

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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September Business After Hours

Join us at KNND for this month’s Business after Hours on Thursday, September 17 from 5:30 – 7:00pm, at 321 Main Street. Bring your business card to enter the door prize drawing, learn something new, and have some fun! Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks to those who support our efforts by attending this Chamber program.

Everyone should have a plan

An Emergency Preparedness Fair was held earlier in the month to provide emergency and disaster information to the public. The fair was co-sponsored by Cottage Grove Emergency Management and Cottage Grove Community Hospital. An Earthquake Mitigation Guide for Businesses was handed out. The purpose of QuakeSmart Toolkit is to educate businesses about earthquake preparedness and mitigation. There are additional toolkits available for anyone wanting free information on floods, earthquake or general preparedness. Pick one up at the Chamber of Commerce or Community Development Department at City Hall.

MEMBER NEWS

Wal-Mart grant to help LCC teach work readiness skills for area residents

The Wal-Mart State Giving Program made a grant of \$182,000 to Lane Community College to support the Ready to Work project. Within one year, Ready to Work will help 100 area residents with barriers to employment build work readiness skills and participate in effective job search activities. Ready to Work will offer classes and workshops in basic computer skills, customer service and effective communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. It will include preparation for the National Career Readiness Certificate,

and will provide individualized career planning with a Career & Employment Advisor. Additionally, Ready to Work will provide job search instruction and support, which will include creating a resume, practicing interviews, learning to network and use social media effectively, and participating in a job club. The Career & Employment Advisor will help participants tailor their job search efforts to their specific needs and goals. Lane Community College is recruiting veterans; people 50 years and older; dislocated workers; ex-offenders and other individuals with barriers to employment to participate in the Ready to Work project. The program is open to the general public. Participants are not required to be LCC students. For more information about Ready to Work at Lane Community College call (541) 463-5223, or visit: <https://www.lanecc.edu/careercenter/ready-work>.

2015 Visitor Center Stats	7/30 Thru 8/27	YTD
Phone calls	415	1906
Walk-In Visitors	524	2649
Relocate Requests	4	18
Visitor Requests	10	36
Referrals to Chamber Members	193	874
2015 Website Stats		
Business Directory Searches	1252	8624
Members Listed in Results	4182	26321
Member Page Views	1480	12265
Links to Member Website	115	1399
Event Searches	2110	13642
Event Page Views	1402	8491
Hot Deal Searches	58	409
Job Searches	28	264

Special Thanks to our 2015 Enhanced Members

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MEMBER NEWS

NEW MEMBERS - Please join us and welcome these NEW chamber member businesses

Analog Barbershop
Traci Rich
223 S. 6th Street
(541) 510-3021
www.analogbarbershop.com
Barbershop

Quality Inn Cottage Grove
Jai Singh
845 Gateway Blvd
(541) 942-9747
www.choicehotels.com/hotel/
Lodging

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you for your continuous support of our efforts through your membership and your commitment to helping make Cottage Grove a better place to live and do business! –

*CEO Consultants
Dot's Trophy Shop
Farmers Insurance
Gifford & Gifford Atty @ Law
Les Schwab
South Lane Television
Territorial Seed Company*

What’s your plan? - Submitted by Pacific Power

Two in five people aren’t prepared for an emergency or natural disaster. You and your family can plan for emergencies or outages – and stay safe around electricity every day – with the following helpful tips from Pacific Power.

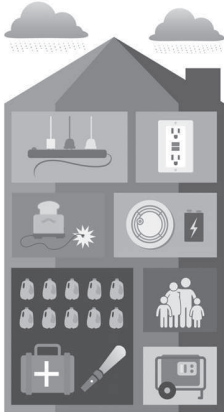
- Safety at home**
- Use a power strip to prevent overloaded outlets.
 - Use GFCI outlets near water sources to help prevent electrical shocks.
 - Replace all worn or damaged appliance cords.
 - Follow safety rules for portable electric generators.
 - Assemble an emergency kit and have a family plan.

Make a plan-build a kit-stay connected

Create and practice your emergency plan – include caring for pets and family members who need extra help. Your kit should contain water, non-perishable food, first aid kit and medications, battery-operated or hand-crank radio, flashlights and extra batteries. Build your social network to get the latest information:

- Follow @PacificPower_OR, @RedCross and @fema
- Like facebook.com/PacificPower
- Download our mobile app on the App Store or Google Play

Find more tips at pacificpower.net/prepare.



CLEANER ENERGY

Pacific Power joined the American Business Act on Climate Pledge - part of their ongoing efforts to move towards a cleaner energy future. Pacific Power’s parent Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company is the first energy company to sign the pledge, which includes targets to reduce emissions, increase low-carbon investments, build clean energy projects and more: www.pacificpower.net/about/nr/nr2015/climate-pledge.html

Chamber and Community Calendar

Visit the Event Calendar on our website at www.cgchamber.com for more complete information (Chamber events in bold).

****Fridays - Friday Night LIVE @ Saginaw Vineyard**

In addition to visiting our website, you can also download the **FREE Cottage Grove Smartphone App** for the most up-to-date list of community events and details.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Concerts in the Park – Left of Yellow
- 10th Street Market
- 5 Park Jam
- Oregon Covered Bridge Appreciation Day
- Oregon Covered Bridge Festival
- Quilts & Art Show
- 6 Aprovecho Campus Tour
- 7 Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting
- 9 Concerts in the Park – Umpqua Valley Bluegrass Band
- 10th Street Market
- 10 Greeters Committee Meeting
- Tourism Committee Meeting
- Ribbon Cutting – Analog Barbershop
- 14 Regular City Council Meeting
- 15 Ribbon Cutting – Tax Advantage, Inc.
- 16 Chamber Board Lunch
- 17 Business After Hours @ KNND
- 19 Cycle the Lakes Bike Ride
- 21 Promotions Committee
- 22 Science Pub
- 24 Greeters Committee Meeting
- Ribbon Cutting @ Anytime Fitness
- 25 Art Walk
- 26 Wiener Dog Races
- 28 Regular City Council Meeting

OCTOBER

- 2 Jesus Christ Superstar Opening @ Cottage Theatre
- 4 Aprovecho Campus Tour
- 5 Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting
- 7 Forum - Spaghetti Marketing
- 8 Greeters Committee Meeting
- Tourism Committee Meeting
- 12 Regular City Council Meeting
- 15 Business After Hours @ PeaceHealth
- 19 Blood Drive 2015
- Promotions Committee
- 21 Chamber Board Lunch
- 22 Greeters Committee Meeting
- 26 Regular City Council Meeting
- 27 Science Pub
- 30 Art Walk

NOVEMBER

- 2 Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting
- 4 Forum - Shoestring Marketing Techniques
- 9 Regular City Council Meeting
- 12 Greeters Committee Meeting
- 12 Tourism Committee Meeting
- 16-17 All Seasons Bazaar
- 16 Promotions Committee
- 18 Chamber Board Lunch
- 19 Business After Hours @ Village Green Resort
- 23 Regular City Council Meeting
- 24 Science Pub
- 26 Greeters Committee Meeting
- 27 Art Walk