors open 6pm

Contact: 341-1709



Other Events

Spencer Creek Community Meeting

Saturday, October 18; 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Spencer Creek Grange

WREN: A Beaver's Tale Family Program

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Meet at the West Eugene Wetlands Yurt at 10:00am

For more information call 683-6494

Other Events

Groundwater Management Area

Committee Meeting

DariMart Offices

125 E. 6th, Junction City

October 23; 8:00—10:00am

The Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area Committee will be meeting to discuss several interesting topics, including: an on-going baseline survey of SWV residents to understand their knowledge of groundwater issues; the results of 9 quarters of groundwater monitoring at the 41 long-term monitoring locations; and how should success of the SWV GWM be defined. Your participation and perceptions are warmly welcomed. For more information, map and directions please go to

<http://gwma.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/Agenda10-23-08final.pdf>

Or email Audrey Eldridge at

ELDRIDGE.Audrey@deq.state.or.us

Visit the WREN booth at the
Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Festival
Sunday, October 26, 2008
10:00 am—4:00 pm



hayrides

craft vendors

huge plant sale

scarecrow contest

children's activities

mushroom-inspired food

fresh cider, wine, music & more!

For more information, please go to

<http://mountpisgaharboretum.org/festivals>



Contacts for volunteer opportunities:

Nearby Nature: 687-9699

WREN (Environmental Education): 683-6494

City of Eugene, Volunteers in Parks: 682-4845

City of Eugene, Stream Team: 682-4850

Council News

Meeting Summary Notes: Annual Meeting 9/20/08

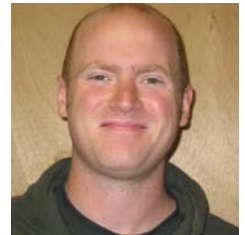
63 people signed into the Annual Meeting and Celebration on September 20, 2008. 49 people signed in to vote. 4 staff attended. The meeting was held at Stroda Brothers' Farm. The Celebration portion of the meeting included a hay ride, farm tour, fish passage tour and discussion, Watershed Experiences silent auction, barbeque and potluck. Special guests Jupe Holm, Bob Stroda and Tony Stroda spoke on local agricultural history and Greg Taylor, US Army Corps of Engineers, spoke about local fish and how they move through the basin.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 3:25 pm by Chair Jim Pendergrass. Ryan Collay, Steering Committee/ Board of Directors, presented the Council Highlights followed by the Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2008 by Dana Erickson, Executive Director. Representative Brian Boquist presented Watershed Awards to Swanson Group, Inc. (Dale Claassen accepting), US Fish & Wildlife Service – Steve Smith and Jock Beall, Rebecca Flitcroft, Katie McKendrick, and Scott Wright of River Design Group. He also presented an appreciation of Steering Committee leadership to outgoing members Will Bondioli, Ryan Collay, Tina Fenley, and Corey Johnson.

The final agenda item was the election of new Directors to the Steering Committee to replace those who had completed their term and were rotating off. New candidates for Steering Committee were introduced –Kim Carson and Carl Harrison. Kim and Carl were unable to attend in person. Additionally, one Director was seeking re-election for 1-year term – Eric Freepons. All candidates' biographies were included in the written program. Members were instructed on membership and voting. The Chair presented the slate of candidates and accepted a motion and second. **Motion: Elect the slate of candidates as presented to the Board of Directors.** The Chair called for the yes votes (thumbs up). There were 48 yes votes. The Chair called for no votes. There was 1 no vote with the comment that the member wanted more discussion time in the future and wanted a neutral voting option ("thumbs sideways"). With a supermajority in approval, the new Directors were successfully elected to the Board. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Welcome new Restoration Technician: Jed Kaul

Jed has a Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries & Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. Classes he attended there covered a range of topics from stream ecology to natural resource philosophy. His professional experience includes 5 years of seasonal work for the Central Coast Ranger District of the US Forest Service based in Florence. His duties there included a variety of fisheries and ecological restoration activities focusing on LWD placement and riparian planting projects. Since graduating in 2005 he has worked for a small contractor in Florence performing stream surveys and assorted restoration projects.



Jed has been interested in any and all outdoor activities since childhood and spends his free time exploring the diverse ecosystems of western Oregon. Fishing (preferably for Steelhead) has been his main hobby for 15 years but hiking, camping, and mushroom picking are also of great interest to him. Helping maintain his parents' farm in the Smith River watershed near Reedsport also occupies many summer weekends.



Illustration by Joseph Tomelleri
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/fishing/forests/fishresources/>

What habitats do you have and could you enhance them?
What can you do about the health of your stream and riparian area?

