

Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce



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Mission Statement/ Vision/Goals:

We are proud to have the opportunity to serve our business community since 1873, and we look forward to many more years promoting and supporting our growing list of members. The Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce works to create a strong local economy, promote the community and represent the interests of businesses.

Our mission is "To drive prosperity by supporting our business community while celebrating our unique history and heritage." Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for businesses to work together to accomplish what no business can do by itself. Our work is directed by an elected, 15-member Board of Directors and seven Advisory members from the business community.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Chamber is a great resource for local, regional and state visitor information. Inside our Visitor Center, we are able to direct visitors and locals to the businesses, attractions, events and services they need. Be sure to check out the Membership Directory on our website for a comprehensive list of businesses and organizations.

We provide multiple monthly opportunities for business leaders to connect with each other and strive to provide information about what is happening in our community to our members through our weekly e-newsletter and monthly print newsletter.

The Chamber produces two major events each year. The Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival brings 10,000+ visitors to the community in the traditionally quiet month of April. October's Great Columbia Crossing, a 10K run/walk across the Astoria-Megler Bridge with roughly 3,000 participants, is the only time pedestrians are allowed on the bridge.

The Chamber's Lower Columbia Tourism Committee has a proactive media relations program, working with travel media to generate stories about the area as an ideal vacation destination. During the years, we've been featured in hundreds of articles and media mentions, as brief as a hotel or restaurant review or as detailed as a multi-page feature piece about the area as a travel destination.

You can join with more than 600 members and be part of the Astoria Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce as a Business, Non-Profit Organization or as an Individual member. Member benefits range from promotion and recommendations, access to reach out to fellow members through newsletters or speaking at networking meetings and Chamber support of your ribbon cuttings, job postings or other needs. Many employers use the Chamber as a training ground by appointing staff to one of our committees or the board of directors. Membership in a Chamber of Commerce is tax-deductible as a business expense.

The Chamber welcomes additional investment from

members through our President's Circle sponsorship program where businesses can enjoy increased benefits like complimentary tickets to Chamber functions, additional promotion at major events and more. To learn more about membership and sponsorship, please contact Membership Director Jim Servino.

The Chamber enjoys a dynamic group of volunteers that assist with a number of roles, including assisting at the Visitor Center, with mailings and other special projects, and providing crucial staffing at our major events. If you'd like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Visitor Services Manager Suzanne Cannon.