



LO Writes.....The Lake Oswego Story Project

Help the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network (LOSN) envision what role Lake Oswego can play in addressing climate change. Write a story, looking back from sometime around the year 2050, about what action Lake Oswegans of today took to prevent the worst effects of a changing climate, and created a better world in the bargain. We'll post the stories on our website. In addition we will partner with the Lake Oswego Library staff to select a cross section of stories for publication and presentation in a variety of venues such as community events, schools, and the Lake Oswego Review.

With the conclusion of the Paris Climate Conference we are at a crossroads in history, where the nations of the world are following the lead of their citizens in discovering new and better ways to meet our needs without overtaxing our natural resources. Our economy, our commerce, our social structures are transforming before our eyes. What role do we play in this as individuals, as a community, as parents, teachers, business people, and public servants? What will our grandchildren say about our response to this immense challenge? What would make them proud about our actions? And what would that world of the future look like?

These stories will help inform a climate action plan for Lake Oswego, weaving ideas from a wide range of citizens into a compelling vision. Add your voice to those of our community and world leaders as together we create a resilient world .

The Details:

Length: About two pages or a thousand words.

Format: Prose, poetry, verse or performance pieces.

Perspective: Looking back from 2050 from any perspective for example a young person, a newspaper reporter, a long-time resident, a new resident, etc. Find a perspective that appeals to you.

Consider addressing the following:

- What was the situation our community faced? Climate change is interconnected with many other issues. Feel free to incorporate your own thoughts, worries, ideas and hopes
- What did citizens and others do to deal with the situation?
- What was the outcome?
- What made you proud?

Inspiration: If you are looking for specific ideas, take a look at the more than 170 suggestions that came from the LOSN November 2015 event - www.losn.org/story/storyideas.pdf

Want Help?: Participate in a LO Writes Workshop, Saturday, March 19 from 1-3 PM at the Library facilitated by Ron Talney. Call **503-675-2540** to reserve a spot.

Submission: Give your story a title and at the end tell us who you are and a little about yourself: how long have you lived in Lake Oswego, what do you do? Then email your story to us at story@losn.org.

Deadline: March 31, 2016

After review we will post it on our website at www.losn.org/story.html

Thank you for participating in LO Writes - The Lake Oswego Story Project and creating a vision that will make our community proud!

Disclaimer: We reserve the right to withhold posting inappropriate material.