Call Cindy at 683-2983 to discuss project possibilities

Our Watershed & Council



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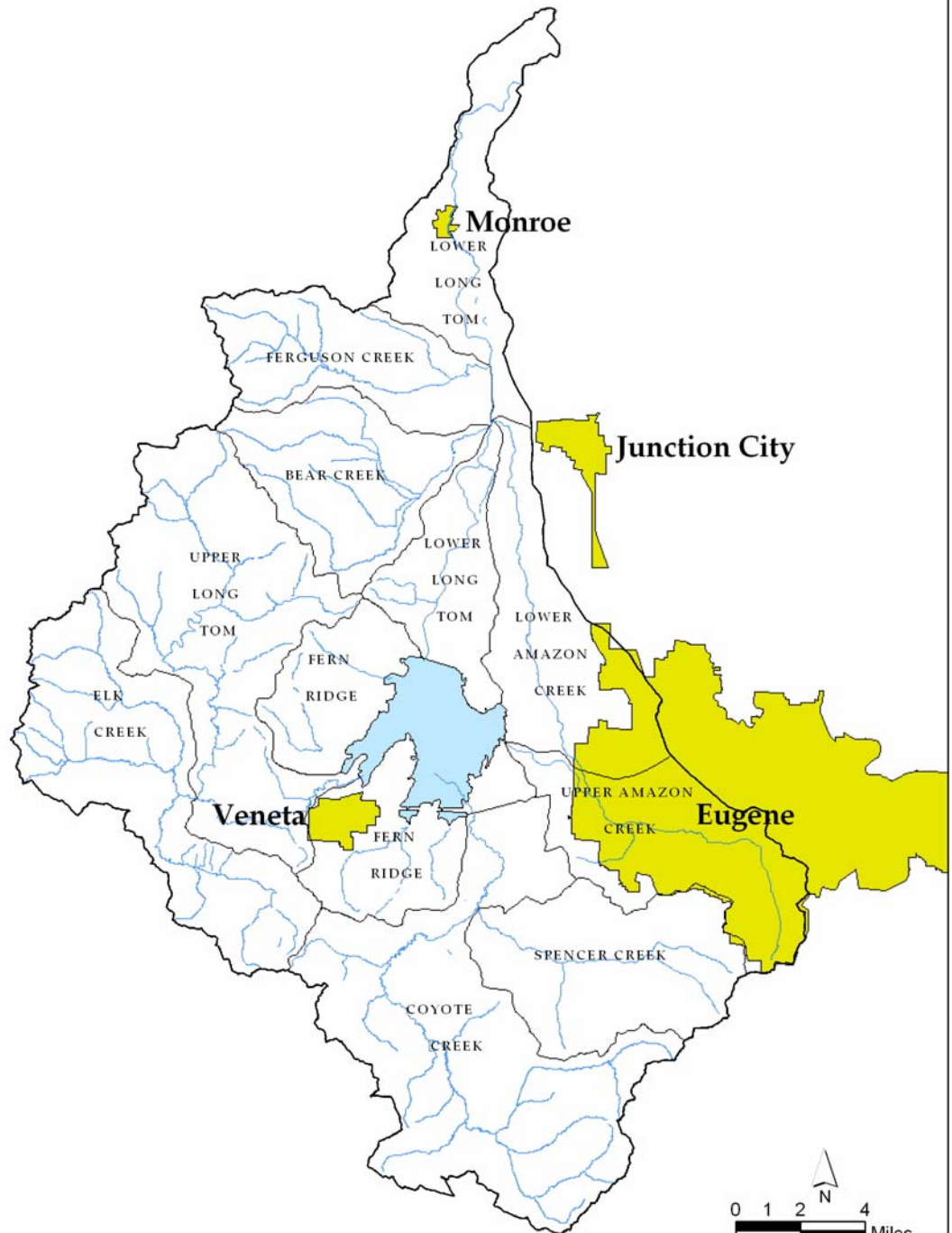
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Long Tom Watershed Ten Major Subbasins



Source: Long Tom Watershed Council, Brian Isaac 9/03

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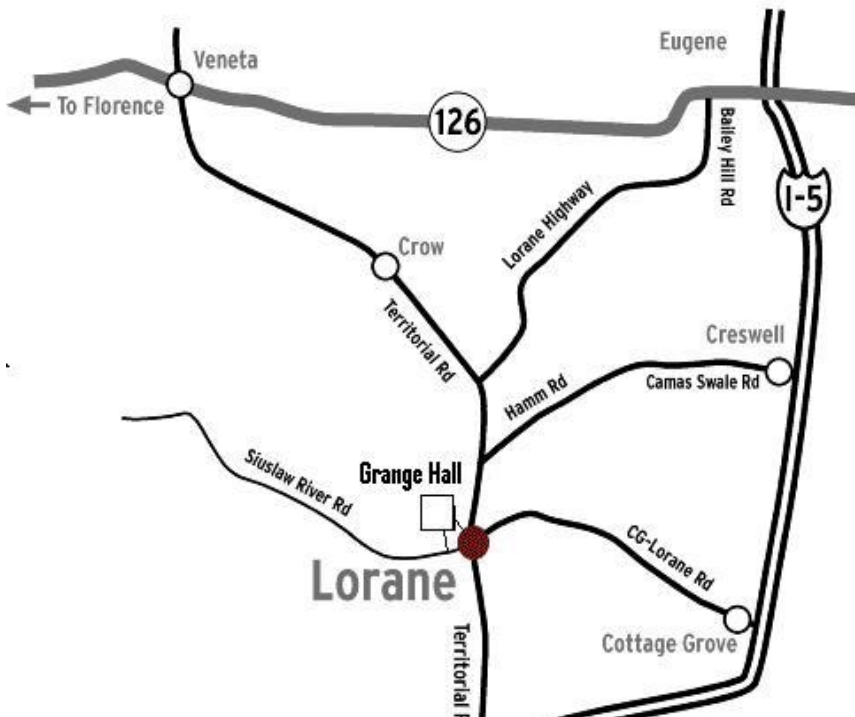
Fiscal Manager
Amanda Wilson
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SPECIAL WORKSHOP - PASTURE INVASIVE PLANTS - Wed. October 29
SPENCER CREEK COMMUNITY MEETING - Sat. Oct 18
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Council Meeting—Workshop Wed., October 29th, 6:30 p.m. Lorane Grange

Directions:

The Grange Hall is easy to find, one block west of Territorial Road on Cottage Grove-Lorane Road. Heading south on Territorial Road you come to the town of Lorane and turn right at the sign for “Grange Hall”. There’s a second chance to turn right a block later. Both lead you to the grange.
 Mileage from Territorial Road at Lorane Hwy: 5.6 mi.
 Allow 20-30 minutes from Eugene.

You can also **Google/MapQuest** the church next door: 80290 Old Lorane Hwy, Eugene OR 97405